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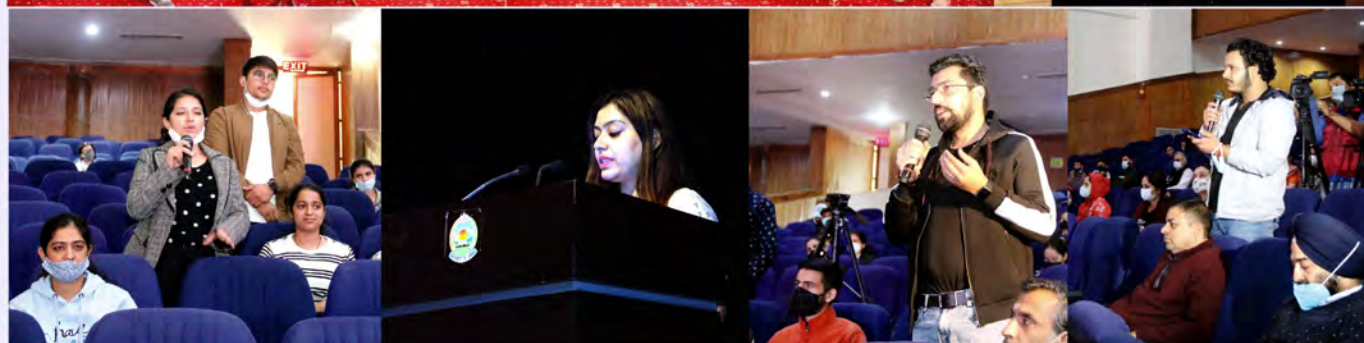
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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader

The third wave of COVID-19 pandemic was far too disruptive, and many among us at UoJ faced its devastating shocks directly/indirectly. And education has been hit hard as over 800 million students from around the world have been impacted due to the closure of educational institutions.

We at UoJ too witnessed a combination of offline and online modes of classes and examinations. The presence of students on campus, though in small number, wearing masks was a signal of hope: UoJ becoming more alive as the year moved to its end. Different events in in-person formats and students in classrooms and campus spaces filled UoJ with vibrancy. Besides, online mode continued for both academic and co-curricular activities giving all students space to learn and exhibit their talents.

As you turn the pages of *Campus Bytes* you will enjoy the glimpses of both in-person and online activities putting across the message 'COVID-19 stands defeated. We at UoJ continue to succeed and grow.'

Amidst this, the untimely death of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, his wife Mrs. Madhulika Rawat, and 11 other officers in a chopper crash in Tamil Nadu has been a monumental loss to the nation. UoJ fraternity stands with their families and nation in this hour of tragedy.

The editorial team has put in sincere efforts to compile and present this edition of *Campus Bytes* with the hope that the next issue would give you a peep into in-person classes, hustle and bustle of students, sharing food, chilling at the cafeteria, practicing on the fields, watching and performing in the auditoriums, etc.

On this positive hope we adieu 2021.


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UoJ 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 visits Dogri Department : pays floral tributes to Padma Shri Padma Sachdev

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor visited the department to interact with the faculty members in connection with the establishment of 'Centre of Excellence in Dogri' on 18 August, 2021. The Vice Chancellor paid floral tributes to the noted author and Padma Shri awardee, Smt. Padma Sachdev, the first modern woman poet of Dogri language, who passed away on 4 August, 2021. Prof. Shiv Dev Singh Manhas, HoD extended thanks and gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his visit to the department to boost the morale of the faculty members.

Department of Computer Science & IT conducts placement drive

Department of Computer Science and IT organized a placement drive by CoRover Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore in which two students: Ripan Chowdhary and Aryan



Mahajan of MCA 6th semester got selected as programmers after rigorous selection process on 10 September, 2021. The placement drive was supervised by Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, HoD. Dr. Shubhnandan Singh Jamwal was the coordinator of the placement drive. Prof. Vinod Sharma, Prof. Lalit Sen and Mr. Jasbir Singh facilitated the entire process of the placement drive.

Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)

Prof. Neeru Sharma, Department of Home Science participated in the LEAP programme at University of Pennsylvania, USA.



JU holds 117th Syndicate Meeting

The 117th meeting of the Syndicate of University of Jammu was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 15 September, 2021. Mr. Atal Dullo, Additional Chief Secretary/ Financial Commissioner (Financial Advisor,



Universities), Ms. Sushma Chauhan, Secretary, Higher Education, J&K, Prof. J.P. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology, Gorakhpur, Prof. Chandra Bhushan Sharma, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi and Prof. Sunita Singh Sengupta, Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi attended the meeting. The Syndicate in principle agreed to establish Department of Foreign Languages and office for International Affairs at UoJ; adoption of policy document of Industry-Academia Partnership Centre and norms governing Industry-Academia Partnership Centre; start and affiliation of new Medical Colleges and paramedical and nursing courses in Govt. Medical Colleges; start of M.A. five-year integrated programme; adoption of statutes for four-year integrated BA. B.Ed/ B.Sc. B.Ed. and three-year integrated B.Ed., M.Ed. programmes, etc. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar presented 82 items in the meeting. The Syndicate meeting was attended

by Prof. Jasbir Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Controller of Examinations, Prof. Rajkumar Rampal, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Nazir Ahmed, Dean, School of Business Studies, Kashmir University (KU), Prof. Nahida Tabassum, Dean, School of Applied Sciences & Technology, KU, and Prof. Yasmeen Kawoos. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Spl. Secretary to Vice Chancellor and Dr. Imran Farooq, Incharge coordination section.

Chancellor presides over closing ceremony of University of Jammu's Golden Jubilee celebrations

Lieutenant Governor, J&KUT and Chancellor, University of Jammu Shri Manoj Sinha presided over the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of UoJ on 17 September, 2021. Shri Manoj Sinha, Chancellor inaugurated 11 infrastructure



projects worth Rs. 43.91 crore at main campus: Sports Hostel complex, Finance Wing; and offsite campuses: Kathua campus: Academic Block, Boys Hostel & Girls Hostel; Ramnagar campus: Academic Block, Girls Hostel and Boys Hostel; Reasi campus: Academic Block, Boys Hostel, Girls Hostel. The construction of these buildings at the offsite campuses has been completed with the generous funding partly under PMRP Grant (GoI) and Languishing Projects (Government of J&K). The Chancellor also unveiled UoJ's Coffee Table Book- *Rich Past Vibrant Future* and released 'An Educational Saga', a documentary on UoJ. Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary was the guest of honor on the occasion. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar,

Vice Chancellor in his welcome address highlighted the events held during the Golden Jubilee celebrations: 60 workshops, 18 Conferences, 10 Seminars, 12 Faculty Development Programmes, 12 Benchmark Series Lectures, 36 sports events and 52 cultural events. The Vice Chancellor also underlined that 129 research scholars were selected for RUSA research fellowship; access to 1000 research journals, several online databases, e-books provided to research scholars and faculty. Sh. Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC; Mr. Saraf Singh Nag, chairman, DDC, Reasi, Mr. Mukesh Singh, ADGP; Mr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Mr. Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu besides senior officers from the civil administration. Vice Chancellors of sister universities; Prof. R. D. Sharma, formerly VC, UoJ, HoDs, faculty members, officers, staff, research scholars and students attended the function.

Tribal Museum and Research Centre at Poonch Campus

The modalities for establishment of a Centre of Excellence in tribal cultural, research, literature studies at Poonch campus was finalized by the Tribal Affairs Department and University of Jammu under the convenership of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 24 September, 2021.

Prof. Pankaj Srivastava elected JUTA President

Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Department of Geology was elected as President of Jammu University Teachers Association (JUTA) on 1 October, 2021. He defeated Prof. Vibhakar Mansotra, Department of Computer Science and IT. For the post of Vice President, Dr. Manoj Bhat, Department of Economics



was elected. He defeated Dr. Vijay Saigal, Department of Law. Dr. Ravinder Singh, Department of English defeated Dr. Vijay Kumar Shivgotra, Department of Statistics, Dr. Meghna Dhar, Department of Library Science and Dr. Sikander Pal, Department of Botany to get elected as General Secretary, JUTA. Dr. Yudhvir Singh, Department of Geology defeated Dr. Manoj Bhat, Department of Economics to get elected as Joint Secretary. Dr. Sushanta Kumar Panda, Department of Education was declared elected unopposed to the post of Treasurer.

VC inaugurates lecture series on IPR under Industry Academia Partnership Programme (IAPC)

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Lecture Series started by Industry Academia Partnership Centre (IAPC), UoJ on IPR on 21 October, 2021. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the initiative of Prof. Kamal K. Kapoor, convener for organizing lecture series on IPR and congratulated the team IAPC for their efforts towards such initiatives which is the need of the hour. Dr. Abhay S.D. Rajput, science communication specialist and scientist from Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune was the invited speaker. Dr. Rachna from The Business School (TBS) welcomed the invited guests. Dr. Nisha Kapoor from School of Biotechnology presented the vote of thanks. Students, scholars and the teaching faculty attended the lecture.

UoJ organizes Iconic Week Celebrations

University of Jammu and Higher Education Department, J&KUT organized a seminar on 'Different Genres of Dogri Literature: play, poetry and short story' and panel discussion on 'The contributions of Padma Shri Prof. Ram Nath Shastri towards Dogra culture and heritage' on 24 October, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) presented the welcome address. Prof. Lalit Mangotra, Prof. Veena Gupta, Prof. Shiv Dev Singh Manhas, Mr. Ajit Khajuria, Mr. Pritam Katoch, Ms. Vijaya Thakur and



Mr. Rajeshwar Singh Raju were the resource persons. Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC presented the vote of thanks and the sessions were conducted by Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Sandeep Dubey.

VC awarded Prof. A. K. Sharma Memorial Award

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was awarded Prof. Arun Kumar Sharma Memorial Award by the Indian Botanical Society on 25 October, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, a highly trained Molecular Cytogeneticist, has discovered a novel Chromosome



and provided first-ever experimental evidence for the origin of B Chromosomes. The award: a citation and cash award was given during the 44th National Conference of the Indian Botanical Society organized by the Department of Botany, Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur. The Indian Botanical Society established in 1920 has completed its 100 years of existence. Currently, the Society has 2332 life

members and 19 local chapters. The 44th conference was attended by 200 delegates from across the country. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor also delivered Prof. A. K. Sharma Memorial Lecture. Prof. A. K. Sharma (1924-2017) was a doyen of Indian Botany, popularly called AKS and considered the father of Indian Cytology. Prominent botanists Prof. K. R. Shivanna, Prof. P. C. Trivedi, Vice Chancellor, JNVU, Jodhpur, Prof. D. K. Maheshwari, Prof. U. C. Lavania, Prof. C. Manoharachary, Dr. Manoj Prasad, Senior Scientist, NIPGR, New Delhi, Dr. T. S. Rana, NBRI, Lucknow, Prof. Seshu Lavania, Prof. Y. Vimala, Pro Vice Chancellor, CCS University, Meerut and many scholars attended and appreciated the lecture.

VC releases poetry book on Khusbeer Singh Shaad

Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) in collaboration with Department of Urdu organized book release function of *Shah Khasnas Taam*, Kashmiri translation of Khushbeer Singh Shaad's Urdu poetry by Dr. Shahida Shabnum on 27 October, 2021. The book was released by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor opined that Dogri language works also need to be translated to different languages so that maximum people benefit from this rich literature.

UoJ signs MoU with Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics

University of Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad, Telangana under the auspices of the Institute of Human Genetics on 28 October, 2021. The purpose of the MoU



is to implement various collaborative activities in areas of mutual interest, which would address multidisciplinary scientific research, technological research, and educational issues of relevance at the national level. Dr. K. Thangaraj, Director expressed his gratitude and ensured his support in the field of research and diagnosis. Prof. Seema Langer, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and HoD Zoology and coordinator, Institute of Human Genetics welcomed the audience. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Piyush Malviya, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Nisha Kapoor were also present on the occasion. Dr. Parvinder Kumar, Deputy coordinator, Institute of Human Genetics conducted the proceedings of the programme and presented the vote of thanks.

Vigilance Awareness Week celebrations at UoJ

To commemorate the Vigilance Awareness Week ACB P/S Central Jammu organized a workshop at UoJ on 1 November, 2021. Prof. Rajini Dhingra, Dean Research Studies (DRS) was the chief guest. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) welcomed the guests



and the participants. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Dr. Garima Gupta, faculty members, officers and officials of UoJ also attended the workshop. SP Abhishek Sharma and SP S. Balasubramony were the resource persons. Ms. Ifra Kak conducted the event.

