

## Law Deptt of JU organizes Party Palooza

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JAMMU: Students of Law Department, University of Jammu (JU) presented party Palooza, an event of farewell cum freshers day in the Zoravar Singh Auditorium of the University.

More than 300 persons attended the function including students, teaching and non-teaching staff members of the department.

Manju Jamwal HOD of Law Department was the Chief Guest. A number of activities were performed by the outgoing students and freshers which included cultural activities, poetry recitation and certain funny games which were applauded by students and staff.

Dance items were performed by Anushka Bakshi, Maskeen, Pranjal, Ananya, Radhika and others. A ramp show was also organised.

The programme concluded with a soothing song sung by Abid Farooq. The title of Mr/Ms Freshers and Final students were also declared. Avinash Choudhary and



Students of Law Department, JU and faculty members at Party Palooza on Wednesday.

Ananya Shukla of first semester were declared as Mr & Ms Freshers respectively. Similarly, Suryansh and Aehyuta Sharma of last semester were declared as Mr & Ms Final respectively.

The results were decided by the jury members of the faculty comprising of Manju Jamwal HOD of Law Department, Prof Sanjay Gupta, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Prof Raj Sandhu, Prof Mohd Arif, Prof Arti Sharma and Prof Savita Nayyar of Law Department.

Avinash Choudhary while extending his gratitude on receiving Mr Freshers Title

stated that such type of programmes in the university help in exhibiting spirit of maintaining unity amongst the student community coming from different shades of society.

He further expressed that as student of the university its moral responsibility to respect & pay our regards to our faculty members & seniors and also work for eradicating menace of drug use by our youth prevalent in the society. The programme was anchored by Insha, Aneesa, Ayush and Dikshaya, students of Law Department.

The final year students welcomed the freshers warmly and freshers bid emotional farewell to outgoing students wishing them good luck in their life.

The programme was organised by students of Law Department.

Finally lunch was served to the participants organised by the Food Committee headed by Atul Singh Kattel, Ashwani Sharma & Manik Goswami.

The students before departing at the end of the event enjoyed in group dance to the tune famous Punjabi music.

## MIER College of Education hosts inaugural function of Literary Club

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JAMMU: The inaugural function of the Literary Club was held in MIER College of Education with great enthusiasm. Dr Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education, Rupa Gupta, Joint Director MIER, Dr Nishita Rana HOD School of Education, Dr. Monika Bajaj, HOD School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dy. HoD Dr. Bharti Tandon, Jasleen Mohial, Coordinator IQAC, faculty members and the students of both the Schools of MIER College of Education attended the programme.

The event aimed to foster a love for literature, creativity, and expression among the students. It showcased various activities including a humorous One-Act Play, storytelling session, surprising facts about great authors and book review.

The event kicked off with a poem recitation by Prableen Kaur; a student of BA (Hons)



MIER College of Education students at a programme.

Psychology semester IV. Following this, the blind-dating one-act comedy by Jonathan Rand was performed by the club members Arzoo Sharma, Yashasvi, Charu Rajput, Naman, Jaspreet, Aarohi and Aaraghya.

The play, titled "Check Please," depicted humorous situations and characters, drawing laughter and applause from the audience.

The audience was then treated to a captivating storytelling session by Charu Rajput, a student of BA (Hons) English. The storytelling session not

only entertained but also highlighted the power of storytelling as a means of communication and expression.

The event also featured insightful book review presented by BA (Hons) Psychology student Sehaj Chawla on Good Vibes, Good Life authored by Vex King. She provided an overview of the content, themes, and the reviewer's personal reflections on the book. Through this review, the audience gained valuable insights into different genres and authors, inspiring them to explore new literary avenues. Melhak Mattoo and Yashasvi

Thusoo presented some amazing facts about the great authors and personalities born in the month of April.

Dr. Adit Gupta appreciated the Literary Club for organizing the event. Speaking on the occasion he said that the Literary Club will provide a platform for expression, entertainment, and intellectual engagement.

This event will set the tone for future activities of the club, promising more enriching literary experiences for the entire student community.

The programme was ably coordinated by Dr. Reeta Dwivedi and Dr. Sahil Bhagat. Aarzo Sharma, a student of BA (Hons) English semester IV formally welcomed the audience. Dr. Reeta Dwivedi spoke about the introduction, vision & objectives of the club. Ananya, BA (Hons), Psychology semester IV, compered the programme and Melhak presented the formal vote of thanks.

## VRS employees demands release of pending dues



Voluntarily retired employees of J&K Road Transport Corporation during a protest.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Voluntarily retired employees of J&K Road Transport Corporation held protest against the Management of J&K Road Transport Corporation and Finance Department for not releasing the pending dues of the VRS given/retired employees here on Wednesday.

