

DTTM CUJ organises Travelism- 2023 to mark World Tourism Day

Yasha Mudgal emphasizes on contribution of all stakeholders in promotion of tourism in J&K

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JAMMU: "Travelism-2023", the signature annual event of Department of Tourism and Travel Management at Central University of Jammu, concluded on a high note, leaving an indelible mark on the participants. This two day extravaganza, held to commemorate celebration of World Tourism Day, brought together participants from different departments of the university to revel in the cultural richness and unity in diversity that defines Bharat.

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, who was the chief guest at the gala event, enlightened the attendees with her insightful inputs about the tourism resources available in the union territory of J&K. She emphasized the significance of Cooperatives in overall growth and development of the national economy. She also focused on the role of innovations and research in establishing successful tourism ventures. She further requested university administration to send students to other states to get first hand



Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal posing with others at a programme in Jammu.

exposure. She also gave some inputs for promoting indigenous tourism products. She emphasised on keeping global vision while formulating policies of the university. She also highlighted the benefits of Adventure Tourism and Rural Tourism. The event, which was held in two sessions, kicked off on September 26th with Village Immersion Education Tour to Pancheri, the first homestay village of J&K providing students of MBA (Tourism and Travel Management) with a unique opportunity to experience rural life, traditions, and practices firsthand. This immersive tour

offered invaluable insights into the essence of India's diverse culture, setting the stage for the main event. On Wednesday, the inauguration ceremony, graced by Sunaina Sharma Mehla, Joint Director, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, was a highlight of Travelism 2023. Mehla was joined by Professor Vinay Kumar as a special guest, Professor Jaya Bhasin, Dean, School of Business, and Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman, HoD, Department of Tourism and Travel Management. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in five parallel events namely Rangoli, collage making, slogan writing, photog-

raphy, and Bharat ka Swad, each thoughtfully designed to celebrate India's cultural diversity. Bharat ka Swad: A culinary journey allowed attendees to savor the diverse flavors of India, with food stalls offering delectable regional delicacies. The day continued with presentations on Startup Pitch, followed by a spectacular fashion show that celebrated the cultural diversity of India. The participants donned in traditional attire from various regions, showcased the elegance and beauty of Indian heritage. In keeping with the theme, a folk dance competition featured mesmerizing performances rep-

resenting different states, highlighted the vibrant and diverse dance forms of India. The grand finale of Travelism 2023 was the valedictory ceremony, graced by Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative. Winners were presented with trophies by the chief guest, who was joined by the special guest, Professor Vandana Sharma, Dean School of Languages, Professor Jaya Bhasin, and Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman. The report of the two-day event was presented by Dr. Bharti Gupta, the organizing secretary. The other members of the organising committee included Dr. Amit Gangotia, Dr. Mahendra, Dr. Rahul Thakur and Dr. Rabinder Singh. The event was sponsored by Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, LIC, Amandeep Hospital, and Triumph (Tour Operation Company). The event also organised an exhibition by Sanchita Pradhan of Shipkari Bazar brand promoting handicraft of Dogra culture. The event was also covered by RJ Sarang.

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JAMMU: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta held a rally demanding improvements in the sanitation services as dengue cases are on the rise. Gupta said 146 cases were reported from Kathua, and 150 cases from Samba district.



DFSS activists raising slogans during a protest.

In other districts, there are dengue 31 cases in Rajouri, 16 in Reasi, 68 in Udhampur, 14 in Poonch, 17 in Doda, 2 in Kishtwar, 13 in Kashmir, and 13 in other regions.

The majority of cases are reported from three districts of the Jammu region - Jammu, Samba, and Kathua, they said. This is a viral infection, we have to understand how it happens. The increase in dengue cases can be attributed to various factors, including favourable weather conditions for mosquito breeding, a higher mosquito population, and increased human exposure to mosquito bites. Every year, as the monsoon begins to wane, it stirs

up an old scourge: dengue fever. But what has startled the country and public health experts this time is the timing when cases of dengue fever began to appear and the rate at which the illness swept the country.

The party president further underlined the necessity for extensive dengue testing and provision of appropriate medical care for those affected. Health authorities should closely monitor the situation and ensure essential medical attention. He also urged authorities to identify and eliminate mosquito breeding sites in critical areas of the

city. Foci of stagnant water and dumping sites, including the one at Manda supervised by JMC, demand urgent and thorough cleansing.

He urged the government to act promptly and decisively in this public health emergency. He stated that the people of Jammu & Kashmir are relying on the authorities to take swift and effective measures to contain the dengue outbreak and prevent further loss of life.

The party people present at the protest were Narinder Tangri, Ashish, Rahul, Akshay, Kunal, Prem, Bimla and Sunil.

Secy Health Bhupinder stresses need for starting Cadaveric Organ Donation in J&K

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JAMMU: Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, J&K Health and Medical Education Department chaired a meeting for starting Cadaveric Organ Retrieval Transplantation in Government Medical College Jammu today.

