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JU achieves 21st Rank in State Public Universities Category

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University has marked a significant stride in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, reflecting its continued dedication to Academic Excellence, Innovation, and Institutional Growth.

In a notable development, University has improved its standing in the Public State Universities Category, rising from 23rd rank in 2024 to 21st rank in 2025. This progress highlights the University's sustained efforts toward enhancing Teaching, Research, Infrastructure, and overall Institutional Performance.

In the University Category, JU secured the 51st position demonstrating continued excellence and a strong national presence, follow-

ing its 50th rank last year. Additionally, the university retained its 87th rank in the Overall Category, reaffirming its consistent performance among India's top institutions. The NIRF assessment is based on multiple parameters, including Teaching and Learning Resources, Research and Professional Practice, Graduation Outcomes, Outreach and Inclusivity, and Perception.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor remarked that these rankings reflect the dedication of our faculty, students, and staff. He further said that focus remains on creating a stimulating learning environment and advancing research capabilities and University is motivated to push further and aim for higher rankings in the coming year.

122nd Syndicate Meeting of JU Syndicate approves establishment of Centre for Culture, Dialects, Emotional Intelligence and Regional Studies of J&K

Ph.D in Engineering, Philosophy, Mass Communication & Journalism

JAMMU:

University convened its 122nd meeting of the Syndicate under the chairmanship of Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The meeting deliberated upon important academic, administrative, and developmental matters shaping the University's future growth.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor welcomed Shantmanu, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Higher Education Department, J&K; Santosh D. Vaidya, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department and Financial Advisor (Universities); Prof. Chandra Bhushan Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand; Prof. J.P. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow (online); Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Sciences;



Prof. Satinder Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Law; Prof. Aneesa Shafi, Dean, School of Social Sciences, University of Kashmir; Prof. Zulfiqar Bhat, Dean, School of Applied Science & Technology, University of Kashmir; Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Hassan Shah, Principal, GMC Srinagar;

Prof. Parvez Ahmad, Head, Department of Geography & Disaster Management, University of Kashmir; Prof. Rajeev Rattan, Department of Education; Dr. Javid Iqbal Zarger, Principal, Government Degree College Doda;

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Student-led "Parisar Safai Abhiyaan" marks 'Sewa Parv'

JAMMU:

Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) in collaboration with Department of Environmental Sciences organized one day "Parisar Safai Abhiyaan" in the University Campus to mark the celebrations of Sewa Parv under Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 2025.

More than 1500 students, scholars, and faculty members of various University departments and around 120 GCTF-JU volunteers participated in the drive.

The Campaign was inaugurated by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, in presence of faculty In-charges of GCTF-JU and volunteers from various departments of the University. He interacted with the students and encouraged them to practice cleanliness both at homes and the campus. He further emphasized that cleanliness activities should not be confined to a single day but continued consistently to maintain a clean and healthy campus.

"Student participation in campus cleanliness drives promotes a sense of responsibility, encourages collaborative engagement, and instills a lifelong commitment to a healthy environment," he added.

The Vice Chancellor enthusiastically participated in the cam-



paign, contributing to waste collection across the campus.

Prof. Deepika Slathia, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, and Convener, GCTF-JU, highlighted the importance of Swachhata hi Sewa Campaign 2025, which aims to promote collective participation in sanitation and sustainable waste management through environmental awareness drives and campaigns.

"Engaging students in campus cleanups encourages them to understand and practice sustainable waste management and adopt eco-friendly practices", she said while addressing the participants.

Prof. Salathia expressed her

gratitude to each department of the university for their active participation in the event.

As part of the initiative, students and scholars from all the teaching departments of the university, under the supervision of their respective teacher's In-Charge, collected waste from their departments and the nearby areas and stored it in garbage bags.

Over 210 garbage bags were collected in total from the University Campus. The Health and Sanitation Wing subsequently managed and disposed off the collected waste. The GCTF-JU volunteers were divided into groups to ensure

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MoU signed with M/S ICT Academy for ICT related collaborations



JAMMU:

The University of Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/S ICT Academy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, marking a significant step towards enhancing skill development, industry-relevant training, and academic research. The signing ceremony took place in the virtual presence of Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and ARI & Trainings, and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor.

The MoU was formally signed by V. Srikant, CEO, ICT Academy, and Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar. On behalf of the University, Centre for IT Enabled Services & Management (CITES) and Skill, Incubation, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC) shall function as the Nodal Offices for this collaboration.

Congratulating both institutions on this collaboration, Satish Sharma emphasized that the MoU is a significant milestone in the area of Skill and Technology. He stressed upon making J&K the power house of innovation and highlighted the importance of such partnerships in bridging the gap between

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‘Poshan Maah’ with focus on maternal and child Health celebrated by Dept of Home Science

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The Department of Home Science organized a special program to celebrate Poshan Maah, with a dedicated focus on maternal and child health. The event was designed for the mothers of children enrolled in the Nursery School housed within the Department, in line with the national campaign to promote nutrition and well-being.

Welcoming the participants, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Department of Home Science, emphasized the relevance of Poshan Maah and highlighted the Department's ongoing commitment to community outreach. She underscored that good nutrition for mothers and children is the cornerstone of a healthy society.

Prof. Manhas further stressed that the Department is dedicated to creating a healthy future for all children by integrating research, teaching, and practical interventions that directly benefit families and communities.

The technical sessions were conducted by Raziya Farooq and Poorvi Verma, dieticians and nutrition experts, who stressed the importance of planning diets based on the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) to ensure balanced nutrition for both mothers and children. They also highlighted the growing concern of childhood obesity and advised simple lifestyle measures such as healthy eating habits, active play, and reduced consumption of processed foods.

The event was graced by senior faculty members of the Department



including Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Prof. Neeru Sharma, and Prof. Samridhi Arora. Others who attended the occasion included the Nursery School teachers Mamta

Singh, Puja Saraf, and Seema Sharma along with faculty members from other departments including Dr. Ankit Mahajan, Dr. Bandana Thakur, Dr. Sarabjeet

Kour, Dr. Chinnmoye Maharana, and Dr. Sakshi Sharma.

The proceedings were efficiently conducted by Sonakshi Anand, Research Scholar. The pro-

gram concluded with an interactive session where mothers shared their experiences and received practical guidance from the experts.

World Tourism Day celebrated with heritage visit, sustainability drive

JAMMU:

Marking World Tourism Day, students of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM) visited the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) heritage site at Manwal, Udhampur, as part of an experiential learning initiative.

In line with this year's theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation", the students also visited Ved Vidyalaya, Khoon, where they observed how tourism can become a driver of growth while simultaneously safeguarding local culture and community values.

The academic visit was led by Prof. Anil Gupta, Director, SHTM, along with faculty, non-teaching staff, and students from MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) and BBA (Hospitality Management) programmes.

At the heritage site, the group was given a guided tour by Jai Karan Singh, Assistant Archaeologist, and Shri Shivakar Sharma, Senior Conservation Assistant from ASI. Adding to the learning experience, Ranjeet Singh, Incredible India Tourist Guide, provided insights into the history of the region, highlighting its exquisite stone carvings and distinctive architectural style.

To further highlight the message of sustainability, the students organized a plantation drive during the visit. Saplings of mango, neem, Bengal quince, plumeria, java plum, and champa were planted, symbolizing the integration of heritage preservation with ecological respon-



sibility.

Through this field activity, SHTM emphasized its focus on connecting classroom learning with real-world

practices, encouraging students to engage meaningfully with heritage, culture, and sustainability in tourism.

JU faculty features in Stanford–Elsevier top 2% scientists list 2025

JAMMU:

University has earned international recognition with three of its distinguished faculty members being featured in the prestigious Stanford–Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List 2025. Compiled by Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier, this database is regarded as one of the most comprehensive global assessments of scientific excellence and influence. It evaluates researchers across 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields on the basis of parameters such as the H-index, total citations, and a composite indicator of career-long research impact.

Those honoured from the University include Dr. Sandeep Arya, recognised for his work in Nano Science and Nanotechnology; Prof. B. K. Bajaj, acknowledged in the field of Environmental Sciences; and Dr. Ajay Kumar Taloor, recognised in the field of Environmental Engineering. Their inclusion in this globally acclaimed list underscores the growing stature of the University in contributing to cutting-edge and socially relevant research.

Congratulating the faculty members, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai said,

"This recognition of our faculty members in the Stanford–Elsevier global database reflects the University's strong research foundation. It highlights the impact of our scholars' contributions across diverse fields, from Nanotechnology to Environmental Sciences and Environmental Engineering. The achievement is a testament to our commitment to advancing high-quality, impactful research that addresses global challenges and strengthens the University's position on the world academic map."

This achievement marks a proud moment for the University and stands as a significant endorsement of its academic and research excellence.

Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Health Centre organises health camp for anaemia screening under Seva Parv 2025

JAMMU:

As part of Seva Parv 2025, the Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in collaboration with the Health Centre organized a health camp for anaemia screening at the University campus. The camp was inaugurated by Shantmanu, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Higher Education Department, J&K UT, as the Chief Guest. The programme was also attended by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Yashpal Sharma, Convenor Health Centre, senior officials, faculty members, students, and staff. Addressing the gathering, Shantmanu emphasized the need to integrate health and education, noting, "Universities are not just centres of learning but also spaces that shape the well-being of society. Preventive healthcare, especially in tackling issues like anaemia, is essential for our youth who will lead the future." He appreci-



ated the University's efforts in taking up such initiatives under Seva Parv and urged students to adopt healthy lifestyle practices.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor underlined the institution's dual focus on academic excellence and community health. He said, "At the University we believe education is incomplete without good health. This camp is a step towards raising awareness, especially among young women, about the need for regular check-ups and preventive care."

The health camp witnessed active participation from female students and employees who underwent anaemia screening. A team of doctors from the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu, conducted the check-ups and also provided free medicines to those in need. The event happened under the overall supervision of Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar. He reaffirms the University's continuing commitment to building a healthier and more aware campus community, with a special focus on creating an anaemia-free environment.

CWS organises 'Campus Calling' training workshop in collaboration with NCW

JAMMU:

The Centre for Women's Studies in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW), successfully organised a one-day awareness workshop titled "Campus Calling" on the theme "Gender Sensitivity, POSH and Cyber Security" at the University.

The workshop was graced by Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson of NCW and a noted social activist, who attended as the Chief Guest. In her keynote address, she lauded the initiative as part of a larger journey to build a safe, sensitive, and gender-equal society. She stressed that empowering youth with awareness of gender equality and women's rights is central to strengthening the nation, adding that if India is to harness its demographic dividend by 2047, it must equip young people with the right knowledge, opportunities, and direction.

Highlighting the importance of legal literacy, the Chairperson pointed out that laws for the protection of women particularly, against sexual harassment and cybercrime, will only achieve their purpose if young people are aware of their rights and confident enough to act on them. Citing the



example of Zero FIR, she observed that even educated students often lack awareness of such powerful provisions. She stressed that this knowledge not only protects women but also prevents youth, including boys, from making mistakes that could carry serious consequences.

