

CUJ organises webinar on NEP-2020

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SAMBHA: Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu, organized a webinar focusing on the National Educational Policy NEP-2020. Dr Amrendra Pani, Joint Director and currently the Director (in charge) at Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi was the Keynote Speaker and spoke on "Transforming Research Ecosystem in Higher Education: A perspective of New Education Policy 2020".



Faculty along with students during the programme.

that is being provided by the AIU. During his address he pointed out what currently ails Indian research and how NEP-2020 makes an attempt to make research responsible, relevant, and people friendly while being at the forefront of learning. He discussed the regional imbalance that is observed in India and India's contribution to the global pool of research. Dr Amrendra, stressed the importance of allocation of

more funds for social science research and dwell on the National Research Foundation (NRF) that is going to provide new life to research. He was optimistic about the outcome of the NEP 2020 that is intended to make research in Indian universities more proactive and incisive.

The webinar is an outcome of extended initiative by the Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain on research,

dissemination and skill enhancement among the students. He appreciated the initiatives taken by the Department of Economics and encouraged the Department to hold more events of this nature for the students' overall development. Professor Aswini Kumar Nanda, Head, Department of Economics welcomed the Keynote speaker Dr Amrendra Pani, moderator Professor Asit Mantry, participating faculty as well as students. The webinar was moderated by Professor Asit Mantry, Head, Department of Educational Studies. Dr Shaveta Kohli, outlined the overview of the webinar whereas, Ananya, Research Scholar proposed the vote of thanks. The seminar was widely attended by the students and scholars of the Department of Economics and the Department of Education.

GDC Ramgarh organises slogan writing competition on awareness of ill effects of drug abuse

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RAMGARH: Fine arts Club, Govt. Degree College Ramgarh organized a slogan writing competition on the 'ill effects of Drug Abuse' under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Friday with the aim to strengthen action and cooperation towards a drug free world. The event was organized under the guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College. Students participated with great zeal, fervor and enthusiasm. Total 13 students participated in the event.

Kirandeep Kour, Sem III secured the first position; Chahat Sapolia, Sem III bagged the second prize; Arpana, Sem III clinched the third position.

Prof. Risha Kumari,



Faculty along with students posing for photograph.

Convener, Fine Arts Club and organizing secretary of the event said that this event aims to prevent youth involvement in violence drugs and crime through sport, art and psychosocial support. There is a need for everyone to raise their voice to create awareness about drug abuse. A slogan for drugs prevention is a good place to start. These slo-

gans can be passed down by word of mouth from person to person.

In continuation to this, Dr. Sandeep Kumar added that such events are helpful in creating wide scale awareness among masses, especially among the youth and children of the society against the ill effects of drug abuse by involvement of the youth

themselves in showing their creativity on the theme.

The event was organized by Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener, Fine arts Club. The faculty members who were present include Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Shamsheer Lal, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Dr. Ekta Rani.

PIL highlighting shortage of doctors/paramedics in J&K DB directs Com/Secy H&ME to file personal affidavits

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JAMMU: In a significant order, a Division Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu Wing) through virtual mode comprising Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice M.A Chowdhary after hearing Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed with Advocates Rahul Raina , Supriya Chouhan and Mohd Zulkarnain Chowdhary for the PIL, directed the Commissioner/Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, shall personally file an affidavit without fail within three weeks as to the steps taken to deal with the deficiency regarding the availability of Medical Officers as well as the Para Medical Staff/non-gazetted and Class IV

Employees in Jammu Division.

Division Bench also made it clear that this Court will be constrained to pass appropriate orders, in the event, the Commissioner/Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, does not file the affidavit within the stipulated period.

As regards the Union Territory of Ladakh, Division Bench also directed the Commissioner/Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Ladakh/Officer concern, to personally file an affidavit without fail within the period mentioned above, as to the steps taken to deal with shortage of Medical Officers (Doctors) as well as non-medical (Para Medical Staff) and other supporting staff in

district of Ladakh. We also make it clear that this Court will pass appropriate orders, in the event, the respondent No.2 does not file an affidavit within the period prescribed above.

