

## JU organizes Annual Prof. Shailendra Singh Jamwal Memorial Debate Competition

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JAMMU: The Department of Students Welfare at the University of Jammu organized the inaugural '1st Annual Prof. Shailendra Singh Jamwal Memorial Debate Competition' for students from colleges and University departments.

This event, commemorating the life and legacy of Prof. Shailendra Singh Jamwal, has been instituted as an annual tribute by the University of Jammu.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, was the Guest of Honour. Family members of Prof. Jamwal, including his wife Dr. Sureshtha Jamwal besides Narinder Singh Jamwal and Brij Nandan Singh Jamwal (Brothers), Dr. Chahukeshi Jamwal (Daughter) and Kunwar Pulkit Singh Jamwal (Son) were also present on the occasion.

In his address, Prof. Umesh Rai lauded the Department of Students Welfare for organizing the debate competition in memory of Prof. Shailendra Singh Jamwal, highlighting his distinction as an academician, researcher, and exemplary teacher. Prof. Rai emphasized Prof. Jamwal's commitment to his department, institution, culture, and broader community, urging everyone to emulate these qualities.

Prof. Anju Bhasin fondly remembered Prof. Shailendra Singh Jamwal, noting his ever-present smile, and expressed hope that the academic discussions sparked by the event would stimulate students' intellect.



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai and other faculty at debate competition.

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson of the Campus Cultural Committee, detailed the significance and scope of this initiative by the University. Dr. Madhulika Singh, representing the Department of History, read a citation about Prof. Shailendra Singh Jamwal.

The debate competition, themed "Penalizing Drug Addicts is an effective measure to control drug

menace," saw Vatsalya Chadha from the Department of Law, JU, securing the first position whereas Sushant from the Law School, JU and Anadi Mishra from Kathua Campus secured second and third positions respectively. Certificates of Merit were awarded to Aasmi Abrol from MIET, Shiya Singh from the Department of English, JU, Skilva Rajput from DD & OE, JU and Suneha Chambyal from DSRs, JU. Prof. Archan Kesar, Prof. Neelam Saraf, Prof. Aekta Gupta served as adjudicators and Dr. Hema Gandotra was the

Teacher incharge of the event. The event was attended by prominent figures including Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Dr. Manisha Kaul, senior faculty members, officers, staff, scholars, and students of the University of Jammu.

Prof. Garima Gupta delivered the vote of thanks. The event was organized under the guidance of Prof. Prakash Antahal, Prof. Monika Chadha, and Prof. Sarika Manhas, and coordinated by Prof. Garima Gupta, Dr. Pritam Singh, Associate Dean SW, Dr. Shallu Sharma & Dr. A.R. Manhas, Deputy Proctors, Mansi Mantoo, Officer Incharge DSW, Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor and Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer.

Srishti Sharma conducted the event where as the sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul. Hall Management was looked after by Kanya Sharma, Bipasha Raina, Angraz Singh, Maithili Manhas and Nighat Mir.

## Justice Tashi Rabstan visits SOS Children's Village; assesses facilities

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SRINAGAR: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, on Tuesday visited the SOS Children's Village in Hyderpora, Srinagar, to oversee facilities being provided to the inmates there.

Justice Tashi was accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority and Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Under Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority.

Present on the occasion were Jawad Ahmed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, and Incharge SOS Children's Village.

During his visit, Justice Tashi Rabstan had a comprehensive review of the facilities available for the children at the SOS Village. He interacted with the inmates, listened to their concerns and assured them of continued support from the Legal Services Institutions.



Children of SOS Village welcoming Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Expressing appreciation for the efforts of the administration and staff at the SOS Children's Village, Justice Tashi urged upon all NGOs and members of civil society to step forward and contribute towards brighter future of these children, emphasizing their crucial role in nation building.

Later, Justice Tashi Rabstan distributed sweets and fruits among the children, bringing smiles to their faces and spreading joy throughout the village.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Tashi said, "It's heartening to see the dedication and commitment of the staff here at SOS Children's Village. We must collectively ensure that these children receive the love, care and opportunities they deserve. I urge all NGOs and civil society members to come forward and play their part in shaping the future of our nation by supporting initiatives like these."