Drawing inspiration from India's history of courageous and visionary women such as Rani Lakshmibai and Savitribai Phule, the Chairperson urged students to carry forward their legacy by embracing gender equality not as a slogan but as a movement. She also cautioned that in the digital era,

cybercrimes pose new challenges, making awareness of the Cyber Act and safe social media use vital.

Introducing NCW's Yashoda AI programme, she noted that it has been designed to address issues emerging in the age of artificial intelligence, and called upon the youth to work collectively to uphold women's rights, dignity, and safety.

Prof. Sangeeta Gupta, Dean Planning and Development, presided over the function. In her Presidential remarks, she defined gender sensitivity as a conscious effort to recognise and respect the differences, challenges, and in-

equalities faced on the basis of gender. She commended the Centre for Women's Studies for its consistent commitment to the cause of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Prof. Naresh Padha, Senior Professor, Department of Physics, also graced the programme as a Special Guest.

Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries, Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, underscored the significance of gender sensitivity and cyber awareness in today's rapidly digitising society. She noted that ensuring dignity, equality, and safety

is a shared responsibility and emphasised that the Campus Calling initiative of NCW is a vital step towards awareness, dialogue, and capacity building. Expressing her gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, she acknowledged his leadership in fostering platforms that equip youth, particularly women, with skills to become responsible citizens who uphold respect and inclusion.

The technical sessions were conducted by Advocate Kiran Thakur, Founder and Director of Navridhi Welfare Foundation, who sensitised participants on gender laws, provisions under POSH, and the challenges of cyber security. The programme concluded with a collective pledge by faculty members, staff, and students, affirming their resolve to create safe, inclusive, and gender-just environments both on campus and in society.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from Heads of Departments, faculty members, and over 250 students from across the University.

Dr. Saranjit Kaur conducted the proceedings, while Dr. Disha Sharma proposed the formal vote of thanks on behalf of the Centre for Women's Studies.

JU mourns demise of Prof. R.R. Sharma, former Vice Chancellor

JAMMU:

University mourned the demise of Prof. R.R. Sharma, an eminent academician, visionary leader, and former Vice Chancellor of the University (Dec 1996 – Nov 2002).

Expressing shock and deep grief over the sad demise, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai hailed the immense contribution of Prof. R.R. Sharma in steering the University on the path of academic excellence.

"Demise of Prof. Sharma is a great loss for Jammu and Kashmir in general and the JU in particular. The Vice Chancellor said, adding that his passing away has left the academic fraternity and the University

community deeply shocked and profoundly saddened.

"Prof. Sharma's departure has created a huge void in the academic arena of Jammu and Kashmir, which is hard to fill", Prof. Rai said.

Educated in the Soviet Union, Prof. R.R. Sharma was a distinguished scholar, who served with great distinction as a Senior Professor at the Centre for Russian, Central Asian, and East European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) from 1973 until his retirement. He was later conferred the title of Professor Emeritus in recognition of his outstanding academic contributions and also

served as Dean of the School of International Studies. His intellectual depth, scholarly rigor, and global perspective shaped generations of students and researchers, leaving behind a legacy of excellence in international studies.

As Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sharma's tenure was marked by remarkable academic growth and institutional advancement. His vision, integrity, and tireless efforts laid a strong foundation for the University's continued progress. In recognition of his lifelong dedication to education, he was honoured with the Gold Medal and Cash Award for Eminent Personalities of Jammu & Kashmir by the State Govern-

ment in 2002 and 2006—a fitting tribute to his towering contributions to academia and public life.

Prof. Sharma is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Vijay Sharma, an alumna of the Department of Political Science, and their two children.

"Prof. Sharma's vision and leadership will continue to inspire generations of scholars and administrators. His legacy is deeply interwoven with the growth of this institution," the University said in its condolence message.

"May his noble soul rest in eternal peace, and may his life's work continue to illuminate the path of learning and leadership", the message read.

EDITORIAL

Safeguarding Tomorrow: Tobacco-Free Youth and the Power of Awareness

September 2025 witnessed the launch of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0 by the Ministry of Education—a nationwide effort to promote health, awareness, and accountability among India's students. While the message may seem familiar, its urgency has never been greater. In an age when lifestyle choices are increasingly shaped by stress, peer influence, and digital exposure, nurturing a culture of self-care and responsibility has become a moral and educational necessity.

Tobacco use among youth is more than a health issue—it's a social one. It impacts concentration, mental health, and long-term well-being. The campaign's renewed push aims to remind students that freedom and discipline must go hand in hand. A truly "developed" nation, or Viksit Bharat, cannot thrive without healthy citizens who value their own well-being as much as their ambitions.

The Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0 goes beyond slogans and posters. It calls for action—setting up campus committees, student-led awareness drives, and interactive workshops that address the root causes of tobacco initiation. The goal is not to impose bans but to empower young people to make informed, conscious choices. When awareness begins in classrooms, it ripples outward—to families, workplaces, and communities.

For educational institutions, this initiative aligns with the broader framework of NEP 2020, which emphasizes holistic education—an education that develops not just the intellect, but the body and spirit too. Health and wellness are not peripheral subjects; they are the foundation upon which all learning rests. Institutions can carry this message forward through counselling cells, peer-support programmes, and community outreach.

A tobacco-free campus is not just about compliance with policy; it's about creating a culture of respect—for oneself and others. It's about reminding every student that their body is their first responsibility. In an environment where energy, creativity, and ambition thrive, addiction finds little room to grow.

As India invests in its youth through educational reform and innovation, ensuring their physical and mental health is equally vital. The Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign reminds us that progress is not only measured in grades or degrees but also in the strength of character and choices our students make. A healthy mind and body form the truest foundation of a strong nation. Educational institutions everywhere can take this as an opportunity to reaffirm their role in shaping responsible, health-conscious citizens—because a tobacco-free generation is the most powerful investment in India's future.

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Dogri delicacy 'Kalari'—relishing foodies across J&K



VISHAL

Anyone who wants to relish the traditional Dogra cuisines then do not miss the mouth-watering delicacy of Udhampur district's 'Kalari', a fast emerging first choice for the foodies across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

An all-weather street snack usually eaten with kulcha (bun), 'Kalari'—a popular delicacy all over north India is a local milk by-product that resembles mozzarella cheese, but different in taste.

It is endemic to Shivalik hills of Jammu, particularly District Udhampur.

Initiated by the Udhampur in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir National Rural Livelihood Mission, 'Kalari' is now reaching almost every household on demand under "The Himalayan Bliss".

The members of Jammu and Kashmir National Rural Livelihood Mission are approximately preparing around two quintals of 'Kalari' and about 200 members are involved in the business.

Further, the District Co-Operative Department Udhampur has registered three milk and milk processing cooperatives focussing particularly on "Kalari".

The JKRLM, Basantgarh, District Udhampur has also recently started packaging of "Kalari" with the help of local entrepreneur and as far as licensing and marketing of the product is concerned, been taken care of and the packed 'Kalari' is also available at various departmental stores and supermarkets in Jammu.

The product is being prepared and packaged by Self Help Groups (SHG) members of block Basantgarh and being transported with the help of local transport to Jammu.

The JKRLM Udhampur had planned to take up this initiative to all SHGs as 'Kalari' being prepared in almost every household of district Udhampur and the co-operatives can

certainly play a big role in flourishing the Kalari industry.

On its export across the country, after getting the GI registration certificate for Udhampur Kaladi, nearly 5000 people being benefitted directly who are engaged in the production of Milk, its processing, making, selling and trading of the product to other places from Udhampur."

Only the Udhampur made Kaladi will be treated as 'Udhampur Kaladi' under Intellectual Property Right as GI product and if any person beyond the district will sell in its name and title will be treated as illegal, said an official.

The facilities in the sector of Dairy Development like storage and freezing of milk, storage of raw Kaladi, branding at Delhi and other Metros are also into the pipeline.

The NRLM Basantgarh is serving two purposes, firstly providing income to women in rural areas and popularising the traditional cheese.

NRLM is also mulling to tie-up with District Cooperative Department Udhampur to further increase the employment avenues for rural women through Kaladi on the lines of Amul Cooperatives," he revealed.

The District Udhampur Administration has already registered four Dairy Cooperative Societies and Cooperatives while 15 are proposed for the registration.

Notably, 'Kalari' is also in high demand at all the tourist destinations across the Union Territory and being relished by the tourists from different parts of the country.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Member Parliament Kathua-Udhampur Lok Sabha Constituency had also said that under "One District One Product", #Udhampur in #JammuAndKashmir has designated milk product "Kalari" as the District Brand. Self Help Women Groups being encouraged to promote Kalari for consumption as well as livelihood.

‘Purple Revolution’, a game changer-in J&K’s hilly belts



VISHAL

The story of lavender cultivation began through the intervention of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) Jammu under CSIR-Aroma Mission that over a span of time not only turned out to be a game changer but also bringing an economic prosperity vis-a-vis transforming the agricultural landscape in the Doda and Kishtwar districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The CSIR-IIIM initiated a revolutionary journey aimed at transforming society with a plan to provide an alternative to traditional crops and improve farmers' income and then Lavender, a well known aromatic crop was selected under the CSIR-Aroma Mission.

Moreover, a series of awareness and training programs where farmers were educated and trained on the benefits of lavender cultivation, cultivation techniques, and the subsequent utilization of the crop led to the 'Purple Revolution' in Jammu and Kashmir.

'Purple Revolution' originating from Jammu and Kashmir offers attractive avenues and those who have entered the lavender sector are making a fortune out of it.

Purple revolution is a new avenue of lavender startups that has put J&K on the World map and this is now known as the birthplace of 'Purple Revolution'.

It is a new avenue of agri start-ups because mostly is being talked in terms of IT start-ups without exploring indigenous resources at national assets. For the Himalayan resources, they were never explored and usually were carried by the western concept.

Nearly 5000 start-ups have already started

making a handsome livelihood and some of the youngsters have given up their corporate jobs and joined this mission considering it as a highly profitable vocation.

The youth of J&K associated with the Aroma StartUps ecosystem have emerged as brand ambassadors of 'Purple Revolution' across the country.

It was started on a very small note as 'Aroma Mission' because nobody was aware of it.

Jammu and Kashmir has also become a role model for the rest of India, which was exemplified by the depiction of lavender farms of Bhaderwah town of district Doda.

Lavender, which was earlier only disseminated in Kashmir valley, has been covered under so got introduced to the temperate regions of the Jammu division, four states and Union Territory Ladakh.

Lavender cultivation in the Doda district of the Jammu region has turned out to be extremely rewarding endeavor popularly known as "The Purple Revolution" and encouraged by the success Lavender has also found its way to other districts of Jammu and Kashmir other than Doda including in Gool, Batote, Banihal in Ramban, Dandi, Drodhu, Kud, Sarar, Malothi in Udhampur, Dharmahampur in Kathua and Darhal in Rajouri.

Under the CSIR-Aroma Mission, CSIR-IIIM has provided farmers with free, high-quality planting material of lavender where in over 45 lakhs free Lavender Quality Planting Material facilitating its widespread adoption amongst them.

Notably, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi also acknowledged CSIR-IIIM's efforts

in supporting lavender cultivation during the 99th Edition of 'Mann ki Baat'.

The CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu claimed that more than 50 lavender produce distillation units are also installed under Aroma Mission across the Jammu and Kashmir to support local-level processing of lavender produce.

Under the CSIR-Aroma Mission, CSIR-IIIM has played a pivotal role in empowering rural communities through the cultivation of lavender by engaging over 5,000 farmers and young entrepreneurs in remote areas, providing free Quality Planting Material (QPM) and complete technological support, covering cultivation, processing, value addition, and marketing.

The initiative has not only boosted income levels but also fostered women's empowerment, with increased participation of women in lavender farming and related enterprises, he stated.

The Director said that the primary objective of the Lavender Festival is to celebrate this success and further promote agro-based entrepreneurship in aromatic crops.

India has risen to become the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world, with the number of startups increasing exponentially from just 350 in 2014 to over 1.5 lakh in 2025.

In this remarkable growth in just 11 years, the media has a transformative role in shaping the innovation landscape through awareness and spreading of success stories.

The remarkable success of the CSIR-Aroma Mission in Jammu and Kashmir, under which more than 3,000 lavender-based startups have been established across rural India.

Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) meet kicks off

JAMMU:

The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education inaugurated the Annual Calendar of Inter-Collegiate Events 2025-26, marking the beginning of a new season of competitive sports activities. The opening event of this year's calendar was Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26, a flagship sporting competition aimed at promoting health, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among the youth.

These prestigious Annual events of Inter-Collegiate provided a vibrant platform for the students of the University's affiliated colleges to showcase their sporting talent and competitive spirit. Such events play a pivotal role in encouraging students to adopt an active lifestyle while fostering unity and friendship through the traditional sport of Kabaddi.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education interacted with the participating teams, conducted the ceremonial toss, and extended his best wishes to all players for an inspiring and fair contest. He stressed on the importance of traditional Indian sports such as Kabaddi in promoting physical fitness and nurturing discipline, resilience, and teamwork among students.

Other prominent faculty members and officials present on the occasion included Dr. Mandeep Singh, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Sh. Ravish Vaid, Sh. Vikas Karlopia,



Gagan Kumar, Jai Bharat, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Dr. Mahak, S. Harinderpal Singh, Richa Mandla, and Rishiv Sharma, along with various officials and participants representing affiliated colleges of the University. Their presence added significance to the event and reflected the collective commitment of the University towards promoting sports culture.

Day One Highlights:
The inaugural day of the tournament witnessed thrilling contests and an exceptional display of skills

and strategy by the participating teams. Each match was marked by competitive spirit and high energy, underscoring the growing popularity of Kabaddi among students.

Results of Day One Matches:
GDC Hiranagar defeated GDC Ramnagar by 6 points.
MIET Jammu defeated GDC Mendhar by 11 points.
GDC Chenani defeated GDC Basohli by 11 points.
GDC Doda defeated GDC Marh by 12 points.
GDC Gaghwal defeated Dogra

Degree College by 8 points.

BDC Udhampur defeated GDC Bishnah by 27 points.

GDC Khour defeated GDC Dhar-mari by 5 points.

The matches were characterized by intense competition and outstanding performances, reflecting the dedication and rigorous preparation of the participating teams. The tournament was conducted under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education. The dedicated staff of the Directorate

worked diligently to ensure the smooth and efficient execution of the event with a strong emphasis on discipline, fair play, and institutional excellence.

The technical panel responsible for officiating the matches included experienced referees and officials, namely Anil Sharma, Ajay Gupta, Dheeraj Sharma, Keshav Singh, S. Amandeep Singh, and Gagan Kumar, whose professional expertise ensured that all matches were conducted with fairness and adherence to the rules of the game.

Day 2: Eight Colleges sails into next round



JAMMU:

The Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education showcased exciting performances and an impressive display of skill, strength, and strategic game play on the second day.

This annual tournament aimed to promote a vibrant sports culture and encourage greater youth participation in competitive sports. Day two witnessed a series of nail-biting encounters where participating teams demonstrated remarkable agility, coordination, and tactical brilliance. The players not only showcased outstanding physical endurance but also a deep understanding of the nuances of the game, making every contest a thrilling spectacle. The enthusiastic cheers from the crowd further enhanced the atmosphere, creating an

environment of excitement and healthy rivalry.

Results of Day Two Matches:
GDC Kathua beat GDC Udhampur by 17 points.
GDC Doda beat GDC Hiranagar by 22 points.
GDC Marheen beat GDC Ramgarh by 02 points.
GDC Chenani beat MBS College by 16 points.
GCET Jammu beat UIET Kathua by 16 points.
GDC Kunjwani beat GDC Sunderbani by 15 points.
GDC Poonch beat GDC Gaghwal by 10 points.
GDC Khour beat BDC Udhampur by 25 points.
MIET College beat GDC Samba by 06 points.

DAY 3: GDC Kathua beats GDC Rajouri

JAMMU:

The Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education showcased thrilling matches and an impressive display of skill and strategic game play on third day. The event, which brought together the finest young Kabaddi talent from colleges across the region, captivated spectators with its high-energy performances and spirit of healthy sportsmanship.

The third day witnessed several closely contested encounters where the participating teams exhibited not only physical strength

but also remarkable agility and tactical brilliance. Players demonstrated exceptional coordination and competitive zeal, reflecting the growing popularity and competitive standard of Kabaddi across institutions.

Results of Day Three Matches:
GDC Kathua beat GDC Rajouri by 14 points.
GDC Doda beat IMS Patoli by 24 points.
GDC Chenani beat GDC Marheen by 8 points.
GCET Jammu beat GDC Kunjwani by 18 points.
GDC Reasi beat GDC Khour by 26 points.
MIET College beat GDC Poonch by 03 points.

Kabaddi matches attract spectators

JAMMU:

The Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education reached an exciting phase as the semi-final line-up was decided. After four days of high-intensity competition, the tournament witnessed its semi-final and final matches, promising a thrilling conclusion to the prestigious inter-collegiate tournament.

Day Four of the tournament showcased outstanding skill, power and strategic game play. The participating teams captivated spectators with their agility, coordination and sportsmanship, keeping the spirit of Kabaddi alive and vibrant.

Results of Day Four Matches:
•GDC Kathua defeated GDC Doda by 17 points.
•PG. Depth. JU defeated GDC Chenani by 10 points.
•GDC Bhaderwah defeated GDC Reasi by 05 points.



•MIET College defeated GCET by 04 points..

With those victories, the stage was set for the semi-finals, followed by the grand finale, where the leading teams were to battle for the championship title.

Health Center Holds Free Mammography Camp for Women Employees under Sewa Parv

JAMMU:

As part of the ongoing Sewa Parv celebrations, the University underscored its commitment to health and well-being by organizing a free mammography medical camp for its women employees above 40 years of age. The initiative, held at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium (GZSA), was jointly organized by the University Health Centre under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Superspeciality Hospital, Narayana, Katra.

The camp was inaugurated by Prof. Shashi Manhas, Provost, Girls' Hostels, who also addressed the gathering on the importance of early detection of breast cancer through mammography, highlighting how timely screening can save lives and empower women to take charge of their health.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Yashpal Sharma, Convener, University Health Centre Advisory Committee, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the medical team from SMVD Superspeciality Hospital and to the dedicated staff of the University Health Centre, including Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Medical Officer, Dr. Gautam Sharma, Dental Surgeon, Nausheen, Physiotherapist, and paramedical staff, whose efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the camp.

The mammography camp forms part of a series of health initiatives taken up by the University Health Centre during Sewa Parv, which have also included anemia screening camps, awareness lectures on tuberculosis prevention, blood donation drives, and sessions on menstrual hygiene and related health concerns. These collective efforts highlight the University's vision of nurturing not only academic excellence but also holistic care and community well-being.

Dept of Home Science celebrates Indian Sign Language Day

JAMMU:

The Department of Home Science in collaboration with the Association of the Deaf & Aphasic Jammu and the Composite Regional Center (CRC), Jammu, organized a program to commemorate the Indian Sign Language Day, which coincides with the International Day of Sign Languages observed by the United Nations on 23rd September worldwide.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Department of Home Science, and Coordinator Disability Initiatives, University emphasized that sign language is not only a tool of communication but also a symbol of identity, culture, and empowerment for the Deaf community. She highlighted the importance of inclusion, stating that true progress in society is possible only when no one is left behind, and inclusion means embracing every individual irrespective of their abilities. She also drew attention to the magnitude of the issue, noting that according to the World Health Organization, more than 430 million people worldwide live with disabling hearing loss, while India alone accounts for nearly 63 million people—about 6.3% of the population—who experience significant auditory impairment.

The special guest on the occasion was Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director, Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Jammu, who spoke about the wide range of activities and facilities available at CRC.

She highlighted initiatives related to skill development, rehabilitation services, and community outreach, which are contributing significantly towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Dr. Sharma also underscored the urgent need for society to adopt an empathetic approach, stating that embracing persons with disabilities is not an act of sympathy, but of humanity and responsibility. She was joined by Naveen Gupta, Administrative Officer, CRC and Rahul Singh, Rehabilitation Officer, CRC, who also interacted with the participants.

ipants.

Representing the Deaf and Aphasic Association, Muneer Mir emphasized the role of community-led initiatives in promoting inclusivity. Members of the Association showcased their creative acumen through dance, painting, and other artistic performances,

which received much appreciation from the audience.

The program was conducted by Meghna Sharma and Purvi Verma, Research Scholars of the Department.

Students of the Department also participated enthusiastically in the event, further

reinforcing the values of inclusivity and social responsibility among the younger generation.

The program concluded with a collective call to action for promoting and learning sign language to create a more empathetic, inclusive, and equitable society.



Girls' Hostels celebrated three-day National Seva Parv on "Swasth Naari, Sashakt Parivaar Abhiyaan"



JAMMU:

The Girls' Hostels came alive with enthusiasm during a three-day celebration of Seva Parv under the theme "Swasth Naari, Sashakt Parivaar Abhiyaan." The programme combined health awareness with cultural expression, reflecting the message that women's well-being was central to building stronger families and communities.

The event opened with a focus on women's health and hygiene. On the second day, awareness activities were dedicated to Tuberculosis prevention and care, while the concluding day added a cultural flavour as hostel boarders showcased local cuisine from across Jammu Province.

Prof. Pankaj Srivastav, Director, CDOE, and Convenor, VBYP, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Applauding the efforts of the Girls' Hostels team led by Provost Prof. Shashi Manhas, he said such initiatives not only empower students but also make them ambassadors of government and university programmes in their home regions.

Prof. Manhas welcomed the dignitaries and explained that the initiative combined medical check-ups, awareness sessions, and local food promotion to address both health and cultural identity. She highlighted how preparing traditional dishes, followed by a quiz, helped students connect with their roots while also prioritizing health awareness.

The medical camp on the first day was supported by Dr. Neelu Sharma, Senior Consultant Gynecologist & Obstetrician, Government Hospital Gandhinagar, and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Sharma's session on menstrual health and hygiene dispelled myths, stressed good practices, and invited open interaction with the boarders and hostel staff.

