

JU organises Cultural Festival 'Abhivyakti 2021' for employees

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JAMMU: To celebrate the creative talent of the employees of the university, the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu organized a unique cultural festival 'Abhivyakti-2021' in a competitive mode in which employees of the University presented their talents.

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor, JU was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function who complimented the participating employees for their gifted talent and also felicitated them with mementoes.

University's teaching faculty, officers, employees, students, scholars and members of civil society were amongst the audience who thoroughly enjoyed the programme.

Prof. Manoj Dhar expressed his happiness over such cultural events which have the potency to enhance the cultural intervention in the campus for the benefit of



VC JU Prof Manoj Dhar posing with winners and other faculty members.

all. Earlier, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson CCC welcomed the gathering and informed about this unique event in which the creative side of university employees is seen and appreciated by their colleagues.

Another important aspect of today's event was the felicitation of the employees who had immensely contributed in the successful celebration of the Golden Jubilee Year of University of Jammu.

The felicitation ceremony was conducted in the presence of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia (Registrar), Prof. Jasbir Singh (Controller of Examination), Prof. Prakash C. Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Vishav Raksha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee) and Prof. Sanjana Kaul (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee).

In the singing competition, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia and Capt. S. R. Dubey shared the first position, the second position was shared by Dr. Neeraj Sharma and Dr. Padam Dev Singh and Dr. Skarma Nonzom and Suraj Prakash shared the third position.

In poetry recitation, Dr.

Pritam Singh, Dr. Padam Dev Singh and Dr. Purshottam Kumar were declared first, second and third respectively.

In Antakshri, the team of Prof. Vishav Raksha, Dr. Hema Gandora and Dr. Saranjeet stood first, team of Dr. Sumita Sharma, Puneet Sudan and Monika stood second and team of Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Renu Bhai and Dr. Dhritika Singh stood third.

In painting, Prof. Sanjana Kaul stood first, Dr. Meghna Dhar stood second and Dr. Sanjay Sharma stood third.

In photography, Neeraj Bharadvaj was declared first whereas, Dr. Vijay Saigal and Dr. Sanjay Sharma stood second and third respectively.

Winners of Abhivyakti-2020 which was conducted in online mode were also felicitated at the occasion.

Suraj Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Kuldeep Raina, Chandan Sunder, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Dr. Aksa Rao, Vijaya Thakur, Aruna Sharma and Saveria Jamwal were the adjudicators for the events.

Dr. Priya Dutt and Raj Kumar from Institute of Music and Fine Arts along with students of IMFA presented soulful cultural presentations.

The event was conducted under the stewardship of Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean, SW, Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Deans SW and was coordinated by members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer, Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer) and Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor).

Dr. Jaspal Warwal conducted the valedictory function and Dr. Garima Gupta presented the vote of thanks and the sound was operated by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul.

Two-day Tribal Literary cum Cultural Festival concludes



Artists presenting a skit at valedictory function of tribal literary-cum-cultural festival.

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JAMMU: As part of Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah being celebrated under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the ongoing Tribal Literary cum Cultural Festival inaugurated yesterday by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, concluded on Thursday amidst scintillating performances by various cultural troupes, artists and engrossing literary sessions here at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

The two day long festival organized by the Tribal Research Institute showcased the rich and diverse heritage,

culture, art, craft, cuisine, herbal medicine etc as well as literary heritage of the various tribal communities living across the UT. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs also heads the research institute. The festival provided an opportunity to many artists to showcase their talent at UT level for the first time acting as source of encouragement and also gave fillip to preservation of tribal culture. More than 300 artists and scholars attended various events over a period of two days.

The highlights of the concluding day were Mushaira, Paper-reading session by researchers

on Gujjar, Bakerwal, Gaddi, Sippi and Shina tribes. Theatre performances, Folk music and dances by Gujjar, Gaddi and Shina tribes were also part of today's programme.

The theatre performance showcasing the construct of a tribal society stole the hearts of everyone present and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants. A Mushaira in Gojri language was organised in which more than 60 poets participated and that was the main attraction of the day.

During the concluding ceremony, Director Tribal Affairs Department, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, highlighted the various events organized during the Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah across the UT of J&K and also spoke about the contribution made by tribal communities in the freedom struggle. He expressed hope that such events are used as a platform by tribal communities to not only showcase their heritage and culture but encourages younger generation to preserve their culture as well. The two day festival saw a footfall of more than 2500 visitors all across the UT of J&K.

