

ASCOMS & Hospital hosts Pre-Conference workshop of DIAGNOSTICON'25 in collaboration with CAHO

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JAMMU: ASCOMS & Hospital, in collaboration with the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organisations (CAHO), successfully organized a pre-conference workshop for Diagnosticon'25 at the ASCOMS Auditorium.

The workshop, held with the aim of enhancing knowledge on healthcare accreditation and diagnostic excellence, saw an enthusiastic participation from clinicians, doctors from lab diagnostics, hospital administrators, lab professionals, nursing and paramedical staff, and students.

The event was inaugurated by key dignitaries, Dr. Gautam Mengi, Joint Secretary, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Rabinder Rattapal, Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Meraj Din, DGM, Hospital Administration & Audit,



ASCOMS & Hospital faculty and students at a programme.

ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Aparna Jairam, renowned healthcare professional and key organizer of the event.

Also present were Rakesh Raman (Member, Governing Body), Dr. Bella Mahajan (HOD, Microbiology) and senior faculty members.

The workshop included a series of expert-led presentations on critical topics surrounding accreditation in healthcare organizations and laboratory diagnostics. Dr. Venkatesh Thuppil

(CEO & Director, FQI) presented on "Role of Accreditation in Healthcare", emphasizing how accreditation ensures higher standards of patient care, safety, and operational efficiency in healthcare institutions. Dr. Malini R. Capoor (VMMC & SJH, Delhi) discussed "Biomedical Waste Management".

Dr. Aparna Jairam (Dr. Aparna's Pathology Labs) spoke on "Risk Assessment,

Equipment Planning & Human Resource Management". Dr. Sarika Ghai (ASCOMS, Jammu) addressed "Quality Lab Assurance", underlining the importance of standardized processes and quality control in diagnostic laboratories for accurate results.

Dr. Mamta Kankra (Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi) presented on "Documentation & Records Management", focusing on the importance of accurate

and comprehensive documentation in maintaining quality assurance.

Dr. Vibha Uppal (VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi) covered "Care of Patients".

Dr. Neelam Khanna (Batra Hospital and MRC, Delhi) presented on "Hospital Infection Prevention & Control", underscoring the need for stringent infection control measures in healthcare settings. Abdul Dhayan (HCG Bangalore) delivered a talk on "Nursing Excellence in Accreditation".

Vote of thanks was given by the host, Dr. Deepika Mahajan (Deputy Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS & Hospital and Organising Secretary of Pre-conference Workshop).

The workshop precedes the conference DIAGNOSTICON organized by CAHO being held on 8th-9th February 2025 in Delhi.

Shiv Sena worships Goa Mata on Gopashtami, appeals to pledge to get status of mother of nation Poster "I am a Hindu.. Cow is my nation's mother" released



Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K chief Manish Sahni with senior leaders worshipping Gau at Gaushala in Amphala.

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit leaders on Saturday released a poster "I am a Hindu, cow is my mother and the nation's mother" along with worshipping cow on Gopashtami. Along with this, appeal was made to all the Sanatanis of the country to take a pledge to protect Gau Mata and give it the status of mother of the nation.

Party state chief Manish

Sahni along with senior state leaders today worshiped Gau at the Gaushala in Amphala, Jammu and released a special poster with an appeal to give Gau Mata the status of mother of the nation.

Sahni said in his address that Gau is considered very sacred and worshipful in Hindu religion and has been given the status of mother.

It is believed that all the gods and goddesses reside in Gaya. According to Hindu

religion, 33 crore gods and goddesses reside in the Gau.

Sahni said that Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwara and Saraswati Maharaj has vowed to give the status of national mother to the cow, for which he has announced his full support. Sahni appealed to all the Sanatanis of the country and Jammu and Kashmir to be a part of this campaign.

Sahni has demanded from Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for introduced strike law on cow protection and give the status of National Mother to Jammu and Kashmir.

Sahni said that before the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir, cow slaughter was banned.

On this occasion, Gaushala Committee President Raj Kumar Gupta, Meenakshi Chhibber, Jai Bharat, Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, Rajesh Jandial, Geeta Lakhotra were present.

Vikramaditya anguished, condemns brutal killing of VDGs in Kishtwar Urges Govt to take adequate measures in safeguarding lives of general public

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JAMMU: Vikramaditya Singh, former Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) and Chairman, Mata Sarthal Devi Management Trust Kishtwar expressed profound shock and sorrow over the tragic killing of two Village Defence Guard (VDG) members, Nazir Ahmed and Kuldeep Kumar, who were brutally murdered by terrorists in Kishtwar. In this moment of grief, he extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and the entire community that is grappling with this loss.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Nazir Ahmed and Kuldeep Kumar. In these challenging times, I stand in solidarity with them, and I pray for the safety of all those in our vulnerable areas of Jammu hills," he said in a press

statement issued here today.

The former MLC expressed his belief that the security forces will respond decisively to this heinous act, reaffirming their commitment to maintaining peace and stability in the region. He also underscored the significant role of the people living in the hills of Jammu, who bravely confronted terrorism since 1990s.

"It is the duty of the government and local administration to take proactive and effective measures to safeguard these courageous individuals who continue to serve as the frontline against terrorism," he added.

The former MLC urged the government to reinforce security efforts in these vulnerable areas and called for enhanced measures to protect those who risk their lives to uphold peace.

Rajinder Bazar Residents' Welfare Society condoles Haji Mohd Afzal's demise

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JAMMU: In a condolence meeting of the executive members and office bearers of the Rajinder Bazar Residents' Welfare Society (RBRWS), demise of a senior member and a leading gun manufacturer of Jammu, Haji Mohammad Afzal was mourned.

He is survived by three sons, three daughters and grandchildren.

Haji Mohammad Afzal, father of a well-known orthopaedist Dr Tahir Afzal, was proprietor and managing director of Khair-ud-Din & Sons and owner of Chouhan Gun House. Expressing his condolence on the demise of Haji Afzal, RBRWS president Deepak Sharma said, "It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that we



extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Haji Mohammad Afzal. Affectionately known as Afzal Sahib, he was not merely a leading businessman and gun manufacturer of Jammu, but a paragon of principles and discipline, a legend whose humility and integrity were as renowned as his professional acumen."

RBRWS vice-president Sameer Bhasin said, "In

this time of grief, we stand in solidarity with his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. Afzal Sahib's departure to his heavenly abode leaves an irreplaceable void in the community."

Sanjeev Sharma, General Secretary of the RBRWS said, "His life was a testament to the virtues of hard work, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to ethical business practices. He was a beacon of light, guiding many with his wisdom and kindness, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations."

Among those present at the meeting included RBRWS spokesperson Raj Kumar, advisors Sanjeev Grover and Madan Gopal Tony and Media Secretary Karan Ambardar.

Modi Govt's National Counter-Terrorism Policy to restore unquestionable peace in J&K: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta hailed the Central Government's upcoming move to introduce a comprehensive 'National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strategy' as a major step towards ensuring the absolute elimination of terrorism from J&K.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart leader while citing the remark made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah over centre bringing new strategy to counter terrorism, expressed confidence that the endeavour would effectively contain the menace of terrorism that has presently given headache to the security agencies across the UT.

Kavinder said that the National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strategy will prove to be a game-changer for the security of the region.

"This proactive and strategic approach will go a long way in eliminating terrorism and ensuring unquestionable peace in the region. It is likely that J&K will soon witness a significant reduction in terror activities", he said, adding that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central govern-

ment has always prioritized the safety and well-being of the people of the UT.

"The security forces including Army, CRPF and J&K Police, have been playing an exemplary role in countering terror, but with the new national counter-terrorism policy, the coordinated efforts will be more effective, targeted and relentless," he maintained.

Referring to Amit Shah's remarks, the BJP leader noted that the new strategy would involve not only strengthening security forces but also targeting terror financing, breaking the infrastructure of terrorism, and disrupting cross-border terror networks.

"The policy will ensure that the state and central security agencies work in tandem, with cutting-edge technology and intelligence at their disposal, to root out terrorism from every corner of the region", he stated and added that the days of terrorism flourishing in Jammu and Kashmir are now numbered as the unwavering commitment of the Modi government along with the robust counter-terrorism strategy will leave no space for terror in J&K.

"The people of the region, who have suffered for too long will finally be able to live in peace and prosperity", he anticipated.

Sheetal Nanda chairs annual day celebration of Presentation Convent SSS



Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda and others with winner students.

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JAMMU: The Presentation Convent Senior Secondary School, Jammu, on Saturday celebrated its annual day amid high gaiety and fanfare.

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, was the chief guest on the occasion.

The students presented drills and a street play highlighting the theme

that sports and culture are an integral part of human life that shape and reflect societal aspirations. They unify and transcend narrow human barriers and prejudices, resonating the loudest, thus, becoming two sides of the same coin. The creative brilliance of students shone through their mesmerizing performances of dances and drama.