TBS among top ranking B-Schools of the country

The Business School (TBS) with RoI 4.14 stands



7th among the top 10 Government B-Schools with best value for money as per The Week Hansa Research Survey 2021.

UoJ organizes Startup Series

University of Jammu Special Purpose Vehicle Foundation (UoJSPVF), University of Jammu Startup Facilitation Centre started the startup series on 10 November, 2021. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director & CEO, UoJSPVF welcomed the participants and gave a brief about the aim of the startup series. CA Sahil Malhotra and CA Akhileshwar Salathia were the resource persons who motivated the students with various success stories of entrepreneurs, including success story of Paytm, Flipkart, Swiggy, Big basket, Car's 24, etc. Students from UoJ, affiliated colleges, Udhampur campus, LPU, GCW, Parade and Punjab University participated in the session. Dr. Mamta Sharma and Dr. Vatsalya Jyoti coordinated the session.

Department of Botany felicitates VC

Department of Botany felicitated Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on being conferred Prof. A.K. Sharma Memorial Award of Indian Botanical Society



for his contribution in the field of Plant Sciences particularly Cytogenetics on 12 November, 2021.

Union Minister inaugurates lecture series at UoJ

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (IC) Science & Technology, Minister of State (IC), Earth



Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space inaugurated lecture series: Value Based Education for Youth (VEFY) at the University of Jammu on 13 November, 2021. The Minister in his address congratulated University of Jammu for coming up as a pioneer institution in the arena of academics and research in J&KUT. Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister suggested to Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor to identify 75 promising start-ups in Biotechnology that could be further supported by DBT, Union Ministry of Science & Technology. The Vice Chancellor welcomed the Union Minister, the distinguished guests, the students and the scholars and apprised them about the recent research initiatives undertaken by UoJ.



Dr. Vinay Thusoo is UoJ new Vigilance Officer

Dr. Vinay Thusoo took over as the new Vigilance Officer, UoJ relieving Dr. Imran Farooq, PRO on 15 November, 2021.

Innovation Ideation Startup Programme begins at UoJ

UoJSPVF's First Batch of Innovation Ideation 8 Week Startup Programme was inaugurated by



Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 04 December, 2021

VC, UoJ plenary speaker in the Nobel Laureate S&T Seminar Series

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the plenary speaker in the Nobel Laureate S&T Seminar



Series: 11th India-Japan Science and Technology Seminar (Webinar) commemorating 70th anniversary of India-Japan diplomatic relations and 75th anniversary of Indian Independence on 6-7 December, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, FNASc, FNAAS, Vice Chancellor spoke on 'Underpinning molecular etiology of rare genetic diseases in unexplored regions of Jammu and Kashmir, India' on 6 December, 2021.

IIC, UoJ secures top ranking

UoJSPVF supported Institution Innovation Council (IIC), secured joint highest ranking score of 4.0 under Institutions' Innovation Council (2020-21) Annual Performance Result declared by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on 7 December, 2021. Institution Innovation Council (IIC)

at University of Jammu was established in the academic year 2018-2019 under the stewardship of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice-Chancellor.

UoJ condoles the unfortunate demise of CDS General Bipin Rawat



Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor paid floral tributes to CDS General Bipin Rawat, his wife and other officers on their tragic demise in a helicopter crash. JU fraternity joined the Vice Chancellor in expressing their solidarity with aggrieved families

at Fountain Plaza on 9 December, 2021.

VC launches JKSET/LASET online application portal

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor launched portal for online applications for State Eligibility for Assistant Professor for J&KUT and UT of Ladakh



(JKSET/LASET) on 18 December, 2021. Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, coordinator, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Er. Anik Gupta, Director IT, Dr. N. Suresh Rao and Mr. Ravikant were present on the occasion.

UoJ and ASCOMS sign MoU for conducting Genomics Study in Cancer

University of Jammu and ASCOMS Hospital signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for conducting Genomics Study in Cancer on 28 December, 2021. The MoU signing ceremony was presided over by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor. The MoU was signed by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar and Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Principal in the



e-launch of UoJ magazine *Campus Bytes*

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor launched the e-version of the *Campus Bytes*, bi-annual magazine of UoJ on 29 December, 2021. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor mentioned that *Campus Bytes* unfolds UoJ's vision of innovation,

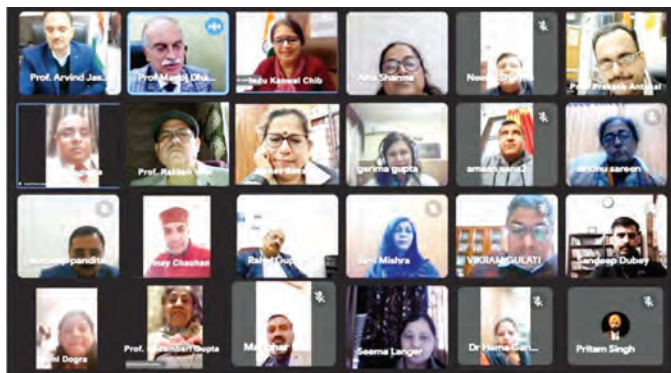


fortitude, purpose, direction, collaboration and excellence being realized in the remarkable work of the students, scholars, faculty, officers and alumni. The Vice Chancellor further mentioned that the e-version of *Campus Bytes* will ensure wider readership and visibility of the achievements of all the stakeholders of the university. On the occasion, Mr. Gourav Sharma and Mr. Shanker Dass were felicitated for their contribution in ensuring excellent publications of UoJ. Members of the editorial board of *Campus Bytes*: Prof. Anupama Vohra (convener), Dr. Sarika Manhas, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Dr. Hema Gandotra, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Harleen Kaur, along with Dr. Anik Gupta, Director IT and Mr. Vinod Parihar from Center for IT, who provided the logistics for the e-launch were present on the occasion.

Maiden UJAA meet organized

The maiden meet of University of Jammu Alumni Association under the aegis of the UJAA was organized on 30 December, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor, who is also Patron of the UJAA

presided over the first online meet. The Vice Chancellor cited the examples of many prestigious institutions whose alumni have contributed a lot by way of giving back in terms of suggestions, donations, time, energy, etc. The Vice Chancellor also inaugurated the membership drive by launching an online membership form. Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) and President, UJAA gave a brief overview of the activities and objectives of UJAA. Mr. Suresh Gupta, IFS and alumni representative to the University Council complimented the Dean (SW) for organizing the meet and offered to organize educational tours of UoJ students to wildlife sanctuaries. Ms. Indu Kanwal Chib, KAS, DC Udhampur and executive committee



member of UJAA also spoke on the occasion. She underscored the need for making UJAA financially viable through liberal contributions in terms of expertise or specialization of the alumni in various fields, which could prove beneficial for providing logistic support to the association for the overall benefit of the members. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar complemented all those who contributed in making this association platform functional. Prof. Alka Sharma, Dr. Vikram Gulati, Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC, Prof. Sandeep Pandita, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Ginni Dogra, Dr. Garima Gupta, Assistant

Dean (SW) and Treasurer, UJAA also spoken on the occasion. Ms. Mansi Mantoo, media officer and nodal officer, UJAA conducted the event.

Nomination, Promotion, Appointment & Superannuation

Nomination

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Placement

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Science

Dr. Anju Thappa, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS

Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, President JUTA, Council Member

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Prof. Vinod Sharma, Director, Ramnagar campus

Prof. Aroon Sharma, HoD, Economics

Prof. Baljit Singh, HoD, Strategic and Regional Studies

Prof. Renu Nanda, HoD, Education

Prof. Vishav Raksha, HoD, Sociology

Prof. Prikshat Singh Manhas, Director, School of Hospitality & Tourism Management

Prof. Seema Langer, HoD, Zoology

Prof. Sham Narayan Lal, Incharge, HoD, Journalism & Media Studies

Dr. Parmil Kumar, HoD, Statistics

Promotion

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

Dr. Tirth Ram, Department of Mathematics

Dr. Chaman Lal, Department of Urdu

Dr. Yudhbir Singh, Department of Geology

Dr. Abdul Rashid, Department of Urdu

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

Dr. Surinder Mohan, Department of Strategic and Regional Studies

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Department of Commerce

Dr. Harleen Kaur, Department of Commerce

Appointment

Mr. Ranjeet Kalra, Dy Director, HRDC

Dr. Ankit Mahajan, Department of Biochemistry

Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Department of Buddhist Studies

Dr. Yash Paul, Department of Microbiology

Dr. Sheetal Ambardar, Department of Microbiology

Dr. Mandeep Singh, Department of Sports and Physical Education

Ms. Palvi Mathavan, The Law School

Superannuation

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Prof. Anurag Gangal, Department of Political Science

Prof. Raj Kumar Rampal, Department of Environmental Science

Prof. Kedar Nath, Department of Sanskrit

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FAREWELL TO SUPERANNUATED COLLEAGUES

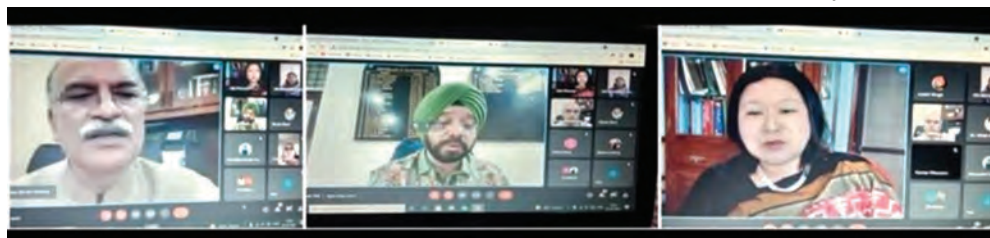


CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING OVER NEW POSITIONS AT UoJ

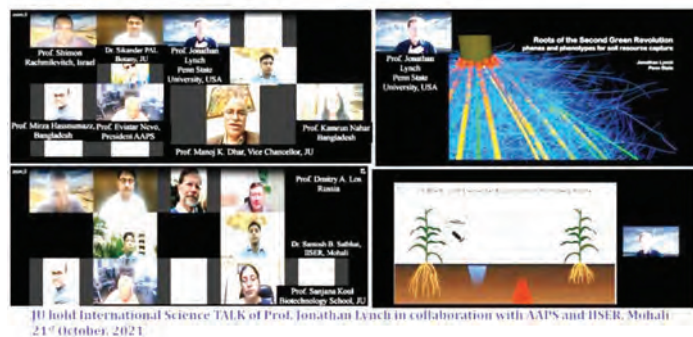
Seminars, Conferences, Workshops & Invited Lectures

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

Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) organized a five-day online Interactive Workshop from 7-11 July, 2021. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor who in his address emphasized that exclusion process among marginalized communities is seen in their everyday lives. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, HoD, CSSEIP, University of Hyderabad in her keynote address deliberated on the various dimensions of research, especially methodology on the excluded and marginalized sections of the society which need to be brought at the mainstream development processes. Prof. Jasbir Singh, Director welcomed the guests and gave a brief outline of the works undertaken at the CSSEIP centre. Around 85 participants from different universities attended the inaugural session.



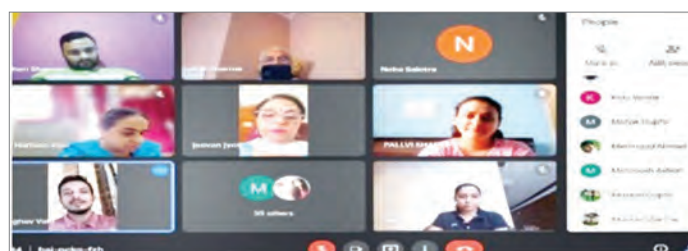
Department of Botany in collaboration with Asia Association of Plant Scientists (AAPS) and IISER,



Mohali organized an online Science TALK by root biologist Prof. Jonathan Paul Lynch, Pennsylvania State University, USA on 22 October, 2021. Prof. Lynch in his talk emphasized on the importance of root phenology, phenotypes and root traits for developing crops of the 21st century in the era of climate change.

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor appreciated the presentation of Prof. Lynch for motivating the audience with state of the art technologies developed by his laboratory for understanding crop roots and their role in molecular breeding. Scholars from India and abroad attended the talk.

