

Judicial Academy holds workshop on ‘Leadership role of Judges; Court Management’

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JAMMU: Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), Tashi Rabstan and guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy and members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, the J&K Judicial Academy on Saturday organised one day workshop on "Leadership role of the Judges; Court Management; Role of Judges in Referral of cases for Mediation, etc." for Civil Judges (Sr./Jr. Division) of Jammu province at Janipur, Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, who also served as resource person for the first session of the day. Bala Jyoti, Former District & Session Judge and resource person, was also present.

In the first technical session, Justice Rahul Bharti explained that the judiciary today faces an ever-evolving legal landscape, marked by



Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh speaking at workshop.

an increasing volume of cases, technological advancements and the growing complexity of legal issues. He stated that leadership within the judiciary is not merely about presiding over cases, it is about ensuring efficient administration of courts, inspiring confidence in the judicial process and fostering an environment where justice is accessible and timely.

Justice Bharti explained that case management means every case getting full focus and attention at Court's hand. He also advised the participants to interpret KYC as Know your Case, Know your Court. He underscored that the work of

District Judiciary is more demanding and the judges play as leaders within their courts.

The second technical session of the day was conducted by Bala Jyoti who explained the role of Judges in referral of cases for Mediation. The learned Resource Person addressed the mediation as a transformative mechanism that offers an alternative pathway to resolve disputes amicably. She added that mediation not only alleviates burden on courts but also empowers parties to reach mutually acceptable solutions. She highlighted the key components of mediation, including drafting effective

settlement and referral orders, as well as addressing challenges and exploring strategies to enhance its efficacy. The learned Resource Person also conducted three

role plays, wherein the participants actively participated and were made aware about technique of mediation.

Sonia Gupta, Director J&K Judicial Academy, conducted the proceedings for the day-long workshop and presented vote of thanks.

All the sessions remained very interactive during which all the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, difficulties and also discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource persons.

Director IIM Jammu inaugurates LEAD Mahotsav 2024

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JAMMU: The much-anticipated two-day Mahotsav 2024, organized by LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD), was inaugurated on Saturday with great opening at the GGM Science College Grounds, here.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu. The event promises to be a spectacular showcase of the rich cultural heritage, entrepreneurial spirit, and diversity of Swadeshi products from the regions of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The second feature of Mahotsav has established itself as a vibrant platform for promoting local craftsmanship, startups, and tourism, alongside fostering a sense of community and collaboration. With over 150 stalls exhibiting a variety of local products, native cuisines, handicrafts, cultural artifacts, and startup ventures, the Mahotsav aims to



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay inaugurating two-day Mahotsav 2024.

create a significant social and economic impact while drawing attention to the immense potential of the region's heritage and enterprise.

The first day of the Mahotsav saw an overwhelming footfall more than expected, reflecting the community's enthusiasm and support for this unique celebration. Attendees were treated to a series of captivating events and activities, each designed to engage people of all age groups.

The highlight of the day



to display their unique skills.

The President of Sanathan Dharma Sabha, Parshotam Dadhichi was also present during the event. The audience was further enthralled by a powerful demonstration of Gatka, the Sikh martial arts form, symbolizing courage and discipline.

Following this, Rang Tarang brought the stage to life with mesmerizing performances by renowned artists from Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, celebrating the region's rich folk's culture.

In addition to cultural performances, the Mahotsav also featured interactive Sketch workshops and live demonstrations of Canvas arts, offering attendees an opportunity to engage closely with the heritage of the region.

The event also highlighted emerging tourist destinations and the unique offerings of Ladakh, Jammu, and Kashmir, aiming to promote sustainable

tourism and regional development. The event was also graced by BJP J&K President Sat Sharma along with other MLAs and numbers of Karyakartas.

The festive ambience of the Mahotsav was elevated by the vibrant and diverse audience it attracted, including children, students, young entrepreneurs, women, sports enthusiasts, and army veterans. Adding to the charm were the food stalls that offered an authentic culinary journey through Dogri, Kashmiri, and Ladakhi cuisines, delighting the taste buds of attendees.

The inauguration was graced by Director LEAD Sunil Shah, Manish Ahluwalia, and LEAD Board Members, including Harinder Gupta, CA Rajeev Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Surinder Mohan Gupta, Sanjeev Sharma, Raman Suri, and Vikram Gujral, along with other members.

SCERT organises seminar on ‘Role of School Leaders in Fostering Gender Neutrality and Conducive Environment’



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JAMMU: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Divisional Office Jammu, organised a Seminar on 'Role of School Leaders in Fostering Gender Neutrality and Conducive Environment in Schools', spearheaded by Academic Unit-III.

