

JU VC releases poster of Display Your Talent (DYT) Zonals-2025



Jammu, November 4: The University of Jammu today announced the commencement of Display Your Talent (DYT) – Zonals 2025, a vibrant series of youth festivals organized by the Department of Students Welfare (DSW) with the release of poster. Conceptualized under the visionary leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, the initiative, a cornerstone of the University's cultural calendar, provides students from all affiliated colleges, teaching departments, and offsite campuses an opportunity to showcase their creativity and artistic excellence.

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To promote inclusivity and greater student participation from remote and far-flung areas, Prof. Rai conceptualized the decentralization of the event into five zones — Tawi, Devika, Ravi, Pir Panjal, and Chenab. This year, the zonal events are being hosted by Government College for Women, Parade; Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu; Kathua Campus, University of Jammu; Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu; and Government Post Graduate College, Rajouri.

The first zonal event will commence on November 06, 2025 at Government College for Women, Parade, and the remaining zones will follow through November and December 2025. The Inter-Zonal Display Your Talent will be held in mid-December at the University of Jammu, where winners from all zones will come together to exhibit their talent and compete for top honors.

Congratulating the Rectors and Principals of the respective host institutions, Prof. Rai lauded their efforts in nurturing creativity, teamwork, and cultural awareness among students. He emphasized that such events not only celebrate artistic expression but also foster confidence, leadership, and a sense of belonging among the youth.

The series of events is being conceived, planned, and coordinated by the DSW team led by Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Shallu Sharma and Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Chief Proctors), Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar (Assistant Deans SW), Ms. Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor), and members of the Campus Cultural Committee.

University of Jammu's Display Your Talent – Tawi Zone Inaugural Ceremony Held at GCW Parade Ground, Jammu



Jammu, November 6, 2025: University of Jammu's Display Your Talent – Tawi Zone festival commenced with great enthusiasm and cultural vibrancy at the Auditorium of Government College for Women (GCW), Parade Ground, Jammu. Organized under the aegis of the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, the event aims to provide a dynamic platform for students to showcase their artistic, creative, and cultural abilities while celebrating the region's rich heritage.

The inaugural ceremony began with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, J&K. The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a devotional Saraswati Vandana.

Dr. Ravender Tickoo, Principal, GCW Parade Ground, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries, faculty members, and participants, setting the tone for the event. This was followed by a keynote address by Prof. (Dr.) Monika Chadha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, who emphasized the importance of cultural expression and co-curricular participation as essential components of holistic education.

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Vice Chancellor University of Jammu conceptualized the decentralization of the event into five zones — Tawi, Devika, Ravi, Pir Panjal, and Chenab.

A highlight of the day was the “Jai Dogra” competition, organized by the Kunwar Viyogi Memorial Trust in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu. The event celebrated the rich cultural diversity and traditional ethos of the Dogra region. A cash prize of ₹5,000 was awarded to the best performer. GCW Parade Ground, Jammu emerged as the winner of this segment.

In his address, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir appreciated the efforts of the University of Jammu and GCW Parade Ground for providing young students with a vibrant space to explore their creativity and cultural talents. This year’s Display Your Talent 2025 features 25 competitions across various cultural categories, with participation from 370 students representing 21 degree colleges of Jammu district.

The inaugural ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Seema Malhotra, Overall Convener, GCW Parade Ground, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, judges, faculty members, and participants for their contributions to the success of the event. The proceedings were smoothly coordinated by Dr. Gurpreet Kour.

Day One Highlights and Results

The first day of Display Your Talent – Tawi Zone witnessed a series of exciting competitions showcasing a blend of tradition, rhythm, and creativity.

The “Jai Dogra” Song Competition, dedicated to celebrating the Dogra identity and musical heritage of Jammu, saw energetic performances that captured the spirit of regional pride. GCW Parade Ground, Jammu clinched the top position with a captivating presentation that resonated deeply with the audience and judges alike.

In the Group Song (Indian) category, teams performed melodious renditions of Indian classical and folk compositions. GCW Parade Ground, Jammu secured the first position, while IMFA and MIER College were declared joint runners-up for their harmonious performances.

The Rangoli Competition transformed the venue into a canvas of colors, as 24 students from different colleges showcased their creativity through intricate designs and thematic patterns. Srishti from SHTM bagged the first prize for her vibrant and artistic creation, while Shagun Kapoor and Gurleen Kour were declared runners-up. The competition was adjudged by Dr. Shivani Sawhney and Dr. Raj Kumar.

The Light Vocal Solo category featured soulful melodies by 18 participants who mesmerized the audience with their vocal finesse. Ritisha Manhas from GCW Parade Ground emerged as the winner for her expressive and melodious rendition. The event was judged by Seema Anil Sehgal, Subash Langeh, and Dr. Bharat Bhushan.

In the Classical Vocal Solo category, four participants showcased their command over classical ragas and traditional techniques. Ram Lal from IMFA secured the first position, while Ritisha Manhas and Mahima Chibber, both from GCW Parade Ground, were placed second and third respectively. The judging panel included Sh. V.K. Sambyal, Seema Anil Sehgal, and Prof. Renu Sehgal.

The Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion) competition brought forth musical mastery through instruments like the sitar and violin. Out of six participants, Sidharth Bhogal from GDC Nagrota won the first prize, while Narinder and Tashi Dorje, both from IMFA, were declared runners-up. The event was judged by Sh. V.K. Sambyal, Prof. Renu Sehgal, and Sh. Parshotam Kumar.

In the Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion) category, rhythm took center stage as participants showcased their skill on traditional percussion instruments. Ajay from IMFA won the first prize, followed by Gautam

from IMFA as the runner-up. The judges for this category were Sh. V.K. Sambyal, Prof. Renu Sehgal, and Sh. Parshotam Kumar.

The successful conduct of the first day's events was made possible through the dedication and teamwork of the organizing committee comprising Co-convenor Dr. Aksa, Prof. Menaka, Prof. Archana, and Dr. Mamta. The event was skillfully anchored by Jannat [Full Name], with coordination and timekeeping support from the organizing team.

The day concluded on a high note, reflecting the creative energy and cultural spirit of Jammu's youth, setting a vibrant tone for the upcoming days of Display Your Talent 2025 – Tawi Zone.

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Day 2 of "Display Your Talent – Tawi Zone" witnesses enthusiastic participation across events



Jammu November 07: The second day of the ongoing "Display Your Talent – Tawi Zone" event witnessed an engaging array of competitions that celebrated creativity, intellect, and artistic expression under the convenorship of Dr. Seema Malpotra.

The day began with a Quiz Competition where students from eleven colleges participated enthusiastically. The Law School, University of Jammu clinched the first position, followed by the Department of Political Science and MIER College, Jammu, securing the second and third positions respectively. The competition was observed by Dr. Geeta and Dr. Farah Choudhary from the University of Jammu.

In the Elocution Competition, participants showcased their oratory skills on thought-provoking topics. Ojaswi Rajput from GCW Parade Ground, Jammu secured the first position, Anshika Gandhi from The Law School, University of Jammu stood second, and Parul from Media Department,

University of Jammu claimed the third spot. The event was judged by Dr. Monika Sharma, Dean, Cluster University of Jammu, and Dr. Vijender Kumar, HOD Sanskrit, GCW Gandhinagar.

The dramatic flair of students was on full display during the Skit Competition, where eight colleges presented performances on diverse social themes. Govt. Degree College, RS Pura won first place, while the Centre for Distance and Online Learning and The Law School, JU bagged the second and third positions respectively. The performances were evaluated by Mr. Suresh Sharma, Mr. Ravinder Kaul, and Mr. Vikrant Sharma.