PHDCCI delegation calls on Fin Comm, suggests measures for welfare of traders



PHD CCI Jammu Chairman Rahul Sahai interacting with Financial Commissioner, Atal Dulloo.

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JAMMU: A delegation of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu led by its Chairman Rahul Sahai called on Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Union Territory of J&K at Exeise and Taxation Bhawan Jammu and submitted a Pre-Budget Memorandum of Suggestions.

A number of suggestive measures incorporated in the memorandum included necessary measures for revival of J&K economy, keeping budget provisions for industry refunds on time, installments for long pending dues of industrialists in SICOP, SIDCO, JDA and other Govt departments, revenue generation by solving matters of Gair Mumkin Khads, Passi, Agriculture land; sensitization about effects of lifting toll tax on steel, brick kilns, cement industries; royalty on brick kilns at par with neighbouring

states, budgetary allocation of Rs 40 cr for development of Transport Nagar, resolving problems faced by Beer manufacturing units, industrial power tariffs for hotel industry, release of pending payments of hotels by GMC, DM of corona period at the earliest etc.

Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner was accompanied by P K Bhat from Finance Department, Showkat Ajaz Bhat Commissioner State Taxes J&K, Nitu Gupta Addl Commissioner State Taxes Jammu, Kishore Singh Chib Exeise Commissioner J&K and other concerned officers. Dulloo hailed PHDCCI delegation for suggesting positive measures for overall development of UT and assured necessary action at the earliest.

Others members of the delegation included Vikrant Kuthiala, Kuldeep Gupta, Jugal Mengi, Ashish Jain and Shantnu Gupta.

Baru inaugurates Ayushman Bharat Camp at Talab Tillo

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JAMMU: Senior BJP Leader and JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru along with Councilor Ward-31 Suecha Singh, ADC Satish Sharma and Nodal Officer Royal Bakshi inaugurated Ayushman Bharat Camp at Luthra Public School, Bohri in Ward-41 for registration of leftover beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat who were not found in census 2011.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Kumar Baru paid gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for 100 crore vaccination in India and 100% vaccination in J&K for first dose of nearly 1.30 crores population of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh by which each individual beneficiary can avail free health insurance upto Rs 5 lakhs.

He termed it as magnificent & historical step towards genuine service to mankind and humanity.

Baru said that crores of beneficiaries have got themselves registered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana-Ayushman Bharat and are seeking its benefits.

He also stated that the scheme initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi



JMC Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru inaugurating Ayushman Bharat Camp.

proved to be a game changer for India's health system and now every person can avail treatment in best hospitals across the country which was a dream before for needy people.

The welfare of people, he said is the utmost priority of the BJP led Government and urged people to seek benefits of all schemes launched during the past years.

Sanjay Baru also appealed to the people living in Talab Tillo and nearby areas who are not yet registered under the scheme for various reasons to avail the opportunity to get themselves registered in the scheme.

Satish Sharma said that the administration is making whole hearted effort to cover all the left over population under the scheme.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu on Thursday informed that the power supply to Bishnah Town, Kotli, Dabbar, Deoli, Sarore and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 26 from 9:00 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Purkhoo, Domana, Mishriwala, Baba Talab, Shamachak, Gurha Singhu and

adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 26 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Laxmi Pura, Swarn Vihar, Bharat Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bantalab, Radio Station, BSNL, CRPF, Ayush Hospital and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 26 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL,

DGP sanctions welfare relief of Rs. 5.25 lakh in favour of retired cops, NoKs of martyred

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JAMMU: In continuation to series of welfare measures for NoKs of martyr/deceased police personnel/SPOs, and retired Policemen, the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned welfare relief and financial assistance of Rs 2.50 lakh in favour of seventeen NoKs of martyred/deceased Police personnel. He also sanctioned welfare relief of Rs 2.75 lakh in favour of twenty serving/retired Police personnel.

Supporting the families by providing financial assistance in connection with their different requirements, Rs 2.50 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of seventeen martyr/deceased Police personnel/SPOs. The relief

amount ranges from Rs 10000 to Rs 40000.

Vide other order Rs 2.75 lakh has been sanctioned as welfare relief in favour of twenty serving/retired police personnel to meet the expenses in connection with their self treatment or treatment of dependent, marriage of their wards.

