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“Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.” — E. M. Forster

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3-day induction program

VC calls for equipping students with real-world skills—coding, IT, analytical thinking, communication

JAMMU:

Calling for a fundamental shift in how education is perceived and delivered, Vice Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai has stressed the urgent need to equip students with real-world skills—coding, IT, analytical thinking, communication, and entrepreneurship as envisaged in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Presiding over the inaugural ceremony of the three-day Induction Programme, Prof Rai also highlighted the crucial role of the teaching community in shaping the destiny of their taught and emphasized that classroom teaching accounts for merely seven percent of the learning process, and the real responsibility of a teacher is to spark curiosity and build a student's interest in the discipline—not just to complete the syllabus.

Prof. Umesh Rai welcomed the new students with a call to move beyond rote learning and embrace true education, saying they should break disciplinary silos and think across subjects.

He highlighted how the University is leading by example with its innovative Design Your Degree pro-



gramme and the integrated Mathematical Sciences course, which blends humanities, commerce, and core sciences—demonstrating the University's potential to become a national model.

Encouraging experiential and project-based learning, the Vice Chancellor appealed to students to dissolve the rigid boundaries between disciplines and explore projects that transcend traditional subject lines. He called upon the students to actively engage in interdisciplinary collaborations, explore innova-

tive ideas and participate in hands-on projects. He assured them of the University's full support for incubation, entrepreneurship, and internship opportunities, citing success stories like Blue Planet's selection of JU interns.

“Our students are no less than those at any national university,” he declared, saying: “what we need is the right ecosystem—and we are committed to creating it.”

Addressing the students, Sh. B. R. Sharma, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief

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Three-Day Induction Programme concludes with cultural bonanza



JAMMU:

A spectacular celebration of creativity, culture, and student talent marked the grand valedictory of the three-day Induction Programme at the University of Jammu, as Utsaah – The Clubs Consortium, organized a Cultural Bonanza at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium.

Brimming with performances, presentations, and visual showcases, the event witnessed energetic participation from students and club coordinators—offering a dynamic glimpse into the vibrant co-curricular life of the University. Addressing the students at the Valedictory function, the Chief Guest, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, described the university clubs a driving force for unity, creativity, and personal growth.

“Clubs are not about drawing boundaries—they're about expanding possibilities. Creativity

belongs to no one domain. Our aim must be to nurture talent, encourage collaboration, and create an inclusive environment where every student has the space to express and evolve,” he said.

Prof. Rai assured of continued institutional support for student-led initiatives, emphasising their role in enhancing critical thinking, reducing stress, and building confidence.

Referring to Utsaah's journey, Prof. Rai acknowledged the strong foundation laid under Prof. Satnam's convener-ship, and encouraged all clubs to reignite that momentum. He assured full administrative backing and expressed his firm belief in creative freedom as a cornerstone of campus life.

Applauding the efforts of Prof. Meena Sharma, Convenor Utsaah, and all club coordinators, he noted, “They are not just classroom educators; they are

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JU celebrates 79th Independence Day with vision for academic excellence, national growth

JAMMU:

The University of Jammu celebrated the 79th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, hoisted the Tricolour amid recital of national anthem.

Greeting the gathering, Prof. Rai said, “Our sovereignty, equality, and inclusiveness are hard-earned treasures, safeguarded by the supreme sacrifices of our freedom fighters and commitment of our armed forces.”

The Vice Chancellor also paid homage to Maharishi Aurobindo on his birth anniversary, recognising his invaluable contributions as a philosopher and freedom fighter.

Prof. Rai underscored the role of education in nation-building, emphasising that universities must connect academics to societal and national needs through innovation and invention to realise the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.



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Tiranga Rally, cultural performances mark Patriotic Evening at JU

JAMMU:

The JU celebrated the eve of India's 79th Independence Day with a vibrant Patriotic Cultural Evening led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, who urged students to uphold unity, integrity, and service to the nation.

A Tiranga Rally, led by the Vice Chancellor, was the main highlight of the celebrations, as students, faculty, and staff marched with the tricolour, filling the campus with patriotic fervour.

Expressing solidarity with the tragedy struck people of Kishtwar, the Vice Chancellor began his address by observing a two minutes silence in memory of the lives lost in the cloud burst in the area.

The Vice Chancellor, formally launched a new initiative in collaboration with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, aimed at strengthening the University's



infrastructure and its industry linkages. This initiative has enabled the installation of a modern public address system and energy-efficient lighting on campus.

He expressed gratitude to Power Grid for their generous CSR support.

Prof. Rai also proposed expanding the partnership by introducing customised academic pro-

grammes—ranging from certificates to diplomas and degrees—for Power Grid employees.

Highlighting the importance of keeping alumni closely connected with their alma mater, he said the goal is to nurture lasting pride and strong bonds between graduates, students, and faculty—a vision reflected in the spirit of today's celebrations.

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Partition Horror Remembrance Day

Seminar held on “Memory, Migration, and Identity: Mapping the Cultural Imprints of Partition-Displaced Communities in J&K”

JAMMU:

On the eve of Independence Day, the Department of History in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts (IGNCA), Regional Centre, Jammu, and Jammu & Kashmir Study Centre, hosted a solemn Partition Horror's Remembrance Day and held a the one-day seminar on 'Memory, Migration, and Identity: Mapping the Cultural Imprints of Partition-Displaced Communities in J&K' at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Environmental Science.

The inaugural session began with a solemn and symbolic ceremony, marked by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. This significant ritual was performed by the chief guest, Professor Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs (DAA). She was joined by Col. Ajay Raina (Keynote Speaker), Professor Suman Jamwal, Dean Social Sciences and the Head of the Department of History, and Ms. Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director of the Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts (IGNCA).

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Suman Jamwal paid tribute to the remarkable resilience of the survivors of Partition, celebrating their strength and fortitude in the face of unimaginable adversity.

She gave a brief introduction about the theme of the programme, highlighting trauma experienced during the partition. She highlighted that some voices which un-



derwent the partition have not been brought into the limelight. She further talked about assimilation and how the cultural imprint of partition is still visible in our daily lives. She began the programme by extending a heartfelt welcome to all the dignitaries and the worthy speakers.

Col. Ajay Raina, the keynote speaker, shared anecdotes pertaining to partition and how it impacted the people residing in the border areas. He highlighted how the partition triggered the largest migration in human history and created widespread panic and terror among people and therefore, it becomes important to revisit the

history of partition to honour the memory of those who were displaced. He also spoke on the need to fill the gaps pertaining to the lack of information as well as writings on this subject. He emphasised on the role of the young scholars in this direction.

In her presidential address, Professor Anju Bhasin, commended the Department of History, IGNCA and JKSC (Jammu) for organising this academic exercise. She also highlighted how Jammu region faced the brunt of the partition and shared the personal experiences of her family members who witnessed bloodshed during the partition. Her words were a heartfelt ac-

knowledge of the enduring human spirit that carried many through the days during and post-partition period in the history of Jammu and Kashmir..

The theme of the first session was Faith, Memory and Identity and the panelists of the first session, Sh. Guru Gosai Brij Bhushan, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Chhibbar and Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, emphasized on the personal trauma of the people who were displaced and how this shaped their struggle, survival and identity. The displaced population labelled as Refugees had to navigate a new social landscape, unfamiliar settings and create a new home for themselves.

The second session was devoted to the theme Women and Partition.

The speakers of this session, Dr. Vinay Gupta, Smt. Durgi Devi and Smt. Swarna Kanta, explained how women were the prime targets of the communal violence, how they endured abduction, physical atrocities and even committed suicides to save their and their family's honour. The personal experiences shared by the speakers created an emotional environment among the audience.

The third session was devoted to the theme Displaced Voices-Community Interaction. The speakers for the session were Dr. D.N Raina, Dr. Deepak Kapoor and Dr. Madhulika Singh who spoke elaborately on the unsung heroes of Kotli, Poonch and other border

areas of Jammu and Kashmir and the details of the migration during partition.

The fourth session was an Open Session, devoted to interaction between all the panelists and the participants. This session generated a lot of interest among the young audience reflecting the relevance of such seminars in the contemporary times.

The chief guest of the Valedictory Session, Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, remembered the survivors of the partition and lauded their courage, resilience and patriotic spirit. He highlighted the initiatives and schemes of the Government aimed in this direction. He then facilitated the survivors and the members of their families affected by partition.

His address was followed by a summary presentation of the seminar by research scholar of Department of History, Sh Sidharth Singh Jamwal.

The seminar concluded by a vote of thanks presented by Ms. Shruti Awasthi, Director, Regional Centre, Jammu and Kashmir, IGNCA, who thanked all the dignitaries, speakers, participants and members of the press for their presence.

The proceedings of all the sessions were conducted by Sh. Suman Kumar Verma, Dr. Anu Mankotia, Dr. Anju Bala and Dr. Bhawana Sharma from the Department of History.

JU organizes panel discussion on “Operation Sindoor: The Future of India’s Deterrence”

JAMMU:

The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS) organized a Panel Discussion on “Operation Sindoor: The Future of India's Deterrence” in the seminar hall of the DSRS.

The programme opened with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a tribute to Bharat Mata by Chief Guest Dr. S.P. Vaid, former Director General of Police, J&K, alongside DSRS Director Prof. Virender Koundal, former DGP Sh. Kuldeep Khoda, retired Brigadier Pankaj Chib, and senior journalist Sh. Pradeep Datta.

Presiding over the session, Dr. Vaid described Operation Sindoor as a defining moment in India's security narrative, blending conventional and non-conventional warfare, and called for greater public awareness on defence issues.

In his address, Sh. Kuldeep Khoda identified four major factors for the sustenance of Pakistan-supported terrorism: active and passive support, funding, infiltration, and source. He explained how India has started to focus on 'source' from 2016 onwards, particularly after launching the surgical strikes across the LoC.

Sh. Khoda also discussed Pakistan's strategy during the Pulwama and Pahalgam terrorist attacks. Thereupon, India responded



to Pakistan by identifying nine targets and launching the Operation Sindoor. India's Operation Sindoor, he maintained, not only exposed Pakistan but also set precedence for future deterrence.

Brigadier Pankaj Chib examined Pakistan's nuclear strategy referring to the recent statement of Pakistan's Army Chief's, General Asif Munir, about the nuclear threat, the status of the Indus

Water Treaty, and Kashmir as a jugular vein of Pakistan.

The key focus of Brigadier Pankaj's presentation was Pakistan's nuclear strategy and to present itself as an irrational

power which can take any untypical decision that include launching nuclear strikes against India.

Brigadier Pankaj urged Indian policymakers to work toward the long-term goal of Pakistan's denuclearization to resolve the Kashmir issue.

From a media standpoint, Sh. Pradeep Datta beamed his viewpoint on the global agenda of terrorism and its collaborative nexus against India. Further, he lauded Modi government's stand against Pakistan by launching multiple operations inside Pakistani territory and demolishing terrorist infrastructure.

The panel concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. Vaid, followed by his closing remarks.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Prof. Virender Koundal, introduced the theme of the discussion, underlining its relevance in the evolving security landscape.

Among the attendees were Prof. Sunita Devi (HoD, Economics), Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai (Department of Journalism), Mr. Sant Kumar (Senior Journalist), DSRS faculty, eminent academicians, and students from across departments. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam delivered the vote of thanks, while Ms. Manvi Raina conducted the proceedings.

Earlier in the day, faculty and students hoisted National Flag atop the building, marking the occasion with patriotic fervour.

Release of University vernacular journal 'Gyananjali'

JAMMU:

Professor Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor released the annual peer-reviewed journal 'Gyananjali' (Volume II, Issue 2, 2024) and complimented the Publication Cell of the university.

This journal evaluates the relationship between language, literature, and society while expanding the intellect of researchers and activating and sharpening their critical insights. It provides an expanded logical, objective, and society-oriented research perspective in various languages.

The journal is published in Hindi, Punjabi, Dogri, Urdu, and Sanskrit with the aim of encouraging researchers, teachers, and new talents to write research papers and creative writings.

The publication of this journal is managed by the 'Publication Cell'.

'Gyananjali' is an annual multi-



lingual double-blind peer-reviewed journal of University that provides a special academic platform for research and creative writing in various languages.

The current issue has six papers, three in Hindi, two in Punjabi, and one research paper in Dogri. Dr. Shashi Prabha, Convener, Publication Cell looked after the overall work of publication of the journal and assisted by Dr. Koshika Sharma.

During the release, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Chairperson, Press and Publication, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, and Prof. Sushma Devi, Dean, Faculty of Arts were present. Additionally, members of the editorial board, Dr. Pritam Singh, Dr. Sandeep Dubey, and Dr. Harjinder Singh were also present. This issue of 'Gyananjali' symbolizes University's unwavering commitment to the dissemination of knowledge and linguistic diversity.

National Youth Exchange- 2025 Organised by Dept of Home Science

JAMMU:

Department of Home Science and Live For Others – Being Helpful Foundation organised three-day National Youth Exchange Programme 2025 "Role of Youth in Viksit Bharat @2047 by Fighting Against Drug Menace", at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Sh. Garib Dass (IPS), ADGP & Director, Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy, who in his address emphasized the cultural richness of India and motivated youth to take pride in the nation's diverse heritage.

He underlined that it is through the acknowledgment and celebration of this diversity that the youth can find the strength to lead India towards becoming a developed nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Devyani Rana, Vice President, BJYM, highlighted the urgent need to curb the drug menace and called upon the youth to play an active role in spreading awareness and building healthier communities.

On the occasion, a special video address by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai was also shared with the gathering.

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies and Officiating Vice Chancellor, stressed the importance of instilling the spirit of "Nation First" among young people. She also spoke about the significance of goal-setting in enabling the youth to achieve their aspirations and contribute to nation-building.

Prof. Rajni Dhingra, former Dean Research Studies, appreciated the collaborative effort of the University and the NGO in mobilizing youth for a greater cause.

