# JU's 'Display Your Talent 2024-Devika Zone' concludes at Udhampur campus

UDHAMPUR: "Display Your Talent 2024 - Devika Zone," organised by Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu concluded today at Udhampur campus. This event offered a dynamic platform for students to showcase their talents, reflecting the vision of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu to enhance cultural engagement and accessibilitv across the university community

The valedictory ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries who recognized the remarkable performances and efforts of the participants. Dr. Jagdish C. Mehra, JKAS Secretary of the J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board, was the Chief guest of the event. He presented awards to the winners, emphasizing the importance of cultural activities in the comprehensive development of stu-

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma,



Organisers along with dignitaries and participants.

ofCampus, extended his gratitude to the University of Jammu for fostering a nurturing platform that encourages artistic expression, commending the dedication and creativity of all participants. Distinguished attendees included Prof. Vishav Raksha, Convenor of NSS, University of Jammu, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, member of the Campus Cultural Committee, and Dr. Sarabjeet Kour and Dr. Rajber Singh, observers from the Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu.

The first day of the event

showcased student talent in diverse categories, includand passion. Among the standout pering Light Vocal (Solo), Poster Making, Classical

formances, GCW Udhampur clinched 1st Prize in Skit, with Udhampur Campus and GDC Boys taking 2nd and 3rd Prizes respectively. In Mimicry, Kanchan from GCW Udhampur won 1st Prize, while Santosh and Mehak fromUdhampur earned 2nd and 3rd places. The Mime category was led by GCW Udhampur, followed by Udhampur Campus. GCW Udhampur also triumphed in the One Act Play and Group Dance (Folk), solidivarious categories.

saw GDC Udhampur securing 1st Prize, with Bhartiya College Udhampur impressing the judges. In Painting, Mani Rathore of GCW Udhampur took 1st Prize, followed by Anisha from GDC Ramnagar and Sumit Kumar from Udhampur. Ansh Rawat from Bhaskar College excelled in Western Vocal Western and Solo Instrumental Solo, while GCW Udhampur won the Western Group Song competition.

The valedictory concluded with a grand celebration, as prizes and certificates were distributed to honor the achievements of the students. "Display Your Talent 2024 - Devika Zone" underscored the University of Jammu's commitment to cultural and artistic growth, uniting students across Jammu Province in a celebration of talent and

## Nagar Kirtan taken out in Poonch to celebrate Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev



Dignitaries during the Nagar Kirtan at Poonch.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A grand procession to commemorate the Prakash Utsav of First Sikh Guru Guru Nanak Dev ji was taken out in Poonch on Wednesday with great fervour and joy.

The Holy Guru Granth Sahih were placed in a Palanquin during the procession and Mahant Manjeet Singh of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch Presided over the whole procession. People sang hymns in groups and played traditional musical instruments and also displayed their martial art skills.

The procession started from historic Gurdwara Singh Sabha Poonch and passed through Main Bazar, Fort bazar, Bus stand and halted at ITI ground where traditional gatka was displayed by sikh swordsmen in traditional dresses. Stalls distributing Eatables (Parshad) were also deployed at various locations which served people with great dedication. Afterwards, The Procession culminated at Singh sabha ,passing through Parade bazar. Famous Sikh Scholar S Gurpreet singh

Johar of Takht Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar

singh, amongst others.

**GDC** Nowshera hosts inspiring inter-collegiate seminar



Winner student receiving trophy.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NOWSHERA: An Intercollegiate Seminar on "Green Technology and Sustainable Future" was organized by Department of Environmental Sciences of Government Degree College Nowshera on 13.11.2024. The seminar was catalyzed and supported by the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Mohd Zeeshan Assistant Professor Department of Environmental Sciences under the able guidance of Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, Principal of the College. The seminar brought together students and faculty members of different colleges of the district (GDC Rajouri, GDC Kalakote and SSVS College Sunderbani) as well.

The session featured a very renowned guest speaker Prof. Haqiqat Singh Ishar who shared his knowledge and experiences on how green technology is transforming industries and daily life, addressing urgent environmental challenges such as climate change, resource depletion, and pollution. Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad. Principal of the College addressed in his remarks that fostering awareness and understanding of green technology is essential to empower the next generation to take responsible actions for the planet. Through events like these, we aim to inspire our students and community to be leaders in sustainability and to drive innovation for a healthier, greener future.

