

IIM Jammu welcomes NIFTEM MBA students for Immersion Program

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JAMMU: IIM Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu organized an enriching Immersion Program for MBA students of the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Sonapat, Haryana.

The program, spanning from April 15 to 19, 2024, aimed to foster collaborative learning and industry exposure among the budding management professionals.

The Inaugural event commenced with the symbolic lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment that comes with knowledge.

Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Program Director, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and provided an insightful overview of the program's objectives. Dr. Anupama Panghal from NIFTEM shared her perspectives on the immersion program. Dr. Ateeque



MBA students of the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Sonapat, Haryana with faculty at IIM Jammu.

Shaikh, Chairperson of Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C) at IIM Jammu, emphasized the institution's dedication to delivering comprehensive learning experiences that transcend conventional academic boundaries.

He underscored the significance of Executive Education in equipping students with practical skills and industry insights, essential for navigating the dynamic business landscape.

Through Executive Education initiatives, IIM Jammu aims to empower students with the tools and

expertise needed to excel in their professional endeavors, fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the institute's belief in nurturing not just competent managers, but visionary leaders capable of navigating the complexities of the ever-evolving business landscape.

He highlighted that the Immersion Program symbolizes IIM Jammu's commitment to providing a platform for collaborative

learning and industry exposure, essential for the holistic development of NIFTEM students. Through initiatives like this, the institute aims to equip the students with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their professional journeys.

During the Immersion Program, the students from NIFTEM took the opportunity to formally introduce themselves and share their aspirations for the five-day program ahead. Each student articulated their background, interests, and career aspirations, setting the stage

for a dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences.

As they embark on this journey of collaborative learning and industry exposure, the students from NIFTEM expressed their hopes of gaining valuable insights, honing their skills, and networking with professionals to further their academic and professional endeavors.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Tareli, Program Director at IIM Jammu, expressing gratitude to all stakeholders for their support and participation.

The five-day program structure crafted specially for the MBA students of NIFTEM includes discussions on various management and business aspects ranging from Introduction to International Business, Forex Markets, A Marketer's Toolkit, Content Marketing and Branding Strategies, to Exploring Generative AI in Digital Marketing, and much more.

CUJ organises Extension Lecture on 'Geographical Prospects of Climate Change'



Dr. Lokinder Singh, Asstt Prof (Geography), CLUJ with students and CUJ faculty.

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JAMMU: The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ), on Monday organised an Extension Lecture on 'Geographical Prospects of Climate Change' in the Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Shiksha Bhavan.

Dr. Lokinder Singh, Assistant Professor (Geography), Cluster University of Jammu was the Key Speaker in the event.

The programme was initiated with greeting remarks by the Head of the

Department, Prof. Asit Mantry, highlighting the significance of such activities in the practical and relevant learning of the students of the Department. He also highlighted the vision of the Patron of the University Prof. Sanjeev Jain who has always been a force behind promoting such activities.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare introduced the resource person and offered collaboration with the Cluster University of Jammu for sharing of laboratory and other academic resources.

Dr. Lokinder Singh threw light on the phenomenon of climate change along with the threats it is imposing in the present scenario. He highlighted the role of youth in combating the effects of climate change. The discussion session was followed by the questions and queries session with the students.

The event was coordinated by Shivali Khajuria and was marked by the presence of the other faculty members of the Education Department, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi, Dr. Yad Ram, Dr. Anil, Dr. Arvind, and Dr. Aarushi.

Shaurya Chakra Awardee delivers Motivational Lectures to inspire 500 NCC Cadets



Shaurya Chakra Awardee delivering lecture at NCC Training Academy in Nagrota.

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NAGROTA: The NCC Training Academy in Nagrota witnessed an electrifying atmosphere as Hony Capt Mohd Sadiq(Retd),SC, a distinguished Shaurya Chakra Awardee from 7 JAK RIF, delivered a motivational lecture to 500 NCC Cadets.

