

Gau Pratishtha Andolan: Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra to start from Sept. 22 to Nov. 26

SKUAST-Jammu conducts Deeksharambh in line with 6th Deans Committee Curriculum



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JAMMU, OCT. 15: Sanatan Dharm holds the cow in high regard, with its significance mentioned across religious texts like the Vedas, Upanishads, and Puranas. It is not an animal, but a mother-this is the sacred belief and faith of the Sanatan Dharmi Hindus. With this deep devotion, a nationwide Gau Pratishtha Andolan is being carried out to elevate the cow to the status of 'Rashtra Mata' by moving cow protection from the state list to the central list in the Constitution, and to make India free of cow slaughter. Since India's independence, continuous efforts have been made to protect and honor the sacred cow. One notable movement was the 1966 Gau Raksha Andolan, led by Dharm Samrat Yatichrachudamani Pujya Karpatri Ji Maharaj, in which thousands of cow devotees sacrificed their lives. Continuing the mission, Param Gau Bhakt Pujya Gopal Mani Ji has led the Gau Pratishtha Andolan, and has kept it alive across the country. This sacred

movement is blessed by the Jagadguru Shankaracharya of the four peethas, who organized a Gau Sansad to demand the status of Rashtra Mata and the implementation of legislation against cow slaughter. In this event, the Rama Gau Pratishtha Samhita Bill has been passed along with a 42-point Dharmadesh. To ignite the momentum of this movement, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Avimukteshwaranand Ji Maharaj of Jyotirmath, lit a sacred flame of cow ghee and declared this year as the Gau Samvatsar (Year of the Cow). From March 14 to March 28, 2024, he led a barefoot march from Govardhan to Delhi. Under his guidance, the Gau Pratishtha Andolan continues to thrive across India. As part of this movement, a Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra will take place from September 22 to October 26, 2024. Pujya Gopal Mani Ji will accompany Shankaracharya Ji throughout this journey.

The Yatra will visit capitals of 36 Indian States and Union Territories, where a sacred Gau Dhvaj will be installed. In each state capital, a grand Gau Pratishtha Sammelan will be held, beginning in Ayodhya- where Gobhakt & Gorakshak Ram Lalla resides. The Yatra will travel across the east, west, south, and north of India, culminating in the national capital on October 26. During the Yatra, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Ji will honor distinguished cow devotees from across the country. Jagadguru Shankaracharya Avimukteshwaranand Ji is scheduled to arrive in Jammu, J&K Ladakh on 22nd October where from 12 PM to 3 PM, he will preside over the installation of the Gau Dhvaj and deliver an address at the Gau Mahasabha. Afterward, he will continue the journey toward Leh, Ladakh. The goal of this Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra is to awaken cow devotees nationwide, unite them for a common cause - restoring the dignity and honor of the sacred cow, and conferring upon her the status of 'Rashtra Mata'; and the motto is "Gau Mata, Rashtra Mata - Rashtra Mata, Bharat Mata." Following this Yatra, a nationwide Gau Pratishtha Mahasammelan will be held on the occasion of Gopashtami in Delhi, on November 7, 8, and 9, which will decisively appeal to the Government of India to end the curse of cow slaughter and honor the cow as Rashtra Mata. In preparation for this historic journey, today, on October 2nd, 2024, Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra co-convenor Gobhakt Vikas Patni Ji along with Akhilesh Brahmachari Ji, State convenor Deepu Raina arrived in to address press conference today.