The relief amount ranges from Rs 5,000 to Rs 25,000. The amount sanctioned was provided out of Police Pariwar Fund and Retired Policemen Welfare Fund and is non refundable.

Police headquarters under different welfare schemes is providing welfare relief/loan, financial assistance to all the ranks of Jammu and Kashmir Police including the NoKs of martyr/deceased police personnel and SPOs.

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DLC clears 84 FRA claims

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RAJOURI: District Level Committee under Forest Right Act on Thursday cleared 84 claims in Rajouri here at its meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Rajesh K Shavan.

Among the others, DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; DFO Nowshera, Neelima; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Nowshera, Sukhdev Singh Sambayal; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; ADC Koteranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; AC Defence, Saleem Qureshi; CEO Education besides other concerned officers attended the meeting.

BDC Chairperson Qila Darhal, Khalid Firdoz was also present in the meeting.

After a threadbare discussion and scrutiny of all the claims put up in the meeting, the committee settled 84 cases of FRA benefiting over 967 families. Some cases were returned for completion of papers and some more cases are under scrutiny.

It is worthwhile to mention here that seven meetings of the DLC have been convened as of now and as many as 774 claims have been settled including 84 claims settled in today's DLC meeting, thus benefiting 3330 families and 16650 souls.

Pertinently, Rajouri Administration has devised an effective strategy to cover all the eligible beneficiaries under the Act. Weekly meetings of the DLC are convened and specific targets are assigned to the concerned to expedite the progress.

Directions have been passed on to all the concerned to achieve the target of covering all beneficiaries under the Forest Rights Act in their respective areas.

The Committee called for putting in place extra efforts for mobilising the public for availing the necessary benefits under the Act.

It was decided in the meeting that the Range Officer concerned will submit the list of sites where forest fires usually take place. Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned to keep a close vigil on green felling and made it clear that strict action would be taken against those found involved in damaging the forests.

Prof Sanjeev Jain joins as new Vice Chancellor CUJ

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JAMMU: Prof. Sanjeev Jain has joined as the Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu on Thursday.

Former Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, Prof Sanjeev Jain today joined as third Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu.

Dr. Jain has been appointed as new Vice-Chancellor of CUJ for a term of five year. The President of India, in his capacity as the visitor of the Central University, appoint Dr. Jain as VC of CUJ in July 2021.

Prof. Jain after joining his office issued a Statement saying "I will take all necessary steps for the future growth and development of the University in the light of NEP2020".

Prior to joining CUJ, Prof Jain was heading one of the leading engineering institution as Director, IIT



Prof. Sanjeev Jain taking charge of Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu.

PIDPM-India Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IITDM, Jabalpur (MP)).

He replaced Prof Ashok Aima, whose five-year tenure had ended in April 2020. The appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor was delayed allegedly because of the outbreak of COVID pandemic.

The President of India, in his capacity as the Visitor of the Central University of Jammu, has appointed Dr. Sanjeev Jain as the Vice-Chancellor CUJ as per Statute of the Central Universities Act, 2009 for a

term of five years. Prof Jain has rich academic, research & administrative experience.

A resident of Madhya Pradesh, Dr Jain was earlier appointed as Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU on March 15, 2016 for a term of three years and then given an extension of two years. However, he resigned from his post in April 2019 after he was appointed as the Director of the IITDM Jabalpur.

Prof Aima has been the VC of Central University of Jammu for more than six years and seven months.

Bhandari lashes out at JKPCC Chief over recent statement

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KISHITWAR: Thakur Randeep Bhandari Ex.General Secretary District Congress Committee Kishitwar lashed out at JKPCC Chief, G.A Mir over his statement, which is contradictory with the facts.

Bhandari said that Ghulam Ahmed Mir must check the facts and figures before commenting and it was he, who has given the mandate during the DDC,BDC elections and why not he be made accountable / answerable for the loss that Congress suffered in whole J&K. Furthermore, it was during his stint that more

than 4 District Presidents of Congress have joined other parties and also more than 3 to 5 sitting MLAs and Two State President of Frontal organizations and more than 100 office bearers have joined various political parties.

He said, "Mir is responsible for the present situation of Congress in whole J&K and he miserably failed as State President J&K PCC."

Bhandari further requested to Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi to personally look into the issue and appoint a new State President in J&K.