

CUJ organises workshop on Impact Assessment Study of Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY

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JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organised a workshop aimed at disseminating the findings of an ICSSR sponsored empirical project on impact assessment study of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

The workshop brought together policymakers, healthcare professionals, researchers and stakeholders to deliberate on the findings of the study.

The event was held under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, who in his keynote address highlighted the importance of such studies in understanding the real-



VC CUJ Prof. Sanjeev Jain and others dignitaries at a workshop.

world impact of government policies.

He expressed the importance of organising such type of project findings dissemination workshops as they are crucial for evidence-based policymaking

and improving the efficacy of Government schemes and policies.

Sanjiv M. Gadkar, Chief Executive Officer, State Health Agency, JK was the Guest of Honour. He emphasized the critical

importance of PMJAY in providing health insurance coverage to economically vulnerable citizens across the nation.

Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean Research Studies mentioned various initiatives taken by the university for promoting quality research so that the gross-root level problems in all sections of the society can be addressed.

Prof. J. N. Baliya, Project Coordinator, briefed the gathering about the project and the strategies adopted while completing the project in a short span of time.

Earlier Dr. Manik Sharma welcomed the guests, researchers from the universities and others for

joining the workshop. The event was also graced by the project directors, Dr. Parul Bahal, Dr. Mandep Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Sharma and State Health officials across the J&K, UTs Dr. Priya Khajuria, Dr. Muneer, Dr. Vivek Koul, Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Dr. Beenish Rather, Dr. Shivangi Sangotra, Devidar Sharma, Monika Sharma. Some participants had also joined the workshop via Online mode.

The workshop featured presentations by project team Dr. Manik Sharma and others who are involved in the study, who shared key methodologies, findings and recommendations derived from their analysis.

VC SKUAST-J flags off students tour to Gujarat



VC, SKUAST-J, Prof. B.N. Tripathi with students and faculty at flagging off ceremony.

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JAMMU: Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu flagged off a batch of 27 B.Tech. (Biotechnology) students of Institute of Biotechnology on an Educational Tour to different Biotechnology oriented Educational and Research Institutes in Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad and Navsari, Gujarat.

Prof. Tripathi interacted with students and advised them to make use of the opportunity to

learn new things in area of their profession.

Prof. Tripathi asked the accompanying teachers to take students to Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre, Gujarat Biotechnology University and Navsari Agriculture University for their exposure.

The Vice-Chancellor observed that students need to have exposure to high end laboratory equipments which are available in these Institutes. The students were also advised to

visit places and monuments of national and historical importance such as Statute of Unity, Dandi, Akshardham etc. for enriching their experience.

Other present on the occasion were Prof. S.K. Gupta, Director Research and Registrar; Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education; Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Students Welfare; Prof. R.K. Salgotra, Director, Institute of Biotechnology and faculty members of the Institute.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises series of events to create voting awareness campaign among students



Students and faculty members at a programme.

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JAMMU: In a bid to foster active participation of first-time voters in the democratic process, GCW Bhagwati Nagar organised a series of activities to create Voting Awareness Campaign. Aimed at enlightening and creating awareness, this initiative underscores the importance of civic duty and engagement

in shaping the nation's future. Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college Dr Meeru Abrol said that as India gears up for its next electoral cycle, we need to recognize the pivotal role of youth in driving meaningful change through the ballot box. With a mission to cultivate responsible citizenship, the college is spearheading a

multifaceted campaign designed to educate, motivate, and empower students to exercise their right to vote.

A rally was also taken out with placards and posters highlighting the democratic process. These sessions threw light on the significance of voting, process and elucidated the electoral process, and highlighted the transformative impact of youth participation in governance.. Through our Voting Awareness Campaign, we aspire to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and motivation to become active participants in the democratic process. The programme was organised by Dr Pavan Jeet Bali and Lecturer Vandana Sharma.

