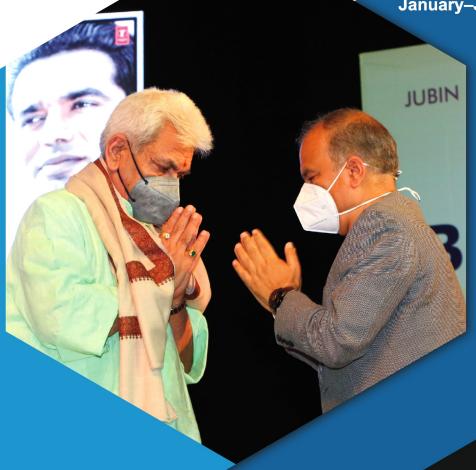


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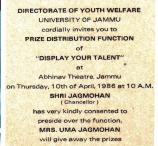


















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#### **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the reading of Campus Bytes!

COVID -19 has drastically changed campus life since March, 2020. The events, activities, vibrant campus full of students' movement, vehicular traffic, huzzle and buzzle, during corona first wave was quiet. Moving on the circular road surrounded by huge trees, the vibes overpowered: when would life return on campus? More than anyone else the flora was missing the glee and laughter of students, who enjoyed studying, discussing, chatting, sharing food and snacks in its lap.

However, during this crisis besides online teaching, literary, cultural, community concern activities on virtual platform kept the JU fraternity engaged. The live performance by JUBIN NAUTIYAL and ABHISHEKH SINGH at GZSA became a cherished moment for all.

And Campus Bytes editorial team's endeavour is to apprise you of the different activities both online and offline on the main campus and offsite campuses, which reflect every dark cloud has a silver lining – life moves on despite adverse circumstances.

We at University of Jammu pay our homage to Sh. Jagmohan, former Governor J&K and Chancellor, JU, who left for his heavenly abode on 3 May, 2021. JU would always treasure Sh. Jagmohan's contribution in the building of this great institution. Many of our serving and retired colleagues have been snatched away from us by corona and related illness. We miss you all. And stand by their families at this hour of tragedy.

This year onwards Publication Cell shall not be sending individual letters to the departments, offsite campuses, faculty, staff, students and scholars inviting news. Kindly mail relevant news/information at publication.ju@gmail.com

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### **JU Buzz**

University of Jammu accredited with CGPA of 3.51 on seven point scale at A+grade by NAAC has acclaimed recognition in its stride toward academic and research excellence, and thrust on holistic development of the students:

### VC JU inaugurates Community Facilitation Centre and Financial Literary Campaign

Community Facilitation Centre (UCCFC) at Udhampur Campus set up in collaboration with University of



Jammu Special Purpose Vehicle Foundation (UOJSPVF) was inaugurated by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in the presence of Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, Branch Head, J&K Bank, Tikri, Mr. Romesh Singh Salathia, Principal, GHSS, Mr. Yash Paul Sharma, Sarpanch, Tikri, Captain Arjun Singh, Sarpanch, Mand West and Mrs. Nisha Sharma, Chairperson (BDC) on 9 February, 2021. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Rector welcomed the distinguished guests, faculty, staff and students. Ms. Mamta Sharma coordinated the event. Dr Neetu Kumari presented the vote of thanks.

## JU organizes Training Session on Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal)

Internal Complaints Committee on Sexual Harassment (ICCSH), JU in collaboration with



Department of Students Welfare (DSW) organized training session on Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) on 11 February, 2021. Ms. Rekha Sharma, chairperson, National

Commission for Women (NCW) was the chief guest. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Ms. Rekha Sharma in her address emphasized on the need to be sensitive towards the issues of sexual harassment at workplace and shared some instances where such incidents were effectively addressed by the Commission. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his presidential address stressed on the need for safe workplaces and outlined various initiatives undertaken by JU in this direction. He also pointed out the policy of Zero Tolerance of such incidents in the institution of higher learning and prayed for a gendersensitive and 'complaint free campus', wherein

all women-faculty members, non-teaching members, scholars, and students can safely pursue their professional and academic endeavours. Ms. Seema Shekher, senior advocate, J&K High Court, was the keynote speaker at the training session. She highlighted the role of women in modern society and therefore the importance of safe workplaces and also discussed the ways and means to be used by the women to deal with any such issue and shared her experiences of dealing with such cases and emphasized on the need to be more sensitive to such issues and incidents. Ms. Shabnam Shah Kamili, Project Director, SRCW/ICPS in her address shared her experiences of handling such cases of sexual harassment and the issues arising for the individuals as well as their families. Prof. Alka Sharma, Presiding Officer, JU ICCSH presented the welcome address.



Dr. Sumita Sharma, member JU ICCSH conducted the proceedings and presented the vote of thanks. The training session was attended by 100 internal committee members from various GDCs affiliated to the University of Jammu.

#### VC JU chairs Academic Council meeting

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor chaired Academic Council meeting on 27 February, 2021. Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs (DAA),



spoke in detail about various academic and innovative initiatives under taken by the University. The Academic Council agreed to adopt the UGC guidelines for introducing an Apprenticeship/ Internship embedded Degree Programme in the affiliated colleges of JU. The Academic Council also gave go ahead to initiation of two skill development courses: Solar and LED technology and Bakery and Confectionary at Udhampur campus. The Council endorsed the proposal of the Higher Education Department, J&KUT to introduce certificate courses in skill development, wherever, JU has been identified as mentor. The Council also endorsed the action taken by the Vice Chancellor regarding the constitution of Centralized Research Admission Committee (CRAC), Research Appellate Committee (RAC) and Research Grievance Committee (RGC) for the first time in JU. Besides, a policy document prepared by the Industry Academia Partnership Centre for governing industrial partnership in the University was endorsed. Further, decisions taken: reservation to candidates with disabilities for admission to the University as per the

Gazette Notification of the Rights of persons with disabilities Act, Gol, adoption of course(s) from SWAYAM/MOOCs by all UG and PG students upto a maximum of 10% from the next session, introduction of several Paramedical Courses: B. Sc. in Medical Lab. Technology, Operation Theatre Technology, Renal Dialysis Technology, Cardiac Care Technology, etc., in GMC, Jammu. The meeting was attended by Prof. Rajni Kant, Director, College Development Council (CDC), Prof. Jasbir Singh, Controller of Examinations (CoE), Prof. R. K. Ganjoo, Dean, Planning and Development, Deans of various faculties, Rectors/Directors, HoDs, college principals and other officers of the University.

#### **Celebrations of National Science Day 2021**

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Prime Minister Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space was the chief guest at the valedictory function of National Science Day 2021 on the theme, 'Future of STI: Impact on Education, Skills and Work' organized by the Department of Students Welfare on 28 February, 2021. Dr. Jitendra Singh in his valedictory address stated that with a reasonable degree of evidence, space technology has entered every Indian household in one form or the other and space technology is finding its applications everywhere be that the smart city projects, agricultural technology, remote sensing, railway technology and disaster management in India. He advised the academicians. the scholars and the students to visit all the important scientific institutes like Baba Atomic Research Centre, Vikram Sarabhai Space Center and other important scientific installations so as to realize the fact that science cannot be achieved without passion. Sharing the advancements of Nuclear Technology in India. Dr. Jitendra praised Dr. Homi J. Baba, Indian Nuclear Physicist for his immense contribution in the field. Speaking on early development of COVID-19 vaccine in India as compared to most developed countries in the world, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the resilience



exhibited by the Indian Scientists has no comparison. Dr. Singh felicitated the students with academic excellence awards in different competitions like guiz, debate and poster making and also for best papers published during 2019-20 by the research scholars (sciences) in the presence of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor in his presentation, highlighted some of the major achievements of JU which included Rs. 20 crore under RUSA 1.0, Rs 100 crore from Union Ministry of Human Resource Department under RUSA 2.0 to JU, a NAAC A+ and conferred Category 1 University with full autonomy by UGC. Among others Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice Chancellor, CU, Samba, Dr. Srinivasan Reddy, Director, IIIM, Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal, GMC, members of the civil society, Deans and HoDs, officers, teaching faculty, scholars and students were present at the occasion.

### VC releases Mapping of Agro-Ecological Zones of Jammu Province

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in the presence of Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Anuradha Sharma, HoD, Geography, Dr. Sarfaraz Asgar, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Ms. Suman Kumari, and research scholars released Mapping of Agro-Ecological Zones of Jammu Province on 8 March, 2021. The demarcation of Agro-Ecological Zones (AEZ) of Jammu Province is the outcome of one of the major Research Project completed under the supervision of



Dr. Shashi Prabha, Department of Geography. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor stressed upon the proper propagation of such research attempts which would help to investigate the problems at the micro-level. Accordingly, in the present work, the demarcation of various agro-ecological zones in Jammu province has been identified on the basis of various parameters such as temperature, rainfall, soil types, slope, and elevation.

### JU achieves another milestone: selected to start online PG programs

University of Jammu has become the first University in J&KUT to be selected by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as per provisions stipulated under regulation 3(B) (a) to start full-fledged online degree programmes in Masters in English and Commerce on 14 March, 2021. The programmes will be offered by the Directorate of Distance Education.

