

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 Rotedar, 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 Rotedar 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. Ginny Dogra, Ajay Wali, Dr. Deepika Slathia, 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.

Contribution of Atal in nation building will always be remembered: Jugal Inaugurates 'Atal Ji Park' at Ward-56

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JAMMU: Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, along with BJP General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul and senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated 'Atal Ji Park' at Ward-56 of Gangyal. The construction work of park was completed under supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). While addressing gathering after inauguration of park, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma said that Atal Bihari Vajpayee dedicated entire life in selfless service to nation. "Contribution of Atal in nation building will always be remembered with respect," he added. Lauding efforts of Billawaria, the MP said that the way in which development works have been done for people of ward-56 Gangyal, is really commendable. Ashok Koul said that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a politician who ruled hearts of the people and his dream was upliftment of every person in country and good governance. "BJP is the only political party which is giving real benefits to people under Mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'," he said, urging youth to stay away from drugs and take interest in sports and other positive activities. Expressing gratitude towards MP for visit the ward, BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria said that



BJP General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul and senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating 'Atal Ji Park'.

Deptt of Sanskrit JU organises Maharishi Vedvyas Jayanti



Winner students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

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JAMMU: Maharshi Ved Vyas Jayanti was organized by the Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu under the theme of Sanskrit Mahakavi Jayanti in the Seminar hall of the Department.

The program started with the Saraswati Vandana and at the very outset Prof. Sushma Devi, Head, Department of Sanskrit welcomed the guests, teachers in charge from various colleges and participants of the competition.

In the program, a Shloka Citation competition from Mahabharata was organized in which 30 participants from various Language Departments of the University and from the Sanskrit Departments of various colleges.

Prof Sucheta Pathania, Dean Faculty of Arts, University of Jammu graced the function as Chief Guest and while addressing the gathering she congratulated the Head, Department of Sanskrit, other faculty members and participants of the function and described the role of Sanskrit languages in the welfare of the society.

Prof Shivdev Singh Manhas, Ex. HOD, Department of Dogri and Dean, Faculty of Arts was present in the function as Saraswat Atithi and in her address praised the initiative taken by the Department.

Professor Rajni Bala, Head, Department of Hindi was present in the function in the capacity of Vishisht Atithi and spoke about the importance of lessons of Mahabharat in present era.

Dr. Ved Prakash Raina and Mr. Ashish Sharma were present in the capacity of Judges, Faculty members of the Department such as Dr. Vidyadhar Singh, Dr. Pratibha, Dr. Satyapriya, Dr. Priyanka Arya, Contractual faculty Members such as Dr. Umesh, Dr. Prince and Dr. Kamni Sharma etc. also were present in the function.

Shivani Sharma- PG Department of Sanskrit, Jammu University got first prize, Neeraj Singh, Govt. MAM College, Jammu bagged second prize and Anil Kumar, PG Department of Sanskrit, Jammu University received third Prize. Nikita Sharma and Gaurav Sharma won Consolation Prize.

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 Gujars, Bakarwals, Dogras, Kashmiris, 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

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 Kashmiri 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 Kashmiri 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.

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.

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

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 Amrut Mahotsav.

The rally was flagged off by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Samru 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, Taranpal 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, Dr. Surjeet Ranyal, Dr. 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 secularist tradition and unity in diversity.

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."



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 industrialists.

"The way cows succumb to the disease is very painful and unimaginable," they deplored.

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 Dobal.

'Tinker Child' team won grand finale in problem statement ID NK829. They were awarded prize money of Rs. 1 lakh. The given problem statement was "Fishing boat



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

District Congress Jammu gears-up to join 'Mehangai Pe Halla Bol' Rally at New Delhi



JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani speaking in a meeting.

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JAMMU: The Congress party on Friday held a Joint meeting at the Congress Office Jammu of DCC Jammu Urban & Rural regarding "Mehngai Pe Halla Bol Rally" to be held on 4th September at Ram Leela Ground, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by JKPCC President POC Vikar Rasool Wani and Working President Raman Bhalla. Senior Congress leaders including Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney InCharge District President Jammu (Urban), Manmohan Singh, Hari Singh Chib and others were present at the meeting. President Vikar Rasool Wani invited the leaders to participate in the rally to be held in Delhi. Bhalla highlighted the failures of the BJP government and said that unlike other states in

India, J&K now lacks the protection and autonomy that can be provided by a state government.

He said due to wrong policies of BJP Govt, apart from an economic slowdown, J&K has witnessed the loss of dignity and identity. Bhalla stated that the situation of J&K is hopeless and chaotic under the BJP. Also speaking at the meeting, Yogesh Sawhney criticised increase in GST rates, saying that this has very badly impacted Indian families for whom various household items now becomes more costlier.

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.

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.

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.



IG BSF Jammu Frontier DK Boora speaking at a programme.