Department of Commerce organized a webinar on 'Communication Skills' on 20 October, 2021. Prof. R.D. Sharma, formerly Vice Chancellor, UoJ delivered the inaugural lecture. Prof. R.D. Sharma laid emphasis



on the need of having effective communication skills, both in personal and professional avenues of life. Ms.

Aiyushi Gupta, M.Phil. scholar welcomed the resource person and the participants. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, HoD and Dr. Harleen Kaur conducted the event. Mr. Raghav Vaid, Ph.D.

scholar presented the vote of thanks.

Department of Commerce conducted a webinar on 'Cybercrime and its Preventive Measures' on 9 November, 2021. Mr. M.Y. Kichloo, SSP, J&KUT was the resource person. He laid emphasis on the need to be aware of various types of cyber crimes prevalent nowadays. Ms. Ankita Gupta, Ph.D. scholar presented the welcome address. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, HoD introduced the speaker and Dr. Harleen Kaur conducted the event. Ms. Mamta Bogale, Ph.D. scholar presented the vote of thanks.



Department of Commerce in collaboration with UGC-HRDC organized a five-day workshop on 'Research Methodology' for faculty and research scholars from 13 - 17 December, 2021.

Department of Home Science in collaboration with UGC-HRDC Centre organized a five-day workshop on 'Development, Delivery & Assessment of Online Courses'. Dr. Archana Thakur, Joint Secretary, UGC praised UoJ for its dynamic approach and progressive



leader at Jammu explained the landmarks of HEP, UoJ. Prof. Sanjeev Singh Sambyal, HoD presented a brief profile of the department. Around 250 research scholars and young scientists registered for the workshop. Er. Anik Gupta, Director, IT presented the welcome address. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ramni Gupta.

Department of Urdu in collaboration with National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), New Delhi organized a five-day workshop to commemorate 75 years of India's independence under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 'Capacity Building Workshop for Urdu Journalists' from 26-30 November, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his inaugural address opined that the workshop will be an enriching experience for Urdu journalists and shall allow them to upgrade their proficiencies to acquire new technical skills. Prof. Aquil Ahmad, Director, NCPUL was the chief guest. Mr. Sohail Kazmi, senior journalist was the guest of honor. Mr. Shahnawaz Khan, New National Bureau Chief and Prof. Mohd. Kazim were the resource persons. Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, HoD presented the welcome address and



vision under the leadership of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor. Dr. Ranjeet Kalra, Dy. Director, HRDC delivered the welcome address. Prof. Neeru Sharma, course coordinator shared scope and objective of the workshop. Around 30 teachers participated in the workshop. Ms. Kanhan Sharma was the rapporteur.

Department of Physics organized a five-day online workshop on 'Advanced Radiation Detector and Instrumentation in Nuclear and Particle Physics' (RAPID 2021) by the High Energy Physics (HEP) group of the UoJ from 25-29 October, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest and dwelt on the significance of such workshops for scholars to motivate them for serious research. Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs (DAA) highlighted the need of taking up interdisciplinary research. Prof. Rajnikant, Director, College Development Council (CDC) and Dean, Faculty of Sciences appreciated the activities being carried out by the HEP of UoJ. Prof. Anju Bhasin, HEP group



highlighted the problems and challenges faced by the journalists in Jammu province. The workshop was attended by journalists from print and electronic media, officials from Directorate of Information & Public Relations, J&KUT, department scholars and faculty members. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Farhat Shamim. Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas presented the vote of thanks.

Department of Zoology organized a national webinar on 'Brain Illness and Brain Health under Brain Awareness Program' on 31 August, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in his inaugural address stressed on the importance of mental health and the need for such awareness programmes to counter the stigma associated with mental illness and practical interventions within the community. Prof. P. Mandal, Director, NBRC was the chief guest. Prof. P. Mandal, an expert in the research of Alzheimer's disease diagnostics using non-invasive methods like MRS and MRI, talked about the facilities and the expertise of the Neuroscience Centre at Manesar. Prof. Pankaj Seth,



Scientist G, coordinator of Brain Awareness Programmes run under the flagship of DBT-NBRC, an internationally reputed neurobiologist was the keynote speaker. In the series of guest speakers, Dr. Rajesh Sagar, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS New Delhi spoke about mental health, stereotypes, and social stigma, and discussed many community programmes for mental health awareness. Dr. Manu Arora also shared his research ideas. Prof. Seema Langer, HoD presented the welcome address. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Arti Sharma and Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana conducted the programme.

Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC)

in collaboration with Department of Urdu organized a seven-day workshop on 'Research Methodology' from 3-10 December, 2021. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA. In his inaugural address, Prof. Naresh Padha discussed the various techniques



of research methodology. Prof. S.K. Pandita, Director discussed the aims and objectives of organizing such



workshops. Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, HoD also spoke on the occasion. The proceedings of the inaugural function were conducted by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, course coordinator. Dr. Ranjeet Kalra, Dy. Director presented the vote of thanks. Prof. Rajni Kant, Director, CDC and Dean, Faculty of Sciences was the chief guest at the valedictory session.

HRDC organized a Benchmark Lecture Series on 'Fast Forward Breeding and Rapid Delivery Systems for International Agriculture' on 10 December, 2021. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Rajeev Varshney, Research Programme Director, Accelerated Crop Improvement, The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad. Dr. Varshney in his presentation explained the concept of Genomics Assisted Breeding and its

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops & Invited Lectures

relevance to scientists and farmers. He expressed his ideas on using chickpea genomics to address global challenges for enhancing crop productivity. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor expressed his sincere thanks to Dr. Varshney and stated that Dr. Varshney is an example which everyone should follow to get inspired that a person with a humble background can achieve



unimaginable heights in the field of science. Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA and Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah campus were also honoured for their contribution to the Benchmark Lecture series. Prof. S. K. Pandita, Director presented the welcome address whereas Dr. Ranjeet Kalra, Dy. Director delivered the vote of thanks. Deans, faculty members, scholars and students from various institutions attended the lecture.

Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), Department of Painting organized a three-day workshop on the topic 'Media in Visual Arts' from 7-9 December, 2021. The legendary artist Padma Shri Rajinder Tikku was the chief guest. Reputed artist Mr. Bushan Kesar was the guest of honor and Prof. Sanjay Sharma, Department of Environment Science was the special guest. The three-day workshop was conducted by National Awardee Mr. Abhijeet Pathak from Delhi known for large-scale mixed media abstract art. Mr. Abhijeet Pathak displayed some of his works on the occasion. He also discussed the importance of these workshops in visual art. Dr. Milan Sharma, HoD coordinated the event. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal in his welcome address informed the audience about the activities scheduled by the Institute



in future. Dr. Chaman Lal, ex MLA, Ramban was the chief guest at the valedictory function and distributed certificates among the participants of the workshop. Paintings prepared during the workshop were displayed in the valedictory session.

IMFA organized 'Tabla Workshop' with the performance of reputed tabla player of the country Pt. Sukhmoy Benerjee from 17 - 19 December, 2021.



Mr. V.K. Sambyal, former Director, AIR, Jammu was the chief guest. Dr. Sunaina Koul, musician was the guest of honor. Prof. Sohaib Inayat Malik, Principal presented the welcome address and Dr. Jasmeet Kaur presented the vote of thanks.

IMFA organized a five-day 'National Art Workshop', from 22-26 December, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the workshop in the presence of world-renowned critic, researcher & poet Dr. Taqi Abid from Canada, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal, faculty members, students and members of the civil society. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor lauded the efforts of IMFA for promoting music & fine

arts. Dr. Taqi Abid delivered a lecture on 'Relationship of Urdu with Music.' The programme was coordinated by Dr. Milan Sharma. Young Painters from KU, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Kurukshetra University & Banaras Hindu University participated in the five-day painting workshop. Padma Shri S.K. Verma was the chief guest at the valedictory session and distributed certificates among the participants. Mr. Bushan Kesar,



renowned painter was the guest of honor. The valedictory function was attended by Dr. Priya Dutta, Dr. Rakesh Sharma,

Mr. Suraj Singh, Mr. Bhadur Singh, Ms. Bindu Sharma, Dr. Anjul Mittal and Mr. Ankush Kesar.

JU Internal Complaints Committee against Sexual Harassment (JUICCASH) organized an awareness and sensitization session on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace' on 17 December, 2021. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar was the chief guest. Prof. Alka Sharma presiding officer welcomed the guests and the participants. Adv. Meenu Padha was the keynote speaker. Dr. Monika Narang



presented the vote of thanks and Mr. Ratul Diman, student member, JUICCASH conducted the proceedings of the session.

School of Biotechnology under the convenorship of Prof. Sanjana Kaul organized celebrations of Asia Association of Plant Scientists (AAPS) association with Russian Society of Plant Physiologists and Israeli

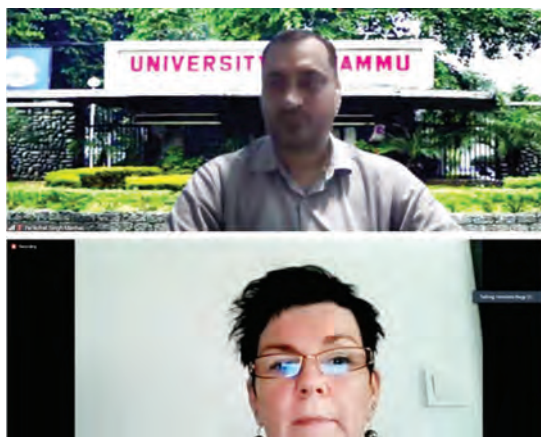
Society of Plant Sciences on 22 October, 2021. Prof. Dmitry A. Los, President Russian Society and Prof. Shimon Rachmilevitch, President Israeli Society addressed the audience and discussed several points of collaboration with AAPS. Scholars from India, Russia, Israel, Turkey, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, China, Uzbekistan, Thailand, Bhutan, Bangladesh, UAE and other countries participated in the AAPS celebrations session.

Udhampur Campus in collaboration with the SPV organized an international lecture under Udhampur Campus Capacity Building Series (UCCBS) on 'Maslow's Theory of Needs for Business Development: A Case Study Approach' on 15 July, 2021. Prof. Anton Vorina, School of Economics, Vocational College, Celje, Slovenia was the resource person. In his address Prof. Vorina stated that electricity, love, and money depict the



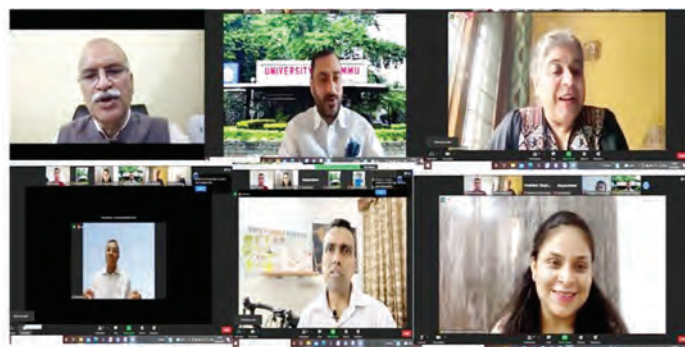
future of the world and career planning refers to the strategy a person uses to determine career goals. Prof. Parikshat S. Manhas, Rector presented the welcome address. Dr. Mamta Sharma was the coordinator of the event and presented the vote of thanks. There were 130 registrations for the international lecture from colleges and universities in India and from Slovenia, European Federation and Serbia.

Udhampur Campus in collaboration with the SPV organized an international lecture under Udhampur Campus Capacity Building Series (UCCBS) on 'The Importance of Endogenous Approach in Sustainable Regional Development' on 26 August, 2021. Around 137 participants from different educational institutions



across the globe registered for the session. Prof. Parikshat S. Manhas, Rector introduced the resource person Dr. Habil Henrietta Nagy, Associate Professor from Kodolányi János University, Hungary. Dr. Habil Henrietta Nagy introduced the concept of endogenous resources and its use towards sustainable regional development. Mr. Nikhil Khajuria presented the welcome address and the vote of thanks. Dr. Neetu Kumari, Ms. Mamta Sharma, Dr. Ritika Sambyal, Dr. Kamini Dutta, Dr. Ajay Salgotra, Ms. Taruna Dubey, Mr. Vinod Kumar and Dr. Shilpa Gupta participated in the deliberations.

Udhampur Campus in collaboration with Institute of Positivity organized International Conference on 'Positivity and Growth' on 9-10 August, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the guest of honor. The Vice Chancellor in his address stressed that being positive means having a positive outlook toward life, to develop a positive mind setup, to become more energetic, healthy and happy. Dr. Dnyaneshwar Mulay (IFS), founder & patron, Institute of Positivity, former secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affair, GoI addressed the conference. Lt. Colonel Bharat Pannu, World Champion Ultra Endurance Cyclist was the special guest. Prof. Parikshat S. Manhas, Rector presented the welcome address. Ms. Meenakshi Batra, CEO, Charities Aid Foundation India was the guest speaker. The valedictory session was coordinated by Ms. Tripti Dutta, Director, Institute of Positivity. Dr. Neetu Kumari, Ms. Mamta Sharma, Ms. Taruna Dubey, Dr. Shilpa Gupta, Dr. Kamini Dutta, Dr. Ms. Ritika Sambyal, Mr. Nikhil Khajuria, and Dr. Ajay Salgotra participated in the conference.



University Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Centre (UESDC) in collaboration with J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) organized a two-day simulation-based workshop on 'Entrepreneurship' on 21-22 December, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the significant contribution of the UESDC in nurturing the talent of young students of UoJ and emphasized the need of holding such programmes in future to create culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in J&KUT. Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA & coordinator, RUSA 2.0 was the guest of honor. Mr. Irtif Mehraj Lone, I/C, Centre for Innovation and Incubation, JKEDI addressed the audience in the valedictory function. Prof. Alka Sharma, convener inaugurated the workshop and briefed the participants about the need and importance of the workshop. The sessions of the workshop were conducted by Mr. Irtif Mehraj Lone, Ms. Shivani, academic instructor of Incubation Centre, JKEDI and Dr. Vinod Sharma, Head, Centre for Business Development, District Office, Jammu. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Aubid Hussain Parrey, core committee member, UESDC. Dr. Anil Gupta, core committee member, UESDC presented the vote of thanks.



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:

VC felicitates Priya Tosh Dev

Priya Tosh Dev, Department of English represented University of Jammu in the Study Tour



'International Tourism Mart-2021' organized by the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with Association of Indian Universities to commemorate 75 years of 'Progressive India' at Nagaland from 27-30 November, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor congratulated Priya Tosh Dev and advised him to utilize the experience and exposure gained from this unique event in positive and progressive pursuits.

NSS National Award 2021

Vikas Pandita, alumnus and NSS volunteer was awarded the prestigious

NSS National Award by the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 24 September, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor congratulated Vikas Pandita for his spectacular achievement which has brought laurels to the J&KUT in general and the University of Jammu in particular. Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE and formerly chairman, NSS, campus units also lauded the achievements of Vikas Pandita who is currently working as Systems Engineer in Tata Consultancy

Services Ltd. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convenor, NSS, campus units, Dr. Anju Thappa, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, NSS Programme Officers (POs): Dr. Savita Nayyar, Dr. Meghna Dhar, Dr. Isha Sharma, Dr. Harjinder Singh, Dr. Amit Sharma, Dr. Neelam Choudhary, and Dr. Vinay Thusoo,

Nodal Officer, Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Internship Programme, Gol were also present on the occasion.



UoJ Fraternity Recognitions

Faculty

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

Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik's (Principal, IMFA and HoD, Buddhist Studies) collection of travelogue *Asfar-e-Shohab* was released by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 14 August, 2021.



released by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor on 26 November, 2021.



Prof. Abha Chauhan, Department of Sociology was elected the new President of Indian Sociological Society (ISS) for 2022- 2023.

Prof. Anupama Vohra, DDE elected iSPELL President in September, 2021. iSPELL (Indian Society for the Promotion of English

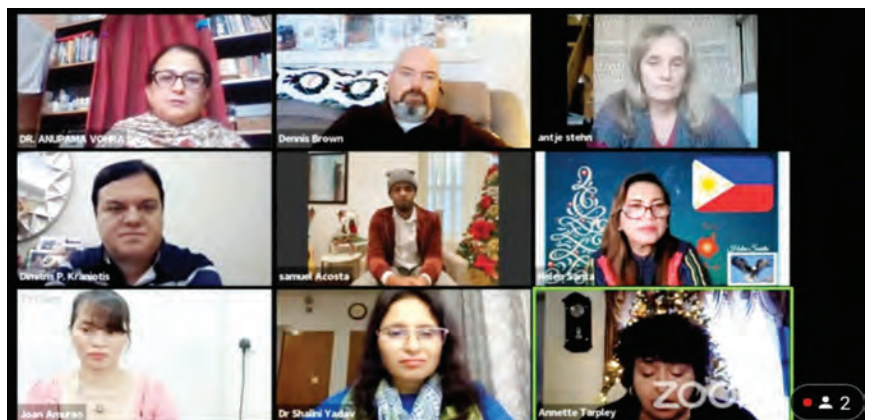


Prof. Abha Chauhan's (Department of Sociology) edited book *Understanding Culture and Society in India- A Study of Sufis, Saints and Deities* in Jammu Region was released by Lt. Governor and Chancellor, University of Jammu Shri Manoj Sinha on 27 November, 2021.

Dr. Bindu Sangra's (The Law School) book *Expanding Horizons of Article 21 of Indian Constitution: A Critique* was

Language and Literature) is a national association created by the fraternity of English to update, upgrade and uplift the stakeholders to uphold education in general and English education in particular.

Prof. Anupama Vohra moderated 63rd SSS (iSPELL), where international poets from Greece, UK, USA, Germany, Philippines recited their poetic works on 28 November, 2021.



UoJ Fraternity Recognitions

Officers

Officers are the pillars of an institution, caring more than others think is wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical:

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Director, DIQA and Rector, Kathua campus was presented TRAIL BLAZER



AWARD of FICCI FLO JKL, FIRST EDITION-2021 on 30 December, 2021.

Ms. Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer, DSW was the keynote speaker in the 64th Sunday Sahityik Satsang on 'Applied Drama: Theatre and Performance' organized by iSPELL on 5 December, 2021.



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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:

Kathak Dance Workshops

Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) in collaboration with Himalayan Education Mission



organized a three-day Kathak Dance workshop at Rajouri from 1-3 October, 2021. Dr. Priya Dutta, HoD, Kathak was the workshop coordinator. Around 50 students from various institutions participated in the workshop. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal was the chief guest at the inaugural function.

IMFA in collaboration with Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Reasi organized a three-day Kathak Dance workshop from 13 -15 December, 2021. Mr. Mohd. Aziz,

CEO, Reasi inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal. Dr. Sushma Mawa, Principal presented the welcome address and the vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Vijay Kumar. Dr. Priya Dutta was the workshop coordinator.

Abhivyakti 2021

Department of Students Welfare (DSW) organized cultural festival *Abhivyakti* - 2021 in a competitive mode for UoJ employees to exhibit their talent on 24-25 November, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest at the valedictory



function. The programme was attended by the teaching faculty, officers, employees, students, scholars and members of the civil society. Results of the events organized:



Singing

First position: Prof. Arvind Jasrotia and Capt. S. R. Dubey

Second position: Dr. Neeraj Sharma and Dr. Padam Dev Singh

Third position: Dr. Skarma Nonzom and Mr. Suraj Prakash

Poetry Recitation

First position: Dr. Pritam Singh

Second position: Dr. Padam Dev Singh

Third: Dr. Purshottam Kumar

Antakshri

First Position Team: Prof. Vishav Raksha, Dr. Hema Gandora & Dr. Saranjeet Kour

Second Position Team: Dr. Sumita Sharma, Mr. Puneet Sudan & Ms. Monika

Third Position Team: Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Renu Bhai & Dr. Dhritika Singh

Painting

First Position: Prof. Sanjana Kaul

Second Position: Dr. Meghna Dhar

Third Position: Dr. Sanjay Sharma

Photography

First Position: Mr. Neeraj Bharadwaj

Second Position: Dr. Vijay Saigal

Third Position: Dr. Sanjay Sharma

Last year winners of *Abhivyakti-2020* which was conducted online were also felicitated.

Mr. Suraj Singh, Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Kuldeep Raina, Mr. Chandan Sunder, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Dr. Aksa Rao, Ms. Vijaya Thakur, Ms. Aruna Sharma and Ms. Savera Jamwal were the adjudicators for the events.

Dr. Priya Dutta and Mr. Raj Kumar along with students from IMFA presented soulful cultural bonanza.

Abhivyakti-2021 was conducted under the supervision of Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW), Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, co-chairperson CCC, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW), Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Dean (SW). Mr. R.S. Bandral, Sr. P.A., Ms. Mansi Mantoo, media officer, Ms. Ifra Kak, cultural officer and Mr. Sumeet Sharma, drama instructor coordinated the event. Dr. Jaspal Warwal compered the programme and Dr. Garima Gupta, Assistant Dean (SW) presented the vote of thanks. The sound system was operated by Mr. Kulbhushan Thakur and Mr. Arif Paul.

UoJ Felicitates Employees

UoJ employees who had immensely contributed in the successful celebrations of the Golden Jubilee Year of University of Jammu were felicitated by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in the presence of Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW), Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson and Prof. Sanjana Kaul, co-chairperson, CCC during the valedictory function of *Abhivyakti-2021*.







A Glance @ UoJ Activities





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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) organized a ten-day Annual



Physical Education Camp for B.P.Ed and M.P.Ed students in collaboration with Rashtriya Rifles Battalion, Bhaderwah at Bhaderwah campus from 29 July - 6 August, 2021. The camp was inaugurated by Col. Rajat Parmar, Commanding Officer (CO), Rashtriya Rifles Battalion in the presence of Prof. Vinod Sharma, Rector, Ramnagar Campus and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director. The message of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor praising the role of Indian Army for collaboration and support to the UoJ was read out in the inaugural function. The valedictory function of the camp was held at Lal Ded Auditorium, Bhaderwah campus wherein a colorful bonanza depicting the culture of Bhaderwah and its adjoining

areas was presented by the campers. Mr. Arif Haleem Khateeb conducted the proceedings of the programme.

DSPE celebrated National Sports Day 2021 to commemorate the birthday of Indian hockey legend



Major Dhyan Chand on 29 August, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the staff of DSPE to conduct various events despite the prevailing COVID-19 situation. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) and Mr. Arun Malhotra, former international football player of J&K were the guests of honor. Mr. Raj Kumar Bakshi, Mr. Ravish Vaid, Mr. Gagan Kumar, Mr. Vikas Karlopiya, Mr. Harinderpal Singh, Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Mr. Sanjay Verma, Mr. Jai Bharat and Dr. Padam Dev Singh were also present on the occasion. The proceedings of the function were conducted by Dr. Komal Nagar, I/c Assistant Director.

DSPE in collaboration with Pir Panchal Adventures organized a six-day Trekking Expedition at



Sanasar-Shankhpal from 27 September - 2 October, 2021. Around 60 students from UoJ and affiliated colleges participated in the camp. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar,

Vice Chancellor flagged off the contingent. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Mr. Gagan Kumar, Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Mr. Harinderpal Singh, Mr. Kuljeet Singh, Mr. Sourav Jamwal and Mr. Sanjay Bandral accompanied the participants.

DSPE organized Inter-Collegiate Fencing, Boxing, Handball (Men & Women) Tournaments' concluding function on 13 November, 2021. UoJ Team emerged as winners of Handball in women category,

and GDC, Udhampur won men's title in the Inter-Collegiate competitions. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director presented the trophies and medals to the winners in the presence of Mr. Rajan Sharma, secretary, J&K Boxing Association, Mr. Anil Vadera, senior coach, J&K Sports Council, Mr. Raj Kumar Bakshi, Mr. Ravish Vaid, Mr. Vikas Karlopa, Mr. Imtiaz Shahid and Mr. Sanjeev Sharma.

GDC, Samba clinched overall Boxing (Men & Women) title and lifted the trophy.

Men foil team event (individual category): GDC, Reasi clinched top three medals; GDC, Kunjwani also shared Bronze medal.

Men epee team event: GDC, Reasi won top three medals and Bronze medal was shared by GDC, Kunjwani.

Men sabre team event: GDC, Bishnah bagged Gold medal; Dogra Law College clinched Silver medal; Bronze medal was shared between GCET and MIET.

Women foil team event (individual category): UoJ team bagged Gold medal; GDC, Reasi clinched Silver medal; Bronze medal was shared between GCW, Parade and GDC, Reasi.



Women eppe team event: Gazal Suri of JCP won Gold medal; Pihul Rajput of GCW, Udhampur clinched Silver medal; Riya Manhas of GDC, Reasi and Mansi Spolia of GCW, Parade shared Bronze medal.

Women sabre team event: UoJ team bagged Gold medal, and shared Bronze medal with GCW, Parade whereas Silver medal was clinched by GDC, Reasi.

DSPE organized Inter-Collegiate Men and Women Yoga Championship on 6 December, 2021. Dr



Daud Iqbal Baba, Director inaugurated the Championship. Students from UoJ, GDC, Kunjwani, GDC, Rajouri, GCET, and GDC, Paloura participated in the events. The competitions were supervised by Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Mr. Anil Gupta, Mr. Harinder Pal Singh, Mr. Mukesh Sharma and Mr. Sandeep Sharma.

DSPE organized Inter-Collegiate Wrestling Championship on 6 December, 2021. Around 50 female wrestlers from 10 different colleges participated. The overall Championship was won by GCW, Parade and GDC, Khour emerged runner-up. The prizes were distributed to the winners by Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director. The bouts were officiated by

panel of referees including Mr. Jai Bharat, Mr. Bansi Lal Tidy, Mr. Sahil Sharma and Dr. Kamal Sharma.

Women wrestling competition results:

Below 50 kgs: Gold medal: GDC, R.S. Pura

Silver medal: GDC, Khour

Bronze medal: GCW, Parade

Below 53 kgs: Gold medal: GDC, Kathua

Silver medal: GDC, Khour

Bronze medal: GCW, Parade and GDC, Samba

Below 55 kgs: Gold medal: GCW, Parade

Silver medal: GDC, Samba

Bronze medal: GDC, Kathua and GDC, R.S. Pura

Below 57 kgs: Gold medal: UoJ team

Silver medal: GCW, Parade

Bronze medal: GDC, R.S. Pura and GDC, Kathua

Below 59kgs: Gold medal: GDC, Rajouri

Silver medal: GDC, Paloura

Bronze medal: GCW, Parade and GDC, Ramnagar

Below 62 kgs: Gold medal: GDC, Khour

Silver medal: GDC, R.S. Pura

Bronze medal: GDC, Kathua and GDC, R.S. Pura

Below 65 kgs: Gold medal: GDC, Rajouri

Silver medal: GDC, Samba

Bronze medal: GCW, Parade

Below 72 kgs: Gold medal: GDC, R.S. Pura

Silver medal: GDC, Parade

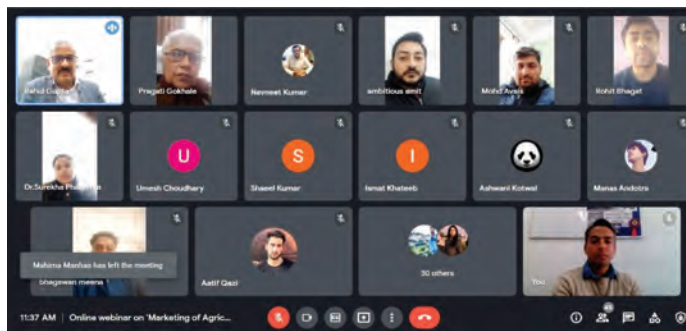
Below 76 kgs: Gold medal: GDC, Ramnagar

Silver medal: GDC, Parade

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:

Bhaderwah Campus organized induction function for the fresh batch of MBA students on 13 December, 2021. Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj welcomed the distinguished guests, faculty members and the students. The objective of the programme was to acclimatize the students to the new environment and to get them acquainted with the institution's culture. Prof. Sameer



the growth of agriculture sector in the country. Mr. Mohammed Avais presented the vote of thanks.



Gupta, Director, TBS, main campus in his address motivated the students to leverage faculty expertise, creativity and enthusiasm to achieve their professional goals. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector congratulated the students for the right choice to select TBS, Bhaderwah campus as their study option where faculty is making honest efforts to impart the best training to its budding managers. Dr. Umesh Chaudhary, Mr. Mohammad Avais, Dr. Atif Javed Qazi, Mr. Amit, Mr. Zaffar Hussain, Ms. Sonia Sharma were present on the occasion. Dr. Rohit Bhagat presented the vote of thanks.

Bhaderwah Campus organized an online webinar on 'Marketing of Agriculture Products' on 29 December, 2021. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector welcomed the resource person, guests, faculty members, participants and the students of TBS. Ms. Pragati Gokhale, chief mentor, Mission Mera Mobile Mera Marketing was the resource person. Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj briefed the participants about the growing relevance of online marketing platform for boosting

Centre for Women Studies (CWS) organized a series of workshops on Gender Sensitization for students and scholars of UoJ:

Prof. Vibhuti Patel, formerly Professor Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, TISS and SNDT Women's University Mumbai was the resource person on 21 September, 2021. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director presented the welcome address.

Prof. Rajiv Rattan, HoD, Education appreciated the efforts of the CWS for conducting relevant workshops. The workshop was attended by 100 participants. Dr. Saranjit Kour presented the vote of thanks.



Dr. Neerja Ahlawat, formerly Deputy Director, Women's Studies Centre, M.D. University, Rohtak was the resource person on 24 September, 2021. Students from Sanskrit, Urdu and ICccR & HRM participated in the workshop. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director welcomed the guests and participants and introduced the resource person. Prof. Neetu Andotra, Director, ICccR & HRM, Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, HoD, Urdu

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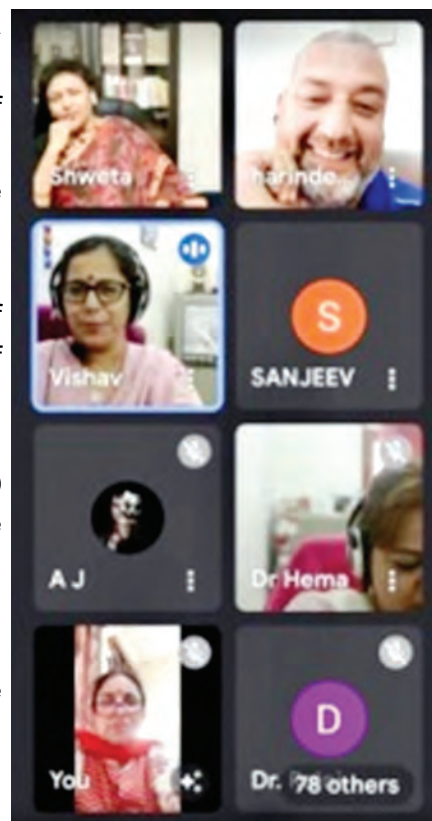
and Prof. Sushma Devi, HoD, Sanskrit also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Saranjit Kour presented the vote of thanks.

Dr. Sadhana Natu, HoD, Psychology, Modern College, Pune was the resource person on 27 September, 2021. Students of Home Science and Psychology departments attended the workshop. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director welcomed the guests and participants and introduced the resource person. Prof. Arti Bakshi, HoD, Psychology in her address highlighted the need of gender sensitization and emphasized that gender justice, gender equality and power relations and lack of education should be taken as important issues. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD, Home Science spoke about gender differences prevalent in the society. Dr. Saranjit Kour presented the vote of thanks.

Prof. Deepsheekha Kotwal, formerly HoD, English, University of Jammu & formerly Dean and HoD, Languages, Central University of Jammu and Dr. Gita Chadha, formerly chairperson, Women Development Cell, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai were the resource persons on 29 September, 2021. The workshop was attended by the participants including research scholars and teachers from different departments of UoJ. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director, presented the welcome address and introduced the resource persons. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, DRS paid rich tributes to late Kamla Bhasin, feminist activist who had recently passed away. Dr. Saranjit Kour presented the vote of thanks.

Dr. Anurekha Chari Wagh, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad was the resource person on 30 September 2021. Students of Zoology department, Institute of Human Genetics and School of Biotechnology attended the workshop. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director presented the welcome address. Prof. Seema Langer, HoD Zoology and coordinator, Institute of Human Genetics emphasized that gender sensitivity modifies the behavior and is required at all levels to create gender equality in the society. Dr. Madhulika Bhagat from Biotechnology stressed that although it is challenging to inculcate such values but it is much required for future generations. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Saranjit Kour. Ms. Poonam Sharma, looked after digital modalities of the workshop.

Prof. Shweta Prasad, Department of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi was the resource person on 5 October, 2021. Students of Directorate of Sports and Physical Education (DSPE) participated in the workshop. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director introduced the resource person. Dr. Daud Iqbal Bala, Director, DSPE in his address emphasized on the need of gender sensitization to know the specific needs and requirements of a particular gender.



Dr. Anagha Tambe, Director, Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University was the resource person on 8 October, 2021. Students of English and Geography

departments attended the workshop. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director introduced the resource person. Prof. Sucheta Pathania, HoD, English spoke about the difference between sex and gender citing different feminist authors. Prof. Anuradha Sharma, HoD, Geography talked about gendered spaces. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Saranjit Kour who also presented the vote of thanks.

Dr. Swati Dyahadroy, Faculty, Krantijyoti Savtribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, Savtribai Phule Pune University was the resource person on 12 October, 2021. Students of Chemistry, Botany and Statistics departments participated in the workshop. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director introduced the resource person. Prof. Veenu Kaul, HoD, Botany and Prof. Kamal K. Kapoor, HoD, Chemistry spoke about the dire need for gender sensitization and complimented the efforts of CWS for taking initiatives to sensitize the students of the sciences as well.

The valedictory session of Gender Sensitization workshop series was chaired by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor. In his valedictory remarks the Vice Chancellor congratulated the CWS for taking initiative to conduct such types of workshops. He also stressed on the need for sensitizing the teachers, officers and other administrative staff. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director, presented brief report of the eight workshops organized for scholars and students under the series. The proceedings of the session were conducted by Dr. Saranjit Kour. She also presented the vote of thanks.

The digital and graphic modalities were supported by Mr. Sumeet Sharma and Ms. Poonam Sharma.

CWS organized a webinar on the theme 'Role of Women in Indian Freedom Movement' under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 14 August, 2021. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director was the keynote speaker. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) and Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar were the guests of honor. The webinar was attended by more than 95 participants. Dr. Saranjit Kour presented the vote of thanks.



CWS organized two special online lectures on Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013 on 3 December, 2021. The lectures were delivered by Prof. Gurpreet Bal, formerly Dean and HoD Sociology, GNDU, Amritsar. The lectures were spread over two sessions each day covering both theoretical and conceptual clarification and the implementation supported with various case studies. Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director



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presented the welcome address and also gave a brief overview of working of the centre as well as of the



courses offered. Dr. Saranjit Kour presented the vote of thanks.

Dean, Students Placement organized a placement drive by Extramarks, a leading Ed-Tech company for the post of Business Development Executive on 8 December, 2021. Prof Manoj K. Dhar,



Vice Chancellor appreciated the office of Dean, Students Placement for the successful drive and congratulated the students for their placement in the leading Ed-Tech company.

Department of Botany in collaboration with National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)



celebrated 'Capacity Building Workshop' under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav at GDC, Kargil on 28 August 2021. Dr. Amjad Ali, Principal presented the welcome address. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma highlighted the achievements of India in the field of education, science and technology, digital India, sports, etc. Around 60 students participated in the workshop.

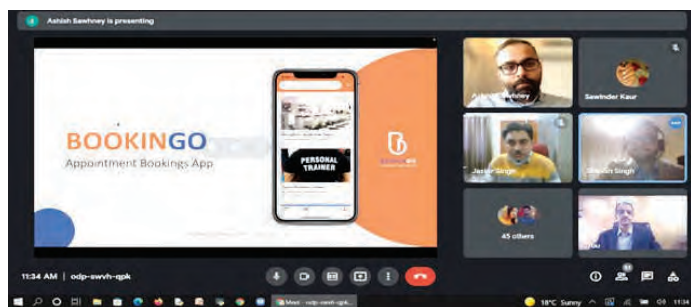
Department of Botany organized virtual inauguration of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter of Society of Ethnobotanists (SEB) by Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor and chief patron of the Local Chapter on 24 October, 2021. Dr. A.A. Mao, Director,



Botanical Survey of India (BSI) was the chief guest. Prof. Veenu Kaul, HoD welcomed the guests and the participants. Prof. Namrata Sharma introduced Dr. A.A. Mao to the audience. Dr Harish Chander Dutt, co-ordinator of the chapter apprised the participants about the objectives and scope of the chapter in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Dr. Skarma Nonzom coordinated the programme. Around 70 researchers including Dr. Manjoosha Srivastava, secretary, SEB, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Dr. Sikander Pal, Dr. Ishey Namgial from Ladakh, Dr. Anzar Khuroo from KU, Dr. Vartika from Rajasthan, Dr. Varinder Nath from CSIR-IHBT, Dr. Seemavati from MP, Dr. Mahroof Khan, Mr. O.P Sharma Vidyarthi, Prof. Bikham Pal, Dr. Sandeep Kotwal, Prof. Sania Hamid attended the programme.

Department of Computer Science and IT organized an online interactive session with Utopian Softwares Pvt. Ltd., a London based Technology consulting and development company on 07 December, 2021. Mr. Rahul Sawhney, Head Business and Manish, Head Technology were the resource persons. Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, HoD presented the

welcome address. Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma, Dr. Sawinder Kaur, Dr. Alka Gupta and students of



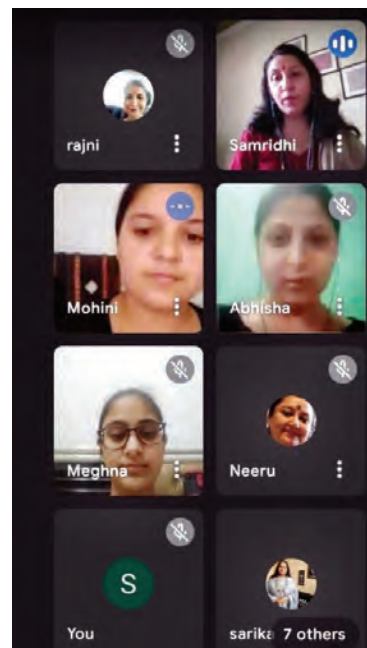
MCA and M.Tech. attended the webinar. Mr. Jasbir Singh presented the vote of thanks.

Department of Computer Science and IT in collaboration with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), an autonomous scientific society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, GoI organized an interactive session on 9 December, 2021. Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, HoD highlighted that the objective of organizing such interactive sessions is to provide opportunities to students to interact with the leading experts and get familiar with the latest technologies and training programmes. Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma in his address emphasized on the importance of project work in the fields of current technology domain of knowledge for design and implementation of certain applications to the students. Mr. Deepak, Executive Director, NIELIT and Ms. Sarita Kour, Deputy Director, NIELIT were the resource persons. Dr. Shubhnandan Singh Jamwal, Mr. Jasbir Singh, Dr. Sawinder Kaur, Dr. Alka Gupta, Ms. Palak Mahajan and students of MCA and M.Tech. attended the workshop. Ms. Alka Mahajan presented the vote of thanks.

Department of Computer Science and IT organized an interactive session with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) on 10 December, 2021. Dr. Sawinder Kaur presented the welcome address. Mr. Jasbir Singh explained various initiatives of IT entrepreneurship in J&K.

Department of Home Science as part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav organized poster-making competition on the themes 'Women in Nationalist movement' and 'Prominent Home Scientists in Post-Independence India' on 13 August, 2021. Prof. Rajni

Dhingra, DRS was the chief guest. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD presented the welcome address. Prof. Neeru Sharma, Prof. Shashi Manhas, Dr. Sarika Manhas graced the occasion and appreciated the students for their efforts. Prof. Anupama Vohra, convener, Publication Cell and Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director, CWS adjudged the posters received from the participants.



Result of the competition:

First prize: Ms. Abhisha Vaid

Second prize: Ms. Mohini Devi

Third prize: Ms. Meghna Sharma

Consolation prize: Ms. Zeba Yasmeen

Department of Home Science in collaboration with Childline India Foundation, J&K chapter celebrated 'Childline Se Dosti Week' on 22 November,

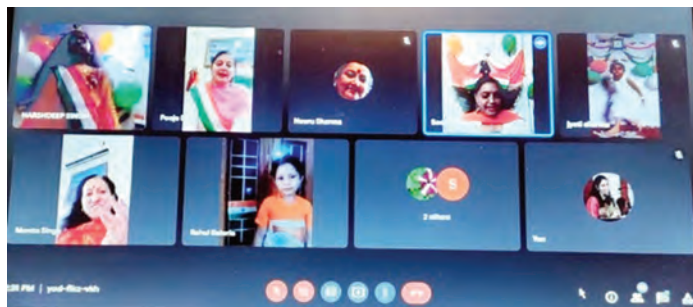


2021. Prof. Rajni Dhingra, DRS was the chief guest. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener, NSS, campus units was the guest of honor. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD in her welcome address highlighted the importance of celebrating International Child Rights Day. Ms. Manjari Singh, state co-coordinator Childline India

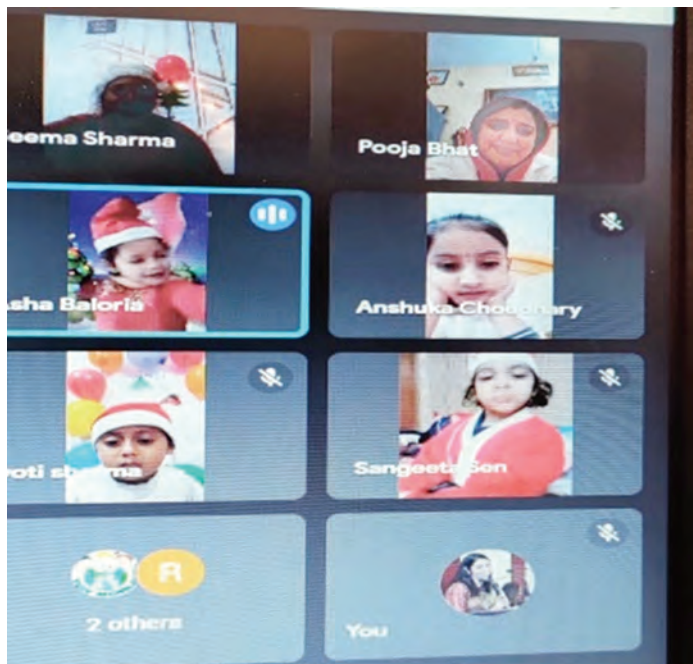
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Foundation, J&K was the resource person. Dr Sarika Manhas presented the vote of thanks. Ms. Vinish Malik, research scholar conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Department of Home Science's Surabhi Nursery School and Day Care Centre organized online



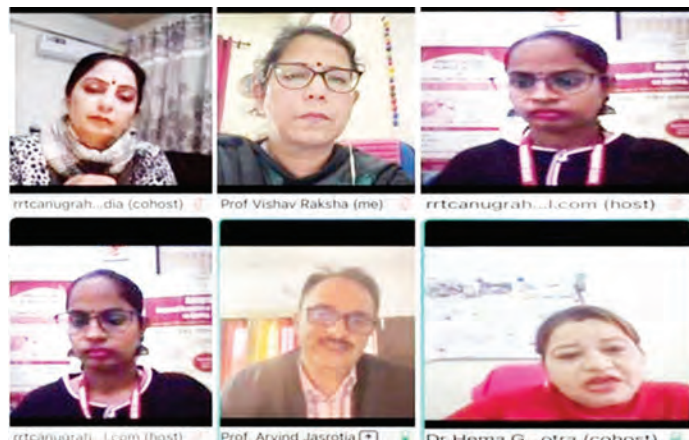
celebration of national and religious festivals including Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Janamashtmi, Teachers's Day, Dussehra, Diwali, Children's Day and Christmas with great zeal and enthusiasm. The



nursery students participated in all the events. They performed dances, action songs, skits, rhymes, songs and fancy dress. Theme based activities: colouring, collage making, flag making, rakhi making, greeting cards, candle and diya decoration, mask making and flower making were also displayed by the students during these celebrations.

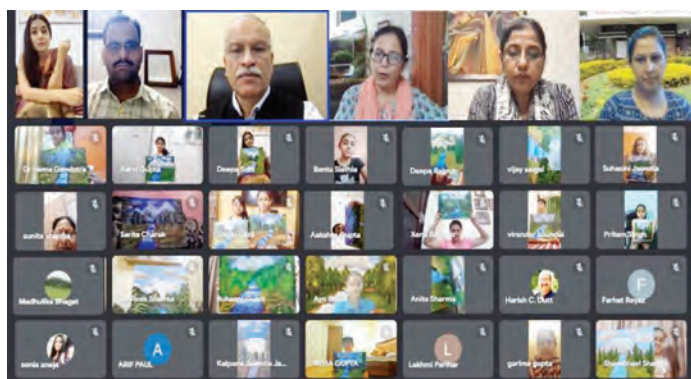
Department of Sociology in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence, MSJE and RRTC

Anugraha organized an online awareness/sensitization programme 'Ageing in India: Challenges of Elderly Women, Widows, Old Age Home Inmates and Suggested Interventions' for students, scholars and faculty members on 13 December, 2021. Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar was the guest of honor. The Registrar in his address highlighted various laws which can work for the betterment of elderly people. Prof.



Vishav Raksha, HoD and Dr. Hema Gandotra were the resource persons. Ms. Abha Choudhary, chairperson, RRTC was the moderator of the programme. Students, scholars, representatives from various NGOs and old age homes from across the country attended the programme.

Department of Students Welfare (DSW) organized an online 'Painting Workshop' for the children of UoJ employees from 16-18 July, 2021. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar was the chief guest and congratulated Dean (SW), and his team for continuously organizing meaningful events for the benefit of different stakeholders of UoJ. Around 58 children participated in the workshop and learnt nuances of landscape painting. In his welcome address, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) informed that during such training programmes, children get exposure and platform to enhance their talent. Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC spoke about the idea of conducting this workshop. Ms. Deepa Soni who has participated in many national and international exhibitions was the resource person. The session was also attended by members of CCC. The event was conducted by Dr. Sonia Aneja. In the



vaedictory function an exhibition of the artistic work created by children during the workshop was displayed. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor not only appreciated the creative works presented by children but also complimented their parents for utilizing the time of their wards in constructive pursuits. Prof. Sanjana Kaul, co-chairperson, CCC presented a detailed report of the workshop.

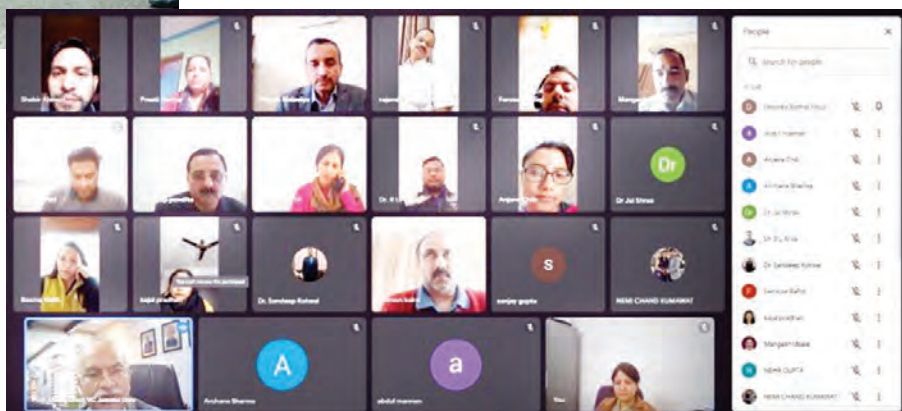
Directorate of Sports and Physical Education (DSPE) organized a run/walk for the students and



staff members of UoJ within the campus to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 13 August, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor flagged off the run/walk in the presence of Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW), Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Prof. R. K. Rampal, Prof. A.K.

Raina, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Prof. Piyush Malaviya and staff of DSPE. The run/walk commenced from the campus residential entrance gate and culminated at Fountain Plaza. The students and staff sang songs and danced to the tunes of patriotic songs.

Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) in collaboration with Department of Environmental Sciences organized a two-week online refresher course (RC) in Environmental Sciences from 10-23 December, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest and inaugurated the RC. The Vice Chancellor in his address emphasized upon utilizing the knowledge gained by the teachers from the training course. The Vice Chancellor also suggested the participants to extensively study and follow the National Education Policy (NEP) guidelines to enhance the overall teaching-learning experience. Prof. S. K. Pandita, Director welcomed the participants and dignitaries present in the inaugural session of the RC. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, course coordinator explained the overall structure of the RC and informed that due to the interdisciplinary nature of the course, experts from diverse educational and research institutions and industries, and various geographical regions both from within and outside India, having expertise in diverse research fields were invited for knowledge sharing in this RC. The RC was attended by Assistant Professors from J&KUT, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and West Bengal. Overall, 37 sessions by eminent resource persons were conducted during the RC. Besides 8 sessions of participants' presentations and assessment were also conducted. Dr. Ranjeet Kalra, Deputy Director presented the vote of thanks.



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Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) in collaboration with State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization, J&K organized a poster making and face painting on the theme 'LIFE AFTER DEATH' on 20



December, 2021. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal gave away prizes to Mr. Sachin Kumar, Ms. Reet Gupta and Ms. Arnavi Gupta who stood first, second and third in the poster making competition. Ms. Vaishali Mehra got consolation prize. Ms. Divisha Jandial and Mr. Jas Karan secured first position; Ms. Priya Manhas and Mr. Pranav Rajesh secured second position, and Ms. Priyanka Sharma and Ms. Shruti Sharma secured third position in the face painting competition.

Kathua Campus organized a webinar on 'Career in Software Development' for the campus students on 4 December, 2021. Mr. Vipin Verma, senior software developer and co-founder, Ecronsoft App Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru was the resource person. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector appreciated the organization of insightful webinar regarding futuristic scope in software industry. Prof. Susheel Sharma, coordinator, UIET encouraged the students to show more

participation in such valuable events. Dr. Sourabh Shastri, organizing secretary presented the vote of thanks. The webinar was also attended by the faculty members including Mr. Amit Sharma, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Mr. Rakshit Khajuria, Ms. Ruhi Mahajan, Ms. Ritika Goyal, Mr. Sarvdaman Sharma, Mr. Abhigya Mahajan, Mr. Pranav Ratta, Ms. Himani Khajuria and Ms. Archana Salaria.

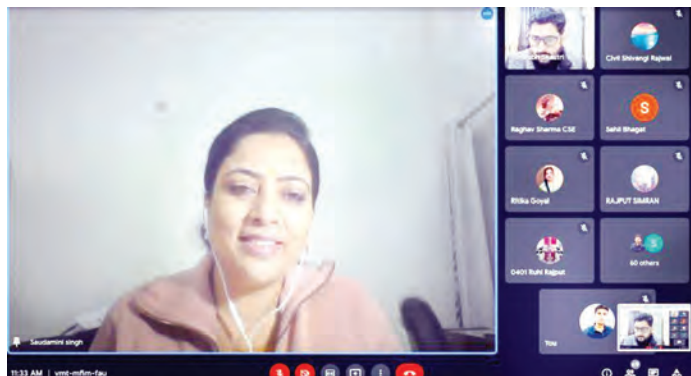
Kathua Campus in collaboration with EICT Academy, IIT, Kanpur organized Online Programming Quiz Smart-Hacks 2021-22 on 8 December, 2021. Around 15 students from Kathua campus participated in the event. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector appreciated the faculty for being active

in conducting back to back activities for the welfare of the students. Prof. Sushil Sharma, coordinator, UIET appreciated students volunteer participation in co-curricular activities.

Kathua Campus organized campus placement drive for MCA, B.E./B.Tech. and M.Tech. students through virtual mode on 15 December, 2021. The drive was conducted by Code Garage Tech. Mohali- a software development company. Mr. Ankush Gupta and Mr. Dikshit Tiwari, senior software engineers and Ms. Poonam Thakur, HR Manager represented the company. The placement drive was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector who assured the students a promising future by creating diverse placement avenues for the students. Dr. Sourabh Shastri coordinated the placement drive.

Kathua Campus organized a webinar on 'Lifelong Learning Skills' for the students of MCA and UIET on 23 December, 2021. Ms. Saudamini Singh, life coach

and consultant, presently associated with Kapgrow Corporate Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi was the resource person. Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector in her address emphasized that Kathua campus is committed to provide quality education and state-of-the-art facilities to the students. Dr. Sourabh Shastri presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Mr. Amit Sharma, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Ms. Anjally Gupta, Ms. Ritika Goyal, Mr. Pranav Ratta, Ms. Avni Sharma, Mr. Gaurav Sharma and the faculty members of UIET also participated in the webinar.



School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM) in collaboration with INTACH, Jammu Chapter organized a one-day workshop on Heritage Tourism in Jammu on 25 November, 2021. Ms. Deepika Sharma, chief operating officer - Himayat J&K and Executive Director, MMJHS was the chief guest. Prof. Deepak Raj Gupta, Director welcomed the speakers and the participants. Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Rector, Udhampur Campus elaborated on the tangible heritage of Jammu and its importance in the promotion of tourism. Mr. S.M. Sahni, convener, INTACH, Jammu chapter elaborated on the various initiatives and

programmes run by INTACH to promote, conserve and preserve heritage tourism in Jammu. Dr. Suvidha Khanna was the event coordinator. Dr. Anil Gupta presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Nikita Dogra conducted the proceedings of the workshop.

2022-Calendar Release: Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor in the presence of Er. Kireet Kumar, Director In-charge, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPIHE), Uttarakhand, and Nodal officer, NMHS and Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar released Wild Edible Mushroom Calendar 2022 on 28 December, 2021. With an exotic layout by Mr. Syed Azhar and Dr. Tahir, project fellows, and supervised by Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, the calendar exhibits twelve unique, fresh and original photographs of the wild edible mushrooms growing in diverse habitats of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.



Days Commemorated @ UoJ

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

75th Independence Day

University of Jammu celebrated 75th Independence Day of India on campus exhibiting patriotic fervour on 15 August, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor hoisted the National Flag at



Fountain Plaza. The Vice Chancellor spoke about the spirit of nationalism, integrity, peace and brotherhood and informed that as a tribute to the glorious achievements of India in the Tokyo Olympics, UoJ has decided to name Gymnasium Hall as 'P.V. Sindhu Gymnasium Hall'. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW) presented the welcome address. Prof. Rajni Kant, Director, CDC, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Jasbir Singh, CoE, Deans, Rectors, Directors, HoDs, members of CCC, officers, staff, students, scholars and families from the residential complex of the university participated in the function. The wards of UoJ employees: Riya Jandyal, Kavya Jandyal, Navya Raina, Vansh Sharma, Varchasv Sharma, Nandani, Keshav, Bhavya Majotra and Manmeet Kaur and

students from IMFA: Ankur Kapoor, Ajay Kumar, Aarohan Kumar, Saurab Kundal, Updesh Kumar, Anil Kumar, Sunny Kumar led by teachers: Mr. Suraj Singh, Dr. Rakesh Sharma and Mr. Bahadur Singh presented cultural bonanza. Prof. Vishav Raksha, chairperson, CCC presented the vote of thanks. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sanjana Kaul, co-chairperson, CCC, Dr. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW), Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Deans (SW), Capt. S.R. Dubey, chief security officer, Mr. Sumeet

Sharma, drama instructor and Mr. R.S. Bandral, Sr. P.A. to D S W . The stage management was looked after by Mr. Kulbhushan Thakur, Mr. Balwant Singh and Mr. Arif Paul.

National Librarian's Day

Department of Library and Information Science celebrated, in a hybrid mode, National Librarian's Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of Indian Library System, Padma Shri Prof. S.R. Ranganathan on 23 August, 2021. Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA was the chief guest on the occasion and Prof. Sangita Gupta, HoD presided over the function. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Naresh Padha urged to make the libraries more user friendly and apply the latest technology in providing better services to the users. In her address, Prof. Sangita Gupta highlighted the contribution of Prof. Ranganathan in developing library science as an important discipline of social sciences. The vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Ms. Izna and Ms. Ria.

UoJ celebrates Urdu Day

Department of Urdu celebrated 'Urdu Day' on



Constitution Day

The Law School (TLS) organized an oath-taking ceremony to uphold the Fundamental Duties enshrined in IV A and Article 51 A of the Indian Constitution on 26 November, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Law was the guest of honor. Prof. Manju Jamwal, Director presented the welcome address. Dr. Monika Bhardwaj presented the vote of thanks.

NSS Units, Bhaderwah and Kishtwar campuses organized an online lecture on 'Preamble of Constitution of India' by Prof.

9 November, 2022. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice Chancellor in his address highlighted that these types of activities aware the young generation about Urdu language and literature. The Vice Chancellor also recited an Urdu nazam (song) and released Dabastan-E-Himala, the Urdu Journal of Himalayan Education Mission Rajouri in the presence of Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal, IMFA and Mr. Muslim Wani, editor of the journal. Prof. Qudose Javeed, formerly, HoD, Urdu, KU in his presidential address stated that Urdu Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. Iqbal who contributed a lot for the development of Urdu language and literature. Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmed, HoD presented the welcome address. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas and the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Farhat Shamim.

National Education Day

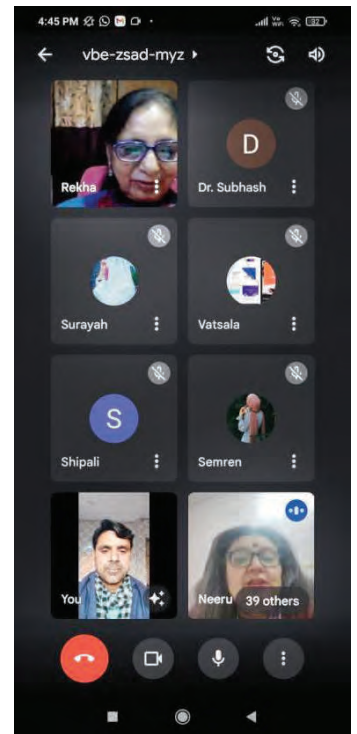
IMFA celebrated National Education Day on 11 November, 2021. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal presided over the function. Various speakers highlighted the importance of National Education Day and the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the 1st Education Minister of India in the field of education, politics, and literature. The programme was conducted by Ms. Sujata Rajput and Ms. Deepali Watal presented the vote of thanks.

Rekha Choudhary, renowned political scientist, to celebrate the Constitution Day of India on 26 November, 2021. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah campus congratulated the students of Bhaderwah and Kishtwar campuses for joining NSS and wished them a bright future. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener, NSS, campus units presented the theme of the lecture. Dr. Anju Thappa, Programme Co-ordinator,

NSS presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Subash Chander, NSS PO conducted the proceedings of the event. Mr. Mahesh, Mr. Usama and Dr. Sundus Quyoom were the team volunteers.

Human Rights Day

TLS celebrated International Human Rights Day on 10 December, 2021. Prof. Naresh Padha, DAA was the chief guest. Prof. Manju Jamwal, Director welcomed the chief guest and the audience. Students gave oral presentations on the different aspects of Human





Rights. Dr. Monica Narang was the event coordinator. Dr. Seema Rohmetra presented the vote of thanks.

World Disability Day

Department of Home Science in collaboration with Jiger Institute of General Education and Rehabilitation, The Association of Deaf and Aphasic and Kalpana Kala Kendra celebrated World Disability Day on 3 December, 2021. Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu was the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Raghav Langer informed that a Composite Regional Centre (CRC) is being set up in Jammu to aid the cause

of persons with special needs. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor presided over the function. In his presidential remarks the Vice Chancellor reiterated the resolve to make UoJ fully accessible for the persons with disability. Prof. Samridhi Arora, HoD in her introductory address highlighted that the department offers certain specific facilities free of cost for the welfare of disabled persons. Dr. Sarika Manhas presented the welcome address. Ms. Sandhya Dhar, President Jiger highlighted the problems faced by persons with disability in various sectors of the society,



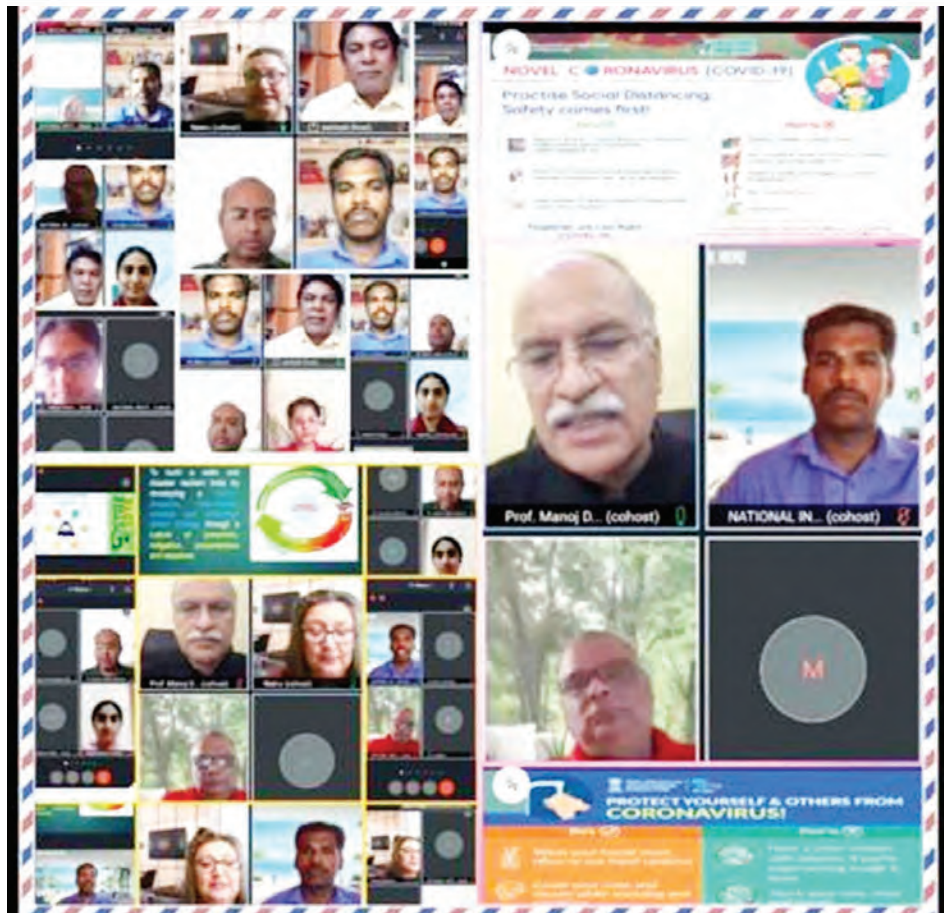
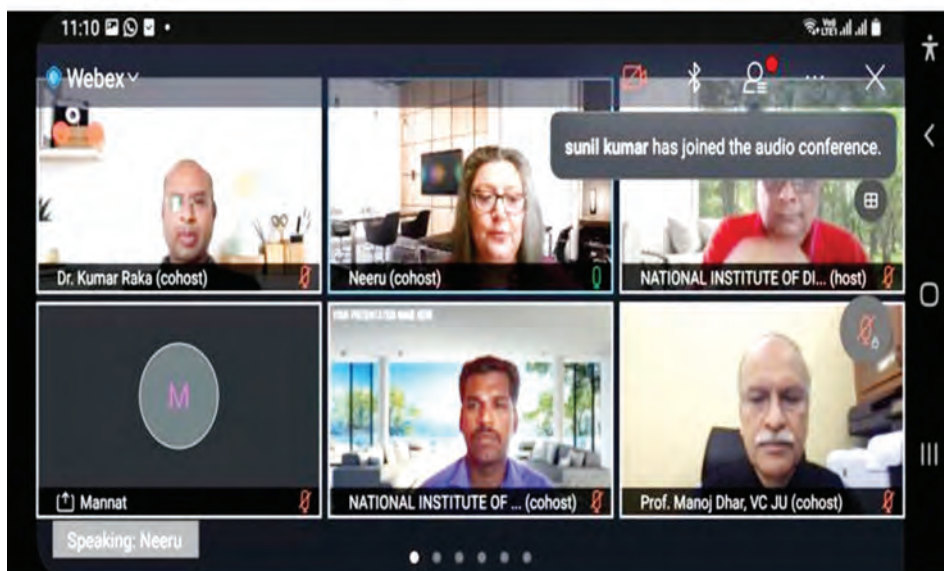
especially during COVID-19. On the occasion a felicitation programme was organized for the persons who are role models for the society: Archana Devi, Tilak Raj Jagjit Singh, Purshotam, Shiv Kumar, Shivani Misri, Pardeep Kumar, Kalvin Bhatti and Irfan Mir. Ms. Sukanaya Bhan, sign language interpreter presented the vote of thanks. Ms. Vinish Malik and Ms. Kusum Tickoo conducted the proceedings of the programme.

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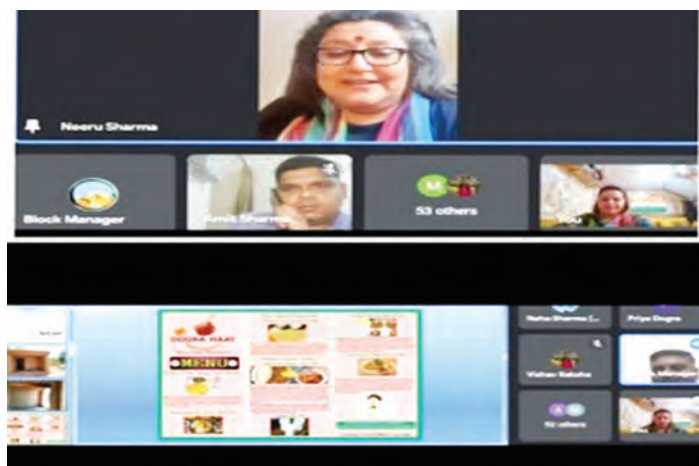
National Service Scheme (NSS) gives the youth an opportunity for voluntary community service along with academics:

National Service Scheme (NSS) Campus Units in collaborations with National Institute of Disaster

Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI organized a three-day online Process Orientation Training Programme (POT) on Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) from 5-7 July, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor and Chairman, National Service Scheme (NSS), UoJ delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Santosh Kumar, Director, Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction presented the opening remarks and expressed his happiness in collaborating with UoJ. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener, NSS, campus units presented the welcome address. Around 300 trainers, teachers, research scholars and students attended the programme. Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS PO presented the vote of thanks.



NSS Campus Units organized a webinar on 'Revival of Dogra Culture: A Case Study of Self-Help Groups of District Reasi' under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 13 August, 2021. Prof. Neeru Sharma, convener, NSS, campus units welcomed the volunteers and faculty members and highlighted the need for revival of Dogra identity. Dr. Hema Gandotra, NSS, PO and coordinator of the event introduced the speaker Mr. Anil Sharma, Block Programme Manager, J&K livelihoods mission, Pouni, Reasi. The programme was attended by Dr. Anju Thappa, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, Prof. Vishav Raksha; Dr. Meghna Dhar and Dr. Amit



Sharma, NSS, POs and volunteers. Ms. Neha Sharma conducted the programme.

UoJ felicitates NIC campers

NSS team UoJ participated in National Integration Camp (NIC) held at Kurukshetra University from 18-24 November, 2021. Dr. Sunil Sharma, NSS PO, GDC, Jindrah was the contingent officer. The team participated in different events and brought laurels to UoJ by securing first prize in the skit competition. The volunteers: Vidhi Kaushal, GCW, Kathua; Khushi

Jasrotia, GDC, Kathua; Nishu Kumari, Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar; Bindiya Verma, GDC, Akhnoor; Akarshani, GCW, Parade; Deepak Kumar Nischal, GDC, Sidhra; Vikram Singh, GDC, Jindrah; Sumit Badyal, GDC, Basholi; Rahul Singh, GDC Doda; and Mohd Mushtaq, GDC, Rajouri were in the NSS team. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor congratulated the NSS team and felicitated each participant with a certificate and trophy for their exemplary performance in the NIC camp. Dr. Anju Thappa, Programme Co-ordinator NSS and NSS POs: Dr. Neelam Choudhary, Dr. Savita Nayyar, Dr. Meghna Dhar, Dr. Amit Sharma and Dr. Isha Sharma were also present on the occasion.

NSS Unit, Bhaderwah Campus organized an interactive session on 'COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour' on 19 December, 2021. Dr. Shakeel, Medical Officer, Bhaderwah Hospital was the resource person. Around 50 NSS volunteers attended the programme. The interactive session was coordinated by Dr. Subash Chander, NSS PO.



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

Department of Botany in collaboration with National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI and Pollution Control Committee (PCC), J&K organized an awareness programme on 'Stop use of single-use plastics' under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 7 October, 2021. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Vice



Chancellor underscored the need for reducing the plastics menace and exhorted upon the youth to act as the ambassadors for creating awareness in reducing the usage of single-use plastics and substituting it with paper and biodegradable stuff. Er. S.C. Dutta from Thermoforming Pvt. Ltd., Jammu displayed biodegradable/compostable PLA (Polylactic acid) and introduced disposables which are eco-friendly, safe for health and environment, and are a safe replacement to single-use plastics. Prof Veenu Kaul, HoD proposed the vote of thanks.

Department of Commerce in collaboration with Narayan Samaj Sewa Sanstha (NSSS) conducted a cleanliness drive as a part of Extension and Outreach Program under *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* initiatives of GoI on 21 October,



2021. More than 42 participants including faculty members, non-teaching staff, students, research scholars and alumni of the department participated in the cleanliness drive. Prof. Hardeep Chahal, HoD highlighted the significance and importance of cleanliness in day-to-day life. Mr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, chairman, NSSS appreciated the efforts of the staff and students towards maintenance of clean surroundings. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Tarsem Lal.

Department of Environmental Sciences and Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) in collaboration with J&K Forest Department and INTACH Jammu Chapter organized a plantation drive on the campus to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the drive by planting a Rudraksh tree near Shiv temple in



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the residential complex of UoJ with an aim to make people aware of the importance of trees and to enhance the *Jan-Bhagidari* in planting trees. Around 60 saplings of traditional and medicinal plants provided by the Urban Forestry Division, J&K Forest Department were planted during the drive. Among others who planted trees on the campus included Prof. R. K. Rampal, Dean, Life Sciences, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean (SW), Prof. Piyush Malaviya, HoD, Dr. Deepika Slathia, Mr. Sunil Singh Manhas, DFO, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Mr. S.M. Sahni, Dr. Sudhir Singh, faculty members, students and scholars from the teaching departments.

Department of Environmental Sciences and Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) in



collaboration with INTACH Jammu Chapter to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav organized a 'Heritage Walk' to the traditional Mata Vaishno Devi Route, Bamyal, Jammu on 27 November, 2021. Prof. Piyush Malaviya, HoD flagged off the walk in the presence of Prof. Jyoti Bhatti, Principal, Food Craft Institute (FCI) Bamyal, Jammu. Sh. S.M. Sahni, Dr. Deepika Slathia, Member Secretary GCTF-JU, Dr. Meenakshi Khajuria from INTACH Jammu Chapter and students from the department participated in the Heritage Walk.

Department of Psychology in collaboration with Health Centre organized an awareness lecture on Solid and Plastic Waste Management on 7 December, 2021. Prof. Arti Bakshi, HoD, Dr. Bharat Bhushan,



CMO and Mr. Zorawar Singh from JMC were the speakers. Ms. Manvika Kohli, Sem-III student convened the event. Dr. Sarita Sood presented the vote of thanks.

Health Centre in the wake of increasing Corona cases organized a fogging drive on the campus.



ICMR-CAR under the patronage of Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor and Principal Investigator of the Centre in collaboration with SMVDU, Katra, CU, Samba and KU organized a one-day medical-cum-awareness camp at Jagti Nagrota on 'Reproductive Issues and Cancer' on 30 December, 2021.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, NSS units, University of Jammu in collaboration with Disha Volunteer Organization organized Winter Clothing Donation Drive from 29th November- 1st December, 2021. A large number of students, scholars, teaching faculty,



officers and non-teaching employees contributed huge bundles of woollen clothes, blankets, quilts, etc., for the needy people during the severe winter season. The collection were distributed among the needy people in the vicinity of Chatha.



Obituaries

We at UoJ mourn the sad demise of our treasured colleagues (in-service & superannuated). Their passing away is a matter of enormous sadness to all of us on the campus. Our deepest sympathies are with their families during this difficult time.



Dr. Bodh Raj Sharma

Assistant Professor,
Department of Commerce
passed away in the prime of his youth due to cancer. He was a dedicated teacher and researcher. The University would always miss his presence.



Dr. R.L. Sharma

was faculty in the Department of Geology.
He was the last Director, Youth Services,
University of Jammu.



Mr. Tejinder Singh

was Driver in the University of Jammu. His untimely death on 7.11.2021 is a great loss to UoJ.