These significant directions were issued in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL NO.16/2018) filed by RTI Activist Balwinder Singh highlighting acute shortage of Medical officers and Paramedical Staff in various Health Institutions of J&K particularly in remote areas of Jammu Province. The PIL is based upon RTI information wherein it has been disclosed that in several Districts of Jammu Province, there is sixty to seventy percent shortfall of Doctors and Paramedical staff.

DIC team encourages women for skilling, startups

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UDHAMPUR: To encourage women towards self-employment and skilling, a team of District Industries Centre Udhampur visited Panchayat Lower Balli in Block Narsoo to engage with local women and encourage them for skill upgrading and start ups.

Functional Manager, Deepika Sharma and her team from the District Industries Centre (DIC) conducted the insightful visit, fostering a meaningful connection with the women residing there.

During the visit, the Functional Manager announced the exciting initiative of the establishment of a Knitting Training Center with a comprehensive 6-month course program tailored specifically for the women of the Panchayat.

ADBHUT Doda initiative realizing local aspirations digitally

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DODA: To bring digital services closer to the public, and meet aspirations of the people, the district administration Doda launched district-level IT initiatives under the banner of ADBHUT DODA online services, last year. As part of the broader Jammu and Kashmir UT government's Digital J&K Week 2023, a three-day celebration is going on at the Community Hall in Doda from August 31st to September 2nd, 2023. The goal is to raise awareness about the significance and benefits of digital services across various government departments. The stall of ADBHUT Doda at the Digi-Mela 2023 has seen tremendous footfall from the people, especially youth for the past two days of three-day mela.

ADBHUT Doda initiative

brought revolutionary and significant changes in the public services delivery mechanism in the district. The ADBHUT Doda Attendance system ensured real-time watch on the presence of the government employee in his/her workplace, thus enhancing the punctuality and improvement in the service delivery. Permanent 'DOST Centre' at DC office complex Doda under ADBHUT Doda is catering to the needs of people in understanding and taking benefits of the government online services.

To create a viable environment for gainful employment opportunities and innovations, District Administration Doda, under the aegis of indigenous Adhbut Doda initiative, is providing a free workplace to promote young entrepreneurs and innovators, under

the name DODA HUB.

DC online, under the ADBHUT Doda initiative, made the district administration more accessible and accountable. Innovation Challenge, E-Library/ Study Material, Online Classes, Prabhari Officer for Schools, APKA TEHSILDAR APKEY GAON MAI, Yoonth 2023, Swachh Gaon Sundar Gaon, Tourism/ Cultural promotion activities and other like initiative under the umbrella of ADBHUT Doda have been thoroughly appreciated by the people of the district and from outside the district also.

The objective of the ADBHUT Doda is to create an environment where every individual of the district feels empowered, could get his aspirations fulfilled and takes his responsibility in making District Doda really Adhbut and an example of inclusive development.

Digi-week mela takes off at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The three-day Digi-Week Mela commenced in Udhampur District, and on the second day today, Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai visited the venue to engage with the participants. During her address to the participants, DC Saloni Rai shed light on various digital services introduced by the Government of India and the UT Administration, emphasizing their significance for the general public. She urged attendees to take full advantage of these digital services and expressed her satisfaction with the initiative to organize such a digital event, bringing essential services to the people's doorsteps. During her visit, the DC, accompanied by the ADC, inspected the stalls set up by various government departments to provide information about a range of online services introduced by the Government of India.

Lecture on upliftment and empowerment of people held



A student expressing views during the programme.

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DODA: As a part of ongoing process of educating the inhabitants on 'Upliftment and Empowerment', a lecture was conducted at Goha, Doda district. Speaking on the occasion, Tanveer Ahmed, Vice Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Goha said that the initiative reflects a collective effort to bring positive change to the lives of people in the region.