The seminar witnessed the participation of fifty Heads of Institutions (HOIs) from ten districts of Jammu Division and eminent experts who deliberated on progressive strategies for promoting inclusivity in schools.

The event commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony graced by the Academic Unit Heads including Shailesh Kumari, Associate Professor, Swarn Singh Jara, Professor, Tahira Parveen, Associate Professor, Head AU-III, Coordinator and Associate Coordinator and others.

Coordinator Monica Sharma, welcomed the dignitaries, panel experts and participants, and began the proceedings with an introduction to the theme of the seminar, highlighting the importance of dismantling gender biases in the educational ecosystem.

The seminar consisted of

three technical session that featured eminent panellists, including Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Assistant Prof. GCOE, Jammu, Advocate Deepali Arora and Dr. Rohini Aima, Vice Chairperson and Principal Jammu Sanskriti School.

The topics covered included Understanding Gender Neutrality in Education, Role of School Leaders in promoting Gender Neutrality, Breaking Biases overcoming Gender Stereotypes and creating conducive environment for all students and Leadership Commitments.

The seminar, aligned with NEP 2020 and NCE, provided a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of gender neutrality in education, emphasising its role in creating inclusive, equitable, and safe learning environments.

The discussions explored the leadership commitments necessary to drive meaningful change within schools, to build progressive and supportive school communities that prioritise and promote gender equality.

Dr. Neeraj Jandiyal, Associate Prof, Head Gender Sensitisation Committee, emphasising the

need for sustained efforts in embedding gender-neutral practices within school policies and curricula.

The programme was coordinated by Monica Sharma and Dr. Sandeep Singh acted as Associate Coordinator.

The programme was managed by the cohesive team including Paawan Vivek, Rukhsana Gulbadan, Meena Thakur, Madhu Sharma, and. Rakesh Chobber, Sushma Kumari and Rukhsana Koser.

The seminar culminated in a valedictory function presided over by Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT, Jammu Division, who affirmed that gender neutrality is a responsibility and a commitment to create a progressive society.

She urged the participants to adopt the transformative practices and ensure the schools to become safe and empowering spaces for all students irrespective of their gender. Certificates of participation were awarded to the attendees of the programme.

The formal vote of thanks was presented Paawan Vivek, Sr. Academic Officer SCERT Jammu.

Mission Yuva launches panchayat level awareness campaign across J&K

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JAMMU/ SRINAGAR: In a significant move, a transformative panchayat level awareness campaign titled 'Udyam Jagriti' has been launched under the ambitious Mission YUVA to ignite entrepreneurial spirit and empower communities across Jammu and Kashmir.

On the inaugural day, a series of events were successfully conducted across all 20 districts at the district level led by respective Deputy Commissioners/district officials/ADs/DDs of employment department. Similarly, these events were held across 285 blocks covering 900 panchayats led by respective Block Development Officers of the Union Territory.

The campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from local communities, where attendees were introduced to the core objectives of Mission Yuva, the significance of entrepreneurship and inspiring success stories of entrepreneurs from Jammu and Kashmir. A total of 10 thousand people participated in the mega awareness campaign across the UT. Around 1,000 youth registered on the first day itself on Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App, showing a keen interest on the aims and objectives of the Mission.

Through Udyam Jagriti, the campaign aims to foster innovation and self-reliance by highlighting the power of entrepreneurship as a catalyst for economic growth and social change. The initiative seeks to connect grassroots communities with resources, networks and opportunities essential for starting and sustaining businesses.

In the coming two months, Udyam Jagriti will extend its reach to all 4291 panchayats of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring widespread awareness and participation at the village level.



Sham Lal inspects roads, reviews development projects in Jammu North Constituency

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JAMMU: MLA Jammu North and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, conducted a comprehensive inspection of several critical roads within the constituency to address infrastructure issues and ensure better connectivity for the residents.

The inspection covered important routes, including Mishriwala to Bhalwal, Mishriwala to Purkhoo (along the canal bank), Purkhoo to Kot Road, Raipur to Domana Road, and Patoli to Gurha Brahmana Bantalab Road.

During the inspection, Sharma tested the quality of ongoing and completed work, emphasizing the need for qualitative standards in all developmental projects.

He directed officials to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for all upcoming road and development projects within the constituency and to submit them to the relevant departments promptly.

He stressed that this would ensure timely allocation of funds in the coming years to accelerate the progress of key initiatives.