The One Act Play Competition brought forward powerful performances depicting various social issues. GCW Parade Ground, Jammu emerged as the winner, followed by the PG Integrated Team, University of Jammu, and the Centre for Distance and Online Learning, which secured the second and third positions respectively. The event was judged by Mr. Suresh Sharma, Mr. Ravinder Kaul, and Mr. Vikrant Sharma.

In the Collage Making Competition, themed "Portrait of a Sportsperson or Wildlife," Divya Rathore and Adith Kumar Kotwal from IMFA bagged the first and second positions respectively. Similarly, the Painting Competition saw Richa Rana claim the first position, Rupinder Singh the second, and Shalini Sharma the third. Both art events were judged by Sh. Suman Gupta, Sh. Mahesh Sharma, and Smt. Jyoti Gupta.

The Clay Modelling Competition, based on the theme "Think – A Man or a Boat Rider," showcased imaginative works from six colleges. Varsha Kumari secured the first position, followed by Gurleen Kour and Nancy Verma in second and third place respectively. Judging for this category was also conducted by Sh. Suman Gupta, Sh. Mahesh Sharma, and Smt. Jyoti Gupta.

The musical segment added rhythm to the day with performances in Western Group Song, Western Vocal Solo, and Western Instrumental Solo categories. GCW Parade Ground, Jammu topped the Western Group Song category, while IMFA stood second. In Western Vocal Solo, Kunwar Langeh from The Law School, JU bagged the first position, followed by Preeti from the Centre for Distance and Online Learning and Harika Raj Nagotra from GCW Parade, Jammu, who stood third. In Western Instrumental Solo, Abraham Victor secured the first position, and Shiny James claimed the second. The musical events were judged by Ms. Tanya Gupta and Sh. Jagmeet Singh.

Dr. Ravender Tickoo, Principal, GCW Parade Ground was also present at the occasion alongwith other dignitaries. The entire day's proceedings were efficiently coordinated by Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, making Day 2 of "Display Your Talent – Tawi Zone" a vibrant celebration of youthful creativity and excellence along with her team.

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Display Your Talent 2025 (Tawi Zone) concludes on grand note with inspiring Valedictory Ceremony



Jammu, November 8: The three-day cultural extravaganza Display Your Talent 2025 (Tawi Zone) concluded today amidst great enthusiasm, applause, and celebration of creativity. Conceptualized under the visionary leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, the initiative, a milestone of the University's cultural calendar, provides students from all affiliated colleges, teaching departments, and offsite campuses an opportunity to showcase their creativity and artistic excellence.

The event, organized to promote artistic expression and cultural excellence among students, witnessed exceptional participation and spirited performances across multiple competitions.

The final day featured a vibrant array of contests including Classical Dance, Creative Choreography, Group Folk Dance, Debate, Cartooning, and Poster Making — each reflecting the imagination, confidence, and cultural sensibilities of young artists from various colleges under the Tawi Zone.

Highlights of the Day's Competitions

Classical Dance (Solo): Ajay Agarwal from IMFA emerged as the winner, while Akshita Lamba from IMFA and Neelakshi Anand from GCW Parade Ground, Jammu, stood second and third respectively. The event was judged by Ms. Nitika Agarwal and Dr. Hitin Khurana.

Creative Choreography: GCW Parade Ground, Jammu secured the first position, followed by KC Law College. The competition was adjudicated by Ms. Nitika Agarwal, Dr. Hitin Khurana, and Sh. Satish Chander.

Group Folk Dance: GCW Parade Ground, Jammu claimed the first position, while the Department of Law and the Centre for Distance and Online Education bagged the second and third positions respectively. The event was judged by Ms. Nitika Agarwal, Dr. Hitin Khurana, and Sh. Satish Chander.

Debate: On the theme "In the opinion of the house, social media contributes more to awareness than to distraction," twelve teams showcased their oratory excellence. The Centre for Distance and Online Learning, University of Jammu won the first position, followed by GCW Parade Ground, Jammu (second) and The Law School, University of Jammu (third). The judges were Dr. Aekta Gupta, Dr. Revika Arora, and Dr. Bindu Chib.