## Crime Branch accords sendoff to retiring officers

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JAMMU: The Crime Branch Jammu organized a farewell for retiring officers SI Surinder Mohan and ASI (P) Charanjit Lal, showcasing their dedication and exemplary service over three decades in the J&K Police.

The farewell function was attended by a large number of officers and officials of the Crime Branch Jammu.

SSP Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh, extended warm wishes to the retiring

officers for a happy, prosperous, and healthy post-retirement life. He encouraged them to utilize their experiences and knowledge for the welfare and betterment of society.

The retiring officers, SI Surinder Mohan and ASI (P) Charanjit Lal, hailing from Udhampur and Doda Districts respectively, were recognized for their dedication and commitment to their duties throughout their careers.

Senior officers of

Executive and Prosecution spoke highly of the retiring officers' services, particularly their contributions to the Crime Branch J&K.

In their address, the retiring officers expressed gratitude to the J&K Police Department, especially the senior officers of the Crime Branch J&K, for grooming and training them. They acknowledged the opportunities provided to them to serve the people, excel in their profession, and achieve self-actualization.



Crime Branch Jammu according farewell to retiring officers SI Surinder Mohan and ASI (P) Charanjit Lal.

## SSP Jammu conducts security review meeting



SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar chairing security review meeting at DPL Jammu.

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JAMMU: SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar held a security review meeting at DPL Jammu. Zonal SPs, SP PC Jammu, SDPOs, DySP PC Jammu, DySP DAR and DySP DSB Jammu attended the meeting.

The SSP Jammu briefed officers regarding the latest security scenario within Jammu City and neighbouring districts and advised the officers to con-

time their efforts, to work with dedication for the best possible security scenario and urged the officers to be vigilant in addressing any concerns that may arise.

He instructed officers to enhance vigil on OGWs, released and surrendered terrorists, history sheeters and other anti-social and anti-national elements. He stressed upon the officers to focus on human and tech intelli-

gence gathering to prevent any untoward incident and be proactive against trouble shooters and increase area domination in sensitive pockets especially boundaries with neighbouring Districts and near international borders and areas falling near LOC.

Officers assured SSP Jammu that they will work with full commitment and dedication to ensure peaceful atmosphere in the District.

## GRP Jammu hosts farewell for superannuating police personnel

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JAMMU: A farewell function was organized in GRP Lines Jammu to bid adieu to a retiree Police officer of GRP Jammu.

SI Shoket Hussain who superannuated today after 36 years of his police service and his family members were also present on the

occasion.

His contribution to the police service was acknowledged and praised by the officer of GRP Jammu. The retiring officer also shared his valuable experience gained during his service with the officers/officials of GRP Jammu and thanked the police department.



GRP Lines Jammu according farewell to a retiree Police officer SI Shoket Hussain.

## BJP Ladakh holds election meeting

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LADAKH: Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K and Ladakh, addressed a crucial meeting of senior party office bearers from Ladakh to discuss and formulate the election strategy for the Parliament election 2024 at party headquarter, Leh.

Sat Sharma, former Minister, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, former MLC accompanied Ashok Koul on the occasion.

Tashi Gyalson, MP candidate for the Parliamentary constituency of Ladakh alongwith, Phunchok Stanzin, President Ladakh



General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K, Ashok Koul and others at election meeting.

BJP, Tashi Gyaltsan Kachu, District President

and Gorjay Angeluk, election committee Incharge were also present in the meeting.

Dozens of prominent political and social activists also joined the BJP on the occasion.

Ashok Koul emphasized reaching out to all voters,

especially women and youth, to counter opposition propaganda. He stressed the importance of maximum voter turnout and highlighted the role of ground-level workers.

Sat urged party members to work together in the remaining days before the

election, emphasizing the importance of engaging with voters and garnering support for the party's vision.

Ch. Vikram Randhawa encouraged party members to leave no stone unturned in reaching out to prominent individuals from all sectors and seeking their support for the BJP's MP candidate.

Phunchok Stanzin urged party members to work tirelessly around the clock to ensure a resounding victory for the BJP candidate, citing the Modi government's development initiatives.

