CUJ 2nd Aerosol Winter School Manthan-2024 concludes

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JAMMU: The 2nd Aerosol Winter School MANTHAN (Minds on Air Quality, Human Health & Climate Nexus) - 2024 inaugurated by the LG of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoi Sinha, at the Central University of Jammu on February 26, 2024, concluded on Saturday.

This five-day intensive program was organized by CUJ in collaboration with Sindhu Central University, UT of Ladakh, and Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS-INSA).

The inaugural function saw the presence of dignitaries including Dheeraj Gupta, Addl. Chief Secretary, UT of J&K, Prof. A. P. Dimri, Director Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Prof. Sachin S Gunthe from IIT Madras, and other notable figures.

Participants from various institutions and universities, as well as scientists from Pollution Control Committees,

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Mission Medical Centre

(RMMC), Udheywala,

Jammu, is organizing a free neurology camp on

March 16, extending its services to the community

in an effort to promote

team of esteemed medical

professionals, including

renowned neurologist Dr.

Sushil Razdan, D.M

(Neurology) M.D, Dr.

Gynaecologist, and Dr.

KK Pandita, a Physician

MD. They will offer their

expertise in various

fields, ensuring thorough

and specialized medical

attention for all atten-

dees. Only limited num-

ber of patients will be

examined throughout the

day by registering first

Attendees will benefit

from a wide range of free

medical services, includ-

cum first serve basis.

Razdan,

health and wellness. The camp will feature a

RMMC to hold free neurology

camp by Dr Razdan on March 16



Prof. Gufran Beig from NIAS, Bengaluru with faculty and students of CUJ. Nainital), Prof. Sagnik Dev

Pandithurai (IITM, Pune),

Delhi), Dr. G.

completed the winter school.

The winter school aimed to impart knowledge about atmospheric aerosols, their sources, and their implications on human health, climate, and the ecosystem.

Expert lectures were delivered by fourteen subject experts namely Prof. A.P. Dimri (IIG, Mumbai), Prof. Sachin Gunthe (IIT Madras), Dr. Manish Joshi (BARC, Mumbai) Prof. Shubha Verma (IIT Kharagpur), Dr. Ashwini Kumar (NIO, Goa), Dr. Narendra Singh (ARIES,

HbA1c tests, and blood

pressure measurements.

Additionally, the camp

will provide access to specialist consultations in

cardiology, orthopedics,

and psychology.

Prof. Vinoj Bhubaneswar), Dr. Sumit Mishra (NPL, New Delhi), Kiranmavi (IIT)Prof. Bhubaneswar), Prof. GufranBeig (NIAS, Bengaluru), Ankit Tandon (CU Jammu), and Zurich, Switzerland, for high altitude measurements in Patnitop. The valedictory session,

Swiss Project with ETH-

chaired by Prof. Gufran Beig from NIAS, Bengaluru, emphasized the importance of research in atmospheric aerosols, especially in the context of ongoing climate change. A field excursion followed the session, providing valuable insights into aerosol sources and interactions.

Dr. Shweta Yadav, Convenor, and Dr. Ankit Tandon, Co-Convenor, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanieev Jain for his visionary leadership and the entire CUJ fraternity for their support in making the 2nd Aerosol Winter School a success.

Central University of Jammu has been awarded the Indo-**Empyrean 2024** inaugurated at IIM Jammu

Additionally, the

Dr. Shweta Yadav covering a

wide range of topics including

aerosol properties, measure-

ment techniques, climate

modeling, health implications

of air pollution, and the appli-

cation of advanced technolo-

gies like AI-based drone tech-



DGP J&K, R.R. Swain lighting a ceremonial lamp.

ENT, ophthalmology, dentistry, physiotherapy,

In a special offer, the camp will provide a full The body checkup, covering 65 parameters, at a 50 percent discounted price of only Rs 700, as opposed to the regular Rs 1400. This offer is aimed at making comprehensive health checkups accessible to a broader segment

of the community. Registrations are now open for the health camp. Interested individuals are encouraged to call 95969-84032 to secure their It is important to note

that services will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, highlighting the need for

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Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu kicked off its highly anticipated cultural and management fest, "Empyrean 2024," with a formal inauguration ceremony at the newly inaugurated "Mandapam" Auditorium at the Jagti Campus. The event was graced by

Chief Guest R.R. Swain, Director General of Police JammuKashmir, along with other dignitaries including Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics, and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskkaran, Chief Administrative Officer. During the inauguration, the second edition of IIM Jammu's Hindi Magazine Publication, "Trikuta," was unveiled, emphasizing the institute's dedication to promoting literary and cultural activities alongside academic excellence.