**CUJ organizes online session for B-Tech to M.S. in USA**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A special session titled "An Inspiring Journey from B.Tech. to M.S. in the USA" was held online at the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (DoECE), Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Jain. Omkeshwar Shukla, currently based in Qualcomm USA, served as the special speaker for the event.

During the session, Shukla emphasized six pivotal pillars essential for this transition: CGPA, work experience, guidance from professors/mentors, purpose of statement (POS), important exams such as GRE/IELTS/TOEFL, expenses and loan requirements, and letters of recommendation (LOR) from professors. By elaborating on the significance of each pillar, he provided valuable advice and guidance to students for their academic and professional pursuits.

The event was attended by students and faculty members in the presence of Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha HoD, ECE.

These employees of the JKRTC under the leadership of Dev Raj Bali held protest.

They demanded release of their arrears worth Rs 66.24 crores of the JKRTC employees from Jammu region.

They alleged that J&K Government has not paid COLA and 6th Pay Commission arrears of the VRS/GHS and other retired employees of the JKRTC. They claimed that Central Government said to have paid the amount to them including payment of the arrears of the more than 700 employees.

Their total DA/COLA amount comes out to around Rs 66.24 crores in Jammu region.

VRS Union President Dev Raj Bali, accused a committee constituted to resolve the issue of providing misleading information to the Board of Directors and the government. Bali claims that bills for their pending dues have already been prepared and sent to the Civil Secretariat but are not being processed. He urged the Chief Secretary to address their pending dues (COLA, 6th Pay Commission, DA arrears) in a meeting on May 10th.

Bali said that most of them are senior citizens and struggling for their hard earned money for the last 12 years and moreover, their 75 members have expired during their struggle and they could not get good treatment due to their bad economic condition. The JKUT authorities have failed to pay their arrears. The officers in J&K Administration are only harassing them and adopting delaying tactics, Bali alleged.

## Three day VET Fest 2k24 commences at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: The three-day annual veterinary festival, "Vet Fest-2K24," hosted by the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry at SKUAST-Jammu, R S Pura, commenced on Wednesday. Dr. Nagendra Sharma, former Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the event alongside Prof. B.N. Tripathi, the Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu, Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean, FVSc & AH; Dr S K Gupta, Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu and other esteemed statutory officers of the University.

Dr. Sharma along with other dignitaries inaugurated the VET FEST 2K24 by lighting the ceremonial lamp and launched specially designed Vet Fest 2K24 T-shirt and cups. They also inspected the fine arts and other events.

Dr. Nagendra Sharma, in his address, emphasized the pivotal role that events like Vet Fest-2K24 play in not only rejuvenating the minds and



Former VC SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Nagendra Sharma and other dignitaries at a fest.

spirits of students and faculty but also in fostering a sense of camaraderie and belonging within the academic community. He underscored that SKUAST-Jammu has long been an epitome of creativity, talent, and innovation, values that are not only upheld but also further nurtured through such enriching events.

Dr. Sharma is a renowned international scientist and educator; who held various leadership roles at different prestigious agricultural institutes in India like NDRI, IVRI and CIRG. SKUAST Jammu experienced significant infrastructure as well as human resource development, marking a period of

substantial growth and expansion during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor.

Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-J, Dr. B.N. Tripathi underscored that these events not only showcase students' remarkable talents but also affirm the University's dedication to preserving our rich cultural heritage. Moreover, he emphasized that such occasions foster teamwork, as students collaborate across disciplines and backgrounds, learning the value of cooperation and synergy. Prof. Rajesh Katoch, the Patron of the Organizing Committee and Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, wel-

comed the dignitaries and outlined the diverse array of events comprising Vet Fest 2K24. These include Literary events (Debate, Story Writing, Mad - Ad, Ship Wreck, Quiz and Youth Parliament), cultural events (Dance, Music, Theatre), Photography, Flower Decoration, besides various Sports Events (indoor and outdoor games viz. Badminton, Chess, Table Tennis, Carom, Cricket, Basketball, Volley Ball, Tug of War; 50 & 100 meter Races).

Dr S K Gupta, Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu and Dr Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Students Welfare, SKUAST-J also shared their views on the

occasion.

The event witnessed the presence of several esteemed guests, including Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education; Dr. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension; Dr S E H Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences; Dr J S Soodan, Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology; Dr Sanjay Khar, Director (Planning & Monitoring); Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Controller of Examination; Dr Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension; HoDs and Veterinary faculty staff members. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Veterinary students from the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry (FV Sc & A.H.) will be actively engaged in a diverse array of competitions spanning sports, cultural showcases, literary endeavors, and fine arts exhibitions from the 8th to the 10th of May, 2024, as integral participants of the Fest. Dr H.R. Bhardwaj, Organizing Secretary of Fest 2K24 extended vote of thanks.