Sham Lal said, "Our focus is not just on repairing and maintaining existing infrastructure but also on planning future projects to meet the



MLA Jammu North Sham Lal Sharma interacting with officials.

evolving needs of our constituency. Public participation and addressing grievances are key to the success of developmental initiatives. I am committed to ensuring that the people of Jammu North benefit from high-quality infrastructure and well-planned development programs."

Sharma was accompanied by Executive Engineer Sunil Thasu from the Public Works (Roads and Buildings) Department, AEE Jal Shakti Department, AEE Irrigation Department & Flood Control Department, Officials from Rural Development Department and other officials.

The MLA also instructed the officials to ensure that public grievances are heard actively and that future projects and programs are designed in alignment with

the needs of the people. Additionally, Sham Lal Sharma emphasized the importance of long-term planning in the development of the constituency. He urged the officials to adopt a strategic approach by identifying critical areas requiring immediate attention and planning sustainable projects that cater to the growing needs of the population. Sharma reiterated that transparency, accountability, and public consultation must remain central to the execution of all development works to ensure that the outcomes align with the aspirations of the people.

Prominent local leaders, including Mandal Adhyaksh Rakesh Singh and Ex-Sarpanch Rohit Verma, joined Shri Sharma during the tour.

AIIMS Jammu achieves milestone with groundbreaking rehabilitation surgery on young patient

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JAMMU: In a remarkable feat of surgical precision and teamwork, the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Vijaypur in Jammu successfully performed its first case of bilateral equinovarus deformity correction on a pediatric patient. The surgery, a significant achievement in the field of Rehabilitation medicine was carried out by a dedicated multidisciplinary team under the visionary leadership of Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu.

The young patient, who had been diagnosed operated case of meningocele with severe bilateral equinovarus deformity coupled with fixed flexion deformities left knee, faced significant challenges in mobility and quality of life. This condition, characterized by an abnormally high arch of the foot and persistent downward-pointing toes, had left the child struggling with standing, and limited function. Addressing such complex deformities requires advanced surgical intervention and exceptional coordination among specialists.

Dr. Junis Ali, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Dr. Rashid Anjum, Department of Orthopaedics, and Dr. Parvez M. Dar, Department of Trauma and Emergency Medicine with their teams performed a series of procedures, including

Bilateral Z-Plasty of the Achilles Tendon: This innovative technique lengthens the tendon to relieve tightness and improve flexibility.

Posterior Capsular Release: A critical step to enhance the range of motion by releasing the stiff posterior capsule in the ankle joint.

Plantar Fascia Release: Targeting the thickened band of tissue on the sole, this procedure alleviates tension and corrects deformity.

Fractional Release of Medial and Lateral Hamstring Muscle Tendons: This delicate intervention ensures better alignment of the lower limbs.

The surgery was performed with meticulous precision and lasted several hours. Post-operative care plans were designed to include intensive rehabilitation care ensuring optimal



recovery for the young patient.

Dr. Junis Ali said, "This case was unique as it required careful planning, coordination, and execution. We are proud to have successfully completed this complex surgery and are optimistic about the patient's

improved quality of life post-recovery."

Dr. Rashid Anjum emphasized the importance of such cases in highlighting AIIMS Jammu growing capabilities. "Orthopaedic deformities like this demand advanced surgical

expertise and collaboration among departments. This milestone demonstrates our readiness to handle complex cases with cutting-edge techniques.

Dr. Parvez M. Dar echoed these sentiments, adding, "This surgery is a testament to the world-class medical care available at AIIMS Vijaypur. Our multidisciplinary approach ensures the best possible outcomes for patients."

Under the leadership of Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, ED & CEO AIIMS Jammu has been rapidly evolving into a hub of medical excellence in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Gupta commended the surgical team for their dedication and skill.

"This achievement is a significant step forward in our mission to provide state-of-the-art healthcare to the region. I am proud of our team and confident that this is just the beginning of many more groundbreaking surgeries at AIIMS Jammu," he remarked.

Dr. Gupta's vision for AIIMS

Jammu includes not only providing top-tier medical care but also fostering an environment for medical innovation and research. The success of this case underscores the institution's commitment to these goals.

The young patient and their family expressed immense gratitude to the medical team and AIIMS Jammu for their efforts. "We had almost given up hope of our child walking normally. AIIMS Jammu has given us a new ray of hope," said the child's father, visibly emotional after the successful surgery.

Such cases resonate with many families across Jammu and Kashmir who struggle to find advanced medical care for rare and complex conditions. The success of this surgery sends a powerful message of hope and reassurance that world-class healthcare is now accessible within the region.

With this milestone, AIIMS Jammu has set a benchmark for future medical achievements and underscored its role as a beacon of hope for patients and families in need.