

CUJ Inaugurates Hindi Creative Writer's Workshop

Objective of the workshop is to develop creative ability among the students: Prof. Sunil



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Under the joint auspices of the Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi and the Department of Hindi and other Indian languages, a five-day Hindi creative writer's workshop was inaugurated at the Central University of Jammu. This workshop will continue till 16th February.

The inauguration ceremony of the workshop organized under the coordination of Professor Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Hindi Department, inspired by the inspiration of the University Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, was chaired by the Registrar of the University Prof. Yashwant Singh.

As a special guest at the inauguration

ceremony, Professor Sunil Baburav Kulkarni, Director of the Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi, said that the Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi has always been striving for the promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking areas. The Directorate has made efforts to reach Hindi to every village in all directions of the country. During the corona period when the workshops were canceled, the direct organization of workshops has also led to the development of literary creative ability in the students along with the development of leadership skills in the children. He said that to become a poet, one must have the ability to express oneself. Poetry has also become important for a career in the present era.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CUJ said that the Hindi creative writer's workshop in non-Hindi speaking areas will definitely increase interest in literature among the students here and it will also lead to the growth of Hindi literature. In today's scientific age, there is a great need for literature.

Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean School of Languages, said that in the developed India of today, there is a need to promote education based on Indian values among the youth. For this, youth should study literature deeply. At the beginning of the program, the Head of the Hindi Department welcomed all the guests and introduced them. External specialists present at the program included Prof. Ashok Kumar, Punjab University, Hindi literature Dr. Adarsh Prakash, litterateur Dr. Kshama Kaul, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Sharma and Assistant Director Shri Naathulal from the Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi were honored with mementos.

The program was conducted by the department's Assistant Prof. Dr. Vandana Sharma, while the vote of thanks was given by co-coordinator Dr. Bijendra of the gratitude department. The successful organization of the program was also due to the special contribution of the department's co-coordinator Dr. Shashikant Mishra, Assistant Professor Dr. Ratnes Yadav, Dr. Arvind, Dr. Vinay Shukla besides research scholars and other students.

Modi Govt propelled J&K on path of unprecedented progress: Kavinder

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister, Kavinder Gupta asserted that the Union Government led by PM Narendra Modi has propelled J&K on a path of unprecedented progress as the region witnessed colossal uplift on the social and economic fronts.

Citing the figures recently shared by LG Manoj Sinha over the substantial increase in the GDP of the UT from Rs 1.6 lakh crore in 2018-19 to Rs 2.64 lakh crore in 2021-22, the BJP stalwart leader said that the quantitative data of the prosperity achieved is the testimony to the fact that Modi Government's policies have resulted into watershed moments for the UT as prosperity and peace are now the new norms with financial standings of the region touching extraordinary heights. He said that the GDP for the year 2024-25 has been projected at Rs 2,63,399 crore which shows a growth of 7.5 percent, proving the fruitfulness of the BJP Government's visionary and mission oriented planning for Jammu and



Kashmir.

While addressing the meeting of Panches, Sarpanches of Party's Panchayati Raj Cell in Samba today, Kavinder asserted that time has come when it could be claimed that the region has embarked on a voyage to achieve pinnacle of progress leaving behind the dark era of gloom and distress only because of the insightfulness of PM Modi, who envisaged the path on which the UT is traversing today.

He said that new infrastructure projects, investment incentives, and socio-economic development programmes aimed at empowering local communities and

boosting employment opportunities have played a crucial role in the progress which the region has achieved in the last few years after the significant move of making Article 370 null and void by the Modi Government.

He also underscored the government's commitment to inclusive development, emphasizing efforts to address longstanding issues and bridge developmental gaps in the region.

Highlighting the recent influx of investments and the expansion of key sectors such as tourism, agriculture, and industry, Kavinder expressed optimism about the region's prospects for sustained

growth and prosperity.

The former Deputy Chief Minister also lauded the successful implementation of central government schemes and flagship initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir, citing them as catalysts for socio-economic transformation and empowerment. He said that since the Modi government continues to prioritize development and empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir, it has become necessary that people should extend unconditional support to BJP in all the political contests to see the sea change in development scenario in the coming times as well.

Kavinder urged party workers to gear up for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and ensure that people are informed about the key achievements of the Modi government.