Earlier in her welcome address, Prof. Sarika Manhas, HOD, Department of Home Science, said, "The active participation of youth in such platforms reflects their commitment towards shaping a healthier and more responsible society. Collaborations like these create awareness, build confidence, and strengthen the collective resolve against



social evils like drug abuse."

Adding to this, Mr. Vivek Parihar, Director of Live For Others – Being Helpful Foundation, remarked, "This programme is not just an event but a movement to unite youth against the rising menace of drugs. Our vision is to empower young minds so that they can contribute meaningfully to the mission of Viksit Bharat @2047 and become torchbearers of a progressive, drug-free nation."

Eminent dignitaries Prof. Prakash Anthal, Dean Students Welfare, JU, Padamshree Sh. Mohan Singh, Prof. Shashi Manhas, Prof. Samridhi Arora, and Dr. Hema Gnadotra also graced the inaugural.

The academic events of the day included a Symposium Competition on the theme "Role of Youth in Viksit Bharat @2047 by Fighting Against Drug Menace" and a Poster-Making Competition on "Role of Youth Against Drug Menace." Students from across institutions showcased their creativity and critical think-

ing. Aseesabjot Kour (GCW Parade) bagged the first prize in the symposium, followed by Aarti (Chandigarh) and Madhavi Gupta (Shiksha Niketan School). In the poster-making contest, Piyush Kushwah (Uttar Pradesh) secured the first position, Zaahran Ali (Shiksha Niketan School) stood second, while Tanisha Sharma (GCW Parade) bagged the third prize, and Diksha Kumari received the consolation award. Adjudicators for the symposium were Prof. Komal Nagar, TBS, and Dr. Hema Gandotra, NSS Coordinator, while the poster making competition was judged by Prof. Samridhi Arora, Deptt. of Home Science and Prof. Deepika Salathia, Head Department of Environment Science.

In the evening, a vibrant cultural showcase was organized, featuring folk dances and performances representing the cultural diversity of India. The event was presided over by Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson CCC, JU as Chief Guest. She stressed on the importance of supporting individuals already af-

ected by drug abuse and the need for compassion and community solidarity.

Guest of Honour Sh. Gaurav Gupta, BJP Spokesperson J&K and Secretary, Jammu Club, emphasized on acknowledging the immense potential of Indian youth. He said, "It is time that the youth of the country cherishes the rich heritage of our nation and contributes meaningfully to the process of nation building."

The programme also featured the presence of Ms. Ranjeet Kour (JKAS) as Guest of Honour, Ms. Amitpal, NSS Coordinator, Cluster University of Jammu, as Special Guest, along with Mrs. Parul Bhateja, Director Bhavishya Academy & Principal Sanford School, and Mrs. Tarvinder Kaur, Regional Director, Sanford Group of Schools.

The day concluded with a message of unity, cultural pride, and a strengthened resolve against drug abuse, setting the tone for the upcoming sessions of the three-day youth exchange.

JU mourns demise of Prof. R.R. Sharma, Former VC

JAMMU:

The University of Jammu 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 intellec-



tual 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 Government 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.

The University extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and all who mourn this irreparable loss. "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

Gaming the Future: Responsibility, Creativity, and the New Online Gaming Act

In August 2025, the Government of India introduced the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, marking a decisive step toward balancing innovation, entertainment, and digital safety. For India’s young population—especially students who spend a growing part of their leisure time online—this new law opens up a larger conversation about responsibility, well-being, and opportunity in the digital age.

Online gaming has evolved from being a pastime to a full-fledged digital industry, generating employment, creativity, and global collaboration. Students today are not just consumers of these games but also budding developers, designers, and entrepreneurs. The new Act recognizes this potential, setting clear guidelines to promote innovation while safeguarding users—especially minors—from excessive exposure, addiction, and financial harm.

At first glance, regulation may sound restrictive. But in reality, it’s a framework for balance. Just as traffic rules don’t limit travel but make it safer, the Online Gaming Act aims to make the virtual world a more ethical and secure space. It establishes oversight for content, data use, and financial transactions, ensuring that creativity thrives without compromising user safety or integrity.

For educational institutions, this Act holds valuable lessons. Universities and schools are no longer just places of academic instruction—they’re part of a digital ecosystem where entertainment, learning, and technology converge. The line between play and purpose is blurring. Today, gaming involves coding, storytelling, art, and problem-solving—skills that align closely with the goals of NEP 2020, which encourages experiential and multidisciplinary learning.

However, with opportunity comes responsibility. Excessive gaming can affect focus, time management, and social well-being. It’s here that educational institutions have a crucial role: not to dismiss gaming as a distraction, but to channel it creatively. Student clubs, hackathons, and courses in game design or digital ethics can transform gaming from a habit into a skill. Counseling sessions and awareness campaigns can help students recognize when leisure turns into dependency. The online gaming revolution is not something to resist; it’s something to shape. As India steps into this new phase of digital regulation, students and educators must see themselves as partners in defining responsible engagement with technology. The future of gaming in India will not be decided only by policymakers, but by how today’s learners choose to play, create, and lead. What matters is that the creativity behind it serves both imagination and integrity.

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The Psychology of Online Gambling: India Bans the Bet



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When a cricket match pauses for an ad, and a smiling celebrity urges you to “play and win big,” it feels harmless. But beneath the glossy banners of online betting lies a serious psychological trap—one that India has now chosen to outlaw. With the passage of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, Parliament has banned all money-based online games, criminalized illegal promotions, and barred advertisements, calling time on an industry that thrived in the gray zone between entertainment and addiction.

Why People Get Hooked

The science is simple but powerful. Online gambling works on variable rewards—sometimes you win, most times you don’t, but the unpredictability keeps you spinning. Psychologists call it the “slot-machine effect,” one of the strongest reinforcement schedules for habit formation. Add to these cognitive distortions—believing a “hot streak” is coming, or that a near-miss means you’re close—and the illusion of control becomes irresistible.

Technology magnifies the pull. UPI payments make it frictionless to top up wallets, while 24×7 access ensures temptation never sleeps. Apps use push notifications, loyalty ladders, and colorful animations to trigger dopamine bursts, while endorsements by cricketers and film stars make gambling appear as natural as cheering for your team.

The Fallout

But the cost is steep. Studies already link problem gambling in India with anxiety, depression, mounting debts, and broken family relationships. College surveys suggest young adults are most vulnerable—pulled in by peer influence, sports fandom, and late-night play. Online gambling worsens harm compared to offline casinos: there’s no travel, no social stigma, and micro-stakes make

losses look small until debts snowball.

Remedies: Beyond the Ban

Experts warn that legislation alone is not enough. Early screening using tools like the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI) can help identify risk in schools, colleges, and workplaces. Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) remains the most effective clinical approach, challenging faulty beliefs and teaching impulse control. Financial safeguards—daily UPI limits, merchant category blocks, and app blockers—add real-world friction. Families can watch for warning signs: secrecy, chasing losses, and sleep disturbances.

At a social level, awareness campaigns and curriculum modules on gambling literacy are vital, especially before high-risk sporting seasons like the IPL. Public health strategies—ad bans, strict age checks, and self-exclusion programs—mirror successful approaches in other countries.

The Law of the Land

The new law builds on earlier measures: the 28% GST on online bets introduced in 2023 and state-level bans like Tamil Nadu’s. Now, at the national level, all money-based games are prohibited, with penalties extending to companies, promoters, and even endorsers. The government has clarified that e-sports and casual gaming will continue under a regulated framework, but anything tied to money is off the table.

Bottom Line

Online gambling is not just a game—it’s neuroscience in action, exploiting reward pathways faster than most people can resist. India’s new law is a bold attempt to cut the cycle at its root. But to truly protect citizens, it must be matched with education, therapy access, and financial safeguards. After all, the human brain hasn’t changed—only the apps have.

Human Spirit beyond the Digital Chakravyuh

DR. KAPISHA SINGH JASROTIA

“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.” (Viktor Frankl)

My 11 year old son asked me in a very serious tone, "Mamma, what do you think? Are we living in a simulation world? I think someone is controlling us."

The first thought that came to my mind was about games, machines and artificial intelligence. When I inquired further about who he thinks is controlling us, he replied, "I think the universe is controlled by the creators, Brahma ji and Shiv ji."

I contemplated his question for several days, pondering how to navigate AI in a world of code while keeping faith, human values and emotions intact. When a young mind wonders about the universe controller, we need to return to the eternal truths from our ancient texts, that no code can override.

I realised, the question was not just his - it was ours too.

The idea of a simulation world suggests that everything we see, hear, feel, experience or interact with might not be a fundamental reality but rather an artificially generated environment, akin to highly advanced video games. AI could create and control this simulation, making it so realistic that we might not even realize it isn't real.

The landscape of our world has transformed dramatically over the last five years, with the introduction of technologies such as ChatGPT and drone warfare being just a few examples. There is no field untouched by AI—whether it's decoding the human genome, linking human minds with machines to identify patterns, providing therapies and counseling, driving automated vehicles or revolutionizing business operations and the arts.

We have become heavily reliant on social media, which feeds on our attention, responses, patterns and repetitions. It's not an exaggeration to say that social media is manipulative being algorithmic controlled. The younger generation often struggles to comprehend what the older generation understands. Over time, this reliance may restrict human interactions, leading to mental health issues and a decline in reliable social connections, experiencing no growth and learning.

Nowadays, people are glued to their smartphones, leaving little free time when people used to walk outside in the evenings after work to meet older individuals under a common banyan tree or in a marketplace settings, where many problems could be resolved either through advice or the simple comfort of knowing we are not alone in facing challenges.

We are unnecessarily overloaded with knowledge and information from social media in our free time. It burdens our minds and creates inner conflicts as we seek social media's perfect life, where no wonder we feel, we are falling behind in a race that doesn't exist.

The younger generation is increasingly turning to social media and various AI platforms for personal advice and counseling. While this approach may seem appealing due to the privacy it offers, it often fails to consider an individual's unique circumstances and the seriousness of the guidance, which can be quite damaging.

It wouldn't be wrong to say that the world behind

our screens, which we continuously scroll and swipe through day and night, traps and manipulates our minds, much like Abhimanyu's Chakravyuh.

Abhimanyu, the son of Arjuna and Subhadra, was a brave warrior who learned about the Chakravyuh formation while he was in his mother's womb. His father explained its workings to his mother, but before he could teach her how to exit it, she fell asleep. As a result, Abhimanyu knew how to enter the Chakravyuh but lacked the knowledge to escape. When the time came, he courageously charged in to help his allies. However, as he ventured deeper, he got trapped and ultimately lost his life due to his incomplete understanding of the formation he had entered.

In today's technology-driven world, Abhimanyu's Chakravyuh symbolizes a complex web of algorithms—a maze filled with thoughts, temptations, endless information, instant answers and irresistible comforts. Our battlefield has shifted to the realm of the mind. Similar to Abhimanyu's bravery, which led him into the Chakravyuh, our curiosity and desire for convenience, for entertainment, as well as the excitement of having instant information at our fingertips, often draw us into the maze of artificial intelligence. We act without the necessary wisdom, foresight, balance or clear purpose. We may enter this realm without fully understanding how and why algorithms operate. It can often ensnare us, cloud our judgement and provoke our emotional reactions at the expense of accuracy.

AI can influence our minds through subtle suggestions, constant prompts and the allure of instant gratification—likes, shares and an endless stream of content—that ultimately alters our thoughts and behaviors. Scrolling continuously on social media during free time has become a source of happiness and entertainment. Our brains constantly seek instant, albeit short-lived, happiness. It creates a misleading sense of connection but deep down, it fosters isolation, leading to anxiety, depression and other mental health issues. It can weaken our ability to focus, decrease our patience and our ability to enjoy moments of quiet and uncertainty. The importance of breaking this digital chakravyuh has never been greater than it is now.

The key to breaking this digital chakravyuh can be found in a verse from the Gita, which states:

नैनं छिन्दन्ति शस्त्राणि नैनं दहति पावकः।

न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुतः॥

This translates to: "Weapons cannot cut the soul, fire cannot burn it, water cannot wet it, and wind cannot dry it."

What machines lack is where we, as human beings, distinguish ourselves from them. Despite the advancements in technology, everything in the world can be coded—except for the eternal divine essence inside us. As the Gita suggests, our soul cannot be coded. This means that if the soul cannot be destroyed, manipulated or changed, it possesses everything we truly need if we take time to look inward.

Our needs in this world are quite limited and recognizing this can lead to genuine happiness. It is our desires, which can never truly be satisfied, that often leave us feeling despair. This provides an opportunity for algorithms to manipulate our thoughts, emotions, habits and behaviors. The soul, as described in the Gita is eternal, unchanging and detached from external material things. This

reminds us that cultivating a strong inner self through faith can serve as an anchor in a chaotic outside world.

Yet, in our rush to embrace technology, we often forget a fundamental truth. AI has no soul, no emotions and no capacity for genuine thought. Its outputs are patterns drawn from data, not reflections born of human understanding and a living heart. We, on the other hand, are driven by emotions, feelings, empathy, compassion and a deep longing to connect. We want to matter, to help, to understand, to love — not because an algorithm tells us to, but because it is in our innate nature.

Machines can perform tasks with speed and precision, but they cannot nurture relationships. In the digital chakravyuh of endless screens, algorithms and simulated interactions, human connections risk being reduced to mere notifications on social media from virtual friends. This slow erosion of genuine interaction and connections can leave us lonely, even in a hyper-connected world.

"We've all got both light and dark inside us. What matters is the part we choose to act on." (J.K. Rowling)

Digital chakravyuh is complex, vast with no end. Entering into it without understanding, strong purpose, control, direction and strong inner stillness can make us oscillate as per the tunes of the algorithms. In this process, our peace of mind, time and energy are at constant risk of being trapped in digital chakravyuh.

From the story of Abhimanyu, we could make out that courage is not enough, wisdom is also essential. In the age of AI, knowledge must be paired with clarity of purpose. Acting from our higher self, guided by faith, allows us to use technology without being consumed by it. Only then can we hope to break free from the digital chakravyuh.

