

JU Law School hosts lecture on 'Role of Youth in Nation Building'

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JAMMU: The Law School, University of Jammu held an engaging expert lecture and interactive session titled "Role of Youth in Nation Building." The session featured Nitin Hangloo, District Youth Officer for District Jammu, representing the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Hangloo provided an in-depth overview of the Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) initiative, which aims to foster experiential learning, volunteerism, and community transfor-



The Law School, University of Jammu students and faculty during a lecture.

mation among young people.

During his talk, he highlighted several successful collaborations between NYKS and local government departments, including the Transport, Traffic Police, and Health depart-

ments.

These initiatives aim to engage youth in meaningful volunteer activities that contribute to community welfare. Hangloo stressed upon the critical role of law students as "social engineers" in pro-

moting constitutional values and encouraging their peers to participate in nationbuilding efforts.

He called for an increased focus on fundamental duties and the need for youth to become informed and responsible citizens.

The session commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. Seema Rohmetra,

Director, The Law School, who emphasized the significance of youth engagement in national development. Faculty member Dr. Nitan Sharma coordinated the event, ensuring an interactive environment.

Students actively participated by posing questions about various opportunities available through NYKS initiatives.

Hangloo provided comprehensive answers, addressing their queries about volunteer programs and leadership training.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Kasak Gupta, acknowledging the insights shared and the importance of youth involvement in shaping the nation's future.

Ajaz Kazmi demands regularization of daily wagers in J&K

Asks Govt to implement Minimum Wage Act, release pending wages

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JAMMU: Apni Party's Trade Union President, Ajaz Kazmi has demanded regularization of the daily wagers in Jammu and Kashmir.

"These 61000 daily wagers have been working in different Govt departments for the last 25 years. However, they are yet to be regularized by the Govt," said Ajaz Kazmi, while reminding the Dy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary that he shall fulfill the promises made with the daily wagers of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the daily wagers work on very less wages and these wages are often not released on a regular basis.

On the other hand, he said that the concerned depart-



ments also engage them overtime in their respective areas without paying them their dues.

"It's a high time that an elected Govt has taken over the governance in Jammu and Kashmir. Therefore, the daily wagers, who have suffered for more than two decades, seek attention of the popular Govt towards their burning demand of regularization, release of all the pending dues, and implementation of minimum wage act in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the daily wagers shall be provided pay protection

by the authorities because they work with dedication and keep the departments functional even during the odd hours.

Meanwhile, he demanded that the vacant posts shall be filled up by the Govt.

"The regularization of daily wagers would help the Govt to streamline their day to day working," he said, while asking the Govt to advertise all the vacant posts to the recruitment agency.

He also referred to the anger among the people against the monopoly of mining mafia in Jammu which has snatched the resources as well as employment from the local youth. He demanded an end to the grabbing of resources by the mining mafia.

SCW CB Jammu observes Pledge Ceremony on Vigilance Awareness Week



SSP, Special Crime Wing Jammu, Sandeep Mehta administering the oath to officers/officials.

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JAMMU: To curb the menace of corruption, a pledge ceremony was observed on Monday on the occasion of "Vigilance Awareness Week" in Special Crime Wing of Crime Branch Jammu, on the direction of SSP, Special Crime Wing Jammu Sandeep Mehta. The main pledge ceremony was held at Zonal Crime Headquarters, Special Crime Wing Jammu wherein SSP/SCW CB Jammu administered the oath to officers/officials to work together to eradicate corruption and oppose all forms of corruption.

Further, the Officers and Officials of Special Crime Wing Jammu took oath to work with zeal in maintaining highest standards of integrity, transparency and good governance and not to offer or accept bribes and maintain a culture of

honesty. It is pertinent to mention that the integrity pledge on Vigilance Awareness week is commitment for highest standards of honesty & integrity in all situations and to support the fight against corruption. On the said occasion, officers/officials of SCW-CB Jammu took oath to fight against corruption and dedicate themselves to honesty.

Sandeep Mehta, SSP, SCW-CB Jammu further said that "we believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country". He also stated that all stakeholders such as government, Citizens and private Sectors need to work in tandem to eradicate corruption from all spheres of the society and make India, a corruption free Country.

MBSCT organizes training in collaboration with ICT Academy, Infosys Foundation using Microsoft Azure Platform

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JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering & Technology (MBSCT) conducted 100 hours training program on "Finishing School for employability", organized in collaboration with ICT Academy and Infosys Foundation.

The program comprised of 20 hours Soft Skills Training, conducted by Mohit Panwar, Softskill Trainer from ICT Academy, who focused on key aspects of professional communication, teamwork, and leadership. The training sessions were designed to develop students' interpersonal competencies, helping them to build con-



MBSCT faculty with ICT Academy and Infosys Foundation members with students during training program on "Finishing School for employability".

fidence and professionalism.