Prominent among those who were present include Kashmir Singh, District President Samba, DDC member Subhash Bhagat, Sarpanch Surjeet Singh, Gurdheep Singh, Girdhari Lal, Puneet Mahajan and Bharat Bhushan.

Congress will bounce back to power in J&K:

Ravinder, Naresh

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SUNDERBANI, FEB. 12: Senior Congress leaders and former MLCs Mr Ravinder Sharma and Mr Naresh Gupta have said that Congress will emerge stronger and bounce back to power in J&K after assembly elections. Addressing a largely attended meeting of Congress workers at Dak Bungalow Sunderbani today, JKPC Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Mr Ravinder Sharma & Vice president and former MLC Naresh Gupta AICC observer for Jammu lok sabha seat, today claimed that Congress will come back to power in J&K after emerging as single largest party will form government with like minded secular parties. They said that Congress will emerge stronger enough to form the government with like minded parties, as no party will be able to form government without CONGRESS which is only secular and democratic party in the country, fighting against dictatorship of Modi government. The senior Congress leaders said that people are fed up with anti poor and anti common people policies of the ruling party whose diversionary and divisive politics is exposed before people. BJP has nothing to sell except indulge in religious politics, while people reel under unprecedented price rise and large scale unemployment. Urging party workers to gear up for the ensuing lok sabha elections and strengthen booth and village committees to defeat BJP which has polarized the society. Congress believes in Hindi Muslim unity and religious brotherhood for peace and harmony in the country. They said that record unemployment of last 45 years, price rise, murder of democracy in J-K apart from snatching our statehood, rights to land and jobs, failure to regularise daily wagers and stopping of old age, widow pension and eviction of farmers from lands, crushing rights of employees are all anti people and anti democratic actions of BJP government.

Dimple holds protest against PWD R&B, JMC



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir leads a strong protest rally, demonstrations on Janipur High Court Chowk road, against the Smart City Project, PWD, JMC, ERA, against the bad conditions of Jammu City, Amphalla, New Plot Janipur High Court roads & worst traffic problem in Jammu city.

Addressing the protestors, Sunil Dimple warned the govt to immediately start the black topping and construct the main road, drains, all foot paths damaged by smart city projects, PWD R&B, JMC, for Jio, reliance cable works, otherwise people will start massive agitation.

He alleged the whole traffic system has failed in Jammu city and especially on the Janipur road. He demands LG Manoj Sinha has said the plan to

improve the traffic scenario, is lying with the govt. He demands LG the construction of ring road and start Metro train, from Ambphalla Manda to Janipur High Court, Roopnagar, Bantalab upto Akhnoor. He demanded the Lt Governor to start metro mono rail and construct an exclusive four ways circular ring road from Ambphalla Manda to Janipur High Court road, Roop Nagar, Bantalab, Kot Bhalwal to Akhnoor. He demanded the LG for construction of flyovers at Rehari Chungi, Jewel Chowk and solve traffic problems. He said no development took place in the west assembly constituency in the last ten years.

Dimple alleged knee deep trenches have developed on the VIP main roads of Jammu city and all the roads of Jammu city and west assembly constituency are in very bad conditions and bikes, scooters cars acci-

dents taking place due to trenches, khadey on the roads. He alleged the ERA sewerage main holes have broken and the vehicle, cars, bikes fell in to the sewerage holes due to broken whole covers. He alleged the PWD R&B, JMC, have done substandard quality black topping with the guarantee of three years but the roads washed away within first rain and contractors run away.

He alleged all the roads west constituency, Sarwal, Rehari, Bakshi Nagar, Top Sherkhania, Patoli, Talab Tillo, Shakti Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Resham Ghar and people are protesting against the PWD R&B, but no one is listening the plight of the people.

Dimple alleged the Jammu West Assembly Constituency is the most backward, dirties and undeveloped constituency of the j&k UT, and whoever visits in the localities of the constituency, heaps of garbage, dumps, deteriorated roads, JMC choked overflowing drains water of sewerage welcome the people.

He urged upon LG Manoj Sinha to hold CBI crime inquiry of the funds allotted to PWD R&B and the JMC as both are doing very substandard work of drains and black toppings.