Exploring meaningful alternatives can help us nurture balance, growth and joy in life. Reading books anchors the mind, offering knowledge and wisdom far richer than reels and shorts. Joining like-minded groups strengthens human bonds, proven by science to add years to life and life to years. A circle of genuine support builds emotional strength which no technology can replicate.

Nature, too, is a timeless teacher. A walk under open skies or tending a garden, watching birds and animals restores calmness. Creative pursuits—writing, painting, or any hobby—allows self-expression beyond algorithms.

The true alternative to AI is not another tool but a return to what makes us uniquely human: our wisdom, creativity, adaptability, warmth, love, faith and the enduring power of human connection, beyond all else.

Human relationships are not optional; they are our lifeline. We grow, heal and thrive through each other's presence. To escape the digital chakravyuh, we must remember that no machine can replace a heartfelt conversation, a reassuring hand on our heads, a pat on our backs, warmth of a shared meal, moment of an eye contact, heartfelt hug at the time of despair and grief, feeling of being loved or the warmth of being truly understood.

"If machines can mimic intelligence, but never feel, then what responsibility do we carry to safeguard the irreplaceable essence of being human?"

Two days hands-on training -cum workshop on Cyanobacteria held at JU

JAMMU:

A hands-on training cum workshop on “Cyanobacteria: Culture Techniques and Applications” was held in the Department of Botany under the aegis of the Botanical Club.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Chief Guest on the occasion.

In her inaugural address, Dr. Rohmetra highlighted the importance of these kind of trainings and workshops in shaping the future of research for larger societal benefits and capacity building. She emphasized that training in techniques is crucial for implementation of meaningful research for sustainability and creating an environment of skill development and enhancement in the Institute.

She elaborated upon the role of teachers and researchers in making India a “Viksit Bharat” by 2047.

Aligned with this vision and mandate of NEP-2020, the Department of Botany has taken this important initiative towards capacity building and enhance skill among different stake holders as Cyanobacteria hold immense significance due to their diverse utility, ranging from nutrient enrichment and biofuel production to



serving as indicators of climate change.

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dean faculty of Life Sciences introduced the resource person of the workshop Dr. O. N. Tiwari, an Internationally renowned expert working as Principal Scientist Microbiology Division, ICAR-Indian Insti-

tute of Agricultural Research and highlighted his major contributions towards Cyanobacterial research in India.

He also talked about importance of cyanobacteria in biofertilizers and biotechnology. He stressed that capacity building through such workshops is vital for developing scientific skills

among young researchers.

Earlier, Prof. Susheel Verma, Head, Department of Botany and Convener of the workshop, formally welcomed the dignitaries and participants. He underlined the significance of the workshop in the present context of environmental sustainability and highlighted the growing interest in

cyanobacteria as a sustainable solution to agricultural and environmental challenges.

Participants from various institutions, including University of Jammu, Central University Jammu, Cluster University Jammu, and other affiliated colleges joined the programme.

The workshop included interactive lectures and practical sessions by Dr. O. N. Tiwari.

Over the course of the training, participants received rigorous hands-on experience in isolation, culturing, maintenance, and application of cyanobacteria for diverse purposes.

Among others present on the occasion were Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Veenu Kaul, Dr. Sikander, Dr. Geeta, Dr. H. C. Dutt, Dr. Skarma Nonzom, Dr. Abhishek and Dr. Komal who extended their best wishes for the success of the event.

Puranamrita conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session and Dr. Romica Verma proposed the vote of thanks.

The provided a comprehensive platform for young scholars and faculty members to gain practical knowledge and explore the vast potential of cyanobacteria in agriculture, industry, and environment management.

SVAPADA stages Rangyug's historic Dogri play 'Chanchlo' at JU

JAMMU:

The School of Visual and Performing Arts, Design and Architecture (SVAPADA) in collaboration with the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), and Zamin Foundation Kashmir staged Rangyug's historic and acclaimed Dogri play Chanchlo at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

The remarkable initiative was taken by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal IMFA, who has recently assumed charge as Director SVAPADA.

The solo performance of Chanchlo by Rangyug left the audience spellbound for more than 90 minutes.

Originally written in Hindi by acclaimed playwright and director Nadira Zaheer Babbar as Sakubai, the play has been beautifully adapted into Dogri and seamlessly performed by RJ Dr. Juhie Mohan, an alumna of University.

The play has been designed and directed by eminent theatre personality Deepak Kumar.

Set in urban Jammu, Chanchlo tells the story of a domestic worker who migrates from a remote village in search of work. Her life unfolds on stage with humor, pain, reflection and irony, touching on themes of migration, exploitation, resilience and the unspoken dignity of labor. While the story is personal, it resonates with the lived experiences of thousands of working-class women from the unorganized sector across the region.

Applauding the initiatives, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies said: “Chanchlo is not merely a play; it is a compelling voice for those who often remain unheard and unseen.”

She congratulated Rangyug, Dr. Juhie Mohan, and the team for this bold, thoughtful, and artistically



cally rich performance in Dogri.

“This production is a shining example of how regional theatre can combine social relevance with artistic excellence”, she added.

She said that the University has always encouraged endeavors that promote arts and culture. ‘Such efforts are vital to preserve our linguistic heritage and keep our cultural consciousness alive’, she added.

In his address, Prof. Khwaja Md. Ekramuddin from JNU, lauded SVAPADA, IMFA and Zamin Foundation for their initiative in promoting regional languages and theatre.

“Chanchlo is a voice of society itself. Theatre of this kind holds a mirror before us and also becomes a catalyst for self-realization and

social change. He congratulated Rangyug for their meaningful commitment to regional theatre, and Dr. Juhie Mohan for her remarkable adaptation and solo performance, which brought Dogri's beauty and strength alive on stage. ‘Such initiatives strengthen our cultural identity while also giving it a global resonance’, he said.

Prof. Khwaja Ekramuddin also hailed Prof. Shohab for steering the School towards becoming a vibrant hub of creativity.

Earlier, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik highlighted the importance of staging such productions in universities:

“Performances like Chanchlo bring cultural and social engagement to the campus. It enriches students’ appreciation of litera-

ture and performance and also strengthens our commitment to regional languages and cultural identity. I am delighted that SVAPADA, IMFA and Zamin Foundation could bring such a meaningful production here. Under the vision of our Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, we are committed to make UoJ a vibrant hub of art, culture and creativity”, he said, adding that such initiatives are in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which encourages the integration of art and culture into mainstream education for holistic development.

One of the senior professors remarked in awe: “This was truly an extraordinary performance. To hold the stage alone for over 90 minutes with such intensity is re-

markable — a rare feat.”

Another faculty member added: “Such performances in Dogri must be staged more often. This is an exceptional production showcases the richness of our language and also delivers a strong message to society.”

Students, who attended in large numbers, also appreciated the initiative of the University for presenting such a meaningful play. Many said this was the first time they had witnessed such a powerful solo act in Dogri.

“It was so engaging that we forgot about time. The performance made us feel proud of our culture,” said one student. Another added: “We want to see more such plays in our own language, because they connect directly with us and give us a sense of belonging.”

The play was supported by a dedicated creative and backstage team: Ashish Sharma as Assistant Director, Shivan Gupta on music and sound, Pankaj Sharma on lights, Make-up by Shammi Dhamir, and Props by Neharika, lending their experienced support to the production. Production support was given by Raj Kumar Behrupia, Soham Kashyap, Sumit and Poonam whose efforts greatly contributed to the success of the performance.

The play was witnessed by an impressive gathering of dignitaries including Padma Shri Prof Lalit Mangotra, Khalid Hussain, faculty members, scholars, students and cultural stalwarts, along with eminent personalities from literature, theatre, media and academia, making it a vibrant and memorable cultural event.

The performance was dedicated to the citizens who lost their lives during the recent natural calamities in Chashoti, Kishtwar and Kathua.

Directorate of Sports and Physical Education pays homage to Major Dhyan Chand



The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education paid homage to Major Dhyan Chand Ji on National Sports Day 2025.

On this occasion, the Director of the Directorate, along with staff members, offered floral tributes to the portrait of the Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand Ji, honoring his unparalleled contributions to Indian sports and his extraordinary achievements that brought

glory to the nation on the international stage.

Others present on the occasion were Dr. Vimal Kishore, Sh. Raj Kumar Bakshi, Sh. Ravish Vaid, Sh. Gagan Kumar, S. Padam Dev Singh, Sh. Jai Bharat, S. Harinderpal Singh, Dr. Mahak, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Sh. Rishiv Sharma, Ms. Richa Mandla, Sh. Ashok Singh Bali, and students of the Directorate.

Inter-Hostel Cricket Tournament 2025: Nehru Hall Boys' Hostel crowned Champions

Jammu: Under the supervision of Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma, Provost (Boys' Hostels), the final of the Inter-Hostel Cricket Tournament was held on 22nd August 2025 between Nehru Hall Boys' Hostel (NHBH) and Jambu Lochan Boys' Hostel (JLBH). The match was graced by officials including Dr. Vimal Kishore, Resident Warden SVBH, Dr. P. P. Singh, Resident Warden NHBH, and Sh. Raj Kumar, Cricket Coach.

Batting first, NHBH posted 163/8 in 20 overs, with Mr. Anirudh Raina (Batsman) scoring 56 runs and contributions from Mr. Rajan (All-rounder), Mr. Shujaat (Batsman), Mr. Nirmal (Batsman), and Mr. Narayan (All-rounder). In reply, JLBH was



bowled out for 64 runs in 13 overs. The bowling attack was led by Mr. Rajan (3 wickets), Mr. Sajad (2 wickets), Mr. Nawaz (2 wickets), Mr. Narayan (1 wicket), Mr. Shujaat (1 wicket), and Dr. P. P. Singh (1 wicket). In the field, Mr. C. K. Sharma (Captain), Mr. Nirmal, Mr. Ishtiaq, Mr. Gagan Sasan, and Mr. Nawaz showcased brilliant fielding, while Mr. Thinlay Norboo (Wicketkeeper) impressed

with outstanding keeping skills.

For his all-round performance, Mr. Anirudh Raina was declared 'Man of the Match.' The Provost and officials congratulated the NHBH team, captain Mr. C. K. Sharma, and Resident Warden Dr. P. P. Singh for leading the hostel to victory. The tournament highlighted the values of teamwork, discipline, and a balanced life, while spreading the message: "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Sports and Games."

Inter-Hostel Cricket Tournament (Boys) 2025-26

Jammu: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, in collaboration with the Provost, Boys Hostels organised the first-ever Inter-Hostel Cricket Tournament (Boys) 2025-26 at the Cricket Ground. The opening match was played between Swami Vivekananda Boys Hostel (SVBH) and Jambu Lochan Boys Hostel (JLBH). SVBH, batting first, managed 74 runs in 15 overs with Avtar (12) and Khuram (11) as top scorers. For JLBH, Atul Singh and Harsh took 2 wickets each. In reply, JLBH chased down the target in just 5.3 overs, led by a blistering 51 runs from Atul Singh Katal, supported by Nikhil Sharma (13*). Atul Singh was declared Player of the Match for his all-round performance. The second match saw Nehru Hall Boys Hostel (NHBH) set a competitive total, driven by Anirudh Raina's fluent 32 and Shujaat Hussain's steady 25. Defending their score, NHBH's bowling attack dismantled Shaheed Bhagat Singh Boys Hostel (SBSBH). Dr. P.P. Singh starred with 4 wickets, supported by Sajad Ahmed, Anirudh Raina, and Nawaz Mehru, restricting SBSBH to 75/7 in 15 overs. NHBH secured a 34-run victory. The matches were graced by the presence of Chief Guest Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma (Provost, Boys Hostels), along with Dr. Ripu Daman



Parihar (Resident Warden SVBH & Assistant Dean Students' Affairs), Dr. Vimal Kishore (Resident Warden SVBH), Dr. Pershotam Pal Singh (Resident Warden NHBH), Dr. Nitin Sharma (Resident Warden JLBH), and staff members from the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education including Sh. Gagan Kumar, Sh. Rajkumar Bakshi, Sh. Ravish Vaid, and Vikas Karlopiya, who encouraged the players with their presence. The tournament aims to promote physical fitness, discipline, sportsmanship, and constructive engagement of hostel boarders, reflecting the University's commitment to the overall well-being of students.

CDOE organizes plantation drive



JAMMU:

Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) organized a plantation drive to promote environmental awareness among students and staff.

The Plantation drive was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, Director, CDC Prof. Rajeev Rattan and Prof. J.P. Singh Jooral, Head, Department of Statistics by planting three different citrus saplings and encouraging the NSS volunteers to rekindle bond with the nature for better tomorrow.

Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director CD OE, welcomed the guests and NSS volunteers.

The Director lauded the Hon'ble Prime Minister's inspiring call for "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," encouraging everyone to plant at least one tree in dedication to their mother or a maternal figure, thereby fostering a deeper emotional connection to environmental conservation.

The Director also acknowledged the commendable efforts of the University's Arboriculture team, especially the Convenor Prof. Payush Malaviya and Arboriculturist Mr. Ajmer Singh on the occasion and expressed the gratitude for their continuous support in maintaining the campus environment.

On the occasion

Prof. Sandeep Kour Tandon, Prof. Anupama Vohra, Prof. Anju Sharma, Dr. Hina S. Abrol, Dr. Neelam Choudhary, Dr. Anuradha Goswami, Dr. Parshotam Paul Singh, Dr. Sumita Sharma, Officers and Staff also planted saplings in the Citrus Vatika.

NSS volunteers Ruby Gandotra, Ananya Gupta, Shikhar Sharma, Ashima, Mehak Kakapuri, Irfan Rather, Ranjit Singh, and Ekjot Singh provide logistic support and enthusiastically planted saplings.

The plantation drive was organised by Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, Program Officer of NSS Unit V, who also thanked all for their gracious presence.

