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## EDITORIAL

Dear Reader

Welcome to the reading of Vol. LIII of *Campus Bytes*!

This issue of *Campus Bytes* includes lots of news on innovative educational programs, pioneering research, impressive accomplishments, inspiring creativity of faculty, staff, students and alumni. Besides, UoJ's leadership and faculty expertise in getting PATENTS is commendable.

Our nationally recognized and applauded 'Design Your Degree' program is providing students the opportunity to enrich their experiences in preparation to become future global citizens. Besides UTSAAH, and 'College on Wheels' is giving our students the opportunity to interact in interesting and dynamic ways, showcasing their unique abilities to prospective students as well as UoJ fraternity at large.

"Education is not the learning of the facts but the training of the mind to think", said Albert Einstein. And in unison with this harmonious blending of ideas, I feel honored to be associated with a dedicated editorial team whose hard work has given, like always, an awesome finish and appreciation to *Campus Bytes*.

To be the convener of *Campus Bytes* for the last almost 06 years has been a great privilege and pleasure. Thank you all for your overwhelming support and appreciation. It is now time to pass on the baton to another energetic colleague.

I wish you all every success in the future.



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# UoJ Buzz

*University of Jammu accredited with CGPA of 3.51 on seven point scale at A+grade by NAAC has acclaimed recognition in its stride toward academic and research excellence, and thrust on holistic development of the students:*

## UoJ holds Academic Council meeting

Academic Council meeting chaired by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor was held on 19 July, 2023. Around 43 agenda items were presented by Prof.



Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar. The Academic Council endorsed the introduction of an innovative four-year UG program 'Design Your Degree.' The 'College on Wheels' program 'Gyan Udhay Express' to begin in November

2023 with the participation of 1000 students and 100 mentors was also endorsed. Other endorsements included the introduction of PG Diploma courses in Intellectual Property Law, Media and Law, revised admissions procedures for PG programs, and the establishment of Research and Development Cell and Research Policy.

## UoJ ropes in farmers for saffron cultivation in Poonch

School of Biotechnology in collaboration with Poonch campus organized farmers' awareness meet for the introduction of saffron cultivation in non-traditional areas in Poonch on 23 July, 2023.

## UoJ gets New Registrar

Prof. Rahul Gupta from the Department of Statistics took over as Registrar, University of Jammu on 24 July, 2023. Prof. Rahul Gupta, an eminent international academician and researcher in the discipline of



Statistics, has served on various administrative posts including HoD Statistics; Director, UGC-HRDC; Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences; Chief Librarian, Dhanvantri Library; Rector, Bhaderwah campus, etc.

## UoJ team presents innovative UG 'Design Your Degree' program at KU

UoJ Team of Educators: Prof. Naresh Padha, formerly, DAA, Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, SIIEDC, and Dr. Sadaf Shah gave a presentation on the path-breaking innovative four-year UG program 'Design your Degree' at the University of Kashmir (KU) on 25



July, 2023. Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, KU chaired the session. Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, HE, J&KUT also graced the occasion.

## UoJ showcase innovative initiatives at Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam

University of Jammu delegation led by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. S. Charak, Dr. Anil Gupta, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Jitendra Manhas and Mr. Ameet Targotra showcase innovative





initiatives of the University during the two-day Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 at IECC, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 29-30 July, 2023. The highlights were an innovative four-year UG Program, 'Design Your Degree' and 'College on Wheels'- 'JK Gyanodaya Express', Goonj - Listen to your inner calling, High Altitude Studies and Disaster Management and Innovative Academic Initiatives in Online and Blended Mode by Directorate of Distance & Online Education (DD&OE) and The Business School.

### **UGC appreciates UoJ's innovative initiatives**

Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, chairman, UGC and Prof. Manish R Joshi, secretary, UGC visited the exhibition stall of University of Jammu during Akhil Bhartiya Siksha Samagam 2023 at IECC Pragati



Maidan, New Delhi on 30 July, 2023. The chairman appreciated the innovative initiative 'Design Your Degree' program launched by UoJ. Many eminent academicians and administrators including Mr. Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, HE, J&KUT, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha, Prof. Parikshit Singh Manhas, Chairman, JK BOSE, Mr. Ashok Sharma, Director, School Education; members of various states' higher education departments; faculty members, officials and students also visited the stalls. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor in his address stated that the program is designed in the true spirit of NEP 2020 to provide a perfect learning environment for self-discovery and exploration.

### **Chairperson, National Institute of Open Learning calls on VC**

Prof. Saroj Sharma, chairperson, National Institute of Open Learning (NIOL) called on Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on 03 August, 2023. The Vice



Chancellor apprised her about the various innovative initiatives the university.

### **DU Registrar interacts with JU Officers**

Dr. Vikas Gupta, Registrar, University of Delhi held a discussion regarding the best practices being followed by the Delhi University with the officers of the



UoJ on 07 August, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor extended him warm welcome and shared his professional affiliation with Dr. Vikas Gupta.

### **FICCI FLO team meets VC**

A delegation of the core team of the women's wing FICCI FLO Jammu-Kashmir Ladakh, led by Ms. Varuna Anand, chairperson, called on Prof. Umesh





Rai, Vice Chancellor to discuss promoting entrepreneurial endeavours in the region on 08 August, 2023.

### **UoJ organizes Open House Interaction on Design Your Degree**



University of Jammu organized an 'Open House Interaction' on four year UG program 'Design Your Degree' in which parents and students held interaction with faculty members with regard to various aspects of the course on 09 August, 2023.

### **Kunwar Viyogi Digital Lab inaugurated**

Department of Dogri: Kunwar Viyogi Digital Lab established by KVM Trust was inaugurated by Mr. Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher



Education Department, J&KUT in the presence of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Mr. Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, Chairman, KVM Trust, Prof. Sucheta Pathania Dean, Faculty of Arts, faculty, staff, students and scholars on 11 August, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor delivered presidential address in Dogri language calling on students to be well -versed in their mother tongue.

### **Surabhi students call on VC**

Department of Home Science: Surabhi Nursery School & Day Care Centre students on the eve of

Independence presented a memento to Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on 14 August, 2023. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the sweet gesture of the students and interacted with them in the presence of Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD, Ms. Mamta Singh, senior school teacher, Ms. Neelam, helper, teachers and office staff.

### **Open House Interaction on Design Your Degree**

UoJ hosted an 'Open House Interaction' on innovative UG 'Design Your Degree' program on 14 August, 2023. Dr. Sadaf Shah gave a detailed presentation, which stimulated a series of inquiries leading to a productive discourse.

### **VC leads Trianga rally**

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor led Tiranga rally organized on campus and attended by faculty, officers,



students and scholars on 14 August, 2023.

### **VC hoists Tricolor**

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, saluted the valour, vision, steadfastness and supreme sacrifices of the freedom fighters, by extending greetings on the 77th Independence Day, and hoisted the tricolor





in the presence of UoJ fraternity on 15 August, 2023. Capt. S. R. Dubey, chief security officer led security contingent of UoJ to present the guard of honor to the Vice Chancellor. Prof. Prakash Antahal Dean (SW) presented the welcome address. Prof. Monika Sethi, chairperson, CCC presented the vote of thanks.

### **UGC nominates University of Jammu as Nodal Institution to Implement NEP-2020 in J&K**

University of Jammu has been designated as the nodal University by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to spearhead the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in its meeting held on 18 August, 2023.

### **Celebrations on the success of Chandryaan-3**

Department of Physics to celebrate the proud success Chandryaan-3 in the field of space exploration organized a function 'A JOURNEY FROM CYCLE TO MOON' on 23 August, 2023. Prof. Arun Bharti, HoD gave the opening remarks. Faculty, scholars and students participated in the discussion.

### **VC Chairs CIQA of DD&OE**

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor chaired the first meeting of CIQA for the DD&OE on 24 August, 2023. The Vice Chancellor reiterated, "Online education is a strategic and transformative step of the University to outreach across regions and nations globally."



Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Director gave an overview of the various initiatives in the Directorate including Non-Collegiate Women Education Board (NCWEB) established at DD&OE. The meeting was attended by CIQA members: Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, Prof. Rajeev Rattan, Director, CDC, Prof. Sucheta

Pathania, Dean Faculty of Arts, Prof. Rajni Bala, HoD Hindi, Prof. Sandeep Pandita from Geology, Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, HoD Commerce, Prof. Virender Koundal from Economics among others.

### **BCCI inspects UoJ cricket ground for the Ranji trophy**

Mr. Abey Kuruvila, member BCCI, inspected cricket ground UoJ for the Ranji trophy matches likely to be



played on campus in January 2024 on 24 August, 2023.

### **Chandrayaan-3 celebrations**

Department of Botany in collaboration with the local chapter of National Academy of Sciences India, (NASI), Allahabad celebrated the successful landing of



Chandrayaan-3 on the moon by organizing an interactive session with Prof. R.N. Gohil, Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Director, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) and Prof. A.K. Kaul on 26 August, 2023.

### **Missions of Chandrayaan through photo gallery**

Office of Dean Research Studies in collaboration with Department of Physics organized a photo/poster gallery of all the three missions of Chandrayaan under



the theme 'Chandrarayan Yatra' on 28 August, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor extended his



heartiest congratulations to ISRO with a special mention for the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, whose steadfast leadership played a pivotal role in this milestone. Prof. Rajni Kant, DRS highlighted the broader impact of the Chandrayaan-3 launch.

### Scientist from Austria on campus



Dr. Micha Horacek, scientist at Department of Lithospheric Research, Vienna University & AGES-Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, Vienna, Austria and collaborator in the DST-funded Indo-Austrian bilateral project 'Stable isotope and endomicrobiome as a marker for origin of

saffron in absence of genetic markers' called on Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor to discuss further research on saffron cultivation on 29 August, 2023.

### Tibetan Parliamentary delegation on campus

Department of Buddhist Studies organized an interactive session with the Tibetan Parliament delegation: Dawa Tsering, Yeshi Dolma and Ven. Lama Tenpa Yarphal on 31 August, 2023. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar was the chief guest. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik HoD presented the welcome address. Dr. Vivek Sharma presented the vote of thanks.

### Parliamentary Standing Committee endorses UoJ's 'Design Your Degree'

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports during its visit to J&KUT, interacted with various stakeholders and appreciated and endorsed the 'Design Your Degree' initiative of the University of Jammu on 01 September, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor gave a detailed overview of the program to the visiting Parliamentary delegation at Srinagar.

### Chancellor, UoJ addresses the Foundation Day Function

UoJ celebrated Foundation Day on 05 September, 2023. Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor UoJ was the chief guest. The Chancellor congratulated Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice



Chancellor, faculty, officers, staff, scholars and students of the university on the occasion and appreciated the key role being played by UoJ. The Chancellor said "with several landmark initiatives such as 'Design Your Degree' and 'College on Wheels', University of Jammu is making gigantic contribution to brighten J&K's image globally in research, innovation and economic development. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor gave an overview of the progress of UoJ. The Chancellor was conferred with Shikshan-Kul Gaurav Samman by Higher Education Institutes of J&K. Retired and in-service employees of the UoJ were felicitated for their meritorious contribution. Mr. Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP; Mr. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Padma Shri Mohan Singh; Mr. Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education J&KUT, Vice



Chancellors of the universities of J&KUT, Directors of IIM, IIT, and UoJ fraternity graced the occasion.

### UoJ first University in J&KUT to establish CRS

UoJ's Community Radio Station 91.2 FM – 'Dhwani JU' was inaugurated by Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant



Governor, J&KUT, and Chancellor, UoJ on 05 September, 2023. The Chancellor congratulated the university on the establishment of the Community Radio and expressed satisfaction that like other initiatives of the UoJ, the Community Radio will also go a long way in serving the interests of the students and the community.

### Prof. Rajni Kant appointed Vice Chancellor

Dr. Rajni Kant, Professor of Physics and Dean Research Studies (Ph. D., Post-Ph. D., FRSC, FICS) appointed Vice Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal for a term of four years on 08 September, 2023. Prof. Rajni Kant besides his international research and academic achievements has also served on important top administrative positions at UoJ including Director, DD&OE; Dean, Faculty of Sciences; Chief Coordinator UoJ offsite campuses; DRS; Controller of Examinations, etc.