The Commissioner Secretary and guests and sisters honoured the winners of various games from the recently celebrated Sports Day.

Sheetal Nanda, in her address, admired students' exceptional performance and recognized the School's outstanding efforts in promoting holistic education.

During their addresses,

the guests, too, praised the students for their impressive accomplishments and extolled the efforts of the School in its relentless pursuit of comprehensive education.

The event was graced by the presence of special guests including Retired Rev. Bishop Ivan Pereira, Bishop of Jammu-Srinagar Diocese, Sr. Aurea Dias, PBVM, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director, School Education, Jammu and Vikrant Mahajan, Founder Super positivity Foundation while Dr. Komal Nagar, Professor, Business School, University of Jammu and Dr. Sapna Sangra, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu were the Guests of Honour.

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JAMMU: International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICCCR& HRM), University of Jammu organized expert talk on the theme, "National Income: The Backbone of Economic Analysis and Business Strategy" for the students of MBA (IB) semester I and semester III.

The objective of the talk was to educate, inform, and inspire both current and future economic thinkers, providing them with the necessary tools to understand economic realities and make informed decisions.

Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Professor of Economics and Dean (DI), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu was the resource person and expert for the session. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Meenakshi provided a comprehensive overview of the vital role national income plays in shaping both eco-



Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean (DI), IIT Jammu with JU faculty and students.

nomie policy and business strategy. National income, a critical measure of a country's total economic output, is widely regarded as a key indicator of economic health. During the session, the expert highlighted how national income is calculated, its importance in understanding the economic conditions of a nation and its broader implications for business decision-making, investment strategies, and government policies. Attendees learned how pol-

icymakers use national income data to shape fiscal policies, design economic strategies, and address issues such as inflation, unemployment, and inequality. The seminar also touched on the role of national income in comparing global economies and its significance for international business.

Prof Hardeep Chahal, Director, Iccr & HRM, University of Jammu welcomed the resource person and highlighted the session's relevance in today's

dynamic global economy.

She deliberated upon organizing such lectures to enrich participants' knowledge, foster critical thinking, and equip them with the skills needed to engage with national and global economic issues.

Coordinated by Dr. Swati Sharma, and other faculty members Dr. Isha Sharma, Dr. Neha Gupta, Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Dr. Shivani Rana and Dr. Parul Mahajan, the event concluded with a lively Q&A session.

Kashish brings laurels to GDC Marh by winning Rangoli making competition

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JAMMU: Kashish-A student of B.A Semester V of Government Degree College Marh has brought laurels to her College by

Rangoli competition at Jammu University's Display your talent -A Mega Festival of Music, Dance, Theatre, Fine Arts and Literary Activities"

of Jammu.

As many as 15 colleges and 3 departments of the University of Jammu participated in the event.

Suhani of B.A 3rd



GDC Marh faculty felicitating a winner student on Saturday.

clinging 1st position in celebrating diverse culture Semester- another student

Gender sensation workshop organised at JU

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JAMMU: The Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu on Saturday organized Gender Sensitization workshop for the P.G Students and scholars of the Department of Physics, University of Jammu. Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies was the resource person. She spoke on the theme: "Gender Sensitization and Gender Justice: Legal perspective".

She began her presentation by explaining the concept of Sex and Gender and how it is constructed and practised in the society.

Further, she elaborated on the institution of patriarchy and how it is used as medium to discriminate and exploit the women in the society and contributes to number of problems such as harassment, domestic violence, dowry deaths, etc.

She also discussed the



JU faculty and students during a workshop.

various forms of harassment against women at workplace and also gave details regarding the legal safeguards available for the protection of the women.

While talking to participants she gave few examples to illustrate the causes of gender inequality in society and also discussed the equality guaranteed under Constitution of India.

Prof. Arun Bharti, Head, Department of Physics, emphasized on the impor-

tance of such workshops and applauded the efforts of the Centre for providing the opportunity to be part of it.

Further he stressed that whenever we talk about gender it's not only about women's issues rather men's issues should also be discussed.

Prof. Ramni Gupta also spoke on the issues related to women and also stressed that there is a dire need of providing equality to all the genders and equal respect as well as acknowl-

edgement should be given to everyone irrespective of gender.

Large number of students, scholars and faculty members from the Department of Commerce very keenly participated in the workshop. Dr. Saranjit Kaur, Faculty, Centre for Women's studies conducted the program and presented formal vote of thanks. Kunzang Angmo, Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu coordinated the program.