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# Vision & Mission

## Vision

To be a leading Centre of higher learning, integrating culture, knowledge, philosophy, science and value system of our heritage with modern and emerging concepts, skills, technology and management practices.

## Vision

- Impart education which in its breadth and scope represents the three main symbols in our logo; iridescent like the rising Sun, immortal as the Banyan Tree and infinite like the Sky.
- Inculcate self confidence; which when combined with disciplinary study, leads to faith in one's strength and conviction.
- Develop talent for sustainable growth in academics, administration, business and research by laying emphasis on organised thought, self-discipline and discriminative faculty.
- Encouraging inter-disciplinary focus, as also collaborative research with leading institutions aimed at the optimum development of human resource and integration of new ideas and innovations.
- Provide a modern, environmentally sustainable, healthy and vibrant Campus in consonance with the principles of Green technology.
- Play participatory role in the affairs of the people of surrounding areas in particular and civil society in general.

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# Editorial

The January 2024 issue of Campus Update is both timely and relevant as it comes at the momentous juncture when a dynamic platform for collective visioning to build an India that is inclusive, progressive has been created by Hon'ble Prime Minister to channelise the energy of youth towards achieving the common goal of 'Viksit Bharat'. As we celebrate National Youth day on 12th January, 2024, Viksit Bharat@ 2047 resonates so meaningfully with the teachings of Swami Vivekananda too, who is a Youth icon. Vivekananda's words "Anything that makes weak - physically, intellectually and spiritually, reject it as poison" give a powerful message to youth to empower themselves.

Our USP in CUJ is that we are a vibrant, inclusive entity open to innovative and exciting ideas. Since our mission document envisages interdisciplinary focus; collaborative research; sustainable growth and participatory role in the affairs of the surrounding areas in particular and civil society in general, the current issue of Campus Update is a clear reflection of University's growth in sync with the vision document under the action-oriented and thoughtful leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The present issue of Campus Update is unique for two reasons, first is its substantial emphasis on chronicling the endeavors and accomplishments of its stakeholders – both faculty and students and second is a succinct overview of phenomenal momentum in research and outreach activities, to name a few – PURSE grant, INYAS activities, Combatica Sports Meet, Viksit Bharat@ 2047. Thursday Mind Meet and others.

It is a pleasure to compile all the concerted efforts which CUJ fraternity has made during the period July-December, 2023. Ostensibly, Campus Update is an introspective enterprise to gauge our progress. Hope all readers and stakeholders find merit in our endeavours and respond with their valuable opinion. We hope to have you with us in this journey.

The Editorial Team, nevertheless, seeks tolerance on the part of readers for any mistakes that might have crept in the process of editing.

Jai Hind!

Prof. Vandana Sharma  
Editor, Campus Update

# Campus Flashes

## CUJ bags Prestigious DST-PURSE Grant-2023

The Central University of Jammu (CU JAMMU) bags the highly esteemed DST-PURSE (Department of Science and Technology - Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence) grant for the year 2023 worth Rs. 6.51 Crores. The university's remarkable feat comes as recognition of its commitment to advancing scientific research and innovation in the field of atmospheric science and environmental health.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor while congratulating the PURSE implementation Group reiterated the importance of fostering research excellence and innovation in the areas of Nanoscience, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Biotechnology and Atmospheric Science. In consonance to National Education Policy-2020, he emphasized on promotion of inter-disciplinary research. His visionary leadership has been instrumental in this achievement.

Under the project theme "Implications of Atmospheric Aerosols on Regional Climate & Human Health: Mitigation Strategies for Air Pollution in the North-Western Himalayan

Region," the university is set to embark on a four-year journey of exploration and analysis. The research endeavour aims to shed light on the intricate connections between atmospheric aerosols, regional climate patterns, and their direct consequences on human health. Aerosol-ecosystem interactions are complex and have significant implications on climate, biodiversity and human health.

The PURSE proposal is aligned with National Clean Air Programme, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) with a focus on near real time aerosol source apportionment and suggesting abatement strategies. Near real-time aerosol source apportionment studies are limited to very few places in India and the PURSE grant will enable CU JAMMU to conduct first real-time aerosol source-apportionment in J&K to understand its implications on regional climate and human health and for developing solutions for Air Pollution Mitigation in the North-Western Himalayan Region.

## Amrit Kaal Vimarsh on Viksit Bharat@2047

The University organised a special programme on "Amrit Kaal Vimarsh Viksit Bharat @2047 Development - Dialogue on Chandrayaan 3: India on Moon," on 14th Oct 2023, which shed light on India's remarkable journey to explore the moon. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu, delivered an inspiring address emphasizing the importance of space exploration for the nation. He highlighted

many innovative schemes started by the government in the recent past that are significantly contributing to improving the life of people, helping students and academicians in realising their dreams. "We are heading towards a very bright future as several government schemes have been started by the Govt. of India for its people and every Indian is proud of mission Chandrayaan weather it's 3 or upcoming missions," said Prof. Jain



Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Government of India, shared his insights and vision for India's lunar aspirations. He spoke about the significance of Chandrayaan-3, India's third lunar mission, and how it contributes to the nation's technological advancement and scientific exploration. He highlighted the purpose of setting up of ISRO's Satish Dhawan Centre for Space Sciences at the Central University of Jammu and said, "This is the only ISRO centre in northern India, which also offers academic courses in space sciences. Students must take advantage of this facility," During his address at the event, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted that the current generation is going through Amrit Kaal, quite literally the Golden Period and emphasised that in



the field of space, startups have shown significant growth and today India has around 150 space startups. The event was held at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium of CU Jammu and was attended by approximately 350 participants, including UG and PG students, faculty members and research scholars from various departments of the University. The event was also live streamed in the classrooms of the university where students watched it live. Other esteemed guests included Mr. Vasu Yadav, JKPCB Chairman; Dr. Zabeer Ahmad, Director of IIIM Jammu; and Prof. BN Tripathi, Honourable Vice Chancellor of SKUAST Jammu. Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Benam Tosh, SSP Samba, also graced the occasion.

### 3 MT for HSS Scholars

A globally acclaimed competition among researchers and academia popularly known as 3MT, Three-Minute Thesis Competition was held at Central University of Jammu wherein young researchers participated and presented with full gusto on 1st August, 2023. 3MT is evolving as one of the best practices of the Central University of Jammu as CU JAMMU has taken a lead in registering with the University of Queensland to organise 3 MT which has been adopted by 200 universities across the globe.

3MT is a global level competition which was developed by the University of Queensland, Australia with the objective of providing a platform to young researchers to present to effectively explain research in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience in three minutes with only one PowerPoint slide. Young enthusiastic researchers of Humanities and Social sciences stream from Central University of Jammu and various other universities, participated in the 3 MT.

Around thirty young researchers from different disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences had registered who were adjudicated by a panel of judges, Prof. Vijaylakshmi Brara, from The Royal Global University, Guwahati and Prof. Suparn Sharma, Dean, School of Business Studies, SMVD University. The first prize with a cash money of Rs. 5,000 was won by Ms. Abhigya Langeh NSS from CU



JAMMU, second with prize money of Rs. 3000/- was won by Shivalika Sharma, SBS, SMVDU and the Third prize with cash money of Rs. 1500/- was won by Surbhi Ghai, MBA (HR) from CU JAMMU. In addition to that consolation prize was won by Karuna, DoE, CU JAMMU, Mridul, DoE, CU JAMMU and Suhail, Social Work, CU JAMMU.

In her address, Prof. Vijay Lakshmi Brara appreciated the nature and level of competition and gave pertinent suggestions to 3MT presenters besides appreciating their commendable effort. Prof. Suparn Sharma observed the level of understanding of scholars and praised the growing research ecosystem of the university. Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean Research shared the impetus given to research and introduction of Indian Knowledge

Systems as mandatory courses at all levels in the university. In his address, the Registrar, Prof. Yashwant Singh highlighted how CU JAMMU has been granted prestigious projects by various funding agencies and 3 MT is a right step to enhance research competence of scholars as envisioned by the Vice Chancellor.

In the introductory remarks, Prof. Vandana Sharma Dean, School of Languages and Convener of CU JAMMU 3MT gave an overview of the history, genesis and objective of 3 MT and stated that 3 MT is evolving under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain who is making all possible efforts to develop robust research ecosystem in CU JAMMU. Dr. Vinay Kumar proposed the formal vote of thanks.



## Chandrayaan-3 Moon Landing

On 23rd August 2023, India successfully etched its name in the history of space exploration by becoming the first country ever to achieve soft landing on the South pole of the moon. The Chandrayaan-3 mission, developed by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), was a culmination of decades of expert scientific innovation and engineering. At 18:04 IST, the Vikram lander, named after the illustrious founder of ISRO and eminent scientist Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, carrying the Pragyaan lunar rover, landed on the South pole of the moon at a point which was eventually named the Shiva Shakti point by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the country.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, along with a lively audience of faculty members, research scholars and students of the university, bore

witness to this historical moment at the conference hall of the Satish Dhawan Centre for Space Sciences, the first centre for space research in the Northern region developed jointly by CU Jammu and ISRO. Anxious eyes were glued onto the screen displaying the live broadcast of the landing. With each passing minute as the lander made its way closer to the moon, silent prayers filled the hall. And then, in an instant, anxiety turned into a roar of exhilaration as the confirmation of India's monumental achievement sent waves of pride and joy across the country. On the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated the university staff and students on India's historic achievement. An excited group of university students donning the national flag cheered for the landing and raised slogans of Bharat Maata ki Jai and Vande Maataram.



## COMBATICA : Annual Sports Meet 2023

Directorate of Physical Education, in its pursuit of holistic education and fostering a spirit of athleticism, conducted the three day event 'Annual Sports Meet COMBATICA-2023.' from 30th Oct-1st Nov 2023. Marking its inauguration, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain flagged off the opening marathon event, a fitting start to a series of sports extravaganzas. COMBATICA exemplifies the University's commitment to excellence, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. It promises to be a grand spectacle that unites athletes from various backgrounds and promotes the spirit of healthy competition. Following the marathon's completion, the day unfolded with an

array of sporting events. Athletes displayed their prowess in cricket, chess, carrom, volleyball, badminton, shot-put, long jump, high jump, and table tennis. Each competition reflected the dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship of all participating individuals. As Combatica 2023 progressed, the 31st of October promised another action-packed day with events like cricket, chess, carom, volleyball, football, badminton, various racing events, table tennis, discus throw, javelin throw, and the traditional game of kho kho. The event not only champions athleticism but also fosters a sense of community and companionship among participants and spectators.

### GLIMPSES OF COMBATICA – 2023





## Free Health Check Up & Awareness Camp

A free health check up and physiotherapy camp for the students of Central University (hostel residents) at Boys and girls hostel at Sainik colony Jammu was organized by the Central University of Jammu in collaboration with Kanval International Rehabilitation Foundation (KIRF). A team of doctors from Government Ayurvedic hospital headed by Dr. Sukhpreet kour provided free consultation and medicines to all the beneficiaries in the camp. Physiotherapy team from KIRF headed by renowned Physiotherapist Dr. Imran Khan gave physiotherapy consultation and sensitized the participants regarding Management of Ergonomical musculoskeletal disorders. Besides medical consultation a special

Breast Cancer Awareness Camp was also organised for girl students of CU JAMMU in association with American Oncology Institute Jammu at girls hostel. Dr. Surbhi Kudyar (Consultant Surgical Oncologist AOI) conducted a very informative session regarding identification, prevention and management of breast cancer. The State organ donation organisation GMC Jammu led by Dr. Irfan Lone, coordinator SOTO Jammu also coordinated an interactive session with the students and made them aware about the importance of organ donation for saving precious lives. The camp was coordinated by Dr. Harpreet Singh (Medical Officer CU JAMMU).

## Thursday Mind Meet Panel Discussions

“Thursday Mind Meet” as envisioned by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain is a unique platform to allow an inclusive milieu of diverse ideas between experts of subjects and faculty members, research scholars, post graduation and undergraduate students of the university. Since its inception, the platform has beautifully blossomed into a weekly tradition in the university, welcoming several guests into the University for a Healthy Discussion on topics ranging from National Education Policy to the philosophical vision of Indian thinkers like Swami Vivekananda, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Sri Aurobindo, AI and Cybersecurity, India's GDP trajectory, media and science and many more. Convened by Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean School of Languages, every Thursday, one department of the university follows the intellectually stimulating tradition that allows an informal space for the members of the university to share their ideas, knowledge and opinion upon various topics of interest. Each edition of this event has been attended by a packed house of youthful audience members from the university.



On 17th August, 2023, School of Basic and Applied Sciences organized the Thursday Mind Meet on “Professional Research Career: Challenges and Opportunities” wherein Prof. HK Sardana, Director, IIT Raipur was the eminent panelist whereas students, scholars of the School also participated.

On 5th October, 2023, Department of English organized the Thursday Mind Meet on “Transformative Learning and Youth Empowerment: Vivekananda, Radhakrishnan and Aurobindo”, wherein Er. Vinod Chouhan, Technical Officer to Managing Director, JKLFC, Finance

Department, UT of J&K, Additional Charge District Officer Leh & Kargil, UT of J&K was the eminent panelist, along with Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean (School of Languages); Mr. Surjeet, Research Scholar, Educational Studies; Mr. Mridul, Research Scholar, Dept. of English, and Ms. Sakshi, MA English. They discussed the importance of the thoughts, ideas and teachings of three stalwarts of Bharatiya philosophy; Sri Aurobindo, Swami Vivekananda and Dr. Sarevepalli Radhakrishnan.

On 19th October 2023, Department of Economics organized a Thursday Mind Meet panel discussion "New Education Policy for a New India". Sh. Kamal P. Patnaik, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh region was the Chief Guest and shared his thoughts on "Mr. Patnaik in his address covered the genesis of the National Educational Policy 2020 and underscored the mechanism of taking the Indian knowledge system forward. He not only shed light on the intricate nuances of the policy but also gave us a broader perspective on how it aligns with the economic and financial landscape of India. He emphasised on 3 E's viz. Education, Ecology and Economy as foundation of NEP 2020. The correlation between education and the financial fabric of the nation was highlighted by him. Ms. Ananya Khajuria, Research Scholar of the Department focussed on taking inclusive approach by encouraging collaborative research and student exchange programmes for holistic development. Ms. Janhavi Chohan, PG student of the Department appreciated the Government's initiative to integrate traditional knowledge and values into the modern





Central University of Jammu  
**Thursday Mind Meet**  
Panel Discussion







**Transformative Learning and Youth Empowerment:  
Aurobindo, Vivekananda and Radhakrishnan**



Patron  
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor  
Prof. Sanjeev Jain



Convener  
Prof. Vandana Sharma  
Dean, School of Languages



Eminent Panelist  
Er. Vinod Chouhan (KAS)  
Technical Officer (JKLFC)



Surjit Kumar  
Research Scholar  
(Education)



Harmeet Kaur  
Research Scholar  
(Economics)



Sakshi Sharma  
M.A (English)



Taniya Gupta  
B.Tech (CSE)

**05 October, 2023 | 03:00 PM**  
**Satish Dhawan Centre for Space Science, ISRO Building**

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education system thereby fostering the deeper connection between students and their cultural roots. Ms. Kritika, UG student of the Department, showed concern about the education structure system wherein the inclusion of Indian regional languages has shown a positive impact on the students as well as on the teachers.

On October 26th 2023, Department of Social Work organised Thursday Mind Meet Program on "Transitioning of Mental Discourse from Individual Concern to Public Health Concern". The panel consisted of esteemed speakers who shared their expertise on various facets of mental health: Dr. Ankita Choudhary, a prominent Psychologist from the Department of Paediatrics, GMC, Doda, delivered a comprehensive talk on "Overview of mental health from a global context with a focus on human rights." Miss Sonakshi Gupta, a dedicated P.G. student from the Department of Social Work, addressed the audience on "Mental health challenges in a global and Indian context". Mr. Joji



Abraham, a research scholar from the department of social work, shared an enlightening presentation on "Mental health as a public health concern: scope and initiatives."