Cartooning: Participants expressed their creativity on the theme "Swachh Bharat and Wrong Parking." Sahreen from GDC Paloura, Jammu won the first position, followed by Tanish Kumari from GDC R.S. Pura (second) and Sachan Dev from IMFA (third). The panel of judges included Sh. Chander Shekhar, Sh. Vikas Khajuria, and Sh. Yogesh Manhas.

Poster Making: Seventeen participants produced impactful visual messages on the theme "Viksit Bharat and Operation Sindoor." Rupinder Singh from GDC R.S. Pura bagged the first position, while

Vanshika Rajput from the Centre for Distance and Online Education and Abuzar Ali from IMFA stood second and third respectively. The competition was judged by Sh. Chander Shekhar, Sh. Vikas Khajuria, and Sh. Yogesh Manhas.

The much-awaited Valedictory Function of Display Your Talent 2025 (Tawi Zone) marked the grand finale of the three-day festival, celebrating the culmination of artistic brilliance, teamwork, and youthful spirit. The auditorium of Government College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu was abuzz with joy and pride as participants, teachers, and guests gathered to honour the outstanding achievements of the students.

The event commenced with the arrival of dignitaries and the warm Welcome Address by the Principal of GCW Parade Ground, Jammu. Dr. Ravender Tickoo, Dr. Seema Malpotra presented a detailed report of the three-day event, highlighting the enthusiastic participation and the event's success in nurturing creativity and cultural values among students.

The function was graced by Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean, Research Studies, University of Jammu, as the Chief Guest. In her inspiring address, she applauded the infrastructural growth of the college and fondly reminisced about her association as an alumna. Prof. Rohmetra emphasized the need for holistic education that harmonizes academic learning with cultural engagement and appreciated the vital role of teachers in shaping well-rounded personalities.

Padma Shri Sh. Rajendra Tikku, the Guest of Honour, praised Display Your Talent for providing a platform that discovers and encourages genuine artistic potential. He highlighted the importance of cultural events in fostering discipline, imagination, and a deep sense of identity among youth.

Prof. Prakash Anthal, Dean, Student Welfare, University of Jammu, also graced the occasion and lauded the collaborative efforts that made the event a grand success.

A spectacular cultural presentation by the students added vibrancy and colour to the evening, echoing the spirit of Display Your Talent 2025. The performances reflected the unity of tradition and modern creativity, leaving the audience spellbound.

The event concluded with the felicitation of dignitaries and winners, followed by the rendition of the National Anthem, marking a graceful and emotional closure to three days of artistic brilliance, cultural bonding, and youthful exuberance. Dr. Gurpreet Kaur presented the vote of thanks.

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University of Jammu's "Display Your Talent 2025 - Ravi Zone & Pir Panjal Zone" inaugurated simultaneously at Kathua Campus & GPGC Rajouri



November 17: In alignment with the visionary initiative of Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu to connect cultural events more closely with students, the 'Display Your Talent 2025 – Ravi Zone & Pir Panjal Zone' was officially inaugurated today.

The event is being organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu in collaboration with Kathua Campus, University of Jammu and GPGC Rajouri respectively. This vibrant cultural festival spans a total of two days from 17-11-2025 to 18-11-2025. Over the course of the events, students from around 25 Colleges of Ravi Zone & Pir Panjal Zone will showcase their creativity through 24 competitions across categories, including music, dance, literary arts, fine arts, and theatre.

