

12-16 January, 2018: 33rd North Zone Youth Festival

Shivika Thakur from the team representing University of Jammu stood First in Elocution contest held at 33rd North Zone Youth Festival Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Ambala from 12-16 January, 2018 under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities. Shivika Thakur and Sangpriya also secured Certificate of Merit (Consolation Prize) in Debate Competition.

16 Jan. 2018

An interaction programme with 35 students from Govt. Degree College, Magaam, Kashmir was organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium. The students were on Educational Tour organized by their college to visit different parts of the country and was led by Prof Zahoor-ud-din, Principal, GDC Magaam and Dr. Sameer Farooq Assistant Prof. accompanied the students. A visit to Jammu University was arranged for them by the Department of Students Welfare in which they interacted with Dr. Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean (SW), Students Cultural Council and members of Campus Cultural Committee of the University. A cultural programme was also arranged for the visiting students in which Manreet Kaur, Secretary Students Cultural Council and Kanika Sharma, Joint Secretary presented a Dogri song accompanied by Suvidha, member SCC. Ramneek from Dept of Sanskrit presented Shlokas. The visiting students also performed especially a mimicry performance by Sarwar Hussain and Abid was highly appreciated by all the audience. A PowerPoint Presentation "Jammu University, An Overview" was presented by Dr Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean(SW) about the infra structure and Academic, Cultural, Literary and central facilities available on the campus. Prof Zahoor-ud-din, Principal, GDC, Magaam also interacted with the students and appreciated the efforts made by Department of Students welfare to make the visit of students to the campus a wonderful and a learning experience for the students. The students from the University of Jammu had a warm interaction with the visiting students regarding art & culture which was equally reciprocated by visiting students. Dr Parmil Kumar Assistant Dean(SW), Dr Vinay Thusoo, PRO, Dr Sunita Sharma, Captain S.R.Dubey were also present on the occasion. The sound was looked after by Aarif. The visit was coordinated by Ms.Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer.

18th of January, 2018

Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu conducted 3rd Annual North Zone Inter-University Declamation Contest-2017-18 at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. The Silver Rolling Trophy for the same has been instituted by Sh. N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor J & K State. 32 students from different Universities of North Zone participated in this contest who represented J & K, Punjab, Delhi and Haryana.

Sh. N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor J & K State and The Chancellor University of Jammu was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory function where he presented Silver Rolling Trophy to the winning team of the University of Jammu consisting of Sangpriya and Shivika Thakur. The overall first prize in individual category was won by Sangpriya from the University of Jammu while Sheenam Dhingra from Panjab University, Chandigarh and Shivika Thakur from the University of Jammu were declared second & third respectively. Certificates of Merit were awarded to Mehak Ayaz from the University of Kashmir and Prateek Sharma from GGM Science College. Participation certificates and mementoes were also presented to the participants.

Sh. N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor J & K State expressed gladness over vibrant participation of the students from J&K and neighboring universities. He mentioned that in addition to channelize the young minds towards positive direction, such competitions infuse them with confidence to project their arguments in an assertive manner and the ability of finer public speaking proves a boon for their careers.

Prof. R.D. Sharma, esteemed Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu presided over the function. He presented a detailed insight about the topic of the declamation which was "Is digital intervention in education among the most pressing challenges?"

Hon'ble Governor Sh. N.N. Vohra also released the 'Kulgeet' of the University of Jammu which was made under overall supervision of Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma. Music and Lyrics by Brij Mohan, sung by Seema Anil Sehgal, Jeevan Sharma and Sonali Dogra and video of which was directed by Maloop Singh.

Prof. Satnam Kour, Dean Students Welfare formally welcomed the august gathering. Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean Students Welfare rendered the Vote of Thanks. All the participants rendered thought pondering speeches. Earlier in the morning, the event was inaugurated by Prof. Keshav Sharma, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu. He expressed his pleasure that such events are being organized which will engage the young minds towards constructive things.

Prof. Lalit Magotra, Prof. Indu Kilam and Prof. Chanchal Dogra were the adjudicators for the contest whereas Dr. Garima Gupta was the teacher incharge for the event. Dr. Minakshi Kilam, Prof. Jigar Mohd. Prof. K.K. Kapoor, Dr. Parmil Kumar, Dr. A.R. Manhas, faculty members, officers students and scholars of University of Jammu were present at the occasion. The event was coordinated by Ifra Kak and Sumeet Sharma.

26th of January, 2018: 69th Republic Day Celebrations

The 69th Republic Day of India was celebrated at the University of Jammu with great enthusiasm & patriotic fervour, it was attended by a huge gathering of teaching faculty, officers, staff and students of the University of Jammu. Prof. R.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, unfurled the National Flag which will be permanently installed at the roof-top of Dhanvantri Library and released the Tri-Colour Balloons. Prof. Sharma, while greeting the University fraternity, said that we all must pay tributes to our great Nation by being active and punctual in our duties. By being dutiful and responsible citizens, we can take our Nation to further great heights.

