

# Former VC DU attends induction session of 'Design Your Degree' Program at JU

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JAMMU: Jammu University's "Design Your Degree" induction program was marked by the presence of distinguished academics and inspiring speeches.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi and current Vice-Chairman of the J&K Higher Education Council set the stage and left an indelible mark on the proceedings, his talk revolved around the program's core principle of openness. He emphasized that within this innovative academic journey, traditional reliance on textbooks is unnecessary.

Instead, the focus should be on engaging in mind-opening conversations and pursuing intellectual growth through experiential learning. His words resonated deeply with the students, encouraging them to embrace the boundless possibilities of the program, he told.



Former VC DU, Prof. Dinesh Singh posing with faculty members and students of JU.

To ignite intellectual curiosity, Prof. Singh urged students to seek answers within themselves and avoid shortcuts in life. His inspiring message underscored the importance of self-driven learning and constant expansion of horizons. Prof. Singh also stressed the practical aspects of personal and professional development, emphasizing the significance of strong communication skills in the ever-evolving global landscape.

Prof. Dinesh Singh's talk instilled a profound sense of curiosity and self-discovery among the students, setting the tone for their educational journey within the "Design Your Degree" program. As they embark on this transformative path, they carry with them the inspiration to explore, learn, and adapt, guided by the wisdom of a distinguished educator and visionary.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor of Jammu

University, talked about this new course and shared information about the facilities and infrastructure provided to the students at the university.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Director of SIIEDC, extended a formal welcome address. Earlier, Prof. Shobha Bagai, Director of Cluster Innovation Center at the University of Delhi, and the enthusiastic participants of the "Design Your Degree" program. Dr. Shailu Sehgal

delivered vote of thanks.

The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Alka Sharma, the Director SIETC at JU. Prof. Sharma extended a warm welcome to the incoming students and faculty members from various disciplines, forming the core team behind the "Design Your Degree" program.

In a spirit of unity and camaraderie, the new batch of students took the stage to introduce themselves, symbolizing the commencement of a shared academic odyssey. As an integral part of their induction, students embarked on an immersive campus tour, visiting various departments, including the Dhanvantari Library (a treasure trove of academic resources), the versatile Zorawar Singh Auditorium, the Rajinder Singh Auditorium, the museum, the Gymnasium and the canteens.

# Dy Mayor inaugurates renovation work of Community Hall at Gangyal

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Wednesday inaugurated the renovation work of the Community Hall near Shri Durga Mandir, Gangyal in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor said that this was an old demand of Shri Durga Mandir Gangyal Committee and local residents which was fulfilled today. Deputy Mayor said that he has been working towards redressing the problems faced by the people of weaker and backward sections of the society and it is indeed a matter of satisfaction for him that he has been able to make some kind of expansion.

The Deputy Mayor said that an amount has been earmarked for this work, but if needed, more funds will be made available to complete other works of the



Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating renovation work of Community Hall near Shri Durga Mandir.

Community Hall. The Deputy Mayor further said that after the renovation of the community hall, the local residents will get more facilities. The Deputy Mayor said that people will now be able to do their religious or social work in a better way in the community hall.

The Deputy Mayor said that the BJP government has worked to give a new

direction to the country during its tenure. The main objective of the BJP party is to get the development work done in every area equally with full honesty.

Shri Durga Mandir Gangyal Committee and local residents expressed gratitude to Billawaria for renovation work of the community hall and expressed their full support to BJP in the upcoming elections.

# Distt Level seminar-cum-awareness program on NBHM concludes



Beekeepers posing with dignitaries at closing ceremony of programme.

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JAMMU: Under the banner of the Atam Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department, District Jammu organized two days District Level Seminar Cum awareness programme on the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) sponsored by National Bee Board from September 19 to 20 which was successfully concluded today at Kisan Kendra-Jammu.

The event aimed at promoting Honey production, capacity building, farmers

training particularly women self help groups, skill development, employment generation to mention a few.