On the second day, experts from the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme engaged the students. Dr. Jyoti Jolly, State Tuberculosis Officer, spoke about TB prevalence, symptoms, and prevention. Dr. Ranjit Babu, State Consultant for the PM's Tuberculosis Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, underlined the

importance of completing medication to avoid drug-resistant TB and explained the role of the Nikshay Mitra scheme. Dr. Neha Pathania, Assistant Programme Officer, outlined government health schemes supporting the campaign.

The third day celebrated local culture through a vibrant food festival, where students prepared and displayed regional dishes that highlighted the folklore, nutritional value, and cultural significance of Jammu's diverse cuisine.

The programme concluded with participants pledging to prioritize their own health and to share this awareness with their families and communities, in keeping with the spirit of Seva Parv.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Skarma Nomzom, and Dr. Meenakshi, Wardens of the three Girls' Hostels, with support from resident wardens Dr. Bhagwati, Dr. Radhika, Dr. Shushma, and Dr. Vijaylakshmi, who also organized a lively quiz. Hostel staff, along with the boarders, ensured the programme's success.

Workshop on Personality Development and Communication organized by Dept of Commerce



JAMMU:

The Department of Commerce successfully concluded a Five-Day Workshop on Personality Development and Communication, with an aim to enhance the professional competencies of the students. The workshop was designed to provide participants with practical exposure to essential interview and soft skills that complement academic knowledge and prepare them for the challenges of the modern workplace.

The resource person for the workshop was Neetu Dhar, Chairperson, Jammu Pariyatan Vikas Cooperative Ltd., and Chief Coordinator & Master Trainer, JK Dairy. Dhar conducted highly interactive and insightful sessions. During the opening session, Dhar introduced participants to the fundamentals of effective communication and interpersonal skills, emphasizing how verbal and non-verbal communication shapes relationships in personal and professional contexts. She further elaborated on public speaking, personality development, and teamwork, highlighting that in

today's competitive environment, subject knowledge alone is not sufficient; it must be strengthened with confidence, emotional intelligence, and adaptability to ensure long-term success.

The sessions were a blend of theoretical inputs, practical exercises, role plays, and interactive discussions, which kept the students actively engaged throughout. Special focus was given to developing presentation skills, active listening, empathy and professional etiquette. The resource person also shared real-life examples to help students understand the practical application of these skills in corporate and entrepreneurial settings.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from M.Com Semester I and Semester III students, who appreciated the opportunity to learn beyond classroom teaching and enhance their employability skills. The entire program was meticulously coordinated by Prof. Jyoti Sharma under the guidance of Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, HoD, Commerce.

Cleanliness Drive held at CDOE under Sewa Purav Viksat Bharat

JAMMU:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu, organized a cleanliness drive under the Sewa Parv Viksit Bharat initiative. Under this initiative, the CDOE campus, including corridors, lawns, and open spaces, was cleaned by NSS volunteers, faculty, and staff.

Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE, declared the cleanliness drive open. In his address, the Director emphasized the importance of cleanliness, especially at the workplace, to create a pollution-free, congenial environment for studies and work. The Director further stated, "Cleanliness is a vital habit. It is not just an act, but a reflection of our commitment to personal and community well-being. When individuals and communities come together with a shared sense of responsibility, true and lasting transformation happens."

NSS volunteers, faculty, and staff actively engaged in sweeping, dusting, and garbage removal



around the campus. Besides, NSS volunteers carried placards with slogans such as "Do Not Litter" to generate awareness. Faculty members, administrative officers, non-teaching employees, and NSS volunteers of CDOE

enthusiastically participated in the cleanliness drive.

The cleanliness drive was organized by Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, Program Officer, NSS Unit V, who also expressed his gratitude to all for their active involvement.

SIIEDC in collaboration with T-Hub launched Entrepreneurship Development Programme

JAMMU:

Skill Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC) in collaboration with T-Hub, Hyderabad – India's premier innovation ecosystem enabler launched the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP). Over 400 participants including faculty members, research scholars, students and alumni registered for this innovative program.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIEDC in the her welcome address said that under the visionary leadership of Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor SIIEDC is committed to take various novel initiative to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the region. She informed that University through the strategic collaboration with T-Hub, Hyderabad – India's premier innovation ecosystem enabler is strengthening the entrepreneurship and start up culture in the region.

Prof. Anil Gupta, Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Development Vertical informed that participants from diverse disciplines have shown keen interest in the EDP. He further informed that the 45 hours long program spread over 15 weeks will provide an opportunity to equip participants with the knowledge and skills essential for start up ideation, incubation, business scaling, and entrepreneurial leadership.

Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Manager, AIC, T-Hub, shared insightful perspectives on the design and objectives of the programme. He further outlined how the EDP was designed to empower participants to think innovatively, develop sustainable business models, and engage with entrepreneurial opportunities at both local and national levels.

Prof. Rachna Mahajan, Member, Entrepreneurship Vertical conducted the proceedings of the event. The program was also joined by Swarupa Gorrepati, Head of Academic Innovation, T-Hub

Public Lecture on '100 Years of Coronation of Maharaja Hari Singh' organized

JAMMU:

The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS) in collaboration with the Department of History and the Jammu and Kashmir Study Centre (JKSC), organised a public lecture to commemorate the "100 Years of the Coronation of Maharaja Hari Singh" and his birth anniversary.

The event served as a significant occasion for academia, civil society, and students to revisit the legacy of the last Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, whose coronation in 1925 continues to hold historical, political, and cultural importance for the region.

The program was chaired by Prof. Suman Jamwal, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Head, Department of History while the keynote address was delivered by Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, distinguished faculty member at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu.

In his keynote lecture, Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal offered a comprehensive strategic and governance-oriented perspective on the reign of Maharaja Hari Singh. He analysed the Maharaja's policies within the broader framework of colonial India and the political landscape of princely states. Emphasising the Maharaja's vision of autonomy and justice, Prof. Lal explored his complex role during the tumultuous years leading to India's independence. He highlighted that the Maharaja's forward-looking



emphasis on equality before law continues to inspire contemporary governance and legal reforms.

Prof. Lal also noted that Maharaja Hari Singh's legacy should not be confined to historical memory alone but recognised as an ongoing influence on the region's collective identity. He remarked, "Celebrating such milestones is essential to understand our history not merely as a matter of the past, but as a living legacy that contin-

ues to shape our collective identity and aspirations."

Delivering the presidential address, Prof. Suman Jamwal reflected on the Maharaja's socio-political vision and his progressive reforms in education, administration, social justice, and women's rights. She observed that justice was his true religion, guiding his policies and governance. Prof. Jamwal underlined that the Maharaja's coronation in 1925 was not

merely a ceremonial event but marked the beginning of transformative reforms that reshaped the socio-economic fabric of Jammu and Kashmir. His contributions in modernising institutions, strengthening administrative systems, and upholding the rule of law were presented as hallmarks of his enduring legacy.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Virender Koundal, Director, DSRS, extended greetings to the

gathering and introduced the theme of the lecture. He highlighted the significant role played by Maharaja Hari Singh in the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India and noted the importance of remembering his contributions in shaping the region's history.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Mohd Monir Alam, who acknowledged the collaborative efforts of DSRS, the Department of History, and JKSC in organising the lecture. He also expressed gratitude to the speakers, faculty members, and participants for their meaningful engagement in commemorating the centenary of Maharaja Hari Singh's coronation.

The public lecture witnessed enthusiastic participation from civil society members, scholars, and students. Distinguished attendees included members of JKSC, youth leader Arun Prabhat Jamwal, Brig. (Retd.) Vijay Sagar Dheman, Dr. Suman Verma, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Dr. Sunil Kumar, along with research scholars and students from various departments of the University.

The lecture not only celebrated a historic milestone but also created a platform for revisiting the Maharaja's vision in contemporary contexts. Through scholarly engagement and critical reflection, the event highlighted how Maharaja Hari Singh's ideals of justice, equality, and reform remain relevant for modern governance and society.

Dept of Punjabi, Punjabi Sahitak Sabha organised Punjabi Literary Symposium and Book Release



JAMMU:

The Department of Punjabi in collaboration with Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R.S. Pura (Regd.), organised and hosted a symposium celebrating the literary contributions of renowned Punjabi poet Harjit Singh Uppal. The event marked the official book release of Uppal's latest compilation of Ghazals and poetic expressions, titled "Shabad Sargam."

The event was graced by distinguished personalities from the literary and academic spheres. Prof. Sushma Devi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, was the Chief Guest. The function was presided over by Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary (Retd.), JKAACL. Es-

teemed literary figure and celebrated Punjabi Ghazalkar Pal Gurdaspuri was the Guest of Honour.

The symposium aimed to recognize Harjit Singh Uppal's invaluable contributions to Punjabi literature and provide an insightful discussion into his poetic works that resonate deeply with themes of culture, identity, and expression. Two research papers were presented about his newly released book by Dr. Harjinder Singh and Dr. Harsimran Singh.

Punjabi authors Dr. Monojit, Dr. Baljeet Singh Raina and Shamsher Singh Chohalvi also expressed their views about Uppal's literary work and contri-

butions.

Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Head, Department of Punjabi and Convener of the event extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to all the esteemed guests and dignitaries. In her address, she highlighted the significance of the said symposium, emphasizing its relevance in promoting academic dialogue and cultural exchange. She expressed her gratitude and reiterated the department's commitment to fostering scholarly engagement and community participation. Dr. Harjinder Singh served as Coordinator while Dr. Pritam Singh as Organising Secretary. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Harjinder Singh.

Five-day Civil Defence Training Workshop organized by CWS



JAMMU:

The Centre for Women's Studies organized five-day Civil Defence Training Workshop at Govt. Degree College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu. The Workshop aimed at empowering participants with critical knowledge and practical skills in disaster preparedness emergency response and community safety. During this five-day training program, various activities were performed by the experts. The trainers deliberated on disaster management, fire safety, first aid, evacuation procedures, and psychological preparedness during emergencies.

The training workshop was conceived under the able guidance of Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies. In the valedictory function, she highlighted the significance of civil defence training in the current socio-political climate. In her address, she presented a detailed report of the said five days activities that included disaster management structures, first aid usage in blood loss, CPR instructions, emergencies and rescues during snake and dog bite and exclusive fire-extinguishing techniques. Further, she stated that this workshop is a milestone in the mission to create informed and proactive citizens and training shall be very helpful for the students to provide assistance in the situation of emergencies. The Centre also expressed gratitude to the principal, Prof. Naveen Anand for the support and encouraging the students to participate in this important training workshop.

Zia Ul Haq, DSP and Deputy Controller of the Civil Defence Department deliberated upon the success of the five days event.

More than 70 students enthusiastically participated in the training workshop. Apart from students the program was witnessed by volunteers, dignitaries of Civil Defence Department and faculty members of the college. Dr. Saranjit Kaur coordinated the training programme and Dr. Disha Sharma presented the formal vote of thanks, both faculty members, Centre for Women's Studies.

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Syndicate approves

Dr. Jasbir Singh, Principal, Government Degree College Poonch; Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs; and Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, who were the special invitees.

