



UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

DISABILITY INITIATIVES

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED IN 2024-25



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ACTIVITY 1: Vistas of Creativity: Poster Making Competition marks International Week of the Deaf

Department of Home Science (Human Development), University of Jammu, hosted a vibrant and thought-provoking Poster Making Competition on 24th September 2024 to celebrate the International Week for the Deaf. The event, themed “Vistas of Creativity”, aimed to raise awareness about the Deaf community and their contributions to society, while also providing a platform for students with special needs to express their ingenuity and creativity.

Children of the J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired, Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu showcased their artistic talents through posters that vividly captured the essence of their Deaf experience. Each entry emphasized themes of inclusivity, empowerment, and the importance of breaking communication barriers. Some of the posters portrayed the beauty of sign language, while others focused on the challenges faced by the Deaf community in their everyday lives.



Children making posters

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head of the Department of Home Science and Coordinator Disability Initiatives, University of Jammu inaugurated the event, highlighting the importance of sensitizing the society especially the youth to the issues and rights of the Deaf community. “This competition is not just about art; it’s about using creativity as a medium to communicate and advocate for a more inclusive society. We are proud to be part of the global movement supporting the Deaf community,” she remarked in her opening speech.

50 hearing impaired children participated in the event and were judged by a panel of esteemed faculty members. The winning posters were recognized for their originality and impactful messages. The top entries will be displayed in the Department of Home Science providing a platform for ongoing dialogue about the experiences of deaf individuals.

Prof. Rajni Dhingra, former Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu and Sh. Roshan Bhan, Principal of J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired graced the occasion with their presence. The teachers of the school Ms. Neelam, and Ms. Geetanjali were also present on the occasion. Team of research scholars and students of the Department of Home Science helped in successful conduct of the competition.



Glimpses of the award ceremony of the competition



The screenshot shows a news article on the JK Monitor website. The article title is "Vistas of creativity at University of Jammu: Poster making competition marks International Week of the Deaf". It is written by JK Monitor News Network and categorized under "Headlines". The article text describes a poster-making competition at the University of Jammu, Department of Home Science, celebrating the International Week for the Deaf. It mentions that children from the J&K Samaj Kalyan School for hearing impaired students showcased their artistic talents through posters that captured the essence of their Deaf experience, emphasizing themes of inclusivity, empowerment, and the

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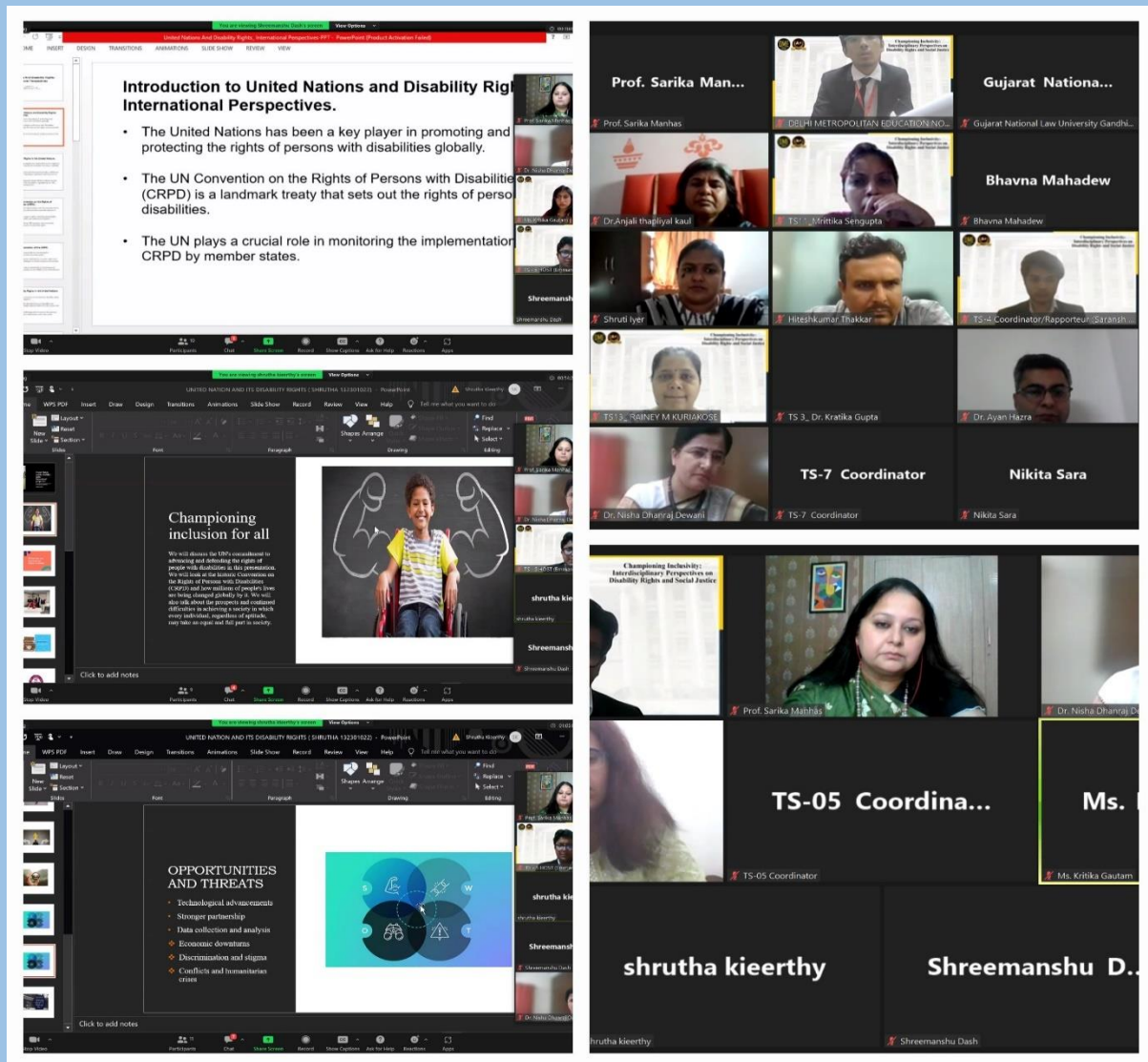
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Press coverage of the event