In an inspiring and heartfelt speech, Capt Mohd Sadiq shared his experiences and

insights gained from his exemplary service to the nation. His words resonated deeply with the young cadets, igniting a renewed sense of patriotism and dedication. Cadets were captivated by Capt Mohd Sadiq's stories of valour and sacrifice, leaving them truly thrilled and motivated.

SUO Visheshwar Manhas of MAM College who had repre-

sented the Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate in Republic Day Camp 2023 and then was shortlisted and attended Youth Exchange Program (YEP) Vietnam, shared his enriching experiences with the NCC Cadets. This will serve as a source of inspiration, encouraging others to strive for excellence and seize opportunities beyond borders.

DSS seeks public support to save Dogriyat

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JAMMU: Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K said that the issues and sentiments of Dogras of Jammu and Kashmir have been used, misused and abused. Hence, Culture, Heritage and Resources seriously eroded in the past.

Addressing a Press Conference here today, the former minister said that Dogra Sadar Sabha as the 120-year-old organization of the Dogras consider ourselves morally and constitutionally duty bound to appeal to each and every eligible voter, particularly of Jammu region, to ensure to exercise his/her franchise in full conscience and wisdom to protect and promote their larger National and Dogra interests. The Sabha appealed to every eligible voter must go to respective polling booth as per the Polling Dates announced by the Election Commission of



Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K talking to reporters.

India, and exercise his/her franchise on April 19th for Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency, April 26th for Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency and May 7th for Anantnag-Poonch Rajouri constituency. The Dogra Sadar Sabha passionately appealed to every voter to be vigilant and question each candidate seeking their vote about their commitment to fulfilling the following eleven-point charter of demands, which are crucial to every Dogra.

These demands included the restoration of full statehood and enactment of pro-

visions of Art.371 to secure jobs and land for the local population, domicile to Gallantry Awardees as in Himachal Pradesh, and establishment of an Ex-serviceman Colony in Srinagar.

Preservation of the identity and beauty of the Jammu region's mountainous topography, rich biodiversity, ecology, and soothing environment during infrastructure development is also stressed. Furthermore, the Sabha calls for the unbiased inclusion of history of Jammu and Kashmir in textbooks at school, college and university levels includ-

ing tales of valor and chivalry of Dogra warriors.

Additionally, the Sabha emphasized the need for the development of comprehensive and integrated tourism circuits across all districts of Jammu region and fast-paced, time-bound restoration of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex as a focal point of Jammu's tourism, opening of General N.C Vij Road passing along the front gates of Civil Secretariat, Jammu with alternative security arrangements along with the inclusion of historical Dogra Hall Bhawan under Smart City Project, Jammu.

Upgrading the 120 year old Ranbir Canal and the Hydel Power House near Canal Road, Jammu, is highlighted as crucial, as well as constructing a befitting Memorial for Martyrs of Indian Armed Forces and Para-Military Forces at Srinagar.

The Sabha also stressed

the importance of upscaling Dogra Festivals like Jammu Festival as the Annual UT/ State level Duggar festival and fulfilling the decades-old demand for Upgradation of Doordarshan Kendra to a full-fledged Duggar Satellite Channel. Lastly, the Sabha sought a guarantee for fast-paced, time-bound restoration of historical forts, temples, and shrines, as well as a commitment to work for the elimination and eradication of the Drugs Menace from the society.

In conclusion, the Dogra Sadar Sabha appealed to the public to press before the political parties, individuals, and contesting Leaders to refrain from resorting to and succumbing to religious slogans that can spoil the mutual trust and amity amongst communities. Instead, they must ensure to guarantee a time-bound resolution of the highlighted issues.

Shiv Sena protests against collecting registration fees from Amarnath pilgrims

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has welcomed the start of registration and the announcement of the dates of the Holy Shri Amarnath Yatra 2024. Along with this, strongly protested against the continuation of charging the registration fees from the devotees. Led by the party state chief Manish Sahni at Press club, Jammu strongly protest holding placards written "Shri Amarnath Yatra registration should be free", "Stop collecting Jazia tax".