The magazine was a collaborative effort of the PR-Corporate Communication Committee, faculty, and staff of IIM Jammu. Chief Guest R.R. Swain

praised the state-of-the-art infrastructure at IIM Jammu and encouraged collaboration between the institute and the police force, particularly in response management and operations.

Prof. B.S. Sahay highlighted the student-driven nature of Empyrean 2024, emphasizing the students' involve-

tural fest. He reiterated that right from budgeting to artist arrangements, and sponsorship, the students have spearheaded every aspect of this cultural fest igniting creativity and collaboration.

The inaugural ceremony featured a Kavi Sammelan hosted by the Hindi Rajbhasha Committee, showcasing the richness of Indian poetry with renowned poets Shambhu Shikhar, Dinesh Bawra, Manika Dubey, Padmini Sharma, Prof. Sartaj Ul Hasan, Swayam Shrivastava, and Prof. Deepak Swami gracing the

This was followed by a captivating performance by Aseem Sharma and Band, setting the tone for the diverse lineup of events and performances scheduled for Empyrean 2024.

As the festival unfolds, attendees can expect a continuation of engaging events and performances that promise to inspire and unite individuals from various backgrounds. The seamless execution of the inaugural event reflects IIM Jammu's commitment to excellence and sets a high standard for the remaining festivities.

23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship

ADGP Armed chairs introductory meeting



ADGP Armed/L&O J&K, Vijay Kumar chairing introductory meeting.

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SRINAGAR: An introductory meeting with the managers of all the participating teams in 23rd All India Water Sports Championship-2024 scheduled to be held from 3rd to 8th March, 2024 at SKICC Srinagar was held under the chairmanship of Vijay Kumar, ADGP Armed/ L&O J&K, here on Thursday.

At the onset of the meeting team managers presented self introduction and gave their brief resume.

During his address, the ADGP enjoined upon all the

officers of various committees involved in the conduct of mega event to do their best in making this event a mega success and also impressed upon the team managers to give their feedback with regard to the necessary preparations/ arrangements viz-a-viz accommodation. transportation etc put-up for the convenience of all the participating teams in the

Bilkis Mir Competition Director also gave a brief resume of the mega event.

The officers who attended the meeting also include

event.

Vidhi Kumar Birdi IGP Kashmir, Omprakash Pande DIG CKR Srinagar, Shahid Mehraj DIG Armed Kmr, Abdul Qayoom DIG IRP Kmr, all Commandants of Kashmir based AP/IR Battalions, Showkat Hussain Kashmir, Muzafar Hussain Shah-SSP Traffic Kashmir, Kuldeep Handoo DySP (Sports) APHQ, Director SKICC Srinagar, Bilkis Mir (Competition Director), Team managers/ Technical Staff of all participating teams and other Officers.

GDC Khour dominates Inter-Collegiate Judo Women Championships 2023-24



GDC Khour faculty felicitating medal winner students on Saturday.

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KHOUR: Degree College (GDC) Khour emerged triumphant as they clinch victory in the Inter-Collegiate Women Championships 2023-24 held at University of Jammu.

The team showcased unparalleled skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, securing one gold, three silver, and two bronze medals.

The championship, which brought together top judo talents from various col-

resolve, secured the gold leges across the region, witnessed Government Degree College Khour's remarkable display of athleticism and strategic prowess. The team's stellar performance not only reflects their dedication to the sport but also underscores the institution's commitment to fostering

letes include Aditika Sharma, who demonstrated exceptional

excellence in both academ-

ics and extracurricular

activities. The individual

achievements of the col-

lege's talented judo ath-

medal in a fiercely contested match, showcasing mastery over her opponents. Arti Bhau, Preeti Devi

and Samriti Gouria displayed remarkable agility and tactical acumen, captured silver medal, contributing significantly to the team's success in the championship.