Dr Elias Sharma, Professor & Head Urology Department cum Nodal Officer SOTTO gave a detailed description of functioning of SOTTO in J&K vis a vis organ transplant act THOTA, 1994 implementation in J&K. He stressed the need for starting Cadaveric Organ Donation in J&K. It is pertinent to mention that Corneal Donation is already happening in Jammu.

The Administrative Secretary assured all possible support from the Government in this regard and he stressed the need to augment general awareness about organ donation. He also appealed to public to come for-



Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, H&ME Department and others at a meeting.

ward for the cause. Anyone can become an organ donor online by Adhaar linked mobile clicking the link <https://noto.abdm.gov.in/>

Administrative Secretary appreciated efforts of SOTTO for spreading the message. He congratulated the Kidney team headed by Dr Elias Sharma and Cornea team headed by Dr Ashok Sharma for doing excel-

lent service to humanity.

The meeting was attended by Director Coordination, New Medical Colleges, Dr Yash Sharma, Heads of various departments, faculty members, Administrator, Ashwini Khajuria, Joint Director J&K SOTTO Dr Sanjeev Puri, Medical Superintendent, GMC Hospital, Dr Narender Blutyal.

Workshop on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace' organised

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JAMMU: FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh, in a collaborative effort with MIET, took a significant step towards creating safer work environments by organizing a comprehensive workshop on the "Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace."

Held at MIET College Kot Bhalwal Jammu, the workshop was led by renowned facilitators Anuradha Gandhi, a DE&I and POSH certified expert and Managing Associate of S.S. Rana & Co., along with her Junior Associate, Isha Sharma. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Monika Kohli, Senior Additional Advocate General of Jammu and Kashmir, who served as the Chief Guest. The workshop was a pioneering collaboration with its primary objective to educate and empow-



FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh and MIET faculty and students at a programme.

er individuals and organizations with the knowledge and tools necessary to combat and prevent sexual harassment at the workplace. It brought together FICCI FLO JK's commitment to gender equality and MIET's dedication to promoting education and social awareness. Anuradha Gandhi spearheaded the workshop. Her extensive experience and deep knowledge in the field of workplace harassment prevention made her an ideal

resource for imparting valuable insights. Working alongside Gandhi was her talented colleague, Isha Sharma, their combined expertise brought a rich and comprehensive perspective to the workshop.

Monika Kohli, in her address underscored the importance of this workshop in the legal and socio-economic context of the region. She emphasized the legal frameworks in place to protect women from workplace harassment & high-

lighted the critical role of organizations and individuals in creating a culture of respect and safety. Kohli's insights shed light on the legal remedies available to victims and the responsibilities of employers to ensure safe workplaces. The participants expressed their appreciation for the workshop's comprehensive content and the facilitators' engaging presentation style. Many felt more equipped to address and prevent harassment in their

workplaces, and they left with a renewed commitment to promoting safe, inclusive, and gender-sensitive environments.

Sexual harassment at the workplace is a pressing issue that affects countless women across the globe. It not only infringes upon an individual's rights but also creates an unsafe and unhealthy work environment. By addressing this issue head-on, FICCI FLO JK and MIET aimed to create awareness and equip attendees with the knowledge and tools to prevent such incidents from occurring. This workshop marked a significant step towards building safer and more equitable workplaces. With expert guidance, legal insights, and the commitment of all stakeholders involved, this initiative has the potential to create a lasting impact in the region.

VC, JU releases IMFA's prospectus

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JAMMU: Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, released the prospectus for the Bachelor of Visual Arts 2023 of IMFA at his office chamber.

He was accompanied by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), Jammu, and Rakesh Sharma, H.O.D. Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu, in addition to teaching faculties.

Prof. Rai lauded the activities of IMFA in the field of visual art coordinated by the faculty members in the recent past, especially the latest and contemporary layout and design of the Fine Arts prospectus conceptualised by Rakesh



VC, JU, Prof. Umesh Rai and others releasing prospectus of IMFA.

Sharma, H.O.D. Fine Arts, IMFA, University of Jammu, and assisted by Vaneeka Gupta, a faculty member (Applied Art, IMFA).

On the occasion, students from the 'Design Your Degree' programme at the University of Jammu were also asked to avail themselves of the benefits of exploring themselves from the multifarious staff of the

Deptt. of Visual Arts. They had the occasion to have one-on-one interactions with the specialised faculty members, who are also towering artists in their respective fields and streams.

Aiming at the holistic development of the student as an individual artist, students were asked to hone their creative skills in their own stride, setting aside preconceived stereotypes and limiting the fixed yardsticks of previous pedagogy. The teaching system of New Education Policy 2020

indeed leaves no room for mediocrity and trains in the career building of students as trend setters, torch bearers, and pioneers, as stated by Prof. Umesh Rai.

The prime yardstick of creativity leads to creating the maximum out of nothing, and a creative approach makes one self-dependent and enlightened. In addition, creativity ever overflows the surplus of the present scenario and copes with creative challenges; intuitive faith and saturation of all our senses with a tinge of sixth

sense ultimately decode the unseen truth," unfolded Rakesh Sharma, beside throwing light upon the technical intricacies of the subject. Mr. Sharma further added that the BVA course can be chosen by any candidate who has a creative instinct and wishes to build his or her career in the field of visual arts.

A course in visual arts appeals to the aesthetic sense of students and makes their imaginative senses grow in the right perspective.

Prof. Shohab Malik pertinently mentioned to the students that a creative art workshop will be organised at IMFA in the month of October or the first week of November 2023. Prominent faculty members of IMFA among those who were present were Rohit Verma, Amarjeet Singh, Vaneeka Gupta, Rachita Dutta, and Palak Gandotra.

Design you Degree Program: Interaction Sessions organised

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JAMMU: On the first day formal class of Design Your Degree 2023 batch of Four Year Undergraduate Program aligned with NEP 2020 had motivating interaction with renowned scientist in his field and founder director of Cluster Innovation Centre, Delhi University Prof Madan M. Chaturvedi, who spoke to students to ignite their passion and how to give directions to the thoughts and ideas to fruition.

Resonating with inspiration the students of Design Your Degree had a wonderful session with Mission Director, Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission Indu Kanwal Chib, she shared three major focus for students that if they Dream, Plan and Execute with dedication nothing is



Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, Indu Kanwal Chib speaking at a programme.

impossible to achieve. Students had a splendid experience and gave an enthusiastic feedback on a positive note.

The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai, and Director, SIIEDC, University of Jammu, Prof.

Alka Sharma. Notable core faculty of DYD present were Prof KS Charak, Dr Sadaf Shah, Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Dr Pallavi Sachadeva, Dr Shalpu Sehgal, Dr Sunil Kumar, Dr Sabdeep Arya, and Dr Chinmoyee Maharana.

Naily Artist Kanav Gupta releases his 2nd Book



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JAMMU: An idea of 14 years got converted into a promising book when Kanav Gupta, a son of the soil, worked a full year to write, rewrite, and edit it down. The book, titled 'KARTIST AND AN EPIC LOVE STORY', is the second from the author. The first one is titled 'Miracles of intuitive painting' and is rated 4.9 out of 5 on Amazon. This year only Kanav qualified for the 'India Book of Records' by painting 365 of his signature Naily style digital paintings in exactly 365 days and uploading them simultaneously on his Instagram handle.

Kanav Gupta is the founder of 'Project Naily' and along with his signature Naily paintings, he hosts Instagram live

sessions with budding talent and celebrities to promote art. The new book tells the story of an 18-year-old boy who was made to believe that he was really great at art, but his beliefs were shaken when seniors in India's top art college bullied him for poor art.

The hero realises and wonders: how did he get selected for such a reputed college despite being bad at art, and why did his mother push him into it? He tried to find solace in the love of a girl from another department, only to find out that it complicated things further: Is there more than he already knows?

The book is available as an eBook on Amazon. The paperback version will be released by November this year.

Sukhnandan Choudhary inaugurates medical camp

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JAMMU: To provide succour to the poor and down trodden sections of the society at their door steps by providing them best medicare free of cost, former Minister, Ex MLA & Senior leader BJP Sukhnandan Choudhary on Wednesday inaugurated a free medical camp which was organised and coordinated by District Vice President BJP and Sarpanch Sham Lal Sharma at Village Saharan Marh, here in collaboration with Janata Medical Hall. Specialist doctors examined hundreds of patients and even provided free medicine to them.

Dr Shivam Parihar MD Paediatrics (Child Specialist), Dr Mohit Choudhary MD Physician, Dr Shivani (ENT) and Dr Pawan Choudhary helped in the successful conduct of this camp that attracted hundreds of patients.



Doctors examining students during free medical camp at Jammu.

Sukhnandan Choudhary inaugurated the camp and addressed large number of patients besides party workers and congratulated the doctors for remembering their roots and people though serving in Delhi and other parts of India.

Choudhary assured every kind of help to the doctors for organising such functions in the future too in different localities for the welfare of people of J&K.

Choudhary said that recently in the Mann ki Baat programme, Prime Minister has

drawn the attention of every citizen towards the deadly disease Diabetes which is fastly engulfing the whole country and keeping in view this alarming scenario, a mega free camp is organised so that people who are prone to this disease be provided relief by conducting free test whose costs is too much in the open market.

Choudhary has also applauded the doctors for providing respite to the common man by conducting various tests like Lipid Profile, Sugar;

BP, hemoglobin, Uric, ECG free of cost.

About 240 patients today undergone various tests and consulted the Doctors about various ailments.

On the occasion DDC member Marh Balbir Lal, District Secretary BJP Deepak Pandey, Councilor Krishan Krishanlal, BJYM District executive member Atul Sharma, Panch Raju Sanga, Naib Sarpanch Pardeep Chouhan, Pawan Choudhary, and prominent people are also present there.