

# Maiden meet of JU Alumni held

## VC terms UJAA as vibrant platform to establish connect between alumni & their alma mater

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JAMMU: Lauding the formation of University of Jammu Alumni Association (UJAA), Vice Chancellor Prof Manoj K Dhar today exuded confidence that it will go a long way in establishing connect between the alumni from within and outside the country to their alma mater.

"It is a very significant development and all the stakeholders deserve appreciation for their efforts to put in a mechanism and make dreams come true", the Vice Chancellor observed while presiding over the first-ever meet of UJAA through virtual mode.

The highlight of the maiden meet, organised under the aegis of the UJAA, was enthusiastic participation of a large number of alumni from within and outside the country, who shared their views in making the association a vibrant platform for exchange of ideas.

Prof. Dhar, who is also Patron of the UJAA cited the examples of many prestigious institutions whose alumni have contributed a lot by way of giving back in terms of suggestions, donations, time, energy etc. He exuded confidence that a robust



alumni network would be put in place for assisting the University to further excel in its endeavours to impart quality education in tune with latest trends in the field. He also suggested expanding the outreach to the alumni.

Prof. Manoj Dhar formally inaugurated the membership drive by launching an online membership form.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare and President UJAA

spoke on the occasion, Suresh Gupta, IFS and alumni representative to the University Council complimented the Dean for organising the high profile meet and offered to organise educational tours of the University students to any wildlife sanctuaries.

Prof. Alka Sharma from the Business School also shared her experiences and stressed on establishing connect with the students who have passed out from the university by having regular interactions with them to strengthen the network between the Alumni and the University.

Indu Kanwal Chib, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur and Executive Committee Member of UJAA also spoke on the occasion and underscored the need for making UJAA financially viable through liberal contributions so as to serve the needy. She observed that the contributions could also be in terms of expertise or specialisation of the alumni in various fields, which could prove beneficial for providing logistic support to the association for the overall benefit of the members.

Chib also gave valuable suggestions for making the UJAA an effective medium of exchange of ideas between the alumni, who are playing their important role in every sphere of activity thus bringing laurels to their alma mater.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Assistant Dean SW and Treasurer, Registrar University of Jammu complemented all those who have contributed in making this association function, he also suggested valuable ideas to make it a vibrant platform.

Vikram Gulati also spoke on the occasion and suggested various activities to further strengthen the cause of the association.

Others who shared their views

include Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sandeep Pandita, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Ginni Dogra and more.

The speakers hoped that the illustrious UJAA will emerge as an effective forum like other similar organisations of the premier educational institutions of the country.

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## Cleanliness camp concludes at Padma Sachdev Govt PG College for Women

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JAMMU: The ten-day Awareness and Cleanliness Camp organised under "Clean India Campaign" by NSS Units of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar concluded on Thursday.

A total of 30 NSS volunteers participated in different activities conducted under the supervision of NSS Programme Officers- Prof. Mala Bhasin and Dr. Monika Hans. The Camp started with the Cleanliness drive on Dec 21, 2021 in the College premises followed by the activities of -Online quiz on 'Rivers of India', Paragraph Writing on 'Importance of Water Conservation' and Webinar on 'Energy Conservation' and 'Safety of Rivers' for the volunteers.

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Padma Sachdev Govt PG College for Women students during cleanliness drive.

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Awareness and Cleanliness Camp concluded with the pledge taking ceremony on -Cleanliness and Preservation of Water bodies. They also make the villagers aware about the Cleanliness and Preservation of water bodies (Talabs and wells).

Dr. Sangita Nagari Principal of the College congratulated NSS volunteers for their commendable work during the camp and also acknowledged the efforts of NSS POs.

The Awareness and Cleanliness Camp concluded with the pledge taking ceremony on -Cleanliness and Preservation of Water Resources by Principal, NSS volunteers and NSS Programme Officers.

## SMVD University ranked 12th in Atal Ranking of Institutes

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JAMMU: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra has been recognized in the Excellent Band University for this year in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 that has been released by the Ministry of Education's innovation Cell.