JU organises Debate competition



JAMMU:

The Department of Commerce organized a debate competition for the students of M.Com Semester 1 and 3.

The event revolved around a significant and impactful issue: "All stray dogs in Delhi NCR to be moved to shelters: Supreme Court."

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students, who presented strong arguments both in favor of and against the notion, showcasing their critical thinking, research skills, and eloquence.

The participants included Shivane Bhardwaj, Harshita Sharma, Diya Bhat, Ria Sambyal, Rakshita Mahajan, Ankit Sagoch, Karan Singh, and Shine Thakur.

Among them, three participants emerged as winners after a

rigorous evaluation by the judges, making the competition a memorable and intellectually enriching experience.

The event was organized under the supervision of Professor Jeevan Jyoti, Head of the Department (HOD), who motivated the participants and emphasized the importance of such activities in addressing social issues, along with nurturing analytical ability, confidence, and public speaking skills among students. She further encouraged students to take part in similar competitions in the future to enhance their academic and personal growth.

The debate proved to be an engaging platform for young minds to deliberate on pressing social issues and strengthen their perspectives, aligning with the department's vision of fostering holistic development.

Nasha Mukht Bharat Rally, Cultural Evening organised

JAMMU:

As part of the National Youth Exchange Program 2025, the Department of Home Science and Live For Others – Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF), in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Police, and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), organised the Nasha Mukht Bharat – Youth Rally and Cultural Evening to raise awareness against the growing menace of drug abuse.

The rally was flagged off by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sh. Sunil Singh Jasrotia (Chief Guest), in the presence of Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Department of Home Science, and Mr. Vivek Parihar, Live For Others Foundation. Their participation underscored the vital role of educational institutions and social organisations in mobilising youth for nation-building.

The rally commenced from Fountain Plaza and proceeded towards Dogra Chowk. At Dogra Chowk, a powerful Nukkad Natak was staged by the group Modern Dogre,



highlighting the devastating effects of drug addiction and inspiring the public to work collectively for a drug-free future. After the performance, the rally returned to the

University campus, concluding with a strong message of determination and unity in the fight against substance abuse.

Following the rally, an awareness lecture

on the drug menace was conducted, featuring Ms. Rashmi Choudhary, Sub-Inspector, Narcotics Control Bureau, who sensitized the participants about the growing challenges of substance abuse.

The session was presided over by Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Indian Chamber of Commerce, who also addressed the gathering and emphasized the urgent need for collective action by youth, civil society, and institutions to curb this menace.

In the second half of the programme, a grand Cultural Evening was inaugurated by Chief Guest Padma Shri Awardee Sh. Romalo Ram, along with Special Guests Ms. Tamana Seth (JKAS), Ms. Kashish Gupta, CEO Talla Jewellers, and Ms. Sandeep Kour (JKAS).

The Cultural Evening witnessed enthralling performances by renowned regional artists and cultural groups, who showcased the rich heritage, folk traditions, and diverse art forms of different states and cities.

Dept of Political Science organises Induction Programme for PG students Batch 2025–26



As part of three-day Induction programme notified by the University, the Department of Political Science conducted induction programme at departmental level for the newly admitted PG students to familiarise them to the academic environment, institutional ethos, and holistic development opportunities.

Mr. Vivek Gupta, IPS, Inspector General of Police, GRP, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and an alumnus of the department was the Chief Guest.

Mr Gupta addressed the newly admitted students of the department in the Masters Degree Programme and shared his experience about the department during his stay and also motivated them to pursue their studies and career goals.

His address was stimulating, motivating and inspiring for the students.

Drawing on his formative years in the Department of Political Science, Mr. Vivek Gupta offered a compelling narrative of academic perseverance, personal discipline, and the transformational role of higher education in preparing individuals for public service.

He underscored the relevance of Political Science discipline and urged students to approach their studies with critical engagement and

academic integrity.

The session commenced with the inaugural address by Professor Baljit Singh Mann, who extended a formal welcome to the Chief Guest and the newly admitted students.

In his address, Prof. Baljit Singh Mann presented an overview of the course structure of the Master Degree Programme and encouraged the students to cultivate universal human values and observe ethical standards to progress in their personal and professional life. He motivated the students to learn life skills and cultivate analytical approach.

Prof. Suneel Kumar, delivered a lecture on the Universal Human Values and Institutional Code of Conduct.

Prof. Kumar articulated the philosophical and ethical principles underpinning higher education and elaborated on core human values such as dignity, empathy, truthfulness, and responsibility, and their role in sustaining both academic integrity and societal cohesion. While reinforcing the centrality of ethics in academic life, he further introduced students to the university's institutional norms, expectations, and standards of conduct.

This was followed by an interactive session in which, students engaged with chief

guest and faculty members, raising questions related to academic expectations, institutional support systems, and career pathways.

The Department expressed its sincere gratitude to Mr. Vivek Gupta, IPS for his inspiring address and continued association with the department as a role model for aspiring students.

A bouquet and memento were presented to the Chief Guest, Mr. Vivek Gupta by the Head of the Department, Prof. Baljit Singh Mann, along with other faculty members, as a token of appreciation for his valuable presence and inspiring address.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mool Raj, who expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, faculty members, organisers, and students for their active participation, and acknowledged the collaborative effort behind the successful organisation of the event.

The programme was coordinated by Mr. Vishabjeet Singh Chib, whose careful planning and hard work ensured the smooth and successful conduct of the event.

The event was hosted by Dr. Shaveta Chowdhary, who steered the sessions with professionalism and maintained a warm and inclusive atmosphere.

National Youth Exchange Programme 2025 Concludes



JAMMU:

The National Youth Exchange Programme & National Youth Excellence Awards 2025, jointly organized by the Department of Home Science and Live For Others – Being Helpful Foundation (NGO), concluded with a grand valedictory function at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

The highlight of the event was the conferment of the Vishisht Seva Bhushan on Dr. S. P. Vaid (IPS), Former DGP J&K, in recognition of his exemplary contribution towards combating terrorism and drug abuse.

In his inspiring address, Dr. Vaid urged the youth to take the lead in fighting drug addiction while also emphasizing the importance of safeguarding India's rich cultural heritage against erosion.

The function was graced by Chief Guest Sh. Vikram Randhawa, Member Legislative Assembly (J&K), and Guest of Honor Sh. Ravinder Raina, senior BJP leader.

Sh. Randhawa emphasized the importance of collective action in making Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's dream of Viksit Bharat a reality.

Sh. Raina, in his remarks, stressed the need for young people to remain true citizens of India, upholding values of integrity and responsibility.

Another major highlight was the National Youth Excellence Award Ceremony, where achievers from 15 states and Union Territories of India were honored for their outstanding contributions in social work, literature, culture, and art. The awards particularly recognized young individuals who had already demonstrated exemplary social service in their own states.

Delivering the Presidential Remarks, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, officiating Vice Chancellor praised the joint efforts of the Department of Home Science and the NGO in providing a meaningful and constructive platform for youth engagement.

The event also witnessed the presence of eminent academicians from the University Prof. Rajni Dhingra; Prof. Samridhi Arora; Prof. Monika Chadha; Dr. Hema Gandotra; Dr. A. R. Manhas; Dr. Harleen Kaur; and Dr. Nitán Sharma.

Sh. Vivek Parihar, Director of Live For Others – Being Helpful Foundation, presented a detailed report on the three-day programme, outlining its outreach and impact.

The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks by Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Department of Home Science.

In her remarks, Prof. Manhas expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and stakeholders who contributed to the success of the event.

She made a special mention of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor for his esteemed guidance and unwavering support, which was instrumental in ensuring the successful conduct of the programme.

This joint venture emerged as a milestone in fostering national integration, empowering youth leadership, and bringing together the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India on a common exchange platform, with the active participation of more than 200 students in this mega event.

JU organises two day Sanskrit Week Celebrations

JAMMU:

The Dhanvantri Library organized a two-day Sanskrit Week celebration from August 7-8, 2025.

The program, inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra (Dean, Research Studies), Programme, was organised by Dhanvantri Library Team under the guidance of Dr Sahi, /C Librarian ;Prof Sangita Gupta, Head, Department of Library and Information Science ;Dean P and D.Sh. Parshotam Sharma, State President of Sanskrit Bharati was also present.

The event also featured an exhibition of rare manuscripts and miniatures curated by Sh. Suresh Abrol (Head, Shashvat Art Gallery). In addition, book stalls



showcasing works on science and Sanskrit were set up by Sanskrit Bharati, Jammu and Kashmir.

On the first day, numerous renowned personalities and students visited the exhibition, gaining valuable insights into Bharatiya Sanskriti and its rich heritage.

Chief Guest Prof. Neelu Rohmetra lauded the organizers, stating, "It is a proud moment to

gratulate the organizers for their commitment and enthusiasm."

Dr Ramnik was the leader of Exhibition under Sanskrit Bharti. Prof Sangita Gupta extended warm welcome to all guests and also appealed to the youth to participate in such programmes and take pride in learning about Bharatiya Sanskriti and traditions.

The celebrations also included a plantation drive under the guidance of Prof. Piyush Malaviya and Prof. Deepika Slathia (Convener, Department of Arboriculture and Landscaping), emphasizing the significance of the natural environment in Bharatiya Sanskriti. Various dignitaries planted Gulmohar Plants near the Library.

Jambu Lochan Boys Hostel sensitizes boarders on anti-ragging , affirms zero tolerance

JAMMU:

Jambu Lochan Boys Hostel organized a crucial sensitization program on anti-ragging, specifically welcoming and addressing the concerns of its newly admitted boarders.

The event featured speakers Dr. Gazala Noor, a legal researcher, and Mr. Anirudh Raina, Lecturer at SHTM.

Dr. Satyapriya Arya, Warden of the hostel, inaugurated the session by warmly welcoming the speakers and boarders, with a special emphasis on ensuring a smooth transition for new boarders.

Dr. Gazala Noor provided vital insights into the serious legal implications of ragging, saying "Ragging is not merely misconduct; it is a serious criminal offense with severe long-term consequences for both victims and perpetrators. Understanding its legal aspects is fundamental to its prevention and ensuring the safety of all students, especially newcomers."

Mr. Anirudh Raina focused on the human impact, urging students, "As members of this academic community, it's essential to recognize the profound negative impact ragging has on mental health and overall well-being. Let's consciously foster a culture of empathy, kindness, and mutual respect, making our hostel a true home away from home for everyone, particularly our new peers."

The informative session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Nitam Sharma, Resident Warden. He expressed sincere gratitude to the speakers for their



enlightening contributions and to the participants for their engagement.

Crucially, the program highlighted the support mechanisms available to students. All attendees were reminded of the 24x7 National Anti-Ragging Helpline (1800-180-5522) and strongly encouraged to report any incidents immediately. They were also informed about the University's internal grievance redressal procedures and committees dedicated to addressing such complaints

swiftly and confidentially, including the University's own Anti-Ragging Committee and relevant UGC/State Higher Education mechanisms.

The entire program was conducted under the supervision of Provost Boys Hostel Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma, reinforcing the University unwavering commitment to providing a secure, supportive, and ragging-free environment conducive to learning and personal growth for all its stakeholders

Awareness session on One Nation One Subscription organized



JAMMU AUGUST 21:

Department of Commerce, in collaboration with Dhanvantri Library, organised an Awareness Session on the topic "One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)".

Ms. Azmit Begum, Assistant Librarian, Periodical Section, Dhanvantri Library, the resource person for the session enlightened the scholars about various services and e-resources available in the library to facilitate the scholars in their research activities.

She further familiarised the participants with the wide range of digital resources and services available to support and promote teaching, learning and research.

During the session, the scholars were introduced to prominent features of One Nation One Subscription initiative and access to subscribed e-resources.

The Head of the Department Prof. Jeevan Jyoti appreciated this initiative taken up by Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi and Ms. Azmit Begum to strengthen the department's research-based activities further.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Rupa Mahajan.

Dhanvantari Library observes "Akhand Bharat Sankalp Diwas"

JAMMU:

The University of Jammu commemorated Akhand Bharat Sankalp Diwas at the Dhanvantari Library premises, reaffirming the ideals of unity, integrity, and nation-building.

Presiding over the event, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean of Research Studies, reflected on the historical factors that led to the disintegration of the erstwhile Bharat Rashtra.

She urged participants to draw lessons from history, remarking, "Learning from our past is essential. The steps we take today should lead us toward realising the vision of Viksit Bharat."

Prof. Virender Koundal, Di-



rector, Department of Strategic and Research Studies, highlighted the significance of India's rich cultural and civilizational heritage.

"Our inherited values must be preserved, nurtured, and passed on to the next generation," he emphasized.

Sharing his perspective, Dr. Vikram Sahi, Librarian, Central University of Jammu, drew parallels between India's glorious past and its present aspirations. He stressed the importance of historical awareness in shaping a vibrant, progressive, and unified future. The programme was organized by Yuva Bharat, a student- and scholar-led initiative, with Mr. Jarnish Bandral from the Department of Law managing the proceedings.

The ceremony concluded with all participants taking a solemn Sankalp (pledge) to contribute towards strengthening the nation's unity, integrity, and greatness.

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VC calls for equipping

Secretary, JKUT, and a proud alumnus of the University, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, called for viewing university life not merely as a route to a degree, but as a transformative journey of self-discovery and intellectual growth.

Sh. Sharma urged students to explore beyond the boundaries of their disciplines, engage in critical thinking, and not shy away from failures, calling them stepping stones to success.

Recalling with nostalgia and pride his own journey at the University that began in 1977 and credited the teachers and faculty for shaping his path, he congratulated the students for reaching this pivotal stage through consistent hard work, discipline, and sacrifice — both on their part and their families.

“You have already proved your potential by reaching here. Now, you stand at the threshold of discovering how far you can truly go,” he said.