At Kathua Campus, this highly anticipated inaugural Display Your Talent event kicked off today with great enthusiasm and fervour, welcoming guests and participants from all corners of the Ravi Zone. The inaugural event was honoured by the esteemed presence of Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, and Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus and other key dignitaries. The judging panel for Group Song (Indian), Jai Dogra Song, Light Vocal Solo, Classical Vocal Solo and Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion) comprised of Mr. Suraj Singh, Dr. Chankya Sharma and Sh. Bhadur Singh and for Western Group Song and Western Vocal Solo, the Judging panel consisted of Sh. Narinder Wazir and Mr. Andrew, whose expertise and impartial evaluation contributed to the day's successful outcomes. The observers for Day One were Dr. Rajbir Singh and Mr. Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha, who monitored the proceedings and ensured the smooth conduct of all events. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia expressed his delight in hosting such a dynamic gathering and affirmed that the campus will continue to organise similar events, further demonstrating its strong organizational capabilities and commitment to cultural enrichment. The event also provided offsite campuses with a valuable opportunity to connect with the degree colleges of the region, fostering collaboration and strengthening academic and cultural ties. During the inaugural ceremony, Prof. Monika Chadha, highlighted how such platforms play a crucial role in nurturing creativity, fostering talent, and providing individuals with the opportunity to showcase their skills to a wider audience. In an effort to enhance inclusivity and ensure wider participation from students in remote and far-flung regions, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai envisioned the decentralization of the event into five zones—Tawi, Devika, Ravi, Pir Panjal and Chenab. She emphasized the recent shift to a zone-wise format, introduced to address the difficulties faced by students from distant and remote areas in reaching Jammu. This model not only eases participation but also highlights the rich sub-regional identities that shape Jammu. The event was also attended

by distinguished guests including Dr.Vivek Sharma, Academic Coordinator; Dr SourabhShastri I/c Head MCA, Dr Pankaj Khajuria, Asstt. Registrar, Faculty Members of Kathua Campus, Faculty Members from different Degree Colleges of Ravi Zone, staff and students whose presence added significance to the occasion The proceedings of the inaugural were carried by Dr Nomita Sharma.

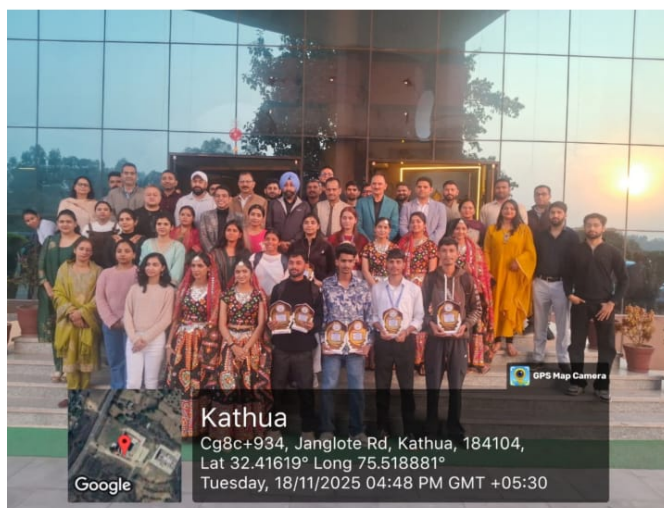
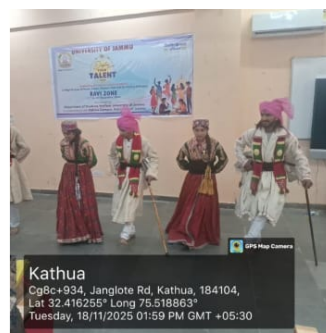
At Govt. PG College, Rajouri, the programme commenced with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge and creativity over ignorance followed by a formal welcome address by Dr. Zakir Hussain Kalis, Cultural Coordinator for Pir Panjal Zone, who extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to the chief guest, dignitaries, participating students, faculty members, and the audience. The occasion was graced by Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu, as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Prof. Antahal lauded the visionary leadership and unwavering support of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu in making this initiative a resounding success. He also acknowledged the efforts of the host college in successfully organizing the programme and providing a much-needed platform for students from various colleges of the Pir Panjal Zone to exhibit their extraordinary talents across multiple disciplines. He urged the participating students to fully seize this golden opportunity to express their latent talents that often remain immaterialized due to lack of exposure. Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza, Principal Govt. PG College Rajouri, in his presidential address, expressed profound gratitude to the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, for entrusting the college with the responsibility of hosting this prestigious zonal event. He expressed hope that the University would continue to organize such initiatives in the future to foster the holistic development of students and nurture their artistic and cultural potential. He also appreciated the efforts of the college Cultural and Literary Activities Committee, Sitting Arrangement Committee, Hospitality and Protocol Committee and other stakeholders involved in organising the event. Dr. A R Manhas also commended the college for its meticulous planning and seamless execution of the event.