### UoJ faculty participation in FD workshop at DU

UoJ faculty participated in a four-day Faculty Development workshop held at Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi from 10 - 13 September, 2023. The first session commenced with an address by Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, of Jammu & Kashmir Higher Education Council. Prof. Umesh Rai,



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, CLU, Jammu, Prof. M.M Chaturvedi, Founder Director, Cluster Innovation Centre, DU, Prof. Shobana Bagai, Director, Cluster Innovation Centre, DU also held interactive sessions with the participants.

### Chairperson Waqf Board meets VC

Dr. Darakshan Andrabi, chairperson Waqf Board interacted with Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on



15 September, 2023. During the meeting, various initiatives in the field of higher education under the leadership of Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, UoJ came up for discussion. Dr. Ranjeet Kalra, academic faculty, UGC-HRDC was also present on the occasion.

### 'Design Your Degree' Induction Program

UoJ organized a three-day induction program for the 'Design Your Degree' initiative from 19 to 21 September, 2023. Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Higher Education





Council and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor shared their valuable inputs with the students.

### **HEC discusses innovative initiatives**

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council J&KUT presided over the meeting of the Higher Education Council (HEC) to assess the preparation of universities in the J&KUT for the implementation of the 4-year undergraduate program, 'Design Your Degree' program and the forthcoming 'College on Wheels' initiative on 24 September, 2023.

### **Parliamentary Standing Committee recommends 'Design Your Degree' in National Curriculum**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee report published on 25 September, 2023 reads: "UGC should also take up the 'Design Your Degree' initiative of the University of Jammu. It may review the National Curriculum framework in compliance with the recommendation of the National Education Policy and to accommodate new innovative ideas such as 'Design Your Degree.' Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor extended heartfelt gratitude to Chairman, and member of DRPSC on EWCY&S, Mr. Vivek Thakur for recognizing the value and potential of 'Design Your Degree.' The Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, University of Jammu, and Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman Higher Education Council J&KUT, and also Prof. Mamdala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC for their unwavering support and guidance.

### **Interactive sessions for 'Design Your Degree' students**

'Design Your Degree' program students interacted with Prof. M.M. Chaturvedi, renowned scientist and founder Director of Cluster Innovation Centre, DU and Mrs. Indu Kanwal Chib Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission on 27 September, 2023. The



session was chaired by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor.

### **120th Syndicate meeting**

UoJ 120th Syndicate meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on 09 October, 2023. In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome to Mr. Alok Kumar, IRS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, J&KUT, Prof. J.P. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Dr. A. P. J.



Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow, Mr. Ravi Shankar, Special Secretary, Higher Education, J&KUT, Mr. Shadi Lal Pandita, Advisor to Finance department, J&KUT and other members of the Syndicate for their wholehearted support to UoJ. The Vice Chancellor elaborated on recent initiatives of the university particularly in creating an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar presented 59 agenda items in the meeting. The Syndicate meeting endorsed the exemption of fees in Ph.D. courses for visually impaired and orthopedically differently-abled candidates, and also approved the start of PG diploma, Master Degree and four-year Bachelor Degree courses from the academic session 2023-24. The Syndicate adopted the



guidelines for the establishment of Research and Development Cell. The Research Policy of UoJ framed in accordance with the ideals as envisioned in NEP-2020 was endorsed along with the adoption of scheme for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously from the UoJ from the academic session 2023-24 onwards. The Syndicate meeting was attended by Prof. Chandra Bhushan Sharma, Department of Education, IGNOU, Prof. Sunita Singh Sengupta, Department of Management Studies, University of Delhi, Prof. Sangeeta Rani, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. K.S Charak, Department of Mathematics, Prof. Seema Langar, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Dr. Manisha Kohli, Principal, GDC, Bani, Dr. Mohd Abbas Shah, Principal, GDC, Marwah. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, special secretary to Vice Chancellor and Dr. Imran Farooq, I/c coordination section coordinated the meeting.

### **External Gender Audit at UoJ**

Centre for Women's Studies in collaboration with DIQA organized an external Gender Audit on 09



October, 2023. Prof. Gurpreet Bal, formerly Dean and HoD Sociology, GNDU, Amritsar, Prof. Anil Kumar, HoD Sociology and Social Anthropology, CU, Himachal Pradesh and Dr. Nancy Mengi, HoD Social Work, CU, Samba were the members of the external committee. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam and Prof. Vishav Raksha led the core group comprising Dr. Garima Gupta, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Dr. Saranjit Kaur and Ms. Kunzang Angmo. Mr. Ameet Targotra and Ms. Akanksha Sharma helped in organizing the gender audit.

### **'Scientific and Technical Outreach Programme' at UoJ**

Dean Research Studies (DRS) office in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre,

Mumbai organized a one-day 'Scientific and Technical Outreach Programme' on 10 October, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor gave the opening



remarks highlighting the significance of scientific attitude among students. Prof. Anju Bhasin, DRS, Ms. Heema Rao, Mr. R.K.B. Yadav and Mr. R.K. Mishra from BARC addressed 170 students and scholars from various science departments. A series of lectures, interactive sessions, skits and two quiz sessions: primary and final were conducted. In the quiz sessions, Sonakshi Sasan and Jasleen Kour won first prize, Shivani Sharma and Monica won the second prize, Shubham Singh and Vishal Sharma won the third prize. The consolation prize was given to Sahil Kumar and Damini. Prof. Satya Paul presented the vote of thanks.

### **UoJ organizes academia, industry, civil society interaction**

UoJ organized an academia, industry, civil society interaction to showcase its major initiatives among the various stakeholders on 10 October, 2023. Dr. Ginny Dogra, Deputy Director, DIQA outlined the major initiatives undertaken by the university in the past one year and unfolded the future roadmap of UoJ. Dr. Sadaf Shah, spoke on UoJ's recently launched 'Design Your Degree' program. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, DSPE and nodal officer 'College on Wheels' train journey for students shared the concept and objectives of the program. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor in his presidential address stressed that the endeavour of the university is to dissolve the unseen boundaries among different sections of the society and take every one along on the path towards



progression. On the occasion Mr. Mukesh Singh, ADGP was felicitated for his meritorious service. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar presented the welcome address. Prof. Sarika Manhas conducted the program. Mr. Ranjeet Kalra presented the vote of thanks.

### **Bhaderwah campus empowers incarcerated individuals through education**

Bhaderwah campus: Department of Computer Science & IT collaborated with the Jammu and



Kashmir Prisons Department to distribute certificates to District Jail Bhaderwah inmates, who successfully completed three-month e-learning certificate course on 13 October, 2023. Dr. Jatinder Manhas, HoD coordinated the program.

### **NCWEB, DD&OE conducts Brain storming session on 'Empowering Women'**

DD&OE under its Non-Collegiate Women Education Board (NCWEB) conducted Brain storming session with the girl students of UoJ on 13 October, 2023. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Director and chairperson conducted and moderated the session. NCWEB is a new initiative to offer classes and courses on campus on the weekends for those girls and working women, who are unable to pursue college/ higher studies due to unavoidable circumstances on regular basis. Dr. Jaspal Singh, convener, Dr. Hina Abrol, Ms. Rohini Gupta Suri, Dr. Jatinder Singh, Dr. Neha Vij, Ms. Shriya Gupta, Ms. Avantika Bakshi also graced the occasion.

### **Sangacham-2023**

Kathua campus organized a flagship event 'Sangacham-2023' on 16 October, 2023. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, chairman, JKBOSE and Director, SCERT was the chief guest. Mr. Raghunandan Singh, vice chairman, DDC, Kathua was the guest of honor. Prof. S. K. Pandey, Director, Reasi campus was the special guest. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Director presided over the function. Dr. Sourabh Shastri, convener, Sangacham-2023 presented the welcome address.

### **Prof. Neelu Rohmetra new Dean Research Studies**



Prof. Neelu Rohmetra from The Business School nominated Dean Research Studies, UoJ.

### **J&KUT Foundation Day celebrations at UoJ**

UTSAAH: the clubs, celebrated Foundation Day of the J&KUT by organizing a series of functions on the theme 'Badhta Jammu Kashmir: Aman aur Taraqqi ki Nayi Tasweer' on 30 October, 2023. Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean, Planning & Development was the chief guest at the valedictory function. Dr. Satnam Kour, chairperson presented the welcome address. First, second and third positions were bagged by Jhanvi, Preeti Manhas & Sknda Sharma in Painting; Riya Choudhary, Maithili Manhas, and Alvin Singh stood first, second and third in essay writing competition. In Photography Lovleen Kour, Umar Farooq, and Mohammad Kamil won first, second and third positions. Rajveer Singh received the first prize in the Film Making category. Arvi received certificate of appreciation. Dr. Sadaf Shah, coordinator presented the vote of thanks.



## Igniter Startup Fest Curtain Raiser

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor in the presence of Prof. Naresh Padha, convenor, Core Committee, Igniter 23, Ms. Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director, J&K



Rural Livelihoods Mission, Mr. Rajesh Dubey, Zonal Head, J&K Bank Jammu, Ms. Sunaina Mehta, Joint Director, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, Prof. Monika Chadha, convenor, Press & Publicity committee, Mr. Ayush Mahajan, J&K Startup Association, Dr. Vinay Thusoo, member, Press & Publicity Committee addressed media at the Curtain Raiser Press conference of the Igniter 23 (08/11/2023) on 30 October, 2023. The Vice Chancellor informed that Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, UoJ has consented to be the chief guest on the occasion. The start-up policy of UoJ shall be released during Igniter -23. And 150 start-ups will be initiated in the coming year out of which 5 start-ups will be launched by the chief guest during Igniter-23. Dr. Vinay Thusoo conducted the proceeding of the press conference.

## TBS shines in national ranking

The Business School achieved 18th rank in the Government B-School category and 11th rank in Return on Investment (ROI) India's most esteemed B-School surveys declared on 07 November, 2023. And TBS secured the 9th position in the prestigious India Today Best B-Schools Ranking for Value for Money in which 273 Management Institutes participated as declared in *India Today* (13 November, 2023 Issue) on 20 November, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor extended his congratulations to TBS.

## e-Yantra on campus

SIIEDC in collaboration with IIT, Bombay organized a Principals meet and workshop on e-Yantra on 23



November, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor delivered the presidential address, highlighting the significance of Prof. Kavi Arya's visit and the establishment of 25 e-Yantra labs in the J&KUT.

## Newsletter released

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor released the Newsletter of the Centre for Women's Studies in the presence of Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director, Prof. Jasbir



Singh, HoD, Philosophy, Prof. Baljeet Singh Mann, HoD, Political Science, Dr. Hema Gandotra, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Dr. Saranjit Kaur, Ms. Kunzang Angmo and members of the editorial team of the Newsletter on 23 November, 2023.

## UoJ signs MoU with BSE

TBS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BSE Institute Limited on 24 November,



2023. The MoU was signed by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar and Mr. Akhil Chopra from BSE Institute with the objective to implement the skill development program of BSE Institute supported by SBI and Mission Youth J&K in which BSE will impart a no-cost training to the students of TBS.



## Welcome and Felicitation of students on 'College on Wheels'

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor along with faculty, officers, staff and students welcomed and felicitated 700



female students, mentors and other supporting staff on their return at the UoJ campus on 02 December, 2023. The Vice Chancellor stated, "The train journey might have come to an end but penning down the experiences by the enterprising participating students of their two-week long odyssey must now begin." The Vice Chancellor further expressed gratitude to Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, UoJ for his vision and initiative of organizing the challenging visit of female students across the country bringing alive the vision of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. Some students and mentors also shared their experiences of 'College on Wheels' journey.

