

Charting Excellence: The Journey of JU

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Jammu: The University of Jammu, nestled in the beautiful region of Jammu and Kashmir, stands as a prominent institution of higher learning that has etched its name in the annals of academic excellence. The journey of knowledge at Jammu University has been nothing short of extraordinary, as it continues to unravel its legacy under the able leadership of Vice-Chancellor Professor Umesh Rai and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Established in 1969, Jammu University has been a pioneer in providing quality education to students from various backgrounds. Over the years, the university has witnessed significant growth and development, becoming a hub of educational and cultural activities in the region. Under the leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai, the university has taken several remarkable initiatives to enhance the academic experience and overall growth of its students. One such initiative was the 36th Inter University North Zone Youth Festival ANTARNAAD-2023, which celebrated the diversity and talent of the student community. This festival, built on a healthy spirit of competition, offered an opportunity for young minds to explore their hidden talents and interact with counterparts from different parts of the country. Around 2000 students, teachers, and experts from North



LG Manoj Sinha and VC Prof. Umesh Rai inaugurates ANTARNAAD by lighting lamps and sees off students on the Gyandodhya Express

Zone Universities participated in this cultural extravaganza, showcasing their talents and fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among students. Another feather in Jammu University's cap was 'Goonj,' its prestigious festival. Goonj-2024, inaugurated by the Honourable Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, was a mega event encompassing culture, sports, and literary activities. It witnessed a vibrant display of sports and cultural activities, showcasing the immense talent pool within the youth of Jammu. Participants from the University and its affiliated colleges, Cluster

University of Jammu and its constituent colleges, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, and Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, engaged in a series of competitive events. In his welcome address during Goonj, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai emphasized his belief that education should transcend the confines of four walls, hence the university's commitment to organizing a multitude of events that foster holistic growth and experiment learning. Another unique initiative of Jammu University aimed to redefine education and dissolve boundaries, reshaping the world

into a boundless university. The recently held 'College on Wheels-JK's Gyanodaya Express' sought to facilitate the discovery of students' inner passions and life's purpose through immersive, collaborative, project-based learning experiences to address real-world challenges. The ultimate aspiration is to cultivate a culture of idea incubation, innovation, and skill development in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020, where Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi envisioned a paradigm shift from job seekers to job creators. Through College on Wheels, the university

reached out to students in far-flung areas, providing them with access to quality education and empowering them to pursue their academic aspirations and see the world. The transformative journey of Jammu University under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai has been further complemented by the proactive support and guidance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. With a strong emphasis on academic excellence, innovation, and inclusive growth, L.G. Sinha has been instrumental in steering the university towards new heights of success and recognition.

J&K WITNESSES TRANQUIL ELECTIONS AFTER DECADES

HEMANI KANDHARI

Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir is one of the diverse states in India represented by 5 seats in the Lok Sabha. Earlier, Ladakh was also considered one of the constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir until its recognition as a separate Union territory in 2019. The current estimated population of J&K is approximately 1.56 crore where there are 8.69 million voters in Jammu & Kashmir. Baramulla, Srinagar, Anantnag, Udhampur, and Jammu are the 5 constituencies in the state. BJP, Congress, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party (JKPDP), Communist Party of India (CPI(M)), Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) are some of the major political parties that contest to win a seat from the state. For the Lok Sabha elections, BJP has fielded Dr Jitendra Singh from Udhampur and Jugal Kishore Sharma from Jammu. Both the NDA and JKNC are likely to contest independently from all 5 seats. After 15 years, the Udhampur Lok Sabha seat in Jammu and Kashmir is headed for a keen contest, with prominent leaders in the fray from the BJP and Congress. Both Jitendra Singh of the BJP, a Union Minister of State, and Choudhary Lal Singh of the Congress are two-time MPs from the seat. While Jitendra Singh has won the seat the past two times (2014 and 2019) by big margins, it was won twice previously by Lal Singh (2004 and 2009). "There should be 100% voting. If Narendra Modi becomes Prime Minister for the third time, then I want to appeal to him that we should think about the general category, who are already