Technical Session was conducted by experts. Dr. Bhupinder Gupta (Asst. Entomologist Jammu), Dr. D.P. Abrol (Retd. Dean SKUAST-J), Vikas Koshal District Level SMS ,Dr. Davinder Sharma (A.P. SKUAST-J)and Dr.Ashu Kakoria DAO (Ext.) Jammu. During the programme various topics were covered like Scientific Management of Bee Colonies, prospectus and potential of Beekeeping,

Processing and Value Addition of Honey. Various Schemes available for promotion of Beekeeping were discussed during the seminar and the existing Beekeepers also shared their experience with potential Beekeepers.

Healthy interaction of Beekeepers and resource persons remained the highlight of the seminar.

At the end certificates of appreciation and participation were also distributed among various stakeholders for their praiseworthy contribution in the field of Beekeeping.

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JAMMU: The J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu organised a Dental Health Check-up Camp in collaboration with the J&K State Legal Services Authority in the High Court Complex, Janipur.

The camp was inaugurated by Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman Legal Services Authority and the Companion Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh in the presence of President of JKHCBAJ Sr. Advocate Vikram Sharma.

Justice Tashi Rabstan congratulated the President and his team JKHCBAJ for organising such an event which he said would prove beneficial to the legal fraternity and everyone connected there with. The President of the Association assured that his team is keen on organising such free medical camps on a regular basis for the benefit of Members



Justice Tashi Rabstan, the Companion Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh inaugurating dental camp.

of the association and their staff in future.

He thanked the principal government dental college Jammu and his senior facility for promptly organising the camp with necessary infrastructure and para-medical support.

Vikram Sharma also thanked the J&K Legal Service Authority for permitting the camp within the premises of the J&K State Legal Service

Authority.

The Vice President Amit Gupta and Parvesh Singh Salaria General Secretary briefed judges and the members about the services available in the camp.

The members of the Association and their staff heatedly participated in the camp to avail the benefit of Dental Health Check-ups, who were provided examination, minor treatments, medicines and medical

advice for further treatment where required.

The office bearers namely Amit Gupta Vice-President, Parvesh Singh Salaria General Secretary, Chetan Misri Joint Secretary and Utkarsh Pathania Treasurer present on the occasion.

The event was attended by a large number of senior and young lawyers including V.R. Wazir (Former President) & Senior Advocate), D K Khajuria (Former President), Sr. Adv Surinder Kour, Sr. Adv P.N. Goja, Sr. Adv Seema Shekher, Sr. Adv Pranav Kohli, Adv Amrit Sarin, Adv. Deepika Mahajan, Adv. Nirmal Kotwal, Adv. M.R. Qureshi, Adv. virinder Bhat, Adv Rozina Afzal, Adv Rajesh Lalotra, Adv Mohinder Pal Singh Palli, Adv Anil Khajuria, Adv. Divyaishan, Adv. Jyoti Sharma, Adv Aprajita Sharma, Adv Maheen

Shah, Adv Shalinder Thakur, Adv Atul Raina, Adv Rajinder Singh Thakur, Adv Amit Manhas, Adv Supriya Chouhan, Adv Sachin Dev Singh, Adv Karan Sat Sharma, Adv Daksheesh Maharaj, Adv Rajeev Sharma, Amongst many others.

The office bearers of the Young Lawyers Associations headed by President YLA Adv Rohit Sharma, Adv Gagan Deep Singh Lucky (Vice President) and Yaseer Khan (General Secretary) also participated in the Health Camp Organized by JKHCBAJ along with members of the Bar.

The camp was organised with the aid of the principal Govt. Dental College Rakesh Gupta, Dr Ritesh Gupta MDS Orthodontist, Registrar Jammu Kashmir Dental Council, Dr. Satvinder Singh, Dr. Bhavana Koul, Dr. Iqbal Singh, Dr. Nanika Mahajan and Dr. Manisha.

# JKSAC demands to implement Joint Parliamentary Committee's report

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarthei Action Committee (JKSAC) is submitting a petition under the title, "Hamari Awaaz Suno" to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Amit Shah Home Minister and Manoj K. Sinha Lt. Governor and others concerned signed by over 1 lakh DPs of 1947 from POJK, demanding thereby the acceptance, implementation of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs' Report No: 183, the only viable road-map to resolve the DPs grievances concerning their settlement, which is hanging due to lack of proper projection from the J&K govt. side.

