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JU signs MoU with INFLIBNET to Strengthen Digital Library and Research Ecosystem

JAMMU:

The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Gandhinagar, an Inter-University Centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC), to strengthen digital library services, research support, and scholarly communication. The collaboration will facilitate the implementation of key INFLIBNET services, including IndCat, SOUL, INFED, Shodh-Chakra, ILMs, and IRINS, benefiting students, researchers, faculty members, and library professionals across the University.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar on behalf of the University, and Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, in august presence of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Planning and Development and Head, Department



of Library and Information Science, Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Director, DIQA, Dr. Guneet Singh Sudan, Director, Centre for IT Enabled Services & Emerging Technologies, Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi, I/C Librarian, Dhanvantri Library.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai stated that the initiative would significantly enhance the University's digital infrastructure, research visibility, and access to quality information resources. He

emphasized that the collaboration would contribute to quality enhancement, academic excellence, and the digital transformation of the University. Prof. Sangita Gupta welcomed the initiative and highlighted its importance in promoting innovation, research support, and technology-enabled library services.

Among those present on the occasion were faculty members of the Department of Library and Information Science and staff members of the Dhanvantri Library.

VC JU released Annual Brochure of Department of Lifelong Learning



JAMMU:

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai released the Annual Brochure of the Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL).

The brochure showcases the Department's major achievements and initiatives undertaken during the year in the areas of lifelong learning, skill development, career counselling, coaching, research, and community outreach. A key highlight of the brochure is the Department's unique field-based postgraduate programme, Master's in Rural Studies (MRS), which offers extensive opportunities for research and field engagement. Notably, five students of the programme have secured employment in various agencies, reflecting its growing relevance and impact.

Congratulating the Department on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor appreciated its commitment to community-oriented and field-based education and skill development programmes. He lauded the Department's efforts towards empowering learners and promoting inclusive development.

The Department has also admitted the first batch of its Ph.D. programme during the academic session 2026, further strengthening its academic and research profile. Through its various units and activities, the Department equips students with practical workforce-oriented skills while addressing societal needs and contributing to human resource development.

During the academic year, the Department successfully

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Rich tributes paid to Dogri Litterateur Goverdhan Singh Jamwal

JAMMU:

The University organized a condolence meeting to pay rich tributes to noted Dogri patron, literary enthusiast and Chairperson of the Kunwar Viyogi Memorial Trust, Shri Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, whose demise has left a deep void in the Dogri literary and academic fraternity.

The condolence meeting was held at the Kunwar Viyogi Digital Lab of the Department of Dogri, where eminent literary personalities, faculty members, scholars, students and admirers gathered to remember and celebrate the life and contributions of the departed soul.

Paying heartfelt tributes, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai described the demise of Shri Goverdhan Singh Jamwal as an immense loss to the Dogri literary and academic community. He said that Shri Jamwal was a visionary patron of Dogri language and literature who remained deeply committed to its promotion, preservation and academic advancement.

Prof. Rai recalled that Shri Jamwal became associated with the Department of Dogri during 2015-16 and since then played a pivotal role in strengthening its



academic and cultural activities. His association with the Department was marked by generosity, foresight and commitment towards the growth of Dogri language and literature.

Highlighting his invaluable contributions, Prof. Rai said that in 2017, Shri Goverdhan Singh

Jamwal and his wife Poonam Singh Jamwal instituted an Endowment Fund of ₹15 lakh in memory of Sahitya Akademi Awardee Shri Kunwar Viyogi, one of the most distinguished figures in Dogri literature. The fund was established to encourage academic excellence and preserve

the literary legacy of Kunwar Viyogi.

Under the provisions of the Endowment, meritorious scholarships and medals are awarded annually to one male and one female topper of M.A. Dogri and the overall topper in English, thereby motivating students to pursue academic excellence. The Endowment also facilitates the organization of an annual memorial literary festival by the Department of Dogri in collaboration with the Kunwar Viyogi Memorial Trust, which has emerged as an important platform for scholarly discussions and the promotion of Dogri language, literature and culture.

Prof. Rai further recalled Shri Jamwal's visionary initiative in establishing the Computer Lab in the Department of Dogri, which marked a pioneering step towards integrating technology with language studies and promoting the digital advancement of Dogri. He noted that the initiative opened new avenues for research, documentation and digital promotion of the language.

"The University acknowledges with gratitude the invaluable contributions of Shri Goverdhan Singh Jamwal towards the promotion of Dogri language and literature. His legacy will continue

to inspire generations of scholars, writers and students," Prof. Rai said while praying for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to Poonam Singh Jamwal and the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Speaking on the occasion, Padma Shri Mohan Singh remembered Shri Jamwal as a towering figure of Dogri literature and culture whose life was dedicated to nurturing literary talent and strengthening cultural institutions. He said that Shri Jamwal's vision, commitment and generosity enriched the literary heritage of the region and would continue to inspire future generations.

Padma Shri Lalit Magotra also paid glowing tributes and described Shri Jamwal as a visionary who understood the importance of building strong institutions for the promotion of Dogri language and culture. He observed that Shri Jamwal consistently encouraged scholars, writers, artists and young learners and remained committed to preserving the rich cultural heritage of the region. His humility, generosity and dedication, he said, made him a respected and beloved figure in literary circles. Faculty members, research scholars,

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10-Day Summer Internship programme for aspiring media professionals organized by DJMS

JAMMU:

The 10-day Summer Internship Programme was inaugurated by the Department of Journalism and Media Studies. Specially curated to bridge the persistent gap between classroom theory and contemporary media industry practices, this programme was organized for undergraduate students from various regional colleges across the union territory for a comprehensive, hands-on professional training experience.

The programme was organized under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai and the guidance of Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai, Head of the Department.

The rigorous curriculum aimed to completely immerse participants in the fast-evolving landscapes of digital media, public relations, field reporting, strategic communication, and digital content creation.

Welcoming the fresh cohort during the inaugural ceremony, Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai emphasized the critical, irreplaceable role of experiential learning in modern media education. He noted that academic knowledge must be supplemented with industry exposure to create employ-



ment-ready graduates.

"This internship has evolved into a premier platform for young, aspiring learners," Prof. Rai stated. "It allows them to confidently navigate the realities of the media industry while simultaneously cultivating professional competence, technological adaptability, and strong ethical sensitivity."

The inaugural day featured a series of high-impact technical sessions led by distinguished academicians and veteran media practi-

tioners.

Senior journalist Nishikant Khajuria shared invaluable real-world insights into modern newsroom dynamics, source cultivation, and contemporary field reporting trends. Drawing from his extensive career, he urged the aspiring journalists to steadfastly uphold the core principles of accuracy, credibility, and public service.

Prof. Garima Gupta, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages delivered an interactive workshop

on soft skills and personality development. She underlined interpersonal communication as a vital asset in today's highly competitive professional market.

The department's core faculty also led specialized sessions to ground the students in modern industry demands. Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali analyzed changing media ecosystems and emerging career avenues in digital communication and content production. Meanwhile, Dr. Ravia Gupta, Dr. Kumerjit Chajgotra, and Dr.

Ramiyan Bhardwaj conducted comprehensive modules covering artificial intelligence (AI) in media, media literacy, professional ethics, and modern corporate communication strategies.

Participating students expressed immense enthusiasm on day one, noting that the university-sponsored internship provided an invaluable launch-pad to gain real-world exposure and explore diverse career trajectories within the rapidly growing communication sector.

TLS organized Panel Discussion on Drug Abuse Under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan



JAMMU:

The Law School in collaboration with the Community Service and Social Justice Club, organized a panel discussion-cum-interactive session under the aegis of the 100-Day Nasha Mukht Abhiyan of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming its commitment to creating awareness among youth about the legal, social and enforcement dimensions of the drug menace.

The panel featured distinguished resource persons from premier law enforcement agencies. SSP, Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), Crime Branch Jammu, Anwar-ul-Haq, delivered an insightful address on the enforcement of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, investigation challenges, emerging trends in narcotics trafficking and the significance of intelligence-driven operations in dismantling drug networks. He also elaborated on the role of law enforcement agencies in curbing the supply chain of narcotic substances.

Assistant Director, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Jammu Circle, Harish Kumar highlighted the multifaceted role of the NCB in implementing national anti-drug policies, coordinating inter-agency efforts, promoting rehabilitation initiatives and strengthening prosecution mechanisms to ensure effective convictions in narcotics-related cases.

A lively interactive session followed, during which students engaged with the experts on issues relating to bail jurisprudence under the NDPS Act, preventive and awareness strategies, rehabilitation measures and career opportunities in anti-narcotics and law enforcement agencies. The discussion provided valuable practical insights into the legal and operational aspects of combating drug abuse and trafficking.

Earlier, Director, The Law School, Prof. Seema Rohmetra, in her welcome address, highlighted the crucial role of educational institutions in fostering a drug-free society and emphasized the responsibility of future legal professionals in addressing challenges posed by substance abuse and illicit traffick-

ing.

A comprehensive presentation on the objectives, targets and implementation framework of the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan was delivered by Prof. Shashi Prabha, Coordinator, Community Service and Social Justice Club. She provided participants with an overview of the UT administration's efforts to combat drug abuse through awareness, prevention, rehabilitation and enforcement measures.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Kartika Bakshi, Coordinator, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished speakers, faculty members and students for their active participation and contribution to the success of the event.

The event served as a meaningful platform for sensitizing law students to the legal framework, enforcement mechanisms and societal challenges associated with drug abuse, while reinforcing the objectives of the 100-Day Nasha Mukht Abhiyan and promoting collective efforts towards a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

Directorate of Hindi organized lecture on Hindi Spelling Errors at R.S. Pura School



JAMMU:

As part of its Lecture Series-3, the Directorate of Hindi organized an informative and interactive lecture at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, R.S. Pura. Dr. Koshika Sharma, Assistant Professor, Directorate of Hindi delivered an engaging lecture on the topic "Spelling Errors in the Hindi Language: Causes and Solutions". During the session, she emphasized the importance of correct Hindi writing, proper pronunciation, and greater linguistic awareness among students.

She explained common spelling errors in Hindi, mistakes in the use of matras, and the incorrect usage of anuswar and anunasik. She also elaborated on the proper use of visarga and consonants with suitable examples. In addition, she suggested effective ways to improve spelling through regular reading, the use of dictionaries, and consistent writing practice.

More than 150 students of Classes IX and X participated enthusiastically in the lecture and actively interacted with the speaker by asking questions and seeking clarification on their doubts. Teachers of the school were also present during the session.

The lecture was conducted under the expert guidance of Prof. Anju Sharma, Director, Directorate of Hindi.

The Principal of the school, Dr. Bhavna Kotwal, appreciated the initiative taken by the Directorate of Hindi, in promoting linguistic awareness and strengthening students' command over the Hindi language.

Dept of Urdu felicitated Sahitya Akademi Awardee Pritpal Singh Betaab; VC inaugurated Gyan Chand Jain Seminar Hall; released special issue of Tasalsul

JAMMU:

The Department of Urdu organized a grand felicitation ceremony in honour of eminent writer, poet and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Pritpal Singh Betaab, besides releasing a special issue of Tasalsul titled "Non-Muslim Fiction Writers Number" and inaugurating the newly established Gyan Chand Jain Seminar Hall. The event brought together distinguished literary personalities, academicians, scholars, students and literature enthusiasts, reflecting the University's continued commitment towards the promotion of literary scholarship, cultural harmony and academic excellence.

The programme commenced with the inauguration of the Gyan Chand Jain Seminar Hall by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor. The inauguration marked a significant milestone for the Department of Urdu and created a dedicated academic space for literary, cultural and scholarly activities.

The function was presided over by Prof. Umesh Rai, while noted writer and literary figure Khalid Husain graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Distinguished poet and writer Aseer Kishtwari was also present on the dais and enriched the proceedings with his esteemed presence.

One of the major highlights of the programme was the formal release of the special issue of



Tasalsul, dedicated to the contributions of non-Muslim fiction writers to Urdu literature. The publication received wide appreciation for drawing attention to the inclusive and composite literary traditions that have enriched Urdu over the centuries.

On the occasion, Pritpal Singh Betaab was felicitated and presented with a memento in recognition of his distinguished contribution to literature and his invaluable services to Urdu literary traditions.

Speaking in the occasion, Prof. Umesh Rai congratulated

the Department of Urdu for organizing a meaningful literary event and appreciated its sustained efforts in promoting literary scholarship, linguistic diversity and cultural harmony. Highlighting the rich literary traditions of the region, he emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting languages and literature as instruments of social cohesion and intellectual growth.

Prof. Umesh Rai lauded the literary contributions of Pritpal Singh Betaab and appreciated his invaluable services towards the

enrichment and promotion of Urdu literature. He also appreciated the initiative of bringing out a special issue focusing on the contributions of non-Muslim fiction writers to Urdu literature, describing it as a reflection of the composite and inclusive character of Urdu language and culture.

Earlier, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Head, Department of Urdu, welcomed the distinguished guests, faculty members, scholars and students. He highlighted the literary contributions of Pritpal Singh Betaab and reiterated the Department's commit-

ment to promoting Urdu language and literature through academic and literary initiatives.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Farhat Shamim, who served as the host and moderator of the event.

A scholarly paper on the life, literary achievements and creative contributions of Pritpal Singh Betaab was presented by Dr. Shahnawaz Parveen. The paper offered a comprehensive assessment of Betaab's literary journey and his invaluable contribution to contemporary Urdu literature.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members of the Departments of Punjabi and Sanskrit, faculty and students of the Institute of Music and Fine Arts, teachers from various colleges, faculty members of the Department of Urdu, research scholars, students and a large number of literature enthusiasts. Their presence reflected the interdisciplinary and inclusive spirit of the occasion.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Mohammad Riyaz Ahmad, who expressed sincere gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, distinguished guests, speakers, faculty members, research scholars, students and all those who contributed to the successful conduct of the programme. He appreciated the collective efforts of everyone involved in making the event a memorable and meaningful literary gathering.

Workshop on MOOCs Awareness for Academicians organized by CEC, New Delhi, DIQA

JAMMU:

The Directorate of Quality Assurance (DIQA) and the Office of the University SWAYAM Coordinator organized an online workshop on "MOOCs Awareness for Academicians" in association with the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi. The workshop aimed to promote digital learning, enhance awareness about the SWAYAM platform, and encourage faculty participation in the development and delivery of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

The programme was organized with the support of the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi, under the leadership of its Director, Prof. Parikshit Singh Manhas. As the National Coordinator for Undergraduate MOOCs on SWAYAM, CEC continues to play a significant role in advancing technology-enabled education and facilitating the creation of quality digital learning resources for higher education institutions across the country.

Welcoming the participants, Prof. Dr. Sunil Mehru, Joint Director (SW), CEC, New Delhi, highlighted the transformative role of MOOCs in expanding access to quality education and



fostering a culture of lifelong learning. He emphasized the importance of faculty engagement in digital education and encouraged academicians to actively contribute to the evolving online learning ecosystem.

An introductory session on the CEC Outreach Programme was conducted by Shristi Rana, who provided an overview of CEC's initiatives for strengthening digital education and promoting awareness about MOOCs among higher education institutions.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Director, Directorate of Internal Quality As-

urance underscored the importance of technology-enabled learning in enhancing academic quality and aligning higher education with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. She further highlighted that active involvement in MOOCs and other professional development initiatives is an important factor considered in accreditation and ranking frameworks and that additional capacity building workshops will be organized in the near future to further support faculty development and quality enhancement initiatives.

Director, DIQA, expressed

sincere gratitude to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, for his constant encouragement and visionary leadership in promoting quality enhancement initiatives and strengthening the University's commitment to excellence in digital learning.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sarika Manhas, University SWAYAM Coordinator highlighted the University's efforts to integrate SWAYAM into its academic framework. She informed that during the academic session 2025-26, 1,027 students successfully qualified SWAYAM examinations, while students enrolled in 70 different

SWAYAM courses across diverse disciplines. She also encouraged faculty members to explore opportunities for developing MOOCs and contributing to the national digital learning ecosystem through the support available from CEC.

A major highlight of the workshop was a comprehensive technical session by Prof. Sapna, resource person from CEC who delivered a detailed presentation on the process of developing MOOCs for the SWAYAM platform. She elaborated on various stages of MOOC development, including course conceptualization, instructional design, content organization, video production, assessment strategies, and quality assurance. The session provided faculty members with valuable insights into the academic and technical support mechanisms available through CEC for creating high-quality online courses.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members representing various teaching departments and centers of the University and faculty from the affiliated colleges of the university. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Mehak Arora, from CEC.

EDITORIAL

Youth-Led Development: The Power of Ideas, Innovation and Responsibility

The strength of a nation is measured not only by its economic progress or technological advancement, but also by the aspirations and capabilities of its young people. In recent weeks, the national discourse has once again underlined the importance of youth-led development, recognising young Indians as partners in shaping the country's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047. This vision places education, innovation, entrepreneurship and responsible citizenship at the heart of national progress.

Universities occupy a unique place in this journey. They are more than centres of learning; they are spaces where ideas are nurtured, research is encouraged and future leaders are shaped. Every classroom discussion, laboratory experiment, field study and community engagement activity contributes to preparing students for responsibilities that extend well beyond the campus.

The opportunities before today's youth are unprecedented. Rapid advances in artificial intelligence, digital technologies, biotechnology and sustainable development are transforming the way societies learn, work and innovate. At the same time, these changes call for individuals who possess not only technical expertise but also ethical values, critical thinking and a commitment to public good. The true measure of education lies in its ability to develop competent professionals as well as compassionate and responsible citizens.

The National Education Policy 2020 has opened new avenues for multidisciplinary learning, flexibility, research and skill development. It encourages students to explore diverse fields of knowledge, think creatively and address real-world challenges through innovation and collaboration. Such an approach is essential for building an ecosystem where young minds are empowered to become job creators, researchers, entrepreneurs and change-makers. Innovation flourishes where curiosity is encouraged. Universities must therefore continue to provide an environment that supports inquiry, values diversity of thought and promotes meaningful dialogue. Equally important is nurturing a spirit of service. Whether through environmental initiatives, community outreach, cultural activities or scientific research, students should be inspired to use their knowledge for the benefit of society.

At the University of Jammu, this commitment finds expression through continuous efforts to strengthen academic excellence, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and community engagement. The achievements of our faculty, researchers and students demonstrate that higher education can become a powerful force for social transformation when knowledge is combined with purpose.

As we look towards the future, one message stands out with clarity: the progress of India will be shaped by the confidence, creativity and character of its youth. Every student who pursues knowledge with integrity, every researcher who seeks solutions to society's challenges and every young citizen who acts with responsibility contributes to the making of a stronger, more inclusive and more resilient nation.

The future is not something we wait for. It is something we build, one idea, one innovation and one responsible action at a time.

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Happy Schools for Drug free Society

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"When schools become happy, children become hopeful—and hopeful children rarely choose self-destruction"

Honorable Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT Sh. Manoj Sinha deserves appreciation for launching the 100-day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, a timely and much-needed people's movement against the growing drug menace in the Union Territory. His emphasis on collective responsibility—government, families, schools, communities, and civil society working together—reflects an important truth: drug abuse cannot be defeated by law enforcement alone. It requires social healing. The campaign has already mobilized lakhs of citizens across Jammu and Kashmir and strengthened anti-drug action through awareness, enforcement, and rehabilitation.

But here is an uncomfortable question we must ask ourselves: Why are so many young people becoming vulnerable to drugs in the first place?

The answer lies deeper than substances.

Drug abuse is not merely a crime, moral failure, or discipline problem. Increasingly, global evidence recognizes it as a mental health and psychosocial issue. Behind substance use often lies pain—unaddressed anxiety, loneliness, trauma, academic stress, peer pressure, low self-worth, family conflict, emotional neglect, or hopelessness. In simple words, many young people do not first seek drugs—they seek relief.

And when healthy coping mechanisms are absent, harmful ones enter.

This is where schools become central.

A child spends nearly 15 years in school. If schools only teach mathematics and science but fail to nurture emotional resilience, belongingness, purpose, and hope, we leave a dangerous vacuum. Into that vacuum can enter stress, alienation, aggression, self-harm—and eventually substance abuse.

As a psychologist working in school mental health and counselling for over a decade in Jammu and Kashmir, I have repeatedly observed a striking pattern: students who feel seen, heard, valued, and emotionally supported are far less likely to drift toward harmful coping behaviours, including addiction.

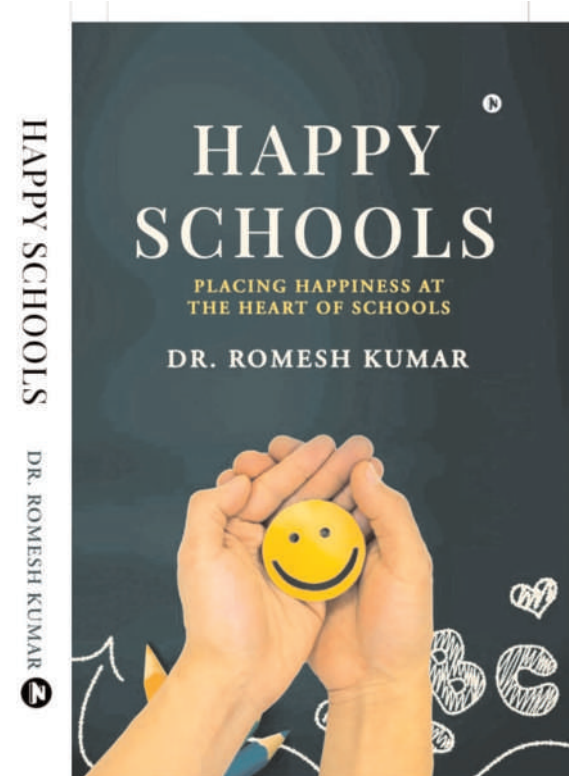
That is why I strongly advocate Happy Schools as a preventive public health strategy.

A happy school is not a school where children laugh all day or where discipline disappears. It is a school where learning happens in an environment of psychological safety, emotional warmth, healthy relationships, meaningful engagement, and human dignity. It is a school where children are not reduced to marks, ranks, and report cards.

In my book, *Happy Schools: Placing Happiness at the Heart of Schools*, I argue that happiness in education is not a luxury—it is a necessity. I was humbled that the book received international recognition and was featured among the Educators' Favourite Books 2025 by the Greater Good Science Center at University of California, Berkeley, making it one of the rare Indian contributions to a global conversation on school wellbeing. That recognition reinforced something important: whether in Jammu, Delhi, Finland, Australia, or Japan—the mental health needs of children are now a global concern.

And so is drug abuse.

The World Health Organization recognizes adolescence as a critical developmental period where half of all mental health conditions begin before age 14. If early distress goes unnoticed, the consequences can extend into



adulthood through depression, substance abuse, violence, and suicide.

Jammu and Kashmir deserves special attention.

Our young people have grown amid unique psychosocial challenges—conflict exposure, uncertainty, disrupted routines, economic stress, migration, digital addiction, competitive academic pressure, and increasing social isolation. Add to this the modern epidemic of comparison culture driven by social media. Many adolescents now suffer silently while appearing “normal.”

Silence is dangerous.

A child struggling emotionally rarely says, “I need psychological support.” Instead, distress shows up as irritability, withdrawal, absenteeism, anger, declining grades, risk-taking, aggression, sleep problems, or substance experimentation.

This is why anti-drug efforts must begin long before the first substance is consumed.

They must begin with mental health promotion in schools.

Happy Schools can prevent drug abuse by creating emotionally safe classrooms, training teachers to identify early warning signs, strengthening counselling support, reducing unhealthy academic pressure, promoting life skills, and encouraging positive peer and parent support.

Research shows that protective factors such as caring relationships, emotional regulation, belongingness, and hope significantly reduce the risk of substance abuse. Drug prevention, therefore, is not only about saying “No to drugs” but also about helping children say “Yes to life”—to purpose, connection, and meaning.

A drug-free society cannot be built through enforcement alone. Sustainable change comes when emotional suffering declines. That is why the fight against drugs is ultimately a fight for mental wellbeing.

If Jammu and Kashmir truly seeks a Nasha Mukta future, every school must become a wellbeing hub. Happy schooling is not a soft idea—it is serious prevention against psychosocial distress, self-harm, violence, and substance abuse.

When schools become happy, children become hopeful—and hopeful children rarely choose self-destruction.

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Mark-sheet Distribution Ceremony organized by CDOE

JAMMU:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) organized a mark sheet distribution ceremony for the first graduating batch of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) M.A. Education Programme, marking a significant academic milestone for the institution.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, CDOE, Prof. Pankaj Srivastava congratulated the students on successfully completing the programme and extended his best wishes for their future endeavors. He reiterated the Centre's commitment to academic excellence and continuous development, emphasizing the pivotal role of education in shaping society. He also encouraged the students to effectively utilize their knowledge, skills



and values in both their professional and personal lives.

The programme was coordi-

nated by Dr. Anuradha Goswami, who described the occasion as a landmark achieve-

ment in the academic journey of both the students and the Centre. She highlighted that this

was the first two-year CBCS-based M.A. Education Programme offered by CDOE and the students receiving their mark sheets constituted the department's first passing-out batch under the CBCS framework.

Faculty members, including Prof. Anju Thappa, Dr. Anuradha Rani and Dr. Pooja Sharma, along with other staff members, also congratulated the students and wished them success in their future pursuits.

During the ceremony, mark sheets were formally distributed among the students. The students expressed their gratitude to the Director, Coordinator, faculty members and staff for their constant guidance, encouragement and support throughout their academic journey.

Orientation session for M.Sc. Home Science (Human Development) Students organized

JAMMU:

The Postgraduate Department of Home Science organized an orientation session for the students of M.Sc. Home Science (Human Development) III Semester, marking the commencement of their internship programme under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University and Mission Directorate Poshan, J&K.

The orientation session was conducted by Tanvi Gupta, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Satwari Project, and Madhu Verma, Supervisor. The resource persons familiarized the students with the functioning of Anganwadi Centres and the services provided under the ICDS/Saksham Anganwadi framework. They highlighted the



role of Anganwadi Centres in promoting child development, nutrition, maternal health and community welfare.

Speaking on the occasion,

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Postgraduate Department of Home Science, emphasized the significance of field-based learning in enhancing students' understand-

ing of child development programmes and community outreach initiatives. She stated that the internship would provide valuable practical exposure and

professional learning opportunities to the students.

Prof. Sarika Manhas is the Nodal Officer for the internship programme while Malvika Sharma, Deputy Director, Mission Poshan, J&K, is the Nodal Officer from Mission Poshan, J&K.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students. Among those present on the occasion were Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Prof. Neeru Sharma, Prof. Shashi Manhas and Prof. Samridhi Arora, who encouraged the students to make the most of this experiential learning opportunity.

The internship programme aimed to strengthen students' professional competencies through direct engagement with community-based child development and welfare services.

DYD Students staged acclaimed theatre production "Are Mayavi Sarovar"

JAMMU:

Students of the Design Your Degree (DYD) Programme presented a remarkable performance of renowned playwright Dr. Shankar Shesh's celebrated theatre play "Are Mayavi Sarovar", showcasing their artistic talent, creativity, and commitment to the performing arts. The production captivated the audience and highlighted the transformative role of theatre in holistic education.

The annual theatre presentation, an integral component of the Design Your Degree Programme, is conducted under the visionary guidance of Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice-Chairman, JK Higher Education Council, and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor. Through such initiatives, students are provided opportunities to experience the transformative benefits of theatre, fostering confidence, teamwork, communication skills, and creative expression.

Expressing her appreciation after witnessing the performance, Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, School of Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC), commended the students for their confidence and impressive stage presence. She also expressed gratitude to the Dr. Shankar Shesh



Foundation and the Department of Students Welfare, for their valuable support in making the production a success.

Prof. Sadaf Shah, Course Mentor of the Design Your Degree Programme, appreciated the dedicated efforts of the students and presented a detailed overview of the production process. She highlighted the extensive preparation, rehearsals, and collaborative efforts involved in staging the play and emphasized the importance of theatre as a medium of experiential learning.

The production was directed by Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, Department of Students Welfare and a National Awardee for Theatre Direction. Under his

expert guidance, the students effectively brought to life the play's powerful themes of identity, social values, and human relationships.

Are Mayavi Sarovar is renowned for its unique blend of fantasy, humour, and social commentary. The play explores themes of gender identity, human relationships, and social values through the story of a king whose life undergoes a transformation after encountering a magical lake. The students skillfully portrayed the complex characters and underlying messages of the play, earning appreciation from the audience and faculty members alike.

The production reflected

months of preparation, including script analysis, rehearsals, costume design, and stage management. The performance demonstrated not only artistic excellence but also the students' ability to work collaboratively and creatively in a professional theatrical setting.

Faculty members and guests commended the cast and production team for their enthusiasm, discipline, and commitment to preserving and promoting Indian theatrical traditions. The event provided a valuable platform for students to develop confidence, communication skills, and artistic expression while engaging with a classic work of modern Hindi theatre.

The successful staging of Are Mayavi Sarovar stands as a testament to the University's commitment to holistic education and experiential learning. Such cultural initiatives continue to enrich campus life and encourage students to explore diverse forms of creative expression.

Among the faculty members from SIIEDC who witnessed the performance were Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Shallu Sehgal, Prof. Jatinder Manhas, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Manish Kumar, and Dr. Sarika Verma.

The cast comprised Akhileshwar Singh Charak, Hiteshwari Sharma, Devanshi Sharma, Kashish Parihar, Anoushka Bali, Eva Sharma, Karanveer Singh, Aksamtej Singh, Jaiviraaj Singh, Krishh Sudan, Nihal Karalia, Divya Gupta, and Divyam Khajuria.

Backstage management was handled by Neha Singh, Sunandani, Rahul Dev, Misha Parmar, and Manreet Kaur. Choreography was designed by Nitika Aggarwal and Sunny Mujju, while production support was provided by Pawan Verma, Avinash Lakhnotra, and Rohan Sharma. Make-up was done by Shammii Damir, and sound operations were managed by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul.

Plantation Drive to commemorate World Environment Day organized by DJMS, Dept of Zoology

JAMMU:

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Zoology organized a plantation drive and biodiversity conservation activities at the University's Zoological Park to commemorate World Environment Day. The initiative was undertaken to promote environmental stewardship, community engagement, and experiential learning in line with the vision of the University's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, who himself is a distinguished academic from the discipline of Zoology and has always emphasized that the role of higher educational institutions should extend beyond the dissemination of knowledge and focus on nurturing social consciousness, environmental responsibility, and the values of responsible citizenship among students.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of nearly 200 students from PSPS Government Degree College, Gandhi Nagar, and GGM Science College, Jammu. The participating students were undergoing training under the Summer Internship Programme conducted by the Department of Journalism and Media Studies in accordance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) Internship Guidelines. As part of the initiative, the interns planted saplings across the Zoological Park and installed artificial bird nests, demonstrating their commitment to biodiversity conservation and environmental



sustainability.

To further encourage environmental awareness, the Department of Zoology also organized a quiz competition and a slogan-writing competition focusing on environmental conservation and environmental journalism. These activities provided students with an opportunity to engage critically with contemporary environmental challenges, conservation strategies, and the role of media in promoting public awareness.

Addressing the participants, Head of the Department of Zoology, Prof. Seema Langer, highlighted that environmental conservation is a shared societal responsibility. She observed that plantation drives, biodiversity conservation measures, and wildlife-friendly initiatives play

a vital role in strengthening ecological balance while fostering environmental awareness among the younger generation.

Head of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai, stated that the Summer Internship Programme aimed to expose students to meaningful real-world experiences beyond the classroom. He noted that participation in environmental and community-based initiatives enables students to develop a deeper understanding of responsible communication, social engagement, and public-interest journalism. He further emphasized that such activities help students establish a meaningful connection with nature while cultivating a socially responsive outlook.

Appreciating the efforts of the student interns, Prof. Pankaj Kumar from the Department of Zoology remarked that even small collective actions can act as catalysts for long-term positive environmental change and inspire communities to adopt sustainable practices. Dr. Sarabjeet Kour encouraged the students to embrace environmentally responsible lifestyles and remain committed to the principles of sustainable development in their personal and professional lives. Dr. Arti Sharma highlighted the importance of biodiversity conservation and urged students to actively participate in environmental protection initiatives, emphasizing that youth engagement is essential for building a

greener and more sustainable future.

Among those present on the occasion were faculty members from the Department of Zoology, including, Dr. Parvinder Kumar, Dr. Amit Gupta, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Dr. Shash Pal, Dr. Pankaj Chibber, Dr. Nidhi Slathia, along with faculty members from the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Dr. Pardeep Singh, Dr. Ravi Gupta, Dr. Kumerjit Chajgotra, and Dr. Ramiyan Bhardwaj. The faculty members encouraged students to actively contribute to environmental conservation, biodiversity enhancement, and community service initiatives.

Guest Lecture on 'Research to Policy: How Evidence Shapes Government Decisions' organized by TBS



JAMMU:

The Business School organised an expert guest lecture on the theme "Research to Policy: How Evidence Shapes Government Decisions" with the objective of sensitizing research scholars to the role of research evidence in government policy-making and decision-making processes.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Amita Fotedar, Policy Advisor at the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), Government of New Zealand. An accomplished academician and researcher with extensive experience in public policy, sustainability, international development, and governance, Dr. Fotedar shared valuable insights into the role of rigorous research and empirical evidence in shaping effective public policies and promoting sustainable development. Drawing from her experience in government, academia, and international organizations, she highlighted the significance of evidence-based policymaking in addressing contemporary societal challenges.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Dean Business Studies and Director, SIIEDC, also addressed the gathering and stressed the need for incorporating policy impli-

cations into research. Appreciating the efforts of The Business School in organizing such a contemporary and relevant session, she encouraged research scholars to develop white papers and submit them to government agencies to contribute effectively to the policy-making process.

Earlier, Prof. Amisha Gupta, Director, The Business School, welcomed the distinguished speaker and participants. In her address, she emphasized the importance of bridging the gap between academic research and practical policymaking. She underscored that research should extend beyond scholarly publications and contribute meaningfully to informed decision-making and societal development.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Aubid Hussain Parrey, Assistant Professor, The Business School, who also presented the formal vote of thanks. Research scholars Heena Sharma, Ananya Gupta, and Diya Raina conducted the proceedings of the event.

The lecture concluded on an enriching note, inspiring participants to view research not merely as an academic pursuit but as a powerful tool for shaping public policy, fostering sustainable development, and driving positive societal change.

Dept of EVS celebrated World Environment Day 2026

JAMMU:

The Department of Environmental Sciences celebrated World Environment Day 2026 by organizing an educational visit to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Waste-to-Wonder Park at Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, aimed at enhancing students' understanding of sustainable environmental management practices.

During the visit, students were provided firsthand exposure to the various stages of sewage treatment, including preliminary screening, primary treatment, biological treatment, secondary clarification and sludge management. Kulvinder Kumar, Plant In-charge, and Dileep Kumar, Supervisor, guided the students through the facility and explained the treatment processes in detail. They also demonstrated how treated wastewater can be safely reused for irrigation, landscaping and final discharge into the River Tawi. The students further visited the STP laboratory, where routine monitoring and analysis of untreated sewage and treated wastewater are carried out.

Interacting with the students, Prof. Deepika Slathia, Head of the Department, highlighted the crucial role of sewage treatment plants in transforming wastewater into a valuable resource through proper treatment and reuse. She emphasized that such initiatives help reduce environmental pollution, protect public health and contribute significantly to water conservation by



enabling the reuse of treated wastewater for various non-potable purposes.

As part of the programme, the students also visited the Waste-to-Wonder Park, which features sculptures and installations created from scrap materials. The park serves as an example of how waste can be transformed into valuable and aesthetically

appealing products through recycling and innovation.

The visit was attended by 20 students along with faculty members Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Anshu Gupta and Dr. Suresh Kumar, who accompanied and guided the students throughout the programme.

Later, an interactive ses-

sion was organized for the students, during which Dr. Amita Fotedar, Policy Advisor, Ministry for Primary Industries, Government of New Zealand, and a distinguished alumna of the Department, shared her academic and professional journey. She highlighted the diverse career opportunities available in Envi-

ronmental Sciences and stressed the importance of continuous learning, skill development and maintaining a global outlook for professional success. The session proved highly inspiring and offered valuable guidance to students regarding career planning and professional growth.

Prof. Rajni Kant conferred Distinguished Researcher Award in Physics

JAMMU:

Prof. Rajni Kant, Professor of Physics and Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (London), UK, has been conferred the Distinguished Researcher Award by the international agency Scientific Laurels.

Scientific Laurels is administered by Peritus Hive Research and Innovations, registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India. The award serves as a recognition of researchers who have made significant contributions in the fields of science and technology.

The selection process adopted by Scientific Laurels follows a structured, multi-layered and strictly merit-based evaluation system designed to ensure fairness in assessing professional excellence, societal impact and ethical contribution. The process comprised preliminary screening, technical and peer review by subject specialists, followed by a final evaluation by the central review panel.

The award has been conferred upon Prof. Rajni Kant in recognition of his scientific accomplishments and outstanding contribution in the field of



Small Molecule Research in X-ray Crystallography, which falls under the broader ambit of Condensed Matter Physics.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, congratulated

Prof. Rajni Kant on the prestigious recognition and for bringing laurels to the University. He lauded Prof. Rajni Kant's contributions to the University in academics as

well as in the corporate life of the institution.

Prof. Rajni Kant has guided 84 Ph.D. and M.Phil. scholars and has published more than 500 research papers in reputed

international journals in the field of X-ray Crystallography. He has successfully executed 18 research projects sanctioned by major national funding agencies supporting scientific and technological research.

A distinguished researcher, Prof. Rajni Kant has presented his work in over 100 national seminars and 17 international scientific meetings held in countries including the USA, UK, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Hungary. In 2019, he was selected by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) as a LEAP-2.0 Fellow for academic interaction with faculty members at Cambridge University, UK.

With 37 years of teaching experience and over 40 years of research experience, Prof. Rajni Kant has made notable contributions to higher education and scientific research. He has also served as the Vice-Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

The Distinguished Researcher Award marks another milestone in his illustrious academic and research career, symbolizing dedication, innovation and global impact in the advancement of science.

Ten-Day Meditation Retreat 'Journey to Inner Peace' Concluded

JAMMU:

The Department of Buddhist Studies in collaboration with the University of Life, successfully concluded its ten-day residential summer meditation retreat, "Journey to Inner Peace," at McLeod Ganj, Dharamshala. Nestled in the serene Himalayan region and home to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Dharamshala provided an ideal setting for the retreat.

The programme brought together participants from diverse backgrounds seeking mental well-being, spiritual growth, and inner transformation through Buddhist contemplative traditions. The retreat was designed to help participants reduce stress, cultivate mindfulness, and deepen their spiritual practice through authentic Buddhist meditation techniques.

During the ten-day retreat, participants engaged in a range of activities, including guided Vipassana and mindfulness meditation sessions, walking meditation amidst serene pine forests, teachings on Buddhist philosophy and ethics, periods of Noble Silence for deep introspection, and interactive group discussions and question-and-answer sessions with



meditation experts and scholars.

Speaking during the valedictory session, the organizers highlighted the increasing relevance of mindfulness practices in promoting mental health, emotional resilience, and holistic well-being in today's fast-paced world. They noted that the retreat provided a unique opportunity for participants to disconnect from daily pressures and reconnect with themselves in a peaceful and spiritually enriching environment.

The participants expressed gratitude for the transformative experience and appreciated the guidance and support provided by experienced meditation teachers and Buddhist scholars throughout the programme.

The valedictory session was attended by Dr. Maruti Sharma, Retreat Coordinator from the University of Life, along with Dr. Rajesh Sharma and Dr. Vivek Sharma from the Department of Buddhist Studies. Fifteen participants from different parts of the country successfully completed the programme and shared their enriching experiences during the concluding session.

Summer Camp organized by DSW concluded with impressive presenta-

JAMMU:

The Summer Camp for Children, organized by the Department of Students Welfare concluded at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium with vibrant and impressive presentations by the participating children.

During the camp, children received training in Theatre and Dance from expert resource persons, Sumeet Sharma (Theatre) and Sunny Mujju (Dance). The workshop is an annual initiative of the Department of Students Welfare conducted under the patronage of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor.

Addressing the valedictory function, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, commended the children and their trainers for delivering engaging and impressive performances. He appreciated the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work reflected in the presentations and emphasized the importance of such developmental activities in nurturing young minds.

Prof. Antahal stated that participation in creative and cultural programmes helps children build self-confidence, improve communication skills and develop a positive outlook towards learning and personal growth. He further observed that such experiences play a significant role in shaping children's personalities by encouraging self-expression, teamwork, discipline and leadership qualities, thereby contributing to their holistic development.



Chairperson, Campus Culture Committee, Prof. Monika Chadha, highlighted the vision behind organizing the workshop. She said that the initiative was aimed at identifying, nurturing and refining the inherent talents and capabilities of children through meaningful cultural engagement and expert guidance. The workshop provided a platform for

participants to explore their creative potential while learning from experienced trainers.

Prof. Chadha expressed satisfaction over the enthusiastic participation of children in artistic and cultural activities, noting that such engagements offer a healthy and productive alternative to excessive screen time. She stressed that encouraging creativity and

imagination through interactive learning experiences is essential for fostering holistic growth and helping children discover and develop their unique talents.

Among those present on the occasion were Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Culture Committee, who lauded the vibrant performances by the children; Dr. Pritam Singh, Associate Dean Students

Welfare; members of the Campus Cultural Committee; and parents of the participating children.

The children confidently showcased their acting skills during the programme.

The events of the Department of Students Welfare are being executed by a team comprising Prof. Prakash C. Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, Campus Culture Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, Campus Culture Committee), Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean Students Welfare), Dr. Shallu Sharma and Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Chief Proctors), Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar (Assistant Deans Students Welfare), members of the Campus Cultural Committee and Students Cultural Representatives, Mansi Mantoo (Officer In-Charge Students Welfare) and Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor).

The workshop was coordinated by Sumeet Sharma.

Children who participated in the summer camp included Bhavya Majotra, Devansh Soodan, Manya Rajput, Shambhavi Rakesh, Tanshika Raina, Kritiya Gupta, Meeshita Mahajan, Prajval Antahal, Rishit Gupta, Aaradhya Sagotra, Aafreen, Kumaril Bhatt, Ethan Choudhary, Purvang Mehra, Arvita Thakur, Reyansh Thakur, Tashi Gandotra, Daksh Padha, Iknoor Kour, Sargun Sharma and Tanishqa Sharma.

Sound arrangements were managed by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul, while the workshop was assisted by Sachin Sharma and R.P. Singh.

Rutt Raade organized at Udhampur Campus

JAMMU:

In a vibrant celebration of the rich cultural heritage and agrarian traditions of Jammu, the month-long Dogra festival Rutt Raade was organized by the Udhampur Campus (Garnai-Lotta). This year's festival coincided with the rare confluence of Somvati Amavasya and Mithun Sankranti, adding special significance to the occasion.

Dedicated to nature, agriculture, and community harmony, the festival spans an entire month, beginning on Aashaad Sankranti and culminating on Shravan Sankranti. It reflects the deep connection between the people of the region and the seasonal agricultural cycle.

The celebrations witnessed enthusiastic participation from local women, faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students of the Udhampur Campus. Participants created vibrant rangolis using natural, plant-based colours around the Raade—the necks of earthen pots in which seven different varieties of seeds are traditionally sown and nurtured throughout the month. These Raade symbolize fertility, hope, renewal, and agricultural prosperity.

Following the decoration of the Raade, participants shared traditional delicacies such as Rutt, Khamire, Kyuur, puddings, and other seasonal preparations, reinforcing the festival's spirit of community bonding and cultural continuity. Women and young girls also presented devotional hymns and folk songs in praise of Mother Nature and local deities, filling the atmosphere with cultural fervour and reverence.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus, highlighted the multifaceted significance



of the festival. Drawing from his personal experiences associated with Rutt Raade celebrations, he elaborated on its spiritual, cultural, philosophical, historical, socio-economic, and scientific dimensions, emphasizing its intrinsic link with environmental stewardship and sustainable living.

Prof. Sharma expressed concern over the declining awareness of traditional cultural practices among younger generations. He remarked that celebrating such festivals can inspire young people to reconnect with their cultural roots

while fostering a deeper appreciation for nature and ecological harmony.

He further stated that a broader awareness campaign highlighting the significance of the Raade festival has been initiated among the masses under the patronage of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor to ensure the preservation and promotion of this invaluable cultural heritage for future generations.

Prof. Sharma also noted that the Raade festival was among the exhibits showcased during the cultural and literary festival "Sahitya-Sanskrit Samagam"

organized by the University. He urged policymakers to include such traditional festivals in the curriculum and syllabus of Dogri prescribed by the J&K Board of School Education as well as CBSE.

The festival was coordinated by Taruna Dubey, Dr. Ritika Sambyal, Nikhil Khajuria, Dr. Sunita Kumari, Dr. Jyotishna, Dr. Prerna, Dr. Jyotsna, Amit, Ramesh, Kulbir Singh, Anil, along with the students, non-teaching staff of the Udhampur Campus, and residents of village Garnai-Lotta.

Bhaderwah Campus facilitated MoU between J&K Bank, Little Angels School for Welfare of Teachers and Students

JAMMU:

Bhaderwah Campus facilitated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between J&K Bank and Little Angels School, Bhaderwah Campus, aimed at promoting the welfare and financial well-being of the institution's employees and students.

The MoU was signed under the guidance of Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, in the presence of senior officials of J&K Bank and representatives of Little Angels School.

Under the agreement, teachers of Little Angels School will avail a range of banking benefits, including free ATM cards, insurance coverage and other lifelong financial services designed to enhance financial security and convenience. Students will also benefit from various welfare-oriented initiatives, including educational assistance, scholarship opportunities and other student-centric support schemes.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rahul Gupta appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and financial organizations in creating a supportive ecosystem for teachers and students. He observed that such partnerships strengthen financial literacy, promote inclusion and contribute significantly to the welfare and empowerment of the academic community.

Shri Vinay Gupta, Zonal Head (DGM), Doda, J&K Bank, highlighted the bank's commitment towards community welfare and



educational empowerment. He stated that such collaborations help strengthen ties between financial institutions and educational establishments while serving the larger interests of society.

Shri Kumar Sourab, Cluster Head, Doda, underscored the significance of financial inclusion and assured continued support from the bank in implementing welfare schemes for teachers and students.

Shri Anil Kumar Thakur, Branch Head, J&K Bank, Bhaderwah, briefed the participants about the various benefits available under the MoU and encouraged beneficiaries to make effective use of the facilities extended by the bank.

On behalf of Little Angels School, Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Head, Department of English and

Convenor of the School, expressed gratitude to J&K Bank for extending valuable services to the institution. He stated that the initiative would contribute significantly towards the social and financial security of employees while creating new opportunities of support for students.

Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator, also appreciated the collaborative effort and said that

such welfare-oriented initiatives reflect the institution's commitment to the holistic development and well-being of its stakeholders.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks. Participants expressed confidence that the partnership would serve as a model for future collaborations aimed at educational advancement and community welfare.

CDOE organized Certificate Distribution Ceremony for Taxation Courses

JAMMU:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony for participants who successfully completed the three-month Certificate Courses on E-Filing of Income Tax Returns and Goods and Services Tax (GST).

The courses were designed to equip learners with practical knowledge and professional skills in the areas of taxation, income tax return filing, GST compliance and contemporary tax practices.

On the occasion, Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE distributed certificates among the successful participants. The ceremony was attended by Prof. Sandeep Kour Tandon, Coordinator, M.Com (ODL), CA Nitin Gupta and CA Piyush Gupta.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava underscored the importance of skill-based and employment-oriented education in the contemporary academic environment. He stated that CDOE is currently offering Certificate Courses in GST and E-Filing of Income Tax Returns and all set to launch a Certificate Course in General Accounting.

During an interactive feedback session, participants appreciated the well-structured curriculum, practical orientation and hands-on training provided through the programmes. They commended the efforts of CDOE and the resource persons for delivering comprehensive training that effectively bridged the gap between theoretical concepts and professional practice.



Several participants shared their success stories, stating that the knowledge and skills acquired during the course had enabled them to start their own income tax return filing services. Some learners also expressed their aspirations to expand their ventures and establish dedicated ITR facilitation centres in the future.

The certificate programmes were organized under the coordinatorship of Prof. Gurjeet Kour and were conducted by Dr. Deepti Abrol and Dr. Avantika Bakshi, Teacher In-Charges, Commerce.

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organized a National Seminar along with several workshops and training programmes on themes related to rural development, lifelong learning, skill enhancement, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. These initiatives provided valuable platforms for academic exchange and capacity building.

Among those present on the occasion were Prof. J.P. Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies; Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, Prof. Priyanka Sharma, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning; Prof. Kavita Suri; Prof. Vivek Sharma; Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva; Dr. Bharti Pathania; and Dr. Sandeep Singh, faculty members of the Department.

Rich tributes paid to

students and members of the literary fraternity also shared their memories and paid emotional tributes to Shri Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, recalling his constant encouragement, guidance and support for literary and cultural activities.

The gathering observed a two-minute silence and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

TBS and NZATI organized a two-day Capacity Building Programme for J&K Accounts Service Probationary Officers



JAMMU:

A two-day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Jammu and Kashmir Accounts Service Probationary Officers commenced at the Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute (NZATI), Jammu. The programme was organized by The Business School (TBS) in collaboration with NZATI, with the objective of enhancing the professional competencies of probationary officers through expert-led sessions on financial management, performance evaluation, public-private partnerships, organizational behaviour, emerging technologies, and communication

skills.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Shri Rajesh Talwar, JKAS, Director Finance and Principal, NZATI, who welcomed Shri Rajesh Kotwal, JKAS, Director Accounts and Treasuries, Jammu, and the participating probationary officers. Addressing the gathering, the speakers emphasized the importance of continuous capacity building and professional development for officers entrusted with the responsibility of managing public finances.

Prof. Amisha Gupta, Director and Professor, The Business School and Programme

Consultant and Lead Coordinator, presented the introductory remarks and highlighted the design, objectives, academic framework, learning outcomes, and significance of the training programme. Dr. Farah Choudhary, Associate Professor, The Business School and Programme Consultant and Coordinator, also addressed the participants and briefed them on the programme structure and training methodology.

The inaugural day featured four technical sessions conducted by distinguished academicians and finance professionals. The first session on Financial Management (Part I)

was delivered by Prof. Sameer Gupta, The Business School, who highlighted the importance of sound financial planning, budgeting, and resource allocation in public administration.

The second session on Evaluating Financial Performance of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) was conducted by CA Rishu Kawatra, who discussed key financial indicators, performance assessment techniques, and best practices for evaluating Public Sector Undertakings.

The third session on Public Private Partnership (Part I) was delivered by CA Mohit Mahajan, who focused

on the concept, significance, and evolving role of Public Private Partnership (PPP) models in infrastructure development and public service delivery.

The fourth and final session of the day, Public Private Partnership (Part II), was conducted by CA Lalit K. Gupta, who elaborated on project structuring, risk-sharing mechanisms, and successful PPP case studies relevant to the public sector.

The participants actively engaged with the resource persons through discussions and interactive exchanges, making the sessions informative, practical, and enriching.

Mobile Photography Workshop-cum-Photo Walk organized

JAMMU:

The Nature and Wildlife Club and the Photography Club of UTSAAH, the clubs successfully organized a Mobile Photography Workshop-cum-Photo Walk in collaboration with vivo Jammu & Kashmir (SWG Trading Pvt. Ltd.), providing participants with an opportunity to explore the art and techniques of mobile photography.

The workshop brought together photography enthusiasts, students, alumni, employees, and nature lovers, who were introduced to various aspects of mobile photography, including composition, lighting, portrait photography, landscape photography, and creative visual storytelling. Sandeep Kumar, mentor from vivo J&K, demonstrated the advanced camera capabilities of vivo smartphones and shared practical tips to help participants capture professional-quality photographs using mobile devices.

The event highlighted the growing role of mobile photography in documenting nature, wildlife, and everyday life. Participants also engaged in hands-on sessions and interactive discussions, gaining valuable insights into editing techniques and the ef-



fective use of mobile camera features.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson of UTSAAH Clubs, Prof. Meena Sharma, said that such workshops aim to encourage creativity among young photographers and foster a greater appreciation for nature and visual story-

telling. She noted that the collaboration with vivo J&K enriched the learning experience and showcased the potential of modern smartphone technology in photography.

She further appreciated the initiative taken by Prof. Parmil Kumar, Coordinator, Nature and

Wildlife Club, and Dr. Pritam Singh, Coordinator, Photography Club, for providing an excellent learning platform for students and photography enthusiasts.

The workshop concluded with an enthusiastic response from participants, who appreciated the practical knowledge and expert

guidance provided during the session. Such initiatives reaffirm the commitment of the Nature and Wildlife Club and the Photography Club towards promoting photography, environmental awareness, and creative expression among students and aspiring photographers.

Valedictory Function of 10-Day Summer Internship Programme organized by DJMS, Translation Club

JAMMU:

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies organized the valedictory function of its 10-day Summer Internship Programme in collaboration with the Translation Club under the aegis of Utsaah, the Club Consortium around the theme "Nasha Mukh Bharat." The internship programme was conceived in accordance with the vision of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai and inspired by his guiding philosophy, of "Dissolving Boundaries, Evolving Education."

Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while senior journalist Shamsher Singh Charak and Prof. Meena Sharma, Chairperson, Utsaah Club Consortium, were the Special Guests.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Devansh Yadav called upon the youth to adopt a healthy lifestyle, stay away from drugs, and channel their energies into productive and creative pursuits. He encouraged students to utilize digital platforms innovatively while adhering to ethical values and professional standards.

Appreciating the department's efforts, he observed that such internship programmes play a significant role in providing practical exposure and preparing students to meet the challenges of the rapidly evolving media landscape.

Speaking on the occasion, Shamsher Singh Charak highlighted the crucial role of media in strengthening democratic institutions and promoting informed public discourse. He urged aspiring journalists to remain committed to truth, objectivity, credibility, and public service while



discharging their professional responsibilities.

Earlier, welcoming the guests and participants, Prof. Meena Sharma congratulated the students on successfully completing the internship programme. She lauded the Department of Journalism and Media Studies for effectively bridging the gap between classroom learning and industry requirements. Stressing the importance of skill development and experiential learning in higher education, she also highlighted the diverse activities undertaken by the Translation

Club and appreciated the coordinators and faculty members for their dedicated efforts in making the programme a success.

Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies stated that such internship initiatives provide students with valuable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, interact with academic and industry experts, and acquire practical skills required in today's dynamic media environment. He reiterated the Department's commitment to organizing more

such academic and professional development programmes in the future. He later on delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Prof. Garima Gupta, Coordinator, Translation Club and Head, Department of Foreign Languages, highlighted the role of translation in promoting inclusivity, cultural understanding, and national integration in the multilingual context of Jammu.

Referring to the "Nasha Mukh Bharat" campaign, she emphasized that communication in native languages is essential for effectively reaching people in

far-flung and rural areas and such translation initiatives would contribute to multilingual awareness and serve as a model for similar campaigns across the country.

Presenting the detailed report of the internship programme, Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali, faculty, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, informed that the ten-day internship, organized in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, provided hands-on training to more than 175 student interns from PSPS Government Women College, Gandhi Nagar, and GGM Science College.

Under the banner of the Translation Club, the anti-drug pledge was translated and recited in multiple languages, including Gojri, Hindi, Dogri, English, and Urdu, reflecting the region's rich linguistic diversity and reinforcing the collective resolve towards building a drug-free society.

Moreover, a performance by Nitika Agarwal and her team of students from Jammu University, on the theme "Drug-Deaddiction" was also presented in the form of intersemiotic translation as dance-drama.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Kumerjit Chajgotra, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Media Studies. Student interns also shared their experiences and acknowledged that this 10-day summer internship has transformed their perspectives.

Among those present on the occasion were Prof. Seema Langar, Head, Department of Zoology; Prof. Pankaj Kumar; Dr. Sarabjeet Kour; and Dr. Sash Pal, who had actively collaborated in the internship programme through science communication initiatives. Dr. Ramiyan Bhardwaj was also present during the function.

Dept of Lib Sciences, Dhanvantri Library organized Certificate Distribution Ceremony for MLIS Interns

JAMMU:

The Department of Library and Information Science and Dhanvantri Library organised a certificate distribution ceremony at Aurobindo Gyan Kendra to felicitate the students of the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) programme on the successful completion of their one-month internship training at the Library.

Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Planning and Development and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, she shared her insights on the evolving landscape of Library and Information Science and encouraged students to equip themselves with emerging technological skills and professional expertise to meet the growing demands of the information society. She also appreciated the efforts of Dhanvantri Library in providing meaningful practical training opportunities to the



students.

The internship programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi, Incharge Librarian, Dhanvantri Library, who highlighted the importance of practical training in enhancing

the professional competencies of future library professionals. He stated that such internship programmes provide valuable exposure to modern library practices, information management systems, digital resources and user-centric

services, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical learning and professional application.

The interns shared their experiences and expressed gratitude for the exposure and learning opportunities gained

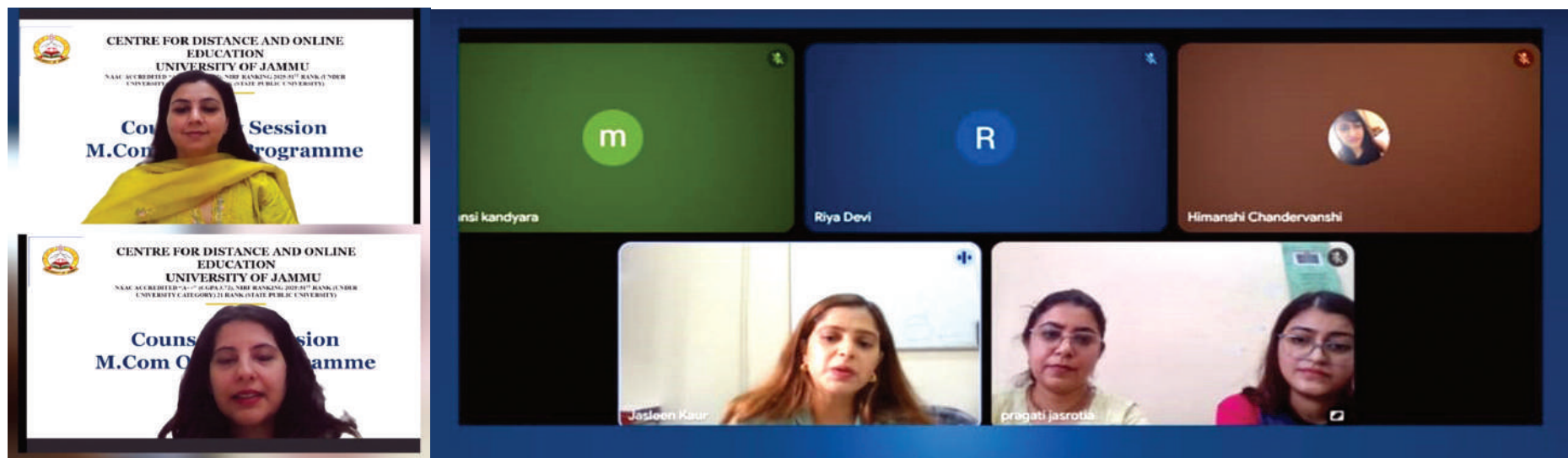
during the internship. They acknowledged the supportive environment and hands-on training that enriched their understanding of various library operations and services.

The internship programme was supervised by Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Librarian, who played a pivotal role in mentoring and guiding the students throughout the training period. The event was coordinated by Bandana Lehri.

Among those present on the occasion were Deepti Padmanabhan, Assistant Administrative Officer; Ashwin Kushwaha, Assistant Professor; Assistant Librarians Dr. Bindu Sharma, Jasjeet Singh, Azmit Begum and Dr. Reenu Aarti, besides library staff and students.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates to the interns, followed by a vote of thanks, marking the successful culmination of a productive and enriching internship programme at Dhanvantri Library.

CDOE organized Webinar for PG English and M.Com Online Programme aspirants



JAMMU:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), organized an informative webinar for prospective students interested in enrolling in the PG English Online and M.Com Online programmes offered by the Centre.

The webinar aimed at familiarizing participants with the structure, pedagogy, and academic framework of these online programmes, while also addressing a common area of confusion among prospective learners re-

garding the distinction between the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning (OL) modes of study.

During the session, counsellors explained the salient features of the OL programmes, highlighting that students enrolled under this mode are provided access to recorded video lectures, digital learning resources, and comprehensive study material. They informed participants that the programme includes a 14-day counselling schedule and follows the Choice Based Credit

System (CBCS), under which students are assessed continuously through Minor-I, Minor-II, and Major examinations.

Drawing a comparison with the ODL mode, the counsellors explained that it follows a non-CBCS framework, comprising 20 days of counselling sessions, followed by the submission of assignments and end-semester examinations. The structural and evaluative differences between the two modes were elaborated upon to enable students to make informed choices regarding their

preferred mode of learning.

The session on the PG English Online programme was conducted by Dr. Jasleen Kaur, Assistant Professor of English, CDOE, along with Dr. Pragati Jasrotia and Dr. Himanshi Chandervanshi.

The session on the M.Com Online programme was conducted by Dr. Deepti Abrol and Dr. Avantika Malik, who provided detailed information regarding the programme curriculum, assessment pattern, and academic support system.

The webinar witnessed an encouraging response from prospective students, who actively interacted with the resource persons and sought clarifications on programme structure, examination patterns, admission-related queries, and counselling schedules.

The Centre reiterated its commitment to providing accessible, flexible, and quality higher education through its distance and online learning initiatives, thereby expanding educational opportunities for learners across diverse backgrounds.

CDOE organized Pre-Admission Counselling Sessions for Social Sciences and M.Com Programmes



JAMMU:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), organized Pre-Admission Counselling Sessions for prospective learners seeking admission to various postgraduate programmes for the academic session 2026-27. The sessions witnessed enthusiastic participation from aspiring students interested in Social Science disciplines and M.Com programmes offered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online modes.

The counselling sessions were

designed to familiarize learners with programme structures, eligibility criteria, curriculum frameworks, learner support services, career prospects and admission procedures. Participants were also guided regarding the creation of DEB IDs and APAAR IDs, online admission processes and other academic requirements. Students actively interacted with faculty members and received detailed responses to their queries concerning programme requirements and future opportunities.

Addressing the participants,

Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE, highlighted the importance of pre-admission counselling in enabling students to make informed academic choices. He emphasized the learner-centric approach of CDOE and encouraged learners to benefit from the flexibility, accessibility and quality education offered through ODL and Online modes. He also informed participants about opportunities for holistic development and the provision for pursuing dual degrees as per prevailing academic regulations.

The Social Sciences counselling session provided detailed information about postgraduate programmes in Political Science, Sociology, History and Economics. Faculty members present included Dr. Hina Abrol (History), Dr. Neelam Choudhary (Economics), Dr. Neha Vij (Sociology), Dr. Mamta Sharma (Political Science), Dr. Deepika (Sociology) and Dr. Ashu (Sociology). Prof. Anupama Vohra (Coordinator, MA English) and Prof. Anju Thappa (Coordinator, MA Hindi) also participated in the session.

During the M.Com counselling session, Prof. Sandeep Kour Tandon, Coordinator, M.Com (ODL), provided a comprehensive overview of the programme, highlighting its learner-centric academic structure, flexibility and relevance in developing advanced knowledge, analytical skills and professional competencies in commerce, business and management. Dr. Nagendra Rao, Coordinator, Online Programmes, briefed learners about the M.Com Online Programme, its digital learning ecosystem, interactive learning resources and student support services. He also emphasized the significance of maintaining valid DEB and APAAR IDs for admission and academic record management.

Dr. Deepti Abrol, Teacher In-Charge, M.Com (ODL) and M.Com Online Programmes, interacted with prospective learners and encouraged them to make informed academic decisions. She highlighted how the flexible learning opportunities offered by CDOE enable students to pursue higher education while effectively balancing personal and professional commitments.

The counselling sessions concluded with a vote of thanks and a reaffirmation of CDOE's commitment to providing quality, accessible and learner-centric higher education through innovative and flexible modes of learning, empowering learners to achieve their academic and professional aspirations.

12th Int'l Day of Yoga celebrated by Directorate of sports and Physical Edu



JAMMU:

The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education in collaboration with the Isha Foundation, celebrated the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026 with great enthusiasm at the Football Ground near the Synthetic Track of the University. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of university employees, students, yoga enthusiasts, members of University sports academies, and civil society, reflecting the growing awareness and acceptance of yoga as a holistic approach to health and well-being.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Vimal Kishore, Assistant Professor, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education who warmly welcomed the distinguished guests and participants. In his address, he highlighted the significance of International Day of Yoga and emphasized the role of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and spiritual harmony.

The yoga session was conducted by Sanjeev Kumar, Yoga Instructor and Siddhant Magotra from the Isha Foundation. They guided the participants through a

series of yoga practices, including various asanas, kriyas, pranayama techniques, and meditation exercises. Participants from diverse backgrounds actively engaged in the session and experienced the benefits of yoga firsthand.

The programme was graced by Dr. Rahilla Parveen, Chief Accounts Officer who appreciated the efforts of the Directorate in organizing the event and underscored the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life to achieve a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

A major highlight of the event

was an advanced yoga demonstration presented by the students of the Yoga Centre. The students showcased remarkable flexibility, balance, concentration, and mastery of advanced yogic postures, earning appreciation and applause from the audience.

The event was organized under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education.

Among those present on the occasion were Manju Gandotra, Piyush Anand, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ravish Vaid, Gagan Kumar, Vikas Karlopia, . Jai Bharat, S. Padam Dev Singh,

Sumit Kumar, Harinder Pal Singh, Richa Mandla, Ashok Singh Bali, Ankit Bali, Gaurav Raina, besides faculty members, officials, and staff of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education.

The event concluded with a collective pledge to adopt yoga as a way of life and to spread awareness about its numerous benefits for individual and societal well-being. The event served as a fitting tribute to the global movement promoting health, harmony, and sustainable living through the ancient Indian tradition of yoga.

COLLEGES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

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EXTENSION NOTICE

ADMISSION FOR FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME (FYUGP) & B.P.E.S (04 YEARS) COURSE IN NON- GOVERNMENT COLLEGES ACADEMIC SESSION (2026-27)

In continuation to this office Notification No. CDC/2026/1216-25 dated 15.06.2026, it is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the date for admission to Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) & B.P.E.S (04 years) as per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for 1st Semester being offered in various Non-Government Colleges affiliated to the University of Jammu for the **Session 2026-27** has been extended upto **23.07.2026**.

The details of eligibility, admission procedure, important dates and other instructions are available on the website (www.jammuuniversity.ac.in)

No: CDC/2026/1504
Dated : 08-07-2026

Sd/-
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

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Advertisement Notice for the position of Project Assistant

Applications are invited for temporary position of a **Project Assistant** in a Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) funded research project entitled **"Development of a Portable Electrochemical Sensor with Functionalized Nanomaterial Electrodes for Real-Time Cortisol Monitoring in Sweat for Early Stress Assessment"** in the Department of Physics, University of Jammu.