The events of the seminar included oral and model presentation competition in which students from various Degree Colleges of Rajouri district also participated and competed. In the oral presentations, Iram Gafoor of GDC Rajouri got the first prize. The second and third prize was taken by Payal Devi of GDC Nowsehra and Haseeba Yasser of GDC Rajouri respectively. In model presentation the first, second and third positions were bagged by Kulvinder. Kour of GDC Nowshera, Japneet Kour of GDC Rajouri and Payal Devi of GDC Nowshera respectively. The winners were awarded with the trophies, medals and certificates. All the other participants were also awarded with the consolation prizes and certificates. The competition was adjudged by Dr. Mohd. Saleem, Department of Chemistry, Dr. Roshi Sharma, Department of Botany of GDC Nowshera and Prof. Khalida Parveen, Department of EVS from GDC Kalakote. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Ruhi Gupta, HOD Sociology. The event concluded with a call to action, encouraging all attendees to adopt eco-friendly practices and to continue exploring how green technology can play a role in preserving our environment.

### Modi Govt created numerous avenues for youth entrepreneurship in J&K: Danish

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Danish Mishra, State President, on Wednesday said that BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi has evolved number of opportunities for the youth of J&K to try hand in the entrepreneurship to effectively counter the joblessness in the region.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJYM leader asserted that the promotion of entrepreneurship in UT has empowered the

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newspaper. paper does Readers are requested to verify the before acting there youth by providing avenues to establish businesses, thereby encouraging innovation and self-reliance.

"Initiatives like skill development programs, financial support for startups, and infrastructure development have enabled young entrepreneurs to enter sectors such as tourism, IT, handicrafts, and manufacturing. This has not only helped reduce unemployment but also fostered economic growth in the region", he maintained while asking the youths to avail the benefits of the schemes crafted by the Modi Government for making their future bright and

meaningful. The BJYM leader said that the youths of the UT need to repose confidence in the Modi Government because it is committed to bring in desired changes in the region through the empowerment of the youth, because their role in nation building is of paramount importance.

Instrumental, Photography, Cartooning, Group Song (Indian), Quiz, Rangoli, and Mehndi. The second day offered further competitions in Skit, Mimicry, Mime, One Act Play,

Western Vocal Solo, Western  $\operatorname{Group}$ Song, Western Instrumental Solo, Dance (Folk), Group Elocution, Debate, Painting, and Clay Modeling. Each performance resonated with enthusiasm as students vied for top honors, representing colleges with immense pride

The Debate competition

Addressed the public with Gurbani vichar. Pradhan Gurudwara Prabandhak commit-

tee, S. Narinder singh addressed the sangat near Historic Poonch Fort where he shed light on the inspirational life of Guru Nanak Dev ji. While speaking on the occasion he said that Guru Nanak propagated that any person could connect with God by worshipping him with a clean conscience. Sect DGPC S Harcharan Singh while addressing sangat said that Guru Nanak recognised the whole Human race as one and laid emphasis on Honest Earning and sharing with fellow human beings.

DDC Poonch, Vikas Kundal and while greeting the Sangat also urged People to imbibe teachings of Guru Nanak Dev in their day to day life. Also present on the occasion included Add SP, DySP Pankaj Sudan, Adv Rajinder singh, S Harcharan singh Secretary DGPC, S Surinder singh Vice President DGPC, Surjan Singh, S Paramjit singh President All India Sikh Student Federation, S Gurcharan

### Workshop on 'Work-Life Synergy' at GCW Bhagwati Nagar concludes from Jammu & Kashmir.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government Women, College forBhagwati Nagar, Jammu culminated its Two-day Workshop on "Work-Life Synergy: Strategies for Success" on Wednesday. The workshop brought together faculty, professionals and students to explore effective strategies for balancing personal and professional responsibilities.

