

JU Alumni Association launches Global Mentoring Programme

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JAMMU: University of Jammu Alumni Association (UJAA) on Friday launched its Global Mentoring Programme (GMP) to connect with the international alumni of JU.

Dr. Amita Fotedar, Ph.D., an international Alumni of Department of Environmental Science, JU who is presently working with Ministry for Primary Industries, Government of New Zealand interacted with various stakeholders on the theme "Environmental Concerns: Global Opportunities and Challenges".

Prof Umesh Rai, VC, JU and Patron UJAA said that JU is proud of its alumni who have made significant contributions across a diverse spectrum of professional and public life both at the national and international level. He invited the alumni of the University to proactively come forward, share ideas, create endowments, and partner

with the University in various academic pursuits.

Speaking on the theme, Dr. Amita Fotedar urged the students to volunteer for international agencies, network, upskill and prepare themselves for globally competitive world.

Prof Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, JU said that alumni of JU should create a vibrant association which is self-sustaining in its initiatives in the long run.

Prof Seema Langar, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, JU said that blending practical exposure along with academic component is critical for the growth of the students. She urged upon the students to leverage such opportunities to network with our international alumni. Prof Prakash C Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, JU and President, UJAA is his welcome address briefed about the objectives of GMP and informed that a series of lectures are planned

under this theme. He informed that UJAA is now a registered society and our team is committed to curate innovative initiatives for alumni engagement.

Prof Piyush Malaviya, Head, Department of Environmental Science, JU while introducing the speaker felt proud of the international alumni of the department and urged students & scholars to have global vision while planning their careers. Dr. Anil Gupta, Associate Dean (SW) and Secretary, UJAA conducted the proceedings of the event and also presented the formal vote of thanks.

Among other present included Prof Anil K Raina, Prof Vinay Chauhan, Dr. Garima Gupta, Dr. Ginni Dogra, Ajay Wali, Dr. Deepika Sathia, Dr. Rakesh Atri, Dr. Hema Gandotra in addition students, scholars, faculty members from various colleges & universities, life members of UJAA and also the members from civil society.

KPC expresses shock on rejection of another petition by SC

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JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) has expressed shock on rejection of another Writ petition by Supreme Court for crimes committed against the community. While speaking in a meeting, KPC President, Kundan Kashmari said that long struggle of victim Kashmiri Pandits to get justice for crimes committed against them seems to be never ending. "Another denial of justice by Supreme Court has further adding salt to wounds of the hapless community and pained each member of the community, who faced tyranny of terrorism," he added.

Kundan Kashmari further said that earlier also on July 24, 2017 Supreme court rejected a plea seeking investigation into killing of hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990s and early 2000, saying 'more than 27 years have passed by since then. No fruitful purpose would emerge, as evidence is unlikely to be available at this late juncture.'

"What baffled and dismayed victim KP community is why democratic and dedicated institutions of the country failed to save and secure the nationalist community and the denial to take cognizance of their grave issues," he asserted, adding that the pathetic treatment with the victim community indicates that due to lack of electoral strength is main cause of their getting neglected. As such, nationalist and peace-loving KP community has to exhibit strength that helps to get required attention and importance for getting all their issues resolved, he maintained.

GCET Jammu organizes signature campaign against single-use plastic



Students and faculty members during an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu on Friday organized an awareness cum sensitization rally and signature campaign against "Single Use Plastics (SUP)" under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The rally was flagged off by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma.

The event was started with signature campaign against

the single use plastics in which more than 70 students including staff members signed and pledged to sensitize the common masses against the use of plastics.

Further the volunteers initiated the awareness rally starting from the campus in which the students marched towards the nearby village displaying their play cards and posters against single use plastics.

The NSS volunteers interacted with the locals and sensitized them about the harmful effects of single use plastics. The event was organized by NSS volunteers Sunidhi, Vishwas, Nikansh, Jaanvi, Rakshant, Sanjeev, Tarapal and Satvik Partap under the guidance of NSS P.O. Dr. Raman Gupta.

The staff members who were present during the event were included Prof. Baldev Raj, Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dr. Heera Saini, Dr. Rajinder Singh Sh. Balbir Singh, Er. Surjeet Ranyal Er. Atit Sharma and Sunil Sharma.

NC committed to protect J&K's cultural diversity: Sagar

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar on Friday said that the party is committed to country's secular tradition and unity in diversity.

This he said while presiding over a meeting of Party functionaries of Jammu Urban, Jammu Rural A, Jammu Rural B, Samba, Reasi and Kathua districts at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, here.

Among others Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta, senior leader AG Malik, District presidents were also present on the occasion.

While addressing the functionaries Sagar said that the defining characteristics of NC has been that it has been able to sustain democratic governance and equitable development of all ethnic, linguistic, and religious groups in J&K. Kashmiris, Dogras, Gujjars, Paharis have all remained deeply attached to their sense of collective history and to their identity.

Efforts that are being made to break this bond will be resisted and its JKNC under the leadership of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah is spearheading this movement once again," he said adding, "People of J&K are fed-up with the hollow promises made over the period last four years. Its time that we tell the people in power that enough is enough. Nobody can take people of J&K for granted."

Declare lumpy skin disease as National calamity: JKDFA

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JAMMU: J&K Dairy Farming Association on Friday urged the Centre to declare Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), a viral infection of cattle, as a national calamity.

"Dead animals with lumpy skin should be disposed of in a scientific manner, which will help in controlling the infection. Control rooms should also be set up in all the districts," said JKDFA members in a press conference.

They demanded continuous monitoring in all the districts of J&K for effective prevention of the disease at the grassroots level which shows their sheer carelessness towards livestock owners and farmers.



J&K Dairy Farming Association members talking to reporters.

losses to the livestock owners, but the governments had not provided any relief to depressed owners on the lines of aid or assistance being provided to the industry.

They said that this disease had been causing thousands of deaths of milking animals which had caused financial

They added that there was no regular monitoring of the emergent situation either by the union ministry concerned or the state government for effective prevention of the disease at the grassroots level which shows their sheer carelessness towards livestock owners and farmers.

Smart India Hackathon 2022: IIT Jammu's 'Dynamatrix', Tinker Child teams shine

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JAMMU: IIT Jammu's Team 'Dynamatrix' and Tinker Child teams won the first prizes in Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2022, organized under Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)

IIT Jammu's Team 'Dynamatrix' won the first prize for their incredible approach in working for Knee support mechanism.

The team 'Dynamatrix' beat out other contestants with their incredible designs and successful integration of data collected to the application using sensors.

They designed a knee support mechanism, which can take body weight and transfer

to shoes so that pain at the knee due to body weight is minimized. Team Members include Harshit, Anand Sankar M, Yuvraj Chugh, Choppa Kiran, Lovish Bains and Palak Dabal.

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Activity Clustering and Timeline Studying (FACTS)", relating to robust marine fishery reporting techniques and what can be done to make policymakers and security agencies know where boats prefer to fish at what time of the year. Team Tinker Child developed an interactive platform to visualise, analyse and predict data in regards to the fishing vessels in the

Indian waters.

Their solution consisted of a web application containing ML models to predict the future route of fishing vessels, categorise them based on their movement patterns and derive fishing trends. The members of Tinker Child include Dhiraj Pimparkar, Parvaan Virk, Aman Pratap Singh, Bhavya Aggarwal, Shreyas Chatterjee and Mahendra Gurve.



IIT Jammu's 'Dynamatrix' and 'Tinker Child' teams after receiving awards.

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Over 9 mn Direct Benefit Transfer payments are processed daily: IT Ministry

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JAMMU: On an average over 90 lakh direct benefit transfer payments are being processed in India daily to send money directly into the account of eligible beneficiaries of government schemes, an official statement said on Thursday.

According to data shared by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, on average 28.4 crore digital transactions are performed in a day.

"India is today leading the world in digital payments in particular and also becoming

pre-eminent country in use of technology to improve citizens' lives. Governance - The India stack and other various digital government solutions are now envy of the world's nations. India leads digital and digital

leads India thanks to PM Narendra Modi Ji's vision," minister of state for electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said in the statement.

More than Rs 24.8 lakh crore has been transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode since 2013, Rs 6.3 lakh crore in the financial year

2021-22 alone; on an average over 90 lakh DBT payments are processed daily as per data of FY22, the statement said.

As far as digital payments are concerned, more than 8,840 crore digital payment transactions performed during 2021-22 and nearly 3,300 crore in FY23 up to July 24, 2022.

"This success story of India in creation of digital assets (DBT, JAM, trinity, NPCI etc) can be an example from which not only developing but also 'developed' countries may learn," the statement said.

BSF organises awareness programme on recruitment

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JAMMU: To encourage the students to join forces and to educate them about the technicalities of recruitment, a three-day awareness programme on recruitment in Border Security Force (BSF) was organised in BSF School premises on Friday.

Congress leader Hari Singh Chib further highlighted that the brunt of this hike will be borne by the middle class families, the poor, the working class, who already struggle to make ends meet because of the existing inflation in our country.

A short film and an awareness documentary on recruitment in BSF was shown to the senior students of classes 9th to 12th. 2 IC Gyanendra Singh conducted an interaction session about the future career choices. IG BSF

Jammu Frontier DK Boora, appreciated the efforts of the Principal Dr S.K. Shukla and his staff members for having worked collectively and made this programme a grand success. He announced to the students about their visit to Octroi post Suchetgarh to witness the beating retreat ceremony over there. DK Boora said that students must aspire for jobs in Para-military forces. DIG Communication SC Yadav was also present on the occasion.



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Lecture on 'Challenging Stereotypes on J&K through strategic narratives' held at CUJ

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JAMMU: Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organised an lecture titled "Challenging Stereotypes on J&K through Strategic Narratives", to spread the word on 'equal space for all the stakeholders of the state' and working towards the preservation and promotion of the Dogra identity and history with respect to Jammu and Kashmir. The speaker was Manu Khajuria, Director of Voice of Dogras, who shared her experience of participation in the massive protest in the streets of London, in front

of the Pakistani High Commission, where in they tried to draw the attention of the world community towards the diversity of the Jammu & Kashmir region in terms of geography, culture, ideology, political aspirations, for which she carried a poster which stated, "Jammu and Kashmir Belong to Gujjars, Bakarwals, Dogras, Kashmirs, Paharis". She also stressed the importance of "Narratives", as narrating one's own story tells a lot about one's own identity, ideology, and philosophy, for which she also quoted the phrase "you tell your story, and I will tell

mine". She emphasised how Narratives construct and deconstruct the notion of people as a result of which Jammu has been a victim of twisted narratives and is not able to attract required attention at the national and international levels.

The event was presided over by Prof. Devanand Padha, Dean, Central, and attended by Registrar, Dr. Yashwant Singh.

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