

JU in collaboration with IGNCA celebrates 196th Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmbai

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JAMMU: The Department of History, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Regional Centre, Jammu & Kashmir, organised a special programme to commemorate the 196th Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmbai on the theme "Rani Lakshmbai: A Timeless Symbol of Women Empowerment."

Professor Suman Jamwal, in her welcome address, reflected on the enduring legacy of Rani Lakshmbai as a symbol of courage, leadership, and women's empowerment. She emphasised that Lakshmbai's resistance to colonial rule marked a defining moment in India's freedom struggle and continues to inspire



JU faculty and IGNCA members at a programme.

contemporary discussions on gender equity and national identity. Prof. Jamwal urged students to view Lakshmbai not only as a legendary warrior but also as a visionary leader whose life exemplifies resilience, dignity, and an unwavering commitment to justice. Her remarks set an inspiring tone for the programme. Following her

remarks, she formally welcomed the distinguished speakers, Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai, Department of Media & Journalism, University of Jammu, and Shrutu Awasthi, Director, IGNCA, Regional Centre, Jammu & Kashmir.

Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai delivered an insightful lecture highlighting Rani Lakshmbai's contribution

to India's resistance tradition and her lasting impact on discourses related to women's empowerment. He drew compelling comparisons, supported by cinematic examples and cultural narratives, to illustrate the evolving representation of empowered women in modern India. Prof. Rai also engaged with students on the multifaceted dimensions

of women's agency and empowerment.

In her address, Shrutu Awasthi emphasised the importance of indigenous historical perspectives, oral traditions, and cultural memory in understanding the role of women in India's civilizational heritage. She underscored the need to integrate local histories and vernacular traditions into contemporary academic discourse.

The programme was attended by faculty members, research scholars, and students from the University of Jammu.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Suman Kumar Verma, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, collaborators, and participants for their meaningful contribution to the programme.

JKHCBAJ organises medical camp at District Court Complex

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ), organized a Medical Camp on Wednesday at District Court Complex, Jammu.

A team of specialist doctors from various medical disciplines including Cardiologist Dr Nikhil Mahajan, Dentist Dr Ritesh Gupta & Eye specialist Shekhar Gupta alongwith their respective teams attended the camp to offer expert consultation and preliminary health check-ups.

The JKHCBAJ appreciated the Doctors and expressed gratitude to all participating medical professionals for their commitment to community service. Battery of Advocates, court staff, and the general public attended the camp and availed the facility.



Principal D&SJ Jammu Yash Paul Bourney being welcomed by JKHCBAJ members at a camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu Yash Paul Bourney alongwith Office Bearers of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu President K. Nirmal Kotwal Senior Adv., Vice President Baldev Singh Adv., General Secretary Pardeep Majotra Adv., Joint Secretary Anshu Mahajan Adv., Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal, Adv.,

The medical camp was also attended by District Judges namely R.S. Jasrotia, Prem Sagar, Sonia Gupta, Rajni Sharma as well as Learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu Munish Manhas, Raj Kumar Lalhal (Special Mobile Magistrate Traffic Court) alongwith battery of Advocates namely Amit Manhas Adv., Amit Gupta Adv.

Yuv Tarang 2025 concludes its third day with colourful artistic and musical performances



Participating team posing for a photograph with CLUJ faculty and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The third day of the Cultural and Literary Festival Yuv Tarang 2025, organised under the aegis of Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) by the Department of Students Welfare (DSW), showcased an inspiring blend of visual arts and musical talents across the campus.

The day witnessed three major events-Painting, Poster Making, and Cartooning-conducted at GCOE under the supervision of Dr. Monika Sharma, Dean Arts, and Dr. Mohd Zubair, Dean SOTET. The events were adjudged by Ankush Kesar IMPA, Mahua gupta and Dr Amarjeet Singh.

In the Painting competition, Harsimran Kaur (GCOE) clinched the first position, followed by Kaushika Bhatyal (GCW Gandhi Nagar) in second place and Simran Chowdhary

(GCW Gandhi Nagar) securing third. Mansi Rajput (GCOE) and Vansh Mahotra (School of Social Sciences) received consolation awards.

In Poster Making, Harsimran Kaur (GCOE) again secured first place, while Madhav Sontra (MAM College) won second and Mohd Zaigham Salaria (GGM Science College) placed third. Tania Manhas (GCW Gandhi Nagar) earned the consolation prize.

The Cartooning event showcased exceptional creativity with Parassey Sharma (GCW Gandhi Nagar) winning first, Mohd Zaigham (GGM Science College) placing second and Ruchiya Verma (GCW Gandhi Nagar) finishing third. Sonakshi Sharma (SPMR College) received the consolation award.

Under the guidance of Dr. Meenakshi Bhandral, Director IQAC, the music segment comprised Folk Orchestra and

Light Vocal Solo. The events were adjudged by Prof Anupama Sharma, Dharmesh Nargotra and Jagdeep Singh.

In the Light Vocal Solo competition, Mukesh Kumar (School of Humanities & Liberal Arts) secured the first position, Ridhima Bajpai (GCW Gandhi Nagar) won the second position and Gunjan Chaudhary (GGM Science College) bagged the third position. Dheeraj Kumar (MAM College) received the consolation award.

Across categories, adjudication was carried out by panels of experts, and compiled results were formally authenticated by jury members.

The events were coordinated under the overall supervision of Prof. D.S. Manhas, Dean Student Welfare, along with Dr Davinder Kour, Dr Revika Arora and college cultural convenors.

Jamkash Vehicleleads open's new NEXA 2S workshop at Kaluchak

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JAMMU: Jamkash Vehicleleads Pvt. Ltd., a leading name in the automobile sector for over 38 years, marked another milestone with the inauguration of its state-of-the-art NEXA 2S Workshop at NH-44, Kaluchak, Jammu.

The facility was formally opened on Tuesday further strengthening the company's extensive service network and reaffirming its commitment to delivering premium and technology-driven customer experiences.

The workshop was inaugurated by Ashok Gupta, General Manager, J&K Bank, in the presence of Kuldeep Singh, Executive Director, Jamkash Vehicleleads Pvt. Ltd.; Amit Dubey, Area Service Manager, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.; and Daljeet Singh, TSM.

The ceremony was also attended by Maj Gen (Retd.) J.S. Ishar, CEO, Jamkash Vehicleleads, along with senior officials, loyal customers, and staff members.

Addressing the gathering,



General Manager J&K Bank, Ashok Gupta inaugurating NEXA 2S Workshop at Kaluchak.

Maj Gen (Retd.) Ishar emphasized the organisation's unwavering adherence to its "Customer First" philosophy. He stated that the new workshop will boost accessibility and service excellence for customers in Jammu city and neighbouring districts, further strengthening Jamkash Vehicleleads' leadership in the region.

The newly launched NEXA 2S Workshop has been designed to redefine the premium NEXA service experience. Equipped with

advanced diagnostic machinery and modern service infrastructure, the facility offers a range of features including a fully equipped mechanical workshop, computerized wheel alignment and balancing system, and quick service bays for reduced turnaround time.

A premium customer lounge provides a comfortable waiting environment, while the availability of genuine Maruti Suzuki parts ensures reliability and long-term vehicle performance. The workshop is manned by

trained and certified technicians committed to delivering professional and transparent service.

With its strong footprint across Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and New Delhi, Jamkash Vehicleleads has consistently ranked among the top five Maruti Suzuki dealers in India, holding the No. 1 position in North India. The new Kaluchak workshop reinforces the organisation's legacy of trust and its long-standing motto: "Think Maruti, Think Vehicleleads."

DESJK hosts GeM training workshop for DDOs of Jammu Div

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Jammu & Kashmir (DESJK) organized a One-Day Training Workshop on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for the Drawing & Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of Jammu Division, here on Wednesday. The programme was held under the aegis of the Regional Director Evaluation & Statistics Jammu Ashu Gupta with an aim to strengthen digital procurement practices across the region.

The workshop was graced by Director General, Economics & Statistics J&K, Satvir Kour Sudan. She delivered the inaugural address and highlighted the Jammu & Kashmir Government's strong thrust on adopting digital, paper-light and transparent pro-



Director General, Economics & Statistics J&K, Satvir Kour Sudan speaking at a workshop.

urement systems, in alignment with the broader vision of good governance and administrative reforms.

The technical sessions were led by Senior Consultant Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Sarthak Khoda and Senior Assistant Director (GeM), Amir Ali as the key resource persons. They provided hands-on training on different aspects of GeM operations, including ven-

dor selection, bid management, order placement, contract execution and payment processes through PEMS. The resource persons also addressed practical challenges commonly faced by departments and offered actionable solutions to streamline procurement workflows.

Participants included Chief Planning Officers, the Principal School of Applied Economics & Statistics,

District Statistics & Evaluation Officers, DDOs and officers and officials from the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Regional Director Evaluation & Statistics, Jammu and several other offices of Jammu Division.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation, reflecting the growing commitment of field officers toward adopting transparent and efficient procure-

ment systems.

Speaking on the occasion, the Regional Director Jammu Ashu Gupta emphasized the crucial role of DDOs in implementing procurement reforms at the grassroots level. He reiterated the Directorate's commitment to continuous capacity building and strengthening institutional frameworks to ensure accountability, integrity and seamless integration of digital governance tools across the Jammu Division.

The workshop concluded with an interactive session during which participants raised queries and shared challenges faced in their respective offices. The initiative is expected to significantly enhance the efficiency, accuracy and transparency of procurement activities undertaken by the participating offices.

