

CLUJ holds 4th syndicate meeting

Approves research guide ship for constituent colleges, dual degrees in syndicate

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JAMMU: The Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) on Friday conducted its 4th Syndicate meeting. The meeting was chaired by Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor of the University, and was graced by Santmanu, Additional Chief Secretary; Santhosh D. Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance; and Prof. Kavita Shah, Vice Chancellor of Siddharth University, Uttar Pradesh.

The meeting also saw the presence of Dr. Geetanjali Andotra, Dr. Rajinder Singh, and Dr. Romesh Gupta, Principals of the constituent colleges along with Deans of the CLUJ including Dr. Chander Shekhar, Dr. Mohd. Zubair, and Dr. Monika Sharma. Addi from the Cluster University of Srinagar Dr. Munir Ahmed Mir, Dr. G. M. Lone, Dr. Night Nasreen, and Dr. Raif Ahmad Khan where as Dr. R. K. Mittal, Vice Chancellor of BBA University, Lucknow, joined virtually.

Earlier in the meeting,



Additional Chief Secretary, Santmanu with other dignitaries at 4th Syndicate meeting.

Ankur Mahajan, Registrar of the University, presented the agenda items for discussion and approval.

At the outset, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar outlined key developments at the University since the last Syndicate meeting.

These included receiving approvals from AICTE and NCTE for new programmes, successfully conducting a mega job fair, revising the postgraduate syllabus, and completing the syllabus for the 7th and 8th semesters of the UG 4th year programme.

The Syndicate ratified several actions taken by the Vice Chancellor, including

the approval of revised reservation rules of J&K for UG and PG admissions, as well as Ph.D. admissions.

A significant decision was made to evaluate all end semester examination answer sheets through a coding system, with assessment carried out by eligible evaluators from a panel approved by the Controller of Examinations.

Additionally, the Syndicate granted a one-time exemption to students with a credit shortage of less than 50%, allowing them to seek admission into the 5th semester of UG General, Honours, and PG

Integrated programmes. The adoption of NET as the entrance test for admission to Ph.D. programmes was also deliberated.

The Syndicate further approved the introduction of various new programmes, including MPA, PG Diploma, Diploma and Certificate courses in Dogri translation, M.Sc. Geography, and one-year PG programmes.

Another notable decision was the recognition of eligible college faculty members as Ph.D. supervisors and collaboration with other institutions to implement the fourth year of the FYUGP in alignment with

NEP 2020.

Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar also highlighted that NEP 2020 has been effectively implemented at the CLUJ, ensuring opportunities for research and project work in the 4th year Honours Degree. Moreover, dual degree programmes were approved to commence from the academic session 2025-26.

The Syndicate also deliberated extensively on the provision of mercy chances for the batches of 2017, 2018, and 2019 and approved their conduct. It was also decided to explore the introduction of new academic programmes, including

M.Sc. (Entrepreneurship) in collaboration with EDII, Ahmedabad, B.Sc. (Nursing), English as a minor subject, and Statistics as a major, minor, and multidisciplinary course at GGM Science College.

Additionally, the Syndicate authorised the Vice Chancellor to co-opt senior faculty members from affiliated colleges into various university positions

to strengthen activities related to extension, outreach, and consultancy.

It was further resolved to reintroduce CLUJET from the academic session 2026-27.

Earlier in the day, the 5th Finance Committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor. The meeting was attended by Santmanu, Additional Chief Secretary; Santhosh D. Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance; Ankur Mahajan, Registrar; Dr. Mohammed Zubair, Dean; and Dr. Romesh Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College.

Nagesh Jamwal, Finance Advisor of CLUJ, presented the budget estimates, proposals for the creation of new posts, enhancement of fees, and the audit report. These were duly approved by the Finance Committee and subsequently ratified by the Syndicate.

Prof. Chandrasekar expressed his gratitude to all members of the Finance Committee and the Syndicate for their valuable contributions and support.

Five-day awareness program on 'Safety and Security' concludes at CUJ



VC CUJ Prof. Sanjeev Jain and others at a programme.

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, concluded a five-day awareness program on Safety and Security on Friday. The program took place in the University Auditorium and was coordinated by Balwan Singh, Security Officer.