Voters in Jammu, exemplifying healthy and orderly participation during elections



struggling", Manik Goswami student of Law Department, JU. Sarfraz Ahmad student University of Jammu "Voting is our fundamental right. Youth should read the manifesto of every political party and then decide where to cast their vote. Even media is controlled by higher officials and we want that media should also put our demands in front of Government". Vaishali Sharma, student Botany Department, JU: I belong to Nowshera which is in district Rajouri and our polling constituency is Anantnag, Rajouri Lok Sabha constituency, I am very excited to cast the first vote of my life and I am aware of all the candidates of my area and know where to cast my vote. Jammu and Kashmir are witnessing healthy elections. This is the first election in Jammu and Kashmir after Article 370 was abro-

gated by the Centre in 2019. The Jammu-Reasi seat comprises 18 Assembly segments and nine segments crossed 70% polling, with Akhnoor recording 74.03%, Bishnah 71.33%, Chhamb 71.06%, Gulabgarh 71.47%, Marh 73%, Nagrota 71.39%, Reasi 71.65%, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi 74.65%, and Vijaypur 75.67%. Peaceful and brisk polling was recorded in the Jammu-Reasi Lok Sabha seat in Jammu and Kashmir, which has nine Assembly segments adjacent to the International Border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC), and clocked 71.91% polling on April 19.

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TRANSFORMING EDUCATION:

Innovations and Insights from a Visionary Educator: Prof. Dinesh Singh

-BY SAJID, KHALID AND VINOD

1) You use an intriguing phrase "find your drumbeat". What does it signify?

I've long held the belief that each individual possesses an innate rhythm, a unique beat that emanates from the core of their being. I refer to this as the "voice of their drumbeat". It's akin to the sound of one's soul, resonating through their actions and choices. As a mathematician, I understand the power of examples in elucidating concepts, so allow me to illustrate this notion further. Take Mahatma Gandhi, for instance. His drumbeat was "Adhere to the truth," or "Satya se Jude raho." Throughout his life, he embodied this principle unwaveringly. This wasn't a mere philosophy for him; it was ingrained in his very essence. We can trace the origins of Gandhi's drumbeat back to his childhood when, at the tender age of 8 or 9, he witnessed a performance of the play "Satyawadi Harischandra." Inspired by the protagonist's commitment to truth, Gandhi took a solemn pledge to uphold this virtue, regardless of the consequences. In essence, the quest to find one's drumbeat is a journey of profound significance. It is a testament to the inherent depth and complexity of the human spirit, a journey that leads to self-awareness, authenticity, and ultimately, a life of resonance and harmony.

2) In Goonj 2024, you said that you would abolish the conservative approach to examinations if you had the power. What alternatives or modifications would you recommend?

If you delve into the Design Your Degree (DYD) initiative, you'll swiftly discern the inadequacies of the conventional examination approach. The typical method of assessment often boils down to rote memorization, where students regurgitate memorized information onto the answer sheet in hopes of securing a passing grade or even topping the class. In this system, real understanding, practical application, and genuine learning often take a back seat, causing undue stress and anxiety for many students, myself included. This approach aligns more closely with the true essence of education: learning and application. By engaging in hands-on projects and collaborative activities, students not only deepen their understanding but also cultivate essential skills and knowledge that are relevant to real world scenarios. This shift in assessment methodology promotes a more holistic approach to learning, one that encourages students to find their unique rhythm, their drumbeat, and follow it to reach their fullest potential. By championing the DYD program, I aim to break free from this restrictive mindset. I provide students with the freedom to explore, create, and innovate—to be

themselves authentically. In doing so, I believe we are not only revolutionizing the way students are assessed but also redefining the purpose of education itself. It's about nurturing individuals who are not just proficient in reciting facts but are capable of navigating the complexities of the world with confidence, creativity, and compassion.

3) College on Wheels, which is your creation, is consistent with your overarching vision of education that extends beyond the classroom. How?

Mahatma Gandhi emphasized the importance of practical, hands-on learning, highlighting its enduring value over theoretical knowledge confined to textbooks and examinations. In response to this disconnect between traditional education and practical skills, we launched the College on Wheels initiative. This innovative program aimed to showcase the importance of practical education by transforming an entire train into a mobile college. The train was equipped with a library, WiFi, and laptops, providing students with a conducive environment for learning while on the move. Students were selected based on their project proposals, ensuring that only those with a genuine interest and commitment to learning were part of this transformative journey. This journey lies in experiences that challenge and inspire us to grow, both personally and professionally.



Digital innovations for natural pathways!

DR. RAVIA GUPTA

A walk in the woods and remembering the role played by each wood in the roller-coaster life seems like a fictional tale! Not any more though, as we are living in the era of digital world and rightly using digital technologies to re-connect with nature and contribute our bit in saving the mother earth by creating digital pathways and determining tech-ways for sustainable living. Walking the tight-rope and finding the mid-way perhaps seems the way forward in the unique initiative taken by the University of Jammu under the leadership of Prof Umesh Rai with the digitisation of trees on flora-rich campus of the university. Passing by the trees and not knowing their names is quite a 'common illiteracy' pattern prevailing in the common mortals. This further has a trickle-down effect, especially in suppressing the curiosity of the young minds who sometimes show the spark of curiosity by asking innocent questions starting with just names. But their innocence is often succumbed to the superior human intelligence in the form of distractions and everyone seems to move on with the partial fulfillment in the circle of life. In its initiative to create an engaging and interactive campus environment, the QR code development will not only provide the much-needed relief to the rising pressures of stress but also gratify in answering the queries of the students, faculty, and visitors to access information related to plants including their scientific names, family, local names, and other important facts. Under the Digital India Initiative, this technology will determine how the society will re-connect and re-build itself with nature. This further, will enhance the beautiful thought process inside out and act as a catalyst in taking a step closer towards the sustainable future and knowledge rich society that is deep-rooted!

University of Jammu Uses QR Codes to Digitise Campus Plants

Centre: Vice-Chancellor JU Umesh Rai installing QR code**VISHALI**

Jammu: The University of Jammu has launched a new project to digitize the plants on its campus using QR codes. Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai led this initiative with the help of the Department of Botany as part of the university's effort to embrace the steps toward digital India. Around the university, approximately 1,600 plants have QR codes installed on them. When scanned with a smartphone, these codes offer information about each plant, including its scientific name, family, local name, and importance. This system makes it easier for students, faculty, and visitors to learn about the different plants on campus. Prof. Umesh Rai, highlighted the benefits of this project while installing the first QR code on a peepal tree (*Ficus religiosa*). He said, "The QR codes not only make our campus more beautiful but also provide a useful educational resource. This initiative shows how we can use technology to make learning more engaging." This project also supports the university's commitment to environmental conservation. By raising awareness about the importance of plants, the university hopes to inspire

people to protect the environment. Additionally, it helps promote digital lit-

eracy, encouraging students and visitors to use technology in new ways. The Department of Botany at the University of Jammu, led by Prof. Susheel Verma, developed the QR codes with the help of faculty members and research scholars. The project demonstrates the university's innovative ap-



proach to education. The launch event was attended by Prof. Susheel Verma, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, and other faculty members, research scholars, and students. The University of Jammu is proud to lead such innovative projects and looks forward to finding more ways to enhance the campus experience for everyone.

The untouched beauty of Panchari: A place like no other!

JOGINDER SINGH

Jammu: Nestled in the picturesque hilly terrain, Panchari is a serene getaway located 40 km north of Udhampur and 90 km from Jammu city. This charming area provides a perfect escape for tourists seeking tranquillity amidst stunning natural beauty. Surrounded by nathatop hills to the east, saroli Dhar to the west, sankhpal to the north, and kaithgali ridges to the south, Panchari offers a breathtaking panorama for visitors. Accessible by road through NH44, the Panchari hills station is a convenient destination to reach. The nearest railway stations are Katra and Udhampur, situated approximately 57 km and 40 km away, respectively, adding to the accessibility of this enchanting location. One of the most famous tourist destinations of Panchari hills station is Therijungle. This place is soaked in the natural and scenic beauty surrounded by deodar, oak, pine and banj locally called Dayari, along with trees laden with pear, plum, apple, apricot, walnut and wild pomegranate. The forest hut located on top has its history which is made up of wood. The enchanted beauty of this place gives you a perfect example of a simple yet healthy life in the lap of nature. The new huts in Panchari will make it a great base camp for trekking, adventure camps, and outdoor activities. The area has stunning views with clouds rolling in quickly and beautiful pine trees. Staying in the huts and walking in the forest is peaceful. The area is clean and green with fresh water streams. In winter, the village gets light snowfall, making it a beautiful white wonderland for tourists to enjoy games and activities. The locals are excited about the increase in tourism, and many schools are bringing students to explore the



VENUE: At Panchari Hill Station (Therijungle)

village. The famous Guchchi vegetable is highly valued in the area for its medicinal properties. Another famous destination here is the village of Meer. This village is mostly of hilly terrain and only a very small portion is used for agriculture. Here, the famous Sankari Devta temple has idols of deities which are known to be of Shiva and Shakti. The temple is said to be about more than 500 years old. The famous Sankari mela is also organised in the month of August or September in which a huge crowd of people come together and take the blessing of Baba Sankri. Visitors can enjoy the rich folk music, dance, and other cultural traditions. One of the most prominent traditional folk dance forms that the people of the pahari community mainly perform is characterized by rhythmic and energetic movements accompanied by beats, dhol and a traditional drum. It is not only a form of entertainment but also holds cultural and social significance, as it reflects the traditions

and customs of the pahari community. They can also take part in agro-farm tourism activities, where they can learn about farming practices like milking cows, making butter, visiting water mills, watching flour mills in action, using handlooms, and raising sheep. These experiences are arranged to help tourists learn more about agriculture and farm life. The famous local dishes of the panchari are rajma chawal, makki ki roti, sarson ka saag, kladi, paneer, makhana and many others which are very delicious and nutritious. There are many facilities for tourists in Panchari. Many hotels like The 4s, Baba Sankari Guest House, Sham Lal Hotel, Hotel Panchari Hills, Sankri Paradise, The Tridev Hotel, and huts. These hotels and huts are situated at a route on the Panchari-Udhampur road. Since the place is located neatly away from the hustle and bustle of city life, it is an attraction for yoga, meditation, adventure junkies and trekking enthusiasts.

JU Scholar shines bright: First NET JRF, now Assistant Professor

VISHALI

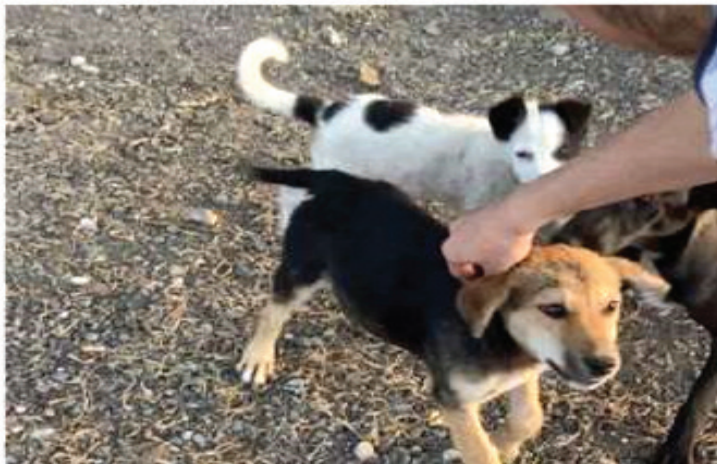
Jammu: Bringing honour to Jammu University, PHD scholar of history, Lekhraj Singh from small village of Reasi named as Dugga has showcased outstanding academic prowess by conquering the National Eligibility Test (NET) Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) two times with 99.6% and now securing the esteemed position of JKPSA Assistant Professor. Lekhraj's journey began with a commitment to in-depth research in

History, navigating the challenges of a PhD with dedication. This academic groundwork set the stage for his subsequent triumphs. Through persistent hard work, he achieved success in the National Eligibility Test (NET) Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), showcasing his commitment to scholarly excellence. He shares how his journey exemplifies the flexibility within University academic structure, allowing individuals to seamlessly transition from doctoral research to achievements like NET JRF and subsequent roles like JKPSA Assistant Professor. He further explained his gratitude by saying "My journey wouldn't have been possible without the support and resources provided by Jammu University. The faculty's dedication to nurturing academic curiosity has been a cornerstone of my success." He explains how from a small village where he was 1st person to do pg has secured Gold medal in history department all because of the pivotal role that university plays in shaping his professional trajectory. The small town boy came to the big city to build his future. He accomplished a lot and still he is not satisfied with it. The place where he lived was totally different from here, he regularly had to walk 10 to 11 km just to reach school but here university helped him to develop a well rounded personality and boosting confidence as well his talent got recognized by the Professors who helped him to pursue his civils preparation. From habit of reading, the campus library was his go to resource information, with its vast collection of journals, magazines and books providing him with the necessary resources to excel in his studies. He thanks his mother, all his professors and friends who helped him in every way to get successful and prepared him to tackle whatever hurdles comes in future.