ACTIVITY 2: JU collaborates with DME Law School for an International Conference on Disability Rights and Social Justice

University of Jammu collaborated as academic partner with Delhi Metropolitan Education (DME) Law school Noida to organize International Conference on 'Championing Inclusivity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Disability Rights and Social Justice'. Other collaborators for the Conference were Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala and Rotaract Club of Delhi Metropolitan Education. The conference took place on 25th May 2024 in hybrid mode. The aim of the conference was to empower persons with disabilities by addressing the legal, social, and environmental factors required to create inclusive and equitable society. The Chief Guest for the inaugural was Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe (Chairman, NETF; Chairman, Executive

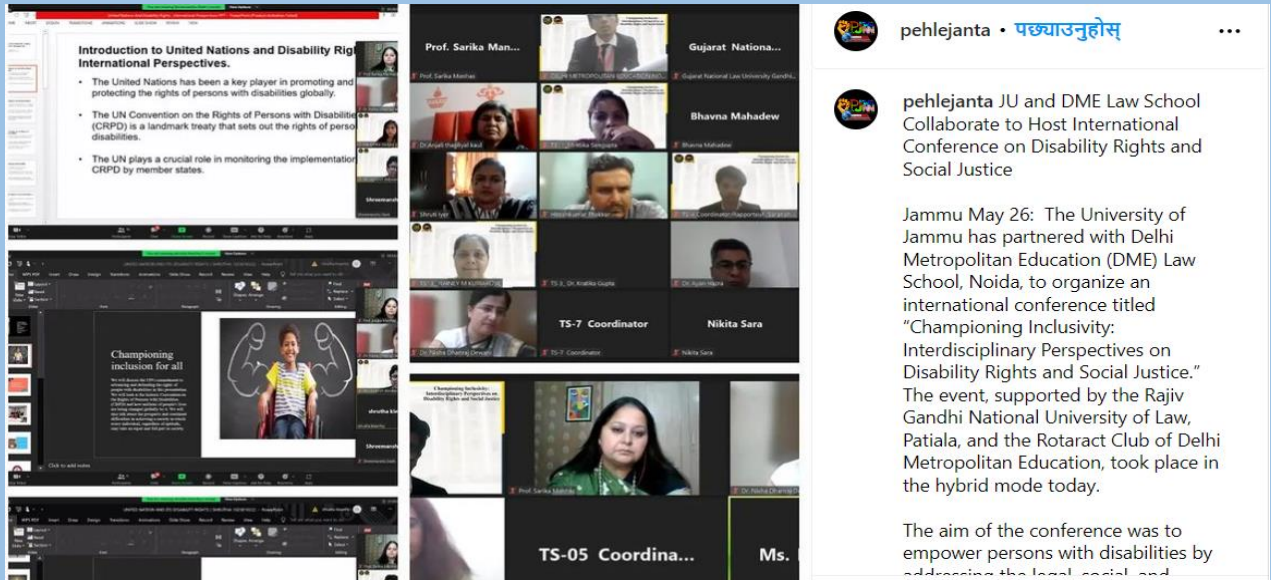
Committee NAAC; & Chairman, NBA), while Mr. Nipun Malhotra, (Co-founder and CEO, Nipman Foundation; & Founder, Wheels for Life) was the Guest of Honour.