The inaugural day witnessed a colourful and energetic presentation of cultural items by students ranging from Indian Group Song to Jai Dogra Song, Light Vocal Solo, Painting, Poster Making, Collage Making, Skit, and Mimicry. Performances were evaluated by an eminent and qualified jury panel comprising Dr. Sanjeet Kumar, Mr. Mohit Kumar, Mr. Subash Jamwal and Mr. Rajinder Kumar Narang. The sessions were deftly moderated by Prof. Khaleeq Ahmed and Dr. Khalid Riyaz, ensuring smooth conduct and lively engagement.

The day ended with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Ahsan ur Rehman Rizvi and Prof. Sabia Akhter, who expressed appreciation to all stakeholders for their support and participation. Among the prominent attendees were Dr. A.R. Manhas, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Dr. P.P. Singh, Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mirza and several other faculty members and cultural coordinators from colleges across the Pir Panjal Zone.

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JU's Display Your Talent 2025 concludes at Ravi Zone and Pir Panjal Zone with fanfare



November 18, 2025: Aligning with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai's vision of taking cultural activities closer to students across Jammu province, the University of Jammu successfully concluded the Display Your Talent 2025 events at two vibrant venues today—Kathua Campus (Ravi Zone) and Government Post Graduate College Rajouri (Pir Panjal Zone).

The five-zone cultural model, introduced under the Vice Chancellor's leadership, aims to ensure that students from every district—urban or remote—receive equal opportunities to participate, perform, and showcase their artistic, literary, and intellectual talents. The model has significantly widened student participation and strengthened the University's outreach across Jammu region.

The Display Your Talent-2025, Ravi Zone, organised by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu in collaboration with Kathua Campus, concluded today at Kathua Campus with great enthusiasm and celebration. The event was graced by the Chief Guest Prof. Parkash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector Kathua Campus, along with faculty members of Kathua Campus, faculty from various colleges of Ravi Zone, participants, and students.

In his address, Prof. Antahal highlighted that the competition was organised across five distinct zones of Jammu Province: Pir Panjal Zone (Rajouri-Poonch), Tawi Zone (Jammu), Chenab Zone (Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban), Devika Zone (Udhampur, Reasi), and Ravi Zone (Kathua, Samba). He emphasised that the zone-wise format, adopted only last year, has led to maximum participation, reaffirming the success and inclusivity of the model.

He congratulated all participants and winners for their commendable performances and enthusiastic involvement, noting that the competitions not only offered a platform to showcase talent but also facilitated constructive evaluation and skill refinement.

The distinguished panel of judges comprised Mr. Arvind Anand and Mr. Pawan Verma for Theatre events; Mr. Amarjeet Singh and Mr. Ankush Kesar for Fine Arts; and Prof. Amisha Gupta and Dr. Hema Gandotra for Literary competitions.

Events Conducted at Ravi Zone included Group Song (Indian), Jai Dogra Song, Light Vocal Solo, Classical Vocal Solo, Collage, Painting, Western Group Song, Western Vocal Solo, Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion), Cartooning, and Poster Making.

Day Two: One Act Play, Skit, Quiz, Clay Modelling, Photography, Mehendi, Classical Dance, Folk Dance, Elocution, Debate, Installation, and Rangoli.

The valedictory session was conducted by Dr. Rajani Sarangal, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sourbh Shastri. Dr. Neelam Choudhary, Dr. Shallu Sharma and Dr. Tarun Sharma were the observers for different events.

In Pir Panjal Zone, two-day cultural extravaganza, brimming with youthful energy and creative fervour, concluded at Government Post Graduate College, Rajouri. The event brought together talented students from various colleges across the Pir Panjal Zone who participated enthusiastically in performing arts, literary, and fine arts competitions.

Competitions held were debate, elocution, quiz, rangoli, clay modelling, and folk dance. The esteemed jury comprised Dr. Romina Rashid, Dr. Jatinder Singh, Mr. Ravi Sharma, Mr. Sunil Sharma, Mr. Mahesh Sharma, and Mr. Vijay Anand.

The event was graced by Dr. Rani Mughal, Principal, GDC Surankote, as Chief Guest. In her address, she appreciated the efforts of the University of Jammu in promoting regional culture in this oft-neglected region and praised the platform for enabling students to display their artistic, cultural, and intellectual skills.

Speaking at the valedictory function, Dr. A.R. Manhas, Deputy Chief Proctor and Observer for the zone, applauded the commitment of all stakeholders from the University and the host institution. He thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Dean Students Welfare, and the Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee for their guidance and support in ensuring the event's success.

Prof. Z.A. Mirza, Principal, GDC Rajouri, presided over the ceremony and congratulated all committees involved in the conduct of the programme. He expressed hope that the University would continue organising such initiatives to nurture talent at the grassroots level.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Zakir Hussain Kalis, Cultural Coordinator for the Pir Panjal Zone. The proceedings were conducted efficiently by Prof. Khaleeq Ahmed and Prof. Murtaza Ahmed. Dr. Vimal Kishore and Dr. P.P. Singh were the event incharges.

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The coordination was done by Kulbhushan Thakur, Sachin Sharma, Jatinder Singh, Arif Paul, Joginder Sharma and R.P. Singh

JU' Display Your Talent 2025- Devika Zone inaugurated at Udhampur Campus





Udhampur, November 25: The Department of Students Welfare (DSW), University of Jammu in collaboration with the Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu, successfully inaugurated “Display Your Talent 2025 - Devika Zone” a two-day mega cultural festival celebrating art, music, dance, theatre, fine arts, and the literary diversity of Jammu. The event is being held at the Udhampur Campus of the University of Jammu from 25th to 26th November 2025.

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To promote inclusivity and greater student participation from remote and far-flung areas, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu conceptualized the decentralization of the event into five zones — Tawi, Devika, Ravi, Pir Panjal, and Chenab. The Display Your Talent 2025 is being organised across various zones under the overall supervision of Prof. Prakash Chand Anthal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof.

Monika Chadha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, and Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee.

The event was graced by Ms. Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director, IGNCA J&K, as the Chief Guest. The festival was organised under the dynamic leadership and support of Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus & Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, whose vision has been pivotal in promoting cultural and creative initiatives at the campus. It was further guided by Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, whose dedicated efforts contributed greatly to the smooth and successful execution of the event.

Chief Guest Ms. Shruti Awasthi congratulated the young artists for showcasing the cultural richness of Jammu through folk performances, Sanskrit recitations, and various regional expressions. She noted that every region carries its distinct identity yet remains rooted in a shared civilizational foundation. She emphasised that arts and culture nurture values, identity, and a sense of community, and appreciated the initiative of the Udhampur Campus and the Department of Students Welfare for organising a meaningful and inspiring cultural celebration.

Earlier, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus & Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, for his continuous encouragement, visionary guidance and unwavering support in promoting cultural and academic excellence at the Udhampur Campus.

He also expressed appreciation for the valuable contribution of Dr. Kamini Dutta, Faculty, Udhampur Campus, for her active involvement in coordination and seamless management of the event activities, ensuring smooth participation of students across various categories.

Also expressing his strong support and appreciation, to all the participants and emphasized that cultural festivals play a vital role in shaping confident, responsible and culturally grounded youth. He stated that such platforms act as a great booster for young students, nurturing leadership, teamwork and creativity. Prof. Sharma warmly acknowledged the gracious presence of the Chief Guest, Ms. Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director, ICCR, whose inspiring words motivated the students to pursue excellence and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of India. He also appreciated the contribution and leadership of Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, for her dedicated efforts in fostering a vibrant cultural environment and guiding the organising team throughout the event.

