

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: Launching 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 tone 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 gave a brief overview of the activities and objectives of the University of Jammu Alumni Association through PowerPoint presentation and also highlighted the various activities and events proposed

to be organised in the near future to strengthen the connect between the University and the alumni.

Speaking 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 an 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, 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.

Besides other university functionaries, the online meet was also attended by Manohar Lal, Dy. General Manager, Nabard and Ajay Wali, Vice-President, Indoasian Pvt. Ltd. Both are the members of the executive committee of the association. Members of campus cultural committee and faculty and students coordinators also attended the meet.

Dr. Garima Gupta, Assistant Dean SW and Treasurer, UJAA conducted the event which was coordinated by Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Co-Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean, SW and Secretary UJAA, Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Dean SW, Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer and Nodal Officer, UJAA.

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 wherein volunteers cleaned the campus and collected the waste in paper/cloth bags and disseminated the message of saving the environment by reducing the plastic use in our daily routine. On second and third day, the activity-Cleanliness of River Tawi at two sites- Vikram Chowk and Bhagwati Nagar near fourth Bridge was conducted. The volunteers cleaned the river banks by removing the polythene, cloth pieces and garbage with full zeal and enthusiasm. On day fourth, a Slogan



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

Writing activity on the topic - 'Save Rivers' was organised in the NSS Garden of 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.

Awareness and Cleanliness drive was also conducted at Village- ChakJaraal and Palli morh on 28th and 29th of December 2021, where the volunteers cleaned the

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.

ARIIA 2021 classifies in two major (technical and non-technical) and six sub categories. In the technical category ranking of University and Deemed to be University (Govt. and Govt. Aided), total 10 Government aided universities are in main rank and three universities are in Band Excellent. Atal Ranking of Institutes calculated through several considerations and all major parameters and indicators used globally to rank education institutions for innovation output and standard of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) R. K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, has expressed happiness and conveyed best wishes and congratulated all faculty members, staff and students of the University on this achievement, he said.

PGCIL celebrating anniversary of One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency today

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JAMMU: As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power; Government of India, is commemorating its landmark achievement of completion of One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency.

PGCIL is celebrating the anniversary of this momentous occasion on December 31, 2021 by organizing a number of events.

The 70 Sub-stations along with Regional Headquarters will be lit up in tricolour to mark this momentous achievement.

People will witness the projection of a video film, which captures benefits of One Nation

One Grid One Frequency for the common man, encapsulating views of eminent personalities of the power sector on this achievement.

On this occasion an outreach activity will also be done to make people aware about the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of India's independence and the progress made by the nation thereafter.

Medical camps are also being organized for communities living in vicinity of the 70 Sub-stations spread across the country. The local population will be able to benefit from these medical camps through free health checkups. Apart from this, blood donation camps will also be organized at various places.

Randhawa tours Chatha Pind under public outreach prog

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JAMMU: Former Member Legislative Council (MLC), Ch. Vikram Randhawa, under public outreach programme on Thursday conducted tour to Chatha Pind Panchayat in Gandhi Nagar assembly segment and interacted with locals and members of the Panchayat Raj Institution.

During his visit to the Panchayat, Randhawa also inspected the newly macadamized road to creation ground from Chatha Pind which was the long pending demand of the people of the area and was taken up with the Public Works Department (R&B) by the former MLC and now stands completed.

While interacting with the



Former MLC, Ch. Vikram Randhawa interacting with people during visit to Chatha Pind.

PRIs, Randhawa said that until you will reach out to your people you won't be able to know their genuine issues and problems.

He urged upon the PRIs to regularly visit their respective Wards and interact with people to ascertain their genuine issues so that

they may be taken up with the concerned agencies for redressal.

He said that the mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' cannot be accomplished without knowing the voice of the public.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, 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.

Likewise, the power supply to DC Mohalla, Kahli Mandi, Upper Mandi,

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

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JAMMU: Dean Academics of Yogananda 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 Employment, Fulfills the

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 scaling. However, these companies have little knowledge about management, and therefore, burn cash rapidly.

At the end, Er. Dinesh Gupta thanked R Sathya 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.

Immense inclination of public support for BJP: Raina

Prominent Congress, DSS leaders from Kathua join BJP



Prominent political personalities joining BJP at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Prominent political personalities from Congress and Dogra Swabhimaan Sangathan along with their supporters from Kathua Kandi joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar; here.

Sarpanch Foreland Bakhta West-A Pinki Devi, Sarpanch Krishan Singh Jothana Lower, Panch Neeru Jasrotia, Panch Rajkumar, Panch Mohinder Singh, Ex Sarpanch Basheshwar Singh, Ex-Panch Kabul Singh, Vibhishan Sharma, Vijay Singh Bakhta, Naseer Ali, Nizam Din, Istaf Ali, Rashid Ali, Saddam Ali, Mohd.

Sardar, Jasbir Singh, Wazir Ali and others joined BJP on the occasion.

Panchayati Raj Cell Convener Shiv Dev Singh, Cell Convener Mookherjee Sharma, Mandal President Rajesh Kumar, Mandal President Gian Singh, Panchayati Raj Cell Co-Convener Sarpanch Balwant Singh, Shakti Kendar Pramukh Randeep Singh, District Vice-President Mahila Morecha Indu Rekha and other party leaders facilitated the joining.

Ravinder welcomed the new entrants into the party fold and said that the prominent & imminent social personalities as well as senior leaders from other parties are daily joining BJP to serve the

masses in a better way. These massive joining clearly indicate the immense inclination of public support for the party which will reflect in Assembly polls.

He said that the party has earned this love and respect from all the quarters of the society with the sheer hard-work of our dedicated volunteers. He asked the new entrants to strengthen the party with their future endeavours.

He also asked them to work with the principle of "Nation First" in mind.

Shiv Dev Singh said that Panchayati Raj Cell of the party is dedicatedly working to ensure the reach of public welfare schemes to every Panchayat. He said that the Cell leaders are working with the mission of "Samarath, Atam Nirbhar Panchayat", which is the vision of Modi.

Pinki Devi said that they are impressed by the way the PM Modi has empowered the Panchayati Raj System. She also said that Modi has worked for the real empowerment of the women in society.

JK Christian Minority Welfare Association organises Christmas get-together



Chief Guest, President HISI, Hira Lal Abrol cutting a cake.

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JAMMU: JK Christian Minority Welfare Association on Thursday organised a Christmas get-together to celebrate the festivity and share the joy of religious occasion.

The event was attended by Hira Lal Abrol, President Healthy India Strong India, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Lazar Kandaraya, Dalbir Singh, Divansh Singh Jamwal, Shoukat Gujjar and Rahul Tandon present as the Guests of Honour.

The programme was started with the prayer of Gafoor Masih followed by Christmas Carols by Simon Paul and Anney and their team. Bro. Simon Share the word of God from the

Holy Bible.

Chairman, Nasir Masih, while welcoming the special Guests to commemoration of the birth of the Holy one of Bethlehem, said the programme was organised by to cherish the peace, love and brotherhood in the society.

Hira Lal Abrol said such events would help in promotion of interfaith harmony in the country. He further

BJP nominates Working President, Vice-President for Distt Kupwara

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina in consultation with senior leaders of the party nominated party leaders.

Ab. Rehman Lone has been nominated as District Working President, Kupwara of BJP JK-UT and Javed Qureshi as District Vice-President, Kupwara.

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 Gandral, Swati Gandral, Kushal and Keshav have participated in the event.

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