Party state chief Manish Sahni said that the stubborn attitude of the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board regarding registration recovery from the pilgrims is condemnable. He said that he had fought a long



Shiv Sena activists raising slogans during a protest.

battle to make the registration free in 2023 as well. Shri Amarnath Shrine Board has given some relief and reduced the online registration from 200/- to 150 in 2024, but his demand is to make it completely free.

Sahni said that registration from religious pilgrimages brings back memories of the Jizya tax of the

Mughal rule.

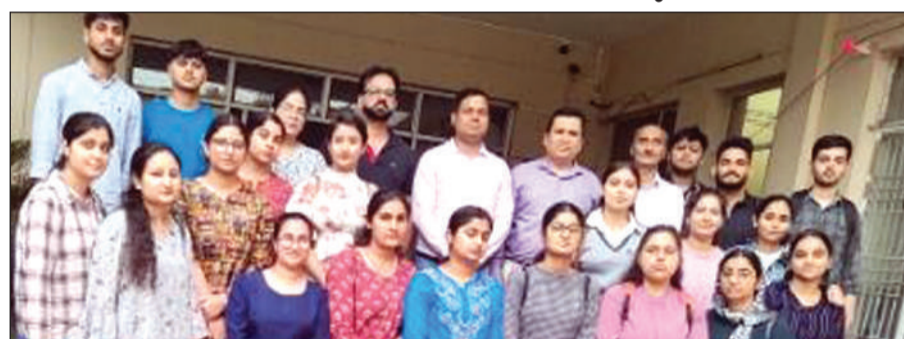
He said that the Shrine Board charges the pilgrims for providing buses, tents, and lockers for keeping their belongings. On the other hand, registration for the world famous Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra, which runs 365 days a year in Jammu and Kashmir, is completely free. The Shri Amarnath Shrine Board

will also have to give up its insistence on charging registration fees from pilgrims coming for the Shri Amarnath Yatra, which runs only for 50-60 days a year. He said that the pilgrims' pockets already get empty in completing the formalities set for the Shri Amarnath Yatra. Sahni has demanded from the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (Chairman of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board) to make this registration fee free with immediate effect. He said that if it is not rolled back within a week, he will be forced to submit a memorandum written in his blood to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Along with this, a demand has been made to take necessary steps to

keep the Holy ice lingam safe for the duration of the Yatra. An appeal has been made to reduce the formalities fixed for those providing langar service and to provide all possible facilities from the Shrine Board. It is worth noting that the registration process for Shri Amarnath Yatra 2024 has started. The Holy Yatra will start from June 29, 2024 to August 19. On this occasion, Gen secretary Vikas Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, President Kamghar Raj Singh, Pawan Singh, Naresh Kumar, Vijay Chowdhury, Baba, Rajesh Handa, Shahsi Pal, Mangu Ram, Manish Sharma, Om Prakash, Jagbir Singh, Noor Ahmed and many others were present.

JU students completed advanced course on Microsoft Excel offered by NIELIT



JU students and faculty during a programme.

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JAMMU: The students of M.Com. Sem. II from the Department of Commerce, University of Jammu (JU) successfully completed an intensive course on Microsoft Excel offered by NIELIT at University of Jammu on Monday. During the two-week Course, students delved into

various intricacies of Microsoft Excel, mastering formulas, data analysis techniques, and visualisation techniques. Under the guidance of Rajneesh Raina, Director, NIELIT, and Javinder Singh (Faculty, NIELIT), students explored the advanced features of Excel to unlock the full potential of this indispensable tool for

financial analysis, reporting, and decision-making.

The Department of Commerce expressed immense pride in students' accomplishments and expressed gratitude to the Institute. The Excel course serves as a catalyst for job placement success, providing students with a competitive edge in the job market.

Upanayan Sanskar organised in Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan Basohli



Chief Trustee of Gurukul, Shakti Pathak and others at Upanayan Sanskar ceremony.