### Workshop on MOOCs (Massive Online Open Course) on SWAYAM platform organized

A one- day workshop on MOOCs (Massive online open course) on SWAYAM platform to orient Deans, HoDs and SWAYAM coordinators of teaching departments, JU about the modalities of the SWAYAM was inaugurated by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 15 March, 2021. The Vice Chancellor reiterated that the MOOCs from SWAYAM is mandatory for the students and very soon the offsite campuses will also

have to adopt CBCS, hence they should also start preparing their infrastructure for the adoption of MOOCs through SWAYAM. The objectives of the workshop was to present the SWAYAM implementation framework, familiarize stakeholders regarding the roles and responsibilities of the departments, students, departmental SWAYAM coordinators, academic wing, examination wing, IT wing, and to address queries regarding SWAYAM implementation. The opening session was addressed by Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA who delved upon the series of

developments for the implementation of MOOCs through SWAYAM platform in the University. Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE explained the procedure of transferring credits earned through SWAYAM in the

marks card of the students. Prof. Neeru Sharma, UGC SWAYAM coordinator gave a detailed presentation on

the working of SWAYAM. She also focused on challenges being faced in the implementation of MOOCs. Dr. Suresh N. Rao, member SWAYAM talked about the initiatives undertaken by the University and explained the constitution of various committees for the smooth functioning of SWAYAM at the University and in the colleges. Prof. Alka Sharma, co-coordinator SWAYAM welcomed the distinguished quests. Mr. Ravi Kant Verma,

Programmer from the office of Controller of Examinations discussed the pattern of marks cards for different disciplines. Prof. Samridhi Arora delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. Hema Gandotra conducted the proceedings. More than 100 participants including HoDs, Rectors, Directors attended the workshop.

#### Vice Chancellor's Grievance Portal launched at JU

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor launched the service of e-filling of grievances/queries of research scholars, students, employees and alumni of JU to redress the queries in a time-bound manner on 25 March, 2021. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor announced that students can directly post

their grievances on the Vice Chancellor's grievance portal of JU and the query/grievance shall be forwarded to the concerned department/ section with prescribed details. The concerned department will dispose the

same within the stipulated time. Dr. Akhilesh Sharma, Liaison Officer, Vice Chancellor's Secretariat is Incharge of the grievance portal. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Dean Research Studies (DRS), Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA, Prof. Rajnikant, DCD, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean, Students Welfare (SW), Prof. Vinay Chauhan, OSD to VC, Er. Anil Gupta, Director, IT, Dr. Vinay Thusoo,

spokesperson and Dr. Imran Farooq were also present on the occasion.



### 3rd Advisory committee meeting of UGC-SAP II (DRS II) held at JU

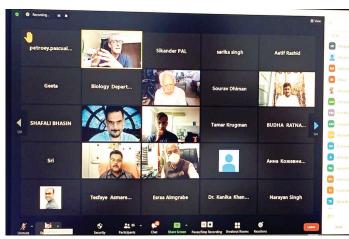
Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor chaired the 3rd Advisory committee meeting of UGC-SAP II (DRS II) of the Department of Botany in a hybrid mode on 27 March, 2021. Prof. Madhoolika Agarwal, Centre for Advanced Study (CAS), Department of Botany, BHU, Varanasi, Prof. Subir Bera, CAS, Department of Botany, University of Calcutta, Kolkata and Prof. B. S. Bhau, Department of Botany, CU, Samba were the distinguished external experts. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Coordinator, UGC-SAP-II gave a detailed presentation of the various academic and research activities and research achievements of the department under SAP-



II (DRS II) programme. UGC has sanctioned a financial assistance of Rs. 85.50 lacs for five years (April 2018 to March 2023) to undertake research in broad thrust areas including biodiversity, morphological and cytological, documentation and cultivation of wild macro-fungi and ecological studies of plant taxa under stress. Prof. Veenu Kaul, HoD extended welcome to the chairperson and the UGC expert committee members. Prof. Namrata Sharma, Deputy coordinator, SAP-II programme presented the vote of thanks. The meeting was attended by the faculty members and Prof. Geeta Sumbali was the special invitee.

# JU collaborates with AAPS to organize International Science TALK on Genomics & Salinity tolerance in crops

Department of Botany in collaboration with the Asia Association of Plant Scientists (AAPS) organized International Science TALK on 'Genetics of salinity tolerance traits in crops and developing saltwater-based agricultural systems' by Prof. Mark Tester, King



Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia on 9 April, 2021. Dr. Sikander Pal introduced the objectives and functioning of AAPS to the audience. The TALK was followed by an interactive session of tester with students and faculty from across

Asian countries. Mr. Shubham, JU and Mr. Alexander, Russia interacted with MARK to learn several aspects of salinity traits for their Ph.D. research works. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his address urged participants and country representatives from over 22 Asian countries to collaborate with JU and with AAPS to work in coherence to find innovative solutions to problems affecting mankind in terms of food security and agriculture. Around 150 participants including Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Veenu Kaul, Prof. Geeta Sumbali, Prof. Sanjana Kaul and Dr. Skarma attended the talk. Dr. Santosh conducted the proceedings of the event. Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Principal Scientist, IIIM, Jammu presented the vote of thanks.

### VC JU interacts with Hostel Boarders & Residents of the Campus

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor interacted with boarders of Girls & Boys hostels and also with the



residents of the residential complex of the campus to take stock of the situation on ground during 2nd wave of pandemic on 14 April, 2021. The Vice Chancellor advised the boarders to follow SoPs, keep surroundings clean and take nutritious diet.

### JU takes several measures to save the academic year of the students

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor convened a series of meetings with the Deans, HoDs and faculty of JU and also with the principals of affiliated colleges during May, 2021. The agenda was to undertake several steps to conduct the examinations of regular, private and distance learners of UG and PG programs; Engineering, Medical, B.Ed. and other professional degree courses, and also award of Ph.D. degree

meeting online for the academic benefit of students and research scholars.

### JU organizes first vaccination drive for its employees

University of Jammu's first vaccination drive for its employees, their dependents and the members of the civil society aged above 45 years was inaugurated by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 15 May, 2021. More than 100 persons participated in the said drive after following the proper social distancing norms and other COVID-19 related protocols. Medical team comprising Dr. J. P. Singh, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Dr. Poonam Sethi, Deputy CMO, Dr. Simranjeet Kour, Mr. Harminder Singh, Mohd. Toyeeb, Ms. Shivani and Ms. Kuljeet Kour extended the medical facility along with Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Mr. Ravi Gupta, Mr. Pawan Singh, Mr. Himanshu and other staff of University Health Centre for the successful organization of the vaccination drive.

### 2nd phase of Special Vaccination drive for JU employees

Moving ahead in its ongoing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, JU organized the second phase of vaccination drive for employees and their dependents



aged between 18-44 years on 29 May, 2021. More than 900 persons were vaccinated in the said drive after following the proper COVID-19 protocol.

### JU VC visits girls' hostels, guest house & finance wing

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor paid a special

visit to the Girls' Hostels, upcoming state of the art guest house and the newly constructed extension of finance wing to inspect the construction/renovation progress on 8 June, 2021. The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar,



Prof. Shashi Manhas, Provost, Girls' Hostels, Er. Vidhu Kumar Sharma, Superintendent Engineer, Er. Suresh Sharma, Executive Engineer, and Dr. Imran Farooq, PRO to Vice Chancellor.

### VC JU reviews progress of construction of Institute of Science & Technology at Poonch Campus

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor chaired review meeting to ascertain the progress of construction of the Institute of Science and Technology at Poonch Campus on 10 June, 2021. Er. Vidhu Sharma, gave a detailed report of the various



works being undertaken in the University and assured that all the projects will be completed within the stipulated time. The meeting was attended by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Dipanker Sengupta, Director, Poonch Campus, Mr. Sanjeev Mahajan, JR



(Finance), Dr. Dharmindra Magotra, JR (CDC), Dr. Imran Farooq, PRO to VC, Er. Suresh Sharma, Mr. Guneet Sudan, Incharge AR (Services) and Er. Rajiv Gupta, Assistant Executive Engineer.

#### Online interaction on Botanic Garden & Bioprospection of medicinal plants under Innovation Startup Series at JU

National Innovation and Startup Policy (NISP), JU organized an online interaction on Botanic Garden and Bio-prospection of Medicinal Plants under Innovation Startup Series on 9 June, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his inaugural address explained the importance of the NISP for the students and the faculty of different institutes. The Vice Chancellor apprised that the policy is a step towards the Atam Nirbhar



B h a r a t w h e r e i n University of Jammu is participating with its full s t r e n g t h among other

higher education institutes of the country. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Coordinator, NISP introduced the concept of Startup series and also welcomed the guests. Dr. Bikarma Singh, Senior Scientist, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow elaborated on the bioprospection of medicinal and aromatic plants and stressed upon starting of entrepreneurial ventures amongst the stakeholders in this field. Scholars from Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand, West Bengal, Ladakh, Kashmir and Jammu participated in the interaction. Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, member NISP, JU presented the vote of thanks.

### JU only University of UT figuring in World's Top 2000 Universities

University of Jammu occupies 1682 position at the World level and is the only University in the J&KUT to figure in the World ranking list. JU has shown splendid performance at Centre for World Ranking (CWUR), 2021-22 rankings. From India a total of 68 institutions

including 24 Universities figure in the top 2000 Universities list (out of about twenty thousand Universities); JU is at position 47 among all Institutions while it is at position 13 among the Universities. JU has consistently improved its world ranking from 1878 during 2019-20, to 1718 during 2020-21 and 1682 in 2021-22. CWUR is a leading consulting organization providing policy advice, strategic insights, and consulting services to governments and universities to improve educational and research outcomes. As per the methodology adopted by CWUR, JU has been assessed for the quality of education, alumni employment in top positions, quality of faculty in terms of their achievements/distinctions and research performance which includes research output, highquality publications, influence and citations.