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JAMMU: Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHDCCI Jammu along with Ashish Jain, Raj Dua Co Chairs of PHDCCI Jammu Chapter attended and deliberated at town hall meeting organised by RBI for existing and prospective entrepreneurs of district Reasi at ITC Welcome Hotel Katra.

Meeting was primarily on the topic of funding problems OF MSME's and a detailed presentation on Treds and SIDBI'S Schemes were shown by the respective Heads of the agencies.

Rahul Sahai pointed out that in Treds platform more and more buyers has to be enrolled because of



Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHDCCI Jammu speaking at a programme.

which this scheme is not taking flight in J&K.

He said that Treds is very good platform for MSME's who are registered with Udyam and MSME's can take benefit of bill discounting through this platform and problem of blocking of funds could be resolved through this.

Sahai also deliberated with senior Officers of RBI J&K & Ladakh and apprised them about funding problems to MSME's especially shared that risk taking capacity should be enhanced at manager level of all Bank branches and cases should be disposed in a time bound manner to

improve funding to MSME's.

Rahul Sahai also shared and applauded the house about the upcoming opportunities regarding lithium based industry in District Reasi where senior officials from industry department Arun Manhas Industries

Jammu and G Velladurai MSME DFO Jammu was present and talked about the subject.

Kamal Patnaik Regional Director Reserve Bank of India Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh asked the heads of various banks prominently PNB and SBI to speak on the issues raised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and industry Jammu chapter and heads of SBI and PNB applauded the house that they are working on risk taking capacities and they themselves monitor the accounts which comes to their knowledge and the guide lower staff to clear the cases in a time bound manner and said any one having any problem can visit us any time .

Shakti Vandan Abhiyan was to fulfill vision of women empowerment, self-reliance: Rekha



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan leading a yatra.

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JAMMU: As the Lok Sabha elections draw closer, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Jammu South has initiated the Shakti Vandan Abhiyan to involve women in the campaign. A rally on the banner of 'Nari Shakti Vandan Yatra' was taken out under the leadership of its BJP

District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, under the aegis of Bharatiya Janata Party District Jammu South including team Mahila Morcha unit, from Valmiki Mandir in Gandhi Nagar, Ward 20.

The Nari Shakti Vandan Marathon saw the presence of BJP District President

Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta, State Secretary BJP Venu Khanna, District General Secretary and Convenor of Programme Akash Chopra, Pushpinder Charak, Mahila Morcha General Secretary Neha Mahajan, Mahila Morcha District President and Co-Convenor of the pro-

gram Divya Jain, Mandal Presidents Neeraj Puri, Bharat Bhushan, Former councilor of ward Rahul Kumar, District team, Mahila Karyakartas residing in Bahu Constituency. Rekha Mahajan highlighted various schemes initiated by the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

She asserted the need to empower and enable women, outlining the achievements of the government in this regard. The Shakti Vandan Abhiyan was launched to fulfill the vision of women empowerment and self-reliance envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Land gabbing case transferred to CBI; FIR re-registered

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JAMMU: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered an FIR in grabbing state land.

According to the CBI, Deputy Secretary, GAD, Govt of J&K, vide letter No, GAD-VIGOSP/7/2023"04-GAD(7104900) dated December 6, 2023, has conveyed the decision of Government of J&K, for transfer of FIR 276/2019 registered at Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu to CBI for investigation.

The said FIR was initially registered in PS Bahu Fort, Jammu on October 26, 2019 against the accused Sourab Singh, son of late Darshan Singh, Magistrate, Jammu.

Brief facts of the case are that on October 26, 2019, a

complaint from Addl, District Magistrate, Jammu, vide his office letter No, ADC/ADM/PS/19-20)1309 dated October 25, 2019 was received. The contents of the complaint are that office of the District Magistrate Jammu Wazarat Road, Jammu 180001 (J&K) received an application from one Sourab Singh on September 30, 2019 for attestation mutation under Roshni Act for land measuring 26 Kanal 11 Marks falling under Khasra No. 06 situated at Village Raksh Bahu, Narwal, Jammu.

The same was forwarded for providing a report alongwith the original allotment order made in favour of the applicant, if any, from the office of Assistant Commissioner, Nazool, Jammu.

In the meanwhile, the applicant Sourab Singh appeared before the Tehsildar Bahu with an order, claiming to be issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu directing the Tehsildar for attestation of mutation in question.

Tehsildar Bahu upon seeing such an unusual letter got suspicious and immediately contacted the Deputy Commissioner's office and verified about the authenticity of office number and date in the order presented by the applicant Sourab Singh.

It was then realised that it's a fake order bearing fake number and fake date of the Deputy Commissioner's office, apparently having being done by the applicant, to encroach state land in an unlawful manner. The matter, is as such of a

serious nature and requires to be investigated thoroughly. Thus, it is requested that FIR be lodged against the applicant Sourab Singh forthwith. Also, the said applicant be arrested immediately to investigate into the matter at the earliest, the order issued by Addl, District Magistrate, Jammu stated.

As per the aforesaid contents of application offences under section 420, 467, 468, 471 RPC was made out. Accordingly, the FIR was registered and investigation thereof entrusted to SI Rahul Dogra.

Therefore, on the basis of reference received from Government of J&K, FIR 276/2019 of PS Bahu Fort, Jammu is re-registered against Sourab Singh under section 420, 467, 468 & 47.

Maha Shiv Ratri Mela at Peer Kho Temple from March 7

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JAMMU: Mahant Peer Rajinder Nath Ji Jamavant Gupha Peer Kho Temple Jammu, along with Sunaina Sharma Joint Director Tourism Deptt. Jammu, while addressing press conference here on Tuesday, informed that four days Peer Kho Maha Shiv Ratri Mela at Peer Kho Temple Jammu to be organized by Tourism Department Jammu in collaboration with Peer Kho Temple Jammu will commence from March 7at 05:45 PM.

During these four days

Peer Kho Shiv Ratri Mela, they said cultural programme with devotionals songs beside Amusement park with Joy ride and food stalls for children and devotees will be the attraction of the Mela.

The traditional Bhandara will be held on March 9 at Peer Kho Temple Jamavant Gupha Jammu, they added.

On March 10, concluding day, they informed, Indian Style Wrestling will be held at Peer Kho Complex in which leading wrestlers from J&K and other parts of the Country will participate.

Mahant conveyed thanks to District Administration, Tourism Department and all other concerned departments for providing all sort of help to make the Maha Shivratri Mela a great successful event.

He appealed to the devotees to attend the event and ensure plastic and pollution free Festival.

Others present in the press conference include Yogi Karan Nath, Yogi Pawan Nath, Yogi Dharti Nath, ER.Shashi Khajuria, Satish Sharma, Vijay Sharma and Suraj Niehhal.

Ritika leads over 400 women to join BJP's Shakti Vandan Program

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JAMMU: In a significant stride towards women's political empowerment, Ritika Trehan State Chief Spokesperson Mahila Morcha J&K UT, a dynamic leader in the community today in Jammu, has successfully rallied over 400 ladies to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under the transformative Shakti Vandan program.

Ritika lauded the proactive measures undertaken by the Modi government to promote women's empowerment.

She highlighted the significance of schemes aimed at bolstering women's socioeconomic participation, emphasizing their role in



Chief Spokesperson Mahila Morcha J&K UT, Ritika Trehan with women at a programme.

driving inclusive growth and development. Ritika underscored the importance of initiatives that provide women with opportunities for skill development, entrepreneurship, and access to resources. She commended the Modi government's com-

mitment to creating an enabling environment for women to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. The Shakti Vandan initiative, spearheaded by Ritika, focuses on fostering women's active participation and

leadership roles within the political landscape. The overwhelming response, with more than 400 women enthusiastically joining the BJP, highlights the growing influence of Shakti Vandan in inspiring and mobilizing women across the region.