While welcoming the members and dignitaries, the Vice Chancellor underscored the importance of their continued guidance in strengthening the University's academic and institutional framework. Prof. Rai apprised the house of the various initiatives taken by the University, along with the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which has paved the way for interdisciplinary learning, skill development, and holistic student growth. He further updated the members on the progress of flagship initiatives such as the Design Your Degree (DYD) Programme, skill-building workshops, and outreach activities that connect the University more closely with society.

The Registrar, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, presented 119 agenda items pertaining to academic and administrative matters, besides reporting items, for the consideration of the House. After detailed deliberations, the Syndicate endorsed and approved several important decisions relating to academic programmes, faculty positions, student welfare, and infrastructure development.

A key highlights of the Syndicate meeting were endorsement regarding establishment of the Centre for Culture, Dialects, Emotional Intelligence and Regional Studies of Jammu and Kashmir. The Centre will serve as a hub for advancing interdisciplinary research, preserving regional dialects, promoting emotional intelligence, and showcasing the cultural heritage of the Union Territory.

Guidelines for the "Earn While Learn Scheme" for the benefit of all University students, aimed at supporting them financially while providing practical exposure and skill development was also endorsed by the Syndicate.

The commencement of a two-year M.A. (History) programme in the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) from the academic session 2026-27 was also endorsed. In addition, the Syndicate endorsed the introduction of the Ph.D. programme in Philosophy and Mass communication and Journalism, further expanding the University's research landscape.

Further, the introduction of the Ph.D. Programme in Engineering at GCET, MIET (Autonomous College/Institute), and UIET, thereby opening new avenues for advanced research in engineering disciplines, was also endorsed.

The formation of an IT Club under the Centre for IT Enabled Services and Management (CITED&M) to nurture digital skills, innovation, and technological engagement among students was also endorsed.

The Syndicate also confirmed the minutes of the 121st meeting of the University Syndicate held on 29.01.2024 and 04.04.2024.

Earlier in the day, a meeting of the Finance Committee was also held, where key financial matters and budgetary allocations were thoroughly discussed and recommendations of the same were also endorsed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair, with members emphasizing their commitment to guiding the University towards greater excellence in teaching, and research.

University signs MoU

academia and industry, and applauded the efforts towards skill-building for youth and faculty alike. He assured full support in making this endeavour successful for the benefit of students and other stakeholders of Jammu & Kashmir.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the broader scope of the MoU, stating that under this partnership, ICT Academy will conduct industry-relevant training programs for faculty and students; facilitate partner programs for the University; provide free online access to ICTACT Research Journals; offer expert guidance to align university curriculum with current industry requirements etc.

V. Srikant, CEO of ICT Academy, provided an overview of the organization, noting that it is a not-for-profit initiative under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, supported by the Government of India, State Governments, and the industry. ICT Academy focuses on developing next-generation teachers and creating industry-ready students, particularly in tier 2 and tier 3 cities and rural areas. He mentioned that the largest FDP Programme will be launched in the University by ICT Academy shortly after signing of this MoU. He also emphasized ICT Academy's goal of making J&K as a Destination Capital for Talent Pool by 2030.

Dr. Ginny Dogra, Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), welcomed the dignitaries and provided insights into the objectives of signing the MoU.

The event was attended by senior university officials, including Prof. Neelu Rohmetra (Dean Research Studies), Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel (Dean Academic Affairs), Prof. Naresh Padha (Professor in Physics), Prof. Vibhakar Mansotra (HoD, Department of Computer Science), Prof. Alka Sharma (Director, SIIEDC), Prof. Rahul Gupta (Rector, Bhaderwah Campus), Prof. Arvind Jasrotia (Rector, Kathua Campus), Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Garima Gupta, Prof. Shallu Sehgal (Faculty of SIIEDC), Prof. Sushil Sharma (HoD, Department of Electronics), Dr. Neeraj Sharma (Registrar), and Dr. Guneet Singh Sudan (Director, Centre for IT Enabled Services & Management).

This MoU is poised to open new avenues for knowledge exchange, skill enhancement, and research collaboration, further empowering the students and faculty of the University to meet the evolving demands of the global workforce.

Student-led "Parisar Safai"

smooth execution of the drive. They also interacted with visitors and canteen owners to raise awareness about proper waste segregation and disposal.

Canteen owners were encouraged to install dustbins at accessible locations and ensure regular cleaning, while students reflected on sustainable methods of waste management through hands-on participation.

Later, committee comprising of Prof Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, CDOE, Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Convener, Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit, Prof. Deepika Slathia, Convener, GCTF-JU and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, CMO, Health Centre visited various departments to interact with the participants and appreciated their efforts in maintaining departmental cleanliness.

At the end, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, congratulated all the collaborators including Heads of departments, Teachers In-charge, volunteers, research scholars, students, and faculty members for their contribution to this noble cause. He lauded the efforts of the organizers and urged that such events should become a regular feature at the University.

The campaign highlighted the important role of collective action in building a cleaner, healthier, and more environmentally conscious campus, aligning with the spirit of Swachhata hi Sewa Campaign 2025.

Two -Day Workshop on Systematic Literature Review, Meta-analysis concluded at Dept of Commerce

JAMMU:

P.G. Department of Commerce concluded the Two-Day workshop on Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis with an intensive session on Meta-Analysis delivered by Dr. Jaspreet Kaur, Professor at the Delhi School of Business. With over 16 years of expertise in consumer behavior, sustainability, and market research, Dr. Kaur has established herself as a leading academic through numerous publications in high-impact A and B category journals.

On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Jaspreet Kaur introduced participants to the principles and applications of meta-analysis, emphasizing its significance as a statistical technique for synthesizing results from multiple studies. She ex-



plained how meta-analysis strengthens research conclusions by increasing precision, identifying patterns across studies, and resolving inconsistencies in existing findings. Participants were guided step-by-step through critical stages, including data extraction, effect size calculation, heterogeneity assessment, and interpretation of results.

Her lecture skillfully combined theoretical rigor with practical demonstrations, allowing researchers to visualize how meta-analysis can enhance the reliability and generalizability of evidence-based research. By drawing from real-world examples, she demonstrated how this approach provides a stronger empirical foundation for policy-making, academic publications, and further investigations.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, Head, Department of Commerce, emphasized that mastering techniques such as systematic literature review and meta-analysis is vital for advancing research quality and credibility at the University. Dr. Harleen Kaur coordinator of workshop expressed sincere gratitude to the resource person for delivering two power-packed sessions and acknowledged the active participation of faculty, scholars and students in making the workshop a resounding success.

The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session and a formal vote of thanks. The two-day workshop was highly appreciated for equipping scholars with advanced methodological tools to conduct impactful and globally recognized research.

Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2025 held



Jammu: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education organized the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2025, in the Gymnasium Hall. The ceremony is being held to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the University's sportspersons, who have brought laurels to the University through their dedication and exemplary performances at International, National, Inter-University competitions, Inter-Departmental Student Tournaments, and the University Employees Tournament for the academic session 2024-25.

During the event, the medal-winning players of the University will be felicitated for their remarkable accomplishments that have made the University proud. In addition, coaches, managers, and other notable contributors to

University sports will also be recognized.

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies was the Chief Guest whereas Sh. Rajan Sharma, Joint Secretary Boxing Federation of India, Sh. Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, International Referee and Former International Fencer, Sh. Romesh Chander Sharma, Former Volleyball Coach, were the Guests of honour on this occasion and Prof. Komal Nagar Assistant Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education were also present on the dais.

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, in her address, enlightened the gathering with a heartfelt message during the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony. She emphasized the importance of embracing sportsmanship, teamwork, and the spirit of brotherhood that

sports instill in every participant. Her inspiring words encouraged students to pursue excellence not only in games but also in character, reminding everyone that true success lies in fair play, dedication, and mutual respect. The audience was left motivated and congratulatory, appreciating her insightful reflections on the values that sports bring to life.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prof. Neelu Rohmetra congratulated the entire staff of the Directorate and said that the university will organize annual prize distribution ceremony to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the University's sportspersons, who have brought laurels to the University through their dedication and exemplary performances at International, National, Inter-University

competitions, Inter-Departmental Student Tournaments, and the University Employees Tournament for the academic session 2024-25.

Earlier, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, presented formal welcome address and highlights the achievements of University in 2024-25. He welcomed the Chief Guest, Guests of Honour, coaches and managers of the medalist teams, players and all other invited guests on the occasion.

The impressive demonstrations of Yoga, Cricket, Basketball, Football, Judo and Wrestling were performed during the function.

At last, the award ceremony was held in which players of University along with Coaches & Managers who won medals for the University in All India Inter Uni-

versity / National/ International competitions for the session 2024-25 were felicitated with souvenir Blazer along with University Crest & an award of excellence in the form of memento. In addition to the above felicitation, the employees and Students of various PG Departments who had won medals in University Employees (M&W) tournaments and Inter-Departmental (M&W) tournaments were also awarded with Mementoes.

The proceedings of the function were conducted by Dr. Vimal Kishore, Assistant Professor, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education along with Lakshika Jamwal and Yamnesh Thakur. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mandeep Singh Assistant Professor, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education.



JU's PG. Deptt. cagers lift Inter-Collegiate Titles

JAMMU:

The Post Graduate Department of the University stamped its dominance on the basketball court by emerging as champions in both the Men's and Women's categories of the Inter-Collegiate Basketball Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education.

The much-awaited grand finale, held at the University Basketball Court, turned into a thrilling spectacle, drawing loud cheers and applause from the audience. The finals brought together the finest talent from the University's affiliated colleges, with both men's and women's matches showcasing a remarkable blend of skill, strategy, and sheer athleticism.

Men's Final

The men's final proved to be a gripping contest between the PG Department JU team and Bhaskar Degree College (BDC) Udhampur. From the very first whistle, both sides displayed exceptional energy and determination. The opening quarter saw a neck-and-neck battle, with BDC Udhampur taking an early lead through sharp perimeter shooting. However, the PG Department quickly regrouped, tightening their defense and executing swift fast-breaks that turned the momentum in their favor.

By halftime, the PG Department had built a slender but crucial lead, thanks to precise passing and strong rebounding at both ends of



the court. The third quarter became the turning point as the PG Department players, led by their captain, showcased remarkable tactical supremacy executing well-planned pick-and-rolls and exploiting gaps in the opposition defense.

In the final quarter, the PG Department maintained their composure, countering every attempt by

BDC Udhampur to close the gap. With their quick transitions and accurate shooting, the PG Department eventually sealed a 44-41 victory, lifting the championship trophy in style amid thunderous applause from the spectators.

Women's Final

The Women's final was no less thrilling, with the PG Department

team displaying determination and team spirit. Their coordinated offensive plays and tight defensive strategies kept GDC Kathua under constant pressure from the opening whistle. The match featured moments of exceptional skill, with swift drives to the basket, accurate long-range shots, and agile defense that kept the crowd on the edge of

their seats.

Despite spirited resistance from GDC Kathua, the PG Department women's team maintained their composure and steadily widened the lead in the second half. With a blend of precise passing and quick transitions, they ultimately outclassed GDC Kathua by 28-12 points, clinching the championship and completing a historic double for the department.