Tashi Gyalson appreciated the efforts of fellow BJP members in reaching out to voters and promoting development works in Ladakh. He called for massive support and participation in rallies.

## Vikramaditya seeks scientific assessment of Parnote catastrophe, rehabilitation of affected people

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JAMMU: Vikramaditya Singh, former MLC, sought thorough scientific assessment of the land sinking incident in Ramban District's Parnote area while demanding rehabilitation of the affected families.

In a statement issued to media persons, the former MLC said that the top priority of the government should be to shift all the inhabitants of the affected area to safer places and compensate them adequately to ensure that these people can restart their lives and thrive once again. He fully supported the demands raised by over 500 victims of Parnote village seeking adequate compensation and relief, and lands at safer places for their permanent rehabilitation.

Vikramaditya mentioned that a similar incident took place in Saddal-Panjar village in Udhampur district on

September 6, 2014, wherein 40 people died and 65 houses were damaged in the landslide incident. He said that unprecedented cases of similar nature in J&K and in other states as well like Uttarakhand are indicative of a bigger threat.

He demanded that the government should rope in top level experts of the country to find the exact reason behind this catastrophe and find out the causes as well as remedy to stop such disasters in near future.

The former MLC said that the government should also ponder and probe whether the 'uncontrolled' development being carried out in the mountainous pockets of the UT is behind these cases and, if so then the helmets should take adequate measures to undo the damage and reinstate sustainable development practices for safety of one and all.

## Successful Implementation of RAWE Programme promotes agricultural development



A dignitary speaking at a programme on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) convened a distinguished gathering at Koti Mian Fateh, Miran Sahib, to deliberate on the Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) Programme.

The event was graced Vice Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi presiding as Chief

Guest and Dr. Anil Kumar, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, as the Guest of Honour.

Also present were Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director of Education and Head of the Division of Agricultural Extension, along with Dr. Vinod Gupta, RAWE Course Coordinator, and Course Instructors from various divisions. Deepak Singh, the Lamberdar of the area, joined farmers

and participating students. Prof. B.N. Tripathi stressed the importance of bridging the gap between farmers, scientists, and students to address real challenges and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Dr. Vinod Gupta commenced the event with a warm welcome and overview of the RAWE Programme.

Dr. Anil Kumar empha-

sized the programme's significance within the agriculture curriculum, highlighting the necessity of interaction for holistic agricultural development.

Prof. Rajinder Peshin expressed gratitude to the village farmers for their support, emphasizing the symbiotic relationship between academia and agriculture.

The programme facilitated dialogue between students, farmers, and scholars, enriching discussions on agricultural practices and community engagement.

Prof. Rajinder Peshin concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the participants' contributions to the event's success. Palak Mehra efficiently managed the proceedings.

## JKP organizes farewell function for retiring officers & officials



J&K Police according farewell to officers on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Police on Tuesday organised a farewell function to accord send-off to officers and officials who superannuated from their active services in Jammu. Accounts Officer DPO Jammu Balwan Singh Chib is also among the officers who attained superannuation today.

On attaining the age of superannuation, retirees were given a warm send-off by all ranks of Jammu Police.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Headquarters Jammu appreciated the work and dedication of the retiree officer and the official towards their duties. He extended good wishes and healthy post-retirement life to them. He also

presented gifts to retirees as a token of love and respect for their exceptional services spanning over more than three decades.

DySP DAR Jammu and other police officers/officials were also present on the occasion. They also acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing officer/official and conveyed their best wishes to them for post-retirement life.

## Farewell accorded to retiring employees of SKUAST-J



Farewell being accorded to retiring employees of SKUAST-J.

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) on Tuesday accorded a warm farewell to the retiring employees at a function held here at Conference Hall, SKUAST-J Chatha.

Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

During the function,

Jitender Raina Joint Registrar (Secy.), Manmohan Singh Dy. Comptroller (HQ), Darshan Kumar FCLA, Div. of PBG, FOLA, Subash Chander FCLA, Mega Seed Project and Hem Raj, OCC, Div. of Entomology were felicitated for contribution in their respective fields.

He congratulated all the retiring employees and wish them healthy and happy post retired life.