#### VCJU emphasizes on establishment of e-Resource Centre in Dhanvantri Library

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on his visit to Dhanvantri Central Library took a round of Stacks sections, Reading rooms, and Periodical sections and enquired about various facilities being provided to students, scholars and faculty on 15 June, 2021. The



Vice Chancellor underlined the need to ramp up the requisite technologies available at the Central Library to make it the State of the Art Central Library and emphasized on establishment of an e-Resource Centre. The best of the facilities can be clubbed at one place to ensure that the students and scholars of the

#### **JU Buzz**

University of Jammu get enhanced access to econtents popular magazines, research journals, theses, reports, e-books, e-journals, and online databases in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences to make their studies at par with any other institute of repute. The role of e-libraries has now become more significant after the COVID-19. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar assured that all the requisite help shall be rendered to the Central Library on behalf of the registry to make their functioning as per the objective and mission laid by the Vice Chancellor. Prof. Versha Mehta, Incharge Librarian assured that Central Library will try its best to enhance its infrastructure and give more e-access of its

resources to students and scholars. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Spl. Secretary to Vice Chancellor, Dr. Imran Farooq, PRO, Dr. Vikram Sahi, Assistant Librarian and Computer Scientist, Dr. Gurdev Singh, Ms. Deepti Padmanabhan, Assistant Administrative Officer were present.

#### **VC JU visits Ramnagar Campus**

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor visited Ramnagar Campus on 16 June, 2021. The Vice Chancellor took a review meeting of the ongoing construction work of the Academic and Administrative Blocks, Girls & Boys

Hostels and the various facilities being created for the students including smart class rooms and video conferencing facility. The Vice Chancellor also directed Prof. Mubarak Singh, Rector and the faculty to

prepare a blueprint regarding the introduction of new programmes including various skill development courses keeping in view the employability including entrepreneurship avenues for the youth of the region. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Spl. Secretary, Dr. Imran Farooq, PRO, Er. Suresh Sharma and Mr. Irfan Goni, Campus Development Officer (CDO), faculty and staff were present at the occasion.

#### **VC JU visits Udhampur Campus**

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor visited Udhampur Campus on 18 June, 2021. The Vice Chancellor took an onspot assessment of the ongoing



construction of Academic/Administrative Blocks and Boys hostel. The Vice Chancellor gave instructions for the provision for ramps for differently-abled students. Prof. Prakshit Singh Manhas, Rector welcomed the Vice Chancellor and presented a detailed report of the Udhampur Campus. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Spl. Secretary, Dr. Imran Farooq, PRO, Er. Suresh Sharma and Mr. Irfan Goni, Campus Development Officer, faculty and staff were present at the occasion.

### Nominations, Promotions, Appointments & Superannuation

#### **Nominations**

Prof. Rajni Kant, Director, College Development Council Prof. Versha Mehta, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies Prof. Jasbir Singh, Controller of Examinations



Prof. Raj Kumar Rampal, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences

Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean, Students Welfare

Prof. Parikshit Singh Manhas, Rector, Udhampur Campus

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Prof. Satinder Kumar, HoD, Law

Prof. Manju Jamwal, Director, The Law School

Prof. Aroon Sharma, Director, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies

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Prof. Satnam Kaur, Director, DDE

Prof. Pawnesh Kumar, HoD, Computer Science & IT

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Prof. Seema Langer, HoD, Zoology

Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD, Home Science

#### **Promotion**

### Faculty promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (Level 11-12)

Dr. Vijay Saigal, Department of Law

Dr. Sandeep Arya, Department of Physics

Dr. Ritu Mahajan, School of Biotechnology

Dr. Monika Gupta, Department of Chemistry

Dr. Gurdev Singh, Assistant Librarian

Dr. Tarseem Singh, Assistant Librarian

### Faculty promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (Level 10-11)

Dr. Ellora Puri, Department of Political Science

Ms. Aarti Sharma, Department of Law

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Department of Commerce

Dr. Surinder Mohan, Department of Strategic and Regional Studies

Dr. Anuradha Goswami, DDE

Dr. Sourabh, Department of Computer Science and IT, Kathua Campus

Dr. Pallvi Arora, Department of ICccR & HRM

Dr. Saloni Devi, The Business School

Dr. Bindu Sharma, Assistant Librarian

#### **Appointment**

Ms. Suman Kumari, Department of Geography

Mr. Ashwami Kumar Kushwaha, Department of Library and Information Science

Dr. Rajbeer Singh Sodhi, Punjabi, DDE

Dr. Ashok Kumar, Department of Computer Science, Bhaderwah Campus

Mr. Ajay Lakhnotra, Department of Computer Science, Bhaderwah Campus

Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Department of Computer Science, Bhaderwah Campus

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Dr. Bandana Thakur, Department of Hindi

Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Department of Zoology

#### **Superannuation**

Prof. Anil K. Raina, Department of Environmental Science

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#### **Promotion**

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### **Seminars, Conferences, Workshops & Invited Lectures**

University of Jammu is students-centric hub of academic and research events:

**Bhaderwah Campus** organized a one-day online workshop on 'Skills to Succeed in Dynamic Business World: (Getting Ready for A New Normal) Post Covid



Era on 16 February, 2021. Mr. Raju Moza, Founder R M Holdings spoke about the key skills to succeed in the

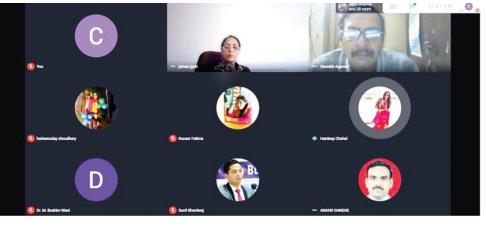
business world in the current economy, especially after the pandemic. Dr. Sunil Bharadwaj, convener of the workshop talked about stress management which is critical for reviving the growth in the economy after the COVID-19 crisis. Dr. Rohit Bhagat, co-convener of the workshop discussed post-COVID stress and its side effects on the human body

and suggested solutions like proper guidance, planning in advance, practicing exercises of introspection. Dr. Atif Javed Qazi delivered the vote of thanks.

Bhaderwah Campus in collaboration with Central Depository Services (India) Ltd., and BSE IPF organized a one-day national online workshop on 'Investment and Career Options in Capital Market' on 22 March, 2021. Around 300 participants attended the workshop. Dr. Umesh Choudhary presented the welcome address and introduced the theme of the workshop. The workshop was conducted under the direction and guidance of Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector.

Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Regional Head, Northern Zone, CDSL was the keynote speaker. Mr. Inderjeet Singh shared his knowledge and expertise on depository and gave a detailed profile of CDSL. Dr. Atif Javed Qazi delivered the vote of thanks.

Department of Commerce organized a webinar on 'Career Planning & Placement' for the benefit of scholars and students on 31 March, 2021. The session was conducted by Dr. Naresh Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor, CU, Samba who enlightened the participants about the significant aspect of career planning & placement including self-employment/ startups as well as avenues in the corporate sector. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, HoD welcomed the resource person and the participants. Dr. Bodh Raj Sharma, coordinated the event and delivered the vote of thanks. The webinar was attended by 50 participants,



including faculty members, research scholars and students. Ms. Nikhita Kapoor student of M.Com. acted as rapporteur.

Department of Commerce in collaboration with Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) organized a one-week online workshop on 'Advanced Research Methodology (Advanced Data Analysis)' from 18-22 January, 2021. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, HoD delved upon the nature of the workshop and gave a detailed overview of the workshop. Mr. Shankar M. Mepparambath, Mentor, CARES, Bangalore and Dr. Surabh Aggarwal, Researcher and Trainer on data

analysis were the resource persons. Around 58 participants from various states of India belonging to different disciplines attended the workshop. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Environmental Science** in collaboration with Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav organized a National webinar on 'Wetland Health Assessment and Restoration-A Geospatial Approach' on 30 June, 2021. Prof. J. K. Garg, an international wetland expert, and member of the Governing Body, Wetlands International, South Asia was the resource person. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, HoD introduced the expert and the theme of the webinar. Dr. Deepika Slathia, conducted the proceedings of the program and presented the vote of thanks. Prof. R. K. Rampal, Prof. A. K. Raina, Dr. Rakesh Attri, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Meenakshi Khajuria, faculty members from science departments, scientists and academicians from other universities across India, former senior functionaries of J&K Government, scholars, students and the members of the civil society participated in the webinar.

**Department of Home Science** organized a three-day workshop under RUSA 2.0 on 'Psychometrics and Test Development' from 8-10

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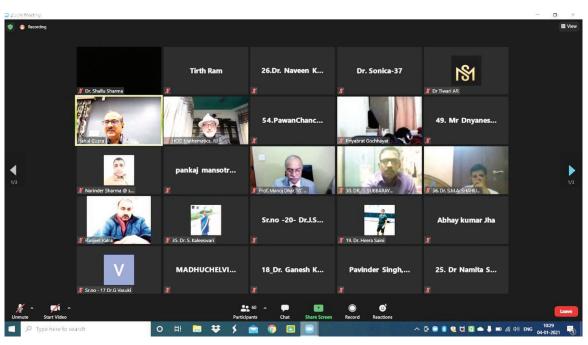
February, 2021. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Rajni Dhingra, DRS. Prof. Jatinder Gulati, formerly Dean, Home Science, PAU Ludhiana, Prof. C.R. Darolia Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University, Sh. Surabh Agarwal, HBTI, Kanpur, Prof. Reeta Sonawat formerly Dean, SNDTWU, Mumbai, Prof. Raj Pathania, HoD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, CSKHPKV, Palampur, HP, Dr. Anupma Sethi, Empowerkidz, USA and Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Department of Commerce, JU were the resource persons for the workshop. Around 50 students and scholar attended the workshop. Dr. Sarika Manhas was the workshop coordinator.



**Department of Home Science** in collaboration with University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre (UESDC), organized a one-week skill course on 'Learning Disabilities' from 10 - 16 March, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest at the valedictory session. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, DRS was the guest of honor on the occasion. Dr. Sarika Manhas was the course coordinator. Dr. Anupma Sethi, Founder of Empowerkidz, a USA based freelance organization; Ms. Mimansa Popat, a well-known Psychotherapist, special educator and trainer from Mumbai; Dr. Santoshi Halder, Department of Education, University of Calcutta; Dr. Bharti Tandon, College of Education, MIER Institute, Jammu; and Dr. Nikhil Gupta, Department of Psychiatry, Achraya Shri Chandra College of Medical Sciences and Hospital, Jammu were the resource persons.

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Department of Home Science organized a threeday online workshop on 'Towards Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities' from 24-26 June, 2021. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Kusumlata Malik, President of National Federation of the Blind and member



of the Women Committee of the World Blind Union. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, DRS was the chief guest at the



valedictory function. Dr. Sarika Manhas, the workshop coordinator presented a detailed report of the workshop. The key resource persons were Ms. Sukanya Bhan, Multimedia Journalist and Sign Language interpreter; Ms. Sandhya Dhar, Founder & Director, JIGER; Dr. Bharti Tandon MIER Institute and Ms. Neha

Kalra, District Resource Person-Inclusive Education, Jammu.

**Department of Mathematics** in collaboration with

Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) organized an online Refresher Course (RC) in Mathematical Sciences from 4-17 January, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the course. Prof. K. S. Charak, HoD was the coordinator of the RC. Around 65 faculty members of Mathematical Sciences working in different colleges and universities across country attended the RC. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Director, HRDC congratulated the department for successful organization of RC. Mr. Ranjit Kalra Assistant Director, HRDC presented the vote of thanks.

Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) to train the newly promoted Junior Assistants in JU and its offsite campuses in Financial and Service Rules organized a 60 days capacity building programme from 18 January, 2021. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Director welcomed the participants and apprised them about the training aimed at building capacity of the work force at the entry level in the University. Mr. Ranjeet Kalra, Assistant Director interacted with the trainers and apprised that 100 experts will impart training in the 60 days programme. Dr. Amit Sharma, Micro-Analysist coordinated the training programme.

**HRDC** organized a two-week Refresher Course (RC) in Disaster Management from 2-15 February, 2021. Prof. Pankaj Srivastava was the coordinator of the RC. Prof. Rajni Kant, Director, CDC was the chief

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guest. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Director welcomed the participants and the guests. Around 48 teachers from more than 10 states of India participated in the RC. Mr. Ranjeet Kalra, Assistant Director presented the vote of thanks.

HRDC in collaboration with The Business School



(TBS) and Bhaderwah Campus organized a two-week Refresher Course (RC) in Entrepreneurship Development from 15-28 February, 2021. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, formerly Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, and Prof. Emeritus IIT, Delhi, was the chief guest in the valedictory function. More than 40 faculty members from across the country participated in the RC.



**Department of Urdu** in collaboration with HRDC organized a four-week Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) from 25 Feb-24 March, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the FIP. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Director, HRDC threw light on the aims and objectives of the course. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, HoD welcomed the participants and distinguished guests. Mr. Ranjeet Kalra, Assistant Director, HRDC presented the vote of thanks. Around 60 Assistant Professors of J&KUT attended the FIP.



International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICccR & HRM) organized a two-day experiential workshop on GST and its Corporate Applications with an aim to enhance the skill and employability for the students of MBA (IB) on 19-20 March, 2021. Mr. Vineet Kohli, Chartered Accountant and Senior Partner, Kohli Associates, Jammu was the resource person. Prof. Neetu Andotra, Director welcomed the guests. Dr. Isha Sharma, Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh & Dr. Neha Gupta coordinated the workshop.

Department of Lifelong learning (DLL) in collaboration with Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau (EIAB) organized a one-day online Career Counseling Programme (CCP) in Sciences and Languages for the students of GGHS, Satwari on 28 January, 2021. Dr. Surjit Singh, Principal inaugurated the programme. Dr. Kavita Suri, Director, Dr. Arti Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Dr. Pallavi Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB were the resource persons. Ms. Neetu presented the vote of thanks.

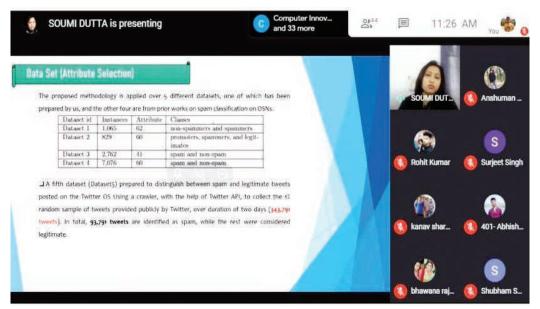
Kathua Campus: Department of Computer Science & IT organized a webinar on 'Opportunities and Challenges in 6G Wireless Technology' on

28 January, 2021. Dr. Sridhar Iyer, Associate Professor, Department of ECE, S.G. Balekundri Institute of Technology, Belagavi, Karnataka was the resource person. Prof. Meena Sharma, Rector and chief coordinator campuses appreciated the efforts of the resource person for sharing valuable knowledge with the students of the department in shaping the foundation



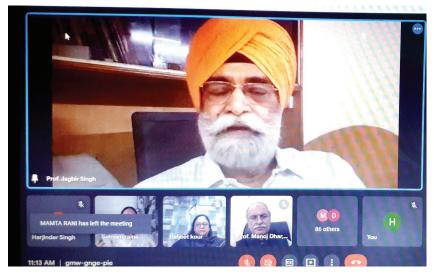
and engaging the academicians, especially during the ongoing pandemic time. Mr. Sourabh Shastri presented the vote of thanks. The organizing team comprised: Mr. Amit Sharma, Mr. Riti Parkash Singh Katal, Mr. Ajay Laknotra, Mr. Sunny Sharma and Ms. Paramjit Kour.

Kathua Campus: Department of Computer Science & IT organized a webinar on 'Challenges in Micro Blogging Data Analytics' on 5 February, 2021. Dr. Soumi Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science & Applications, Institute of Engineering and Management (IEM), Kolkata, West Bengal was the resource person. Prof. Meena Sharma, Rector and chief coordinator campuses appreciated the efforts of the resource person for sharing valuable knowledge with the students of the



campus. Mr. Sourabh Shastri, organizing secretary, presented the vote of thanks.

**Department of Punjabi** in collaboration with Guru Nanak Chair organized a one-day National Webinar



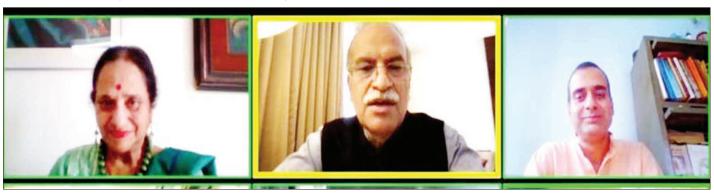
on 'Guru Nanak Dev Ji Di Darshnik Drishti' on 8 June, 2021. Prof. Jagbir Singh, formerly HoD, Punjabi, University of Delhi and currently Chancellor, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda presented the keynote address. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. Prof. Satnam Kour, Incharge Chair Professor, Guru Nanak Chair presented the welcome address. Dr. Harjinder Singh conducted the proceedings of the webinar. Dr. Pritam Singh was the technical expert for the smooth proceedings of the webinar. Dr. Baljit Kour presented the vote of thanks.

Department of Students Welfare in collaboration with Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust organized a webinar on the topic 'Mata Shree Roopbhawani a comprehensive perspective' on 21 June, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor in his presidential remarks complimented

SAS Trust for organizing a series of intellectual events to commemorate the 4th Centenary Birth Year of Mata Shree Roop Bhawani worshipped as the human embodiment of Mata Sharika. Dr. C. K. Gariyali, IAS, a

prolific writer and Dr. Mahesh Koul, Doctoral Fellow, ICPR, New Delhi and expert on Sanskrit Indian Philosophy were the resource persons. The webinar was organized under the guidance of Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean, (SW) Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW), Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Deans (SW), members of CCC. Ms. Mansi Mantoo, media officer, Ms. Ifra Kak, cultural officer and Mr. Sumeet Sharma, drama instructor coordinated the event.

University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre (UESDC) in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) and GDC, Reasi organized a 15 days online course on 'Life Skills for the Students' from 6-20 January, 2021. Prof. Manoj. K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme. The Vice Chancellor speaking on the occasion referred to various programmes undertaken by JU through online mode for the upliftment of the skills among students. Mr. Talat Parvez Rohilla, Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education was the guest of honor. Prof. Alka Sharma, convener presented the welcomed address. Prof. Chander Shekhar, Principal, GDC, Reasi expressed his gratitude to JU for this collaboration. Dr. Kavita Suri, Director, DLL presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva coordinated the programme.



### **Students' Roundup**

Our students and scholars have achieved success in academic, research, cultural, social and literary activities in a wide range of regional, national and international competitions:

**Mr. Udhayveer Singh Chandel,** Department of Physical Education on the basis of his earlier

excellent performance has been invited for the selection trials of Indian University Fencing (M) Team for the World University Games 2021 to be held at Chengdu (China). The selection trials to be held at GNDU Amritsar from 28 February-3 March, 2021. Mr. Udhayveer won bronze medal for the Jammu

University in Saber Event in the All India Inter-University Fencing (M) Championship 2019-20 and 1st Khelo India University Games held at KIIT, Bhubaneswar in 2020, which makes him eligible for the trials for the World University Games.

Ms. Srishti Koul, Department of Chemistry, represented J&KUT at 2nd National Youth Parliament 2021. The two days Youth Parliament





was held in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 11-12 January, 2021. She also received appreciation from Mr. Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Ramesh Мr. Pokhriyal, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Gol and Mr. Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Gol.

### **Faculty Recognitions**

Teachers are fount of experience, role models for students who learn through them, through their commitment to academic excellence:

Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Dean Faculty of Arts

and HoD, Urdu has been nominated as member of the Editorial and Advisory Board of Research Journal (Biannual) 'Pakistan Journal of Media Sciences' published by Society for Social Sciences and Research Association, Karachi, Pakistan.



**Prof. Yash Pal Sharma,** Department of Botany delivered an invited talk on 'Gandhian models to curb Gluttonous Natural Resource Utilization' during an International Conference on the theme 'Gandhian Values-Tool for Effective Management of World Order during COVID-19 Pandemic' organized by the University of Calicut, Kerala in collaboration with Gandhi Centre, Trivandrum from 4-6 February, 2021.

**Prof. Yash Pal Sharma** empanelled as International member from India in the prestigious



IUCN Species
Survival Commission
Species Monitoring
Specialist Group. He is
also empanelled as
SSC Mushroom,
Bracket and Puffball
Specialist Group.
He also has been
nominated as Chief
Editor of an
international peer-

reviewed Journal KWAKA, the official Journal of the Mycological Society of India.

**Prof. Jasbir Singh,** Department of Economics, has been nominated member of the Editorial Board of



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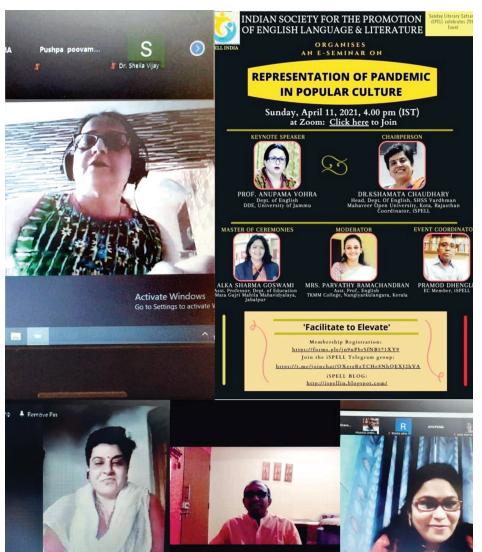
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Prof. Anupama Vohra, English, DDE has been nominated member of the Editorial Board of World-CWS publication committee 'Messenger' a digital newsletter.

**Prof. Anupma Vohra** delivered keynote address in E-Seminar





Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, Department of Botany has been nominated as coordinator of the



local chapter by the Society of Ethnobotanists (SEB) HQ, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow.

Dr. Sarika Manhas, Department of Home Science received the Best Oral Presentation Award for her work 'Morbidity Profile of Tribal Guijar Children of

**Udhampur District** of J&K' in Human Development (Academician Category) in the National Webinar 'Paradigm Shift in Home Science Education' organized by the Home Science Association of India (Kerala Chapter) from the 18-20 February, 2021.

on 'Representation of Pandemic in Popular Culture' organized by Indian Society for the Promotion of English Language & Literature (iSPELL) on 11 April, 2021.



### **Cultural & Literary Events**

A peep into the diverse literary events and cultural activities organized by the Department of Students Welfare, the teaching departments and the offsite campuses:

### 19th Annual Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition

Department of Students Welfare (DSW) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), J&K Regional Branch and J&K Police organized the 19th Annual Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition on the topic 'In the opinion of the house, Virtual Model is a poor substitute

the chief guest and Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the guest of honor in the prize distribution function. Sh. B R Sharma, IAS, Chairman, Public Service Commission and Chairman, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS, Patron of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch also graced the function. Mrs. Swarna Aivalli along with her family joined the event online from Delhi and conveyed their wishes. Sh. Dilbag Singh while remembering the services of Sh. Aivalli to the police department congratulated IIPA for consistently organizing the debate competition in his memory. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his address while stressing the joy of learning in the physical mode highlighted the brighter aspects of online



learning which has for both the teachers and the students immense capacities to explore the global opportunities of knowledge exchange. Sh. B. R. Sharma in his address said that the pandemic has provided an opportunity for all the

for classroom learning' on 18 January, 2021. Around 27 teams from the teaching departments, JU, and its affiliated colleges, and also from other universities and institutions of the region participated in the competition. The team from Cluster University Jammu (CLUJ): Mr. Aryan Sen and Ms. Shrenya lifted the Veeranna Aivalli Running Team Trophy. The first prize was won by Mr. Anmol Sharma from GDC, Bishnah; Ms. Sakshi Bhat from GCET, Jammu bagged the second prize and Ms. Sarthika from CLUJ won the third prize. The consolation prizes were won by Ms. Shrenya, CLUJ; Ms. Monika Parihar and Ms. Mayuri Choudhary, GDC Kunjwani; and Ms. Sugandhi, Bharti College of Education. Sh. Dilbag Singh, IPS, DGP, JK Police was

Institutions to leverage technologies to their advantage Dr. Ashok Bhan appreciated the organizers for organizing the debate in the hybrid mode. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean, Students Welfare (SW) appreciated the students for participation in the debate competition. Prof. Alka Sharma presented the welcome address and Dr. Anil Gupta delivered the vote of thanks. The adjudicators for the debate competition were: Mr. Vinod Malhotra, Prof. Ashok Gupta and Ms. Geetika Kohli Amla. The rapporteur of the event was Ms. Heena Sadiq. The debate was anchored by Ms. Puneet Kaur. Dr. Sapna Sangra, was the Teacher-in-Charge and Ms. Ifra Kak and Mr. Sumeet Sharma from DSW coordinated the debate competition.





### **Sports Activities**

Sports not only benefit in physical activity but increase self-esteem and mental alertness to enjoy the health and vigour of life:

**Directorate of Sports and Physical Education** (DSPE) on the occasion of International Women's Day organized a five-day Women's Hiking and Trekking

Expedition at Mansar in collaboration with the Pir Panchal Adventures from 8-12 March, 2021. Around 50 students from the teaching departments and the

colleges affiliated with JU participated in the expedition. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor flagged off the contingent and advised participants to observe SOPs. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Mr. Padam Dev Singh, Mr. Ravish Vaid, Mr. Gagan Kumar, Mrs. Geetanjali Aggarwal, Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Mr. Surinder Kumar, Mr. Sat Paul, Mr. Makhan Lal and Pir Panchal Adventure group members: Sourav Jamwal, Sanjay

Bandral, Manik Slathia, Pranav accompanied the contingent.

DSPE in collaboration with Pir Panjal Adventures and under the aegis of University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Center (UESDC) as part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mohatsav organized a five-day workshop on Mountaineering from 25 - 31 March, 2021. Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean, DAA & convener, RUSA was the chief guest on the occasion and Prof. Alka Sharma convener, UESDC

was the guest of honor. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director presented the welcome address. Mr. Pranav Bandral, Director, Pir Panjal Adventures shared the schedule of



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Education was the chief guest at the valedictory function and Prof. Alka Sharma, convener, UESDC was the guest of honor. Dr. Anil Gupta, Dr. Farah Chowdhary, Mr. Arif Haleem Khateeb, Mr. Ravish Vaid, Mr. Raj Kumar Bakshi, Mr. Vikas Karlopia, Mr. Gagan Kumar, Mr. Padam Dev Singh, Mr. Jai Bharat, Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Mr. Harinder Pal Singh, Mr. Pranav Bandral, Mr. Sanjay Verma, Mr. Manik Slathia, Mr. Sourav Jamwal and Mr. Arshad Baba were also present in the valedictory session.

the workshop. Dr. Komal Nagar, Assistant Director presented the vote of thanks. In one of the sessions Prof. Lalit Magotra, an ace tracker who has visited scores of tracks throughout the world and is still tracking at the age of 74, addressed the participants and shared his experiences. Around 150 students, staff members of the different wings of JU and Bhaderwah campus participated in the workshop. Prof Renu Nanda, Dean, Faculty of





**DSPE** under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India (AFI), J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and J&K Olympic Association (JKOA) as part of *Azadi Ka Amrut Mohatsav* organized 19th J&K Athletics Championship from 21-23 March, 2021. Around 500 athletes from the J&KUT competed for the top honors in the three-day competition, Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in the presence of Dr. Ashutosh Sharma, Vice President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba

Director, and Mr. Suneel Mahajan President, JKAAA declared the championship open.



### **Extension & Outreach Activities**

Extension and outreach activities enable students to develop a broader outlook on life and also the importance of 'giving back' to society:

Centre for Women's Studies (CWS) conducted special online lecture on 'Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act,



2013' by Prof. Gurpreet Bal, formerly Dean and HoD Sociology, GNDU, Amritsar for the students of two Certificate Courses: Gender Issues, and Women and Law on 28-29 January, 2021. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director introduced the speaker.

**CWS** organized an online 'Essay Writing Competition' on the topics 'Moving beyond Stereotypical Gender Binaries', 'Women in Multitasking Roles: Problems and Prospects', 'Women Rights in India: Problems & Prospects', 'Challenges of being a Woman' for the students and scholars of JU on 22 March, 2021. The winners of the competition were:



**Scholars:** Ms. Aroosa Jan Mattoo (1st prize) Department of Botany; Ms. Pankhuri Aggarwal (2nd Prize) Department of English; Ms. Amandeep Kaur Nanda (3rd Prize) Department of Psychology

**Students:** Ms. Heena Ali (1st Prize) SHTM; Ms. Ayushi Aggarwal and Ms. Vasudha Sawhney (2nd

Prize) Department of English & The Law School; Mr. Pratyush Sharma (3rd Prize) The Law School. Prof. Parkash C. Anthal, Dean (SW) was the chief guest in the prize distribution function. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director, Dr. Hema Gandotra, Dr. Saranjit Kour and Dr. Priyanka Katoch also graced the event.

Centre for Studies in Museology in collaboration with the University Entrepreneurship & Skill



Development Centre (UESDC) and supported by Tripura Bamboo Mission, Government of Tripura organized 'Skill Development Training Programme' for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat on bamboo, cane and straw crafts development from 22-27 March, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the training programme. Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA was the guest of honor. Prof. Alka Sharma, convener, (UESDC) presented the welcome address. Prof. Poonam Chaudhary, Director discussed the outcome of the program. Dr. Malay Dey conducted the programme and presented the vote of thanks.



Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) in collaboration with State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTU) J&K organized poster making competition on the topic 'Donate Organ and Save Lives' on 10 April, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the competition and also hoisted the National Flag on the building of IMFA. The Vice Chancellor stressed IMFA can play a vital role in preserving the art and cultural legacy of Jammu region. Dance presentation on 'HOLI MILAN' by the students of the Kathak Dance Department was appreciated by the distinguished guests and audience. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal presented the welcome address. Mr. Rakesh Sharma presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Priya Dutta, Mr. Sunil Raina, Mr. Bahadur Singh, Dr. Sumeet Madan, Mr. Suraj Singh, Dr. Deepali Wattal, Mr. Sanjay Koul, Dr. Roshi Shaminotra, Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Ms. Bindu Sharma, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Mr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Mr. Vijay Kumar, Dr. Sujata Rajput, Mr. Rakesh Sharma and Mr. Rohit Verma were present on the occasion. In poster making competition Divisha Jandial, Sachin Kumar, Priya Manhas, Pratham Verma, Kushal Kumar, Reet Gupta, Aditi Sharma, Medhavi Sharma, Jyeshtha Jamwal, Anmol Bonss, Ruhi Banalch, Karan Sharma, Isha Sharma, Sknda Sharma, Mohd.Kamil, Vidushi Bhagat, Tannu Rajput, Vishali Mehra, Shruti Sharma, Zarina Parveen, Kuldan Gyatso and Aman Verma participated.

Department of Education organized a webinar on 'Ethos of the Independence in the Pre & Post-Independent India' as part of *Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav* celebrations on 12 March, 2021. Around 100 students, scholars and faculty members from the teaching departments of JU participated through googlemeet. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, HoD gave an overview of the struggle for Independence through the lens of History. Prof. Renu Nanda presented the welcome address. Dr. S.K. Panda presented the vote of thanks.

Department of Botany provided an offline platform to the National Academy of Sciences India Headquarter (NASI-HQ) and NASI, Jammu Chapter for organizing a national level webinar on 'Jagrukta Abhiyan for COVID-19 under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 19 March, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor elaborated on the mechanism of vaccine action developed by the scientists. Prof. G. Padmanaban in his presidential address appreciated the participants for following appropriate behaviour towards COVID-19. Dr. Shashi Sudan, Principal, GMC, Jammu talked about 70 different vaccines for the COVID-19 in pipeline and under human trial. Dr. P. K. Seth, formerly Director, IITR, Lucknow; Prof. U. C. Srivastava, University of Allahabad and Prof. H. N. Verma,



filmmaking, the Lt Governor observed that the UT Government has developed one of the finest film policies which will revive J&K's incredible glory in Indian cinema besides providing more livelihood opportunities to the youth. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his address highlighted the measures taken by JU for promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development. Live performance by Mr. Jubin Nautiyal and Mr. Abhishek Singh, supported by the artists of Saptak music band, received a standing ovation from the audience. Ms. Nandani Kapoor and Ms. Alisha students

Vice Chancellor, JNU, Jaipur also addressed the audience. The webinar was attended by 150 participants both through online and offline mode. The welcome address was given by Dr. Archna Pant from NASI-HQ. Prof. R.N. Gohil, secretary, NASI elaborated on the activities of the Jammu Chapter of NASI. Prof. A. K. Wakhloo, Prof. Anima Langer, Prof. Geeta Sumbali, Prof. Roopma Gandotra, Dr. Sikander Pal, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Harish Chander, Dr. Skarma Nonzom, Dr. Harpreet Bhatia also participated in the webinar. The proceedings were conducted by Ms. Archana Pant and the

vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Niraj Kumar from NASI-HQ.

Department of Students Welfare (DSW) organized Jubin Nautiyal's Musical Album release function as part of *Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav* celebrations on 31 March, 2021. Sh. Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT & Chancellor, University of Jammu released the music album '*Tujhe Bhoolna Toh Chaha*' produced under the banner of T-Series and picturized in the Kashmir valley. The album has Mr. Abhishek Singh, an IAS officer as lead actor and Ms. Samreen Kaur from Jammu as the lead actress. Speaking on the occasion, the Lt. Governor termed the occasion as yet another milestone in the direction of making J&KUT- a preferred shooting destination for the film-makers. Highlighting the reformative measures being taken for making J&KUT a hub for



of JU along with local artists presented Duggar Cultural Bonanza, which enthralled the audience. Prof. Anupama Vohra, chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee (CCC) presented the welcome address and Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW) presented the vote of thanks. Ms. Madhvi Sharma anchored the programme. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Mr. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt. Governor; Mr. Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt. Governor; Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice Chancellor, CU, Samba; Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, CLUJ; Mr. Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment; Mr. Ramesh Kumar, CEO, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. Faculty members, scholars and students also attended the musical event.



### **Days Commemorated @ JU**

Commemorating days on campus contributes to remembering and participation in community life for improved learning, imbibing values, attitude and core competencies:

#### **National Youth Day**

**Department of Students Welfare** (DSW) organized a Lecture cum Interaction programme on 'Life & Teachings of Swami Vivekananda Ji' to



celebrate Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary commemorated as National Youth Day on 12 January, 2021. Swami Anatarananda from Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu was the keynote speaker. He dwelt on the golden thoughts of Swami Vivekananda

who believed in concentration and selfconfidence. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor citing statistics, that around 65% population of India is youth, asserted the relevance of such programmes to make youth self-sufficient and empowered. The Vice Chancellor also emphasized that the innovative projects of Gol like 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Skill India' etc., would go a long way in realizing the vision of Swami Vivekananda. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar was the guest speaker. He enlightened the audience with spiritual and transforming thoughts giving reference to Bhagwad Geeta, Vedas, Puranas, Upnishads and the words of wisdom of Swami Vivekananda. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean, (SW) presented the welcome address. Prof. Anupama Vohra, chairperson, CCC presented the vote of thanks and expressed gladness over restart of offline activities on the campus with such a noble event. Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE was also felicitated on the occasion for his contribution as former Dean, (SW). Prof Samridhi Arora, cochairperson, CCC. Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean, (SW), Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Dean, (SW) and members of CCC, students and scholars also graced the occasion. The event was conducted by Ms. Ifra Kak, cultural officer and was coordinated by Mr. Sumeet Sharma, drama instructor.

#### 72nd Republic Day of India

**72nd Republic Day of India** was celebrated with great enthusiasm & patriotic fervor on the campus. On



the arrival of the Vice Chancellor, guard of honor was presented by the Jammu University Security Guards Contingent led by Capt. S.R. Dubey, Chief Security Officer. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor unfurled the National Flag and released the tricolour balloons in the presence of Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE, Prof. Kulwant Singh, Director, DDE, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean, (SW), Prof. Anupama Vohra, chairperson, CCC, Prof. Samridhi Arora, co-chairperson, CCC, Dr.



Pritam Singh, Assistant Dean (SW), Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW), faculty members, staff, students, scholars and guests from the residential complex of JU. The Vice Chancellor while greeting the fraternity asserted that the University has a larger responsibility towards society and stressed on the importance of skill development, entrepreneurship, innovation, industry ready and research oriented approach. Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean, (SW) delivered the welcome address. Cultural bonanza was presented by children: Ms. Manmeet Kaur, Mr. Keshav Veer Sharma, Ms. Nandani Sharma, Ms. Riya Jandyal and Ms. Kavya Jandyal. Prof. Anupama Vohra chairperson, CCC presented the vote of thanks. Ms. Ifra Kak conducted the programme. The stage was managed by Mr. R.S. Bandral, Mr. Kulbhushan Thakur, Mr. Balwant Slathia and Mr. Arif Paul.

### International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGS)

Department of Physics in collaboration with High Energy Physics (HEP) group on the occasion of International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGS) organized a one-day online event 'Hands-on Particle Physics Masterclasses@JU' for high school/college/ university girl students on 11 February, 2021. Around 40 girl students registered for the event. Dr. Ramni Gupta, coordinator of the event

welcomed the guests and participants. The inaugural session was addressed by the chairperson of ALICE-India collaboration Dr. Zubayer Ahammed from VECC, Kolkata. Spokesperson of ALICE-India collaboration Prof. Bedanga Mohanty from NISER, Odisha; Dr. Despina-Hatzifotiadou outreach coordinator of ALICE experiment; Prof. Anju Bhasin, and Prof. S.S. Sambyal, HoD, faculty and scholars attended the programme. The special attraction of the event was the virtual tour of the ALICE experiment in the cavern of LHC along with the online question-answer session followed by the Hands-on session. Participants interacted with the moderators and asked various questions related to CERN, ALICE, and the life of women in particle Physics.

#### Sankalp Diwas 1994



Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS) and Jammu and Kashmir Study Centre (JKSC) Jammu chapter organized a special lecture on 'Parliament Resolution on PoJK' on 22 February, 2021. Capt. Alok Bansal, Director, India Foundation

#### **Days Commemorated @ JU**

and Adjunct Professor, School of Management, New Delhi delivered the special lecture. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Prof. Aroon Sharma, Director presented a brief profile of the department and introduced the speaker. Dr. Monir Alam presented the welcome address. Adv. Harswardan Gupta, secretary, JKSC presented the vote of thanks.

#### **National Science Day**

Department of Students Welfare (DSW) organized Curtain Raiser event of the celebrations of National Science Day 2021 on 28 February, 2021. Dr. D. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu was the chief guest who delivered a thought provoking lecture on 'Efforts towards Solving Societal Problems using Organic Synthesis'. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice

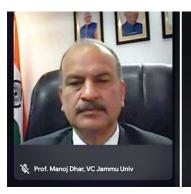


Chancellor presided over the function. Prof. Rajni Kant Dean, Faculty of Sciences presented the welcome address. Prof. Kamal K. Kapoor, HoD, Chemistry introduced the keynote speaker. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma presented the vote of thanks. The lecture was attended by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Roopma Gandotra, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Anupama Vohra, chairperson, CCC, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW) Deans, HoD's, faculty members, students and scholars. The programme was conducted by Dr. Madhulika Bhagat.

#### **International Women's Day**

**Department of Lifelong Learning** in collaboration with Coordination Cell, Higher Education Department (HED), J&KUT organized a one-day National Webinar

on 'Gender and Evolution of Women in 21st Century' on 8 March, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his address stressed that while COVID has played havoc on all sections of the society and women have been worst hit, there is an urgent need to bring to light the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. The Vice Chancellor said that the International Women's Day





2021 should be an inspiration to collectively work towards reversal of long-standing inequalities. Prof. Neelofar Khan, founder Director, Department of Women's Studies (KU), Prof. Priyamvada Srivastava, Associate Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Chhattisgarh and Dr. Kavita Suri, Director addressed the audience. Dr. Rewa Khajuria conducted the technical sessions. Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Bharti Prabhakar, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Richa Gupta and Dr. Muheet Ahmad Butt and other members of Coordination Cell (HED) attended the webinar. Dr. Mohd. Zubair Sofi, HoD Zoology, GDC, Bijbehara and Member, Coordination Cell, (HED) J&KUT presented the vote of thanks.

#### **International Dance Day**

Institute of Music & Fine Arts (IMFA) celebrated International Dance Day 2021 on a virtual platform on 29 April, 2021. Department of Kathak Dance students: Shivam, Umesh, Akshay, Neeraj, Saba, Sunidhi and Ritika posted their captivating kathak dance video clips on the official facebook page of IMFA. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal in his address highlighted that dancers, researchers and therapists across the world are encouraging people to engage in hobbies to



counter the mental fatigue during the pandemic. The event was organized by Dr. Priya Dutta.

#### **Buddha Purnima**

Department of Buddhist Studies in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA) celebrated Buddha Purnima-Prayer for world peace on 26 May, 2021. The welcome address was presented by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Dean, Faculty of Arts. Buddhist scholar Tashi Namgyal (online) from Achina Gompa, Leh talked about Buddha's twelve deeds composed by the great Buddhist Saint, scholar,



and philosopher Nagarjuna. Dr. Sachchdanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA was the chief guest. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his presidential address stressed on the relevance of Lord Buddha's teaching in the present time and welcomed collaborative programs with IGNCA on subjects of mutual interest. Dr. Virendra Bangroo, Director, RC, IGNCA talked about the history of Buddhism in Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. Dr. Rajesh Sharma presented the vote of thanks.

#### **International Yoga Day**

**Directorate of Sports and Physical Education** (DSPE) celebrated 7th International Day of yoga online at Google meet on 21 June, 2021. Around 150



participants participated in the yoga session including students and faculty of JU and the members of civil society. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor in his address stressed the importance of yoga for mental and spiritual health and urged the participants to make

yoga a part of their daily course as it helps one to realize one's potential to their fullest. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director welcomed the chief guest, invited guests and participants. The yoga session was conducted by Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, teaching assistant in the yoga centre. Mr. Ravish Vaid presented the vote of thanks. Mr. Jai Bharat, Mr. Raj Kumar Bakshi, Mr. Ravish Vaid, Mr. Gagan Kumar, Mr. Harinderpal Singh, Mr. Gagandeep Singh, Dr. Noor-ul-Asar Beig and Mr. Pankaj Singh also participated in the yoga session.

### The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Department of Students Welfare (DSW) to commemorate 'The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' under the patronage of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor organized an online Poster Making contest on the topic 'Say No to Drugs' on 26 June, 2021. Students from affiliated colleges and university departments





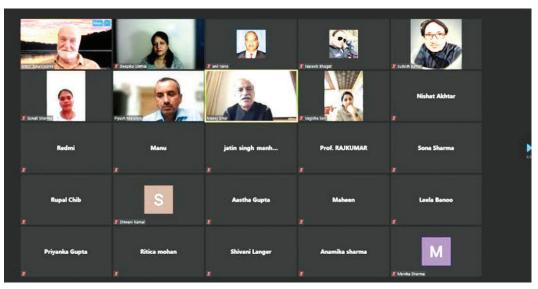
uploaded their posters on the given topic. Complementing the participants for their creative endeavour, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean, (SW) informed that the Department of Students Welfare is

always prompt to organize the events of cultural, literary and intellectual importance which sensitize youth towards social issues and ask for their point of view with the aim to channelize their energies towards creativity and positivity. Speaking about the contest, Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC threw light on the theme 'Share

Facts on Drugs, Save Lives'. The event was coordinated by the members of Campus Cultural Committee (CCC) with technical assistance from Ms. Mansi Mantoo, Ms. Ifra Kak and Mr. Sumeet Sharma.

#### **World Rainforest Day**

**Department of Environmental Science** in collaboration with Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) to commemorate 'World Rainforest Day 2021' organized an International Webinar to highlight the importance of Amazonian Rainforests on 23 June, 2021. Prof. Marc Dourojeanni, an international Amazonian expert and Professor Emeritus, Department of Forestry Management, La Molina National Agrarian University, Peru was the resource person. In his elaborative presentation, he discussed the status of natural resources and the environment in Amazonia. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the department for choosing an important, apt and meaningful issue of global significance for the webinar and stressed upon the need for sustainable solutions for the protection of every type of forest. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, HoD welcomed the guests. Dr. Deepika Slathia presented the vote of thanks. Prof. Raj K. Rampal, Prof. A.K. Raina, Dr. Rakesh Attri, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Meenakshi Khajuria, Sh. O.P. Sharma Vidhyarathi, faculty members from other science departments, scientists and academicians from other



Universities across India and J&KUT, research scholars, students, and the members of the civil society attended the webinar.



### **NSS Activities**

National Service Scheme (NSS) gives the youth an opportunity for voluntary community service along with academics:

National Service Scheme (NSS), Campus Units on World Environment Day organized an informative and interactive session on 5 June,2021. Prof Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor and Chairman, NSS Campus Units was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor speaking on the theme of this year's Environment Day 'Ecosystem Restoration' said that in order to derive

NSS volunteer, provided the technical support. NSS Volunteers Mr. Gurdarshan and Mr. Sumit Verma helped in the organisation of the event.

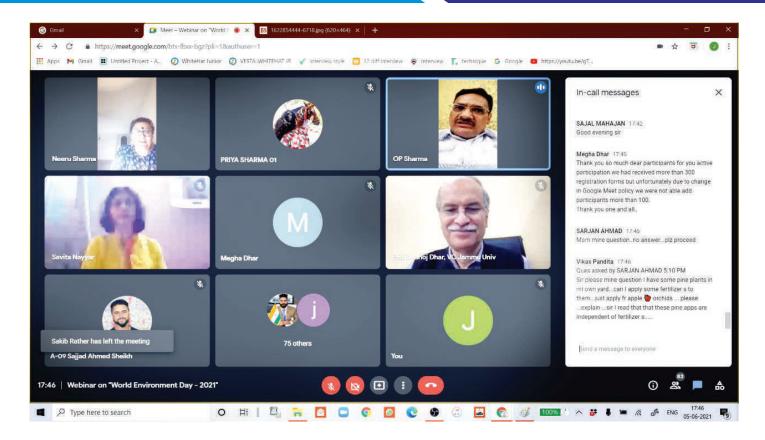
NSS, Campus Units, on the occasion of International Biological Diversity Day 2021 organized National Online Tree Talk Competition on the theme 'We are Part of the Solution' from 22-27 May, 2021. A large number of NSS volunteers, students, scholars, and alumni participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and fevor. The participants uploaded the videos/audios of their talk for which an online platform was created. First position: Mr. Jugesh Singh,



ecosystems ervices we need to restore the health of the ecosystems. The Vice Chancellor elaborated that healthy ecosystems are rich in biodiversity besides giving greater benefits in terms of higher yields of food and timber, clean air and pure water, reverse effects of climate change, etc. These steps are highly pertinent to a country like India where a large population is dependent on agriculture forestry for livelihood. Mr. O.P. Sharma Vidyarthi, IFS (Retd.) Principal Chief Conservator of forests and an ardent environmentalist was the resource person. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener, NSS, Campus Units presented the welcome address. Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS, PO introduced the resource person. Dr. Savita Nayyar, NSS, PO presented the vote of thanks. Mr. Vikas Pandita, ex-senior

Department of Geology; second position: Mr. Aakash Bhat, Department of Botany and third position: Ms. Ishta Bandral, The Law School. Certificate of Merit winners: Mr. Rahul Sharma, KC. B.Ed. College of Education, Mr. Moksh Bhargav and Mr. Pratyush Sharma, The Law School, Ms. Ranjana Devi, Librarian Govt. High School, Jammu. Under Special participation category two school students achieved first position: Ms. Peehu Sharma, KV Bantalab, Jammu; second position: Ms. Jigya Setia, Sant Nirankari Girls School, Delhi. E-Certificate of participation was awarded to all participants. The adjudicator of the competition was Prof. Namrata Sharma. The event was conducted under the supervision of Prof. Neeru Sharma, convenor, NSS,





Campus Units. The event was coordinated by Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS, PO.

NSS, Campus Units, organized a special talk on Blood Donation on the theme, 'Give Blood and Keep the World Thriving', on 19 June, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor & Chairman, NSS talked about the need for awareness-

building activities for encouraging more youth to donate blood. The Vice Chancellor also stressed on the need to fill the gap in demand and supply, and a scientific understanding of blood types, and blood donation, and to encourage students to become lighthouses of information for encouraging not only the NSS volunteers,

but others also to donate blood, because blood cannot be manufactured synthetically. Mr. Jasvir Singh and Mr. Vikas Pandita, former senior NSS volunteers shared their experiences and motivated the volunteers to donate blood. Ms. Srishti Koul, NSS volunteer, conducted the question and answer session. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener, NSS Campus



Units, welcomed the guests. Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS, PO introduced the speakers. Dr. Anju Thappa, NSS, PO presented the vote of thanks. Others present on the occasion were Dr. Hema Gandotra, Dr. Savita Nayyar, NSS POs.

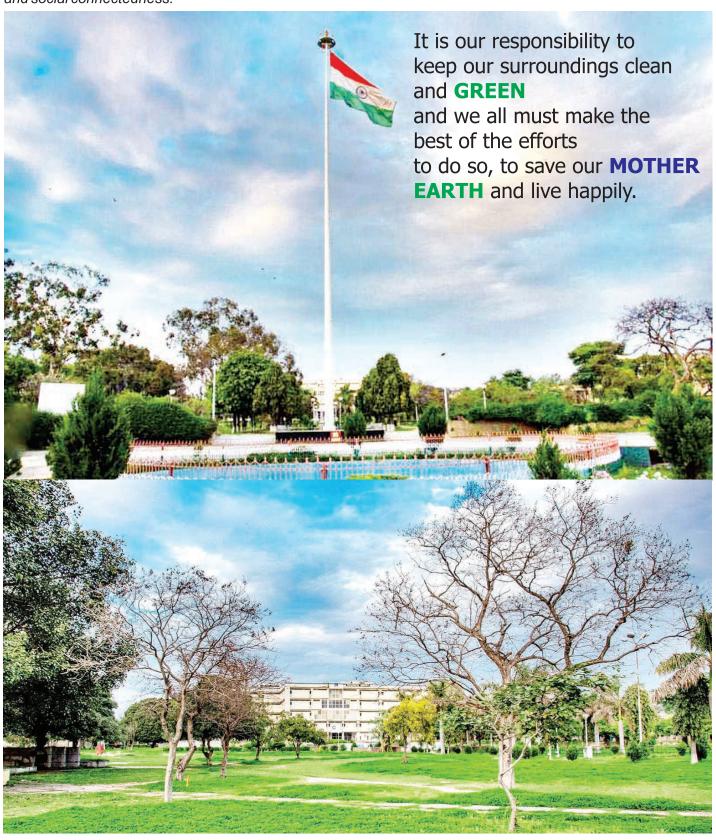
NSS Campus Units, in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Gol and Child Care India organized webinar on 'Continuity in Education: A Major Challenge in the 2nd Surge' on 24 June 2021. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener NSS, Campus Units presented the welcome address. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson, NSS inaugurated

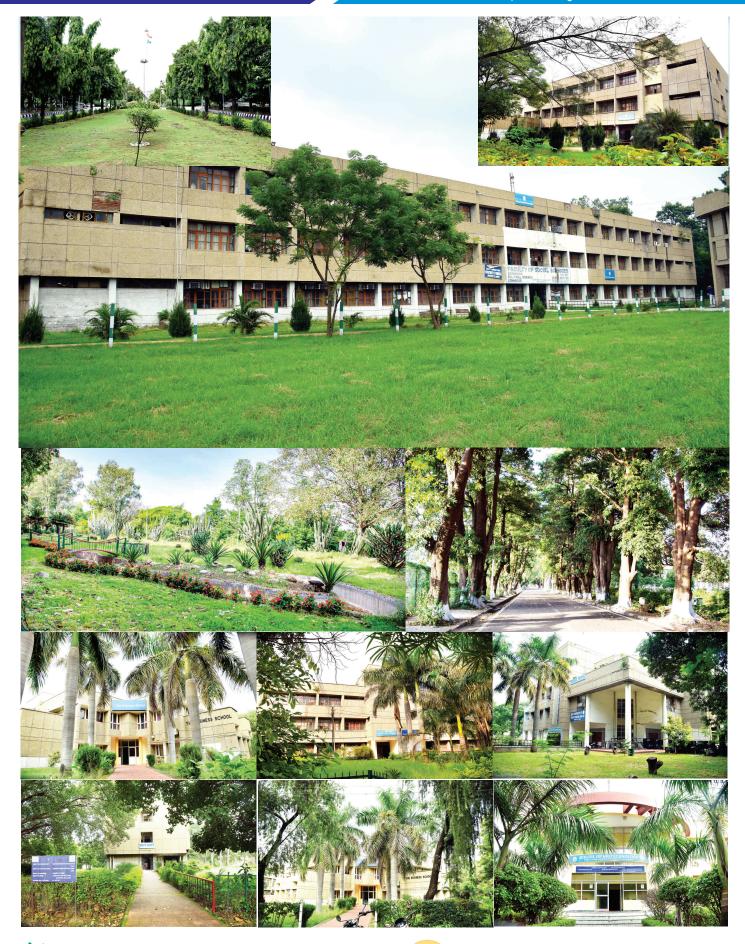
the event and stated that in any disaster whether manmade or natural, children and women are the most affected and this has proven true again during the recent pandemic across the world. Mr. Anindit Roy Chowdhury, Director, Programmes and Policy, Save the Children India presented the introductory remarks. Prof. Santosh Kumar, Head, CCDRR, NIDM presented the keynote address. Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS, PO introduced the eminent experts of the webinar. Dr. Balu I., CCDRR Centre, NIDM conducted the question & answer session. Mr. Mintu Debnath, Manager — Safe Schools, Save the Children, India presented the vote of thanks. Around 260 participants in all age groups participated in the webinar.



### **Towards Green, Healthy & Societal Concerns**

Participation in green, healthy and societal concerns facilitate students' self-regulation, improves their motivation and social connectedness:











# Obituaries

The cruelty of the COVID 19 has devastated human life. We at JU have also faced the brunt of pandemic in the loss of some of our retired colleagues and in-service contemporaries:





#### **Prof. Irshad Ahmad Hamal**

formerly Vice Chancellor
Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University
was an institution builder.

An alumnus of JU he served his alma mater as HoD Zoology, Rector, Bhaderwah Camp and on other top administrative positions at JU.



#### Prof. I.V. Malhan

an internationally acclaimed expert of Library Sciences was the HOD, Library Science, and also served as Director, Academic Staff College from 9th of April 2009 to 6th of May 2011. He later on joined as Dean, Academics, Central University, Himachal Pradesh.



#### Mr. C.R. Sharma

served as Incharge Librarian, Dhanvantri Library, from 1st July, 1987 - 31st May, 1997.



#### Mr. Subhash Raina

Assistant Registrar
was an efficient officer who rose to various ranks
in the University system by dint of his hardwork
and his sudden departure is a tremendous setback
to the Examinations Wing, JU.



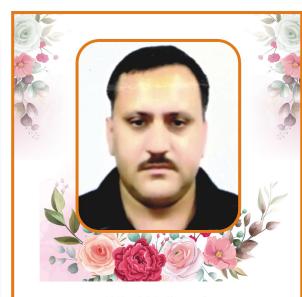
### Mr. Gurjit Singh

Senior Assistant
in Examination Wing, JU was an enthusiastic
and competent employee whose passing away
after a brief illness due to cancer is an
irreparable loss to JU fraternity.



#### Mr. Balbir Kumar

initially served in the Botanical Garden as a casual labourer from 2000 to 2013. Thereafter he got appointed as Field Collector in the Botany Department and joined on September 10, 2013. With more than 20 years of association, Mr. Balbir Kumar will always be remembered as an extremely nice, sincere, dedicated and ever smiling person.



#### Mr. Pishori

a dedicated orderly worked as cook in the Sarojini Naidu Girls Hostel. His helpful nature and culinary skills which won the hearts of boaders will always remain fresh on the campus.