Earlier Prof. Satnam Kour, Dean Students Welfare, delivered the welcome address and greeted the august gathering on the auspicious occasion. At the arrival of the Vice-Chancellor, Guard of Honour was presented by the Jammu University Security Guards led by Capt. S.R. Dubey, Security Officer. On the occasion, Patriotic songs by were presented by children which included Riya Jandyal and Kamiya Langer. A patriotic group song was also presented by the students of Institute of Music & Fine Arts which was composed by Sh. Suraj Singh. A mime on the theme of Nationalism was also presented by the students of the University of Jammu. Sweets were also distributed on the occasion.

Dr. Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean Students Welfare presented the formal vote of thanks whereas the programme was conducted by Shivika Thakur. The event was coordinated by Dr. Parmil Kumar and Dr. A.R. Manhas, Dr. Vinay Thussu and was managed by Sumeet Sharma, Ifra Kak and Balwant Singh.

6th of February, 2018.

'Lok Rang Mahotsava', a two-day festival of folk music, dances and arts organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu concluded at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. The festival witnessed energetic performances of folk music, dances and creatively designed Rangolis by the students of different B. Ed. Colleges affiliated with the University of Jammu.

Prof. Rajni Kant, Director College Development Council was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function who awarded the Rolling Trophy to Bhartiya College of Education for being overall champions of the festival. He congratulated the Department of Students Welfare for organizing such an event of high cultural value amongst the students which is visible in their colourful performances. Earlier, in her welcome address, Prof. Satnam Kour, Dean Students Welfare informed about the programme where folk songs, folk dances and Rangolis were featured. She congratulated the participating students as they have done their bit in the celebration of our own cultural identity. In folk song (group) event Bhartiya College of Education and Rajiv Gandhi Memorial College of Education were awarded Certificates of Appreciation. In folk song (solo) Shobha Rani from Rajiv Gandhi College of Education secured First position, Preeti Sharma from K.C. College of Education stood Second and the Third position was shared by Shivangi Sharma K.C. Gurukul College of Education and Mulkraj Singh from Bhartiya College of Education. In Folk Dance competition Bhartiya College of Education stood First and KC College of Education stood Second. In Rangoli event Veda S. from Ranjit College of Education stood First, Aarti Rani from Ramisht College of Education was declared Second and the Third position was shared by Preeti from Surya College of Education and Khushboo Dogra from Bhartiya College of Education.

Dr. Renu Sehgal and Dr. Kuldeep Raina and Ms Renu Sehgal were the judges for the singing events. Ms. Anjali Sharma and Mr. Ravi Sharma were the adjudicators for the Dance event while Prof. Neeru Sharma and Dr. Samridhi Arora were the judges for Rangoli event. Prominent among those who were present at the occasion included Prof. S.K. Pandita, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean SW, members of Campus Cultural Committee, students, scholars and cultural secretaries. The event was coordinated by Ifra Kak, Culture Officer and Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor.

Jammu, 8th of February, 2018.

To celebrate the creative talent of the employees of the University, the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu organized a unique cultural festival "ABHIVYAKTI – 2018" in a competitive mode in which employees of the University of Jammu presented their talents. Prof. Keshav Sharma, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function who complemented the participating employees for their gifted talent and also felicitated them with mementoes. Mr. Sunil Gupta, Vice-President & Zonal Head J&K Bank was the Guest of Honour. The event was sponsored by J & K Bank.

Prof. Keshav Sharma expressed his happiness over such cultural events which have the potency to enhance the cultural intervention in the campus for the benefit of all. Earlier, Prof. Satnam Kour, Dean Students Welfare welcomed the gathering and informed about this unique event in which students could see the creative side of their teachers. The items which were presented in the festival were 'Antakshari', 'Solo Singing', Photography and 'Self-Composed Poetry Recitation'. The prominent artists of the State, Sh. Brij Mohan, Sh. Jeevan Sharma, Ms. Sonali Dogra & Mr. Maloop Singh, who contributed to the 'kulgeet' of the University of Jammu were also felicitated at the occasion. In Singing competition, Prof. Sushma Devi, Sh

Neeraj Sharma and Prof. Arvind Jasrotia stood first, second and third respectively. In Antakshri, the team of Prof. Vishav Raksha & Dr. Hema Gandotra stood First, Prof Arvind Jasrotia & Dr. Garima Gupta stood Second and Prof. Neeru Sharma & Prof Sushma Devi secured Third position. In Photography, Dr. Vijay Saigal, Dr. Megna Dhar and Dr. Yudhbir Singh stood First, Second and Third respectively. In Poetry Recitation (Self-Composed), First, Second and Third positions were secured by Dr. Vikram Sahi, Dr. Padam Malhar, and Dr. Subhash Chander respectively. The adjudicators for various events were Suraj Singh and Rakesh Anand (Singing), Sonali Dogra (Antakshri), Dr. Ashok Gupta (Photography) and Smt. Vijaya Thakur (Poetry Recitation). Dr. Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean Students Welfare presented the vote of thanks. University's teaching faculty, officers, employees, students, scholars and members of civil society were amongst the audience who thoroughly enjoyed the programme. The event was conducted under the guidance of Campus Cultural Committee. The programme was conducted by Dr. Shashi Prabha and was coordinated by Mr. Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ms. Ifra Kak (Culture Officer).

9th of February, 2018

Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu, Prof. Satnam Kour felicitated Karuna Majotra, a student of Institute of Music and Fine Arts who represented University of Jammu in 'Lok Rang' a festival of Folk Singing organized by Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi and secured Third Position and an award of Rs. 11,000. She complemented Prof. Poonam Chowdhary, Principal Institute of Music and Fine Arts for progressive orientation of the students so as to remain connected with their cultural roots. She stressed that such cultural exchange tours play an important role in shaping the overall personality of the students and they shall utilize the experience gained from this event for further enhancement of their skills. Different teams from Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and J&K participated in the event where the team of the University of Jammu which consisted of Karuna Majotra (Participant) and Dr. Jasmeet Kour (Teacher Incharge) secured Third position. This is to mention here that Karuna was trained by Mr. Suraj Singh and the event was coordinated by Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ifra kak (Cultural Officer).

16-20 February, 2018: 33rd National Youth Festival

Shivika Thakur from the team representing University of Jammu stood THIRD in Elocution contest held at 33rd National Youth Festival Ranchi University, Ranchi from 16-20 February, 2018.

19th of March, 2018

Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organized a "KAVI GHOSHTI" featuring 15 poets from Tamil Nadu and J&K under 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' scheme of Government of India today at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. Prof. Keshav Sharma, Dean Academic Affairs was the Chief Guest who appreciated this unique endeavour in bringing the people of different States of the Country together. Sh. Vidyaratn Aasi, a prominent poet from Jammu. Presided over the function who mesmerized the audience with his magical poetry. Prof. Satnam Kour Dean Student Welfare informed in detail about the mission behind organizing this programme. Dr. Arvinder Singh Aman, Additional Secretary, J & K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages presented the formal vote of thanks. The poets from Tamil Nadu who recited their poems included Dr. D. Nesan, Kandarathithan, Sabarinathan S., Nitha Ezhilarasi, Nithin Thirunavukkarasu. The poets from J&K who presented their poetry included Sh. Darsahn Kumar Vaid, Sh. Vinod Kumar Gupta, Smt.

Vijaya Thakur, Smt. Yogita Yadav, S. Baljeet Singh Raina, Dr. Liaqat Jafri, S. Ajeet Singh Mastana, Swami Antar Neerav and Ayaz Saif. The event was ably conducted by Dr. Liaqat Jafri.

Prominent among those who attended the programme included natives of Tamil Nadu who are residing in Jammu, Ms. Anjali Sharma, Director Radio Kashmir, Jammu, Prof. S.K. Pandita, Chairman Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. K.K. Kapoor, Co- Chairman Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Anupama Vohra, Associate Dean(SW), Dr. A.R. Manhas, Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Prof. Monika Sethi, Prof. Baljeet Kour, Prof. Vishavraksha, members of Campus Cultural Committee, Students Cultural Council, students, Scholars and members of civil society. The event was coordinated by Ifra Kak and Sumeet Sharma.

27th of March, 2018

Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu celebrated World Theatre Day with the performance of Sadat Hasan Manto's play 'Toba Tek Singh' dramatized by Dr. Atamjeet. The play was performed by Students of Cultural Council, University of Jammu, under the able direction of Ifra Kak. The show was witnessed by a huge gathering at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium. The play was brought to life after a thorough training of 20 days. Sh. Basant Rath, IPS, IGP Traffic J&K was the Chief Guest at the occasion. Prof Satnam Kour, Dean Students Welfare presented the welcome address and also informed about the cultural vision of the department.

The story of the play goes like this, few years after the partition of India, the Governments of India and Pakistan come to the realization that, as has happened with the rest of their population, the lunatics in their asylums must also be exchanged. Muslim lunatics in India are to be sent to Pakistan, while Hindu and Sikh lunatics in Pakistan will be sent to India. In an asylum in Lahore, a Sikh lunatic whom everyone calls, "Toba Tek Singh", refuses to go. Based on Saadat Hasan Manto's celebrated short story, TOBA TEK SINGH, which is a poignant saga of partition. It was performed as a drama with soulful and emotional music, fascinating set, lights and costumes that observed the madness of partition through the eyes of several madmen and laid its bare agony through humour, tragedy and silly antics of the lunatics. Apart from the actors who were soaked in their performances, the viewers too, seemed to have been totally mesmerized and absorbed in the play.

The students who acted in the play included Pallvi Kunwer, Avinash Lakhnotra, Diksha Andotra, Namrata Chib, Ramneet Kour, Manreet Kour, Neha Rana, Rajat Salgotra, Puneet Kaur and Hemant Magotra,. Lights were executed by Ravinder Sharma, set was designed by Sanam Sudan and Music was rendered by Anuroop Pathania.