On 2nd November, 2023, Department of Mass Communication and New Media organized the Thursday Mind Meet on "Media: Connecting Science and Society". Prof. Yash Pal Sharma from University of Jammu was the eminent panelist.

On 25th November, 2023, Department of Computer Science and Information Technology organized a Thursday Mind on "Security and Artificial Intelligence", which is a contemporary research challenge in the current scenario. Prof. Vandana Sharma, convener of the event and Dean of School of Languages in her introductory remarks informed about this highly motivating initiative of conducting Thursday Mind Meet by our visionary Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain in order to ignite young minds of the University.

The panel members included Prof. Yashwant Singh (HoD, CSIT and Registrar(I/C)), Dr. Arvind Selwal (Assistant Professor, CSIT), Col. Nitin Langey (M.Tech Student), Mr. Zakir Ahmad Sheikh (Ph.D Scholar), Ms. Bharti Thakur (M.Tech Student), and Ms. Viswaja (B.Tech Student). In this discussion, Prof. Yashwant Singh emphasized on various cyber

security attacks, vulnerabilities, and security issues related to critical infrastructure at national level. He also discussed about ethical and unethical issues of Artificial Intelligence and the mechanisms to deal with various attacks in IoT. He motivated students and researcher scholars to actively engage in finding new solutions to mitigate such threats in the information systems and computer networks. Dr. Arvind Selwal focused on various security and privacy concerns of data being communicated through various social media platforms. Col. Nitin Langey expressed his views related to Large Language Models (LLM) that has surpassed the human abilities as well as threat analysis and the way ahead to regulate generative AI. During the meet Mr. Zakir A. Sheikh discussed about the various types of IoT attacks and the methods to tackle these attacks through AI. Ms. Bharti Thakur also raised serious concerns related to information security and attacks. Ms. Viswaja in her remarks, stressed upon building the synergy between cyber security and artificial intelligence. The discussion was highly informative and attended by faculty members, students and Ph.D scholars from various Departments of the University and who also interacted with the panellists via some relevant queries.



## Book Exhibition

Central University of Jammu (CU JAMMU) organized Book Exhibition 2023 at the campus from 12th - 13th October 2023. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CU JAMMU. In the exhibition, 10 publishers of national and international reputation participated including M/s Pearson, Narosa, Tata McGraw Hill, PHI, NCBA and S Chand. The exhibition hosted 15 bookstalls having more than 15000 thousand books with past three years publications (2020, 2021 & 2022).

## 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign

The Office of Dean Students' Welfare, Central University of Jammu in collaboration with NSS and NCC under the patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor participated in Ek Dinank Ek Ghanta campaign under Swachhata Hi Seva on 1st October 2023.

Prof. Yashwant Singh Registrar(I/C) along with the faculty members, employees and students participated in the cleanliness abhiyaan. The sites were a water body, playground and slum area near the University. This whole programme was about a one-hour shramdan being organised by MoHUA across the country.

## First Sub-Committee of Parliament Official Language Reviews Rajbhasha Implementation appreciates CU Jammu

An inspection of Central University of Jammu by the first sub-committee of the Parliamentary Official language (OL) Committee was organized in Srinagar to review the work of official language Hindi. During this Interaction, the Parliamentary OL Committee inspected a total of 26 Offices located in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Parliamentary Official Language Committee was constituted in 1976 under the Official Language Act, 1963. This is a high-powered parliamentary committee. It consists of 30 Members of Parliament, including 20 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha.

The main objective of the committee is to review the progress of the use of official language Hindi in the functioning of the government offices. The official meeting of the committee, held in Srinagar, was chaired by Sh. Ramchandra Jangra, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) while Sh. Dhamendra Kashyap was one of the key members in the committee. Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Sh. Iranna Kadadi, Member of Parliament, (Rajya Sabha), Sh. Shyam Singh Yadav, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Sh. Dharamraj Khatik, Parliamentary Official Language Committee Office member and others were present.

During the inspection of Central University of Jammu, the committee appreciated the efforts being made by the Vice-Chancellor CU JAMMU, Prof. Sanjeev Jain in the promotion and implementation of Hindi and expressed satisfaction that the University has worked as per the official language rules. The committee expressed hope that in future the university will be able to do its work completely in Hindi. The committee asked other Participated offices to take inspiration from CU Jammu.



## Placements / Internships Taking off at CU Jammu

The Campus Placements and Internships at Central University of Jammu (CU Jammu) is taking off at a steady pace under the action-oriented leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain. In the year 2023, 100 students were offered jobs or jobs through internship, which is the highest number during the campus placement drive.

The highest number of job offers were made to the students of the computer science department with 7.2 Lac is the highest. As many as 100 students of the CU JAMMU campus job offers. Highest package for MBA (Marketing) stood at 7.25 Lac and Average Salary Package (CTC) stood at Rs.3.67 Lac.

Traning and placement Officer, CU Jammu has

invited Employers from Pan India. Companies like Satguru Travels, VIA ENS, KENT, Planet Spark, APML, Ease My trip, India mart, LPU, AARK Global, Inurture, Vedanta were among the top employers. Students were offered positions like Management Trainee, Officer Tourism, Asst. Prof, Content writers etc.

The campus is emerging as the most preferred hiring destination for top recruiters in the country owing to the diversified pool of talent available with business acumen and scholastic achievements.

Offers made in M tech= 20 offers

Offers made in MBA= 44 Offers

Total Offers made =100

### Free eye check up camp

A one-day free medical camp was organized by the Health Centre, Central University of Jammu (CU JAMMU) in association with Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, Jammu under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain. The camp was attended by Dr Ashok Kumar (Ophthalmologist) and supported by paramedical staff. During the camp free medical consultation was provided to 92 patients.

### Meri Matti Mera Desh celebrations at CUJ

In the auspicious Independence month of August "MERI MAATI MERA DESH; MITTI KO NAMAN VEERON KA VANDAN " celebrations have been formally launched at Central university of Jammu to pay homage to the Matti of the motherland. In his inaugural address Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Jain said these Mitti ka diya are symbols of connection with maati and source of guiding light which our freedom fighters have bestowed to us. We are all binded through Maati and a sense of Patriotism permeates in our blood for the motherland.

### Dandiya Fest 2k23

"**Dandiya Fest**" - Dandiya 2k23, a cultural extravaganza, was organized by the School of Engineering in collaboration with the "Tarang Dance Society" on October 20, 2023 at the Vivekananda Block and was a testament to the spirit of unity and cultural celebration within the university community. The event was meticulously

coordinated by a team of enthusiastic B.Techstudents who worked tirelessly to make it a grand success. It was conducted under the expert guidance of Dr. Bhavna Arora and Dr. Neeta. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp thereafter setting the stage for a day filled with cultural performances and joy.

## Membership of Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS)



Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS) is the only recognised academy of young scientists in India and was founded by the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) in December 2014. INYAS promotes interdisciplinary & intergenerational collaboration through national & international networking. Under the patronship of HVC Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Dr. Yadav being Member, INYAS has coordinated many outreach activities jointly organized by CUJ and INYAS. The Office of Dean International Affairs, CUJ in collaboration with INYAS has launched "International-Connect (I-Connect) Lecture Series". To initiate, sustain and strengthen international collaborations, eminent speakers with extensive international experience will be interacting with CUJ fraternity under this lecture series. The first lecture of the series was delivered on "International mobility: How to achieve and What to expect" by Prof. Sachin S. Gunthe from IIT Madras at 3:30 pm on 20th December, 2023.



## “विज्ञानवार्ता” (Confabulation with the Next Gen Science Ambassadors) [20th December, 2023]

INYAS and CUJ have started a series called “Vigyan Varta: “Confabulation with Next Gen Science Ambassadors” to bridge the gap between seasoned scientists and young budding minds in schools of J&K. The major focus of this series will be on students from rural and remote areas. The first



event under this initiative took place on December 20, 2023, at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rahya-Suchani, District-Samba in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Sciences, CUJ. During the event, poster and quiz competitions were conducted and students asked several questions related to fundamental science as well as career guidance. Vigyan-Varta concept has turned to be a very successful and satisfying initiative.

## Joint Activities of CUJ and JKPCCC under National Clean Air Program

### Training Programme On Aerosol Sampling and Gravimetric Analysis

[19th-20th October, 2023]

Air pollution is one of the most difficult challenges faced by our country today. Central University of Jammu as Institute of Repute (IoR) under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) is serving as technical partner to Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC). The Himalayan Aerosol Research Instrumentation (HARI) facility, a joint facility of CUJ & JKPCC is serving as a centre of knowledge creation and dissemination by augmenting the research capabilities of the region and by creating a pool of skilled manpower through in-house training programs. Training programme on “Aerosol Sampling and Gravimetric Analysis” was conducted by Dr. Shweta Yadav (Nodal Faculty, NCAP) for JKPCC officials/scientists involved in conducting aerosol monitoring in J&K.



### Interactive Discussion on “Clear Understanding of Hazy Skies” [19th December, 2023]



Prof. Sachin S. Gunthe on solving the mystery of air pollution was recently captured by Nature Spotlight: India on 13th December, 2023.

Prof. Gunthe along with other speakers interacted with stakeholders to provide a clear understanding on causes of severe haze

Persistent Haze events result in poor visibility particularly in winters and thus disrupts daily life. This interactive discussion helped in disseminating knowledge about fundamentals of haze development. Work of renowned scientist episodes. This discussion helped in bridging the gap between scientists and policymakers and will surely help stakeholders in designing region specific interventions to minimize regional air pollution episodes.



Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was held in the university on 21 December, 2023



## HINDI PAKHWARA





## BOOK EXHIBITION

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUJ inaugurated the Book Exhibition - 2023 at University Campus on 12th October, 2023



## LOK SANGEET UTSAV @ CUJ

As part of मेरी माटी मेरा देश, office of Dean Students' Welfare organized a series of events from 9th - 30th August, 2023. A scintillating Lok Sangeet Utsav was held in the university campus wherein artists from All India Radio, Jammu and other folk artists and singers enthralled the university fraternity.



## Teachers' Role as a Key to make Society: First Shiksha Shastrarth

The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu, on the auspicious fourth day of 'Navratri' initiated 'Shiksha Shastrarth', a forum created to ignite the passion for learning through lectures on 18th October, interactions, dialogues and discussions on a range of contemporary



educational topics. The theme of the inaugural discourse was "The Indian Tradition of Teacher Education and its Contemporary Relevance".

Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu, insisted on the role of education to give the right directions to any individual and thereby teachers' key role in constructing an ideal society. Quoting NEP 2020, he said that education is for all and quality education should reach all. He calibrated the attention of the learned gathering to get back to the Indian tradition characterized by focusing on learners' choices and interests. Before him, Head of the Department Prof. Asit Mantry shared his thoughts with the students and highlighted how this

forum will act to productively engage young and creative minds in the endeavour of knowledge construction. He informed that the forum will also feature distinguished speakers from diverse knowledge domains offering valuable perspectives and expertise.

The event began with the lamp lighting and chanting of 'Gayatri Mantra' followed by a formal welcome address by Dr. Kiran (Coordinator of the Co-Curricular committee). The formal curtain-raising of Shiksha Shastrarth was done by the honorable Vice Chancellor who was the Key Resource Person and the Chief Guest of the event. The address of the key resource person was followed by the inquisitive enquiry-cum-discussion from the students and



scholars of the Department.

The event was concluded by a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Yad Ram (member of the Co-Curricular committee). Students, Scholars and Faculty members namely Prof. J N Baliya, Prof. Ritu Bakshi (Dean Student Welfare), Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Anil, Dr. Aarushi and Ms. Shivali had marked their active presence in the event.

# Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Organised

## 6th International Conference on Recent Innovations in Computing (ICRIC-2023)



The Department of Computer Science and Information Technology organised two days International Conference on Recent Innovations in Computing (ICRIC-2023) during Oct, 26-27 2023. The conference (ICRIC-2023) was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUJ In his Presidential remarks, Prof. Sanjeev Jain encouraged the researchers and participants to focus on quality research output in terms of patents and articles. Prof. Jain mentioned in his talk about ethical considerations of AI, AI in the workforce, Technological Maturity of AI, Augmented Intelligence, Regulatory Frameworks, AI in Health Care, AI in Education and Training, AI and Creativity, Global Impact of the AI and AI Safety and Security.

Keynote speaker Prof. S.C. Mukhopadhyay from Macquarie University Australia delivered a talk on "Recent Advances in Sensing and Machine Vision for Computing and Engineering". Another keynote speaker, Dr. Nitin Upadhyay, from IIM Jammu delivered his keynote on "Web 3.0 Redefining Computing for Society, Culture and Beyond."

The inaugural ceremony of the Conference started with welcome address by Prof. Yashwant Singh, Conference General Chair, Registrar (I/C) and Head of Department, Computer Science and IT. He informed the audience about importance and theme

of the conference on modern era of innovative computing. Prof. Yashwant shared that more than 187 manuscripts were received from researchers/academician covering four different countries and 15 states across the country. In ICRIC-2023, out of the 187 received manuscripts, only 48 high quality research articles were accepted for oral presentation. The accepted articles were presented by the participants in 10 different technical sessions during both days of the Conference.

The technical sessions in the conference were chaired by various delegates including Dr. Baijnath Koushik, SMVDU, Katra, Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, University of Jammu, Dr. Pramod Kumar, NIT Srinagar, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chouksey, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Jyotsna Singh NMIMS University Chandigarh, Dr. Satwinder Singh, Central University of Punjab, Dr. Yash Paul, Central University of Kashmir, Dr. Vinit Jakhretiya, IIT Jammu.

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## Research Methodology Workshop

Department of Social Work organized a Three-Day Research Methodology Workshop from 21st - 23rd August, 2023. Invited Speakers included Dr. Anil Kumar Tiwari, SMVDU. Prof. Anil Gupta from School of Business Studies, University of Jammu and Dr. Hema Gandotra from Department of Sociology, University of Jammu. Dr. Amit Verma from Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Manipal University delivered

lecture on systematic literature review and bibliometric analysis and Dr. Bharti Gupta from department of Travel and Tourism Management, Central University of Jammu delivered lecture on ethics in research and hands on training session on Nvivo software. Prof. Manish Sharma from Department of Statistics and Computer Science, SKUAST spoke on various statistical tests and analysis techniques.

## National Conference, 'Academia-Industry Interface for Promoting Entrepreneurship in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (PEMAP)'



Department of Botany organised a conference, 'Academia-Industry Interface for Promoting Entrepreneurship in Medicinal and Aromatic

Plants (PEMAP)' from Aug 24, 2023 - Aug 25, 2023. The event significantly focused on the role of cutting-edge research in Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (MAPs) for promoting entrepreneurship opportunities. Brainstorming sessions were held to discuss the collaboration opportunities in order to promote Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) in the future. The scholars/stakeholders from various universities and

research institutes learnt about the latest advances in the field of the MAPs sector through this conference.

## Awareness Campaign "Value Flow and Indian Languages in the context of National Education Policy 2020"

On the occasion of third anniversary of NEP 2020, Centre for Comparative Religion and Civilization under the patronage of the hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain organized an awareness campaign on the topic, "Value Flow and Indian Languages in the context of National Education Policy 2020" on the 28th July 2023. Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Convener, In charge and

Director of the Department highlighted the background of the National Education Policy and its successful implementation last three years and the future road map. In this program, students, researchers and academic and non-academic staff of all the departments were connected directly and through an online medium. The students enthusiastically participated in the quiz.