The prominent market presidents addressed the demonstrations are Rajinder Bhargav, Kewal Krishen, Surinder Kumar, Vicky Dogra, and many others.

GDC Udhampur Organises National Pulses Day

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: To commemorate National Pulses Day, the Department of Botany, Govt. Degree College, Udhampur organized a poster competition among the students of the college under the patronage of worthy Principal of the college Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Gupta. The event was organised to showcase the diverse significance of pulses in agriculture, nutrition, and environmental sustainability. Students from various disciplines enthusiastically participated in the event, creating visually stunning posters that captured the essence of pulses. The theme of the event is to emphasise the role of pulses as a vital component of global food systems.

The competition provided a platform for budding artists to express their creativity while raising awareness about the importance of pulses. Every poster depicted unique creativity of the students to signify the diverse aspects of pulse cultivation, highlighting their nutritional value, ecological benefits, and contributions to food security in the food chain of human beings. From vibrant illustrations of pulse varieties to informative info graphics detailing their role in soil enrichment and climate resilience, the entries demonstrated the multifaceted nature of pulse crops. The competition was adjudicated by the Judges,



comprising of senior faculty members of the college viz., Dr Shobhna Sambyal, Dr Anita Sharma and Dr Firdous Ahmad Ittoo. The posters were evaluated on various criteria including visual appeal, expression of content, relevance to accuracy of theme and overall impact. The first prize was won by Amit Sharma of Sem IV, Second prize was secured by Himshikha of sem IV and the third prize was won by Tamanna and Sunidhi of Sem VI. The competitors fostered a healthy competition and stimulated dialogue on topics ranging from sustainable agriculture practices to innovative approaches for enhancing pulse production.

While speaking on the occasion Dr. Neena Sharma, HOD (Botany) briefed the students about the benefits of the pulses. She explained the students about how the pulses being

leguminous plants enrich the soil with nitrogen content making it healthier and fertile for other crops, the pulses constitute a wholesome diet as they have high content of proteins along with fibres.

They also contribute to Sustainable Development Goals. She motivated students to promote the growth of pulses for a healthier and prosperous society. Other members of the department including Dr Rozy Bamba, Prof. Shivani Sharma and Dr Richa Bharti also commended the participants for their creativity and dedication for promotion of awareness about pulses.

As National Pulses Day celebrations came to a close, the poster competition left a lasting impression, inspiring individuals to reflect on the significance of pulses and their role in building a more resilient and nourished world.

National Open Day celebrated at SMVDU



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: SMVDU successfully organized a day-long first edition of the National Open Day @ SMVDU on 10th February 2024. The University opened its gate to the schools and colleges and witnessed a huge footfall of graduating students from across the Jammu and Udhampur regions, excited and eager to explore the possibilities of education in the university. The Open Day was organized by the university to provide a chance to the school and college students to visit and experience the university first hand. The students were provided a vivid and detailed depiction on the courses being offered and on accommodation and other facilities in the campus. More than 250 students belonging to different academic streams, accompanied by their faculty members participated enthusiastically in the event. The participating colleges included GDC Reasi, GDC Udhampur, Women Degree College Udhampur, Parade

College Jammu, GDC Akhnoor, GDC R S Pura, GDC Paloura among others. The programme started with the morning session at the Matrika auditorium. The Associate Dean, Alumni and International affairs, Dr. Mir Irfan welcomed the visiting students and briefly explained the purpose and importance of the event. He urged the students to utilize the opportunity to learn about the current trends and updates on technological advancements in the area they wish to pursue. Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean (Academic Affairs) showcased the details of the academic programmes being offered by the university and emphasized on the limitless opportunities for knowledge and career building through these programmes. Dean, Students Welfare, Prof. Raghendra Mishra gave an insight of the accommodation, cultural, sports and other related facilities provided to the students in the university campus. The Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof.