## Prof. Dinesh Singh chairs EC of JKHEC

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, JK Higher Education Council (JKHEC) chaired executive committee meeting of JKHEC on 14 December, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor spoke about the 'College on wheels' and its significant impact on students. Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, KU, Prof. Shakil Ahmed Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, CLU, Jammu, Prof. Qayyum Hussain Vice Chancellor, CLU, Kashmir, Prof. Balbir Singh, DAA, SMVDU, Katra, Prof. Kavi Arya, IIT, Bombay, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, HED, J&KUT, Dr. Ravi Shankar, Special Secretary to Govt. HED, J&KUT, Mr. Abdul Majid Butt, Director, Finance, HED, J&KUT, Prof. Ragvendra K Mishra, Dean (SW), SMVDU, Katra, Prof. Naresh Padha, formerly DAA, UoJ, Prof. Madan Mohan Chaturvedi, formerly

Director, Cluster Innovation Council and Centre for Science Education and Communication, University of Delhi, Prof. Shobha Bagai, Director of Cluster Innovation Center University of Delhi, Prof. Alka Sharma, Prof. K.S Charak, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana and Dr. Sharda attended the meeting.

## UoJ Holds Academic Council meeting

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor chaired the Academic Council meeting on 15 December, 2023. The Vice Chancellor informed that enrolment of students in 'Academic Bank of Credits' has started and more than 30000 accounts of students have been created. Besides, UoJ is ready with e-governance initiatives. During the meeting, around 28 agenda items were presented by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar. Various other important academic matters related to admission, examination, research etc., were discussed in the meeting, which was attended by Prof. Anju Bhasin, DAA, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, DRS, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua campus, Prof. Parkash Anthal, Dean (SW), Prof. S. K Pandey, Director, Reasi campus, Mr. Sanjeev Mahajan, CoE, Dr. Ginny Dogra, I/c Director, DIQA, Dr. Sumita Sharma, DR; Deans of Faculties, HoDs, Conveners BoS, college Principals and other concerning officials of the university.

## Registration drive for Viksit Bharat @2047 commences

UoJ officially initiated the registration drive for Viksit Bharat @2047, an innovative initiative hosted on the MyGov Portal, on 15 December, 2023. A series of interactive discussions on Community Radio Station FM 91.2 Dhwani on how the youth visualise Bharat in the year 2047 also began on the campus.

## Innovative Executive MBA Program for Working Professionals

TBS inaugurated the Executive MBA program in blended mode with the Multiple Entry Exit Scheme





(MEES), in alignment with NEP 2020 on 18 December, 2023.

### **VC lauds students' participation in Viksit Bharat @2047 campaign**

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor lauded students' enthusiastic participation in Viksit Bharat @2047 campaign on 27 December, 2023. Over 3000 students actively participated, sharing their visionary ideas to contribute towards the realization of India as a developed nation by 2047. Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, convener, Viksit Bharat @2047 campaign highlighted the various activities aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat.

### **Nomination, Promotion, Appointment & Superannuation**

#### **Nomination**

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar

Prof. Monika Chadha, Convener, Radio Station

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua campus

#### **Head/ Director**

Prof. Haq Nawaz Sheikh, HoD, Chemistry

Prof. Sucheta Rani, HoD, Dogri

Prof. Romesh Kumar, HoD, Mathematics

Prof. Jasbir Singh, Director, Kishtwar Campus

Sh. Rakesh Sharma, Coordinator, Art Gallery

Dr. Anil Gupta, Director, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Prof. Pankaj Kumar Srivastava, Director, Directorate of Distance & Online Education

Dr. Sucheta Pathania, HoD, Punjabi

#### **Promotion**

#### **Faculty promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (Academic Level -12)**

Dr. Sushanta Kumar Panda, Department of Education

#### **Faculty promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (Academic Level -11)**

Dr. Chhering Tandup, Bhaderwah campus

Dr. Abid Sarwar, Bhaderwah campus

Dr. Padam Dev, Department of Dogri

Dr. Sandeep Dubay, Department of Dogri

Dr. Skarma Nonzom, Department of Botany

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Kathua Campus

#### **Appointment**

Dr. Radha Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Dogri

#### **Superannuation**

#### **Teaching**

Ms. Veena Sharma, Assistant Librarian Department of Hindi

Dr. Deepak Raj Gupta, SHTM

#### **Non-teaching**

#### **New Appointment**

#### **Semi - Professional Assistant**

Mr. Vinod Parihar

#### **Junior Assistant/ New Appointment**

Mr. Naresh Kumar

#### **Promotion / Placement**

#### **Assistant Registrar**

Mr. Kuldeep Raj

Mr. Suresh Kumar

#### **Section Officer**

Mr. Jagdish Singh

Mr. Lekh Raj

Mr. Ghulam Hussain

Mr. Faqir Mohd

Mr. Rattan Chand

Ms. Manju Sharma

#### **Head Assistant**

Mr. Vikram Singh

Mr. Rajesh Kumar

Mr. Tarsaim Singh

Ms. Shehnez Akhter

Ms. Rinkey Bazaz

Mr. Nand Kishore

Mr. Ashish Palli

#### **Senior Assistant**

Mr. Mukesh Kumar



Mr. Neeraj Kumar  
 Mr. Suraj Prakash  
 Ms. Sonia Sharma  
 Mr. Sahil Chalotra  
 Mr. Harinder Pal Singh  
 Mr. Gagandeep  
 Ms. Richa Mahajan

#### **Junior Assistant / Promotion**

Mr. Pawan Kumar  
 Mr. Manik Sharma  
 Mr. Lucky Khajuria  
 Mr. Deepak Kumar  
 Mr. Pardeep Kumar  
 Mr. Asim Sharma  
 Mr. Satish Kumar

#### **Superannuation**

#### **Director, DIQA**

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam

#### **Assistant Registrar**

Mr. Raman Gupta  
 Mr. Ashwani Kumar

#### **Section Officer**

Ms. Kiran Bala  
 Mr. Vinod Kumar Mangotra  
 Mr. Shive Charan  
 Sr. Personal Assistant  
 Mr. Raghbir Singh Bandral

#### **Head Assistant**

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta

#### **Senior Assistant**

Ms. Anita Khajuria

#### **Technician (Photographer)**

Mr. Ashok Kumar

#### **Sr. Daftri**

Mr. Parkash Dass  
 Mr. Joginder Singh

#### **Library Attendant**

Mr. Sharief Ahmed  
 Mr. Ganesh Chand

#### **Maid Servant**

Ms. Bimla Devi

#### **Mali**

Mr. Pritam Chand

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## Seminars, Conferences, Workshops & Invited Lectures

*University of Jammu is students-centric hub of academic and research events:*

**Department of Sociology** in collaboration with Reasi campus and Ramnagar campus organized XIIIth Prof. S C Dube Memorial lecture in memory of Prof. S.C. Dube, former Vice Chancellor, UoJ on 'Modernity, its Rupture and Manifested Reflections' by Prof. Ashok Kaul, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 31 July, 2023.



Prof. Naresh Padha, formerly DAA was the chief guest. Prof. S.K. Pandey, Director, Reasi campus and Prof. Vinod Sharma, Director, Ramnagar campus also spoke on the occasion. Prof. Vishav Raksha, HoD presented the welcome address. Ms. Kajal Kalsi presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Journalism and Media Studies (DJMS)** in collaboration with the Department of English organized a one-day workshop on 'Expression of Creativity in 21st Century' on 03 August, 2023. Dr. Arpan Yagnik from Pennsylvania State University, USA was the resource person. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor declared open the



proceedings of the workshop. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar presided over the inaugural session.

**Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS)** organized a lecture on 'Unsung Heroes of Jammu and Kashmir' by Dr. Madulika Singh on 14 August, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor in his inaugural address suggested areas to strengthen the defence and strategic studies research, and motivated the students to get associated with research projects. Prof. Virender Koundal, Director presented the welcome address. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Home Science** in collaboration with National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), GoI, New Delhi organized a two-day workshop on 'Harnessing Play for Developmental Stimulation, Intervention for Children with Developmental Delays and for Enhancing Emotional Well-Being' on 25-26 August, 2023. Prof. Rajni Kant, DRS was the chief guest at the valedictory session. Ms. Harvinder Kour, Mission Director, ICPS was the special guest. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD presented the report of the workshop. Prof. Shashi Manhas presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS)** organized a special lecture on 'Understanding Open Educational Resources for Teaching, Learning,



and Research' by Dr. Shri Ram Panday from Central University of Haryana, Mahendargarh on 01 September, 2023.



**Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies** in collaboration with Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, Jammu chapter and Udhampur campus organized a one-day Rural



Heritage Workshop 'Connecting with the Roots: Gandhian Vision' on 01 September, 2023. Ms. Indu Kanwal Chib, Director, Rural Livelihoods Mission, J&K was the chief guest at the inaugural session, Mr. Hemant Sharma, IAS (Retd) was the chief guest at the valedictory session. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector presented the welcome address. Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Director coordinated the workshop.

**Department of Computer Science & IT** organized a two-day workshop on 'Introduction to Robotics', conducted by e-Yantra, CSE Department, IIT, Bombay on 14-15 September, 2023. Prof. Rajni Kant, DRS was the chief guest at the inaugural session. Prof. Kavi Arya, CSE Department, IIT, Bombay was the keynote speaker. Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, HoD presented the welcome address. Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Dogri** organized a two-day seminar in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi New Delhi on 21-22 September, 2023. Prof. Veena Gupta, Padma Shri Mohan Singh, convener Dogri Advisory



Board, New Delhi and Dr. N. Suresh Babu Deputy Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi along with Dogri scholars graced the occasion.

**The Business School (TBS)** in collaboration with

the FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh chapter organized a workshop on 'Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success' on 05 October, 2023. Mr. G



Velladurai, IEDS, Joint Director, MSME Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh was the chief guest. Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director presented the welcome address. CA Samriti Kohli was the invited speaker. Dr. Amisha Gupta presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Shelleka Gupta coordinated the workshop.

**Bhaderwah campus:** Department of English organized a lecture on 'Literature and Philosophy:



Perspectives in Critical Humanities by Prof. Bijoy Boruah, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Jammu on 06 October, 2023. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector in his presidential address appreciated Prof. Boruah for his academic contributions. Dr. Subhash Chander presented the vote of thanks.

**DJMS** in collaboration with National Translation Mission, Mysore conducted a one-week skill development workshop on 'Indian languages' from 11-18 October, 2023. Padma Shri Mohan Singh Slathia





was the keynote speaker. Prof. Satnam Kour, chairperson, UTSAAH was the chief guest. Prof. Garima Gupta, HoD coordinated the workshop. Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean, Faculty of Arts was the chief guest at the valedictory function. Dr. Ravia Gupta presented the vote of thanks.

### Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPR) in



collaboration with School of Biotechnology organized a lecture on 'Managing Intellectual Property Rights and Innovations' on 13 October, 2023. Dr. Muqbil Burhan from IIM Jammu's Srinagar campus and an illustrious alumnus of the School of Biotechnology was the distinguished speaker. Prof. Sanjana Koul, Director presented the welcome address. Prof. B.K. Bajaj, convener presented the opening remarks. Dr. Yash Paul gave the concluding remarks.

**Bhaderwah campus:** Institute of Mountain Environment in collaboration with Department of Wildlife Protection, J&KUT organized a four-day national workshop on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in Snow Leopard Landscapes' from 17-20 October, 2023. Dr. M.K. Kumar, IFS Regional Warden, Jammu was the chief guest. Mr. Dil Mir Choudhary,



ADC, Bhaderwah and Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director, NDF were the resource persons. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector appreciated the Institute's efforts for organizing an insightful workshop.

**Department of History** in collaboration with Maharaja Gulab Singh Research Centre, Jammu organized a two-day national seminar on 'General



Zorawar Singh: Revisiting his Life, Legacy and Legendary Conquests of the Himalayan Territories' on 20-21 October, 2023. Prof. Suman Jamwal, HoD presented the welcome address. Dr. Kuldeep C. Agnihotri, formerly Vice Chancellor, CU, Himachal Pradesh presented the keynote address. Dr. Karan Singh, the chief guest, in his address focused on the consolidation of this region by General Zorawar Singh. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor in his presidential address lauded the insightful deliberations portraying the rich sacrificial history of the Dogras. Prof. K.N. Pandita was the chief guest at the valedictory function. Mr. Ashutosh Bhatnagar, Director, Centre for J&K Studies presided over the function. Major General



(Retd) Goverdhan Singh Jamwal also graced the occasion. Dr. Anu Mankotia presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Education** organized an interactive one-day workshop for exploring the educational experiences in two culturally rich nations,



Russia and India, on the theme 'Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology: Educational Experience in Russia and India' on 27 October, 2023. Prof. Svetlana Ryzhakova, Institute of Ethnology & Anthropology, Russia Academy of Sciences, Moscow was the resource person.

**Bhaderwah campus** in collaboration with Rashtriya Samaj Vigyan Parishad (RSVP) organized a two-day national conference on the 'Role of Social



Sciences in Managing Perception and Nurturing Peace in Jammu and Kashmir' on 28-29 October, 2023. Mr. Dhananter Singh Kotwal, chairman, DDC, Doda was the chief guest and inaugurated the conference in the presence of Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector and distinguished guests.

**DSRS** in association with Jammu Kashmir Study Centre (JKSC) organized 'Brigadier Rajinder Singh Memorial Public Lecture' on 30 October, 2023. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) PMO was the chief guest and delivered the public lecture. Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST- J presided over the session. Maj. Gen. (Retd) Goverdhan Singh Jamwal was the guest of



honor. Prof. Virender Koundal, Director presented the welcome address. Dr. Ganesh Malhotra presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Education** organized a one-day workshop on 'Bloom's Taxonomy of Educational Objectives: Implications for Curriculum Development, Teaching-Learning and Evaluation' on 30 October, 2023. Prof. R.P. Vadhera, formerly Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University was the resource person.

**Department of Commerce** organized a two-day 'Advanced Research Methods' Workshop on 03-04 November, 2023. Dr. Neeraj Kaushik from NIT, Kurukshetra was the resource person.

**Department of Education** organized an interactive workshop for scholars on 'Research Methodology' by Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay from JNU, New Delhi on 03 November, 2023.

**The Law School (TLS)** in collaboration with The Tribal Research Institute, Tribal Affairs Department J&KUT organized a one-day seminar on 'Tribal Rights and Constitution of India' as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah-2023 celebrations on 22 November, 2023. Mr. Mukhtar A Choudhury, Secretary J&K





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Advisory Board for Development of Scheduled Tribes, Dr. Abdul Khabir, Deputy Director and Dr. Javaid Rahi, a prominent tribal writer and researcher, were the special guests. Prof. Manju Jamwal, Director presided over the inaugural session.

**Poonch campus** organized a two-day national conference in hybrid mode on 'Current Scenario & Future Prospects of Sericulture (CS&FPS)-2023' on 23-24 November, 2023. Mr. Sandesh Sharma, ADC,



Poonch was the chief guest. Prof. Seema Langer, Dean, Faculty of Science was the keynote speaker. Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director presented the welcome address.

**DSRS** in collaboration with The Tribal Research Institute, Tribal Affairs Department J&K organized a one-day seminar on 'Socio-Cultural Dynamics of Tribal Communities' as part of the Janjatiya Gourav Saptah celebrations on 28 November, 2023. Prof.



Neelu Rohmetra, DRS was the chief guest on the occasion. Prof. Virender Koundal, Director presented the welcome address.

**Department of Commerce** organized a two-day national conference on 'Future of Work: Adapting to a Changing Landscape' on 29-30 November, 2023. Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce and Industry was the chief guest. Prof. Hardeep Chahal,



Director, ICccR-HRM presented the welcome address. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, HoD delved on the theme of the conference. Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow was the keynote speaker. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar presided over the inaugural session. Former HoDs, Commerce: Prof. R.D Sharma, Prof. Santosh Gupta and Prof. Neetu Andotra were felicitated on the occasion. Dr. Tarsem Lal presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Philosophy** organized a public lecture on 'The Brain-Brahman Dichotomy' by Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi, Department of Philosophy, SMVDU, Katra on 01 December, 2023. Prof. Jasbir



Singh HoD introduced the speaker. Dr. Ruby Bharati coordinated the session.

**Department of Law** organized a guest lecture for the students on 'Orientation towards Studying Law and How to Plan a Career in Law' by Prof. Risham Garg, National Law University, New Delhi on 08 December, 2023.

**Bhaderwah campus:** Department of Computer Science and Information Technology in collaboration with Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, iHUB Divya Sampark, IIT, Roorkee



& LTU Sweden organized a one-week FDP on the topic 'Machine Learning, Theory, and Application with a special focus on Electroencephalography, Document, and Sign Gestures Analysis' from 19-23 December, 2023. Dr. Jatinder Manhas coordinated the program.

**Department of Urdu** organized a two-day international seminar on 'Jagan Nath Azad and his contemporary Poets' on 20-21 December, 2023. Mr. Ayaz Rasool Nazki delivered the keynote



address. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, DRS was the chief guest. Prof. Manzar Hussain from Ranchi University presided over the session. Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmed, HoD threw light on the objectives of the international seminar. Dr. Farhat Shamim conducted the proceedings of the program. Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Economics** in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, and ICSSR, North Western Regional Centre, Panjab University organized a two-day collaborative international conference on 'Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Post-COVID-19 World: Regional Challenges, Opportunities and Policy Options' on 21-22 December, 2023. Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development was the chief guest at the inaugural function. Prof. A. N. Sadhu, former DAA, UoJ was the guest of honor. Prof. I. C. Awasthi from Institute for Human Development, New Delhi was the keynote speaker. Prof. Sunita Devi Sharma, HoD presented the welcome address. Prof. Falendra Kumar briefed about the conference objective. Ms. Avni Sablok from ICWA highlighted the significance of this collaborative conference. Prof. Jasbir Singh, conference coordinator presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Shallu Sehgal conducted the proceedings of the seminar. More than 100 participants from across India and presented their research papers. In the valedictory function, Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar was the chief guest.

Opportunities and Policy Options' on 21-22 December, 2023. Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development was the chief guest at the inaugural function. Prof. A. N. Sadhu, former DAA, UoJ was the guest of honor. Prof. I. C. Awasthi from Institute for Human Development, New Delhi was the keynote speaker. Prof. Sunita Devi Sharma, HoD presented the welcome address. Prof. Falendra Kumar briefed about the conference objective. Ms. Avni Sablok from ICWA highlighted the significance

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Prof. Dalip Kumar from Department of Economics, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University was the guest of honor. Prof. Vikram Chadha from Punjab School of Economics, GNDU, Amritsar delivered the valedictory address.





## Students' Roundup

*Our students and scholars have achieved success in academic, research, cultural, social and literary activities in a wide range of regional, national and international competitions:*

**Mr. Aayush Jain, Ms. Anjali, Mr. Ansh Khanna, Ms. Arushi Sharma, Mr. Danish Gupta, Mr. Geetesh**



**Sangra, Ms. Harshleen Kour, Ms. Ishani Khorana, Ms. Janvi Gupta, Ms. Nikita Sawhney, Ms. Nitali Kanaria, Mr. Sarbjeet Singh, Mr. Surya Kant Sharma and Mr. Aditya Singhal** from TBS on receiving campus placements from ICICI bank were congratulated and blessed by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on 26 August, 2023.

**Mr. Idrees Falahi and Mr. Suhail Bashir**, students of semester III, Department of Journalism and Mass



Communication bagged the 'Best Team' award in the debate competition during 'Display Your Talent (DYT)-2023' on 30 November, 2023.

**Ms. Rekha Devi** from affiliated college of UoJ bagged the first position; **Ms. Sauliha** from IUST, Awantipura and **Ms. Sapna** from UoJ clinched the second and the third positions respectively in the final round of charkha competition held on board 'College



on Wheels' at Bhopal on 01 December, 2023.

### NCC cadets call on VC

**NCC-Girls Senior Wing**, UoJ cadets called on Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor to share their



experiences of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' camp on 06 December, 2023.

**Ms. Shifali Chib**, Research scholar, Department of Geology awarded the I.A.S. Young Sedimentologist Award (YSA) for the year 2023 during the 39th convention of the Indian Association of Sedimentologists held at Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu on 12 December, 2023.





# UoJ Fraternity Recognitions

## Faculty

Teachers are fount of experience, role models for students who learn through them, through their commitment to academic excellence :

**Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik**, Principal IMFA, book *Asfar-e-Shohab* translated into Kashmiri by Mr. Pyare



Hatash was released by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on 02 August, 2023.

**Dr. Surinder Mohan**, Department of Strategic and Regional Studies book *Complex Rivalry: The Dynamics of India-Pakistan Conflict* published by University of Michigan Press (USA) was released by



Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor on 16 August, 2023.

**Dr. Rajni Kant**, Professor of Physics and Dean Research Studies, book *Applied Solid State Physics*



published by Wiley was released by Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, UoJ in the presence of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor and distinguished guests and audience on the Foundation Day of UoJ on 05 September, 2023.

**Prof. Yash Pal Sharma**, Department of Botany delivered a talk on 'In Service of Humans and Vegetation: Wild Mushrooms of North West Himalaya of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh' during International Mountain Day celebration organized by IUCN Commission on Ecological Management (CEM) South Asia on 10 December, 2023.



**Dr. Mandeep Singh**, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education granted PATENT by India Patent Office, Gol on his invention of making Biomechanical Apparatus.





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## Cultural & Literary Events

*A peep into the diverse literary events and cultural activities organized by the Department of Student Welfare, the teaching departments and the offsite campuses:*

**Department of Student Welfare (DSW)** in collaboration with Gandhian Centre for Peace &



Conflict Studies organized a short play competition on the life & teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on 04 October, 2023. Around 200 students from 18 different institutes participated in the event. Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean (SW) was the chief guest at the valedictory function.

### Winners:

**First Prize:** CLU, Jammu. **Second prize:** The Law School and UIET, Kathua. **Third Prize:** MIET and DD&OE. **Certificates of Merit** GDC, Vijaypur and IIT, Jammu.

**Poonch campus:** Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director flagged off a contingent of talented students of the campus to



participate in the Youth Festival Sangam-2023 at Bhaderwah campus on 06 October, 2023.

**Bhadarwah campus** in collaboration with the Indian Army (Bhadarwah) organized a five-day Youth Festival SANGAM 2023, with the tagline 'Peace and Unity' from 06-10 October, 2023. Brig. Samir K. Palande, Commander 9 Sector RR in the presence of



Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, civil and army officers, members of the civil society, teaching faculty, staff and students inaugurated the Youth Festival.

Twenty-five competitive events including debate, sketching, clay modelling, photography, athletics, chess, badminton, quiz, painting, marathon, volleyball, kabaddi and cricket were the highlights of the festival.

**UTSAAH:** Literary club organized mushaira 'Andaaze-Bayaan' in which talented participants from the departments including Nighat Mir, Rajveer Singh, Sakshi, Mehak Dogra, Zahid Mughal, Jasleen, Sabli Naranja, Imtiaz Ahmed, Sakshi Billawaria, Komal Jargal, Rehman Ali, Israr Ahmed, Faayaz Tahir Ali, Mujeeb Ul Rehman and Mr. Madan participated on 12 October, 2023.

**UTSAAH:** Music club paid melodic tribute to the musical maestro and actor Kishore Kumar on his 36th death anniversary by organizing the magic of the iconic songs of Kishore Kumar on 13 October, 2023. Dr. Vikram Sahi and Ms. Shrishti Sharma conducted the program. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, coordinator presented the vote of thanks.

**Institute of Music & Fine Arts (IMFA)** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Nightingale of India, Lata Mangeshkar organized a musical event 'Nam Gum Jayega,' on 16 October, 2023. Prof. Anupama Sharma, a renowned singer, was the chief guest. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, principal presided over the event.

**UTSAAH:** Heritage and Tourism club in collaboration with SHTM organized 'Khushion Ka Kumbh: A Cultural Fair' with the objective of raising awareness about the rich local art and craft traditions of the region among the students of UoJ on 07 November, 2023.





Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies inaugurated the fair. Prof. Satnam Kour, chairperson, Dr. Suvidha Khanna, coordinator, Dr. Anil Gupta, faculty, staff and students graced the occasion.