Adil Yousuf, Senior Technical Trainer from ICT Academy delivered 80 hours Technical Training on AI & ML.

This segment of program was introduced to students to advanced technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), using the Microsoft Azure

Platform. During the training program, students worked on practical projects which included chatbot development, image classification, speech recognition, text detection,

and NLP.

The program was conducted under the guidance of Ajaz Yousuf, Relationship Manager from ICT Academy.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Dinesh Gupta (Principal), Dr. Amrik Singh (Vice Principal), Parveen Singh (Dean Academics), Ridhika Sharma (HOD, CSE), Jasmeen Kaur (HOD, IT), H.S. Gill (DSW) as well as other department heads and faculty members.

The program was supported by Saravjeet Kour and Amarjoit Kour, Assistant Professors, CSE who acted as mentor and coordinator.

GCW Gandhi Nagar hosts "Shakti Shines-Celebrating Women in Business" event

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JAMMU: The Department of Commerce, GCW Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with Department of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu hosted "Shakti Shines - Celebrating Women in Business," an event dedicated to honoring and promoting women entrepreneurs.

The celebration featured a lively array of stalls with offerings such as food items, cosmetics, garments and Mehandi, allowing students and staff members to experience a range of local,



Department of Commerce, GCW Gandhi Nagar faculty and students at a programme.

women-led ventures.

Under the twinkling lights and colorful decorations, this event featured a plethora of captivating activities, including traditional dance performances, live music, Jewellery,

Handlooms and Food stalls.

The aroma of delectable Indian cuisine wafted through the air as food stalls offered an array of mouthwatering delicacies, from spicy chaats to tradi-

tional sweets, satisfying the taste buds of the attendees.

With an array of stalls showcasing traditional handicrafts, exquisite clothing, and intricate jewelry, the event served

as a platform for female students to showcase their talents and products, fostering a sense of community and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Dr. Vishal Sharma, Dean School of Social Sciences, CLUJ and Dr. S. P. Saraswat, Principal GCW Gandhi Nagar also addressed the gathering, acknowledging the success of the event and the valuable platform, it provided for women to shine in the business world.

The event was coordinated through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Neetu Kumari, Coordinator,

Department of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, CLUJ and Dr. Asha, Head of the Department for demonstrating their exceptional teamwork and organisational expertise.

The organising committee comprises Dr. Himani Arora, Dr. Ramandeep Kour, Dr. Parul Chibber, Dr. Rajneesh Karloopia, Dr. Vaishali, Dr Ummer and Mamta who contributed to the atmosphere of encouragement and support, commending the platform for empowering women in business and highlighting their vital role in driving economic and social progress.

JCMS allocates Rs 3,19,500 to support 213 beneficiaries

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JAMMU: A meeting of the office bearers of the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) was convened under the leadership of President Romesh Chander Gupta.

The attendees unanimously agreed to release financial assistance for widows, students, and other needy individuals in light of the upcoming Diwali Festival.

A total of Rs. 3,19,500 was allocated to support 213 beneficiaries.

During the meeting, President Gupta emphasized the importance of uplifting the weaker sections

of society and encouraged members of the biradari to contribute generously to assist those in need.

Shiv Partap Gupta, Senior Vice President expressed gratitude to the donors supporting this noble cause.

General Secretary Sanjay Mahajan advised existing beneficiaries to reach out to the Central Mahajan Sabha for verification of their pensions to facilitate further disbursements.

Other attendees included Vice Presidents Surinder Gupta, Atul Gupta, and Subash Gupta, Secretary Balbir Gupta, and Cashier Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta.

CVPPL observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2024



Managing Director CVPPL, Ramesh Mukhiya administering pledge to all officials.

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JAMMU: Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd (CVPPL), is observing Vigilance Awareness Week-2024 with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" from October 28 to November 3, 2024.

In Corporate Office, Jammu Integrity Pledge has been administered to all officials by Managing Director CVPPL, Ramesh Mukhiya, on Monday.

At Projects, HOPs administered Integrity Pledge. During the Vigilance Awareness

Week, several events shall be organised at Corporate Office - CVPPL and its projects to spread awareness about Vigilance. Events shall include Poem recitations, Speech, Quiz & Essay writing competition for the employees/families and students.

SPF rejects 2023 Anand Marriage Act Rules, denounces penalty clauses

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JAMMU: Sikh Progressive Front (SPF) president, Balvinder Singh along with Surinder Singh Wazir Vice President, Manjit Singh Bali General Secretary, Rajinder Singh Sudan, Joint Secretary, Tejinder Singh member SGPC Jammu, while addressing the media expressed deep disappointment over the JKUT administration's handling of the Anand Marriage Act.

He criticized the administration for failing to place the draft rules for public review and feedback, unlike the neighboring Union Territory of Ladakh, which released the draft for Public input twice - on June 20, 2023 and again on January

23, 2024.

Singh pointed out several shortcomings in the current draft, particularly concerning the hefty fees and penalties imposed for marriage registration.

He emphasized that Sikh marriages are currently registered under the Hindu Marriage Act free of charge.

However, rules of Anand Marriage Act, notified vide S.O 597, Dated 30th November, 2023, by the JKUT administration, not only introduces an initial registration Court Stamp fee but also includes severe penalty clauses, which he described as highly objectionable and discriminatory.

Singh said that in Ladakh Anand Marriage Act section 6(1) of Chapter II mentions



only basic fee of Rs fifty for those who submit memorandum for registration of Marriage but no penalty clause is there for those who apply for registration of their marriage any time after the solemnization of the marriage took place.

But in JKUT Anand Marriage Act gov't they not only mentions basic fee of Rs. 1500, in the form of court fee, in sub-rule (3) of

Rule (5), but also made provision for a penalty of two thousand in addition to fee of Rs.1500, for those who submit memorandum for registration of marriage, under Anand marriage Act, after the expiry of period of three months after the solemnization of the marriage but not after a period of six months and penalty of Rs.3000/ three thousand in addition to basic fee of Rs.1500 for those who submit memorandum for registration of marriage after the period of Six months but within a period of one year from the date of Solemnization of marriage, and penalty of Rs. Five thousand in addition to the basic court fee stamps of Rs.1500 who submit memorandum

for registration of marriage after a expiry of one year or above, from the date of Solemnization of the marriage.

Front strongly condemned these discriminatory provisions and urged the present regime to intervene and remove these financial barriers.

The Front demanded that Sikh Marriages under Anand marriage Act should be registered free of cost, similar to provisions under the Hindu marriage act and special marriage act.

Singh also called for other minor amendments, such as making it mandatory for Sikh Couples to registered their marriages exclusively under the Anand Marriage Act.

POWERGRID receives LoI for RE transmission project in Gujarat

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) a Maharatna Enterprise under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, has received the Letter of Intent (LoI) for a marquee project - Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from Potential Renewable Energy Zone in Khavda area of Gujarat under Phase-V (8 GW): Part A with estimated cost of Rs 24,819 Crore (as per NCT estimations).

The project includes establishment of 6000 MW, ± 800 kV HVDC terminals at KPS2 (Gujarat) & Nagpur (Maharashtra), ±



800 kV HVDC bipole line between KPS2 & Nagpur (~1200 km) traversing in Gujarat and Maharashtra, LIL0 of Wardha - Raipur 765 kV D/C line at Nagpur in Maharashtra, including

supply & installation of various associated equipment/interconnections at terminal stations.

This is the first HVDC project bid out through TBCB and forms impor-

tant part of the scheme to set up a total 30 GW of evacuation from Khavda RE park and enhance the transfer of power towards key load centres.

As on 30th September 2024, POWERGRID has commissioned and is operating 279 Sub-stations and more than 1,78,195 ekm transmission lines and 537,276 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability of about 99.8%.

Vigilance awareness week commences at IIM

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JAMMU: Marking the commencement of 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from 28th October to 3rd November 2024, the staff at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu, led by Director Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, took an 'Integrity Pledge' to reinforce their commitment to upholding integrity, accountability, and transparency in their professional conduct.

This year's Vigilance Awareness Week theme, "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity," resonates with CSIR-IIIM's dedication to fostering ethical practices across its research and administrative activities. Dr. Ahmed stressed to promote a vigilant



Director IIIM Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed administering pledge to faculty.

and transparent work environment is crucial and indispensable for protecting public interest, enhancing operational efficiency, and contributing to the nation's sustainable development goals.

Dr. Ahmed highlighted that corruption is a major barrier to progress, diverting essential resources from development. He emphasized that CSIR-IIIM's commitment to ethical practices that strengthen accountability, build public

trust, and support integrity-driven innovation. He noted that the Integrity Pledge reflects the institute's dedication to a fair and corruption-free society.

During the vigilance awareness week, various events are to be organized like Gram Panchayat, essay & writing competition, awareness lecture by experts etc., so that employees remain vigilant while performing their legitimate duties with utmost integrity. The

observance of Vigilance Awareness Week across CSIR-IIIM seeks to engage all staff members in initiatives that promote transparency and accountability, encouraging everyone to contribute actively to a culture of vigilance within the organization. CSIR-IIIM Jammu urges its staff, collaborators, and the community to stay committed to integrity, ensuring that all actions uphold fairness, justice, and strong ethical standards.