VC, SKUAST-J, Prof. B.N. Tripathi addressing during Deeksharambh-2024
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JAMMU, OCT. 15: SKUAST-Jammu is proud to be the first university in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to organize Deeksharambh-2024, the foundation course for first-year students. This initiative aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the 6th Deans Committee Curriculum welcoming undergraduate and post-graduate students admitted for the academic session 2024-2025 marking the beginning of their academic journey. The Deeksharambh programme was organized by Directorate of Education at Chatha Campus for Socializing, Associating, Governing and Experiencing among students. The programme was graced by the presence of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of the University, who served as the Chief Guest. In his address, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-J, Prof. B.N. Tripathi congratulated and welcomed the first year students for their admission into the agrivarsity. His inspiring words resonated deeply with students, as he shared valuable insights on how to navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in their academic pursuits. His address emphasised the importance of perseverance, curiosity and relentless pursuit of knowledge, the qualities that are vital for success in the field of agriculture. Prof. Tripathi said "SKUAST-Jammu is a gateway to do and achieve something big and get ready to connect with new people, embrace opportunities and explore innovations and creativity. He advised students to uplift their calibre and develop new competencies to meet the challenges of 21st century which is experiencing rapid technological transformation. He emphasised the students to observe and imbibe the true spirit of value education for personality development and shaping their career. Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, gave the detailed presentation on implementation of 6th Dean's committee recommendations during the current semester. He said that the purpose of Deeksharambh - Student Induction Programme is to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and cul-



ture of the institution, help them build bonds with other students and faculty members and expose them to a sense of larger purpose and self-exploration. He detailed the attendance and academic requirements necessary for successfully completing the semester, urging students to adhere to these rules and maintain regular communication with advisors. In his speech, he highlighted the University's commitment to providing a holistic education that not only imparts technical knowledge but also nurtures personal growth and ethical values. Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean, F.V.Sc. & A.H. provided an overview of VCI regulations for B.V.Sc. & A.H. Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Students Welfare highlighted the importance of the Dean Students welfare wing and outlined the hostel rules and regulations, ensuring a smooth transition for students into hostel life. He also highlighted the importance of extracurricular activities in students' holistic development. Dr. R.K. Samnotra, University Librarian spoke on library resources and facilities. Dr. Sanjay Guleria, Incharge Counselling and Placement Cell, provided an overview of the cell. He said that career opportunities for the students has increased manifold by linking academia with industry. Earlier, the event began with a warm welcome by Dr. Anil Kumar, Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; setting the tone for an informative and engaging session. The orientation programme was attended by all the statutory officers of the University viz., Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Research, Dr. Sanjay Khar, Director Planning and Monitoring, Dr. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension, Dr. S. E.H. Rizvi, Dean, F.B.Sc., Dr. Sushil Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Agril. Engineering, Dr. J.S. Soodan, Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology, Dr. R. K. Salgotra, Director, IBT, Head of the Divisions, medical doctors, teaching fraternity and students. Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Ankur Rastogi and vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry expressing gratitude to all attendees and organizers for making the orientation programme a success.

Indian Army Conducted Medical Patrol For Gujjar & Bakkarwal At Solki Rajouri

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JAMMU, OCT. 15: Indian Army extended services to the remote parts of Rajouri district by mobile medical patrols in the village of Solki. The locals of these villages who often suffer from diseases that can be easily treated but turn fatal due to the lack of medical facilities. The mobile medical patrols, equipped with essential medical supplies and services, reached these areas to provide healthcare with compassion. The primary objective was to provide on-the-spot medical care, including basic health check-ups, treatment of common ailments and distribution of necessary medications. The medical patrol also focused on preventive healthcare by offering immunizations and disseminating information about hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention. The Mobile Medical Patrol provided special attention to vulnerable sections of the population, such as Gujjar and Bakkarwal. By ensuring that these groups receive timely and appropriate medical attention, the Indian Army helped to mitigate the risk of complications that could arise from untreated health issues. The response from the local population has been overwhelmingly positive. Villagers expressed deep gratitude for the Indian Army's initiative, which brings much-needed medical services directly to their doorsteps. Beyond the immediate medical benefits, the mobile medical patrols play a crucial role in building and strengthening the relationship between the Indian Army and the local communities and fosters trust and goodwill. The proactive approach in medical assistance helps to prevent onset of diseases and also reduces the healthcare burden on the individual and the system. It hence reassures the residents of the Indian Army's commitment to their welfare and security, thereby enhancing the sense of safety and community cohesion. A total number of 32 villagers (10 Male, 18 Female and 04 Children) were benefitted by the mobile medical patrol.