Ritika expressed her gratitude for the enthusiastic support, stating, "The Shakti Vandan program aims to create a platform where women can actively contribute to political discourse and decision-making processes. The response from over 400 dedicated ladies signifies a powerful movement towards gender-inclusive politics."

This milestone underscores the commitment of BJP and its leaders like Ritika to promote diversity and women's representation in politics. As the party continues to grow, Shakti Vandan remains a cornerstone for empowering women and creating an inclusive political environment.

Two-week online Refresher Course in Commerce and Management inaugurated at JU

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JAMMU: PG Department of Commerce, University of Jammu (JU) in collaboration with Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTC), JU organized the two-week online refresher course in Commerce and Management.

In the inaugural ceremony Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Convener, expressed enthusiasm for this initiative. Dr. Harleen, Deputy Coordinator briefed the participants about the general instructions to ensure a smooth and enriching learning experi-

ence. Dr. Sandeep Pandita, Director MMTC, JU elucidated the critical importance of teacher training in advancing educational excellence and professional development.

The inaugural session was hosted by Dr. Vishal Gupta, which brought together 55 participants from different Institutions/Universities across the different states of India and resource persons across the globe, setting the stage for a transformative learning experience. The second session of the day started with a lec-

ture by Prof. R.D. Sharma, former Vice Chancellor JU and Noida International University, G. Noida, on the topic "Research Methodology-A Never Ending Process" wherein he provided insight on the process of research methodology. Mehak Gupta hosted this session.

The third session was taken by the resource person, Prof. Versha Mehta, Dean Faculty of Business Studies, JU wherein she enlightened the participants about the background and current details of the "National Education

Policy (NEP)". Ragini Gupta coordinated the third session.

During the last session of the Two Week online Refresher Course in Commerce & Management, Dr. Harleen Kaur Deputy Coordinator and Dr. Rupa Mahajan Session Coordinator informed the participants about the guidelines to be followed while making the PowerPoint presentation, the duration of the presentation, number of slides required for the presentation and other necessary information about presentation.

Court issues bailable warrants against Comm Secy SW, MD Poshan, directs to appear in court on March 18

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JAMMU: Justice Rahul Bharti, of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh directed the issuance of bailable warrants against Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare (SW) Department, Sheetal Nanda and Rubena Kounsar, Mission Director Poshan Jammu and Kashmir, for their personal appearance on March 18, 2024 and tasked the Registrar Judicial, Srinagar for forwarding these warrants to the IGP Jammu for execution within two days.

The High Court at Srinagar issued this order in response to CCP(S) No. 535/2023 in WP(C) No. 301/2023.

The court noted that both the respondents' (Sheetal Nanda and Rubena Kounsar) non-compliance the orders regarding the payment of salary/wages to 114 petitioners since February 17, 2023. Despite previous directives for the petitioners' (Shafat Huseen and Others) continuation in their posts and the payment of wages, both the respondents failed to comply. A contempt petition highlighted the unsat-

isfactory submission of a compliance report by a Deputy Director, leading the court to call for the personal appearance of Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare Department, UT of J&K, Sheetal Nanda and Rubena Kounsar-Mission Director Poshan Jammu and Kashmir.

Rubena Kounsar-Mission Director Poshan J&K claim that the petitioners' tenure had ended without extension was rebuffed by the court, emphasizing that their continuation stemmed from the court's interim direction.

Consequently, the court directed the issuance of bailable warrants against both respondents for their personal appearance on March 18, 2024 and tasked the Registrar Judicial, Srinagar with forwarding these warrants to the IGP Jammu for execution within two days.

Senior Advocate Jahangir Iqbal Ganai with Adv Mehnaz Rather appeared on behalf of petitioner Shafat Huseen and others while Sr AAG Abdul Rashid Malik and Mohd Yunis Assistant Counsel appeared for the respondents.