He also highlighted that education is not confined to textbooks. It is about creating knowledge, challenging the status quo, and contributing meaningfully to society. He asked the students to cherish their time at the University, build meaningful peer relationships, and seek out mentors who push them to do better. “Surround yourself with those who inspire you, collaborate, share, and above all, stay curious,” he advised.

Mr. Sharma reminded students of their vital role in shaping the future of the nation, especially as India moves towards its 100th year of independence in 2047.

“You are the agents of change in building a Viksit Bharat,” he said, urging them to dream big, stay committed, and use their education as a tool to make a real difference.

Complimenting the newly inducted students on entering the university life, Brigadier Pavan Rai, Cdr, 26 Artillery Division, while speaking on the occasion, said that their new journey is not just of learning, but of shaping the nation’s future — with discipline, purpose, and integrity.

Brig Rai exhorted students to be like soldiers on the frontline, face every challenge with courage, and let their character be their strongest weapon.

“Your education is your mission — serve it with commitment, and you will lead with honour”, he said and urged them to be informed and become information warriors who counter misinformation and uphold the truth in matters of national security.

Addressing the freshers during the Induction Programme, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, urged students to view education not just as a means to a career, but as a journey of self-refinement and growth. She emphasized that becoming a better human being—one who is empathetic, humble, and truthful—should be the highest goal during their time at the University. Prof. Rohmetra encouraged students to embrace forgiveness as a strength, not a weakness, and to translate setbacks into positive action. She reminded them that humility and the ability to listen to uncomfortable truths are essential traits of true character. “Learn to say no with grace, lead when needed, and also know when to step back,” she advised. Her message was clear: success lies not only in achievements but in how one thinks, behaves, and uplifts others.

Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, gave a detailed presentation on the centralized student support facilities available on the University campus. Highlighting the University’s commitment to student well-being and holistic development, he outlined key services including the Health Centre, NCC, NSS, Centre for IT, hostels, sports infrastructure, central library and other facilities that encourages balanced campus life. Emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility, Prof. Antahal assured students that the University strives to create a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every learner can thrive both academically and personally.

In a special video message to the newly admitted students of the University, Vikram Upadhyay, Founder of GHV Accelerator, encouraged students to look beyond traditional career paths and embrace innovation, adaptability, and purpose. Drawing on decades of experience mentoring over a thousand startups, he urged students to shift their focus from merely seeking jobs to identifying problems worth solving. “This is not just the start of your university life—it’s your entry into a world where skills matter more than syllabus, and where value creation defines success,” he said. Speaking on the rise of AI, he reminded students not to fear it, but to use it as a tool to amplify their potential. He emphasized that curiosity, resilience, and a willingness to experiment—even fail—are what will set them apart. “Don’t just chase marks—build things, explore new ideas, and align your passion with purpose,” he advised. Ending on a hopeful note, he encouraged students to enjoy the journey, create something meaningful, and make their families and themselves proud.

Prashant Singh, CEO of Blue Planet, in his video message during the Centralized Induction Programme of the University, expressed his deep gratitude for being part of the occasion and congratulated the newly admitted students on beginning a significant new chapter. Speaking on behalf of his 5,000-plus colleagues working globally to solve real-world climate and environmental challenges, he emphasized the importance of using this formative time not just for academic growth, but to evolve as compassionate and responsible individuals.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and the University faculty for curating an inclusive and thoughtful platform that allows students to build meaningful bonds—ones that will enrich their lives far beyond classrooms. Urging students to make the most of their university years, Mr. Singh encouraged them to rediscover who they truly are before the world tells them who they should be. “In a world buzzing with tech revolutions and climate crises, what we need most are empathetic, value-driven human beings,” he noted. Calling the next few years a game-changer, he invited students to see this journey as a chance to prepare—not just for careers, but to face the world with awareness, purpose, and kindness.

Earlier Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, extended a heartfelt welcome to the newly admitted students, urging them to see the University not just as an institution but as their new home and foundation for the future. She emphasized that their presence here was not by chance, but the result of hard work and determination. Reminding students that university life is about more than just academics, she spoke of the importance of character, curiosity, and community. “This is a place to learn, grow, and contribute,” she said, highlighting the University’s commitment to nurturing not only intellectual excellence but also integrity, resilience, and ethical responsibility. Encouraging students to participate beyond the classroom—through research, culture, clubs, and service—she underlined that real education lies in lighting the fire of inquiry, not just filling the mind with information. With assurance of continuous support from the academic fraternity, she welcomed them into a vibrant, diverse learning environment.

Among others present on the occasion included Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Planning and Development, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, Deans, Rectors, Heads, Directors, faculty members and students.

Tiranga Rally, cultural

Prof. Umesh Rai said, “Independence Day is not just a date in history—it is a reminder of the sacrifices that built our freedom and a call to protect and strengthen it every day. As torchbearers of the nation’s future, our students must commit themselves to building a society rooted in compassion, innovation, and national pride. True patriotism lies not only in words but in our actions, in how we contribute to the growth of our communities and our country.”

The Vice Chancellor observed that the University’s celebrations are designed to instill in students a deep sense of belonging to the nation and to encourage them to become active participants in shaping India’s future.

On this occasion, POWERGRID officials, including Mr. Sanjeev Chauhan, CGM (Projects); Mr. Ashutosh Sharma, Senior DGM (HR); and Mr. Vinul Koul, DGM (HR), were felicitated for their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) sponsorship towards installing a modern Public Address system and energy-efficient lighting on campus.

This CSR initiative, valued at approximately Rs 13 lakhs, has transformed campus safety and communication by improving night-time visibility, enabling effective broadcasting of announcements and emergency alerts, and ensuring a more secure and accessible environment for students and staff. The project aligns with POWERGRID’s sustainability and education objectives and underscores the impact of industry-academia collaboration.

During the programme, a Viksit Bharat Quiz was conducted, drawing enthusiastic participation from students.

The cultural segment also included poetry recitation, where Dr. Vikram Sahi, I/c Librarian,

and Dr. Bhagwati Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, presented their self-composed patriotic poems, adding a deeply personal and emotional touch to the evening.

Earlier, Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, welcomed the gathering and commended the students and other stakeholders of the University for their enthusiastic participation in the event.

Delivering the Vote of Thanks, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, expressed gratitude to POW-ERGRID, the organising team, participants, and attendees for making the evening a meaningful tribute to the nation’s 79th Independence Day.

Among others present on the occasion were senior functionaries of the University, Prof. Anju Bhasin. Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Prakash C Antahal. Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Yashpal Sharma, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, prominent members from civil society, Directors, Rectors, Heads of Departments, faculty, officers, staff, students, scholars, and residents.

JU celebrates 79th Independence

He highlighted the University’s landmark achievements — becoming the first in J&K to secure the NAAC A++ grade with a CGPA of 3.72, attaining the 50th rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), and 23rd among state public universities. He lauded the University’s first-ever Research Policy, selection as a spoke institution under the prestigious ANRF-PAIR programme with IIT Delhi, and securing 52 research projects worth nearly ₹23 crore. Fourteen seed grants worth ₹13 lakh were also sanctioned to strengthen research.

Prof. Rai announced new Ph.D. programmes in Physical Education and Rural Studies, and Journalism & Media Studies. In line with NEP 2020, the University introduced Four Year Integrated Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) in BCA and BBA with Data Science as Major subjects in BCA at Kathua Campus. JU also launched innovative academic offerings such as the Design Your Degree programme, integrated five-year MSc programmes in Mathematical Sciences and Electronics.

He also highlighted MoUs with GHV Accelerator, University of Aberdeen (UK), Agrinnovate India Ltd., Blue Planet Environmental Solutions, and University of Life (MSME) to foster research, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development.

Prof. Rai also noted that the infrastructure growth has been equally robust, with ₹35.23 crore sanctioned for 41 projects, including the Innovation Tower, Journalism Department building, a modern shooting range, a new Sewage Treatment Plant, C-type staff quarters, smart classrooms, and a state-of-the-art main gate.

In line with the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, the University organised a four-day Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme featuring youth-centric activities such as lectures on leadership, financial literacy, life skills, and cybercrime; an elocution competition on “Viksit Bharat”; awareness sessions on government welfare schemes; a heritage yatra; the Nasha Mukh Bharat rally; and sporting events promoting health and fitness. A multi-department exhibition showcased contributions from government departments and university units on start-ups, innovation, digital governance, civic participation, and entrepreneurship. Strengthening its digital governance, the University implemented Samarth ERP, conducted its first-ever large-scale Computer Based Test for 11,000 applicants with biometric and iris verification, and hosted its maiden Job Fair, connecting 565 candidates with 15 reputed companies, he added.

Alongside technological advancement, the University deepened its cultural and intellectual engagement by promoting national and regional languages under “UTSAAH – The Clubs” and establishing the Maharishi Aurobindo Gyan Kendra to foster holistic education

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor was accorded a Guard of Honour by the University Security Wing led by Capt. S. R. Dubey and the NCC Girls Wing. This was followed by the release of tri-colour balloons, symbolising peace, unity, and national pride.

Earlier, Dean Students Welfare Prof. Prakash Chand Antahal, in his welcome address, extended greetings to the Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries including deans, directors, faculty, officers, members of various associations, staff, students, and civil society representatives

He recalled the pledge administered by Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor and Chancellor Shri Manoj Sinha to contribute towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047 and paid homage to martyrs and freedom fighters. Prof. Antahal also acknowledged the continuing sacrifices of the armed and paramilitary forces and highlighted major initiatives taken by the Department of Students Welfare.

Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson of the Campus Cultural Committee, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, dignitaries, faculty, staff, students, and members of the civil society for their participation and support.

Prominent amongst those who attended the Flag Hoisting Ceremony included Prof. Anju Bhasin (Dean Academic Affairs), Prof. Neelu Rohmetra (Dean Research Studies), Prof. Naresh Padha, Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Deans, Rectors, Directors, HoD’s, members of Campus Cultural Committee, representatives of the elected bodies of the University.

Prof. Monika Chadha presented the vote of thanks and the programme was conducted by Sumeet Sharma.

The event was organized under the stewardship of Prof. Prakash Antahal and was monitored by Prof. Monika Chadha, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Shallu Sharma and Dr. A. R. Manhas (Dy. Chief Proctors), Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar (Assistant Deans SW) Ms Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer) Mr. Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor).

The event management was looked after by Mr Daleep Singh, Me Kulbhushan Thakur, Mr Balwant Singh, Mr Gagan, Mr R.P. Singh, Mr Arif Paul, Mr Jasbir Singh, Mr Sachin Sharma and Mr Jatinder Singh.

Three-Day Induction

nurturing a thriving ecosystem of co-curricular excellence with passion and vision.”

Earlier, Prof. Meena Sharma, in her welcome address, introduced Utsaah – The Clubs Consortium as a platform committed to encouraging student leadership, self-expression, and community engagement. She highlighted how Utsaah helps students move beyond academics by offering avenues to explore their talents, voice their ideas, and engage with society in meaningful ways.

A spirited series of presentations and performances, were showcased with each club bringing its unique flavour to the stage.

All the club coordinators gave an overview of their respective clubs. The Film Club showcased a short film exploring contemporary themes. The Nature & Wildlife Club highlighted its conservation campaigns through impactful visuals from green drives and nature trails.

The Science Club presented student-led activities. The Theatre Club captivated the audience with a socially relevant skit, while the Photography Club displayed compelling snapshots capturing the essence of life. The Literary Club mesmerized the gathering with soulfully composed and performed self-composed songs.

The Community and Social Services Club presented its outreach efforts, including blood donation drives and community engagement programmes. The Painting Club brought colour to the event with a live art demonstration, and the Music Club delivered a powerful performance of Sufi kalam and fusion mashups, leaving a lasting impression.

A high-energy performance by the Dance Club blended classical grace, folk rhythm, and contemporary flair. The celebration culminated in a vibrant Heritage Ramp Walk, jointly presented by the Heritage Club and the Translation Club, where students walked the stage in traditional attire representing regions rich cultural and linguistic diversity.

The event culminated with a thunderous Bhangra performance that had the entire auditorium clapping and dancing along.

The three-day Induction Programme was jointly organized by the office of Dean Academic Affairs and Department of Students Welfare.

Among others present on the occasion included Prof. Anju Bhasin Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Pankaj K Srivastava, Director CDOE, Prof. Prakash Antahal Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Prof. J P Singh Joorel, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, Sh. Sanjeev Mahajan, CoE, Deans, Rectors, Directors, Heads, Club coordinators, faculty members, officers, staff and students.

Urdu’s Global Resonance Emphasized at University of Jammu’s ‘Meet the Writer’ Programme

JAMMU:

The Department of Urdu in collaboration with the Rasa Javedani Memorial Literary Society (RJMLS), organized an engaging “Meet the Writer” programme that brought together eminent Urdu poet and writer Prof. Khawaja Ekram-ud-Din of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

The event, held at the Prof. Gian Chand Jain Seminar Hall, drew an enthusiastic gathering of students, scholars, and members of the civil society.

In an interactive session moderated by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Head of the Department of Urdu, Prof. Khawaja highlighted the growing relevance of Urdu in the digital era.

He observed that young poets across the globe are increasingly using Urdu script on platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, underscoring its popularity beyond South Asia. “Urdu is a language of love and brotherhood that continues to connect communities worldwide, from India to the UK, USA, Mauritius, Germany, Egypt, and Turkey,” he



remarked. Reflecting on his personal journey, Prof. Khawaja shared that he was born in a village in Jharkhand, pursued his early education in local madrasas, and

later completed his higher studies at Patna University and Jawaharlal Nehru University, where he earned his Ph.D. in Urdu. He credited his mentor, Prof. Naseer Ahmed Khan, for shaping his literary and academic career, noting that his guidance inspired him to write for magazines and eventually secure a teaching position at JNU.

Answering questions from the audience, Prof. Khawaja emphasized that the younger generation, both in India and abroad, is deeply drawn to Urdu for its cultural richness and poetic tradition. He noted that new voices in Urdu literature are thriving and contributing to its vibrant global presence.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Farhat Shamim, Associate Professor, Department of Urdu, while Dr. Chaman Lal, Associate Professor, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The programme was attended by faculty members including Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas, Dr. Abdul Qayoom, Dr. Jug Mohan, along with a large number of students, scholars, and admirers of Urdu literature.