Speaking to media, Gurdev Singh President said that JKSAC had launched a signature campaign over a year back with



President JKSAC, Gurdev Singh addressing a press conference at Jammu on Wednesday.

an aim to aware the DPs about their rehabilitation issues and particularly to draw the attention of PM and other concerning authorities towards the plight of lakhs of DPs spreading in 17 assembly segments of Jammu region awaiting the resolution of their proper settlement from the last seven decades.

The campaign has culminated and the signatures collected, represents the voice of over 1.2 million

DPs would be submitted to PM alongwith detailed petition. The copy of petition would also be submitted to JP Nadda National President BJP, Dr Jatinder Singh MOS PMO, Jugal Kishore Sharma (MP) and others by a delegation of DPs.

He apprised the media that JKSAC is a legendary organization and is in relentless struggle since 1967 for the resolution of their settlement. The tremendous sacrifices

made by DPs to save the Indian part of J&K have not been documented and went unnoticed.

They have been discriminated, ignored and their rehabilitation issues were never highlighted and projected in the right perspective before the Central govt. The facts regarding their issues were concealed and distorted by the former govts. with an ulterior motives to weaken them economically, educationally and politically.

He further said that recently constituted JPC on Home Affairs also termed the DPs grievances as absolutely genuine and took serious view of the ex-gratia rehabilitation assistance/relief provided to them so-far as most insufficient with poor track record of implementation. The JPC recommended that they should immedi-

ately be given Rs 30 lakhs each family as interim relief, de-freezing of their assembly seats, reservation of their wards besides other components.

The representatives of MHA/GOI after long deliberation with JPC accepted the recommendations and assured that the same would be incorporated in the package-2015. But it is highly regretted that the govt. failed in keeping its words and earmarked only Rs 2000 crore in the package for 36,384 DPs families of 1947, 1965 and 1971 at the rate Rs 5.5. lakhs each family and after further division of the amount among the increased families and each family got only Rs 60,000 share. So one can imagine that with such a small amount how DP family can plan the settlement of his future generation.

# Court frames charges against Revenue officials in illegal mutation attest case

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JAMMU: Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Anti Corruption Rajouri Mehmood Chowdhary has framed charges against Abdul Qayoom, son of Mohd Akbar Khan, resident of Jhullas, Tehsil Tehsildar Rajouri (Now Tehsildar Mankote), Maqsood-Ul- Hassan, son of Abdul Hafiz Mirza, resident of Behrote, Tehsil Thanamandi, Rajouri the then Patwari Patwar Halqa Gambhir Mughlan (Now retired) and beneficiaries Mohd. Sain, Mohd Shafi, Mohd Bashir sons of Abass Ali alias Bassu and also one Mohd Yaqoob, son of Sher Dil all residents of Kotli Kalaban, Tehsil Manjakote, District

Rajouri. The allegation against the Abdul Qayoom and Maqsood Ul Hasan that they have attested the mutation in favour of beneficiaries Mohd Bashir and other sons of Basu and also in favour of Mohd Yaqoob, son of Sher Ali. Abdul Qayoom (Tehsildar) and Maqsood Ul Hasan (Patwari) have attested mutation under cabinet order no. LB-6 and S-432 by showing the possession of beneficiaries/encroacher since 1957-58 upon the forest land, the land in question was forest land measuring 25 kanal & 15 marla falling under khasra no. 364 and 20 kanal situated at Kotli Kalaban which has been illegally shown in the possession of beneficiaries/encroacher under the said khasra number by entering illegal

entries of these khasra numbers which was actually of forest land and illegal benefit upon themselves and other beneficiaries thereby caused wrongful loss to the government exchequer and committed an offence of conspiracy to commit an offence as defined in section 5(1)(d) r/w Section 5(2) of PC Act and Section 466/467/120-B RPC.

After hearing both the sides court observed that the existence of prima-facie evidence providing grounds for presuming that accused persons have committed the offence as alleged and the material available on record prima-facie established involvement of the accused in the commission of offence. Accordingly, the court framed the charge.

# Coordination, cooperation among media units is need of hour: Addl Dir Gen PIB

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JAMMU: Additional Director General (Region) PIB and CBC J&K and Ladakh, Rajinder Chaudhary on Wednesday said that the coordination & cooperation among the Media Units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting based in J&K, J&K DIPR, DPR Defence and Central Government Departments is the need of the hour for effective communication and publicity of the Government of India initiatives, policies and programs.

Chaudhary said this while chairing a meeting of the Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC) organised by Press Information Bureau, Jammu.

In his address, Rajinder said, better media integration and synergy among the units is significant in achieving the better media cover-



ADG (Region) PIB and CBC J&K and Ladakh, Rajinder Chaudhary speaking at a meeting.

age.

Chaudhary emphasized, the publicity should not be seen as an event based activity but has to be a sustained ongoing process and the ideas must be shared, to be converted into concrete stories in collaboration with media units.

Chaudhary further emphasised that the activities of the Media Units and Central Government Departments must be shared well in advance so that a good coverage is given to the events through proper planning

using the best available resources.

Chaudhry said, the amplification of the events through respective social media handles is important as social media is emerging as the most powerful medium for effective communication and for promotion of the government initiatives, policies and programs.

Chaudhry also asked the participating departments to utilize social media platforms for quick, fast and accurate delivery of the information and achieve-

ments in a professional manner.

Chaudhary appreciated the efforts of the media units of MIB based in J&K and J&K DIPR for giving best coverage to G20, PM Vishwakarma, Meri Maati Mera Desh and other events of national importance.

Deputy Director, CBC, J&K and Ladakh, Ayushi Puri provided an overview about main activities of CBC in J&K.

She emphasized, the cooperation is inevitable between the departments in giving meaningful information so as to develop good developmental stories.

Assistant Director, Doordarshan, Jammu, Vivek Pathak provided the details of the activities of DD News in Jammu Division and Media & Communication Officer, PIB Jammu, Sheikh Mudassir Amin provided an overview of the activities of PIB in Jammu Region.

# College Teachers observe pen-down strike in J&K UT

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JAMMU: The College Teachers in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday observed a two-hour pen-down strike to protest against the imposition of an additional attendance system known as the "Adhbhut Doda App."

This system is being added alongside the existing Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), which is monitored by the Higher Education Department.

The strike was also in response to the withholding of salaries for teaching and non-teaching staff of colleges in the Doda District by the District Administration of Doda.

During the strike, faculty members from all the colleges gathered at their respective institutions to express their strong resentment against the unjust attitude of District



GDC Kunjwani teachers during a strike at Jammu.

Administration Doda.

Dr Rakesh Jasrotia, President College Teachers Association (CTA)-Jammu strongly resented the high-handedness of the District Administration Doda despite the fact that college teachers are attending the colleges regularly for their duties and marking their attendance on BAS that is being monitored by Higher Education Department.

He further said when there is a uniform system of attendance (AEBAS) for all the

employees of the UT of J&K and college teachers are also marking their attendance regularly on BAS at the time of arrival as well as departure from the college, the imposition of additional attendance system involving sending the clicks repeatedly shall unnecessarily create hassle in the teaching and other activities of the college.

He mentioned that there has been growing discontent among college teachers in J&K regarding various issues, such as the release of

their legitimate arrears, restoration of advanced increments for higher qualifications, age enhancements, delayed placements, and the notification of new recruitment rules. The additional burden of the new attendance system by the District Administration has further added to their grievances, he added.

Dr. Jasrotia appealed to the Lieutenant Governor (LG) to intervene in the matter and resolve the issues promptly.

He clarified that the pen-down strike was a symbolic gesture to convey the message to the administration to withdraw the unnecessary additional attendance system and release the salaries of college teachers in the Doda District promptly.

If their demands are not met, he warned that further democratic actions would be taken to address these concerns.