**UTSAAH:** Photography Club in association with Canon India organized a two-day photography workshop on 07-08 November, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor interacted with the participants.



Dr. Pritam Singh, coordinator presented the welcome address.

**UTSAAH:** Music club and the Literary club organized a musical evening, 'Ek Ruhani Shaam Amir Khusro Aur Bulleh Shah Ke Naam' to pay tribute to the two renowned poets: Khusro, 'the father of qawwali' and Bulleh Shah known for the verse form 'Kafi' on 09 November, 2023. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Katra was the chief guest. Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, CLU, Jammu was the



guest of honor. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Prof. Satnam Kour presented the welcome address. Dr. Neeraj Sharma and Dr. Sadaf Shah were the coordinators of the musical event.

### Display Your Talent (DYT) 2023

**Department of Student Welfare** organized 'Display Your Talent 2023' from 16-29 November, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest at the inaugural function. Prof. Anju Bhasin, DAA was the guest of honor. Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning & Development, Prof. Rajiv Rattan Sharma, Director, CDC, Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, DD&OE and other senior functionaries of the university attended the program. Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean (SW) presented the welcome address. Prof. Monika Chadha, chairperson, CCC gave a brief history of 'Display Your Talent' and Prof. Sarika Manhas co-chairperson CCC presented the vote of thanks. Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, CLU,





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Jammu was the chief guest at the valedictory function. Winners of different events were felicitated by the chief guest.

Over All Champion Trophy was won by IMFA. Over All Runner-Up Trophy was secured by GCW, Udhampur. Over All Trophy for best student was awarded to Andrew from IMFA. Over All Trophy for best performance in Theatricals was awarded to GCW, Udhampur. Over All Trophy for best performance in Fine Arts was awarded to Skanda Sharma from IMFA. Over All Trophy for best performance in Music was awarded to IMFA. Best team in Debate competition was from Department of Journalism & Media Studies. Over All Trophy for Best performance in Quiz was awarded to UIET, Kathua.

Urvashi, Kanya Sharma, Rishika Sharma, Avleen Kour Janvi, Mohneesh Chowdhary, Idrees Falahi, Suriya Banoo, Nighit Mir, Seeta, Hannan Dar, Rajdeep Singh Vivek Soodan, Angraz Singh, Bipasha Raina, Shehzad Ali the student cultural representatives provided logistics along with the departmental staff.

### DTY results:

Group Song Indian: First Prize: GCW, Udhampur

Elocution: First Prize: Naqiya Bushra

Collage Making: First Prize: Bharti Verma, IMFA

Poster Making: First Prize: Skanda Sharma

Rangoli: First Prize, Shagun Kapoor, KC Law college

One Act Play: First Prize, GCW, Udhampur

Painting: First Prize: Shahzad Ahmed, IMFA

Cartooning: First Prize: Skanda Sharma, IMFA

Clay Modeling: First Prize: Paramveer Singh, IMFA

Light Vocal Solo: First Prize: Varsha Jamwal, GCW, Parade

Classical Vocal Solo: First Prize: Arapna Kumari, IMFA

Classical Instrumental (P.): First Prize: Karamveer, IMFA

Debate: First Prize: Irtiqat Tariq, Jammu College of Physiotherapy

Mehandi: First Prize: Preeti Manhas, IMFA

Installation: First Prize: First Prize, IMFA

Photography: First Prize: Rohit Kumar Verma, DD&OE

In the Individual category: Best Actors: Smriti Sharma, GDC, Ramnagar and Mohit Sharma, GDC, Akhnoor

Skit: First position: GDC, Akhnoor

Mimicry: Certificate of Merit awarded to Kanchan Jamwal, GCW, Udhampur.

Mime: Certificate of Merit awarded GCW, Udhampur.

Western Instrumental: First Prize, Andrew, IMFA.

Western Vocal Solo: First Prize: Kunwar Langer, TLS

Group Song Western: First Prize: TBS

**UTSAAH:** Science club Public Lecture series on 'Science & Innovation for Sustainable Solutions' was inaugurated by Padma Shri Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairperson, HEC, J&KUT and formerly Vice



Chancellor, University of Delhi by delivering a talk on 'The World of Inventions & Innovations: Some Interesting Examples' on 17 November, 2023. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor presided over the session. Dr. Sangram K. Lenka from Gujarat Biotechnology University delivered a lecture on 'Sustainable Health Promoting Nutraceuticals from Plants' on the occasion.

### College on Wheels: Gyanodaya Express

UoJ's prime innovative transformative educational journey of 780 girls students along with 100 faculty members from seven academic institutions of Jammu and Kashmir, besides Cluster Innovation Center Delhi, IIT, Bombay and more than 20 affiliated colleges of J&KUT on a unique learning adventure 'College on Wheels: Gyanodaya Express' began from the nodal University of Jammu on 19 November, 2023. Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, UoJ flagged off Gyanodaya Express from Katra railway station in the presence of Padma Shri



Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, HEC, J&KUT, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries from various institutions of higher learning of J&KUT. The students were selected for this momentous learning journey, inspired by the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, on the basis of the merit of their interdisciplinary projects. Library facility was also provided on board. The experiential objective has been to dissolve boundaries of the subjects and aligning with NEP 2020, the commitment to provide innovative, first-hand learning opportunities. The route of the train was from Jammu to Delhi, Ahmadabad,

Mumbai, Goa, Bangalore, Delhi and return to Jammu. During the journey students visited both the houses of Parliament, President House, IIT, Bombay, Shipyards of Bombay and Goa, ISRO and some other important national institutes and buildings. Prof. Naresh Padha was the coordinator of College on Wheels. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba and Dr. Shalu Sharma were Nodal Officers of College on Wheels. The participants were given a rousing reception at fountain Plaza, UoJ on the culmination of their pragmatic journey on 30 November, 2023.





# Sports Activities

*Sports not only benefit in physical activity but increase self-esteem and mental alertness to enjoy the health and vigour of life:*

**DSPE:** Inter-Departmental Tournaments for the session 2022-23 were organized by chairman Campus Sports Committee (CSC) and Directorate of Sports of Physical Education on 26 July, 2023. Badminton (M) & Carrom (M&W) were the highlights of the tournament.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Chess (M&W) Championship 2023-24 on 09 October, 2023. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director declared the championship open.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate (W) Volleyball Tournament 2023-24 on 12 October, 2023. The matches were officiated by Mr. Mulkh Raj, Mr. Amit Sharma, Mr. Shubham, Mr. Anil, Mr. Buneet Singh and Ms. Manu Singh Pawar.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Cross Country (W) Championship 2023-24 in which 20 athletes from 10 colleges took part on 16 October, 2023. Ms. Pooja Devi, GDC, Ramnagar clinched gold medal, Ms. Shilppi Thakur, GDC, Ramnagar and Ms. Sakshi, GDC, Jindrah won silver medal and bronze medal respectively. Dr. Vikram Sahi, I/c Librarian, Dhanvantri Library was the chief guest and along with Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director presented medals to the winners.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate fencing (M) Championship on 17-18 October, 2023. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director along with Mr. Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, international fencer declared the championship open.

**DSPE** organized Kho-Kho (M) Tournament 2023-24 on 18 October, 2023. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director declared the Tournament open by flipping the coin in the presence of teachers, students and Physical Directors of the participating teams.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Fencing (W) Championship on 19 October, 2023. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director awarded medals to the winners and overall trophy was won by GCW, Parade.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Handball (M&W) Tournament 2023-24 on 19 October, 2023.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Archery (M&W) Championship 2023-24 on 25 October, 2023. GDC, Kakryal won the trophy by securing 110 points and runner-up was GDC, Samba by securing 93 points.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Yoga (M&W) championship 2023-24 on 25 October, 2023. In team category, GDC, Paloura won 1st position while IInd &



IIIrd positions were clinched by PG Department, UoJ and GCET, Jammu respectively.

In individual category, the 1st position was won by Mr. Sahil, GDC, Paloura, IInd & IIIrd positions were secured by Mr. Baljinder Singh, GCET and Mr. Akarsh, GDC, Bishnah respectively.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Archery (W) Championship 2023-24 on 28 October, 2023. GCW,



Parade won the trophy by securing 142 points and GDC, Paloura won runner-up trophy securing 33 points.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (M) Tournament 2023-24 on 30 October, 2023.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Cricket (M) Tournament 2023 on 30 October, 2023

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Kick-Boxing (M) Championship 2023-24 on 30 October, 2023. GDC,



Paloura won overall Trophy and GDC, Vijaypur declared runner-up.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (M) Tournament 2023-24 on 01 November, 2023. GDC, Udhampur outplayed PG Department, UoJ by (03)



points with match score (25-28) to lift the Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (M) trophy. The matches were conducted under the supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director. Mr. Dheeraj Sharma, Mr. Amandeep Singh, Mr. Harpreet Singh, Mr. Keshav Singh, Mr. Raki Sharma and Mr. Gagan Kumar officiated the matches.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Volleyball (M) Tournament 2023-24 on 16 November, 2023. GDC, Hiranagar defeated GDC, Rajouri by (3-1) sets with set score (20-25, 25-19, 5-12) to lift Inter-Collegiate Volleyball trophy. Dr. Vinay Thusoo, I/c Media Cell was the chief guest at the prize distribution function.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Kho-Kho (W)



Tournament 2023-24 on 08 December, 2023. PG department lifted the trophy.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Badminton (M) Tournament 2023-24 on 14 December, 2023. PG



Department defeated GDC, Udhampur to clinch the trophy.

**UoJ** Basketball (W) team won first match by defeating CSJM University, Kanpur by 46-7 points in the North Zone Inter-University Basketball (W) Tournament 2023-24 organized by Mahatma Jyotiba



Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, UP on 15 December, 2023. Mr. Hritik Khullar was the team coach.

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Gatka (M) Championship 2023-24 on 18 December, 2023. Results: Event: Fari Soti Team: Gold Medal: GDC, Kathua team: Narinder Singh, Sehajveer Singh and Gurleen Singh; Silver Medal: PG Department, UoJ team: Robin Singh, Lakhdeep Singh and Pushapkant Sharma; Bronze Medal: GDC, Paloura team: Prabhjot Singh, Manpreet Singh and Karun Ghale. Event: Single Soti (Individual): Gold Medal: Sehajveer Singh, GDC, Kathua; Silver Medal: Robin Singh, PG department, UoJ; Bronze Medal: Prabhjot Singh, GDC, Paloura

**DSPE** organized Inter-Collegiate Badminton (W) Tournament from 19 December, 2023.



## Extension & Outreach Activities

*Extension and outreach activities enable students to develop a broader outlook on life and also the importance of 'giving back' to society:*

**Bhaderwah campus:** Department of Geography concluded a fifteen-day geographical tour from Kashmir to Kanyakumari on 01 July, 2023.

**DLL** in collaboration with Department of Commerce organized a ten-day workshop on



'Promotion of Art and Craft' for the inmates of Ved Mandir from 03-12 July, 2023.

**Department of Student Welfare** organized the valedictory function of the summer camp for children on 07 July, 2023. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar was



the chief guest and felicitated the participants in the presence of Prof. Prakash Antahal Dean (SW), Prof. Monika Sethi, chairperson, CCC. Mr. Sumeet Sharma drama instructor (SW). Prof. Sarika Manhas, co-chairperson, CCC presented the vote of thanks.

**Kathua campus:** UIET under the Expert Lecture series organized 4th Academic Excellence webinar on 'Demystifying Machine Learning: Unveiling the Power of Intelligent Algorithms' on 10 July, 2023. Dr. Archana Pandita from Westford University College, Dubai (UAE) was the resource person. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector was the chief guest.

**Kathua campus:** UIET under the Industry-Academia partnership organized an Industrial webinar on 'Entrepreneurship in the Era of Startups' on 13 July, 2023.

**Dhanvantri Library:** Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar inaugurated the lockers installed at the



Property Counter of Dhanvantri Library in the presence of Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi, I/c Librarian on 13 July, 2023.

**Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies** organized a three-day Art of Living YES! Course at Balgran Jammu from 13-15 July, 2023.



**Poonch campus** organized an awareness program on 'Development of Post Cocoon Technology' on 17 July, 2023. Dr. N.S Gahlot, Zonal Officer, Silk, Technology Service Centre, CSRTI, Ministry of Textiles, GoI was the chief guest.

**Udhampur campus:** Rutt-Raade, a month-long celebration of Dogra culture that began on the campus on 'Ashaad Sankranti' concluded on 'Shravan Sankranti' with immersion of Raade in the cool waters





of the Duddhar, Stream, Garnai, Lotta on 18 July, 2023.

**IMFA** organized an interactive session for students with renowned vocalist Hemant Pendse, disciple of the legendary Padma Shri Pt. Jeetendra Abhisheki on 21 July, 2023.

**Reasi campus** organized a one-day workshop on 'Gender Sensitization' for students and faculty on 21



July, 2023. Prof. Jasbir Singh, formerly Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences was the resource person. Prof. Sushil K. Pandey, Director presented the welcome address.

**Bhaderwah campus** organized a placement drive for the students with ICICI Bank on 25 July, 2023. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector inaugurated the drive and congratulated the organizers. Dr. Rohit Bhagat coordinated the drive.

**Kathua campus:** UIET under the Industry-Academia partnership series organized an industrial talk on 'Future-Proofing your Career: The Impact of



Personal Branding and Early Entrepreneurship' by Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Director, Orcanio Technologies, Sydney, Australia on 25 July, 2023.

**Kathua campus:** UIET organized 5th expert talk under the Expert Lecture Series on 'Future of Civil Engineering: Modern Technologies and Its Emerging Trends' by Chief Engineer Rakesh Kumar Gupta on 27 July, 2023. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector presided over the session.

**Department of Psychology** organized an interactive lecture by Prof. Hardeep Lal Joshi from Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University on 28 July, 2023.

**IPR cell** organized a brain storming session on Intellectual Property Rights on 28 July, 2023.

**DSRS** organized a lecture on 'Gender sensitization among students to deal with peer group: an analysis'



by Prof. Jasbir Singh, HoD Philosophy on 01 August, 2023.

**Kathua campus:** UIET under the Expert Lecture Series organized 6th talk on the topic 'Bulk Heterojunction: A New Class of Solar Cells' by Dr. Dinesh Pathak from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad on 03 August, 2023.

**Department of Home Science** organized students visit to SMVD Gurukul, Katra for a hands-on experience under the supervision of Prof. Shashi Manhas on 05 August, 2023.



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**Department of Commerce** commenced its maiden lecture under Industry Academia Linkage Lecture Series on the theme 'Industrialization in UT of J&K' by Mr. Arshad Noomani from Directorate of Industry and Commerce Department, Jammu on 11 August, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** organized a two-day workshop on Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis on 11-12 August, 2023. Dr. Jaspreet Kaur from VIPS was the resource person. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, HoD presented the welcome address.

**Department of Commerce** organized a rangoli competition to commemorate the 77th Independence Day on the theme 'India @ 2047' on 12 August, 2023. Six teams comprising 3 to 5 students participated in the competition.



**Girls' Hostels** celebrated Independence week: Swaadheenta Mahotsav by organizing a cultural bonanza on 12 August, 2023.

**Placement Cell** organized a placement drive for Biotechnology and Microbiology students for the pharmaceutical company M/s Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., New Delhi on 14 August, 2023.

**School of Biotechnology** organized a one-day Industrial visit of students to SIDCO, Samba on 14 August, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** organized Har Ghar Dhyam Abhiyan in collaboration with Art of Living Foundation on the theme 'Meditation and Mental Health' on 14 August, 2023. Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Meditation Ambassador, UoJ introduced the theme.

**DJMS** in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) commemorate 77th Independence Day by organizing a one-day event on the theme 'Many Languages, One expression: India' on 14 August, 2023.

**TBS:** Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor released the two-year Executive MBA blended mode program



brochure starting from the session 2023-2025 in the presence of Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director and TBS faculty on 16 August, 2023.

**School of Biotechnology** in collaboration with the Microbiology Society of India organized a rangoli competition on the theme 'microbial and viral diseases'



as part of an outreach/extension activity at Sai Shyam Public College, Gou Manahasa on 16 August, 2023.

**Department of Philosophy** under the aegis of





Amrat Kaal organized an informative talk on 'Job Opportunities' by Dr. Shipra Sinha, consultant on Economic Matters on 17 August, 2023. Prof. Jasbir Singh, HoD presented the welcomed address.

**Department of Commerce** organized a lecture on 'Awareness about Usage of Library Resources' by Ms. Azmat Chowdhary from Dhanvantari Library on 17 August, 2023. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, HoD along with faculty, staff, students and scholars attended the lecture.

**Kathua campus** organized a campus placement drive conducted by Code Garage Tech Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh for computer science and management students on 18 August, 2023.

**Department of Psychology** organized a lecture cum interactive session for the students with Prof. Mamta Sharma on 'Inclusion of Psychologists in Countering Drug Addiction' on 18 August, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** under Industry Academia Linkage Lecture Series organized 2nd lecture on 'Problems and Challenges of Start-Ups in J&K and Scalability - Way forward' by Mr. Gagan Jain, Director VKC Nuts Pvt. Ltd., Jammu on 19 August, 2023.

**Centre for Women's Studies (CWS)** organized Gender Sensitization workshop for the students and scholars of the Department of Remote Sensing & GIS on 22 August, 2023. Dr. Hema Gandotra was the resource person.

**DLL:** EFLB in collaboration with GDC, Purmandal organized a one-day workshop on 'Career Planning after Graduation' on 22 August, 2023.

**TBS** organized a one-week Induction program for 38th batch of MBA (2023-25) from 22- 28 August, 2023. Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, CLU, Jammu



was the chief guest at the inaugural function. Mr. Archit Puri, Chairman, CII, was the guest of honor. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Director DD&OE presided over the function. Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director presented the welcome address. Prof. Ashok Aima, chair Professor, School of Management, MIET, Jammu was the chief guest at the valedictory session. Mr. Sunit Kumar Gupta, GM, J&K Bank was the guest of honor. Prof. Versha Mehta, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies presided over the function.

**Department of Computer Science & IT** organized an interactive session on 'Mind Matters' by Mr. Rohit Ranjan and Mr. Ajay Kapoor from Art of Living, J&K on 23 August, 2023.

**DLL** commenced Internship drive for IV semester students of MRD program with J&K Dairy Producers,



Producers and Marketing Cooperatives Limited on 23 August, 2023.

**DLL:** EIAB organized a one-day workshop on 'Career Management' for the students of GDC, Marh on 24 August, 2023. Dr. Shallu Sehgal & Dr. Neetu Dhar were the resource person. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, counsellor coordinated the workshop.

**Department of Commerce** organized the 3rd lecture on 'Overview of the Banking Industry in Jammu



& Kashmir,' by CA Padma Mishra from J&K Bank under the Industry Academia Linkage Series on 25 August, 2023.



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**Department of Commerce** organized a lecture on GST by Mr. Sachin Gupta, State Taxes Officer, Jammu on 28 August, 2023. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti felicitated the resource person.



**Department of Psychology** organized an interactive session on 'Counselling Skills' by Dr. Vidhu



Mohan from Department of Psychology, Punjabi University, Patiala on 28 August, 2023.

**DJMS** organized an interactive session by Mr. Vishal Bharti, Bureau Head UNI, Jammu on 28 August, 2023.

**IPR cell** in collaboration with School of Biotechnology organized an interactive session on 'Ask the expert' on 'IPR Generation and Protection of



Intellectual Property Rights' on 29 August, 2023. Dr. K. Prasad, senior scientist, IIIM, Jammu and Mr. Manik Gupta, Director and Patent Facilitator, Startup Program, Innoverse IP were the resource persons. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Director, AcSIR, Gol presided over the session. Prof. Seema Langer, Dean, Life Sciences was the special invitee. Prof. Sanjana Koul, Director, Prof. B.K.

Bajaj, convener, Dr. Yash Pal Khajuria, faculty, staff, scholars and students participated in the session.

**Department of Commerce** in collaboration with Dean Student Placement organized Industry-Academia Linkage Meet to facilitate the summer training internship program on 29 August, 2023. Mr.



Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce was the chief guest.

**Kathua campus:** UIET organized an awareness program on 'Entrepreneurship for Self-Reliant India'



under Swavlambi Bharat Abhiyaan on 08 September, 2023.

**Dhanvantri Library** in collaboration with Balani Infotech organized an awareness program of e-resources available through Project Muse, a world-renowned collaborative project of Johns Hopkins University Press and the Milton S. Eisenhower Library on 08 September, 2023.

**Placement cell** under the convenorship of Prof. B.K Bajaj, Dean Placement Cell (PC) organized Placement Drive on 11 September, 2023.





**Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS)** visited IIT, Jammu to witness the exhibition of



defence equipment on 13 September, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** in collaboration with Anutham Hotel and Amantran Farm organized Management Development Program on 'Building Leadership Skill' on 14-15 September, 2023.

**Bhaderwah campus:** The Business School organized a Placement Drive by Insurance Dekho for MBA students on 15 September, 2023.

**CWS** in collaboration with Department of Geology organized 2nd workshop on Gender Sensitization on



15 September, 2023. Prof. Sarika Manhas was the resource person.

**Kathua campus:** UIET organized an awareness program on Human Organ and Tissue Donation on 19 September, 2023.

**Department of Home Science** organized an empowerment program for the parents and caretakers of the young children enrolled in the Surbhi nursery and day care center on 'Positive parenting in early childhood years' on 19 September, 2023. Ms. Swati Basotra, Founder takeeasy takeeasy was



the resource person. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD elaborated on the importance of early childhood education and care in the National Education Policy 2020. Ms. Manvi conducted the sessions. Ms. Pallavi presented the vote of thanks.

**TBS:** Management Club in collaboration with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Jammu organized Financial Literacy workshop on 20 September, 2023.

**DLIS** organized an interactive lecture by Dr. Sanjiv Kadyan from MDU, Rohtak, Haryana on 20 September, 2023.

**TBS** organized an interactive lecture by Mr. Sunil Mirza, General Manager (S&D) of The Hindu Group on 21 September, 2023.

**CWS** organized a discussion on the book *Silent Assertions: Women's Agency in Jammu and Kashmir Politics* authored by Prof. Rekha Chowdhary and Dr. Vibhuti Ubbott on 22 September, 2023.

**CWS** organized 3rd gender sensitization workshop for students and scholars of the Department of Hindi on 26 September, 2023. Dr. Shallu Seghal was the resource person.





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**IMFA:** Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor released the prospectus for the Bachelor of Visual Arts 2023 in



the presence of Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, principal, faculty and staff on 27 September, 2023.

**Dhanvantri Library** in collaboration with Taylor and Francis organized an awareness lecture on 'Fostering Human Progress Through Open Research: The Future of Open Access Publishing' by Ms. Diksha Awasti on 01 October, 2023.

**SIIEDC** in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department organized a four-day short term training



course for children of Parisha and Palash of Districts: Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur from 04-07 October, 2023.

**Kathua campus:** UIET in collaboration with Shardeum organized an industrial workshop for students on 'Blockchain and Web3' on 05 October, 2023.



**CWS** organized 4th Gender Sensitization workshop for students and scholars of the department of Sociology on 06 October, 2023. Dr. Sonia Aneja was the resource person.

**Department of Punjabi** in collaboration with Punjabi Lekhak Sabha Jammu organized book



release *Jammu-Kashmir De Punjabi Natak Ate Rangmanch da Itihas (1947-2021)* written by Mr. Bikram Singh on 10 October, 2023.

**DD&OE** organized a book exhibition to promote and reinforce the habit of book reading among



students, scholars and academic community on 10 October, 2023. National publishers with a variety of books across disciplines participated in the exhibition.

**CWS** organized the 5th Gender Sensitization workshop for students and scholars of the department of Dogri on 11 October, 2023. Dr. Bindu Sangra was the resource person.