By focusing on education, entrepreneurship and cultural preservation, we are

paving the way for a brighter future. The highlights of the event to educate the local populace to uplift and empower them through various courses like Computer Operator, Welding Courses, Women Nursing, Motor Driving and Beautician courses are being conducted every year.

A total of 150 students and 07 teachers attended the lecture. Mr Tanveer Ahmed appreciated the measures projected by the event to uplift and empower the people of J&K and to choose a progressive life.

Rajouri residents People avail array of e-services on Day 2 of Digital Week Mela

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RAJOURI: To celebrate the remarkable digital strides achieved under the Digital India campaign and promote a digitally empowered society, the district administration Rajouri hosted a mega Digital Week Mela here in the Dak Bungalow.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from numerous government departments, each setting up their respective stalls to showcase their contributions to the Digital India campaign.

The Visitors were treated to an array of on-the-spot e-services, ranging from Aadhar enrollment to Golden Cards, services by the Revenue Department, Holistic Agriculture Development Schemes, RDD Schemes, and an assortment of other online services available to the public.

A standout feature of the event was the various department stalls where attendees received valuable insights into different initiatives. The event



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal inaugurating digital week.

extended technical support to applicants for online registration and service access, further promoting digital literacy.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal urged the public to take full advantage of these initiatives, emphasizing how they have streamlined the process of accessing various government services. The District Administration Rajouri proudly inaugurated the Digital J&K Week-2023 at Dak Bungalow, Rajouri, with a spirited rally flagged off by

Deputy Commissioner. The rally witnessed wholehearted participation from people of all walks of life.

The event commenced with a live telecast of the inauguration of the Digital J&K Week by Chief Secretary J&K, Arun Kumar Mehta, virtually. The proceedings were attended by district administration officials virtually, with a significant turnout of attendees present at Dak Bungalow.

A total of 37 stalls were erected by various government departments, agencies, banks,

and more, all with the aim of creating public awareness about the 1000+ online services launched by the government.

This week-long extravaganza will spotlight citizen-centric IT initiatives that have enhanced transparency in governance and improved the quality of life for citizens. Moreover, it will generate widespread awareness about digital solutions and emerging technologies. Distinguished officers present at the occasion included PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood, ACR Imran Kataria, ACP Sheraz Chouhan, and other officials representing different departments. The Digital India campaign is a transformative initiative launched by the Government of India to harness the power of technology and digital infrastructure to empower citizens and enhance service delivery. It encompasses various projects and initiatives aimed at creating a digitally inclusive society.

Farmer trainings on scientific amaranthus cultivation organised

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KISHITWAR: Series of farmer training programmes on scientific cultivation of Amaranthus crop were held in district Kishitwar. Division of Agronomy and KVK Kishitwar SKUAST Jammu organised training session under Department of Science and Technology (DST) sponsored Project "Exploration of underutilized Amaranthus species for sustainable livelihood, nutritional security and climate resilience of Western Himalayas" at Pranzil, SigdiDadpeth, Talaran and Palmar villages of the district.

The training programmes were held under the Guidance of Dr SK Gupta Director Extension SKUAST Jammu and Dr BC Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-J Chatha and Principal Investigator of the project. Dr Narinder Paul, Head KVK Kishitwar and Co-PI of the project organized the training programme in association with Dr Vishal Gupta Associate Professor,

Division of Plant Pathology, SKUAT-J, Co-PI and Dr Anil Kumar, Research Fellow.

During the programme 90 farmers were imparted trainings on Good Agricultural Practices in higher hill for Amaranthus cultivation, potential of underutilized grains of Amaranthus grown in different areas of the district, weed management and cultivation practices of improved varieties of Amaranthus crop for promoting its cultivation on scientific lines.