The Valedictory function began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of

#### **Municipality Poonch** conducts antiencroachment drive

**STATE TIMES NEWS** POONCH: Municipal Committee today conducted an anti-encroachment drive at main market in Poonch district. Official sources said that footpaths have been encroached by the carts and wheel carts due to which people are compelled to walk on the road, resulting traffic jam in main market,

Keeping in view this problem, Municipal Committee today conducted inspection and antiencroachment drive. Official sources said that some shopkeepers and vendors had encroached the footpaths by placing their goods outside of the shop due to which the pedestrians were facing problem in commuting through the main market. The team removed the encroached items displayed outside and also imposed a heavy fine on the erring shopkeepers.

Inspector Manveer Singh and Sahil Sharma told the reporters that they have warned the shopkeepers to remain confined inside the limits of their own shop failing which heavy fine and legal action as per law will be taken again defaulters.



Resource persons along with faculty members during concluding day of workshop.

darkness and the pursuit of knowledge. This was followed by a soulful presentation and recitation of Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom and knowledge, to inspire the participants throughout the workshop.

The Chief guest of the valedictory function was Abdul Majid Bhatt, Director Finance, Department of

Higher Education Government of J&k. In his address he emphasised on the fact that Work-life balance is not about separating work and life, it's about integrating them, and prioritizing your personal and pro-

Prof. Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college, in her address stressed upon the importance of work-life synergy, especially in the

fast-paced, high-pressure environments that many individuals face today. In her address, Dr. Meeru Abrol encouraged professionals to embrace strategies that promote balance, not only for achieving career success but also for personal well-being. The resource person for 3rd technical session was Geetika Kohli Amla, a renowned Entrepreneur, Author, and Public Speaker

person for the fourth technical session was Dr. Hema Gandotra, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu. Dr. Hema has shared her wisdom on the topic - Gender Inclusion at work place. She highlighted about Gender role construction and how it starts from birth and continues till death.

The overview of the college and Introduction to the workshop was presented by Nisha Prof. Bhagat Convenor of the workshop. She apprised the participants about Inception of the

Her session emphasized that

beyond academic knowledge,

educators need effective

communication, empathy,

and interpersonal skills to

foster a posiTIve and engag-

ing learning. The resource

FDP's. Webinar's. Workshops and organising vocational and skill courses for students. The detailed and extensive report of Two Day Workshop on Work Life Synergy: Strategies for Success was presented by Prof. Anju Bala, Co-Convenor of the workshop. In the event, the maiden issue of NSS Newsletter Veerangana was also released by the Chief

ual and commendable

progress and the various

achievements like organising

Later certificates were distributed among the participants of the Two Day Workshop. The Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Coordinator of career counselling cell of

Guest and NSS Coordinator

of University of Jammu.

# Ex-Servicemen league pays tributes to Kishtwar Martyrs, appeals Govt to crush terrorism

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHADARWAH: Condemning terrorism and paying tributes to VDG members and Army personnel, who lost their lives in Kishtwar attack encounters Servicemen league Doda along with locals took out rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah on Wednesday.

Ex-servicemen league Doda saluted the supreme sacrifice of 2 VDG members Kuldeep & Nazir and 1 JCO of Army Naib Sub Rakesh Kumar in Kishtwar of Jammu and Kashmir and offered condolences to their fami-

The Ex-servicemen league gathered Bhaderwah under the leadership of it's District President Raj Singh Charak to pay tributes to



the VDG members and Army JCO who laid their lives for the sovereignty of the nation.

The tribute paying function was organised in Seri Bazar Park of Bhaderwah in which beside Ex-servicemen of the area, senior citizens, Locals and others also participated.

All expressed grief over the increasing incidents of terrorism, in which innocent people

PIL highlighting drug abuse in J&K

DB seeks details of de-addiction Centers running in J&K

armymen lost their lives in the terror activity which was carried out by the cowardly terrorists on the behest of Pakistan.

Beside President Ex-servicemen league Doda Raj Singh Charak and other members, Shoppers of the area also paid floral tributes to Martyrs of Kishtwar.

They raised slogans against terrorism calling for an end to it terming

threat to the society.

The participants said that martyrs shall always remain alive in heart of every countrymen and their sacrifices will always of security forces for be remembered.

Singh Charak, District President Ex-servicemen league Doda while addressing gathering after paving floral tribute to the Martyrs said, "Today we gathered here to pay rich tributes to our brave VDG members and JCO who got martyrdom in Kishtwar. We salute our Bravehearts and we are proud of them."

urged Government to crush terrorism from grassroot. "Pakistan is conducting these terror activities to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of J&K," Charak added.

Charak said that time

for a decision fight has come and soon our securitv forces will root out terrorism from the soil of

He appreciated the role maintaining peace and stability within and on the borders of Jammu and Kashmir.

He criticized the antipeace elements who are hell bent upon to disturb peace in J&K.

Prominent among those who participated in the programme includes Ex Naib Subedar Raj Singh, Ex Havaldar Nirmal Baloria, Subedar Major Narender

Singh Singh, Ex Hav. Jaswant Singh, Ex Hav Kashmir Singh Manhas and senior citizen Balkrishan kotwal, Anil Kotwal, Kuldeep Singh katal and Raju Charak

## **Anticorruption Court grants** default bail to NT in trap case

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by law student Atharv Mahajan and Court on its Own Motion regarding low conviction rate and acquittals in large number of NPDSA cases, Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice MA Chowdhary directed Commissioner/Secretary, Home Department, Jammu and Kashmir as well as Director, Narcotic Control JammuBureau, and Kashmir to file affidavit detailing therein how many de-addiction Centers are running in Jammu and Kashmir as on today by or before the next date of hear-

When the PIL came-up for hearing. DB observed that .S Nanda, Sr. AAG has filed status report dated August 20. 2024 contending therein that certain posts have been referred to J&K Public Service Commission for recruitment.

On asking, F.A Natnoo, learned counsel, who is present in the Court, is asked to file affidavit by or before the next date of hearing mentioning therein current status of the posts referred to Public Service Commission.

It is worthwhile to mention here that earlier this Court observed that the Court vide order dated December 27. 2022, after taking note of the order dated April 4, 2022, directed the respondents to file a detailed action taken report/status report indicating the steps taken by them with regard to the qualitative and quantitative overhauling

of the Forensic Science Laboratories in Territories of J&K and Ladakh and also steps required to be taken for deaddiction. One status report was filed

on February 27, 2023 by the Director, Forensic Science Laboratories J&K indicating the steps undertaken for qualitative and quantitative overhauling of the Forensic Science Laboratories. In the status report, it is stated that the process has been initiated for filling up the vacancies. Another status report dated July 15, 2023 was filed by the Special Director General of Police, Crime Branch, J&K indicating the action undertaken by the respondents for the purpose of checking menace of drugs, pursuant to the directions issued by this Court from time to time.

Deepika Mahajan, Advocate submits that the respondents have not filed any status report with regard to the steps taken for deaddiction till date and that de-addiction centres are not functioning properly, as such, the very purpose for which such centres have been established, is getting defeat-

In view of the above, the respondents-authorities shall file the status report with regard to the functioning of the de-addiction centres being run either by the Government or by the private individuals/NGOs in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh by the next date of hearing and further the respondents shall also inform this Court whether the vacancies have been filled in Forensic Laboratories or not.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Special Judge

Anticorruption Baramulla Amarjeet Singh Langeh granted default bail to Altaf Hussain Khan, Naib Tehsildar (NT), who was caught red-handed by the ACB, as ACB failed to produce chargesheet in prescribed period. Court after hearing both the sides, observed that, accused is in custody in FIR in question for more than 60 days from the date investigating agency obtained first remand qua him. In terms of clear, obvious and compelling mandate of Section 187(3) of BNSS, an indefeasible right of bail accrues to an accused if investigating agency fails to produce charge sheet in competent court of law within prescribed period as mentioned in aforesaid Section while

accused is in custody. In the case in hand, investigating agency - ACB, Baramulla was obligated to present charge sheet in aforesaid FIR before the expiry of a period of 60 days from the date of first remand of peti-

It has not been able to do so. A fortiori therefore, an undeniable and indefeasible right of bail accrues to petitioner in terms of Section 187(3) of BNSS. To top it all, petitioner is also prepared to furnish the bail bonds and that his how instant application.

For all what is said hereinabove, this application is allowed and petitioner is admitted to default bail in terms of Sec. 187(3) of BNSS subject to furnishing of bail and surety bonds in the amount of Rs. 25,000 each, Court ordered.