Assistant Professor Lekhraj Singh (JU) Alumni

Lethargic Dog on Campus: A reminder of veterinary care



Little puppies inside the campus at JU

JANVI SHARMA

Jammu: A dog on the Jammu University campus recently caused concern after showing signs of lethargy and twitching. While the cause of the twitching is unknown, the dog's symptoms mirrored those of distemper, raising questions about the need for stricter protocols regarding dogs' health on campus. It's also a good reminder to be aware of our furry friend's well-being. These campuses dogs' well-being is a cause of concern for the JU community and their health a responsibility; preventing illnesses from spreading and keeping these canine companions happy and active. Simple coughing and twitching may seem insignificant, but they could indicate a more serious condition that is easily treatable if detected early. So, early detection is crucial. Arranging regular checkups can help catch problems before they become serious and potentially contagious to other dogs. By looking out and taking time to notice the health of dogs on our campus, we can prevent the spread of contagious diseases and save the lives of our furry companion.

Keeping the campus sparkling: Insights from sanitation workers at the University of Jammu

SHAFKAT WANI

Jammu: While the campus still sleeps, with most people in the comfort of their beds and only a few walking around, Mr Deepak Kumar, a sanitation worker at the University of Jammu, has already started his day. "I have been living on this campus for the last 17 years. This place is more than just a workplace; it is my home," says Mr. Deepak. Mr. Deepak and over a hundred other sanitation workers work tirelessly in shifts, day and night, to keep the campus clean and green. "We treat every part of this campus as our home," he says. "This campus produces stars who contribute to the nation's strength, and we ensure their health is safe-guarded by providing a neat and clean environment. Whether it's the departments, hostels, offices, tracks, or roads, we clean every part of the campus daily." Reflecting on his journey, Mr Deepak mentions, "I've heard stories of untouchability and the caste system being prevalent in the past, but in my 17 years here, I've never experienced anything like that. This campus has given me hundreds of friends, including teachers and students. When they appreciate our work, it makes us very happy." He emphasizes the importance of cleanliness



Cleaning frontiers are at University of Jammu

and responsibility, saying, "We have learned that 'Swachhta Hi Sewa Hai' (cleanliness is service), so we should be responsible for our surroundings. There are dustbins in every corner of the campus, and everyone should use them instead of littering." Mr. Deepak describes a typical morning: "We see hostel students gradually waking up, people starting to come to the campus, and birds singing all around. We see everything first, and this makes us loyal to this institution. It's like a Gurudwara where we clean our shoes out of respect and love. We do this not for money but out of humanity. They don't charge a single

penny, and this teaches us to put humanity first. We should follow the same principles of love, loyalty, integrity, and patriotism towards our institutions and nation." Suggestions from Mr Deepak Kumar "With advancements in sanitation technology, new machines should be introduced to make our work easier and save time. We hope the university administration considers this." In conclusion, Mr. Deepak adds, "If we do our work sincerely and honestly, others will contribute too by not littering and using dustbins. If you really love this campus, let's pledge to keep it evergreen and clean."

ANARDANA (DHAARU): A Hidden Gem of Ramban District

This wild sour pomegranate not only famous for its taste, cures stomach and kidney

VINOD BALWAL

Jammu: Ramban district, nestled in landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir, has recently gained recognition for its Indigenous produce - Anardana, known locally as Daaru. This wild sour pomegranate variety has not only captivated the taste buds but also emerged as a significant economic asset for the region. With the granting of the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in October 2023, the spotlight has turned towards Ramban's thriving Anardana industry, which produced a staggering 866.3 metric tons during the 2022-2023 period. Anardana, or Daaru as it is called in the Pahari and Sarazi languages, grows abundantly across the Mid Himalayan hill slopes of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Ramban district. The fruit, rich in antioxidants and medicinal properties, flourishes in the mid-temperate to subtropical climate, primarily on calcareous low-fertility soils. Spanning over 365.75 hectares of hill slopes in various areas like Batote, Champa, Peera, Chanderkote, and others, the cultivation of Daaru in-