Acknowledging the dedication and efforts of the organising team, faculty and students, he encouraged the participants to continue learning from each other and carry forward the cultural heritage of the region. He appreciated the traditional and regional performances including Sanskrit recitation, folk dance, Dogra songs and artistic exhibits, and expressed that active participation helps preserve cultural identity for future generations.

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, appreciated the overwhelming student participation and collaborative spirit displayed throughout the event. She expressed that Display Your Talent is not merely a competition but a celebration of creativity, unity and cultural identity, and such memorable experiences remain with students for life. She emphasized the significance of local art, heritage values and folk traditions in strengthening India's cultural fabric, and congratulated everyone on the successful execution of the event.

Day 1 witnessed enthusiastic participation in multiple events including Group Song (Indian), Jai Dogra Competition, Light Vocal Solo, Classical Vocal Solo, Classical Instrumental (Percussion), Western Group Song, Western Vocal Solo, Cartooning, Poster Making, Painting and Quiz, reflecting the impressive artistic talent and intellectual excellence among students.

The event concluded with a grand Prize Distribution Ceremony, where Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu, presented trophies to the winners and participants, appreciating their exceptional performances and creative talent.

In the Western Vocal Solo (Music) category, Manya from Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur secured the top position, followed by Sania Sambyal from GCW Udhampur in second place. Shivansh Mahajan from Government Degree College (GDC) Udhampur bagged the third position. A special complementary prize was awarded to Piyush Sharma from GDC Udhampur for his commendable performance.

In the Light Vocal Solo category, GDC Udhampur bagged the first prize, while GCW Udhampur secured the second position, followed by GDC Chenani in third place.

In the Classical Vocal Solo category, Rajiv Singh from GDC, Chenani, emerged as the winner for his exceptional classical rendition.

In the Classical Instrumental (Percussion) event, Uttkarsh Varnwal from GDC Udhampur won the first prize, while Navjot Singh, also from GDC Udhampur, secured the second prize.

The Western Group Song competition was won by the team from GCW Udhampur, showcasing outstanding harmony and stage presence.

In the Indian Group Song category, GCW Udhampur bagged the first prize, followed by GDC Udhampur in the second position, and Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu, in the third position, receiving huge appreciation from the audience for their powerful vocal presentation of Indian melodies.

In the Jai Dogra Song category, the team from GCW Udhampur claimed the first position for their melodious tribute to Dogra cultural heritage.

In Fine Arts, under Cartooning, Rahul from GDC Udhampur won the first prize, followed by Amandeep from Udhampur Campus in second place, and Silvy Rana from Bhatiya College of Education securing the third position.

In Poster Making, Komal Sharma from Bharatiya College of Education secured the first position, Aditi Devi from Bhaskar Degree College stood second, and Vriddhi from GCW Udhampur won the third position.

In the Painting competition, Manvi Rathore from GCW Udhampur won the first prize, while Pankaj Kumar and Ruhani from Udhampur Campus bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

In the Quiz Competition, Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu, secured the first position, followed by GDC Udhampur in second place.

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma congratulated all winners and participants, acknowledging their dedication and emphasising the importance of cultural and co-curricular activities in holistic personality development.

Dr. Jyoti Sharma presented the Vote of Thanks, expressing heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai for his constant support and visionary guidance, to Prof. Yash Pal Sharma for his leadership, continuous encouragement and motivation, to the Chief Guest Ms. Shruti Awasthi for inspiring young talent, and to Prof. Sarika Manhas for her valuable support in organising the event. She also thanked DSW, principals of participating colleges, judges, faculty members, teaching and non-teaching staff, student coordinators, volunteers and participants for their dedication and teamwork. The event concluded with applause and a commitment to greater participation in future editions of Display Your Talent.