Dhanvantri Library Celebrates Librarians’ Day

JAMMU:

Dhanvantri Library celebrated Librarians' Day with great enthusiasm to honor the legendary Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India. The occasion was graced by Prof. Sangita Gupta (Dean, Planning & Development and Head, DLIS) as the Chief Guest, who was warmly felicitated by the staff of Dhanvantri Library.

Prof. Sangita Gupta addressed the gathering with her inspiring words of wisdom, reflecting on the relevance of Dr. Ranganathan's vision in the modern digital era and highlighting the evolving role of libraries as centers of knowledge and learning. She encouraged



students and scholars to make libraries an integral part of their academic and research journeys. Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi, In-charge Librarian shared his valuable thoughts on the remarkable contributions and achievements of Dr. Ran-

ganathan in the field of Library and Information Science. He emphasized that Ranganathan's principles remain a guiding light for libraries even in today's era of rapid technological advancement.

The proceedings of the event were led by Ms. Azmit Begum, and the program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Deepti Padmanabhan, Assistant Administrative Officer.

The event was well conducted by the Library Activity Committee under the able convenership of Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Librarian, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from departmental library professionals, research scholars, and students.

Gulmohar Plantation drive held in Campus

JAMMU:

A Gulmohar Plantation Drive was organized on the University campus by the Department of Arboriculture and Landscaping in collaboration with the Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU).

This event, in continuation with the massive Tree Plantation drive “From Sips to Saplings”, was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai by planting a Gulmohar sapling.

Interacting with newly inducted students from various departments, the Vice Chancellor said, “I hope that the Gulmohar plantation drive will not only beautify the campus, as Gulmohar is known for its fiery blossoms and wide canopy, but it will also contribute to biodiversity and climate resilience”.

Prof. Rai appreciated the innovative initiative of the Arboriculture and Landscaping Department in naming various pathways of the University after specific flowering trees, such as Champa Lane, Gulmohar Lane, and Amaltas Lane.

The students participated in the activity with full enthusiasm and planted Gulmohar saplings.



Present on the occasion, among others, included Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Convener, Landscaping and Arboriculture Department; Prof. Deepika Slathia, Convener, Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU), Mr. Ajmer Singh, Landscape Development Officer, Dr. Saran Preet Broca, Joint Registrar, Academic Affairs, Mr. Amit Targotra, Assistant Director, DIQA, Dr. Anshu Gupta, Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences; Dr. Bhagwati Assistant Professor, Hindi along with other officers, dignitaries, students and volunteers of the University.

Reasi Campus organises Induction programme for new students

REASI

To acquaint the newly inducted students with the academic culture and curriculum of the institution, Reasi Campus organized one day Induction Programme on August 7, 2025 for the first semester students of MDP Sociology for the Academic Session 2025-26.

Prof. Vishav Raksha, Head, Dept. of Sociology was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker on the occasion while Prof. Baljit Singh Mann, Head, Dept. Of Political Science was Guest of Honour and invited speaker.

Prof. S. K. Pandey, Director, Reasi Campus, welcomed the invited guests and newly entrants. He gave a presentation about the University and Reasi Campus in particular.

Interacting with the students, he assured them best facility in terms of teaching and learning process along with their stay in the hostel in the campus. He exhorted the students to take active part in the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in addition to striving for excellence in learning both hard and soft skill as these are main contributors for overall success in their future endeavors.

He said that this place is not just about education and training but also about building a personality, an attitude, a character and a versatile person. He urged the students to be enthusiastic and participative in every event to come in addition to excellent performance in their academic.



Prof Vishav Raksha interacted with the students and elaborately dwelt on human values and professional ethics. She emphasized on the importance of various types of human values which are essential for the students to have a successful and fruitful life. She highlighted the role of universal human values like honesty, respect, integrity, cooperation and empathy.

She motivated the students of newly admitted batch to appreciate

the beautiful spacious campus which is equipped with latest facilities, technology and rich library.

Prof. Baljit delivered talk on dynamics of state-society relationship, saying that civil society is site where the state-society relationship takes shape. He explained that state and civil society have organic relationship as their goal is to serve the society.

He concluded his presentation by articulating that the civil society

needs to correct the course and evolve the constructive relationship between the state and civil society. The major responsibility lies with the state to acknowledge and recognize genuine civil society mobilization and downplay and check the hegemonic social mobilization for the interest of the people and society at large. He also interacted with all the students one to one and motivated them for their successful endeavor.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Nisha Sharma and vote of thanks presented by Dr. Pankaj.

The Director Prof S.K.Pandey appreciated the efforts of the faculty members, non-teaching staff and the students for making the event successful. He particularly made mention of Dr. Ravi Kumar, Mr. Sandeep and Mr. Babloo Salaria and also the students of 3rd semester for beautiful presentation of Saraswati Vandhna.

Bhaderwah Campus holds Induction meet for newly admitted PG Students

BHADERWAH

Bhaderwah Campus organized a Combined Induction Programme to welcome the newly admitted postgraduate students of Semester 1st from all teaching departments.

The event was held at Lal Ded Auditorium, which witnessed the enthusiastic participation of faculty members and fresh entrants across disciplines.

In his address, Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, extended a warm welcome to the new students and emphasized the importance of academic integrity, discipline, and innovation.

"Bhaderwah Campus is not just an educational institution but a cradle of intellectual growth, cultural enrichment, and holistic development. I urge the students to utilize every opportunity and resource the campus offers to shape their future," he said while highlighting the upcoming initiatives on skill development, digital learning, and interdisciplinary research to be launched at the campus.

The induction programme was further enriched by enlightening addresses from senior faculty members.

Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator, congratulated the stu-



dents on beginning a new academic journey and encouraged them to remain focused and passionate about learning.

Dr. Subash Chander, Associate Professor, Department of English, urged students to nurture critical thinking and uphold the values of literature and humanity.

Dr. Chhering Tandup, Depart-

ment of Geography, stressed the importance of environmental consciousness and geographic relevance in today's world.

Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Head, Department of English, shared his insights on literary studies and the growing interdisciplinary dimensions of English in modern academia.

Dr. Ashok Sharma, Head, Department of Computer Science and IT, motivated the students to keep pace with emerging technologies and digital literacy.

Dr. Umesh Choudhary, Head, Department of Management, discussed the significance of leadership, entrepreneurship, and ethical decision-making in the busi-

ness world.

The event served as an excellent platform for students to interact with their mentors and understand the academic ecosystem of Bhaderwah Campus. The faculty members reiterated their commitment to nurturing the talents of the students and providing a vibrant academic environment.

Udhampur Campus celebrates ‘Green Rakshabandhan’ by tying Rakhis to plants

UDHAMPUR:

The Udhampur Campus celebrated Rakshabandhan in a unique and impactful way by introducing “Vrikshabandhan,” an innovative initiative that blended traditional values with a powerful message of plant protection. This special celebration redefined the festival’s essence by linking the sacred bond of protection with the commitment to preserve and nurture nature.

As part of the event, students showcased their creativity by making eco-friendly ‘Rakhis’, using flowers and leaves. These green Rakhis symbolized a heartfelt promise to protect trees, highlighting that just as trees sustain human life, they too deserve our care, respect, and protection. In a symbolic act of unity with nature, students, faculty, and staff tied these Rakhis to trees, reinforcing their dedication to Mission Life (Lifestyle for Environment) and echoing the larger call to “Save and Protect the Environment for Future Security.” This act fostered a deep sense of environmental kinship, encouraging everyone to view trees not merely as resources but as living beings worthy of love and guardianship.



The occasion also provided a platform for students to express their thoughts on the critical role trees play in combating climate change, enriching the collective understanding of environmental stewardship.

Thus, Vrikshabandhan became more than just a festival—it emerged as a solemn pledge to cherish and protect the natural world that sustains all life.

Addressing the students, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector of Udhampur Campus, emphasized the profound significance of Rakshabandhan as a festival celebrating bonds of security, affection, and community. He urged that this spirit of protection be extended to the broader community of plants and animals, who are the true guardians of our environment and life on earth.

Prof. Sharma praised the students’ innovative creation of Green Rakhis as a beautiful symbol of harmony between love and sustainability.

The event concluded with a collective pledge from all participants to continue their commitment to safeguarding the environment, not only during Rakshabandhan but every day of the year, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

The event, successfully organized by Udhampur Campus, witnessed enthusiastic participation from all students, teaching, and non-teaching staff, demonstrating a strong, campus-wide commitment to environmental stewardship.

Students of Dept of Commerce participate in investor awareness session

JAMMU:

The Department of Commerce, under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Jeevan Jyoti, Head of the Department, and Dr. Rupa Mahajan, participated in an investor awareness session on “Market Outlook and Investing in the Current Market Scenario.” The program was organized by Mirae Asset Sharekhan in association with Mirae Asset Mutual Fund at Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, Jammu.

The resource persons, Mr. Somil Mehta (Head – Alternate Research, Mirae Asset Sharekhan) and Mr. Ankit Soni (Fundamental Research, Mirae Asset Sharekhan), explained how the Indian markets are performing amid global changes and also discussed long-term investment ideas



for investors and traders. The students who attended the session included, 1st Semester: Ankit Sagoch, Divya Bhat, Diya Bhat, Akshay Sharma 3rd Semester: Harshita Sharma, Anmol Bhat, Lavanya

Induction Programme held at Kathua Campus

KATHUA:

To orient and empower newly admitted students, an Induction Programme was held at Kathua Campus.

The programme was designed to help students transition into their academic journey by familiarizing them with the campus environment, institutional values, and available academic and co-curricular opportunities.

As part of the programme, an inspiring Induction cum Motivational Lecture was organized on the theme “Baby Steps to Build Fortune: A Journey of Professional Ethics” by Mr. Kamal K. Sharma, Founder and Director of SaveFirst Investinsure Services.

The session aimed to instill in students the importance of ethical practices and how small, consistent efforts can lead to long-term professional success.

Sharing insights from his rich entrepreneurial journey, Mr. Sharma highlighted the vital importance of ethics, discipline, and consistent effort in building a meaningful and sustainable career. His inspiring words and real-life experiences deeply resonated with the newly admitted students, leaving a lasting impression on their minds and motivating them to pursue their goals with integrity and determination.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, in his message, emphasized the importance of embedding professional ethics at the foundational stage of education.

He underscored the Campus’s commitment for nurturing students both academically and morally, stating that ethical values form the cornerstone of true professional excellence.

The programme began with welcome address by Dr. Sourabh Shastri, In-charge Head, MCA who introduced Kathua Campus as a dynamic academic centre with modern facilities and committed faculty. He highlighted the value of such lectures in shaping students' perspectives and reinforcing core values.

Dr. Rajani Sarangal, In-charge Head, MBA delivered vote of thanks. She expressed gratitude to the speaker, attendees and organizers for their valuable contributions. Further, she highlighted the importance of such sessions in nurturing professional ethics and inspiring growth.

The programme was conducted by Ms. Princee Verma, Assistant Professor, The Management School.

The faculty members including Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Surekha Phakwrya, Dr. Nomita Sahrma, Dr. Meenakshi Thakur, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Bharti Rana, Dr. Pranav Ratta, Dr. Vivudh Gupta, and Er. Vishavjeet Singh were also present during the session.

Induction programme organised by Dept of Botany

JAMMU:

A three-day Induction Programme was organized by the Department of Botany to welcome the new batch of students admitted to M.Sc. Botany programme (Session 2025–2027).

The event was designed to familiarize the students with the department’s academic environment, faculty, infrastructure and its alumni.

On the first day, an interactive session was held with Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta (IFS, Batch-1991), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force (PCCF & HoFF), J&K, an accomplished alumnus of the department.

The event began with a formal welcome address by Prof. Susheel Verma, Head of the Department.

Prof. Namrata Sharma shared with the audience about the student life of Sh. Suresh Kumar

Gupta. Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta shared his inspirational journey and emphasized the vital role played by the Department of Botany in shaping his professional life and values.

On this occasion, information booklets carrying details about the university and the department, along with the M.Sc. course content, were distributed to the students by the guest and the faculty.

The second day of the programme commenced with the address by Prof. Susheel Verma, Head of the Department, who impressed upon the students to be focused to achieve their goal.

Several eminent alumni who have made significant achievements in their respective fields were invited to interact with the students. These included Sh. Rajesh Sharma (JKAS), Deputy

Commissioner, Kathua, Sh. Sandeep Kumar (IFS), Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, J&K Government, Prof. Sanjana Koul, Director, School of Biotechnology Sh. Reyaz Hussain (JKAS), Director Finance, Department of Industries and Commerce, J&K and Prof. Brij Mohan Singh Bhau, Central University of Jammu.

Each of the distinguished alumni shared their experiences and spoke about the strong academic foundation and guidance they received from the department of Botany.

The day concluded with a motivating address by Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences who commended the department for fostering a culture of academic excellence and alumni engagement. All the faculty members, along with the M.Sc. students and research scholars, attended the programme

Kathua Campus- SBI initiate Plantation Drive



KATHUA:

Kathua Campus, in collaboration with State Bank of India (SBI), initiated a large-scale Plantation Drive at the Campus under SBI's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

During the drive approximately 500 medicinal, ornamental and fruit-bearing plants were planted across the Campus.

SBI has generously donated plants, tree guards and provided labour support at the Campus to make this drive successful. The plantation was carried out particularly in the flood-affected areas of the Campus, which suffered soil erosion during the heavy rains and floods on the night of 17-18 August and the initiative in-

tended to help prevent future soil erosion and safeguard flood-prone zones within the Campus.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus in his message emphasized the importance of such initiatives and shared that regular plantation drives will be undertaken under the "Green Campus Initiative" to promote environmental sustainability at

the Campus. He said the collaborative effort between SBI and Kathua Campus highlights the strong commitment of both organisations towards creating a greener, cleaner and more sustainable environment for the future.