The valedictory session was graced by VC Prof. Sanjeev Jain as the Chief Guest, along with Prof. Yashwant Singh (Registrar), Mohd. Iqbal (Finance Officer, I/C), and Udit Mahajan (System Analyst). The event saw enthusiastic participation from teaching and non-teaching staff, research scholars, security personnel, and housekeeping staff. The primary objective of the program was to enhance preparedness and response capabilities in the face of natural calamities, fire incidents, and other emergencies. Participants received hands-on training in basic life skills and essential safety protocols. Anmol Gupta, Junior Engineer (Electrical), and Abhishek Sharma, Pharmacist, conducted sessions on electrical safety and health preparedness. Additionally, Balwan Singh, Security Officer, and Romi Rajput, Security Inspector, delivered practical demonstrations and training on fire safety, campus security, and emergency response protocols. The program proved highly beneficial in fostering a culture of safety and awareness within the university community, ensuring that all stakeholders are better equipped to handle emergency situations effectively.

Judo Belt grading test held at Srinagar



Participants posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Around 50 young players from Kashmir Division appeared in the week-long Belt grading test in the discipline of Judo at Indoor Complex, Polo Ground, Srinagar.

The test, which concluded today, was organised by the Judo Association of J&K

under the guidance of Gowhar Khan.

The test was conducted by senior Judo Coach of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Shawkhat Shafi in support with Umar Hamja, Rahil Shafi and Kabra Altaf.

At the concluding function today, those successful

participants presented by certificates, a handout issued by the Association, here informed.

Prominent among those who were present in the closing function included Vikas Gupta, Manjoor Ahmed, Shazia Bhat, Hamida, Altaf, Ajmal, Bilal and Fasil.

Pazhani, Ojasvi wins U-13 Jammu Chess titles

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JAMMU: Pazhani Kohli and Ojasvi Choudhary won boys and girls titles respectively in the Under -13 Divisional level chess event which held under the banner of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) at Hotel Nek, here.

Vaibhav Dewedi and Ishwam Kwatra secured second and third place respectively in boys section while girls second and third position clinched by Arshia and Neomika Mahajan respectively.

President of AJKCA, Baldev Raj presented medals and certificates to today's winners.

Meanwhile, the events in other categories shall start tomorrow and to be continued.



Winner players posing with officials.

ued up to July 12 at the same venue, an official handout issued informed.

Events are being conducted by Jammu Division Selection Committee headed by SP Sharma while

Stuti Gupta has been appointed Chief Arbiter. All the matches are being conducted following the latest FIDE rules of chess under Swiss and Round Robin systems.

Yudhvir reviews development works in Ward 1, resolves long-pending water issue

Emphasizes development of East Constituency remains his top priority



MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi visiting Ward 1 to inspect development works.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and sitting MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, today visited Ward No. 1 to inspect the ongoing development works and address civic issues concerning the local residents.

During his visit, Yudhvir Sethi inspected the construction work of the Ram Leela Stage being built by the Saraswati Dramatic Club at the historic Billu Mandir premises.

The MLA was accompanied by officials from the

PWD (Civil), including the Executive Engineer (Civil) Rakesh, Executive Engineer (XEN) PHE-Rajesh Ji and Junior Engineer (JE) Vikas, along with BJP office bearers and local party workers.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi reiterated his commitment to preserving and promoting cultural heritage through infrastructural support. "The Ram Leela stage will not only strengthen the cultural fabric of the constituency but also serve as

a symbol of our rich traditions," he said.

In another significant development, MLA Yudhvir visited the revered Ashram of Shri Shri 1008 Tapasvi Shri Moni Ji Maharaj in the same ward, where a long-pending issue of water scarcity had been troubling the ashram for quite some time. Taking swift action, he facilitated a solution in coordination with the PHE Department's JE Vikas Ji and his team. The water supply issue was promptly

addressed, bringing much-needed relief to the ashram residents and devotees.

Yudhvir Sethi assured the management of revered Ashram that all future concerns will be dealt with on priority. "It is my responsibility and commitment to ensure that the needs of every resident, saint, and spiritual institution are met without delay," he added.

Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that the development of Jammu East remains his top priority and that no stone will be left unturned in fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

Among those who were present included Ramesh Gupta, Naresh Abrol, Jeevan Singh, Ved Padma, Ram Gopal, Rajesh Bali, Vijay Kumar, Kuldeep Mehta, Rajesh Sharma, Sudershan Singh, Neeru Anand, Sunita Sharma, Nipun Malhotra, Ram Leela Wale, Ashwani Sundan, Sudaker Sharma, Suresh Bharti, and Rangeela Ji.

KSS celebrates Sharika Jayanti with traditional religious fervour

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Sahayak Samiti (KSS), Jammu, celebrated Sharika Jayanti-also known as Har Navam, the sacred birthday of Mata Sharika, the revered deity of the Kashmiri Pandit community-with deep religious fervor and spiritual devotion at Mata Sharika Bhawan, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Hundreds of devotees thronged the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, chanting mantras and Vedic shlokas in



KSS Jammu members with devotees celebrating Sharika Jayanti at Jammu.

praise of Mata Sharika. The traditional rituals were performed under the guidance of learned scholar B.N. Sadhu, who led the pooja ceremony and offered prayers for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of all mankind.

The spiritual ambience was

further elevated with the soulful rendition of Kashmiri traditional bhajans, sung by devotee Nari Shaktis, invoking the blessings of Mata Sharika. The devotional songs created an emotional atmosphere, especially among members of the

Kashmiri Pandit Baradari who, due to displacement, could not visit Hari Parbat in Srinagar, the original abode of Mata Sharika, on this auspicious occasion.

Dr. Daleep Pandita, General Secretary of KSS, while conducting the proceed-

ings, highlighted the religious and historical significance of the day. He extended heartfelt thanks to all the devotees who participated in the celebration with deep spirituality and cultural pride, even while living in exile. The function was graced by Surinder Munshi, President of KSS, who performed the Prashad Pooja marking the conclusion of the day-long event. Traditional yellow rice prashad was distributed among all devotees as part of the ceremony.

The event stood as a testimony to the enduring faith and cultural traditions of the Kashmiri Pandit community, preserving their rich spiritual heritage while away from their homeland.

Shri Kailakh Trust delegation meets Swami Amrit Das to promote Sanskrit

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SRINAGAR: A delegation from Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur paid visit to Swami Amrit Das Maharaj, the Secretary of Shri Chander Chinara Bada Akhara Udasin Trust, at Shri Chander Chinara Udasin Ashram, Kothi Bagh, Residency Road, Lal Chowk, Srinagar.

The meeting was aimed at promoting and preserving the divine language, Sanskrit.

On this occasion, the Trust's President, Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri, presented detailed information about the various activities the Trust has been carrying out for many years for the preservation of Sanskrit, promotion of the Vedas, and advancement of Sanatan culture.

He urged Swami Amrit Das to take necessary initiatives to establish Sanskrit Gurukuls in Jammu & Kashmir, so that the future



SKJVS Trust delegation calling on Swami Amrit Das Maharaj at Srinagar.

generations can be connected to Vedic values and spiritual traditions, leading to widespread cultural awakening in society.

Senior Trustee of the Trust, R.K. Chhibber stated that Shri Chander Chinara Bada Akhara Udasin Trust has been making commendable contributions in the field of education. If this Akhara focuses specifically on Sanskrit education in Jammu & Kashmir, it could mark the beginning of a new

cultural renaissance in the region.

Trustee Nigam Gupta remarked that the Akhara is not only active in spiritual pursuits but is also making remarkable contributions in healthcare and social service.

On this occasion, Swami Amrit Das was respectfully presented with a Felicitation Volume published by Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, dedicated to the Lieutenant Governor

of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha.

Swami Amrit Das appreciated the Trust's work and assured full support in promoting Sanskrit. He stated that Sanskrit is not just a language, but the very soul of Indian culture, and it is our utmost duty to take it to every individual.

The delegation also included the Trust's Vice President Sunil Sharma, Trustee Dr. Sanjay Sharma, and senior journalist Rohit Jandiyal.