A Musical Tribute to Lata Mangeshkar Organized by JKAACL and IMFA at K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu



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JAMMU, OCT. 15: The J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), in collaboration with the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), Jammu, organized a soulful musical tribute to the legendary singer of the century, Smt. Lata Mangeshkar, at K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu. This event marked a heartfelt homage on the 95th birth anniversary of the iconic Indian nightingale. The event was graced by eminent personalities from the art and academic world. Chief Guest, Prof. B.S. Bali, former Principal of IMFA Jammu, shared his personal experiences with Lata Mangeshkar, reminiscing about her unparalleled dedication to music, her humility, and her timeless voice that continues to inspire generations. Prof. Bali's insights captivated the audience as he highlighted how Lata ji's voice shaped the golden era of Indian music and left an indelible mark on Indian culture. Guest of Honour, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, applauded the efforts of IMFA for organizing such meaningful programs that not only preserve the cultural heritage but also inspire young talents. He

commended the initiative as a beautiful fusion of music and fine arts, creating a fitting tribute to a legend who was the epitome of both. The program was conceived by two notable figures from IMFA: Sh. Rakesh Sharma, Head of the Department of Fine Arts, and Sh. Suraj Singh, Head of the Vocal Department. Their vision and dedication brought together music and visual art to pay homage to Lata ji in a multifaceted manner. A highlight of the event was the series of performances by students from the vocal department of IMFA. Young talents, including Mahi, Arti, Arpana, Nirmla, Rahul, Sohai, Aradhya Sharma, Shivani, Aarav, Divansh, and Priyanshu, showcased their vocal prowess, singing melodies popularized by Lata Mangeshkar. Their performances were a testament to the fact that Lata ji's music continues to inspire young artists. The main attraction of the evening, however, was the mesmerizing performances by established vocalists, including Sh. Suraj Singh, Dr. Deepali Watal, Roshni Samnotra, Jasmeet Kour, and Juhi Singh. Their soulful renditions of some of Lata ji's most memorable songs touched the hearts of the audi-

JU's Display Your Talent in a new format inaugurated at GPGC Rajouri

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JAMMU, OCT. 15: The University of Jammu's Display Your Talent-Zone Wise, a new format of the flagship Display Your Talent program, was inaugurated today at Government P.G. College, Rajouri. This new initiative, envisioned by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, and approved by the Academic Council, aims to increase participation from colleges in remote areas in cultural and literary activities while promoting regional culture. The Department of Students Welfare, as the nodal office, will organize this event across five zones of Jammu Province - Pir Panjal Zone (Rajouri-Poonch, GPGC Rajouri), Tawi Zone (Jammu - MIER College of Education), Chenab Zone (Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban-Bhaderwah Campus, JU), Devika Zone (Udhampur, Reasi - Udhampur Campus, JU), and Raavi Zone (Kathua-Samba - Kathua Campus, JU). The inaugural event for the Pir Panjal Zone, being hosted by GPGC Rajouri under the supervision of Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal of the college, was held today. Dignitaries present at the inaugural event included Dr. A.R. Manhas, Dr. Mohd. Iqbal Raina, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, and Dr. Sanjay Kalotra, along with faculty members, cultural committee members, and students from participating colleges.



This mega event offers around 27 competitions in music, dance, literary, fine arts, and theatrical activities. Winners from these zonal events will qualify to participate in the Display Your Talent (Inter-Zonal) competition at the University campus. The success of this new format is evident, with participation from approximately 175 students from 10 colleges, including GPGC Rajouri, GDC Surankote, GDC Nowshera, GDC Kalakote, GDC Thannamandi, GDC Mendhar, GDC Kotranka, GDC Budhal, GDC Darhal, and GDC Poonch. In previous years, participation from the Pir Panjal Zone was limited to just 3-4 students. All zonal-level Display Your

Talent events are being organized under the stewardship of Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, and overseen by Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee and Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, with collaboration from the rectors and principals of the host institutions. The events are coordinated by Dr. Pritam Singh, Associate Dean SW, Dr. Shallu Sharma, Dr. A.R. Manhas, Deputy Chief Proctors, Dr. Harleen Kaur, Dr. Ripudaman Parihar, Assistant Deans SW, Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer, Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer, Kulbhushan Thakur, and Arif Paul.

