



JU Inaugurates Three-Day Theatre Workshop

Kathua, June 06: Aiming at enhancing the foundational skills, techniques, and nuances of theatre arts, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organises THREE DAY THEATRE WORKSHOP in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu under Training Outreach Programme to extend the benefit of professional training/orientation to the students of affiliated colleges situated outside Jammu. The Workshop scheduled for 6th to 8th June, 2024 commenced today with an inspiring opening ceremony and an engaging Day 1 session, promising a transformative experience for all attendees.

The Inaugural Event was graced by Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu, the Chief Guest of the occasion; Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus; Dr. Pritam Singh, Associate Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu; and Mr. Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, Department of Students Welfare, the Resource Person for the Event.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Parkash C. Antahal while emphasizing the significance of theatre in fostering creativity, empathy, and cultural awareness, encouraged the participants to fully engage in the workshop to unlock their artistic potential and contribute to the rich tapestry of performing arts. In his welcome address, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia focused on the importance of skill-based practical workshops for the holistic development of individuals. Highlighting that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 of India prioritizes experiential and activity-based learning as crucial elements for transforming the education system, he exhorted that this workshop is a significant step in that direction.

The workshop saw an enthusiastic turnout with a large number of participants from Kathua Campus and GDCs of the area and their active participation underscored the vibrant interest in theatre arts within the community and the significance of such educational initiatives.

The first day of the workshop focused on hands-on practice of the basic skills and techniques essential for theatre. Under the guidance of Mr. Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, JU and a renowned theatre artist, participants explored various aspects of theatrical performance and techniques which are beneficial for the overall personality development by enhancing confidence. They were introduced to the importance of expression, body language, and voice and speech training.

The workshop will continue over the next two days, delving deeper into advanced techniques and performance skills. The Event was coordinated by the Convener of the 'Three Day Theatre Workshop' Dr. Nomita Sharma. The workshop was attended by Dr. Sourabh, Mr. Amit Sharma, Dr. Pankaj Khajuria, faculty members, staff and students of UIET and Kathua Campus.