Pragati Kumar also addressed the guest students and faculty. He accentuated the invaluable role of such open day events in decision making for a student's prospective career. He also assured that the university shall be very soon organizing the second edition of the event. In the afternoon session the students visited the various departments of the university, interacted with the faculty and students, inspected and queried on the ongoing research in various labs. They were guided by the NSS volunteers of SMVDU to a tour around the hostels, library and other campus facilities. The visiting students showed immense visible exhilaration throughout the tour. During the feedback in the evening session the students narrated their excitement and shared their enriching experience and the take away of the tour. In the end the Vote of thanks was presented by the Dean, Alumni and International Affairs and coordinator of the event Dr. Yugal Khajuria. The event was very effectively coordinated by the Coordinator and Co-ordinators of the event, Dr. Ratna Chandra, Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Dr. Sakshi Arora, Dr. Mir Irfan, Dr. Ankush Raina, Dr. Gautam Narula, Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma under the initiative and guidance of the Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar.

'Pioneering Change, Fostering Hygiene, Empowering Women Together : J&K Bank'



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: J&K Bank is thrilled to share a significant achievement in its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) collaboration with Live for Others-Being Helpful Foundation. The initiative, known as "Mission R-SAP (Remove Shyness Apply Pads)," is dedicated to fostering awareness about menstrual hygiene and its taboo in society. It involves the distribution of over 500,000 sanitary napkins and the facilitation of over 100 awareness seminars across all 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir. The overarching objective is to reach 50,000 individuals, challenging societal taboos surrounding menstruation in our society.

Kupwara, as the 14th district to successfully conclude this mission, witnessed the distribution of upwards of 20,000+ sanitary napkins and the delivery of three impactful awareness lectures, engaging over 2020+ people. These seminars were conducted in various government and private schools, such as Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Kupwara,

Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Handwara, & Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Langate. The resource persons for these seminars included Ms. Ayesha Farhana, Ms. Gulnaz & Ms. Hafsa Arshid.

Ms. Urfee, Vice-President, Kashmir Province LFO-BHF, expressed excitement about the positive impact of "Mission R-SAP" on women's health, and the team eagerly looks forward to expanding the initiative to other districts.

LFO-BHF extends gratitude to the Director School Education Kashmir, C.E.O Kupwara, and the Principals of all participating schools. Special thanks are conveyed to J&K Bank for organizing this impactful activity through their CSR fund, as acknowledged by Mr. Sheikh Shahid, member of LFO-BHF.

Key contributors during this transformative initiative included Maroofa Shah, Danish Nabi Kumar, Haadi Hameed, Seema, Sheikh Shahid, Humaira Rashid, Saqib Rehman, Dr. Tahir and many more.

ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Unveils Tallab Tillo Nagar Unit, Pledging Commitment to Student Empowerment in the 2024-25 Session

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: In a momentous event, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Mahanagar officially introduced the Tallab Tillo Nagar Unit for the upcoming Academic Session 2024-25. The announcement ceremony, held under the esteemed presence of ABVP Jammu Vibhaag Sangathan Mantri, Nirdesh Khajuria, and graced by the declaration from ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Joint Secretary, Harish Sharma, marked a significant step in the organization's commitment to student welfare and empowerment.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering of students, faculty, and supporters, Nirdesh Khajuria highlighted the pivotal role of student activism in shaping the future and emphasized ABVP's dedication to instilling leadership qualities in the youth. He stressed the importance of education, cultural awareness, and community engagement as integral components of holistic development. Harish Sharma, in his address, expressed optimism about the prospects of the newly formed



Tallab Tillo Nagar Unit. He articulated the organization's vision of providing a platform for students to actively contribute to their community while fostering academic excellence. Sharma underscored ABVP's unwavering commitment to promoting nationalism, integrity, and a sense of responsibility among students.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed a palpable sense of enthusiasm and anticipation among the attendees, reflecting the shared commitment to educational and social initiatives. The formation of the Tallab Tillo Nagar Unit is a testament to ABVP's continued efforts to expand its footprint and provide students with opportunities for compre-

hensive development. The newly established unit is expected to serve as a hub for diverse activities, including academic events, cultural programs, and community service projects. ABVP Jammu Mahanagar remains steadfast in its mission to empower the youth, enabling them to become responsible and socially conscious citizens.

Krishav Pratab Singh nominated as President, Aryan Secretary, Ridham Charak, Shubham Sharma, Rakshit Chouhan vice President, Nick Gupta joint secretary, Pranav Gupta Social Media Incharge, Krishna Bhagat and Atul Bhagat as Student for Seva, Chiku Bhagat, Krishna Kalsi as executive members.