Other prominent faculty members and officials present on the occasion included Dr. Vimal Kishore, Sh. Ravish Vaid, Sh. Vikas Karlopiya, Sh. Gagan Kumar, Sh. Jai Bharat, Sh. Shashi Kumar, Dr. Mahak, S. Harinderpal Singh, Mr. Rishiv Sharma, and Ms. Richa Mandla, along with officials and participants from affiliated colleges of the University. Their presence added significance to the event and reflected the collective commitment of the University towards promoting a vibrant sports culture. The tournament was conducted under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, whose dedicated team ensured the smooth and efficient conduct of the event, with a strong emphasis on discipline, fair play, and organizational excellence.

The technical panel for officiating the matches comprised Ranbir Singh, Sh. Shubham Sharma, Mr. Pariyanshu Thakur, Vikas Karlopiya, and Dr. Inderjeet Singh, whose professional expertise ensured that all matches were played in strict adherence to the rules of the game.

Women showcase spirit in Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi Tournament

JAMMU

The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education inaugurated the Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Women) Tournament 2025-26, a flagship sporting event designed to foster physical well-being, teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship among young students. The highly anticipated tournament served as an esteemed platform for students of the University's affiliated colleges to display their athletic abilities, strategic acumen, and competitive spirit. By providing opportunities for rigorous participation and spirited competition, the tournament played a pivotal role in motivating students to embrace an active lifestyle, while simultaneously nurturing camaraderie, unity, and mutual respect through the traditional and culturally rich sport of Kabaddi.

Prominent faculty members and officials present on the occasion included Dr. Mandeep Singh, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ravish Vaid, Vikas Karlopia, Gagan



Kumar, Jai Bharat, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Richa Mandla, and Rishiv Singh, Dr. Mahak, S. Harinderpal Sharma, along with various officials

and participants representing affiliated colleges of the University. Their presence added significance to the event and reflected the University's collective commitment to promoting a vibrant sports culture.

The inaugural day of the tournament witnessed thrilling contests and an exceptional display of skill and strategy by the participating teams. Each match was marked by competitive spirit and high energy, underscoring the growing popularity of Kabaddi among students.

Results of Day One Matches:

- GDC Gaghwal defeated GDC Sunderbani by 6 points.
- GCW Kathua defeated GDC Marheen by 12 points.
- GDC Billawar defeated GDC Ramnagar by 8 points.
- GDC Billawar defeated GCW Kathua by 10 points.

The matches were characterized by intense competition and outstanding performances, reflecting the dedication and rigorous preparation of the participating teams.

Day 2: GCW Udhampur beat GDC Gaghwal

PG. Deptt cinches Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi Women Title



JAMMU:

The Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Women) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, entered its second day with exciting performances and an impressive display of skill, strength, and strategic gameplay. The annual tournament aimed to promote a vibrant sports culture and encouraged greater youth participation in competitive sports. Day two witnessed a series of nail-biting encounters, as participating teams demonstrated remarkable agility, coordination,

and tactical brilliance. The players showcased outstanding physical endurance and a deep understanding of the nuances of the game, making every contest a thrilling spectacle. The enthusiastic cheers from the crowd further enhanced the atmosphere, creating an environment of excitement and healthy competition.

Results of Day Two Matches:

- GCW Udhampur beat GDC Gaghwal by 16 points.
- GDC Billawar beat GDC Kathua by 19 points.
- GCW Parade beat GDC Ramgarh by 10 points.



JAMMU:

The Post Graduate Department emerged as champions of the Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Women) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education. The much awaited grand finale, held at the Gymnasium Hall witnessed a thrilling contest as the top teams showcased high-octane performances, battling it out for the coveted championship.

Earlier in the day, the semifinal matches kept the spectators on edge with their thrilling finishes.

First Semi-final: GDC Billawar defeated GCW Udhampur by a margin of four (04) points.

Second Semi-final: PG. Department, JU edged past GCW Parade by ten (10) points.

In the final clash, the PG. Department JU team demonstrated tactical supremacy and exceptional coordination to outplaying GDC Billawar by 12 points to lifting the championship trophy in style.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, presented the trophy and medals to the winners and runners-up amid loud cheers from the gathering. He congratulated the champions for their outstanding achievement and commended all participants for

their spirited performances.

Other prominent faculty members and officials present on the occasion included Dr. Vimal Kishore, Ravish Vaid, Vikas Karlopia, Gagan Kumar, Jai Bharat, Shashi Kumar, Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Narinder Paul Sharma, Dr. Mahak, S. Harinderpal Singh, Rishiv Sharma, and Richa Mandla, along with officials and participants from affiliated colleges of the University. Their presence added significance to the event and reflected the collective commitment of the University towards promoting a vibrant sports culture.

Inter-Collegiate Yoga Championship display skills

JAMMU:

The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education organized Inter-Collegiate Yoga (Men) Championship 2025-26 at Gymnasium Hall. The competition was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Mandeep Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Vikas Karlopia, Jai Bharat, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Dr. Mahak, and various officials and participants from the University's affiliated colleges.

The event witnessed intense competition and outstanding performances, reflecting the growing interest in yoga and physical wellness among students.

Yoga Team (M) Results:

- 1st Position: PG Department, JU
- 2nd Position: Government Degree College (GDC), Paloura
- 3rd Position: Govt. Degree Colleg, Doda

Yoga Individual (M) Results:

- 1st Position: Sahil Singh, GDC,

Paloura

- 2nd Position: Ajay Kumar GDC Ramnagar
- 3rd Position: Prince Shivam Sharma, PG Department, JU and Manjeet Singh GDC Paloura respectively.

The matches were officiated by a technical panel of experts including Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Pandey, Sh. Devesh Kumar, Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Sh. Ankit Bali, Gorav Raina, and Ms. Zoha.



One-week Student Induction Programme culminated at UIET

KATHUA:

The University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET), Kathua, successfully organized the valedictory-cum-cultural function of the Student Induction Program with great enthusiasm and active participation from faculty members, students, and distinguished guests.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her speech, she emphasized that engineering was not just about technology but also about responsibility, innovation, and ethical leadership. She encouraged students to embrace continuous learning, adapt to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and robotics, and work towards sustainable solutions that benefited society.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector and Coordinator, UIET, Kathua



Campus (JU), in his address, encouraged the students to study diligently and focus on building a bright future. He emphasized

the importance of hard work, perseverance, and a positive attitude in achieving academic and personal success. Further, he motivated the students to focus on their long-term goals and encouraged them to envision a bright future.

Dr. Rockey Gupta, In-charge Principal, UIET, Kathua Campus, motivated the freshers to embrace academic rigor, creativity, and social responsibility during their engineering journey. Dr. Saurabh Shastri, In-charge Head, Department of Computer Science, and In-charge Coordinator at the University Institute of Engineering and Technology, and Dr. Pankaj Khajuria, Assistant Registrar, Kathua Campus, were also present during the event.

A vibrant cultural function followed, wherein students showcased their talents through music, dance, and other performances, reflecting the diverse spirit of the institute.

Thereafter, Er. Javaid Ahmad, In-charge Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, presented a detailed report of the induction program, outlining the activities, objectives, and outcomes achieved during the orientation period.

The event also included feedback from the freshers, who shared their experiences and expressed gratitude for the well-structured induction schedule that helped them adapt to their new academic environment.

As a gesture of appreciation and encouragement, participants were given awards. T-shirts, customised for the students as part of their welcome to UIET, were also distributed during the event.

The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Er. Akhil Kumar, In-charge Head, Civil Engineering, who extended gratitude to all the faculty members, student volunteers, and participants for making the event a success.

Expert Lecture on Data Analytics & IPR organized at Kathua Campus



KATHUA:

The Department of Computer Science & IT, Kathua Campus, organized an expert lecture on the topic “Data-Driven Insights and Intellectual Property Rights: A Pathway to Innovation.” The resource person for the session was Dr. Ashok Sharma, Assistant Professor and In-Charge Head, Department of Computer Science & IT, Bhaderwah Campus.

In his address, Dr. Sharma elaborated on the growing importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), with a focus on patents and

copyrights as vital tools for safeguarding innovative ideas, research outputs, and creative works. He encouraged students to develop a culture of innovation while being mindful of protecting their intellectual contributions. He further emphasized that awareness of IPR not only helped in protecting one's work but also fostered responsible research practices and ethical growth in academia. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, appreciated the efforts of the Department for organizing the lecture. He remarked that the topics addressed were of immense

relevance in today's fast-changing world, where data had emerged as the new fuel and intellectual property was a crucial asset for national development.

Earlier, Dr. Sourabh Shastri extended a warm welcome to the resource person and highlighted the significance of such expert sessions in broadening the academic and research exposure of students.

The lecture was attended by faculty members and students of the Department. Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Bharti Rana, and Dr. Pranav Ratta were also present during the occasion.

IMFA, Mission Shakti organised awareness session on POCSO Act, Cyber Crime, Legal Awareness, mental well-being

JAMMU:

Institute of Music and Fine Arts in collaboration with Mission Shakti organised an awareness session on the POCSO Act, cyber crime, legal awareness, and mental well-being for students and faculty members. The resource person for the legal awareness session, Advocate Meenu Padha, sensitised participants about the provisions of the POCSO Act, highlighted key aspects of cyber crime, and explained the importance of staying informed about legal rights and safety measures in the digital age. Dr. Manisha Gupta conducted an insightful session on mental well-being, focusing on issues such as anxiety, stress, and depression, and shared practical tips for maintaining emotional health.

The event was graced by Dr. Shohab Malik, Principal IMFA and Rakesh Sharma, Head Fine Arts Department, who motivated the students to actively participate and build awareness on these critical subjects. Representing Mission Shakti, Sonali Rana, Gender Specialist, briefed the gathering about the mission's initiatives for women empowerment and adolescent welfare. Sunil Choudhary, Specialist in Financial Literacy, also interacted with the participants by raising key queries, adding depth to the discussion. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, leaving students and faculty more informed about legal rights, cyber safety, and mental health care.



Udhampur Campus, Govt Medical College, Udhampur jointly organize mega health check-up camp

UDHAMPUR:

As part of the nationwide Sewa Parv 2025 campaign, the Udhampur Campus, Garnai Lotta in collaboration with the Government Medical College (GMC), Udhampur, organized a free health camp to provide preventive healthcare services and raise awareness about health and well-being among the local community.

A dedicated medical team comprising Dr. Tanveer-ul-Niba, Dr. Aditya Sharma, Ashwani Kumar (Senior Pharmacist), and Miss Arti Sharma (FMPHW) participated from GMC Udhampur. The camp began with an awareness lecture by Dr. Tanveer-ul-Niba on anaemia and related diseases, particularly in women, covering causes, treatment, preventive measures, and the importance of a balanced diet and healthy



lifestyle. The lecture was followed by comprehensive health screenings, including anaemia check-ups, non-communicable diseases screenings (cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic respiratory illnesses), TB tests, and examinations for other communicable diseases. Around 80 participants, including residents of Garnai-Lotta villages, school students, and Udhampur Campus staff, were screened. Notably, several young girls were found to be anemic, underscoring the urgent need for targeted nutritional and health interventions. Doctors also distributed free medicines, conducted diagnostic tests, and provided personalized diet and lifestyle advice. All participants were formally registered, and their details were uploaded to the GMC Udhampur health portal for record-keeping and follow-up.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus, thanked GMC Udhampur for their support and described the camp as a meaningful initiative toward community welfare and preventive healthcare. He stressed the importance of nutrition, awareness, and early diagnosis in building a healthier society, expressing hope for more such collaborations in the future under the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The camp concluded with interactive sessions, Q&A discussions, and the distribution of health information materials, receiving enthusiastic participation. Coordinated by Dr. Jyoti Sharma with support from campus faculty, the initiative marked a step toward a healthier, informed, and empowered society.