## DC Jammu conducts surprise inspection of Govt hospitals



DC Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya conducting surprise inspection of Government Hospital.

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JAMMU Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Wednesday conducted a surprise inspection of Government Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu and Government Hospital Sarwal.

While many facilities were found satisfactory during the visits, the Deputy Commissioner noted some irregularities.

Irregularities with respect to attendance by some staff members were observed, while instruc-

tions were issued regarding the maintenance of cleanliness and adherence to sanitary protocols in the hospitals. The DC took serious note of reports that some doctors at Government Hospital Sarwal were prescribing branded medicines to patients instead of recommending generic names or salts of the medications. Responding promptly, the DC issued explanation notices to the erring officials, seeking their response within a set period to address the identified issues.

## Nehru, Congress wasted India's crucial time by implementing 'under par' policies: Kavinder

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Criticizing Pt Jawaharlal Nehru and the Congress party for doing no good to India, senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta said that 'under par' policies implemented by the Congress leadership during its over 55 years rule wasted country's crucial time leading to poverty, underdevelopment and rampant corruption. The BJP stalwart leader was addressing party's Shakti Kendra Parmukhs and booth agents besides the activists, who worked with extreme dedication during run up to the election and on the polling day. He expressed gratitude to the BJP activists for showing grit and determination for ensuring the success of party in the Lok Sabha polls as fulfilling this mission is the best which the citizens can do for the nation because no other

party can serve the nation in such a perfect manner like the BJP Government under the realms of PM Narendra Modi. He said that mistakes committed by Pt Jawaharlal Nehru are still haunting the country, and despite the passing of a number of decades, the government is finding it difficult to undo the wrongs committed in the past by the Congress leadership. He said that Article 370 was the colossal misdemeanor by Pandit Nehru, which was finally scrapped by the Modi Government. He said that to describe the mistakes by the Congress party, one needs a voluminous account as the list is endless, comprising gross mistakes. Earlier District President Rekha Mahajan thanked the party activists for showing exuberance and outstanding commitment to bring voters to polling booths.

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JAMMU: SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar visited District Police Lines Jammu and conducted the inspection of MT fleet DPL Jammu and held detailed interaction with the drivers and other staff.

During inspection, 23 flying vehicles were found available besides Command vehicle, BP bunkers, CRP-407, water cannon, buses as well other HMV's/LMV's of MT fleet DPL Jammu.

SSP Jammu directed DySP DAR & MTO DPL Jammu has been directed to get all necessary repairs of vehicles done on priority.

Concerned have been directed



SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar inspecting MT fleet at DPL.

to replace all the dilapidated number plates with fresh ones at an earliest and be displayed in proper manner.

MTO DPL Jammu was directed to maintain all the relevant records properly and ensure the proper checking,

maintenance, cleanliness of vehicles.

Also directed that Water Cannon/RIV (Rapid Intervention Vehicle)/vehicles shall remain in readiness, so that its service be utilized at the time of any exigency.

## Randhawa, Syed appeal to vote for BJP at Kargil



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KARGIL: Ch. Vikram Randhawa, former MLC chaired a meeting of senior cadre of party at Kargil to ensure massive victory of party MP candidate Adv. Tashi Gyalson.

Randhawa was accompanied by Hazi Inayat Ail Ex. Chairman Legislative Council and Moulana Syed Habib Hyder BJP Minority Morcha National Executive Member from Lucknow.

Randhawa, while stressing to activate booth level workers for the massive victory of BJP's MP candidate in Lok Sabha elections, asked the party

cadre to be actively engaged in canvassing at the ground level reaching up to every single voter.

He said that the victory of BJP MP candidate is very important in order to ensure the overall development of Ladakh Region.

Randhawa stressed upon the party cadre and the senior leaders to take the achievements of Modi government for the betterment of the region and its people. He said that the region was ignored on the major fronts for the preceding decades together and now the BJP under the leadership of PM Modi has done all the required develop-

ment.

Moulana Hyder prompted the party workers to take the mission of unprecedented development to the people. He said that the Modi government has worked for the welfare of all the regions and the religions working on the principle of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vishwas".

He, on the occasion, appealed to the people of Kargil to vote for the development forgetting their personal preferences. He said that the people have to vote massively in favour of BJP candidate in the MP election and contribute in the progress of Ladakh.