Ruchi Devi and Sakshi Devi, with their exceptional technique and spirited performance, $_{
m clinched}$ bronze medal, adding to the college's medal tally and earning admiration

Judicial Academy, WWF India organise orientation programme on 'Wildlife and Forest Conservation Laws'

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aboration with WWF-India, organized a two day orientation programme on "Wildlife and Forest Conservation Laws" for Judicial Officers and officers of J&K Forest Department from across the Jammu Province at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur,

The orientation programme e-inaugurated on Saturday by Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, N Kotiswar Singh, in presence of Justice Madan B Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of Fiji. Former Judge, Supreme Court of India along with Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Governing Chairman. Committee for J&K Judicial Academy and Roshan Jaggi, Principle Chief Conservator of Forest and HoFF Chairman, J&K Biodiversity Council, Government of J&K. Dr. Saket Badola, CCF, Uttarakhand, Dr. M.K. Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forest, Jammu Moulika Arabhi, Advisor, Centre for Environmental Law, WWF India, Dr. Amit Head-Wetlands, WWF India, Tejas Singh Kapoor, Centre for Environmental Law, WWF India and Rohit Rattan, WWF India were also present during the inaugural session who were the resource persons in the orientation

The Chief Justice, in his inaugural address, highlighted that environmental degradation is mostly a result of human activities such as deforestation, vehicular pollution and industrialization which has led to environmental pollution and loss of biodiversity. He emphasised that

educating the masses about JAMMU: J&K Judicial the importance of protecting tive way to restore the ecological balance. He stated that the infrastructural and industrial growth in the region has boosted its economy but at the same time air is getting polluted since brick kilns in many districts of J&K are adding to air pollution. He added that global warming in J&K has led to a change in snowfall patterns and warmer winters, affecting the ecosystem at large. He emphasised to act responsibly towards the environment and strike a balance between economic growth and environmental protection, J&K will stay beautiful, befitting its nickname. Paradise on Earth.

In his special address, Justice Sanjeev Kumar emphasised that our connection with nature is as old as our civilization. India has a rich ancient tradition of protecting the environment which in turn, has made the people of India worship and embrace nature in every way possible. He stated that the principle of sustainable development is to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. One of the most common to face is climate change which is being debated widely worldwide. So, the need of the hour is sustainable development. He added that the doctrine of Sustainable development was first applied by the Supreme court in the case of Vellore Citizen Welfare Forum v. Union of India (1996 5 SCC 650), the Supreme Court while maintaining the principle of Polluter Pay and Pecuniary Principle as a

piece of ecological law articu-



Justice Tashi Rabstan speaking at orientation programme at Jammu on Saturday.

lated that securing the damaged piece of the climate is an integral part of the course of sustainable development, and subsequently in the current case, the polluter was held responsible to pay harms to the concerned victims just as harms for recuperation of the damaged climate. He also discussed upon 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan', a scheme under Government of India that emphasizes on ushering in a behavioural change among people, for healthy sanitation practices and the importance of it. Justice Kumar stressed on the ways we must all develop to meet our needs so that our future generations can inherit a healthier and greener planet.

Roshan Jaggi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chairman Biodiversity Council, in his keynote address, shared details of actions being taken by J&K Forest Department to enhance forest cover, conserve water resources and protect wildlife. He informed that scale of afforestation has been increased three times in last four years besides enhanced participation of PRI representatives and local people has been vielding encouraging results in the form of rehabilitation of degraded forests, creating livelihoods for local people and sustained supply of forest based raw material to wood based industries to generate employment opportunities to unemployed youth in

Moulika Arabhi, Advisor, Centre for Environmental Law, WWF India, gave an introduction of the orientation programme. She said that there is a need of dedicated environmental courts adding that environmental laws are the body of laws, which is a system of complex and interlocking statutes. common law, treaties, conventions, regulations and policies which seek to protect the natural environment which may be affected, impacted or endangered by human activities. She said the every state should have a cordial relationship between the judiciary and the Forest department for effective implementation of a better environmental well being.