One-day career counselling workshop at GDC Vijaypur

JAMMU:

Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau, the Career Counseling Cell of the Department of Lifelong Learning organized a one-day career counselling workshop on "Self Employment as a Career" and "Careers in Artificial Intelligence" for the students of Govt. Degree College, Vijaypur today.

Taking forward the vision of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, to extend the educational opportunities beyond JU, the workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning. The special resource persons from University were Dr. Harleen Kour, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, and Dr. Malvika Ashok, Assistant Professor, Department of IT and Computer Sciences. Dr. Rewa Khajuria coordinated with the college for the successful organization of this workshop.

In her welcome address, Dr. Mamta Gupta, Convener, Career Counselling Cell, GDC Vijaypur, highlighted the importance and necessity of such programmes for the students. She appreciated the role of the Career Counseling Cell in organizing such career awareness programmes. She called upon the students to take benefit of such activities.



Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning in her address, oriented the students about the market scenario in terms of opportunities available. She highlighted the need to equip oneself with the knowledge and skills required to prepare for the demands of the market. She also highlighted that soft skills and experiential learning are required to align oneself

with the world of work.

Dr. Harleen Kour, in her presentation, apprised the students about self-employment opportunities under the New India regime and the characteristics and benefits of being self-employed. She also explained in detail about various govt. schemes available for the students and advised them to keep working hard till their goal is achieved.

Dr. Malvika Ashok, in her presentation, explained in detail the various tools of Artificial Intelligence. She also explained how these AI tools can make our life easier by completing tasks in seconds. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU, highlighted the importance of Career Counselling to the students and motivated them to choose their career paths as per their interests, per-

sonality, skills, and abilities.

The faculty members of the college, along with students, attended the programme. The whole programme was conducted by Gunjeet Mahiwal. Prof. Ritu Bhagat, HOD, Education, GDC Vijaypur, presented the formal vote of thanks. The programme was held under the guidance of Dr. Ashu Vashisth, Principal, GDC Vijaypur.

Two Day workshop on Systematic Literature Review, Meta-analysis organized at Dept of Commerce

JAMMU:

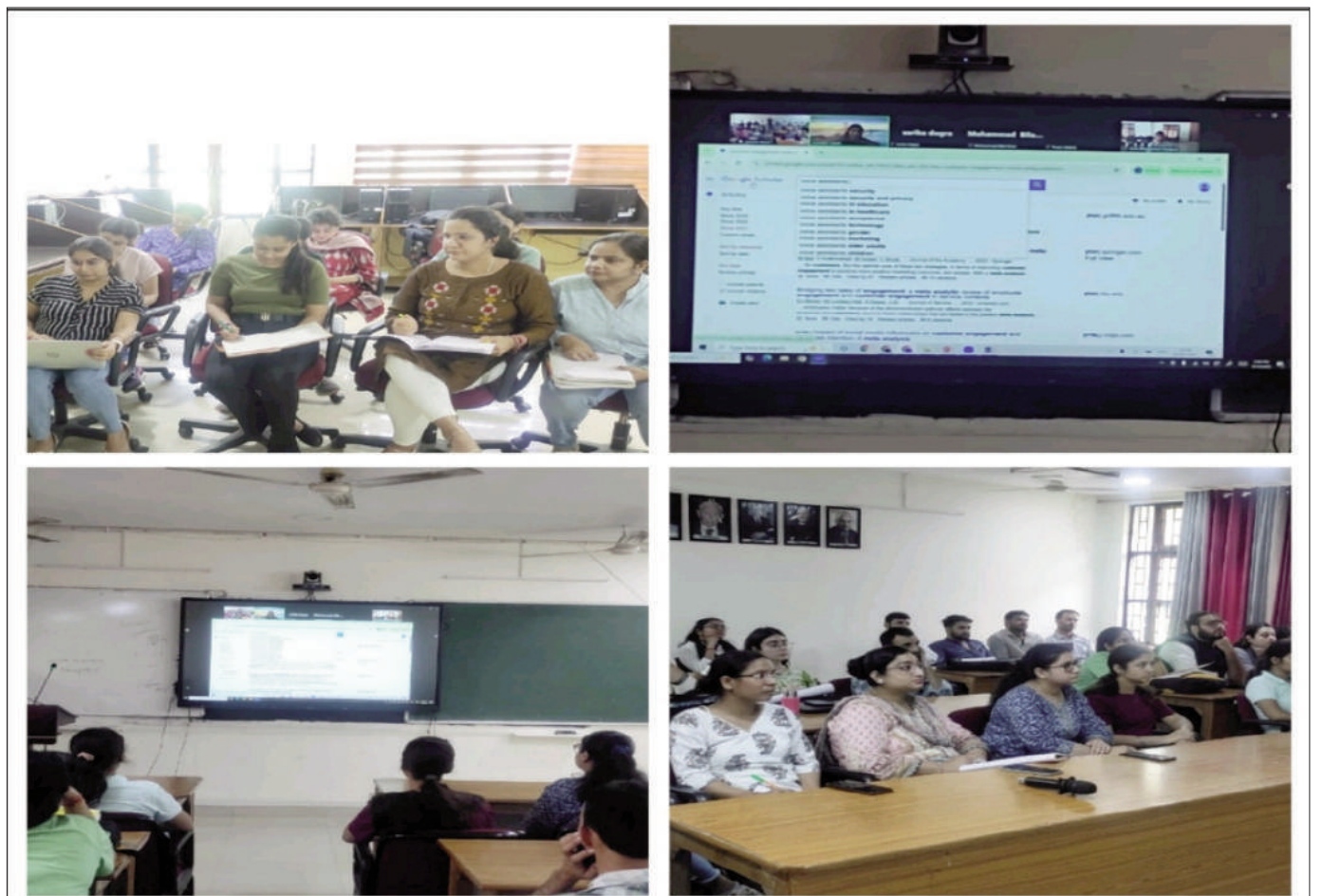
P.G. Department of Commerce organized a two-day workshop on Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis.

On the first day today, the session was dedicated to Systematic Literature Review (SLR) and was conducted by Dr. Jaspreet Kaur, Professor at the Delhi School of Business. A seasoned academician with more than 16 years of expertise in consumer behavior, sustainability, and market research, Dr. Kaur has significantly contributed to the scholarly community through numerous publications in high-impact A and B category journals.

During her session, Dr. Kaur provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the systematic literature review process. She explained how SLR enables researchers to identify, evaluate, and synthesize scholarly work in a structured, transparent, and replicable manner, thereby reducing bias and enhancing the credibility of findings.

Covering essential steps such as formulating precise research questions, designing search strategies, applying inclusion and exclusion criteria, and synthesizing literature, she illustrated how SLR serves as the foundation of evidence-based research.

The lecture was highly engaging, as resource person combined theoretical insights with practical illustrations, encouraging students and faculty to adopt systematic approaches in their research. By underlining the growing academic relevance of SLR, she emphasized its role in strengthening doctoral and postgraduate research and in aligning studies with global standards. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, Head, Department of Com-



merce, highlighted the importance of systematic literature review in enhancing the depth, rigor, and quality of research. Dr. Harleen Kaur coordinator of workshop ex-

tended gratitude to the resource person for her valuable contribution and to faculty members and students for their active participation.

The day concluded with an interactive Q&A session marking the first day of the workshop as an enriching academic experience for all participants.

Two-Day National Conference on Buddhism and Local Knowledge System in Central Asia held in Leh

JAMMU:

A two-day National Conference on Buddhism and Local Knowledge System in Central Asia, organized by the Department of Geography, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus and funded by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, commenced at Hotel Zen, Leh (Ladakh).

In his video address, Sh. Kavinder Gupta, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh, commended the work of Bhaderwah Campus for the organization of the conference. He emphasized that this kind of conference was very relevant to understanding the architecture and local knowledge system in India and Central Asia as the teachings of Buddhism acted as a bridge connecting India and Central Asia. He further said that the conference would promote India's culture like Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. He wished the organizers a

successful conference and expressed hope that the conference would come out with concrete outcomes.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor and Patron of the conference, in his message congratulated the organizing team for organizing the conference on such a topic of esteemed importance.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus and Chairman of the Conference, welcomed all the speakers and guests who had come from different parts of the country and urged all to share their knowledge and also develop a sense of togetherness so as to make the conference more productive.

Dr. S.D. Jamwal, DGP, Ladakh and Chief Guest of the event, spoke about the need to have a deep understanding of the local knowledge system so as to have a historical perspective of Ladakh and the spread of Buddhism in the region. He talked about petroglyphs in Ladakh and added that it was impossible to understand local knowledge without knowing the history of Ladakh. Images on

rocks were a strong depiction of the history and culture of Ladakh, and from them one could trace the origin and spread of Buddhism in the region.

Shri Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh and Guest of Honor of the event, at the very outset welcomed all the delegates and thanked them for choosing Leh as the venue for the conference. He further said that Buddhism had a very strong cultural base and there was a need to study it, and conferences like this could be very fruitful in understanding the teachings and basics of Buddhism. He urged the younger generation to have insights into the teachings of Buddha to lead a peaceful life.

Ven. Bhiku Sangasena, Founder of Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre, in his keynote address, said that Buddhism was not only a religion but also the study of the soul and mind. He stressed the importance of dharma, as having dharma in life brought peace and prosperity and brought real happiness in

one's life. He further said that Buddhism as a religion was growing fast because it was based on scientific facts and thus one could easily understand Buddhism with logic, and intellectual people found it easy to study. He further added that the teachings of Buddha were universal and were meant for humanity as a whole and not for a particular region or religion.

Prof. Dipanker SenGupta, MAKAIAS, stressed the need to revisit the traditional knowledge system from time to time to keep its relevance. He talked about Greater India where Indian culture went beyond the Indian periphery. He hoped that the conference would help develop the understanding of traditional knowledge systems in Central Asia.

Prof. P. Stobdan, Former Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, talked about the historical advent of Buddhism. He explained that Buddhism began with the early Theravada tradition, preserving Buddha's teachings in Sutra and Vinaya traditions. From thereon, he moved to the Sarvastivada

School, which systematized the Buddha's teachings in the Abhidharma — a text based on the science of mind.

Prof. Ajay Choudhary from Symbiosis International University talked about Buddhism and local values. He added that words like equality, fraternity, and prosperity written in the Constitution were inspired by it. Buddhism was not based on science but science was based on Buddhism. All the Fundamental Rights in the Constitution were basically part of Buddhism. He further said in his speech that the concept of a Welfare State mentioned in the Constitution was the same as the concept of Madhya Marg in Buddhism.