## National Seminar on “Bharatiya Values for Transforming Education in Bharat”

School of Languages in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal organized a National Seminar on "Bharatiya Values for Transforming Education in Bharat" under the visionary patronage of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain wherein eminent academicians, thinkers and scholars participated. Dr. Dilip Kumar, Palak Adhikaari, Uttar Shetra and Professor, IIMC Jammu chaired the inaugural session and Dr. Vibhuti Gaur, Professor, IGNOU and Akhil Bhartiya Mahila Sah Pramukh was the Keynote speaker and Mrs. Chanchal Bhardwaj, Akhil Bhartiya Sankalp Sah Pramukh was the guest of honour. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vibhuti Gaur shed light on the principles of Indianness and announced the Executive body and highlighted the responsibilities of BSM as as an extension of the family, focusing on the responsibility of contributing to the country's educational landscape. President, BSM, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prof. Sanjeev Jain, expressed his commitment to connect Indian educational methods with its traditions and initiate the organization's work at the grassroots level. Dr. Dilip Kumar from IIMC Jammu discussed development within the context of the discussion



while sharing his thoughts. The seminar was attended by Prof. Yashwant Singh (Registrar, CUJ; Prof. Vinay Kumar and other faculty members of CUJ along with karyakartas of BSM from other states of the northern region. The formal welcome address for the distinguished guests at the program was delivered by Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean School of Languages and convener of the seminar. Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Head, Department of Hindi and other Indian Languages provided an introduction to the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Amit Gangotiya, Head, Department of Tourism and Travel Management.

**Department of Chemistry** organised Two-Week Online Faculty Development Programme in Chemistry and Allied Sciences [FDPCAS – 2023] from 26th October-8th November 2023. Faculty Development Programme was specifically designed to discuss and deliberate the recent advances in chemical and allied sciences. The faculty members of Chemistry and other allied subjects of Colleges/Universities, early-career researchers, academicians participated in the FDP.



### **School of Business Studies, Central**

University of Jammu in collaboration with Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harrassment CUJ organised “Capacity building and personality development Programme for Undergraduate and Post Graduate Female Students“ from 19th to 20th October 2023.



**Three Day Workshop on 'Digital Literacy & Skill Building of Rural Women Entrepreneurs' under UNESCO Project** was organized by Central University of Jammu in collaboration with National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for building digital skills of rural women entrepreneurs. The workshop was organized under the UNESCO project (IFAP programme), the only project in India being sanctioned to the faculty of Central University of Jammu under the aegis of H'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof Sanjeev Jain. The workshop was attended by more than 100 Rural Women Entrepreneurs representing each district and block of Jammu Division. The main focus of the workshop was train the participants as master trainers and build their digital capacities for further training rural women entrepreneurs with the aim of boosting their business with the use of emerging technologies.

The various sessions of the workshop included the hands on training of digital literacy, scheduling online meetings, digital hygiene, creating and protecting passwords, undertaking online transactions, browsing the web safely, protecting personal and finance related information, detecting suspicious website, designing logo, starting their own company,, Gem portal, digital marketing and improving social media presence of their business.



The valedictory session was graced by Ms. Indu Kanwal Chib, JKAS, Mission Director, JKRLM, J&K, Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean Languages, Central University of Jammu and Registrar of the University Prof. Yashwant Singh. The workshop concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants.

The directors of the coveted Project are- Dr. Ritu Bakshi from Department of Education Studies, Dr. Bharti Gupta, Department of Tourism and Travel Management, Dr. Archana Kumari, Department of Mass Communication and Dr. Nancy Mengi, Department of Social work.

**The Department of Environmental Sciences** in collaboration with students for development (SFD), successfully conducted a two-day event in November 2023 "ECO-GIRI". The event marked the pioneering initiative of a larger campaign focused on upcycling waste into wealth and using the proceeds for the education of underprivileged children near the campus.



## UGC-MMTTC for NEP 2020 Sensitization and Orientation

In a significant stride towards aligning with the transformative vision of the National Education Policy 2020, the Central University of Jammu (CU JAMMU) - UGC Malviya Mission Teachers Training Centre (MMTTC) proudly inaugurated its first FDP on the theme: Holistic Multidisciplinary Education. The main objective of MMTTC is to conduct Orientation and Sensitization Programmes for the faculty members of Higher Educational Institutions on core NEP 2020 themes. As a part of the Malaviya Mission 111 institutions have been identified. The programme was conducted under this centre as per the guidelines of UGC.

To realize this vision MoE has sought the strengthening of synergy and integration

between HRDC'S and PMMMMNMTT Centers keeping in view the optimal utilization of infrastructure, human and financial resources and renaming the centre for capacity building as Malaviya Mission Teacher's Training Centre.

Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain in his message expressed hope that in alignment with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat, the centre will facilitate the transformative journey reflecting on the profound impact educators have in shaping our future. Prof. Jain emphasised that Central University of Jammu committed to nurturing a cadre of inspired and empowered faculty members who will lead the charge in realizing the aspirations of NEP 2020.

## Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam

On the completion of three years of National Education Policy (NEP) -2020 a week long programme (24th -29th July 2023) was organized to commemorate "Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam" by the Office of the Dean Student Welfare, Central University of Jammu.

The events consisted of talks on Indian Knowledge System, poster making competitions, quiz on NEP, lectures and seminars. The event was organised in the Patron ship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Honourable Vice Chancellor, who himself has guided the University in fully adopting the NEP-2020 in letter and Spirit.

An online live session of the Honourable Prime Minister of India on 3rd anniversary of NEP-2020 at Pragati Maidan Delhi was webcasted in the

Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium of the University.

Prime Minister Sh. Narinder Modi ji, emphasised on the power of education and highlighted the greatness of Indian Knowledge system and successful journey of NEP in connecting the students from all spheres to building of India to a Vishwa Guru.

The Faculty, research scholars, students and staff of the university along with teachers and students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Central University of Jammu attended and were benefited by the speech of Hon'ble PM futuristic approach and vision of Education. Event marked the end of the five days of celebrations on NEP at CU JAMMU with the National Anthem.

# Days Celebrated

## International Youth Day

Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS) and Red Ribbon Club (RRC), marked the occasion of International Youth Day 2023 with resounding celebrations on 31st October, 2023. The theme for International Youth Day 2023, "Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World," was at the heart of the event, emphasizing the importance of equipping young minds with the necessary skills for a more sustainable future. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CU Jammu, warmly welcomed Ambassador G. Parthasarthy, Hon'ble Chancellor, CU Jammu, Shri Madan Lal, JKAS, Deputy Director (Finance), JKACS, Dept. of H&ME, Govt. of J&K; Mr. Rahul Gupta, District Social Welfare Officer, Ramban, dignitaries, experts, attendees from JKACS, Faculty and Students to the event. Dr Vinay Kumar, Nodal Officer (RRC) and Associate Dean, Students' Welfare, CU Jammu, apprised the august audience on the significance of the event and its relevance to the youth in building sustainable future. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain delivered the presidential address, highlighting the university's commitment to fostering the youth's role in

building a sustainable world. Chief Guest for the occasion, Ambassador G. Parthasarthy, Hon'ble Chancellor, CU Jammu delivered the keynote address, inspiring the youth with valuable insights and words of encouragement.

The inaugural session culminated with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean, Students' Welfare (DSW), CU Jammu, expressing gratitude to all the esteemed guests, organisers and participants for their contribution to the success of the event. The Plenary session, featured Miss. Pallavi Singh, Director, J&K Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (JKSPYM) delivered a talk on HIV/ AIDS & Drugs. Dr Rohit Lahori, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu shared his views on Palliative Care and its need in modern times. Dr Shweta Yadav, Faculty of Environmental Science, CU Jammu discussed the role of youth in sustainable development. The event concluded with closing remarks by Dr Vinay Kumar, Nodal Officer, RRC, who also took the opportunity to distribute certificates to the dedicated Red Ribbon Club volunteers and students for their valuable contributions to the cause and called upon youth to take active participation in Nation building.





## Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

The University celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on the occasion of the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda on 27th November 2023. On the occasion, Prof Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of CU Jammu; faculty, students, faculty members and staff of the university offered floral tribute before the portrait of Birsa Munda and others tribal freedom fighters.

Prof Jain highlighted the struggle and major contribution of freedom fighter Birsa Munda. He advised students to learn from the life of Birsa Munda and voice against exploitation and oppression to take the country forward. He opined that we need to work for all round development of



tribal people of the region and that will be befitting tribute to Birsa Munda. The Office of Dean Students' Welfare CU JAMMU organized various activities like a quiz competition on tribal matters, health camp and career counselling at Kendriya Vidyalaya during the day.



## Sister Nivedita Janmdivas

On 28th November 2023, Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant, organised a declamation competition to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sister Nivedita, one of the most prominent female voices

projecting the Vedic philosophy and the student of the venerable saint Swami Vivekananda.

In a celebration of her intellectual discourse and historical enlightenment, the Central University of Jammu hosted a riveting declamation competition centred on the life, teachings, and contributions of



Sister Nivedita. The event brought together students, scholars, and enthusiasts, who passionately explored and expressed their perspectives on the extraordinary figure. The competition aimed to foster a deeper understanding of Sister Nivedita's multifaceted contributions to society. Sister Nivedita, also known as Margaret Elizabeth Noble, was an Irish-born disciple of Swami Vivekananda and a dedicated social worker who played a pivotal role in the Indian nationalist movement.

Participants, drawn from various academic disciplines, delivered powerful orations that delved into different aspects of Sister Nivedita's life. Their speeches highlighted her unwavering dedication to education, her advocacy for women's rights, and her active role in India's struggle for independence. The panel of esteemed judges, comprising faculty members of the university, faced the challenging task of evaluating the eloquence, depth, and authenticity of the participants' presentations. The contestants, with eloquence and passion, presented well-researched perspectives, demonstrating a profound grasp of Sister Nivedita's impact on Indian society.

The first-place winner, Sooraj Bhan Sharma from the Dept of MCNM, eloquently portrayed Sister Nivedita as a beacon of female empowerment and education reform. Sharma's oration emphasized the relevance of Sister Nivedita's teachings in the contemporary context and how her ideals could

inspire the present generation.

Dr. Vinita Sharma, महिला सह प्रमुख, Department of Zoology and Dr. Vandana Sharma, Department of Hindi were the conveners of Declamation contest. Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean, School of Languages and उप अध्यक्ष, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant commended the participants for their insightful presentations and highlighted the importance of events that encourage scholarly discourse on historical figures who have shaped the nation's destiny.

The event concluded with a spirited discussion among participants and attendees, fostering a sense of intellectual camaraderie and a renewed appreciation for Sister Nivedita's indelible imprint on India's cultural and educational landscape. The Cultural and Literary Society expressed its commitment to organizing similar events in the future, promoting a continued exploration of historical figures that have left an enduring impact on society.



## World Food Day

On the occasion of World Food Day on 16th October, 2023, Department of Social Work organised a regional consultation on theme “Regional consultation on diversity of Indian food systems: contemporary issues and challenges”. The conveners of the consultation were Dr. Ranvir Singh and Dr. Bhat Iqbal. The consultation was formally started by welcome address by Dr. Nancy Mengi. The consultation had three sessions capturing the diversity knowledge scapes by experts from disciplines of Ayurveda, botany, Agriculture, tribal culture, regional organizations and social work. First session was based on food, Agro-biodiversity and traditional knowledge; understanding the triad. The session had Dr. Sanjeev Kumar from SKUAST, Jammu, Dr. Vasanta Kohli Sr, dietician from, Jammu and Ranjoy Gupta, research scholar from department of Social Work, central university of Jammu as panellists. The session was moderated by research scholar, Jaspreet Singh. Second session was based on

food, culture and ethnobotanical diversity; reflections from the field which had Dr. Samantha from department of botany, Central University of Jammu, Javiadrahi, tribal researcher and social activist and Professor Hariramamurthi from Bengaluru as panellists. This session was moderated by research scholar, Suhel. The third session was based on insights on food: health, policy and market interlinkage. The session had Dr. Vikas Bajpai from centre of social medicine, CSMCH, JNU and Dr. Vikas Gupta from Jammu institute of Ayurveda and research as panel members. The session was moderated by research scholar Joji Abraham.



**Department of Zoology** celebrated Wildlife Week 2023, w.e.f. 2nd October, 2023 to 8th October 2023 in the Campus on the theme - Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation where

various competitions such as 'natural trail walk'; quiz, wildlife sketching, on spot panel discussions and oral presentations were organised for the students of the university.



## Translation Day

Department of English celebrated Translation Day on 9th and 10th October 2023, this two-day celebration featured discussions, interactions with renowned translation experts, theatrical skits and recitals of works translated into English from another language by the students of the department.

Renowned Dogri translator and Padma Shri awarded writer Shri Mohan Singh ji in an

interactive session highlighted the importance of teaching and learning in mother tongue with special reference to Dogri and highlighted how translation creates bridges across cultures and aids in nation building particularly in the pluratistic and diverse nation like India. Students of the department presented a skit on word for word versus sense to sense translation, and recited works of literature translated by them.



## World Tourism Day

“Travelism – 2023”, the signature annual event of Department of Tourism and Travel Management at Central University of Jammu, concluded on a high note, leaving an indelible mark on the participants. This two-day extravaganza, held from 26th to 27th September 2023 to commemorate celebration of World Tourism Day, brought together participants from different departments of the university to revel in the cultural richness and unity in diversity that defines Bharat.

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, who was the chief guest at the gala event, enlightened the attendees with her insightful inputs

about the tourism resources available in the union territory of J&K. She emphasized the significance of Cooperatives in overall growth and development of the national economy. She also focused on the role of innovations and research in establishing successful tourism ventures. She further requested university administration to



send students to other states to get first hand exposure.

The event, which was held in two sessions, kicked off on September 26th with a Village Immersion Education Tour to Pancheri, the first home-stay village of J&K providing students of MBA (Tourism and Travel Management) with a unique opportunity to experience rural life, traditions, and practices firsthand. This immersive tour offered invaluable insights into the essence of India's diverse culture, setting the stage for the main event.

On 27th September, the grand inauguration ceremony, graced by Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, was a highlight of Travelism 2023. Her inspirational address shed light on the importance of tourism and cultural diversity. Mehta was joined by Prof. Vinay Kumar as a special guest, Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean, School of

Business, and Dr Ranjeet Kumar Raman, HOD, Department of Tourism and Travel Management. Throughout the day, attendees had the opportunity to participate in five parallel events namely Rangoli, collage making, slogan writing, photography, and Bharat ka Swad, each thoughtfully designed to celebrate India's cultural diversity. Bharat ka Swad: A Culinary Journey allowed attendees to savour the diverse flavours of India, with food stalls offering delectable regional delicacies.



## Maharaja Hari Singh Jayanti

On the occasion of the 128th birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh on 23rd September 2023, a grand event was organised at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium of the university in collaboration with Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. The anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the university with various cultural and creative events to pay rich tributes to the last Dogra ruler of the erstwhile princely State Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain praised the remarkable



contributions made by Maharaja Hari Singh for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into India, and encouraged the students to educate themselves about the visionary leadership and stellar heritage of Maharaja Hari Singh. Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh emphasized the significance of Maharaja Hari Singh as a leader of not only regional but national stature. Guest of Honor Dr Permendra Singh, Member (NEC ABVP) and Jr. Scientist, SKUAST credited Maharaja Hari Singh with the unification of Jammu and Kashmir with India, and stressed upon the important role played by ABVP in the history of Jammu and Kashmir.

A spectacularly vibrant cultural program was organised on the occasion, featuring exquisite Dogri dance and singing performances which

enthralled a packed auditorium of university students. Winners of poster making competition quiz competition and participants of cultural events were felicitated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jain, Registrar Prof. Singh and Dr Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare. A bustling audience of students and representatives from various departments were present for the event.



