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Skill Innovation Incubation & Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC) University of Jammu launched a new programme, Certificate Course in Theatre (Basic) in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu today. The Course is designed to make students aware about their innate creative and aesthetic capabilities & provide an opportunity to get acquainted with the immense benefits of theatre for the overall Personality Development. The course was inaugurated in presence of Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIEDC, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Ankit Mahajan and Mr. Sumeet Sharma.

In her address, Prof. Alka Sharma informed that this Certificate Course in Theatre is designed for students to give them a better understanding of the art forms. It will provide an opportunity to them to get acquainted with the immense benefits of theatre which refine us physically, mentally and spiritually. Moreover, Theatre has been acknowledged as one of the most effective tools for personality development and this course will sharpen the soft skills of the students which will help them in their academic pursuits also.

Prof. Prakash Antahal asserted that this course aims at making students aware about different facets of Theatre and providing them an insight about its different genres through practical and theory sessions. Focusing on Communication Skills, Confidence, Creativity, Team Spirit, Self-Exploration, Spontaneity and other skills, this course will be highly beneficial for the participants. He expressed gratitude towards Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu, under whose guidance such innovative programmes are being launched.

Prof. Monika Chadha, in her address advised the participants to utilize this opportunity properly by being punctual and dedicated as intervention of Arts and Culture plays an important role in broadening the horizons of our imagination and creativity by making us conscious, compassionate and sensitive about the society.

The course had been envisaged under the guidance of Prof. Garima Gupta, Coordinator Skill Development and Career Planning Vertical. Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor at the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu is the course coordinator. Being professionally qualified and having an extensive experience of theatre, he will be imparting invigorating knowledge of theatre to the participants. Visiting faculty and experts in allied arts will also enhance the impact of the course.

Those who are attending the programme include Arjun Pratap Singh, Avni Sharma, Riya Jandial, Mahi Gupta, Rishiv Prabhakar, Malvika Kalra, Kartik Kumar, Sumakshi Pandita, Medha Gupta, Dyutima Kesar, Sohana Gorka, Subani Kaur, Kakun Mahajan and Kananpreet Kaur. Those who want to avail of the benefit of this opportunity may still join till 5th July by visiting the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu.