

Ten days Yuva Kaushal Karyashala concludes at IIIM

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JAMMU: Ten days of Yuva Kaushal Karyashala on "Industrial Biotechnology", "Medical Microbiology" and "Natural Products Chemistry" concluded here at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu, wherein 150 students drawn from various colleges of Jammu & Udhampur participated with zeal and enthusiasm.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Chairman, BioNEST Bioincubation Centre and Director, CSIR-IIIM, was the Chief Guest at the valedictory session.

Dr. Ahmed emphasized on the importance of these Karyashalas in providing job-oriented practical training, as well as raising scientific temperament among participants. He also said that these workshops also provide a flavour of research to young college students and may encourage them to take up research as a career.

Such workshops are essential to achieve the goals of



Director CSIR-IIIM, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed posing with students and faculty members.

Viksit Bharat-2047, he added. Congratulating the Team IIIM-TBI for conducting 10 days long Yuva Kaushal Karyashala and Hackathon 4.0. Dr. Ahmed advised the budding entrepreneurs to be well-versed with the facilities available at CSIR-IIIM, Jammu.

During the Karyashala, 150 participants drawn from Govt College for

Women, Gandhi Nagar, GGM Science College, Jammu and Govt. Degree College, Udhampur, underwent these 10 days trainings organised by BioNEST Bioincubation Centre under the aegis of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu.

Earlier, Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Investigator, IIIM-TBI pro-

vided an overview of the workshop organized and informed the gathering about the initiatives taken by the IIIM incubator to support the skill development ecosystem in J&K.

He further highlights on the importance of the workshop in Industrial Biotechnology, Medical Microbiology and Natural Products Chemistry. He said that the Yuva Kaushal Karyashala is concluded with the support of all the heads, scientists, research scholars of various labs of the institute.

Earlier, Hackathon 4.0 was organized at CSIR-IIIM, Jammu as the out-

come of the 10 days long Yuva Kaushal Karyashala by IIIM-Technology Business Incubator. During the Hackathon, 4.0 pitching session, 37 groups comprising of 150 participants pitched their business ideas related to herbal drugs, herbal cosmetics, medicinal plants, aroma products and medicinal mushrooms. Based on the evaluation of the jury, top three business ideas were recognized and awarded as winners of Hackathon 4.0.

Pertinently, the Training programs were conducted under the patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM and under the overall supervision of Er Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist and Head, RMBD & IST Division.

Prominent others were also present Dr. Sumit Gandhi, HoD, ID Division, Dr. Naveed Qazi, HoD, NPMC Division, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Controller of Finance and Accounts, Dalip Kumar Gehlot, SPO, Dr. P P Singh, Dr. Prashant Mishra, Dr. Bhahwal Ali Shah, all Principal Scientists.

The proceeding of the valedictory session was conducted by Dr Saurabh Saran, while Er. Ankush Varma presented the formal vote of thanks.

Kargil Shourya Yatra commemorates 25th Anniversary of Kargil Victory



Akhil Bhartiya Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad taking out "Kargil Shourya Yatra" in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Akhil Bhartiya Poorva Sainik Sewa Parishad (ABPSSP) organized a "Kargil Shourya Yatra" on Thursday to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the victory of Indian forces over Pakistani forces in the Kargil War.

The rally, held in Jammu city, saw an overwhelming participation of over 2500 people, including 250 ex-servicemen in uniform and 200 NCC cadets.

The event was graced by the presence of the families of martyr Indian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Kargil War.

Among the honored families were those of Subedar Bahadur Singh, Havaldar Kulbir Singh, Sepahi Janbir Singh, Rifleman

Anil Manhas, Grenadier Udaymaan Singh, and Naik Dev Raj Sharma.

Their participation added a solemn and poignant significance to the rally.

Around 600 enthusiastic youth formed the shape of the Indian National Flag, Triranga, with their colorful t-shirts, demonstrating their patriotism and unity.

The rally commenced from JDA parking near Indira Chowk, proceeding through Gummatt, Vivekananda Chowk, Raghunath Mandir Chowk, Raghunath Bazaar, City Chowk, Shalimar Chowk, and back to JDA Parking.

The route covered significant landmarks of Jammu city, symbolizing the journey of bravery

and sacrifice.

Brigadier Balbir Singh (Retd), President of Parishad (Jammu and Kashmir), and Colonel Sukhvir Mankotia, General Secretary of Parishad (Jammu and Kashmir), supervised the rally.

Their leadership and dedication played a pivotal role in the success of the event. The "Kargil Shourya Yatra" served as a heartfelt tribute to the valiant soldiers who fought in the Kargil War and a reminder of the enduring spirit of patriotism that unites the nation.

Besides numerous Ex-servicemen from Tri services Lt Gen RK Sharma, Maj Gen SK Sharma, Maj Gen Sunita Kapoor and Brig SS Saini were present.

JKESTWS expresses concern over physical verification of pensioners

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JAMMU: Vijay Sharma, President of Jammu and Kashmir Excise State Taxes Employees Welfare Society, highlighted significant concerns regarding recent government orders requiring physical verification of pensioners and family pensioners in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The government has issued orders (REF: DGAT/PS/DR/7198451/19 9 dated July 8, 2024 and 221 dated July 22, 2024) mandating all regular pensioners and family pensioners of all ages to physically present themselves before the concerned treasury officer by the end of September 2024. Failure to comply will result in the discontinuation of pension payments from October 2024 onwards," Vijay Sharma said. He added, "Pensioners report that after submitting their Pension Payment Orders (PPOs) at respective treasury offices, they are not given any receipt and are asked to return after 15-20 days without a specific date

or time for their next visit."

"Treasury officers are expected to visit the residences of pensioners aged 80+ and disabled pensioners to verify their physical presence. However, each treasury office has limited staff (an officer and two assistants) and lacks adequate resources such as staff and transport to visit pensioners in far-flung areas across Jammu and Kashmir, from Madhavpur to Uri, Rajouri, Poonch, Kupwara, and Handwara," he said.

He added, "Many families of pensioners have migrated across India due to job scarcity in Jammu and Kashmir. The elderly parents of these families reside with their children, who are scattered throughout the country. This poses a significant challenge for treasury officers to physically verify their presence."

Some pensioners' children reside abroad, making it practically impossible for treasury officers to verify their physical presence,

Sharma said. He described the current orders and circulars as absurd and irrational, particularly concerning pensioners aged 80+ or disabled, who often face physical limitations. These directives exacerbate their mental stress and pose challenges that many pensioners are unable to resolve on their own.

The Society proposed that in today's digital age, physical verification could be conducted through technologies like internet videos or face recognition. This would alleviate the need for physical travel and ensure accurate verification without causing undue hardship to pensioners.

He urged the administration to review the details and obstacles outlined and issue amendments that consider the unique circumstances of elderly and disabled pensioners.

This would enable them to live healthy, peaceful lives without undue administrative burden before their final exit.

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa said that the motto of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is to take the schemes of the Modi led Government at the doorstep of the people.

He stated this while interacting with the people during Public Outreach Programme in Bhour Kothey area of JMC Ward Number 73 of RS Pura Jammu South Assembly segment. He was accompanied by team of PDD officials. On the occasion, the people apprised the visiting leaders about various development works to be carried out in their area.

The people of the area also apprised Former Legislator about the problems being



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa visiting Bhour Kothey area of Ward 73.

faced by them due to deplorable condition of the lanes and drains, inflated electricity bills, etc.

"We are daily wagers and can't afford to pay the inflated electricity bills. The Government should initiate some amnesty scheme for the poor people", the residents said. Former Legislator gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by the people and assured

them to take up the same with the concerned authorities for early redressal. "I will personally take up the matter with the concerned officials regarding the inflated electricity bills. Some concrete solution will be made to overcome the situation arisen due to inflated electricity bills", Randhawa stated.

He also appealed to the Lt Governor to bring some

amnesty scheme for the poor people so that they can deposit their electricity bills.

Former Legislator said that several development works have been launched to improve the overall condition of lanes and drains, link roads, and other amenities in neglected areas.

He asked locals to identify developmental needs of their area so that the works can be enlisted for execution by

the concerned departments on priority.

He assured that all pending development works in the area and other development works of the area would be fulfilled in a phased manner. Former MLC Vikram Randhawa further said that several projects are underway to provide all basic amenities including better connectivity, safe drinking water, better sanitation to the people.

"During 10 years tenure, people especially poor have been immensely benefitted from the schemes launched by the Modi led Government",

Vijay Sharma Ex-Sarpanch, Sanjeev Sharma, Ramesh Kumar, Vijay, Madan, Pawan Kumar and many others were present on the occasion.

JKGPA delegation meets Lotika Khajuria, discusses pharmacists' grievance



JKGPA delegation calling on Lotika Khajuria, Drug Controller.

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JAMMU: A deputation of Jammu Kashmir Government Pharmacists Association (JKGPA) led by Bharat Bhushan Bhagat President along with Sushil Sudan President Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation and member Pharmacy Council of India met with Lotika Khajuria Drug Controller and exofficio president of state pharmacy council and Surinder Mohan Tickoo Registrar of pharmacy and apprised with the grievance

of pharmacist. The registration of Pharmacists who applied many months ago but their certificate is not yet issued. we request that the registration should be time bond and pending registrations may be issued at their earliest.

Minimum formalities for issuing Drug licenses .The formalities regarding issue of Drug license may be curtailed to minimum.

On the World Pharmacy Day i.e.25-09-2024,request from the State Pharmacy Council may be issued from

your end for Lieutenant Governor, Chief Secretary, Administrative Secretary Health to issue message on 25-09-2024 to promote the knowledge of Pharmacy among the Public and the Patients.

As per the Pharmacy Act 1948,the Pharmacy education and profession in India up to graduate levels is regulated by PCI.We also submit that Diploma/Degree in Pharmacy should be regulated by JK State Pharmacy Council and Board should be constituted

to regulate Pharmacy Education and all Exams should be brought under the control of JK State Pharmacy Council instead of JK Para Medical Council and all Govt and Private Colleges get registration from Registrar of JK State Pharmacy Council for imparting Pharmacy Education. The Jammu Kashmir State Pharmacy Council election should be made as soon as possible.

Lotika Khajuria and Surinder Mohan listened to the grievance and assured that genuine grievance will be addressed at the earliest.

Those who accompanied the deputation include R.P.Singh, Yougal Bakshi, Bahadur Singh, Ashwani Gupta, Rajinder Sharma, Subhash Choudhary, Sourabh Bakshi, Vinod, Ram Lal, Vikas Sabharwal, Sanjay Choudhary, Vishwa Bandu, Sandeep Pandita and others.

Shiv Sena demands strong military action against Pakistan



Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders and workers raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit leaders staged a strong protest and burnt the flag of Pakistan, demanded strong military action against Pakistan and sent Pakistan's puppet terrorist organizations to hell, including Kashmir Tigers, who took responsibility for the attacks on Indian soldiers, along with this, accusing the BJP govern-

ment at the center of failure to restore peace in Jammu and Kashmir. Led by Manish Sahni, president, Shiv Sena(UBT) J&K unit at Bari Brahmana Chowk on the Jammu - Pathankot National Highway, demanded revenge for the supreme sacrifice of Indian soldiers along with bringing 10 Pakistani heads in exchange for one.

Sahni said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been facing the brunt of terrorism for the last three and a half decades.