## World Suicide Prevention Day

In honour of World Suicide Prevention Day, the Department of Social Work at Central University of Jammu organized a program on 11th September 2023 to raise awareness and support individuals struggling with mental health challenges. Mr. Remesh Krishnan, a psychiatric social worker and research scholar gave a seminal presentation on the subject. He also shared valuable insights on identifying warning signs and assisting those struggling with mental health issues.

A panel discussion was also organised which was chaired by Dr Nancy Mengi, Head of the Department in which faculty members Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Ranvir Singh, Mr. Fateh Lal and Ms. Nidhi Singhal presented their views on the commitment of social workers in suicide prevention. The panel explored the multifaceted factors contributing to suicide and outlined

strategies for nurturing a more compassionate and understanding society. The panel also discussed the importance of creating Support Groups / Safe Spaces in all institutions. Establishing peer support groups for students and staff and training group facilitators in active listening and crisis intervention.

Students, scholars, faculty, and volunteers conducted an awareness rally for raising awareness and imploring people to speak about their



thoughts. The enthusiastic participants traversed through the university, brandishing banners and disseminating informative brochures about local mental health resources. The rally aimed to raise public awareness about suicide prevention and stigma reduction.

A candlelight vigil was held in a serene local park to honour lives lost to suicide, illuminating the phrase "From darkness to light."

World Suicide Prevention Day, as commemorated by the university served as a resounding reminder that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those grappling with mental health challenges. It highlighted the significance of reaching out, listening, and helping individuals facing difficult times.



## Independence Day

Central University of Jammu celebrated 77th Independence Day on 15th August 2023. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain hoisted the national flag followed up by singing the national anthem and with this Independence Day events started.

In his address Prof. Jain highlighted university's achievements in the field of teaching, research, start-ups and placements and emphasised on how the meaning of freedom is to be best understood in positive and progressive way. Further, the Vice Chancellor also highlighted the real essence of

independence and urged university fraternity to follow the path in sync with national goals and objectives and underlined the synergied efforts of university fraternity in growth and development of university, be it implementation of NEP-20, DST sponsored PURSE or study and research on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). Following that, a grand celebration was organised in the university's Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium with patriotic songs and other items by the students of NCC wing, Central University of Jammu.



## Partition Horrors Remembrance Day



Under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the University observed Partition Horror Remembrance Day or Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas on August 14th 2023 in the memory of those who lost their lives during the Partition. The seminar started with a special talk by Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh Jamwal (Retd.) who paid tribute to the millions of Indians who lost their lives in the Partition and suffered the pain of displacement. He emphasized the role of education in preventing such tragedies in the future, stating, and "Education plays a crucial role in this endeavour. By teaching our younger generations about the consequences of partition, we empower them to prevent such tragedies from occurring again.

Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean, School of Languages was one of the resource persons and delivered a talk on Literary Responses to Partition. Dr Ritu Bakshi, Dean, Students' Welfare, said that the main objective of this event is to create awareness about the tragedy/ horrors of the Partition of India, 1947.



## Plantation Drive on Foundation Day

Department of Environmental Sciences and Department of English in collaboration with Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi (PSG), organised a plantation drive on 9th August 2023 under 'EK PED DESH KE NAAM' Campaign as part of national level green initiative. This plantation drive was conducted on the foundation day of the University and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members.

The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean Research Studies, who commended the initiative for its commitment to a greener and more sustainable future.

Prof. Sunil Dhar (HoD), Prof. Richa Kothari, Dr Shweta Yadav and Dr. Dinesh Kumar from Department of Environmental Sciences and Prof. Vandana Sharma (HoD), Dr Neena Viz, Dr. Farooq from the Department of English



department also took valuable part in the event. The 'EK PED DESH KE NAAM' Campaign aims to instil a sense of responsibility and ownership towards the environment. PSG and SFD, driven by their passion for environmental conservation and sustainable development, took the lead in organizing this event, which aligned perfectly with the university's ethos of contributing positively to society.

Prof. Pathania, while addressing the participants, emphasized the importance of such initiatives in promoting awareness about the critical role trees play in maintaining ecological balance and combating climate change. He expressed his gratitude to PSG, SFD, the Department of Environmental Sciences, and the Department of English for their collaborative efforts in making the plantation drive a resounding success.

Prof. Vandana Sharma highlighted the significance of the green initiative of the university on the historic day of 13th Foundation Day. She encouraged students and scholars to develop eco-

consciousness and nurture the saplings they have planted. Dr. Ajay Kr. Singh, Director and Dr. Ashwini from the Centre for Comparative Religion and Civilization with Dr. Ashok also actively participated in the event.

The Central University of Jammu has always been at the forefront of promoting academic excellence and holistic development. The plantation drive stands as a testament to the university's commitment to nurturing responsible citizens who are conscious of their impact on the environment. As trees take roots on the campus grounds, they symbolize a greener future and the university's commitment to a sustainable and ecologically conscious approach to education. The event also showcased the power of collective action in driving positive change. The success of the plantation drive has set the stage for future initiatives aimed at creating a more environmentally aware and responsible community within the Central University of Jammu.



## Vyaas Pujan Divas

Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal organized Vyas Pujan on 17th July, 2023 at Central University of Jammu on the auspicious occasion of Vyaas Puja. Shri Jagdish Sharma, Vice President (Finance), Hemophilia Federation (India), Prof. Dilip Kumar, Palak Adhikari, Uttar Kshetra, Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, and Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean, School of Languages and Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CU JAMMU, among others. The event, dedicated to venerating the revered sage Vyasa, commenced with the lighting of ceremonial lamps, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the spread of knowledge. The esteemed guests, as well as hundreds of students and faculty members, graced the occasion with their presence. Shree Jagdish Sharma, a highly revered Vyas, known for his profound knowledge of ancient scriptures and his constant efforts to promote Indian culture and traditions. Sharma enlightened the audience with his discourse on the significance of Vyaas Puja and stressed the importance of imbibing the teachings of the great sage Vyasa in our daily lives. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar of CU Jammu, formally welcomed the guests and emphasized the need to preserve our rich cultural heritage. He appreciated the efforts of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal in organizing events that promote

traditional knowledge systems and blend them with modern education.

Additionally, chief guest of event, Prof. Dilip Kumar delivered keynote address. His deliberations were focused around role of Indian knowledge system, Bharat-centric research, Indian ethos and values system, and our gurus in making Bharat Mata the Viswa Guru.

Prof. Vandana Sharma, Head, Dept. of English, CU JAMMU presented presidential remarks. The event concluded with Shanti mantra and National Anthem by the university's students. The entire event was coordinated and moderated by Dr. Ketan Bhatt, Guest Faculty, DTTM, CU Jammu. The Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal's event on Vyas Puja at the Central University of Jammu successfully proved to be an enriching and inspiring experience for all attendees.



## Bharat Mata Pujan

Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal (BSM), Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh Prant organized Bharat Mata Pujan at Department of English in the university campus wherein faculty members, research scholars, and

students paid floral tributes to Bharat Mata. The event was organized under the patronage of honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain and convened by Prof. Vandana Sharma and Dr. Ketan Bhatt.



## Commemorating the Writer series

With the objective of fostering a vibrant literary community through its cherished tradition, the Department of English started "Commemorating the Writer" series in the year 2019. Ever since then, each month, this unique initiative involves celebrating the birth anniversary of a distinguished writer creating a dynamic platform for literary enthusiasts to come together and pay tribute to the literary giants who have left an indelible mark on the world of letters. From July 2023 to December 2023, the birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Rupi Kaur and Albert Camus was held.

As part of this tradition, students and faculty actively engage in organizing multifaceted events to honour the selected writer. The series unfolds with compelling PowerPoint presentations that delve into the life, works, and enduring impact of the featured writer. These presentations not only showcase meticulous research but also bring to life the essence of the writer's contributions. Adding a

creative touch, students channel their artistic talents into crafting visually captivating posters that adorn the department, transforming it into a literary gallery. The vibrant posters serve as a visual homage, capturing the spirit and essence of the celebrated writer.

