

J K College of BBA and B.Ed celebrates Basant Panchami



Glimpses of Basant Panchami celebration at J K College of BBA and B.Ed.

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JAMMU: The spirit of knowledge, wisdom and new beginnings illuminated campus of JK Group

of Colleges as students and faculty came together to celebrate Basant Panchami with great fervor and enthusiasm.

The event was a vibrant tribute to Goddess Saraswati, the harbinger of wisdom and learning. The celebration commenced

with "Saraswati Puja" where everyone sought the blessings of the goddess for academic success and enlightenment. The campus

was adorned with yellow flowers and kites. A series of cultural performances including dance, devotional songs and poetry recita-

tions captivated the audience. The event concluded with the distribution of Prasad. The celebration of Basant Panchami truly

encapsulated the essence of learning, culture and tradition leaving everyone with renewed motivation and positivity.

GCET Jammu felicitates medal winners, retains Inter-collegiate Chess Championship

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JAMMU: Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET), Jammu, organized a felicitation program on Tuesday to honour its outstanding chess players who secured the Intercollegiate Chess Championship title for the second consecutive time.



Principal GCET, Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma felicitating winner students.

The GCET chess team, comprising Rakshit, Archit, Paras, Harshit, Mokshin, and Sidharth, showcased exceptional skill and determination to retain the championship title.

Their dedication and strategic game play have once again brought pride to the institution.

Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma, Principal, GCET, congratulated the medal

winner and motivated them to continue their excellent performance in upcoming events. She emphasized the importance of consistent practice and perseverance in achieving success in sports.

Baldev, Convenor Sports Committee, and Dr. Vikesh

Kumar, Physical Director, also extended their congratulations to the team. They discussed various facilities and support required for better preparation, ensuring that GCET continues to excel in sports at the intercollegiate level.

FICCI FLO-JKL Chapter inks MoU with Central University of Jammu

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JAMMU: FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh (JKL) Chapter and Central University of Jammu (CUJ) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at promoting skilling, entrepreneurship, health and wellness, women empowerment, and other areas of mutual interest. The MoU was signed in the presence of key figures, including Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of CUJ, who is dedicated to fostering leadership and strengthening the workforce, particularly through the empowerment of women.



FICCI FLO JKL Chapter and CUJ representatives after signing MoU.

FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) is the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), a not-for-profit organization established under the Companies Act. The collaboration seeks to equip female students with essential

skills that align with industry demands, focusing on empowering women in both personal and professional spheres. Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson of the FICCI-FLO JKL Chapter, emphasized that the organization's Young Women Affinity Group (YWAG) initiative is designed to engage women students through various empowerment activities, ultimately aiding in their tran-

sition from academic environments to the corporate world.

The MoU was signed by Ruchika Gupta and Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar of CUJ, with a number of FICCI-FLO-JKL members present, including Aarti Chowdhary (Sr. Vice Chairperson), Sona Mehta (Treasurer), Nandita

Bajaj (Jt. Executive Secretary), and faculty members from the School of Business Studies, including Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, and Dr. Asif Ali. Prof. Sanjeev Jain highlighted CUJ's commitment to enhancing the presence of female students and staff, not-

ing initiatives like offering one seat per department for single girl children and providing market-driven courses to facilitate student placements. He emphasized that the university aims to develop skilled women leaders for the workforce.

Prof. Yashwant Singh expressed enthusiasm about the partnership, particularly its potential to boost entrepreneurship and the startup ecosystem. Prof. Jaya Bhasin underscored the significance of the MoU in enhancing students' skills related to entrepreneurship, innovation, and startups. Dr. Shahid Mushtaq spoke about CUJ's vocationalization and skilling ecosystem, including the establishment of CUJ SITE COUNCIL, a Section 8 company that supports incubation for learners.

GGM Science College observes World Cancer Day with awareness programme

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JAMMU: To mark World Cancer Day, GGM Science College Jammu organized an awareness programme aimed at educating students and faculty about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment advancements.



Oncologist from Department of Oncology, GMC Jammu Dr. Rajesh Singh Bhau and others a programme at GGM Science College on Tuesday.

The event featured Dr. Rajesh Singh Bhau, renowned Oncologist from the Department of Oncology, GMC Jammu, as the resource person.

The programme was formally introduced by Prof. Bal Krishan, who set the tone for the session, emphasizing the importance of awareness and collective efforts in combating cancer. The event was graced by Senior faculty members, Dr Vandana Khajuria and Dr.

Narinder Kumar, along with distinguished faculty members, including, Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, (Convener Career and Counselling Placement Cell), Dr. Brinder Kumar, Prof. Kiran Bala, (HOD, Bio-Technology), Dr. Neha Sharma (NSS Programme Officer), Dr. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan, and

Prof. Arvind Kumar. In his address, Dr. Rajesh Singh Bhau provided insightful details on cancer risk factors, the significance of early diagnosis, and the latest advancements in oncology. He urged students and faculty to actively participate in spreading awareness and adopting healthy lifestyle choices to

reduce cancer risk. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Narinder Kumar appreciated the efforts of the organizing teams and stressed the need for continued awareness initiatives to combat the rising incidence of cancer. Dr.

Devinder Kumar Sharma interacted with students and shared his views on the world cancer day. He also thanked the college administration for encouraging his team to do such kind of activities for well-being of students

The programme was meticulously planned by the Career Counselling Cell in collaboration with the NCC and NSS Units of the college, under the aegis of Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta. The event successfully engaged participants in an interactive session, fostering discussions on cancer myths, prevention strategies, and available medical support systems.

JU inaugurates new building for Design-Your-Degree Program

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu, under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, inaugurated a new building for the Design-Your-Degree Program on Tuesday. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Rai acknowledged the pivotal role of Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice-Chairman of the JK Higher Education Council, in conceptualizing the program and announced plans to introduce an Undergraduate program at the JU modeled on the Design-Your-Degree initiative.

Sharma, who expressed gratitude to all contributors and emphasized how the new infrastructure would enhance learning spaces, fostering an innovative and flexible academic environment in alignment with the program's vision.

Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, underscored the significance of robust infrastructure and resources in achieving academic excellence and encouraged students to become ambassadors for their course, department, and university. Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean, Planning and Development, hailed the inauguration as a milestone in the university's academic and institutional growth. She also announced plans for an

Innovation Tower to further support students and faculty. Prof. Naresh Padha, Department of Physics, commended the university's efforts in expanding infrastructure and highlighted the program's focus on Innovation, Incubation, and Startups. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Shalun Selgal, while the proceedings were conducted by Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva.

Among others present on the occasion included Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Anil Gupta, Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Chimoyee Maharana, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Dr. Manish Kumar, and Prof. Garima Gupta.

CUJ awarded A Grade in NPTEL SWAYAM Courses Certification

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu SWAYAM-NPTEL Local Chapter has again been awarded A Grade in the recently declared results of the online courses offered by SWAYAM NPTEL. In addition to this achievement 36 students have been awarded Gold Medals, 83 students got Silver Medals and 219 students have achieved Elite Certifications in the recently declared results of the Session July- December 2024. On the basis of this performance, the Local Chapter of NPTEL Central University of Jammu has got this distinction, wherein 10 students have been ranked among top 1% , 5 students have been ranked among top 2% and 12 students among top 5 % across the country. The National Program on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is a joint venture of the IITs and IISc, funded by the Ministry of Education (MoE) Government of India, and was launched in 2003. SWAYAM NPTEL has been offering self-study courses across engineering, humanities and science streams for more than a decade. SWAYAM NPTEL offers online certification for its courses by which the students get an opportunity to earn a certificate from the IITs or IISc Bangalore.

The Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated all the students and faculty for achieving this milestone and achieving 'A' Rating getting a grade as well as being listed among top 100 institutes across the country. Prof. Jain further remarked that this is a major encouragement to all of our efforts to provide our students with the best resources to expand their knowledge beyond the classroom. He also appreciated Dr. J. N. Balya SPOC, SWAYAM NPTEL CU Jammu for putting up his sincere efforts in this direction. Sharing this achievement Dr. J. N. Balya informed that Central University of Jammu SWAYAM NPTEL Local Chapter, which is active since 2017, has been facilitating the NPTEL technology courses offered through online platforms.



He further added that SWAYAM NPTEL enables the students and faculty to gain valuable skills through the programs designed and delivered by the experienced IIT and IISc Bangalore faculty through online courses in different technology and Social science & humanities disciplines.

Dr. Balya has been invited for a Felicitation Ceremony at IIT Kanpur for receiving this recognition on the coming 1st March 2025.

Heritage School student excels at Inter School Taekwondo Championship

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JAMMU: Vardaan Singh of Class VI B delivered an impressive performance at the Inter School Taekwondo Championship held at SAI Palace on 29th December 2024.



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Competing against skilled participants, he secured a gold medal in the Taekwondo (Tul competition) and a silver medal in the Speed Kicking competition.

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District Poonch Wushu Championship to begin on Feb 8

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POONCH: The District Wushu Association, under the auspices of the Wushu Association of Jammu and Kashmir, is set to organize the District Wushu Championship 2024-25 from February 8 to 9, 2025 at the Wushu Hall Poonch.

various age groups, including boys and girls under 5, 9, and 14 years, as well as Junior and Senior Male and Female categories.

The decision to organize this championship was made during a meeting led by Priyanka Singh, President of the District Poonch Taekwondo Association, and Sarvjeet Singh, Treasurer of the association, along with other office bearers at the District Association Office Poonch.

Interested players are encouraged to register by contacting the event organizers at Mobile No: 6006729319 and confirm their registration by February 6, 2025, before 5:00 PM.

The championship aims to promote the sport of Wushu in the region and provide young athletes with a platform to showcase their skills and talents.

The championship will feature participants in

The organizers have invited all interested play-

Randhawa felicitates IIT Madras Online Exam Qualifiers at GGHSS Satwari

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa on Tuesday felicitated students by presenting certificates who cleared the prestigious Data Science and AI program conducted under the School Connect initiative from IIT Madras, in a function held at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS), Satwari here on Tuesday.



MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa with students and faculty at felicitation function.

The senior BJP leader extended his heartfelt congratulations to the meritorious students and lauded the efforts of Principal Vandana Gupta, IEP Senior Lecturer Love Kumar, and all staff members for their continuous efforts in fostering academic excellence.

contributions of Pooja Abrol, Charu Sahni, Sushma Choudhury, and Sonia Mani, acknowledging their roles in conducting and man-

aging the program. Recognizing their achievements, he distributed calculators among the students as a token of appreci-

ation, encouraging the students to continue striving for greater academic success.

Addressing the students, Randhawa highlighted the transformative power of AI, emphasizing its potential for both positive and negative impact.

He urged students to focus on the constructive aspects of AI and technology, ensuring that they leverage their skills for meaningful innovation.

Furthermore, he reiterated his commitment to enhancing the school's resources, promising to equip it with facilities that can produce better results than private institutions.

As a part of his commitment to promoting environmental sustain-

ability, Randhawa also participated in a plantation drive by planting a sapling within the school premises.

Randhawa assured the school administration of his continued support in improving infrastructure and providing better resources to enhance the learning environment.

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