The BJP, which claims to maintain peace in Jammu and Kashmir, has completed its 10-year term at the Center and is in its third tenure, but terrorism and Pakistan's nefarious activities in Jammu and Kashmir have not been controlled. Terrorists have spread their tentacles in Jammu along with Kashmir. Sahni said that in the last one month, 12 soldiers have been martyred and 10 civilians have died in terrorist incidents in Jammu division. In the last three years, more than 50

Indian soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pakistan is once again hatching a big conspiracy of infiltration from across the border. Sahni said that despite having such strong information and evidence, the delay in giving instructions for military action against Pakistan by the BJP government at the Center is beyond comprehension. He said that the martyrdom of soldiers should not be tolerated any more. Along with strong military action against Pakistan, the terrorists active in Jammu and Kashmir should be shown the direct path to Jahannum.

On this occasion Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, President Kamghar wing Raj Singh, Shahipal, Pawan Singh, Sarpanch Gulam Nabi, Nar Singh, Rahil Verma, Rohit Kumar, Tarsam Sharma, Mahinder DC, Sahil Verma, Rohit Kumar, Narinder Kumar, Sinam, Kajal Kumari, Tarsem and many other shiv saints were present.

Experts from USA, CUJ & JU sensitize students of SKUAST-J on AI and Machine learning

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JAMMU: Under the leadership of Prof. Bhupendra N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST -Jammu, National Agricultural Higher Education Project-Institutional Development Project (NAHEP-IDP) operational at SKUAST-Jammu organized one day workshop on "Digital Tools in Academics" for the students of the university.

Prof. Anil Kumar Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agriculture & Registrar SKUAST-Jammu was the Chief Guest. Prof. Anil Kumar highlighted the importance of digital tools in academics which had transformed



Eminent experts from USA ,CUJ & JU addressing the gathering during the workshop.

the traditional learning environment, enabling educators to enhance teaching methods and offer students more engaging and personalized learning experiences.

The expert lectures were delivered by the eminent experts from USA, Central University of Jammu and University of Jammu. Er.

Utkarsh Tripathi, Engineer & Researcher from Chicago, USA delivered lecture on artificial intelligence & machine learning and data analysis".

Dr. Deepti Malhotra from Central University of Jammu delivered lecture on "Education Application of Artificial Intelligence Tools", Dr. Shubnandan Jamwal, from

University of Jammu delivered talk on "Online Tools and Technologies in Education, Dr. Palak Mahajan, Central University of Jammu delivered talk on "Learning Data Analytics using Python & Anit Sharma, Assistant Prof. delivered the lecture on the "Use of Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture".

During the workshop Dr. Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension, Dr. R.K. Salgotra, Director IBT, Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, DSW, Prof. Vikas Sharma, Head & Coordinator, NAHEP-IDP, Prof. P. K. Rai, ICAR-Nodal Officer, Prof. Manish Sharma, Head, Statistics and CS, Prof. A.P. Singh, Head, Agronomy, Prof. Anil Bhat, Associate Director Research and other faculty members and students of the university were present.

Proceeding of the programme and vote of thanks was given by Prof. Vivak M. Arya organising secretary of the workshop.

Remembering the Bravehearts: Battle Briefing and Reminiscence held at Lamocheen View Point

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KARGIL: The Kargil War saw soldiers of Indian Armed Forces fight in the most challenging terrain under harsh weather conditions leading to the defeat of the enemy in Dras, Kargil and Batalik Sectors.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas, a briefing was conducted on Thursday at Lamocheen (Dras). The event com-

menced with an audio visual narration of the battles which showcased the Kargil War as it unfolded. The vivid narrations, in the backdrop of the very mountains where the fierce battles were fought, recreated scenes of each battle and the venue reverberated with tales of bravery and sacrifice of our soldiers.

The narrations of battle followed by reminiscences of actions by the war heroes themselves and

family members brought to life the bravery, indomitable spirit and everlasting zeal of our braves.

The event was graced by the presence of the War Heroes and Veer Naris, Veer Matas and relatives of the gallant soldiers who laid down their lives during the war.

The event commenced with flypast by Flying Rabbits of Microlight Node Gaya.