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BASOHLI: Wearing of scared thread (Upanayan Sanskar) & successive activities held in the premises of Neelkanth Mandir Basohli. The programme was organized by the Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan Basohli.

Carrying forward the concept of reviving the Indian cultural tradition of the unique scholar of Jammu and Kashmir state, Pt. Dr. Uttam Chand Pathak Shastri, Upanayana Sanskar (Yajnopavit Sanskar) was organised in the prestigious Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan

in Vishwasthali (Basohli) city. In this programme, a total of 24 students, along with 12 students who had newly entered the Gurukul, took the vow of celibacy along with the Yajnopavit . Chief Trustee of Gurukul, Shakti Pathak, IPS said on this occasion that sixteen sanskars have a very important place in our Sanatan culture. It is only through sanskars that man attains the path of God on the path of saintly humanity.

The scriptures say about this subject - Janmana Brahmanogyeya Sanskaarat

Dvijia Uchhyate. Vedabhyasa bhavet viprastribhish shrotriya lakshanam.

That is, all Brahmins are Kshatriya Vaishya by birth. But by birth due to sanskar, he attains Dvijatva, by reciting Vedas he attains Vipratva and after becoming pure and knowledgeable, he becomes capable of doing all the virtuous deeds.

Among the same sixteen Sanskars, Yagopaveet Sanskar has an important place because without Yagopaveet Sanskar, we cannot receive initiation from the

Guru, acquire knowledge etc., we cannot get all the fruits of Yagyasa without Yagopaveet Sanskar.

Following the same scriptural methods, this sacrificial fire, performed by the Vedic scholars and chanting mantras, under the guidance of Chief Trustee Shakti Pathak and under the leadership of Principal Dr. Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra, performed by manager Mahendrapal Upadhyay .

At last the celibate group reached the Gurukul after touring the entire city. In which all the executive members of the institute, Acharya Anmol, Acharya Sahil, Acharya Rajesh, Acharya Anil Kumar, Acharya Ramrani adorned with complete knowledge, Praveena, most revered Lalita, all the workers of the institute, parents of the students, citizens of Vishwasthali Nagar and hundreds of community members, people were present.

People's Hut Foundation conducts medical camp



People's Hut Foundation members with doctors at a camp.

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JAMMU: People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services organized medical camps at Headquarters of Fire and Emergency Services, Gandhi Nagar Jammu focusing on providing essential medical check-ups and medicines to the Jawans, local population, particularly elders, women, and children.

These camps Under Mobile Health Clinic Program are part of the People's Hut Foundation's commitment to

contribute to the well-being and healthcare accessibility of citizens in the country, specifically J&K.

At these medical camps, patients had the opportunity to consult with specialist doctors, including Physicians, Physiotherapists and Orthopaedic specialists, Diagnostic Services ensuring a wide range of medical issues could be addressed comprehensively.

The initiative by the NGO People's Hut Foundation highlights its multifaceted role in the region, extending

to humanitarian and social welfare activities.

The Director and CEO of the foundation Dr. Rohit Koul said the availability of specialist consultations marks a significant step towards improving healthcare access and outcomes for the local population, who often face challenges in accessing quality medical care.

A total of 258 Patients were treated in the camp and diagnostic services were availed by 217 Patients. The initiative has been widely appreciated by the communities, reinforcing

the positive impact of such outreach programs on the lives of the people in J&K.

From P&ES Dept Dr. Manju and her team organised the camp, The Ayush Department headed by Dr. Dheeraj Raina also disbursed their services in the camp, The Diagnostic services were provided by The SARA NGO headed by Dr. Raminder Jit Singh, The Physiotherapy camp was supported by the 4 Specialist Physiotherapists from KIRF headed by Dr. Inman Khan.

The NGO remains dedicated to its role in ensuring the well-being of the citizens, as demonstrated by the successful conduct of these medical camps. Such endeavours not only provide immediate health benefits but also strengthen the bond between the local communities, fostering a sense of trust and mutual respect for the non-profit organisations.