Y.P. Bourney, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, giving an overview of the programme, saying that India has always had a rich ancient tradition of protecting the environment which in turn, has made the people of India worship and embrace nature in every way possible. Trees, water, animals, land have an important mention in ancient Indian texts. Hymns in the four Vedas, reveal full consciousness of the undesirable effects of climate change, distortion in ecological balance, and environmental degradation and appropriately caution against them. He stated that in today's emerging Law world, environmental rights are considered as third generation rights. He added that J&K although known as heaven on earth for its breathtaking natural beauty. has been facing a multitude of environmental challenges that threaten its ecological health and well-being. He stressed upon the need to take proactive measures and foster collaboration between various stakeholders for preserving its unique natural heritage for the coming generations. He emphasised that invests in capacity building is necessary to equip all the key players with the necessary skills for effective implementation of the Forest Conservation Laws. The first session was

chaired by M.K. Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forest, who gave an overview on environmental issues and challenges in Jammu. He said that Jammu and Kashmir is a popular travel destination and the tourism industry has led to the economic growth of this state. Infrastructural development and industrialization have got a boost after the removal of Article 370, he added. He underlined that these factors have also increased the envilation have resulted in environmental pollution and climate change.

Dr. Amit Dubey, Head-Wetlands, WWF India, who was the resource person for the second session, deliberated on the importance of highaltitude wetlands and their governance. He said that High-altitude wetlands, often referred to as Himalayan High Altitude Wetlands (HAWs) in the context of Asia, are more than just bodies of water at high elevations. They are the lifeblood of the mountains, playing a crucial role in various aspects of the environment and human well-being. He stated that governing high-altitude wetlands (HAWs) presents a unique set of challenges due to their remote locations. harsh environments, and the stakeholders involved. He added that by addressing the diverse aspects and fostering collaboration among stakeholders, we can navigate the complexities of high-altitude wetland governance and ensure the long-term sustainability of these vital ecosystems.

In third session, the resource person Dr. Saket Badola, gave an overview of illegal wildlife trade scenarios in India. He said that illegal wildlife trade is a major threat to global biodiversity, driving many species to the brink of extinction. It involves the capture, trade, and possession of animals and plants in violation of national and international laws. He stated that this illicit activity is fueled by high demand for wildlife products, often fueled by myths and cultural beliefs, and generates billions of dollars annu-

illegal wildlife trade (IWT) transcends the immediate threat of pushing species towards extinction and acts as a potent cocktail, poisoning the well of biodiversity with a range of devastating consequences. He added that illegal wildlife trade isn't just about pushing species to extinction; it's a multifaceted problem with far-reaching consequences that threaten the very fabric of our natural world. He demanded that addressing this issue requires a multi-pronged approach, tackling the root causes of demand, strengthening law enforcement, promoting sustainable alternatives, and

The fourth session was chaired virtually by Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of Fiji, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and an eminent environmentalist. The resource person underlined that 'Environment' is a very comprehensive term and is clearly at risk from a variety of reasons, mostly of human origin and in order to tackle this problem it is important to develop strategies for modifying human behaviour towards environmentally benign practices and shun away environmentally dam-

fostering global cooperation

to protect our precious biodi-

aging ones. Justice Lokur highlighted that our constitution talks considerably about protection of environment and highlighted the five basic principles of law evolved over the years as sustainable development, precautionary measures, principal of polluter pay, rectification and public participation so as to put in place an effective

ronmental problems in J&K. ally for criminal organiza- ecosystem to tackle any He added that industrial tions. He emphasised that action potentially harmful to

> Citing a number of live examples and rulings of the high courts and Apex Court in recent years, he emphasised that environmental law has become a critical means of promoting sustainable development. He highlighted that there has been considerable experimentation in the search for more effective methods of environmental control beyond traditional "command-and-control" style regulation. He added that Eco-taxes, tradable emission allowances, voluntary standards and negotiated agreements are some of these innovations. The resource person gave various environment-threatening illustrations which has been a matter of concern. He added that substantial improvement of the current trajectories of development requires 'system innovation', a fundamental change in the systems of goods provision, by using different resources, knowledge and practices which in turn requires replacement of old outcome-based planning with reflexive and adaptive plan-

> On the occasion, a plantation drive in association with J&K Forest Department was also conducted at J&K Judicial Academy, Jammu campus in which different saplings were planted by the dignitaries.

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