The details with regard to the eligibility conditions, etc are available on the University website, www.jammuuniversity.ac.in. Interested candidates may submit their applications complete in all respects (including contact number) to the office of the undersigned address within **15 days** from the date of advertisement.

No: PGD/PHY/ANRFP/SA/26/02
Dated : 09-07-2026

Sd/-
Dr. Sandeep Arya (PI)

CDOE organized Pre-Admission counselling session for PG Arts Programmes for Academic Session 2026–27

JAMMU:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), organized a Pre-Admission Counselling Session for various Master of Arts (MA) programmes offered through Distance and Online modes for the Academic Session 2026–27.

Welcoming the participants, Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE, highlighted the growing significance of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Education in the context of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He informed the learners that degrees earned through Distance and Online modes are recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and are at par with degrees obtained through the regular mode.

Prof. Srivastava further stated that CDOE is recognized by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB), UGC, and functions under the aegis of the University a NAAC A++ accredited Category-I institution known for its academic excellence and autonomy. He emphasized that students enrolled in CDOE are provided opportunities to participate in cultural



activities, sports events, debates, NSS programmes, and various talent-development initiatives. He added that efforts to enhance employability through job fairs and collaborations with reputed institutions are a regular feature at CDOE.

Prof. Anupama Vohra, PG English Coordinator, briefed the participants on the evolution of Distance Education and the role of CDOE in expanding access to quality higher education. She elaborated on the learner support services available at CDOE and its Learner Support Centres.

Prof. Anju Sharma Thappa, PG Hindi and PG Dogri Course Coordinator, apprised the participants of the eligibility criteria, salient features, scope, and academic structure of the MA Hindi and MA Dogri programmes, highlighting the opportunities available to students through these courses.

Dr. Jasleen Kaur, Teacher Incharge, PG English, provided detailed information about the MA English programme offered through the Online Mode and

highlighted its academic flexibility and learner-friendly features.

Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, PG Punjabi Coordinator; Dr. Parshotam Paul Singh, PG Urdu Coordinator; and Dr. Jatinder Singh, Teacher Incharge, PG Dogri, also discussed the curriculum, career prospects, and academic opportunities available in their respective disciplines with the participants.

Dr. Pooja Sharma and Dr. Pragati Jasrotia, Teachers Incharge of PG programmes, also interacted with the participants and satisfactorily addressed their queries.

Around 150 prospective learners participated in the session, which aimed to familiarize students with the academic programmes, admission process, learning resources, and opportunities available at CDOE.

The counselling session concluded with an interactive discussion, providing prospective learners with comprehensive information about the academic offerings and support mechanisms available at CDOE for the Academic Session 2026–27.

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Admission Notification

for the PG Programmes Sem-3 being offered by CDOE

Session 2026-27

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the admission to following Post Graduate Programmes through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode (Academic Session 2026-2027), being offered by the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu, shall commence from 11-07-2026 to 10-08-2026.

➡ MA (Dogri)	➡ MA (Hindi)	➡ MA (Punjabi)
➡ MA (Economics)	➡ MA (Political Science)	➡ MA (Udru)
➡ MA (English)	➡ MA (Sociology)	➡ M.Com

For details visit the website:

www.jammuuniversity.ac.in

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The online application form can be filled through the Website:

www.distanceeducationju.in

No. CDOE/PG/26/109

Dated: 08/07/2026

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU, JAMMU (NAAC Accredited A++ University)

PG ADMISSION NOTIFICATION-12 OFFLINE ROUND OF COUNSELLING/ ADMISSION for VACANT SEATS only All PG Programmes **Except LL.B (3 years) & LL.M** (Academic Session 2026-27)

It is for the information of all concerned that after Two Rounds of Online Seat Allocation/Admission the Departments/Nodal Departments will conduct PROVISIONAL ADMISSIONS for various PG/ PG Diploma Programmes & shall fill up all the vacant seat/s, as per statutes/ guidelines, through **OFFLINE ROUND OF COUNSELLING/ ADMISSIONS** to be held for the applicants who have applied online and not been admitted in any programme in previous rounds of counselling/admission as per the schedule given below:

OFFLINE PHYSICAL VERIFICATION & COUNSELLING/ ADMISSION only for Vacant Seats (By the Departments / Nodal Departments)

1.	REPORTING TIME for filling up of the Counselling Form for Physical Verification of the Eligibility/ Original Documents/ Reserved Category Certificates etc.: (NOTE: All applicants must report in person for Physical Verification)	08-07-2026 (10:00 am to 03:00 PM)
2.	Display of Merit/ Selection List by the Department / Nodal Department	08-07-2026 (04:00 pm)
3.	Admission in order of Merit for all categories Except Self Finance	08-07-2026 (From 04:00 pm onwards)
4.	Dates for payment of ADMISSION FEE by the Candidates accepted for admission during offline Round of Counselling/ Admission	Till 09-07-2026

NOTE: ADMISSION FEE of the PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED applicants in Offline Round shall be accepted by the Department / Nodal Departments through Electronic transfer only (NEFT/ UPI/ Net Banking). Nodal Departments may share their Bank Details (Name of Bank/ A/c No/ IFSC Code etc) with the admitted applicants for taking admission fee. **NO CASH PAYMENT shall be accepted**

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSIONS UNDER OFFLINE ROUND:

- IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR THE CANDIDATES TO PRESENT IN PERSON IN THE NODAL DEPARTMENTS AND FILL OFFLINE COUNSELLING FORM FOR COUNSELLING/ADMISSION IN THIS ROUND. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL FORFEIT THE CANDIDATE'S RIGHT TO SEEK ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME.
- The PROVISIONAL ADMISSION will only be confirmed after the successful remittance of the Admission Fee. Merely applying and appearing for Offline Counselling shall not confirm admission.
- Offline Counselling Dates for LL.B (3 Years) & LL.M Programme shall be notified separately by the Head of the Department, Law, University of Jammu.

No: DAA/26/2671
Dated : 06/07/2026

Sd/-
Asstt. Registrar (Academic Affairs)

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Extension of Admission Notification Undergraduate Programmes (B.A & B.Com) Sem-I Session 2026-27

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the admission to Undergraduate programmes (B.A & B.Com) Semester Ist in ODL Mode for the session 2026-27 being offered by the Centre for Distance & Online Education, University of Jammu, Jammu is extended from **10-07-2026 to 09-08-2026**

All the desirous candidates are requested to refer the Websites:
www.jammuuniversity.ac.in, www.distanceeducationju.in for details.

The online application form can be filled through the Website:
www.distanceeducationju.in

No. CDOE/UG/26/1982
Dated: 08/07/2026

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU



ADMISSION NOTICE (LL.B 3 years & LL.M 2 years) (3rd Round)

In continuation to notice No. LAW/JU/26/2140-41 dated 08.07.2026. 3rd round of Admission for LLB 3 years and LL.M 2 years shall be held through off-line counseling at Department of Law as per following schedule:

S.No.	Programme	Dates for Counseling	Reporting Time
1.	LL.B 3 years	13 th , 14 th , 15 th and 16 th of July 2026	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
2.	LL.M 2 years	16 th and 17 th of July 2026	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Note:- For detailed information, please visit website of Department of Law at www.jammuuniversity.ac.in

No: LAW/JU/26/2148
Dated : 09.07.2026

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Head of Department

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Admission Notification for the PG Programmes Sem-I being offered by CDOE Session 2026-27

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the admission to following Post Graduate Programmes through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode (Academic Session 2026-2027), being offered by the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu, shall commence from **08-07-2026 to 07-08-2026**.

→ MA (Dogri)	→ MA (Hindi)	→ MA (Udru)
→ MA (Economics)	→ MA (Political Science)	→ M.Com
→ MA (Education)	→ MA (Sociology)	
→ MA (English)	→ MA (Punjabi)	

For details visit the website:
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The online application form can be filled through the Website:
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No. CDOE/PG/26/162
Dated: 03-07-2026

Sd/-
DIRECTOR

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SCHOOL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU (NAAC Accredited A++ Grade University)



PG ADMISSION NOTICE-03

PG DIPLOMA IN BIOINFORMATICS (2026-27)

LAST DATE FOR FILING OF ONLINE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PG DIPLOMA IN BIOINFORMATICS HAS BEEN EXTENDED UPTO 31ST JULY, 2026

Name of the Programme	Programme Specific Eligibility
One Year PG Diploma in Bioinformatics	A candidate seeking admission to the programme must have passed Graduation in any branch of Science

ORDER OF PREFERENCES

First Preference (CUET & Major Subject)	CUET-PG-2026 + Programme Specific Eligibility
Second Preference (JUET & Major Subject)	Composite Merit comprising 50% of Academic Merit and 50% of JUET-PG-2026 Score + Programme Specific Eligibility
Third Preference (CUET & Minor Subject)	CUET-PG-2026 + Minimum 24 Credits in the Minor Subject of Qualifying Examination.
Fourth Preference (Non CUET & Non JUET)	Academic Merit of the qualifying examination

NOTE: To be eligible for admission applicant must have 40 and above SCORE in a prescribed paper of CUET-PG-2026

SCHEDULE FOR ADMISSION FORM SUBMISSION

Last date for the submission of Admission form **31st July, 2026**

HOW TO APPLY

- Visit the official website of the University www.jammuuniversity.ac.in/biotechnology/Admissions and fill the google form <https://forms.gle/Ae9S6n4prho1i2M29>
- Registration fees of Rs. 500/- for filling the form to be deposited in the Departmental Account No. 0345040500000097
- For any information contact @ 0191-2456534 or e-mail @ directorsbtju@gmail.com

No: JU/ST/26/4371
Dated : 07-07-2026

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Director (SBT)