On this occasion, Sh. Ankush Khajuria, Chief Manager and Sh. Sarabjeet Singh, Manager,

SBI SME I E Branch Kathua along with other officials from SBI joined hands with the Campus fraternity. Dr. Pankaj Khajuria, Assistant Registrar, Kathua Campus, Ms. Neena Chanda, Sh. Rohit Kerni, JCO Supervisor, Security and all non-teaching staff were present and participated in plantation drive.

Indian Army donates Computer Lab to Little Angel School, Bhaderwah Campus

BHADERWAH:

In a heartwarming gesture of civil-military cooperation, the 4 Rashtriya Rifles (4RR) of the Indian Army donated a state-of-the-art Computer Lab to Little Angel School, Bhaderwah Campus.

The lab has been generously established under the aegis of 4RR to enhance digital literacy among students and support educational infrastructure in the region.

Rector of Bhaderwah Campus, Prof. Rahul Gupta, in his message, congratulated the staff of Little Angel School and extended heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army for their generous support.

He said, "This initiative reflects the spirit of collaboration and nation-building. The establishment of this computer lab is not merely an infrastructure upgrade, but a meaningful investment in the future of our children. Bhaderwah Campus remains committed to holistic development and community engagement, and such partnerships strengthen our resolve."

Colonel Yogesh Chouhan, Commanding Officer 4RR, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and formally inaugurated the facility.

Speaking on the occasion, Colonel Chouhan highlighted the strong and enduring bond



between the Indian Army and the University, particularly Bhaderwah Campus. He lauded the commitment and tireless efforts of the staff and management of Little Angel School, with special appreciation for the visionary leadership of the Rector, Bhaderwah Campus. He emphasized that such initiatives are instrumental in bridging developmental gaps and nurturing future generations through education and technology.

External Relations Officer

Bhaderwah Campus, Arif Haleem Khateeb, presented the formal welcome address and acknowledged the Indian Army's consistent support in uplifting education and empowering the youth of the region. He also expressed deep gratitude to 4RR for their continued collaboration with Bhaderwah Campus in various community development projects.

A vibrant cultural programme by the students of Little Angel School followed the inauguration, showcasing the

rich cultural heritage of the region and receiving widespread appreciation from the audience.

Principal Little Angel School, Ms. Aamira Bano, delivered the formal vote of thanks expressing heartfelt thanks to 4RR especially Commanding Officer for their invaluable contribution.

She reiterated the school's commitment to providing holistic education to its students and creating a conducive learning environment.

Also present on the occasion were Mr. Mujeeb Sheikh, Assistant Registrar, Bhaderwah Campus; Mrs. Bubloo Sharma, Campus Programmer; teaching faculty from various departments; and enthusiastic students from both Bhaderwah Campus and Little Angel School.

The event served as a powerful testament to the positive impact of army-civilian collaborations and the shared goal of nation-building through education.

JU Law School hosts Four-Day ‘Deeksharambh’ Programme

JAMMU:

The Law School marked the successful conclusion of its four-day ‘Deeksharambh’ Student Induction Program—meticulously designed and co-ordinated by the faculty, staff, and student members for the newly admitted batch of students, aimed to orient them towards academic life, professional ethics, and their future roles as guardians of the legal system.

The program provided a comprehensive overview of the legal profession, emphasizing holistic development through a series of engaging lectures, interactive workshops, and insightful sessions by distinguished legal luminaries, senior police officials, and accomplished alumni.

The Inaugural session commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Seema Rohmetra, Director, The Law School, who set the tone for the program.

This was followed by an insightful inaugural address by Prof. K.L. Bhatia, Founder-Director of the institution.

The day was packed with essential orientations, including an NCC session by NCC Officer Dr. Isha Sharma, NSS overview by Prof. Vishav Raksha, and a Bharat Scouts & Guides introduction by Mr. Haroon Malik.

The day concluded with a critical Gender Sensitization Workshop conducted by Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women’s Studies, JU.

The second day was dedicated to the pressing issue of drug abuse. Experts provided a multi-dimensional perspective on the crisis.

Mr. Harish Kumar, Assistant Director, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), elaborated on the NCB’s mandate, enforcement challenges, and preventive strategies.



Mr. Ajay Sharma, SP South, discussed the role of community policing and legal partnerships in policing the drug menace.

The session concluded with Advocate Dinesh Singh Chauhan enlightening the future lawyers on their pivotal role in combating drug abuse through legal avenues.

The third day featured an enriching interaction with the institution's esteemed alumni. The session, "Navigating Law School: Academic Insights & Career Pathways," saw speakers share their invaluable experiences and advice. The panel included Ms. Pallavi Kesar, Senior Prosecuting Officer, ACB; Advocate Basit Keng; Advocate Damini Chauhan; Ms. Kritika Sethi, Addl. Mun-siff, Samba and Flying Officer Aditya Mahajan.

The final day focused on the core values of the legal profession.

Dr. S.P. Vaid, Former DGP of J&K Police, underscored the non-negotiable values of honesty, probity, and ethics for achieving professional excellence.

Advocate Seema Khajuria, Senior Advocate, shared her profound journey and insights from the legal profession.

The program culminated with a thought-provoking address by Shri Ashok Bhan, Former DGP, J&K Police, on the intricate relationship between 'Law, Governance, and Public Services: Intersecting paths to justice and equity'.

Throughout the four days, the newly admitted students were actively engaged, gaining clarity and inspiration for their upcoming academic journey.

The Deeksharambh program successfully served as a bridge, transitioning students into the world of legal education with a strong foundation of knowledge, ethics, and social responsibility.

Alumni Interaction marked Day-2 of Induction Programme at Kathua Campus

JAMMU:

The second day of Induction Programme at Kathua Campus was filled with engaging activities and motivating interactions aimed at familiarizing newly admitted students with the campus environment and inspiring them through real-life success stories.

Students embarked on a campus tour, visiting Academic Block, Libraries, Computer Labs, Sports Facilities, UIET Building, Mango Orchard, Nav Garah Vatika, Hostels, and other key infrastructure.

A major highlight was the Alumni Meet graced by distinguished alumni including Ms. Kanika Sharma (MCA, 2013-16) currently working in the IT sector with expertise in software development and project management, Ms. Laxmi Badyal (MBA, 2014-16) who has built a career in corporate management and business operations, Ms. Shiwalika Sambyal (MCA, 2019-22) pursuing Ph.D, and Mr. Aarzoo Sharma



(MCA, 2020-23) engaged in innovative IT projects and application development.

The alumni shared their career journeys, highlighting professional challenges, industry trends, and the skills that shaped their success. They credited their alma mater for laying a strong foundation and motivated the newcomers to seize every academic and extracurricular opportunity.

In his message, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus urged the new students to actively participate in both academic and practical learning experiences. He commended the campus for fostering a vibrant learning environment and encouraged students to remain disciplined, determined, and solution-oriented.

Earlier, the day began with welcome address by Dr. Sourabh Shastri, In-charge Head, Computer Science. He stressed the importance of holistic development, leadership, and integrity in academic and professional growth, encouraging students to fully explore the opportunities available on campus.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Rajani Sarangal, In-charge Head, The Management School and urged students to embrace unity, curiosity, and dedication in their academic journey. She also emphasized the value of co-curricular and extracurricular involvement for holistic growth.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Surekha Phakwrya, Assistant Professor, The Management School and attended by faculty members Lt. Amit Sharma, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Ms. Princee Verma, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Bharti Rana, Dr. Pranav Ratta, Dr. Nomita Sharma, and Dr. Meenakshi Thakur.

Independence Day celebrations at various departments, campuses

Udhampur Campus Celebrates 79th Independence Day with Patriotic Fervour, Cultural Pride



JAMMU:

The Udhampur Campus (Garnai-Lotta) celebrated the 79th Independence Day with dignity and national pride, marked by eloquent speeches, literary expressions, and community participation, reinforcing the spirit of patriotism and unity. The celebrations commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony by Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus, in the presence of esteemed guests, faculty, students, and members of civil society. The event was followed by a patriotic rendition of the national anthem, creating an atmosphere of solemn reverence and national pride.

The event was graced by Ms. Shruti Awasthi, Director, IGNC, Regional Centre Jammu, as the Chief Guest, while Colonel Sudeshwar Sharma, Shri Romesh Sharma (Treasurer, Volleyball Association, J&K), Dr. Harish Chander Dutt (Department of Botany, and BDC Chairman Mr. Balwan Singh were present as special guests.

In her address, Ms. Shruti Awasthi paid homage to India's freedom fighters and highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence and Maharshi Aurobindo's vision of spiritual freedom. She encouraged the youth to

take pride in India's rich cultural heritage by actively participating in local Duggar festivals such as Rutt Raade. Delivering a dynamic speech, Colonel Sudeshwar Sharma emphasized discipline, mental strength, and consistency as key to national progress. He advocated for exploring and embracing the beauty of India's indigenous heritage over foreign aspirations.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma underscored India's historic legacy and the sacrifices made during the freedom struggle. He spoke of the nation's transformation to a resilient global economy, powered by digital innovation, space exploration, and a growing startup ecosystem. Prof. Sharma reiterated the significance of national initiatives like Make in India, Self-Reliant India, Swachh Bharat, and Surakshit Bharat, and called for a collective effort towards a drug-free, just, and progressive India.

Prof. Sharma also expressed his gratitude for the recent academic advancements and infrastructural development initiatives undertaken under the visionary leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor.

Shri Romesh Sharma reflected on the symbolic importance of Independence Day, while BDC Chairman Mr. Balwan Singh paid trib-



utes to the sacrifices of Indian soldiers, urging unity in building a self-reliant nation with dignity and equal opportunity for all.

Dr. Harish Chander Dutt stressed the need to tackle the menace of drug addiction, advocating for greater awareness, support, and community responsibility.

Adding to the sense of civic duty, a plantation drive was organized under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", dedicating each sapling as a tribute to motherhood and environmental consciousness.

The event also included a moment of silence and condolences for the victims of the tragic cloud-burst in Chashoti village, Kishtwar district, honoring those who lost their lives and praying for the injured.

The programme was compered by Miss Kritika Sharma and Miss Mannat Sharma, and also featured student reflections on the true meaning of freedom, adding a personal and emotional dimension to the celebrations.

The Independence Day event at

the Udhampur Campus witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, non-teaching staff, and community members, culminating in a day that celebrated India's past, recognized its present, and envisioned a brighter future.

DSRS, SHTM, and the Department of Journalism and Media Studies proudly hoisted the National Flag at their building. Faculty members, staff, scholars, and students from all departments participated in the ceremony.

Reasi Campus celebrates Independence Day with patriotic fervour, enthusiasm

Reasi Campus celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour.

The flag hoisting event was attended by staff members, students, and people from civil society.

Prof. Sushil K. Pandey, Director, Reasi Campus, hoisted the national flag, which was followed by the National Anthem.

At the outset, he extended greetings on the occasion of the 79th Independence Day and welcomed everyone for their presence.

Prof. Pandey elaborated on the historical significance of Independence Day and commemorated the sacrifices of the great Indian freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the freedom of the country. He mentioned that it was on this day, 78 years ago, that the tri-colour flag was hoisted for the first time at the Red Fort, symbolizing the dawn of a new, free, and sovereign India.

He further said that today, we stand on the shoulders of giants—a tribute to the countless sacrifices made by our freedom fighters who dreamt of a nation



built on the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The journey from a colonized nation to the world's largest democracy has been nothing short of extraordinary. He said that the sacrifices of the freedom fighters remind us not only to honor the past but also to actively shape the future of our nation.

He also highlighted many achievements since 1947, which stand as a testament to the resilience and determination of our people. Further, he inspired all, especially the students, by speaking about the vision of the Government of India to transform India into a developed nation by 2047 under the mission of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, Viksit Bharat @2047, which will also mark the 100th year of India's independence.

He urged the students that today is the day to renew our commitment to the values that define us, asking them to pledge to be responsible citizens—to protect our environment, to uphold the principles of our Constitution, to work tirelessly for the betterment of our society, and to understand the importance of national unity.

Dept of LIS Commemorates Librarians' Day

The Department of Library and Information Science celebrated Librarians' Day to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Father of Library Science in India.

The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by an address from Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head of the Department and Dean Planning and Development, who highlighted Dr. Ranganathan's enduring contributions and relevance in the digital era.

She emphasized the continuing relevance of his philosophies in modern Library and Information Science, inspiring attendees to embrace innovation while upholding the core values of the profession.

Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi, In-charge Librarian, and Dr. Tarsem Singh, Deputy Librarian, graced the occasion, while M.Lib.I.Sc. students Kaushal and Sankush conducted the programme. Cultural performances added vibrancy, with Tamanna Chib presenting poetry and dance, Mehak delivering melodious singing, Janvi performing a graceful dance, and



Sahil and Nikhil Parihar sharing their experiences in the department. Faculty and library professionals, including Dr. Meghna Dhar, Dr. Reenu Thakur, Mrs. Neelam Bhagat, Mrs. Nimmi Suri, Mrs. Azmat Begum, and Mr. Jasjeet Singh, attended the event. Ms. Rakhi delivered the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with Flag Hoisting to mark the upcoming Independence Day.

Bhaderwah Campus Celebrates 79th Independence Day

The Bhaderwah Campus celebrated 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The celebrations began with the hoisting of the Tricolour by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector Bhaderwah Campus, followed by the National Anthem and an impressive march-past by the students of Little Angels School, who earned loud applause from the gathering.

The event witnessed the participation of a large number of students, faculty members and non-teaching staff, all united in the spirit of patriotism.