**Department of Commerce** in collaboration with ICA Edu skills Pvt. Ltd., organized a lecture on 'Career Guidance' by Mr. Aditiya Sharma, a renowned expert in career development, on 13 October, 2023.



**Gandhian Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies** in collaboration with the Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu and DSPE organized a two-day Handicrafts & Handloom Exhibition 'Celebrating



Gandhi' on 18-19 October, 2023. Various handmade products like Basohli pashmina, wheat straw products, calico printed bed sheets, Kashmiri products, paper quilling, khadi, resin art products etc., were the main attractions.

**DLL:** EIAB in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sunjuwan organized a career counselling program for the students of class XII on 19 October, 2023. Dr. Harleen Kour was the resource person. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, counsellor coordinated the program.

**Poonch campus** organized a felicitation ceremony for the talented student participants of



Sangam-2023 on 28 October, 2023. Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director presented certificates and medals to the participants.

**DD&OE** organized a guest lecture on 'Career opportunities and Role of Industrialisation' by Mr. Arshad Noomani, Functional Manager, DIC, Jammu for M. Com learners on 31 October, 2023. Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director presided over the session.

**IIC** in collaboration with Department of Botany and Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter of Society of Ethnobotanists organized first interaction with students, research scholars and faculty of the



departments of Botany and Zoology under the flagship program 'An interaction to Ignite Young Minds' on 31 October, 2023.

**Department of Education** organized an invited talk on 'Designing Research' by Prof. Lokesh Kumar Verma former faculty of the department on 31 October, 2023.

**Poonch campus:** Department of Sericulture organized students' interaction with Mr. Ghulam Nabi Mir, Station Director, All India Radio to gain insights into the innovative cocoon craft initiative on 01 November, 2023. Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director presented the welcome address.

**DSW** in collaboration with GCW, Udhampur organized theatre workshop under 'Training Outreach Programme' on 06 November, 2023.

**DLIS** conducted induction programme on 06 November, 2023.



**Department of Commerce** organized an extension lecture on the theme 'Legal Aspects of Corporate Social Responsibility' by CS Nitin Gupta and CS Neha on 06 November, 2023.

**DD&OE:** Non-Collegiate Women Education Board (NCWEB) conducted brain storming session-II on



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'Empowering Women' on 07 November, 2023. And NCWEB Brain Storming Session-III on 17 November, 2023. Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, underscored that NCWEB is an initiative of the Directorate in the university to promote capacity building, design as well as deliver courses to serve the needs of the candidates in the most inclusive manner.

**Kathua campus:** Department of Computer Science and IT organized a lecture on 'Leading Digital Transformation' by Dr. Rajat Sharma from IIM, Ahmedabad on 20 November, 2023.

**DLL:** EIAB organized a career counselling program for the students of class 12th of GHSS, Bazar Qasaban, Jammu on 20 November, 2023. Dr. Sandeep Arya was the resource person.

**Department of Urdu** in collaboration with Rasa Javedani Memorial Literary Society organized Mr. Surat Singh, JKAS poetry book *MOUNTAIN MUSINGS* release by Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean Faculty of Arts in the presence of Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmad, HoD, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, President, students, scholars and faculty on 20 November, 2023.

**Department of Education** organized an induction programme for the newly admitted students on 21 November, 2023.

**DSRS** conducted an induction program for the newly admitted students on 21 November, 2023.

**Department of Botany** organized induction programme for the newly admitted students on 22 November, 2023.

**DLL:** EIAB organized a one-day workshop on 'Careers after 12th in Sciences' at GGHSS, Bishnah on 22 November, 2023.

**DLL:** EIAB organized a one-day workshop on 'Careers after 12th in Arts' at GBHS, School, Gole Gujral on 24 November, 2023. Dr. Pallavi Gupta was the resource person.

**ICccR& HRM** organized a one-week induction program for the students of MBA (International



Business) from 24-28 November, 2023. Ms. Namrata Modi, Executive Director, Prevest Denpro Ltd., was the resource person. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Director presented the welcome address.

**CWS** organized the 7th workshop on Gender sensitization for the students and scholars of School of Biotechnology on 28 November, 2023. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD Home Science was the resource person.

**TLS** organized an interactive session on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace' by Ms. Neeta Verma, Advocate Supreme Court of India on 30 November, 2023.

**CWS** in collaboration with Centre for Women Development Studies, New Delhi organized an online session on UN theme: 'UNITE! Invest to Prevent Violence Against Women & Girls! #No Excuse' by Ms. Seema Khajooria Shekher, senior advocate, High Court J&K and Ladakh to commemorate the 16 days of Activism by 16 Universities across India on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 30 November, 2023.

**Department of Zoology** in collaboration with Khadi and Village Industries commission, Gol organized a one-day awareness program on 'Honey Bee farming' at village Gowar, Pargwal on 30 November, 2023.

**Disability Initiatives** in collaboration with the Office of Programme Coordinator, NSS organized a



two-day workshop on 'Peer support for students with disabilities' on 02 December, 2023.

**DLIS** organized a lecture on 'Youth Developing Mental Health Competencies' by Ms. Saloni Priya, Director, Umeed Counselling and Consulting Services on 04 December, 2023.

**NCC-Girls Senior Wing, UoJ** attended a twelve-day 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' camp at New Delhi from 04-15 December, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** in collaboration with coordinator LMS organized a one-day training workshop for the students to register on Learning Management System (LMS) platform on 05 December, 2023.

**Bhaderwah campus:** Department of Computer Science and Information Technology (IT) organized a visit of students from various schools on campus to explore the facilities available at the Cyber Physical Systems Lab on 06 December, 2023.

**ICccR & HRM** students attended a five-day residential 'Advanced E-SDP Programme: Building Entrepreneurial Excellence: The Manufacturing



Mindset for Make in India' program at IIT, Jammu from 08-12 December, 2023.

**Kathua campus** organized 5th hands-on training on Information Technology for the students of GHS, School Sallan on 09 December, 2023.

**Jammu University Internal Complaints Committee Against Sexual Harassment (JUICCASH)** in collaboration with the Department of Student Welfare organized second awareness lecture on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Educational

Institutions' by Ms. Seema Khajuria Shekhar, senior advocate, J&K High Court on 14 December, 2023. Ms. Nisha Nathiyal, DIG, Armed Police, Jammu was the chief guest. Prof. Namrata Sharma, Presiding Officer, JUICCASH and Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean (SW) highlighted the role of JUICCASH.

**Department of Education** under Viksit Bharat Banner organized essay writing on 'How should Viksit Bharat look in 2047?' and group discussions on 'What do we need to do to reach the goal?' for students on 14 December, 2023

**Udhampur campus** organized a workshop on Learning Management System (LMS) on 15 December, 2023.

**Department of Student Welfare** organized an interactive lecture on 'Role of Arts and Culture in context of Viksit Bharat' by Padmashri Balwant Thakur on 15 December, 2023.

**DJMS** organized a discussion to deliberate on ideas for the vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047 initiative on 18 December, 2023.

**TLS** organized an interactive session conducted by Mr. Nitish Kumar IPS, IGP CID, Mr. Rajeshwar Singh, SSP and Mr. Zahid Mir, SPO, CID during students' internship program on 18 December, 2023.

**DLL:** EIAB organized a three-day workshop on computer skills at GDC, Ramban for the students under the guidance of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Director from 18-20 December, 2023.

**Poonch campus:** Department of Sericulture organized students educational tour to South India from 18 - 31 December, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** organized an essay writing competition to commemorate Viksit Bharat@2047 on 19 December, 2023.

**Department of Commerce** organized a guest lecture on 'Career Opportunities in RBI' on 19 December, 2023.

**Department of Environmental Sciences** as part of the Viksit Bharat@2047 campaign organized a two-day 'Edu-trip to 'Krimchi-Panchari Circuit' on 20-21 December, 2023.



## Extension & Outreach Activities

**ICccR & HRM** organized a one-week workshop on 'Financial Literacy' in blended mode from 20-27 December, 2023.

**UTSAAH:** Science club organized an interactive talk under the banner of Viksit Bharat @2047 by Prof. Madan Mohan Chaturvedi, Founder Director of CIC, DU on 'Why Should India Follow Its Own Innovative



Strategies for Doing Scientific Research?' on 21 December, 2023.

**Department of History** organized a reunion bringing together a diverse group of alumni on 21 December, 2023.

**Kathua campus:** Department of Computer Science & IT organized a seminar on 'Transformative IT Solutions: Empowering Viksit Bharat under the aegis of Viksit Bharat @2047 on 21 December, 2023.

**ICccR & HRM** organized a videography competition under Viksit Bharat@2047 campaign on 22 December, 2023.

**CWS** organized the 8th gender sensitization workshop for students and scholars of Urdu and Home Science departments on 22 December, 2023.

**ICccR and HRM** organized Industrial visit to M/s Shalimar Floorings Pvt. Ltd., SIDCO, Bari Brahmana



on 22 December, 2023.

**UTSAAH:** Theatre club organized a 'Nukkad Natak' on the theme 'Apna Bharat Viksit Bharat' under the banner of 'Viksit Bharat – awareness campaign' on 23 December, 2023.

**Disability Initiatives** in collaboration with the Office of Programme Coordinator, NSS, and ELFA



International organized a two-day workshop for students with disabilities and NSS volunteers on 'Leadership Skills for an Inclusive World: Challenges and Prospects' on 26 December, 2023. Mr. Pardeep Dutta, senior editor Times Now was the chief guest at the inaugural function. Prof. Sarika Manhas presented the welcome address. Dr. Hema Gandotra, discussed the objectives of the workshop. Mehran Khan, CEO, ELFA International was the resource person.

**Disability Initiatives** as part of two-day VYOM Inclusive fest organized by Department of Social welfare, J&K Govt. in collaboration with UoJ organized an interactive panel discussion on the theme 'Challenges and prospects of building an inclusive social order' under Disability Dialogue on 30 December, 2023.



*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*





# Days Commemorated @ UoJ

Commemorating days on campus contributes to remembering and participation in community life for improved learning, imbibing values, attitude and core competencies:

## Independence Day

**Udhampur campus** celebrated 77th Independence Day with great patriotic favour and zeal on 15 August,



2023. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector hoisted the tricolor.

**Kathua campus** celebrated 77th Independence Day on the campus at Janglote. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector hoisted the tricolor in the presence of Mr. Balbir Singh, Sarpanch, faculty, staff and students on 15 August, 2023.



**Bhaderwah campus** along with the Indian Army celebrated India's 77th Independence Day in a spirit of unity and patriotic fervour on 15 August, 2023.

**Poonch campus** celebrated India's 77th Independence Day with enthusiasm on 15 August,



2023. Prof. Rakesh Vaid hoisted the national flag in the presence of students, teaching faculty and staff.

**Reasi campus** celebrated 77th Independence Day with patriotic fervour on 15 August, 2023. Prof. Sushil



K. Pandey, Director hoisted the national flag.

## Anti-ragging week

Department of Student Welfare organized an



awareness lecture on 'Anti-Ragging' by Dr. Vijay Saigal during Anti-ragging week on 18 August, 2023.



## Days Commemorated @ UoJ

### World Entrepreneurship Day

TBS celebrated World Entrepreneurship Day in collaboration with SHoDH by organizing an interactive



session by Mr. Kumud Goel, Director, Headmasters Wellness Zone and TBS alumnus 21 August, 2023.

**Bhaderwah campus:** TBS in collaboration with SHoDH organized a seminar on 'Entrepreneurship



Development in Jammu and Kashmir' to celebrate World Entrepreneurship Day on 28 August, 2023. Mr. Dil Mir Choudhary, ADC, Bhaderwah was the chief guest. Mr. Mohammed Avais, HoD presented the welcome address. Dr. Umesh Choudhary presented the vote of thanks.

### National Librarian's Day

DLIS celebrated National Librarian's Day by organizing a series of events on 25 August, 2023. Prof. Sangita Gupta, HoD presented the welcome address. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar was the chief guest.