Faculty from JU chairing the technical sessions online

Three faculty members of the University of Jammu were invited panelist for the prestigious conference and participated in deliberations to explore the intricate intersectionality of identities and achievement of disability rights. Prof. Sarika Manhas, Coordinator, Disability Initiatives, JU chaired the technical session on ‘Charting paths: International perspectives on disability rights, future of Indian legislation in the UNCRPD era, and humanitarian principles’. Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Associate Professor, The Law School, JU chaired the technical session on ‘Bridging the gap: Implementing legal frameworks for inclusive practices’. Dr. Hema Gandotra, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, JU chaired the technical session on ‘Empowering inclusivity: Advocating for rights and dignity’. The collaboration between JU

and DME, Noida was facilitated by the office of Coordinator, Disability Initiatives, JU. Around 80 technical papers were presented in the conference in hybrid mode (offline and online both). The conference was attended by more than 200 academicians, educators, activists, professionals and students. Awards for best papers were also given in different categories.



Press coverage of the Conference

ACTIVITY 3: JU collaborates with Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) for Deaf cricket league

T20 Deaf Indian Premier league cricket was organized by the Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) from 16th to 19th April 2024 at Jammu. IDCA is a BCCI supported organization that promotes cricket among deaf players. University of Jammu collaborated for this cricket series and provided its cricket ground and sports personnel for the matches.

Prof. Sarika Manhas, Coordinator Disability Initiatives, University of Jammu and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu coordinated the event on behalf of the University of Jammu.

Sh. Ranjeet Kalra, Faculty at the University of Jammu and ace sports administrator provided the guidance and supervision for the entire league.

Students and staff of the University also witnessed the matches with great enthusiasm.



Captures of the championship

Indian Deaf Cricket Association logo

T20 Deaf Indian Premier League in Jammu to start from April 16

ANI | Updated: **Apr 11, 2024 20:23 IST**

New Delhi [India], April 11 (ANI): The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) is organizing the fifth T-20 Deaf Indian Premier League in Jammu, from April 16 to April 19.

In its inaugural edition, eight specially-abled men's teams from different parts of the country will compete on the field to clinch the coveted Premier League trophy.

Sumit Jain, President, IDCA, commented, " We are grateful to Serum Institute of India, Cyrus Poonawalla Group, KFC India, Hero MotoCorp, Trans Asia Hotels Private Limited, University of Jammu and Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association for their wholehearted support to our movement of supporting our forthcoming tournaments in the state of Jammu & Kashmir"

The four-day tournament will kick off with a special opening ceremony organized on Tuesday, April 16 at 9 AM at Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu the teams will play a total of 14 matches before making it to the finals.

Specially-abled persons are the real heroes: DC Jammu to Deaf Cricketers

Bengaluru Badshahs lifts 5th Deaf Indian Premier League title

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Press coverage of the cricket league



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar along with Ranjeet Kalra Member J&K Sports Council receiving a memento during inaugural event of 5th T20 Deaf IPL in Jammu on Tuesday.

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 16: A four day-long 5th T20 Deaf Indian Premier League commenced at Maulana Azad Cricket Stadium, here today.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu was the Chief Guest while Ranjeet Kalra, Member of J&K Sports Council presided over the inaugural ceremony. Deep Karan Singh Anand and Deepjot Singh Anand Directors of Asia One Earth Hotels were the guests of honour.

Ramesh Kumar expressed happiness over the conduct of the cricket league and appreciated the special gifted players for their grit and determination. He wished the tournament all success.