The University spokesman said that SMVDU has been placed at 12th Rank amongst the Government aided State universities.

This ranking was announced by the Union Minister of State for Education, Government of India, Subhas Sarkar through virtual mode.

"This is the second time Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University has been recognized as an Excellent Institution category in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory," he said.

## YCET faculty delivers talk on 'Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Incubation & IPR'

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JAMMU:

Yogyananda

College of

Engineering &

Technology

(YCET),

Er. Dinesh Gupta,

On Thursday conducted a session on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, IPR and Incubation at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Ramapuram Chennai.

During the lecture, he

explained the Importance of

Entrepreneurship it Reduces

Poverty Level, Increases

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Demand of people and Helps to develop Economic Condition of a country. He emphasized on the concept of job givers rather than job seekers.

He explained about business incubators and said that the business incubators have grown considerably in recent years. This rise is due to several factors, such as corporate downsizing, increased entrepreneurship, new technologies, economic globalization and the transfer of technology.

He told that therat work on a brilliant idea with a huge

scope of sealing. However, these companies have little knowledge about management, and therefore, burn cash rapidly.

At the end, Er. Dinesh Gupta thanked R. Sathyamurthy, Innovation Ambassador and organizer of the session and management of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, for giving him opportunity to deliver guest lecture.

He also mentioned the gratitude for the management of YCET and Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director YCET.

## AAROH arranges visit for students to various tourist places



AAROH members posing with students at Sunisar.

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JAMMU: Aradhana-A Ray of Hope (AAROH), a non-profit organization, in the second phase of a student exchange programme organized in association with Indian Army, arranged a visit of over 40 students from Army Goodwill School Margund in various tourist places of Jammu region.

Students visited Bagh-e-Bahu aquarium, Amar Mahal Palace and Museum, Manda Park and Hari Singh Park on the first day. On the second day, children visited the

Surinsar lake, Mansar Lake, played team sports and attended purposeful life sessions. Monika Mitter, Satish Mehra, Sahil Sehgal, Harsh Malhotra, Bhanu Kiran, Sumit Mahajan, Avinash Bogal, Manish Sharma, Ruth Walter, Devansh Anand, Varun Arora, Deepak Anand, Rashi Gondal, Swati Gondal, Kushal and Keshav have participated in the event.

Founder of the organisation, Monika Mitter thanked Army for their support throughout the programme.

## Man held with foreign currency worth Rs 43 lakh at IGI Airport

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NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Thursday apprehended a passenger carrying a high volume of foreign currency worth approximately Rs 43 lakh at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi.

Public Relations Officer of CISF, Apoorv Pandey said, "On Thursday at about 5:10 AM, on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff of IGI

Airport noticed suspicious activities of a passenger in the check-in area of terminal-3. He was kept under close watch through physical and electronic measures and the matter was also informed to CISF personnel deployed at Security Hold Area (SHA)."

During the pre-embarkation security check, 50,000 Euro, 6000 Saudi Riyals, and 440 UAE Dirham (worth approximately Rs 43 lakh) were detected from the handbag of the passenger, added Pandey.

Pandey said that the passenger was identified as Mohd Arish, 29, bound for Dubai by Spice Jet flight. On inquiry, neither he replied satisfactorily nor produced any valid document. The matter was informed to Customs Officials, said the official.

Later, the passenger along with recovered foreign currency worth approximately Rs 43 lakh was handed over to customs for further legal action in the matter.

While interacting with the

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) PDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Patel Nagar, Shiva Nagar, Hatli Morh, Saraswati Nagar, Aazd Puram, Krishna Colony, Karan Nagar, Happy Palace, Hazi Colony and PHE installations shall remain affected on January 01 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to All India Radio Station shall remain affected on January 01 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Jarai Chowk, Foot Bridge, Ward No. 10, 11 and Old Bus Stand shall remain affected on January 01 and 02 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to DC Mohalla, Kahlki Mandi, Upper Mandi,

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