1st Women Bn holds awareness session on Stress Management for police personnel



Dr. Shabela Wani, HoD Psychology GCW Gandhi Nagar speaking at a programme.

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JAMMU: The 1st Women Battalion organised an awareness lecture on "Managing Stress on Duty: Practical Techniques for Police Women" on Tuesday at its Battalion Headquarters, Channi Himmat, here.

The session was conducted by Dr. Shabela Wani, Head,

Department of Psychology, Government Women College, Gandhi Nagar. She was welcomed by Commandant R.C. Kotwal, SSP, Dy. Commandant Vishal Manhas, SP, along with other officers including Subash Chander (DySP), Anita Katel (DySP), Reena Bhau (DySP), Insp. Javed Akhter, and Insp. Atul

Rakhwal. Dr. Wani shared valuable insights on stress, its effects on mental and physical health, and practical ways to manage daily pressures. She emphasised simple and effective techniques that can be incorporated into routine life to maintain emotional balance and overall well-being.

The workshop focused on empowering them with knowledge and skills to identify gender-based discrimination, support women and children in distress, and promote gender-equitable practices at the grassroots level. The participants enthusiastically shared their experiences and observations as well.

The workshop was conducted under the able guidance of Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, and Mohit Bharti, CDPO, Kot Bhalwal. It was coordinated by Dr. Saranjit Kaur, Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, and Renu, Supervisor, ICDS Department.

J&K UTLBC to organize special facilitation camps to help public reclaim their unclaimed financial assets

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SRINAGAR: As part of the nationwide initiative 'Your Money, Your Right', special facilitation camps are being organised on 21st November (Friday) in the districts of Anantnag, Reasi Rajouri, and the camp at district Poonch will be held on 22nd November to help citizens trace and reclaim their long-pending financial assets.

The initiative is a part of three-month awareness-cum-disbursement campaign launched by the Union Government's Department of Financial Services (DFS) in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and financial sector regulators.

The purpose of these camps is to facilitate the settlement of unclaimed bank deposits, dormant insurance amounts, inactive mutual funds and dividend proceeds, unclaimed shares, and other unclaimed or inactive financial assets held across various institutions. The initiative seeks to ensure that every rupee saved by citizens can be rightfully claimed by them or by their legal heirs and nominees. The camps will be held on 21st November (Friday) at Townhall in Anantnag on 11:00 AM, at Suraj Palace in Reasi on 11:00 AM, at J&K Bank's Zonal Office in Rajouri on

11:30 AM, whileas, the camp at Poonch district will be held at Dak Bangalow on 22nd November (Saturday) at 2:00 PM.

Public representatives, MPs and MLAs, have been invited to participate in the event. The District Administration, along with officials and representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), all banks, insurance companies, SEBI, PFRDA, NABARD, and the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), will also be present to guide the public and facilitate on-the-spot claim processing and disbursement.

People have been encouraged through recent BLBC meetings, FLC outreach programmes, and awareness drives conducted by banks and district authorities to attend these camps with valid identity proof and relevant supporting documents for on-the-spot settlement of claims.

The Lead District Managers of Anantnag, Poonch, Rajouri and Reasi have appealed to the general public to participate in these camps and make full use of these facilitation camps to identify, verify, and recover unclaimed financial assets belonging to them or their family members.

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JAMMU: The Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu, successfully organized a Gender Sensitization Workshop for ICDS Anganwadi Workers and Supervisors today at Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, with the aim of strengthening gender awareness and enhancing the capacity of frontline workers to address gender-based concerns in their communities.

The session was conducted by Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, who served as the Resource Person for the workshop. In her lecture, Prof. Nayyar discussed key themes such as the concept of gender, socialization and stereotypes, and the legal rights and protections available for women and children. She also provided



Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, CWS speaking at a workshop.

deep insights into issues such as domestic violence and sexual harassment, and highlighted

the reporting mechanisms and legal safeguards available to address these concerns.

While interacting with the participants, she emphasized the crucial role of Anganwadi workers in community engagement and early intervention. She said that Anganwadi workers serve as an essential link between the community and institutional support systems; therefore, strengthening their understanding of gender issues is vital for fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for women and children. The workshop included discussions, case studies, and participatory activities that encouraged participants to reflect on their personal experiences and develop practical strategies for addressing gender-based challenges.

More than 80 Anganwadi Workers and Supervisors from various blocks of the ICDS project participated in the pro-

gramme. The workshop focused on empowering them with knowledge and skills to identify gender-based discrimination, support women and children in distress, and promote gender-equitable practices at the grassroots level. The participants enthusiastically shared their experiences and observations as well.

The workshop was conducted under the able guidance of Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, and Mohit Bharti, CDPO, Kot Bhalwal. It was coordinated by Dr. Saranjit Kaur, Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, and Renu, Supervisor, ICDS Department.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Disha Sharma, Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu.