

ICSSR sponsored National Conference commences at School of Business Studies, CUJ

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JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organized National Conference on the topic 'Gender Inclusion, Empowerment and Dignity for Sustainable Development' under the mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.

The event marked the gracious presence of distinguished guests, keynote speakers, researchers and resource persons from corporate and academia.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CUJ in presence of Sukhleen Kour, Director Planning, HED, JK, Sashi Krishnan, Director, NISM, Prof. Manoj Kumar Agarwal Dean Deptt of Economics, University of Lucknow and Ruchika Gupta, Chairman, FICCI-FLO-JKL.

Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean School of Business Studies and Convener of National Conference in her opening address appreciated the efforts of faculty members from School of Business Studies, CUJ under the visionary leadership of Prof.



VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain along with students, faculty and other dignitaries.

Sanjeev Jain in carrying out academic and research activities in the University.

Prof. Bhasin impressed upon the participants that India has witnessed a tough time for inclusion of all genders. Despite significant progress in recent decades in India, gender-based discrimination and inequality persist in various forms in India. Addressing these issues requires a multifaceted approach that acknowledges the inter-sectionality of gender with other social identities such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, and socioeconomic status.

Prof Yashwant Singh presented a brief overview of administrative functioning of the University and deliberated on gender issues and sustainable development goals by discussing on areas

like gender inclusion, gender biases and dignity for sustainable development.

Sukhleen Kour, Director, Planning, Higher Education, UT of J&K spoke about various initiatives of the Govt. for women empowerment. She also highlighted about one such successful initiative undertaken in District Samba under Beti Bachao Beti Padaho. Prof. Manoj Kumar Agarwal, University of Lucknow delivered the keynote address on the theme of the conference.

He presented statistical information related to gender empowerment achieved in last ten years which is the outcome strategies adopted by the Government for addressing the overarching principles of sustainable growth and community

development vis a Vis the vision of Modi of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Addressing the gathering Guest of Honour Sashi Krishnan, Director, NISM talked about fiscal feminism and he informed that less than 10% females are leading the multinational companies across the globe and financial participation is key for achieving the desired outcome. Ruchika Gupta, Chairman, FICCI-FLO-JKL suggested that gender-inclusive policies shall contribute to sustainable development by unlocking the full potential of all individuals, including those who have historically been marginalized or excluded.

She also pointed out that United Nation Sustainable Development Goals has identified gender inclusion,

empowerment and dignity as fundamental pillars of a just and equitable society.

During the inaugural session MoU was exchanged between National Institute of Securities Markets and Central University of Jammu for Capacity Building in the Securities Markets. The signing of MoU was coordinated by Dr. Shahid Mushtaq and Dr. Jaya Bhasin.

Two technical sessions were conducted and 28 research papers were presented in these sessions coordinated by Dr. Jaya Bhasin, Dean, SBS, Dr. Susmita Ekka, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies, Dr. G V Snigdha Raj, Assistant Professor, CCRC, Biswabhusan Pradhan, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies, Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Assistant Professor and Dr. Asif Ali, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies. The organising team included Dr. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, and Dr. Asif Ali. Diya Raina and Rajlakshmi conducted the proceedings of the Programme and Dr. Asif Ali proposed formal vote of thanks.

Unity within ranks is paramount to nation building: Swami Suchitanand

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JAMMU: In a glittering function organized in Sanjeevni Sharda Kendra, Anand Nagar Bohri on Wednesday on the occasion of Sharda Ashtami Swami Suchitanad of Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan exhorted the displaced community to remain united as it is the only way to project the community problems and promote great spiritual legacy of Kashmiri Hindus. He recalled the contributions and sacrifices of the community during trying times of the exile. He praised the efforts of the Kendra in promoting and popularizing the cultural legacy of Kashmir: Acharya Shiv Prasad Raina , noted saint and cultural activist who heads the sprawling nursing Dev Sansthan, Maansar traced the historical significance of Goddess Sharda . He said that this day is not only significant but very important as on this day Goddess Ganga came on the earth from the heavens. He also said that this day is also sacred because great Kashmiri saint poetess Devi Lalleshwari and great Reshi Dadeechi were also born on this day. He said that the activities of Sanjeevni Sharda Kendra are immense and will help a great deal in promoting and preser-



Swami Suchitanad of Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan and others at a programme.

vation of great historical and cultural legacy of Kashmir:

The programme started with floral offerings to the Goddess Sharda. In his welcome address the Chairman of the Kendra Dr. M K Bharat gave a detailed brief of the multifarious activities of the Kendra. He informed that the reach of the activities of the Kendra have dissipated to the different levels of the society. He cautioned against the nefarious plans of anti Hindu elements in willful falsification Kashmir history by giving false names to Hindu saints, Laleshwari being the most recent example. He demanded that a grand statue of Laleshwari be erected in her native village in Kashmir so that people regardless of faith and creed become acquainted with her and her writings which teach humanism and universal love.

On the occasion Sharda Samaan was awarded to Shri Ramkrishna Mahasammelan Ashram, Naglandi for their sterling contributions towards social uplift in the valley. An annual news- letter highlighting various activities of the Kendra was also released on the occasion. The programme was attended by a large number of people including writers, scholars, political and social activists. Students of Sharda Institute of Computer Education Jagati branch recited Sharda Vandana. On this occasion a grand annual Havan was performed and after Puran Ahuti Prasad was also distributed. General Secretary of the Kendra Maharaj Krishen Bhat conducted the proceedings of the programme and Soom Nath Raina, senior trustee of the Kendra presented the vote of thanks.

Awareness pogramme on Menstrual Hygiene organized for BRO lady workers



'THE - SARA' team distributing hygiene kits among people.

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SAMBA: 'THE - SARA' a Registered Non-Governmental Organization under its 'Mission Compassion' through its 'Health is Wealth' initiative in collaboration with Border Roads Organisation (BRO) carried out awareness programme on Menstrual Health & Hygiene for the benefit of lady workers at

Babban Bridge Rajpura, Samba.

Shankar Tayal, OC 69 RCC of BRO welcomed the Team members of 'THE -SARA' led by Kamla Punj and said, "It is essential that discussing menstruation stops being viewed as a taboo and accepted as a normal biological process that has an important bearing on a woman's health and wellbeing."

During the programme field volunteer at 'THE - SARA' Minakshi Sharma conducted the awareness programme underlining the awareness on period poverty, communicate the importance of managing health and hygiene during menstruation, prevent social discrimination against menstruating women, and debunk prevalent myths and taboos.

On the occasion hygiene kits comprising of sanitary pads, anti-fungal powder and ant-bacterial soaps were also distributed among 50 lady workers.

From Border Roads Organisation Dharamvir Singh, OIC, Rajendra, JE (C), Balram Meena, Adm JCO, from 'THE - SARA' Dr. Raminder Jit Singh and Shaunak Verma were also present on the occasion.

Randhawa files nomination paper, showcases massive support

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JAMMU: In a grand display of strength and solidarity, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, the BJP leader and BJP party candidate from Bahu Constituency, filed his nomination papers today. The event was attended by Seh Prabhari J&K Ashish Sood, former Dy CM J&K Kavinder Gupta, BJP Vice President J&K Aseem Gupta, Former MLA Ch Sukhmandan Singh, Bahu election Prabhari Jaidev Rajwal, Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta, State Incharge Department of RMA Ankush Gupta, Pravasi Incharge Neeraj Panthri, including Mandal Presidents drops under Bahu Constituency, extended their support to Ch. Vikram Randhawa, along with a massive gathering of party workers, supporters, and local residents.

The nomination rally, which began from the residence of



Ch. Vikram Randhawa, leading senior BJP leaders and supporters for filling nomination.

Ch. Vikram Randhawa and passed through various localities and bazaars of Bahu Constituency, drawing widespread enthusiasm from the public and witnessed an overwhelming turnout of people from all walks of life, showcasing their enthusiasm and commitment to Randhawa's candidature. The procession, adorned with party flags and

banners, marched through the streets, culminating at the nomination venue. Ashish Sood, addressing the gathering, praised Randhawa's dedication to public service and his vision for the development of Bahu Constituency. He expressed confidence in Randhawa's ability to effectively represent the people and work towards their welfare.

Vikram Randhawa, in his address, thanked the people for their immense support and promised to work tirelessly for the betterment of the constituency. He highlighted his priorities, including infrastructure development, education, healthcare, and employment opportunities for the youth. While addressing the public, Ch. Vikram Randhawa empha-

sized the BJP's vision for a prosperous and empowered J&K under the leadership of PM Modi.

BJP senior leadership praised Vikram Randhawa's unwavering dedication to the people of Bahu Constituency and highlighted the transformative impact of the Modi government on Jammu and Kashmir.

The event demonstrated the strong bond between Randhawa and the people, as well as the party's unity and strength in the region. With Ashish Sood's presence, the party has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Randhawa's candidature and ensuring his victory in the upcoming elections.

Meanwhile, Haji Shak Mohd, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) nominee, officially filed his nomination papers for the 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

First Capacity Building Program for Finance and Planning Officials inaugurated at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted the inaugural ceremony of the first Capacity Building Program for officials from the Finance and Planning & Monitoring Department of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Vivekananda Classroom, Jagti on Wednesday. The program under the Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG), is a visionary initiative of the Planning Development & Monitoring Department, Government of J&K. This center integrates the State Institute of Transformation, NITI Aayog, GoI, the PPP Cell funded by the Department of Economic Affairs, GoI, and the Future Ready



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay lighting ceremonial lamp.

Governance initiative of the J&K Government. IIM Jammu serves as the Nodal Knowledge Partner and implementing body for CITaG, guiding its mission to bring transformational change to the region. The ceremony began with a traditional

lamp lighting ceremony, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and the drive towards excellence in governance by Santosh Dattatraya Vaidya, Principal Secretary to the Government of J&K, Finance Department and Mohammad Aijaz Asad,

Administrative Secretary, Planning Development, and Monitoring Department, Govt of J&K and presided over the inaugural ceremony on online mode. The event was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

Present on the occasion were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu, Dr. Rajesh Sikka, Program Director, Dr. Ashish Kumar, Program Director, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Program Director and Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Program Director, IIM Jammu. A brief video showcasing the history and milestones of IIM Jammu was then presented, providing insight into the institution's significant contributions to education and governance in

the region. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Program Director. The ceremony culminated with the National Anthem, marking the beginning of CITaG's journey towards fostering innovation and transformation in governance. The Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance (CITaG) at IIM Jammu is a pioneering initiative that seeks to drive positive change and innovation in governance. By focusing on capacity building, promoting public-private partnerships, and developing future-ready governance frameworks, CITaG aims to elevate Jammu & Kashmir to the level of the best-performing states and UTs in India.

Independent candidate Mohan Lal Kaith files nomination for Marh seat

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JAMMU: Amid support of thousands of people, Independent candidate SSP retired Mohan Lal Kaith filed his nomination for the 80-Marh Assembly seat on Wednesday.

Supporters in large number assembled at Filling Station in Karloop. While speaking, Kaith said he will work hard to address the issues of the people, especially those of the Marh constituency. He emphasized that uninterrupted power supply, discouraging of smart meters installation, enhancement in old age pension, setting up of health care centres at panchayat level, recruitment of unemployed youth, setting up of PG college in Marh block and the implementation of all public welfare schemes will be top priorities on his agenda.

Kaith's cavalcade, in the form of a roadshow, consisted of a large number of four-wheelers



SSP retd Mohan Lal Kaith leading for filing nomination.

and two-wheelers, with thousands of people waving national flags and banners. The procession starting from the Filling Station in Karloop, passed through various villages and culminated at Marh. Enthusiastic youth from different corners chanted slogans in support of Kaith throughout the route. Accompanied by scores of jubilant supporters, Kaith reached the office of SDM Marh and filed his papers in presence of Ex Sarpanchs: Harjeet Singh, Balbir Singh,

Lal Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Bindu Sharma, Pooja Rani and other prominent figures.

After filing his nomination, Kaith expressed full confidence in his victory in the polls. The people's enthusiasm clearly indicates that the environment is in favor of Kaith this time, as they have tested all parties in the past and now want a change by electing him to power.

Kaith thanked the people for the huge participation in the rally from all parts.

Kavinder assumes charge as Incharge Election Committee, BJP J&K

Flays Kharge's statement, says people will reply to Congress in Assembly polls

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday assumed the charge of Incharge Election Committee, BJP, Jammu and Kashmir, in the presence of G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister & In-charge, BJP, J&K, Tarun Chug, BJP National General Secretary and party workers at BJP headquarters Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, G. Kishan Reddy and Tarun Chug felicitated Kavinder Gupta on his new responsibility.

They expressed confidence in his leadership and ability

to steer the party towards success in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Reddy further praised Kavinder's vast experience and commitment to the party's principles, while Chug lauded his strategic acumen and his role in strengthening the BJP's presence in the region.

Kavinder Gupta, in his address, thanked the party leadership for entrusting him with this crucial role. He assured that the BJP, under his guidance, would work tirelessly to achieve the objectives set forth by the Party and continue to uphold the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for

a prosperous and developed Jammu and Kashmir.

Reacting strongly to the recent statement made by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, who claimed that if Congress secured more than 20 seats in the Lok Sabha polls, it would "crush the BJP," Kavinder said, "This statement reflects the mentality and ideology of the Congress, a party that once imposed the Emergency to crush the voice of the people. Now, once again, the Congress leadership shows their disregard for democratic values by making such dangerous comments." Kavinder emphasized that

it is the people who are the true judges in a democracy. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir will give a fitting reply to the Congress in the upcoming Assembly polls, just as they have done in the past. We believe in the power of democracy, and the BJP stands firm in its commitment to the welfare and development of the region."

The event concluded with party leaders reaffirming their resolve to ensure BJP's victory in the upcoming elections, confident that the people will stand by them in their mission to build a stronger and united Jammu and Kashmir.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organises seminar on entrepreneurship

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JAMMU: Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk Jammu in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Wednesday conducted a seminar on the topic "Entrepreneurship Awareness" for all the final year students of the college. The program was inaugurated by Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal of the college who in his welcome address stressed on becoming an entrepreneur and creating more opportunities for the youth of today's by becoming job providers rather than job seekers.

The resource persons for the seminar were Rajesh



Students during a seminar at Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk.

Kotwal, District Officer JKEDI Jammu and Nauty Pandoh, Administrative Assistant JKEDI Jammu who shared the informative knowledge related to start-up, incubation, patent and

how JKEDI helps in getting the financial support as well as the guidance to take one's startup to the heights.

They informed the students about the basic

essentials of Entrepreneurship and highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship in innovation, creation of employment and economy growth. Many questions were raised by the students and resource person encourage them to come up with new ideas. Others present on the occasion were Er. Jasdeep Kour HoD I&C, Er Amit Gupta Civil Engineering, Ar. Manu Rajput Demonstrator Arch. Asstt, Er Himanshu Bakshi Demonstrator Electrical Engg, Er Vishal Sharma Demonstrator Mechanical Engineering and other faculty and students of the institute.