Farmers were also mobilized to undertake Amaranthus cultivation as it is highly climate resilient crop to cope with the kharif drought which is most prevalent in many areas of the district. Lal Chand, Kuldeep Sharma, Duni Chand, Ashwani Kumar, Meena Devi, Feroq Ahmad, Jamala Begum, Kush Mohammad, Rahida Begum, Madan Lal, Anoop Raina and 80 other farmers attended the training programmes.

Ayushman Bhava Campaign launched in District Samba

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SAMBHA: A significant milestone was reached today with the official launch of the Ayushman Bhava Campaign in District Samba.

Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma, various stakeholder departments came together to mark the beginning of this transformative initiative.

The meeting brought together representatives from key departments, including the Department of School Education, Rural Development, Social Welfare, and Panchayati Raj. Chief Medical Officer Samba, Dr. Vidhi Bhatial, delivered an informative presentation highlighting the campaign's objectives and strategies.

The campaign's core focus is to achieve comprehensive and widespread implementation of vital health schemes across the district. It adopts a mission-oriented approach with unwavering dedication to extend its coverage to every deserving beneficiary, ensuring they seamlessly access the intended benefits.

Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to work collaboratively and with utmost zeal during the campaign period, which will run from September

1st, 2023, to December 31st, 2023. Emphasizing the importance of departmental coordination, ADDC Samba Rajinder Singh encouraged health and other departments to unite their efforts to make the campaign a resounding success.

The meeting witnessed the participation of several esteemed officials, including ACD Samba, CEO Samba, PO ICDS Samba, DSWO Samba, Dy CMO Samba, DHO Samba, DIO Samba, DNO Samba, DPMU Samba, and all BMOs.

The Ayushman Bhava Campaign in District Samba is poised to bring positive changes to the lives of the community it serves. It signifies a commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and delivering the promised benefits to those who need them the most.

Army conducts medical camp



Doctors examining patients during the camp.

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REASI: Army organised a Medical Camp at Ichini, Reasi to provide assistance to the villagers of the area. The aim of the camp was to extend primary health care facility to people residing in far flung areas.

Approximately 50 families of villages in and around Ichini benefitted from the day long medical camp. All patients were examined for ailments and medicines were distributed to them. The populace appreciated the steps taken by the

Indian Army to provide basic health facilities in remote areas.

Army organises lecture on physical fitness

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RAJOURI: As part of the Fit India initiative of the Government, a lecture was conducted at Siatsui, Rajouri District to create awareness on physical fitness. The lecture highlighted the significance of physical fitness and exhorted the audience to make exercise a daily ritual.

It was brought out in the lecture that physical fitness results in strong bones, seamless cardio vascular functions and strong muscles which results in better health, reduced risk of lifestyle diseases like



An army officer delivering lecture.

blood pressure, diabetes etc. Physical activities like playing games apart from reducing stress also instils sportsman

spirit and a 'NEVER GIVE IN' attitude towards life. The event was highly appreciated by the attendees.

Slogan writing competition held at GDC Reasi to promote Nasha mukt Bharat Campaign

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REASI: Department of Psychology, Government Degree College, Reasi, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, Civil Secretariat, UT of J&K and NCORD committee organized a slogan writing competition, on the theme ill effects and consequences of drug

abuse. The event held under the guidance of the College Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kour, aimed to create awareness about and communicate the detrimental effects and severe consequences of drug abuse.

As many as 30 students from different departments of the college participated

enthusiastically in the event and soon came up with a large number of original and interesting slogans presented creatively.

The top three Slogans were selected amongst the entries. Amit Sharma of Sem-Vth stood first, Sunil Kumar of Sem-V bagged second position and third position was

bagged by Pallavi Sharma of Sem-V. The event was organized by Dr. Prohlot Kour (Head) and Dr. Rajinder Kumar (Asstt. Prof) of the Department of Psychology GDC Reasi. Principal of the college applauded the efforts of the students and said that such competitions can bring a radical change in society.

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