The celebration transcends the visual realm as students passionately immerse themselves in the world of the chosen writer through thought-provoking plays and dramatic performances. These theatrical renditions not only entertain but also offer a profound reflection on the themes and narratives encapsulated in the writer's body of work. Through this tradition, the Department of English at Central University of Jammu not only honours the legacy of influential writers but also nurtures a passion for literature among its students. The series stands as a testament to the department's commitment to fostering a deep appreciation for literary arts and creating an environment where the spirit of literature thrives.

## Festival of Indian Languages

Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages organized a grand festival of Indian Languages on 17th December, 2023 being celebrated across the country on the birth anniversary of the famous Tamil poet and well-known Indian writer Chinna Swamy Subramaniam Bharati in sync with the emphasis on education in Indian languages in the New Education Policy 2020. During the program, apart from reciting poems and stories in different Indian languages, a speech competition was organized on the importance of Indian languages

and the contribution of Indian languages in maintaining unity in diversity. In the competitions, 25 students and researchers of the university presented their ideas in their respective languages. The students enthralled everyone by expressing their views in languages like Dogri, Rajasthani, Maithili, Bhojpuri, Haryanvi etc. The judges of the competition, Dr. Amita Gupta and Dr. Ketan Bhatt, announced the first, second and third prize winners, which included Rishi Yadav, Surajbhan and Krishna Mohan.

# Lecture Series @ CUJ

## Extension Lectures & Outreach Programmes

**Department of Public Policy and Public Administration** organised an Extension lecture on "Recent Governance Initiatives in N-E India" by Prof. Srinibas Pathi, Senior Professor, Mizoram Central University on 15th September, 2023.

## 5<sup>th</sup> 'ChemForum' Lecture Series

**Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences** organized the 5th 'ChemForum' Lecture Series on 28th August, 2023. 'ChemForum' is a platform to introduce students of chemistry to emerging areas of chemical sciences by eminent scientists. It provides an opportunity for interaction of young minds and faculty members with distinguished researchers from academic institutions as well as from industries. In this occasion, Prof. Rajarshi Chakrabarti from the Department of Chemistry, IIT Bombay delivered a talk titled: Transport of Active Linear Chains and Rings in Porous Media: Interplay of Confinement and Activity. "In this lecture, he addressed the theoretical and computational approaches to understand the motions in porous medium with their applications to biological problems.



**Department of English** organised an Extension Lecture on "Aesthetics and Poetics : Western and Indian" by Prof. Bhavatosh Indra Guru, Head, Department of English, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya Sagar, Madhya Pradesh on 25th September 2023. In the lecture, Prof. Guru dwelt at length at a comparative analysis of classical Western texts and Indian literary poetics with illustrations from his research.



**Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences** organised an outreach program in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research



Centre, Mumbai on 9th October, 2023 in the Dept. of Physics and Astronomical Sciences.



**Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences** organised a distinguished Lecture Series on 2nd Nov. 2023 by Dr. D. Ram Rajak, Scientist G & Group Director (RTMG/MISA) SAC, ISRO on ISRO's RESPOND research scope on SAC, Ahmedabad.



**Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences** organised a distinguished by Prof. Deepak Mishra from IIST on Artificial Intelligence Application for Space Science and Space Technology: A comprehensive view on 3rd November, 2023



## Extension Lecture on Indian Literatures in Translation

**Department of English** organised an Extension Lecture on "Indian Literatures in Translation: on 9th October, 2023. Prof. Raj Kumar from Delhi University delivered the talk and highlighted the significance of translation with the implementation of NEP 2020 with an analysis of the trajectory of translational practice in India.



## OUTREACH/ AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



**Department of Computer Science & IT** conducted two industrial visits for 100 students of IT/ITES (vocational Students) of Govt. Higher Secondary School Smailpur on 11th Oct 2023 and 61 students of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Utter Behani on 29th Nov 2023. The students visited the Central University of Jammu to familiarize themselves with recent trends, developments, and innovations in the field of science and technology. The students visited the different state-of-the art laboratories of different science streams to get knowledge about

future aspirations in the area of science and technology at the Central University of Jammu campus. They also visited the Kalam Centre of Excellence, Satish Dhawan Centre for Space Science, Himalayan Aerosol Research Instrumentation (HARI) facility, IoT Lab, Engineering Block and other important centres at the Central University. Dr. Bhavna Arora, Associate Professor and Co-Ordinator of the visits, briefed the students about the innovations, research centres, facilities, and initiatives by the Central University of Jammu.

## Outreach Program on Sister Nivedita

**Department of English**, in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Prant, organized an outreach program on the life teachings and contributions of Sister Nivedita on 8th November 2023 at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rahya Suchani. During the program, Prof Vandana Sharma highlighted the significance of emulating the personalities like Bhagini Nivedita, who came to India with a mission to uplift the masses, particularly women and served the suffering masses during the colonial rule. Dr. Neelika Arora, Dr. Vandana Sharma, Dr. Vinita Sharma also interacted with the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya during the awareness program.



3MT for HSS researchers held at CUJ

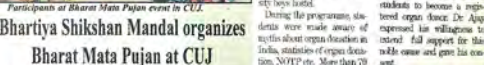
Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 1: A globally acclaimed competition among researchers and academic papers...



Participants at Bharat Mata Pujan event in CUJ.

SOTTO J&K organizes awareness session on organ donation at CUJ

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: State Organ and Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) J&K...



One of the winners of 3MT receiving certificate from the dignitaries at CUJ.



CUJ's BIS Club raises awareness on BIS activities, standard writing competition

Excelsior Correspondent
BIS activities and standard writing competition.
JAMMU, Nov 4: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Club...

ABSS organized at Central University of Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On the completion of three years of National Education Policy (NEP)...



CUJ faculty and students at a programme.

3MT is evolving as one of the best practices of the CUJ as the University has taken a major step in regarding with the University of Queensland to organize 3MT which has been adopted by 200 universities across the globe...

lighting and flower offering before the image of Bharat Mata. This was followed by brief introduction of event Bharat Mata Pujan and the organization Bhartiya Shiksha Mandal by Dr Ketan Bhatnagar. Thereafter Prof Vandana Sharma, in her speech, motivated the participants to remain loyal towards their nation and work in each sphere of their lives with the feeling of nation first.

Punjab Kesari (28 July, 2023) Page-4

प्रौ. जैन ने बताई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीतिकी खूबियाँ
जम्मू, 27 जुलाई (पी.पी.एस.): भारतीय शिक्षा मंडल (BSM) जम्मू-काशीर एवं लाहौर प्रांत, द्वारा आयोजित 'भारत माता पूजा' कार्यक्रम का आयोजन...

CUJ empowers students through community outreach initiatives

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ)...



CUJ students and faculty during a programme.

CUJ has organized an initiative to strengthen ties with the society and to provide a platform for the students to share their views on the NEP-2020. The event was organized in the patron ship of Prof. Sandeep Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, who himself has guided the University in fully adopting the NEP-2020 in letter and spirit.

Daily Excelsior (16 September, 2023)

'Yuvamathan Model G20' organized at CUJ

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 15: Central University of Jammu organized the 'Yuvamathan Model G20'...



CUJ Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sandeep Jain addressing a meeting at CUJ.

Amar Ujala (19 June, 2023) Page-2

केंद्रीय विवि में पीजी डिग्री के चार सेमेस्टर्स की एक अंकतालिका

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CUJ Academic Council approves several decisions

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: The 16th Academic Council of Central University of Jammu...

CUJ's TPO organizes Parshikshan Pe Samvad

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) Training & Placement Office (TPO) has organized 'Parshikshan Pe Samvad'...

help them be a better professional and learn hard skills and soft skills like networking which would eventually help them in getting the desired job in this competitive job market.

Punjab Kesri (22 July, 2023) Page-3

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