### National Sports Day

DSPE celebrated National Sports Day on 29 August, 2023. Prof. Rajni Kant, DRS was the chief guest. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director presented the



welcome address. Winners at the All India Inter-University / National/ International competitions for the session 2022-23 were felicitated on the occasion.

### National Engineer's Day

**Kathua campus:** UIET celebrated National Engineer's Day to pay tribute to Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya by organizing a motivational talk on 'Engineers for Vishwaguru Bharat' by Dr. Shashank D. Kulkarni, Department of Public Policy and Public Administration, CU, Samba on 15 September, 2023. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector was the chief guest.

### World Bamboo Day

**Kathua campus:** UIET celebrated World Bamboo Day by planting several bamboo plants on the campus



on 18 September, 2023.

### Hindi Diwas

**Department of Hindi** in collaboration with Yuva Hindi Lekhak Sangh, Jammu organized an impressive Kavi sammelan to commemorate Hindi Diwas Pakhwada on 18 September, 2023.

**DD&OE** to celebrate Hindi Diwas organized a panel discussion 'Hindi Bhasha ka Vikas -





**Chunautivan aur Samadhan'** on 19 September, 2023. The panelists were Prof. P.N. Trisal, Prof. Neelam Saraf, Prof. Chanchal Dogra and Dr. Purshotam Kumar. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Director presided over the function. Prof. Anju Sharma, coordinator PG Hindi was the moderator. Dr. Neelam Choudhary presented the vote of thanks.

### NSS Day

**Poonch campus** to celebrate National Service Scheme Day organized a cleanliness drive on 25



September, 2023. Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director inaugurated the drive in the presence of students, faculty and staff.

### World Tourism Day

**SHTM** in collaboration with SIIEDC to celebrate World Tourism Day organized 'Tourism Entrepreneurship: Prospects and Challenges' on 26-27 September, 2023. Mr. Vivekanand Rai, IRS, Director, J&K Tourism was the chief guest and Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar was the guest of honor. Dr. Anil Gupta, Director presented the welcome address. Panel discussion and Start-Up Fair were the highlights of the program. On the second day 'Tourism Education Confluence' was organized. Mr. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu was the chief guest. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman, JKBOSE and Director, SCERT was the guest of honor. Prof. Anju Bhasin, DAA and Prof. S. P. Saraswat,



Principal, GCW, Parade were the special guests. Dr. Suvidha Khanna, presented the vote of thanks.

### World Mental Health Day

**Department of Psychology** celebrated World Mental Health Day on the theme 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right' on 10 October, 2023.

### World Investor Week

**TBS** on the occasion of World Investor Week organized an interactive session on 'Commodity



Derivatives Exchange' by Mr. Ajay Kapoor on 11 October, 2023.

### International Fossil Day

**Department of Geology** celebrated International Fossil Day by organizing an exhibit of



fossils—rocks—minerals on 18 October, 2023.



### World AIDS day

**Udhampur campus** organized an awareness rally 'Let the community lead' to mark the World AIDS day on 02 December, 2023.

### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**Department of Psychology** commemorated International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 06 December, 2023.

### International Mountain Day

**Bhaderwah campus:** Institute of Mountain Environment celebrated International Mountain Day on the theme 'Restoring Mountain Ecosystems' on 11 December, 2023.

### Constitution Day

**Kathua campus** commemorated Constitution Day with an insightful lecture by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector on 25 November, 2023.

**TLS** organized a symposium on 'Constitution and Gender Equality' to commemorate Constitution Day on



28 November, 2023.

**Department of Law** in collaboration with Adhivakta Parishad Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh



celebrated Constitution Day on 'Bhartiya Values and the Constitution' on 13 December, 2023. Hon'ble Justice N. Koteswar Singh was the chief guest and the keynote speaker on the occasion. Justice N. Koteswar Singh referred to the original Indian

Constitution which holds significant value. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor and Mr. D.C Raina, Advocate General of J&KUT were the guests of honor. Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul, Justice (Retd) M.L Manhas, advocates Rohan Nanda and Vikas Sharma, Prof. Satinder Kumar, HoD, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua campus, Prof. Prakash Antahal Dean (SW), Dr. Vijay Saigal, faculty members, students and scholars graced the occasion.

### Dogri Manta Din

**Department of Dogri** organized a literary and



cultural function to celebrate Dogri Manta Din on 22 December, 2023.

*“Somebody who only reads newspapers and at best books of contemporary authors looks to me like an extremely near-sighted person who scorns eyeglasses. He is completely dependent on the prejudices and fashions of his times, since he never gets to see or hear anything else.”*

**Albert Einstein**



# NSS Activities

*National Service Scheme (NSS) gives the youth an opportunity for voluntary community service along with academics:*

**NSS campus** unit I in collaboration with the Office of Programme Coordinator, NSS commemorated Kargil Diwas under the banner of 'Meri Matti Mera Desh Abhiyan' in the adopted village Purshoti, Akhnoor on 26 July, 2023. Around 35 NSS volunteers under the guidance of Prof. Savita Nayyar, convener, NSS campus units and Dr. Hema Gandotra, Programme Coordinator, NSS felicitated ex-service men and carried out plantation drive.

**Office of the Programme Coordinator & NSS campus units** to commemorate the Independence of

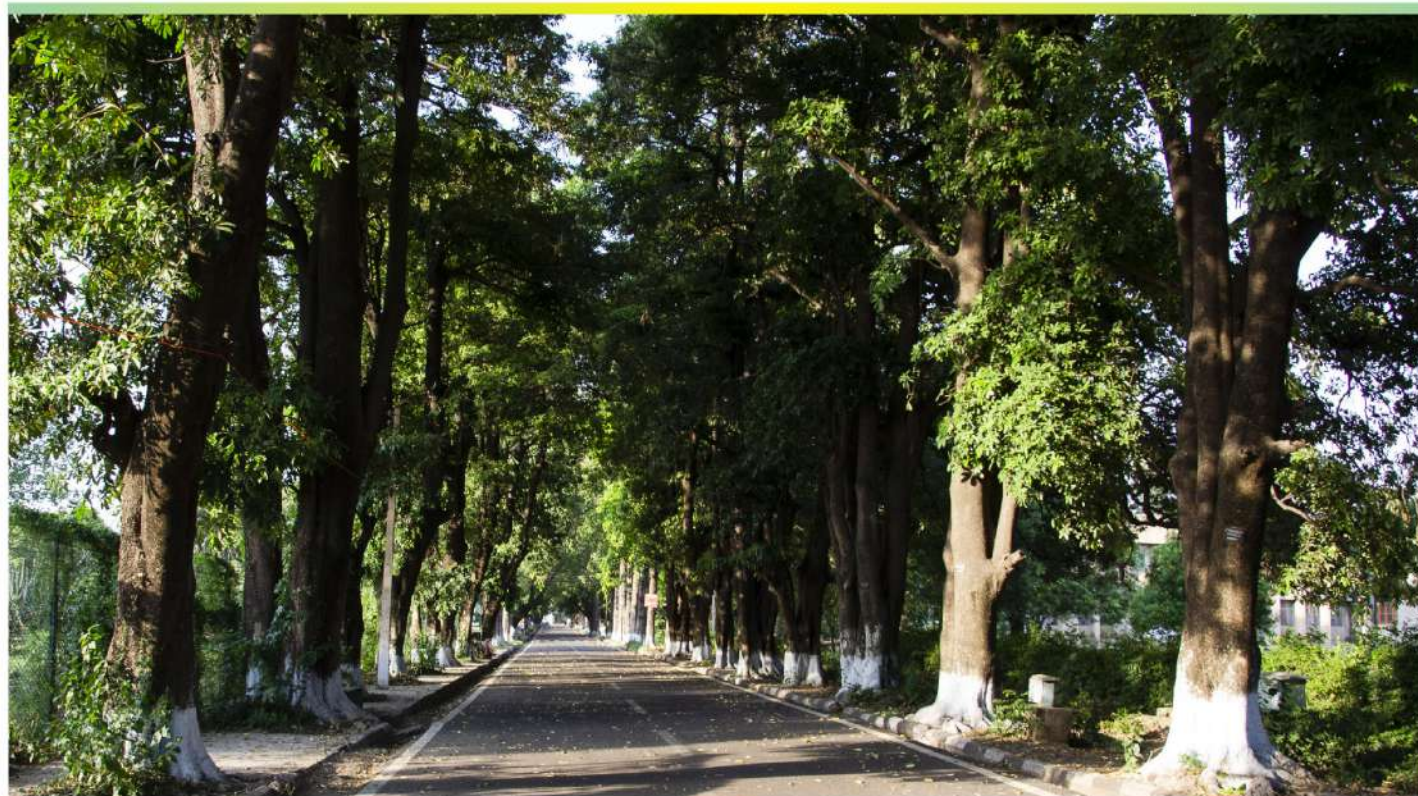


the country conducted 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' campaign, launched by the GoI as a continuation for celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, by planting saplings of indigenous species of flowers, fruits and plants on the campus from 09 - 30 August, 2023.

**NSS campus** unit V organized Vigilance Awareness Program on 'Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation' on 06 November, 2023. Around thirty-five NSS volunteers, besides faculty, staff & students took Integrity Pledge against corruption, and also took out a rally around DD&OE campus carrying



placards against corruption. Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, DD&OE was the chief guest and Prof. Savita Nayyar, convener was the special guest on the occasion. Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, NSS PO coordinated the event.





# Towards Green, Healthy & Societal Concerns

*Participation in green, healthy and societal concerns facilitate students' self-regulation, improves their motivation and social connectedness:*

**Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit** in collaboration with Department of Environmental



Science, and GCTF-JU initiated a week-long plantation drive on the campus from 25-31 July, 2023.

**TBS: Management club** under green initiatives organized a pledge ceremony and a lecture on 'Plants



and Life' along with plantation drive on the theme 'One Student One Tree' on 09 August, 2023.

**Kathua campus:** UIET organized a tree talk on



'Heritage Trees and Sacred Groves' under the Green Campus Initiative on the fourth day of one-week long plantation drive on 10 August, 2023.

**Poonch campus** in collaboration with Horticulture Department Chandak organized a plantation drive under the banner 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' initiative on 14 August, 2023. Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director declared the drive open by planting a sapling.

**Department of Environmental Science** organized a two-day Interaction-cum-Environmental awareness drive during the ongoing Machail Yatra pilgrimage to sensitize the devotees and local



population about the importance of sustainable religious tourism including proper waste disposal, conservation of flora and fauna, and protecting the cultural and religious heritage of the area on 05-06 September, 2023. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, HoD and Dr. Deepika Slathia coordinated the awareness drive.

**Health Centre** in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital,



Kakryal organized a free medical camp for the benefit of students, employees, and their families on 15 September, 2023.

**Department of Student Welfare** on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's 154th birth anniversary organized cleanliness drive under the aegis of 'Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhata Hi Seva SHS-2023' on 01 October, 2023.

**Department of Education** conducted a massive





cleanliness drive as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign on 02 October, 2023.

**GCTF-JU** to sensitize public about the importance of keeping Tawi river clean organized 'Save Tawi Campaign' on the banks of river Tawi on the last day of Navratri festival on 25 October, 2023.

**Health Centre** in collaboration with American Oncology Institute and Microbiologist Society of India organized a Health Talk on 'Common carcinomas affecting young female' by Dr. Surbhi Kudyar from American Oncology Institute on 02 December, 2023.

**Department of Environmental Science and GCTF-JU**, under 'Waste to Wealth' initiative organized a one-day extension program on upcycling of sticks and twigs lying as waste on the campus on 06 December, 2023.

**GCTF-JU** under its 'Waste to Wonder' initiatives towards Viksit Bharat@2047 organized a one-day training program on 'Creating Green Walls/vertical gardens using waste plastic bottles' on 23 December, 2023.

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# Obituary



**Prof. Shiv Dev Singh Manhas**  
Department of Dogri



**Mr. Arun Kumar**  
Driver  
Department of Student Welfare



*We at UoJ mourn the sad demise of our treasured colleagues (superannuated & in service). Their passing away is a matter of enormous sadness to all of us on the campus. Our deepest sympathies are with their families during this difficult time.*



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