In his address, Prof. Rahul Gupta paid glowing tributes to the countless martyrs whose supreme sacrifices secured India's freedom. He reminded everyone that Independence Day is not merely a celebration



bration of the past, but a reaffirmation of our collective duty to safeguard the hard-earned liberty. Emphasizing the values of freedom, unity, and responsibility, he urged the audience to rise above differences and work together for the progress of the nation. "Our greatest tribute to the freedom fighters," he said, "is to build an India that stands tall on the pillars of integrity, harmony, and self-reliance."

Prof. Rahul Gupta also reiterated his confidence in the strength and resolve of the people of India to defeat any forces attempting to disrupt the peace and unity of the country. "No divisive design can succeed when citizens remain steadfast, united, and committed to the ideals of our Constitution," he added. The proceedings of the event were conducted with poise and enthusiasm by Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator, Bhaderwah Campus, ensuring a smooth and dignified flow of activities.

The celebration at Bhaderwah Campus was a vibrant reflection of India's unity in diversity, leaving the audience inspired to contribute wholeheartedly towards the nation's development, peace and prosperity.

Department of Commerce celebrated the Independence Day



with a vibrant Poster Competition, engaging 32 students from M.Com 1st Semester, 3rd Semester and PhD Scholars. The participants showcased their creativity and patriotism through visually striking posters on themes of independence, unity, and progress. Judged by faculty on creativity, relevance, and presentation, the event was marked by enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The Head of Department commended the participants.

CDOE commemorates spirit of Independence Day



Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE hosted the national flag in the presence of Faculty, Administrative Officers, Non-teaching Staff and NSS volunteers. The ceremony celebrated the ideals of freedom, unity, and patriotism that Independence Day represents, reminding all of the sacrifices made by our forefathers to secure the nation's sovereignty. Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, NSS Program Officer, Unit V thanked everyone for their enthusiastic support on the occasion. The program concluded with the singing of the National Anthem

The Department of Education proudly celebrated the hoisting of the National Tricolor



under the "Har Ghar Tiranga" mission, marking the eve of Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. Prof. Rajeev Rattan, Head of the Department, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of hoisting the Tricolor and spreading awareness about the mission's significance in uniting the nation. Students, faculty members, and staff came together in this proud moment, reflecting shared commitment to India's values of freedom, unity, and pride.

Patriotic March and “Swatantrata Diwas Samaroh” at Girls Hostels

JAMMU

The Girls' Hostel Premises at the University came alive with patriotic fervour today as boarders and staff celebrated Swatantrata Diwas Samaroh commemorate India's Independence Day. The event reflected deep respect for the sacrifices of freedom fighters and a shared commitment to nation-building. The celebration began with the pride march with tricolour flags and slogans soaring the sky with enthusiasm and filled with patriotic ambience. The Rally marched by all the boarders united with colour of tiranga, the tiranga march was flagged off and joined by esteemed Prof. Shashi Manhas, Provost Girls Hostels with all Wardens, resident Wardens, office assistants and staff from all the Girls Hostels. Rashtra Geet, sung in unison that set the tone for the events filled with pride and unity. During the event, Provost Girls Hostel addressed the gathering. Prof. Shasi Manhas spoke about the meaning of true independence and the role of young women in shaping a progressive India. "Independence is not just a historical milestone; it is a responsibility that each one of us



carries forward through our actions, values, and service to the nation", he said. The event was marked with Ekta Sapath that echoed unity and patriotism taken by Dr Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr Meenakshi, Dr Skarma, Dr Radhika, Dr Sushma, Dr Bhagwati, wardens from Sarojini Naidu Girls Hostel and New Girls Hostel (SNGH and NGH), Chandrabhaga Girls Hostel (CBGH), Priyadarshini Girls Hostel (PDGH) and r/wardens from NGH, SNGH, PDGH and office assistants Sehnaz, Seema, Rupinder, Dimple, and Jyotsna from Provost Office, CBGH, SNGH, PDGH, and NGH along with all boarders and staff. The Swatantrata Diwas Samaroh featured patriotic songs, poetry recitations, and cultural performances by hostel residents, showcasing India's rich heritage and the resilience of its people. Students also presented short speeches on freedom fighters, highlighting their contributions and inspiring the audience to live by their ideals. The celebration concluded with a pledge to uphold the nation's unity, sovereignty, and integrity, followed by high tea among all participants.

Induction Programme 2K25 concludes at Kathua Campus

KATHUA:

Induction Programme 2K25 at Kathua Campus concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony, marking the end of a vibrant series of academic, cultural, and sports activities aimed to welcome and orient the newly admitted students.

Setting the tone for the event, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus delivered the keynote address. In his inspirational speech, Prof. Jasrotia emphasized the importance of discipline, perseverance and holistic learning in achieving success.

He urged students to embrace both academic excellence and extracurricular engagement as essential components of personal and professional growth.

Earlier, Dr. Sourabh Shastri, In-Charge Head of the MCA Department and Convener of the programme welcomed the gathering and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the students' enthusiastic participation in the activities and encouraged them to sustain the same zeal throughout their academic journey.

Adding to the celebratory spirit, the Valedictory Ceremony came alive with a spirited prize distribution to honour the champions and runners-up of the sports competitions held during the induction week. The



thrill began with the Chess Competition, where sharp moves and strategy crowned Kunal Singh (MBA 1st Semester) as winner, with Tarun Jamwal (MBA 1st Semester) close behind as runner-up. The excitement then rallied into the Table Tennis Competition, as swift volleys saw Harsh Jamwal (MBA 1st Semester) claim the top position, followed by Mohit (MCA 1st Semester) in second place. In the Carrom Board Competition, Mohd. Sajjid (MCA 1st Semester) demonstrated pinpoint accuracy to secure victory, while Deepanshu (MCA 3rd Semester) earned the runner-up title. The sporting honours concluded with an energetic Badminton Competition, where agility and teamwork propelled Rishav (MCA 3rd Semester) to the winner's podium, with Riya Verma (MBA 1st Semester) securing the runner-up spot.

Building on this spirit of enthusiasm and participation, the cultural segment of the celebration brought together vibrant performances by Prasmi, Shriya, Sanjana, Harsh, Abhilasha, Shamli, Janvi, Sajid, Neetu, Madhavi, Manya, Akhilesh, Khushi, Atul, Tarun, Bhavya, Tania, Manya, Vandana, Simran, Sohani, Bandhana, Mannat, Abhay and Vansh, adding colour, creativity and energy to the event.

Bringing the ceremony to a close, Dr. Rajani Sarangal, In-Charge Head of the MBA Department and Organising Secretary of the programme delivered the formal vote of thanks. She expressed her gratitude to all faculty members, student coordinators and participants for making the programme a grand success, highlighting how such initiatives foster camaraderie, confidence and a strong sense of belonging among students.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Ritu Sharma, Assistant Professor, The Management School.

The event also witnessed the presence of distinguished faculty members, including Dr. Vivek Sharma (Academic Coordinator), Lt. Amit Sharma, Dr. Surekha Phakwrya, Ms. Princee Verma, Dr. Bharti Rana, Dr. Pranav Ratta, Dr. Nomita Sharma, and Dr. Meenakshi Thakur.



CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

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ADMISSION NOTICE

Application on prescribed form is invited for admission to the following Certificate Courses:

S. No.	Title of the Course	Duration	Eligibility	Fee	Intake Capacity
1.	Gender Issues	03 Months	12th (Any Stream)	Rs. 2640/-	30
2.	Women and Law	03 Months	Graduation (any Stream)	Rs. 2640/-	30

The application form shall be available both online (University of Jammu website) and offline in the **office of the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu.**

The filled up forms along with the photo copy of relevant documents should be deposited in the office of the Centre during office hours on all working days.

The last date for the receipt of the application form is **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper. The application fee is **Rs. 120/- (Non-refundable).**

For further details, the applicant can contact at 9906074693, 7889757742 and 7006576855 from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

No: CWS/25/3536
Dated : 01-09-2025

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CENTRE FOR DISTANCE & ONLINE EDUCATION (CDOE)

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Centre for Distance & Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu invites online applications on prescribed format from eligible candidates for admission to the following Postgraduate & Undergraduate courses through ODL mode:

1. B.A (Bachelor of Arts)/ B.Com (Bachelor of Commerce)
2. B.Ed (Bachelor of Education)
3. M.A Economics (Non- CBCS)
4. M.A Education (CBCS)

Application forms are available on website **www.distanceeducationju.in** from **04-09-2025** onwards along with detailed information about the admission process.

The detailed notification is available on Websites:- **www.jammuuniversity.ac.in**
www.distanceeducationju.in

No. CDOE/Adm/25-26/1304
Dated: 29-08-2025

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CDOE, JU beautification drive culminates with creative celebrations

JAMMU :

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) organized a month-long Beautification Drive including activities such as painting, chart-making, and campus clean-up efforts.

The initiative aimed to encourage creativity, environmental consciousness, and a sense of community engagement among students and staff.

The drive was formally inaugurated by Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE, who appreciated the enthusiasm of the volunteers and emphasized the importance of maintaining a vibrant and clean campus environment.

The concluding day was marked by an interactive session with Prof. Srivastava, who commended the collective efforts of students and staff in transforming the CDOE surroundings. He highlighted how such initiatives not only enhance the physical environment but also strengthen the



institution's role in promoting sustainability and social responsibility.

Faculty members, administrative staff, and NSS volunteers actively participated in the drive. Notable contributions were made by volunteers Ruby Gandotra, Radhika Dogra, Ananya Gupta, Taniya Sharma, Mehak, Shikhar,

Ashima, Gurvinder Kour, and Ekjot Singh.

Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, Programme Officer, NSS Unit V, presented a brief report on the month-long activities and delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the dedication and teamwork that brought the initiative to life.

Visit of M.Com students to Dept of Commerce Library



JAMMU:

The Department of Commerce organized a visit for newly admitted M.Com students (session 2025-26) to its Library and oriented them about the 1 rules and regulations, the procedures for issuing and returning books, and the use of OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) along with other digital resources.

The visit was highly informative and beneficial for the students, as it encouraged them to make effective use of the library's resources for their academic and research work.

The Head of the Department, Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, appreciated the initiative and encouraged the students to regularly visit the library to enhance their knowledge and research skills.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, where students clarified their queries regarding the access to and utilization of resources.

The event was coordinated by Ms. Ranjana Kapoor (Assistant Professor, Library Science) and Mr. Shafkat Hussain (Library Attendant).

Dept of Law hosts Induction Programme for LLB, LLM students



JAMMU:

The Department of Law organized an induction programme for its first-semester LLB three-year degree course and first-semester LLM students, featuring a guest lecture on "Professional Ethics in Legal Profession" by Mrs. Seema Khajooria Shekher, Senior Advocate, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The event was part of a series of programmes conducted by the University to support students in their transition to academic life and prepare them for future careers in law.

During her lecture, Mrs. Seema Khajooria Shekher emphasized the importance of ethics in the legal field, highlighting the crucial role that legal professionals play in upholding justice and maintaining public trust.

She also discussed the ethical implications of tutoring witnesses, emphasizing the need for lawyers to avoid any actions that could compromise the integrity of witness testimony or the legal process.

The programme included a welcome address by Prof. Manju Jamwal, Head of the Department of Law, and a vote of thanks by Dr. Vijay Saigal.

Dr. Navdeep Kour Sasan conducted the proceedings.

The faculty members, who attended the event included Prof. Satinder Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Law; Prof. Arvind Jasrotia; Prof. Savita Nayyar; Dr. Mohd Arif, Dr. Aarti Sharma; and Dr. Sonia Aneja.

CENTRE FOR DISTANCE & ONLINE EDUCATION (CDOE)
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Admission Notification No. CDOE/Dip/25/24-31
 dated 22/08/2025

Session 2025-2026

Applications are invited from all eligible candidates seeking admission to **Diploma in Gyani (one year course)** programme through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode for the session 2025-2026, being offered by the **Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu, Jammu.**

Eligible Candidates can fill the online application form through website: www.distanceeducationju.in from 26th of August, 2025.

For details please refer
 Websites : www.jammuuniversity.ac.in
www.distanceeducationju.in

No: CDOE/Dip/2025/33
 Dated: 25-08-2025

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ADMISSION NOTICE FOR FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME (FYUGP) AND B.A. LLB (5 YRS.) COURSE IN NON- GOVERNMENT COLLEGES (2025-26)

In continuation to this office Notification No. **CDC/2025/1863** dated **11.08.2025**, it is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the admission to Four Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) for **1st Semester of B.A/B.Sc./B.Com/BBA/BCA and B.A. LLB (5 yrs.)** courses being run in various Non-Government Colleges affiliated to the University of Jammu for the session 2025-26 stands re-opened w.e.f. **10.09.2025** on the basis of Common University Entrance Test-Under-Graduate-2025 (CUET-UG-2025) conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and on the basis of HSS(10+2) Examination. However, First preference shall be given to CUET candidates followed by HSS(10+2) merit.

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

No. CDC/2025/2180
 Dated: 09.09.2025

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Centre for IT Enabled Services and Management
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SHORT ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all the concerned, that the last date for submission of application form for the following **two temporary positions** of Young Professional (YPs) to be engaged on contractual basis advertised vide no. **CIT/JU/2025/1713** dated **11.08.2025** has been extended up-to **22.09.2025**:

- Senior Project Engineer - Software Development**
- Senior Project Engineer - ICT Infrastructure Administration**

The prescribed application form and other necessary details are available on the university website www.jammuuniversity.ac.in

No: CIT/JU/2025/1811
 Dated : 01-09-2025

Sd/-
DIRECTOR

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NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that the selection list for the post of **Junior Assistant and Steno-Typist** advertised vide No. Estab./NTW/C&R/24/3111-3210 dated 26-02-2024 has been uploaded on the University website : www.jammuuniversity.ac.in

It is further informed that the selection of these candidates is provisional subject to verification of documents/certificates and submission of short fall documents as mentioned in remarks. The appointment orders shall be issued only after the receipt of satisfactory verification report from the CID regarding their Character and the Antecedents as per Government Order No. 1003-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated 27/9/2021.

No: Estab./C&R/NTW/25/1061
 Dated : 04-09-2025

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