The function was attended by various faculty members from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, Symbiosis University, and the University of Jammu. Dr. Chhering Tandup, Convener of the Conference, presented the formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the funding agencies and all the speakers and participants.

Two-day National Conference on Buddhism and Local Knowledge Systems in Central Asia concluded at Leh

LEH:

The Two-Day National Conference on Buddhism and Local Knowledge Systems in Central Asia, organized by the Department of Geography, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus, concluded successfully at Leh. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus and Chairman of the Conference, extended thanks to all the distinguished speakers and participants who had come from across the country. He emphasized the importance of carrying forward the outcomes of the deliberations for future academic enrichment.

Dr. Chhering Tandup, Convener of the conference, presented the conference report. He highlighted that more than 30 research papers were presented, covering diverse social, political, geographical, economic, and historical aspects of Buddhism and its connections with Central Asia. The sessions also delved into the knowledge traditions of Buddhism originating in Central Asia. A panel discussion brought together eminent personalities who shared perspectives on the historical and traditional knowledge systems of Buddhism, followed by an engaging Question and Answer session.



Shri C. Phunchok, Former Chief Secretary of the erstwhile J&K State and First Vice-Chancellor of Ladakh University, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He congratulated the organizers for the successful event, noted that the conference had introduced new dimensions in the study of Buddhism, and expressed hope that it would further expand scholarly horizons on the teachings of Lord Buddha.

Prof. B.W. Pandey from Delhi University, the Guest of Honour, commended the quality of the research papers and appreciated the organizers for their efforts in ensuring high academic standards.

Special Guest Shri Tsering Samphel noted that the conference enriched collective knowledge of Buddhism and particularly benefited the youth, expressing optimism for similar events in the future. The valedictory session also included a certificate distribution ceremony, during which all participants received presentation certificates. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shayan Javeed, In-charge Head, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus, who expressed gratitude to all speakers, participants, and organizers for making the conference a resounding success.

Induction program organized at UIET

KATHUA:

A one-week Student Induction Program, aimed at welcoming and orienting new students of the academic session 2025-26, was inaugurated at UIET, Kathua. The first day of the Student Induction Program commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting, followed by a welcome address by In-charge Principal, UIET, Kathua Campus, Dr. Rockey Gupta.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector/Coordinator, UIET, Kathua Campus, congratulated the students and encouraged them to actively participate in curricular and co-curricular activities throughout their course for their holistic development. The resource persons during the inaugural session were Mr. Ajay K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant and member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and Er. Ritika Gupta, Assistant Professor, School of Management, UIET, Kathua Campus.

Mr. Ajay K. Sharma delivered a lecture on "Personality Development," emphasizing personality development as the process of refining an individual's unique pattern of thoughts, feelings, and behaviours, influenced by a combination of genetic predispositions, environmental factors, and personal experiences. Key aspects of the lecture included self-awareness, emotional control, communication skills, attitude, personal growth, career success, improved relationships, and self-confidence. Er. Ritika Gupta explained Professional Ethics to the students, enlightening them on code of conduct, integrity, objectivity, competence, confidentiality, professional behaviour, compassion, empathy, accountability, diversity, transparency, and collaboration. The new batch was taken on a campus visit covering labs, workshops, and hostels, and the day concluded with Mentor-Mentee Interaction.

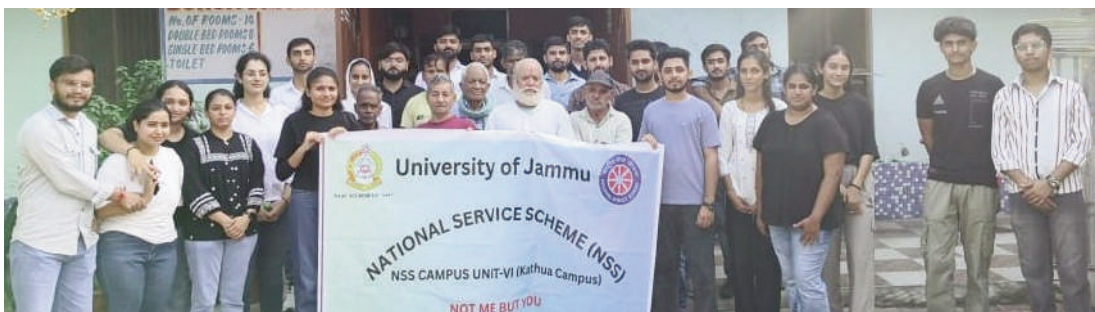


NSS Volunteers of Campus Unit-VI visit Old Age Home, Kathua under Sewa Parv

KATHUA:

As part of the Sewa Parv celebrations, the NSS Volunteers of Campus Unit-VI, Kathua Campus organized a community outreach visit to the Old Age Home, Kathua. The visit was aimed at promoting the values of service, compassion, and responsibility among students, thereby fostering a strong connection between classroom learning and social responsibility. The volunteers interacted with the residents of the Old Age Home, shared their time, and extended gestures of care and support, making the occasion memorable for both students and the elderly.

Prof. Vishav Raksha, Convener,



NSS Campus Units in her message emphasized that such activities help inculcate empathy and humanitarian values in the youth, enabling them to become more responsible cit-

izens of society. She encouraged the volunteers to continue engaging in such noble activities that create meaningful social impact.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector,

Kathua Campus in his message appreciated the efforts of the NSS Unit-VI and highlighted that these initiatives not only strengthen the spirit of community service but also uphold

the ethos of Sewa Parv.

Dr. Hema Gandotra, Programme Coordinator, NSS Campus Units in her message lauded the initiative and remarked that such visits sensitize students towards the needs of senior citizens. She emphasized that community service plays a vital role in shaping socially responsible individuals.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Programme Officer, NSS Campus Unit-VI expressed satisfaction over the enthusiastic participation of the volunteers. He remarked that interacting with the elderly was a learning experience for the students, instilling in them a sense of gratitude and social responsibility.

Department of Commerce organized five-day Workshop on Soft Skills Development

JAMMU:

The resource person for the session was Neetu Dhar, Chairperson, Jammu Pariyatan Vikas Co-operative Ltd., and Chief Coordinator & Master Trainer, JK Dairy. With nearly 18 years of experience as a soft skills trainer, she led highly engaging sessions covering communication and interpersonal skills. On the first day, Dhar gave an overview of public speaking, personality development, and teamwork. She emphasized that in today's competitive environment, academic knowledge must be complemented with strong soft skills



to ensure career readiness and workplace success. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from M.Com Semester I and Semester

III students and was coordinated by Prof. Jyoti Sharma under the guidance of Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, Head of the Department of Commerce.

DSRS commemorated Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh

JAMMU:

The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS) organised a commemorative event to mark the birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, which falls on September 28. The program, conducted by the PG students of DSRS, paid tribute to the legendary revolutionary whose ideals of courage, sacrifice, and nationalism continue to inspire the nation.

The program commenced with floral tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, followed by a series of activities highlighting his vision of nationalism, courage, and social justice. Students, including Nidhi Sharma, Kanika Chib, Sajjal Khajuria, Harsh Khajuria, and Piyush Choudhary, actively coordinated and participated in the event.

On this occasion, special talks were delivered by Dr. Ganesh Mal-



hotra, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, and Dr. Sunil Kumar. The speakers emphasized the relevance of Bhagat Singh's revolutionary thought in contemporary times, particularly in the context of youth empowerment, national security, and the spirit of selfless service to the nation. They also encouraged the students to imbibe the values of courage, integrity, and sacrifice that Bhagat Singh embodied.

The commemoration not only

provided a platform for the students to revisit the life and contributions of the great revolutionary but also inspired them to carry forward his legacy through academic excellence and social responsibility.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the student organizers, expressing gratitude to the faculty members and participants for making the program meaningful and impactful.

Blood Donation Camp, Nukkad Natak organized under "Sewa Parv"



JAMMU:

The Office of the Programme Coordinator, NSS, and the Office of the Convenor, NSS Campus Units, organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Health Centre and staged a Nukkad Natak on the theme "Nasha Mukh Bharat". These activities were organised under the Sewa Parv Programme.

More than 20 volunteers, along with faculty members, donated blood, emphasizing that "Blood donation is a life-saving act of solidarity that requires regular voluntary donations to ensure a safe and sustainable supply." Besides this, the NSS volunteers from the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) performed a Nukkad Natak on Nasha Mukh Bharat, conveying a message to society to eliminate this social evil for the prosperity of the youth and society.

Prof. Vishav Raksha, Convenor, NSS Campus Units, congratulated the volunteers who took part in both activities and further encouraged them to carry forward the NSS motto, "Not Me But You," in society. Dr. Hema Gandotra, Programme Coordinator, NSS, and Nodal Officer for Sewa Parv applauded the efforts made by the NSS volunteers to participate in such activities in addition to their ongoing academic activities.

The students performed the Nukkad Natak under the supervision of Dr. Rajbeer Singh, NSS Programme Officer (Unit-5), Dr. Neelam Choudhary, and Dr. Jatinder Singh, faculty, CDOE. Dr. Bharat Bhushan (CMO), Health Centre coordinated the blood donation camp with GMC Jammu. Dr. Shallu Sehgal and Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, NSS Programme Officers from different units of NSS, Dr. Shubnandan Singh Jamwal, and Dr. Nitin Sharma were among others who were present during the event.



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In continuation to this office Notification No. CDC/2025/2180 dated 09.09.2025, it is hereby informed for the information of all concerned that the admissions under management quota for BBA/ BCA and B.A. LLB (5 YEARS) courses being run in Non-Government Colleges affiliated to the University of Jammu for the academic session 2025-26 shall commence w.e.f. 25.09.2025. The admission shall be made purely on merit basis. In case of Non-availability of seats in CUET category, the seats will be filled by Non-CUET candidates.

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Online/Offline applications in the prescribed format (Available on www.jammuuniversity.ac.in or from the office of Department of Electronics) are invited from the interested candidates for admission in Three Months Certificate Course in Installation & Maintenance of Solar Panels in the Department of Electronics, University of Jammu.

● Total Intake Capacity: 30

● Duration of Course: 3 Months

Eligibility: 12th with science/ 3-year diploma in Engineering/ B.Sc. (Non-medical)/M.Sc./ B.E./ B.Tech. in relevant subjects.

Course fee: Rs. 5000/- (To be paid in two equal instalments in Bank Account Number: 0345040100006503 of Head, Department of Electronics, IFSC Code: JAKA0CANAAL, J&K Bank, New University Campus, Jammu by Electronic Transfer through NEFT/UPI/ NET Banking.

After payment of the requisite fee through the above said modes, the applicants have to submit the scanned copy of the application form (along with relevant documents & proof of fee payment) through E-mail at: hodelectronicsju@gmail.com or physically in the office of Department of Electronics, University of Jammu, New University Campus, Jammu.

Contact Numbers (M): 9419126391, 9419279896

Admission Schedule	Dates
Commencement of submission of Application through E-mail at hodelectronicsju@gmail.com	22nd September 2025
Last date for submission of Application form on the Email id at hodelectronicsju@gmail.com or in physical mode	10th October 2025
Date of Notification for Selected Candidates on the Website https://www.jammuuniversity.ac.in/electronics/introduction	27th October 2025

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