Anardana: locally known as Daaru or doen in Pahari, Siraji and Kashmiri language

volves around 1350 farmer families. The harvesting season, from March to April, witnesses the collection of ripe fruits, which are then processed to obtain the dried arils, commonly known as Anardana. This distinctive sour taste makes Anardana a sought-after ingredient in culinary preparations, including chutneys, stuffings, and traditional dishes like chat. Moreover, the fruit's rind holds medicinal value and is utilized in herbal formula-

tions to treat various ailments, from stomach infections to dental issues. The socioeconomic impact of Anardana cultivation is profound, with many rural households depending on it for their livelihoods. The annual income generated from Anardana collection and trade significantly contributes to the household economy, with villages like Kanga emerging as major hubs of Anardana production. Efforts to enhance farmer's income.

15 Years on, Sarfraz makes his debut in test series

RAHUL SLATHIA

Jammu: Sarfraz Khan's remarkable debut performance against England's spinners was not a mere coincidence but the result of his 15 years of his dedicated effort. His father played a pivotal role in his journey, overseeing Sarfraz practice routine. He used to face about 500 deliveries in the nets daily. Talking about his test debut in Rajkot, Sarfraz impressive display of batting smashing back to back half centuries announced his arrival on the big stage (international cricket). After a long 15 years of wait. The 26 Year old earned his test cap after years of hard work in domestic cricket. Sarfraz after hitting tons after tons in domestic cricket finally got his maiden call up. He demonstrated his ability against the likes of Joe Root, Tom Hartley and Rehan Ahmed in Rajkot. The collaborative efforts of both Sarfraz and his father helped him to get the desired result by getting his test debut cap from the legendary Indian spinner Anil Kumble.



University of Jammu: A Beacon of Social Development and Nation-Building

SHAFKAT WANI

Jammu: In the realm of social development, it is impossible to overlook the significant role played by universities. Among the most productive institutions in Jammu and Kashmir stands the University of Jammu and Kashmir, a vital contributor to societal advancement and nation-building. Through initiatives like the Viksit Bharat Initiative and the College on Wheels, as well as various innovative programs and festivals, the University of Jammu is steadfast in its commitment to the upliftment of society and the holistic development of its students. The University of Jammu is not merely an academic institution; it is a vibrant hub of cultural integra-

tion and morality, integrity. By bringing together diverse cultures on a single platform, the university fosters a sense of unity and community. Every endeavour undertaken by the university positively impacts society, producing not just academicians and civil servants, but also morally sound and culturally aware individuals. As a centre of knowledge, University of Jammu offers a learning experience that transcends the confines of classrooms and textbooks. The institution nurtures both professional and personal growth, encouraging students to explore various areas of interest and develop a well-rounded character. Campus life at the university provides a comprehensive experience, students are free to engage with a multi-

tude of perspectives and aspirations. This exposure to diverse thought processes and objectives plays a crucial role in shaping the students' personalities and future endeavours. The University of Jammu attracts individuals from across the country, making it a melting pot of cultures and ideas. The environment here ensures that the choices students make, and the company they keep, significantly influence their personal and professional growth. The university stands as an unparalleled platform for students to achieve their goals and make meaningful contributions to society. Despite its immense contributions, the University of Jammu often remains unappreciated. University plays bridge like role.

JU campus goes green and clean

KHALID

Jammu: Under the visionary leadership of Vice chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai JU launches green initiatives. Prof Rai said that the launch of these green initiatives marked a significant milestone in JU's journey to create a more sustainable and eco-friendly campus. These initiatives not only reduce our environmental footprint but also serve as educational tools, inspiring students and other stakeholders to adopt greener practices. The e-vehicles, waste material sculptures, and vertical gardens are practical examples of how we can creatively manage waste and promote green energy," he said.

45 Hours tapasya of PM Modi concludes at Kanyakumari

DILJEET

Jammu: Prime Minister Modi's spiritual visit to the Dhyan Mandapam, where the revered Hindu philosopher Swami Vivekananda is believed to have had a divine vision of 'Bharat Mata', began on Thursday, May 30 Kanyakumari. It is where India's Eastern and Western coastlines converge, and the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, and the Arabian Sea meet. Mythology also holds that Goddess Parvati meditated on one foot here as she awaited Lord Shiva. Modi's meditation at this historic and symbolic location was right before the last phase of elections on 1st of June 2024.

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