Awa reness cum registration programme organized by Veterinary section of JMC



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JAMMU, OCT. 15: An awareness cum registration programme was organized today by Veterinary section of JMC for work animal owners operating within JMC limits. The main motive of the programme was to aware the owners of Marriage buggies/ Horse cart/ horses/ Pony/ Mule/ Camel/ Donkey and other work animals regarding benefits of registration of their work animals in accordance with

the Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animal Rules, 1965 and J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000. Commissioner, JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS along with Deputy Director Research, AHD Jammu Dr. Rakesh Koul, MVO, JMC Dr. Jaswant Singh, Lab officers DDR Lab Dr. Abhimanyu Chauhan & Dr. Ashwani Bassan, VAS, JMC Dr. Divya Sharma were present in the programme. Commissioner,

JMC interacted with the stakeholders regarding importance of registration of their work animals with JMC and benefits as such. The team of Veterinary section appraised the stakeholders regarding importance of health & fitness status, duration of their working hours, capacity of load on animals and various animal welfare issues of these work animals. 30 number of registration certificates were issued on-spot after RFID tagging & blood sample examination. Free vaccines for rabies and tetanus were provided to 50 number of animals. Veterinary section of JMC is carrying out various drives within JMC limits to curtail the incidences of cruelty towards work animals as well as plying of these animals by their owners without obtaining proper licensing from Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Arun Gupta accuses Congress of being anti-KP, anti-POJK people & anti-women

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JAMMU, OCT. 15: The Congress is anti-Kashmiri Pandits (KPs), anti-POJK people and also anti-women as these are the groups of people that will be nominated as MLAs by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in the coming days, BJP spokesperson Arun Gupta has said. The Congress had challenged the LG's powers to nominate five MLAs in the Supreme Court with the motive to deny these groups any representation in the Legislative Assembly. However, the apex court dismissed the petition on Monday thereby burying the party's plans to play mischief in this regard, he pointed out. He expressed gratitude to the Supreme Court for refusing to entertain the Congress petition to stop LG Sinha from nominating five MLAs in the near future. In the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, a provision has been made to give nominations to Kashmiri Pandits (one man, one woman) and one person from the community of Pakistan Occupied Jammu Kashmir (POJK) refugees, he said. The powers to nominate MLAs were given to the LG as it was almost impossible for members of these communities to get elected, Mr Gupta said. In the just concluded assembly elections, no Kashmiri Pandit could win from any of the 90 assembly constituencies, Mr Gupta recalled. Over a dozen KPs had contested from various assembly segments in the Kashmir valley but all of them lost. This clearly proved that it was not possible for them to get elected in any contest for assembly seats. Thus nomination by LG is the only way they can get representation in the legislature, Mr Gupta said.

JU organizes workshop on Entrepreneurship, Communication Skills at GDC Sidhra"



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JAMMU, OCT. 15: The Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Jammu, in collaboration with Government Degree College, Sidhra, organized a one-day workshop on entrepreneurship, self-employment, and communication skills. The initiative aligns with the vision of the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, to enhance the employability skills of youth, equipping them to become job creators rather than job seekers. The workshop was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu, and Prof. G.S. Rakwal, Principal of Degree College, Sidhra. In his welcome address, Prof. Rakwal emphasized the importance of skill development for stu-

dents, stating that it lays a strong foundation, encourages independent thinking, and motivates them to plan for their future. He praised the DLL's efforts in organizing the workshop for the benefit of the students. Dr. Priyanka Sharma, in her address, highlighted the significance of self-employment and the vital role of communication skills in making students more proficient and confident. She stressed that strong communication skills are not only essential for career success but also play a crucial role in education and social interaction. Dr. Sharma also discussed changing global employment trends and the need for youth to be prepared to meet these challenges. Zahid Ali Dar, Incharge CIBM, Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Jammu, the special resource person, provided insights into start-ups and entrepreneurship, and Ms. Neetu Dhar, Chief Coordinator and Master Trainer JKDCUL, Jammu, who conducted interactive sessions on body language, postures, and communication techniques. She engaged students in activities aimed at improving their communication skills.