

Shaurya International School holds Annual Investiture Ceremony



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Shaurya International School held its annual Investiture Ceremony, a solemn occasion where student leaders were formally vested with their responsibilities.

Mr Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, Administrative Secretary, Labour and Employment Department, J&K was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

Mr Harinder Mahajan, Chairman, the School Management Committee, and Mr Sahil Mahajan, Vice-Chairman besides the

School Trustees also graced the ceremony with their benign presence.

It was also a proud moment for the parents, especially of elected members, to become part of this event.

While welcoming the Chief Guest and other dig-

nitaries, Principal Dr Rajesh Gandral apprised them about the steps taken during the election process. The school choir also presented a welcome song and then to seek the blessings of God, Ganesh Vandana was performed. The newly appointed student council members, adorned in their

sashes and badges, took the oath of office, pledging to uphold the values and ethos of the school.

This was followed by the official pinning of badges by the worthy Chief Guest, Mr Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, Chairman, Mr Harinder Mahajan, Vice-Chairman, Mr Sahil Mahajan, Princi-

pal Dr Rajesh Gandral, and House Mistresses of the respective Houses. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Mr Kumar Rajeev Ranjan highlighted the importance of leadership in today's dynamic world.

He urged the student leaders to lead by example and positively impact soci-

ety. In his speech, Chairman Mr Harinder Mahajan emphasised the significance of the Investiture Ceremony in shaping the character and future of the students. At the same time, Vice Chairman, Mr Sahil Mahajan encouraged the students to lead with morality and compassion.

International conference on Materials for Sustainable Development Begins at CUJ

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A three day "2nd International Conference on Materials for Sustainable Development and Technologies (ICMSDT-2024)" from 1-3, May 2024 at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, Central University of Jammu (CUJ).

The conference involved a gathering of renowned scientists and academicians across the country and abroad. The ICMSDT-2024 was organised by the Department of Nano Sciences and Materials under the patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice chancellor, CUJ.

In his presidential remarks Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University Jammu extended his heartiest welcome to the pool of intellectuals, dignitaries, and guests of the event. Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir graced the occasion as Chief guest.

Prof. Vinay Kumar, Dean of Applied and Basic Sciences, commended the Department of Nano sciences



for successfully organizing the 2nd International Conference. He further emphasized the importance of the research facilities, which will provide students and scholars with valuable opportunities to engage in innovative research.

Dr. Vishal Singh, the Convener of the conference, provided an overview of the event, while Dr. Praveen Mehta warmly introduced the chief guest and invited him to address the attendees.

The first day of the conference featured two parallel sessions that included

keynote lectures, plenary talks, invited talks, oral and poster presentations. The day began with ceremonial lamp lighting and the release of the "Abstract book." Prof. Balaji Rao Ravuri, Conference Chair of ICMSDT-2024 and Head of the Department of Nano Science and Materials, delivered a welcome address.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Convener, Dr Pragati Kumar. Approximate number of 250 participants were registered for the conference. The technical sessions

comprised the keynote talks by eminent speakers from various universities across India and abroad.

There were 27 delegates from the 13 Indian states and 26 delegates from 15 other nations that attended this conference. There were many participants from national and international level. Out of them 44 participated from 14 nations and 174 participated from 19 states of India. The conference was enriched by the presence of Prof. Sabu Thomas, Prof. K. K. Raina, Prof. Chennupati Jagdish, Prof. R.P. Tandon, and

Director CSIR-IIIM launch Swachhata Pakhwada

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In its staunch to enthusiastically work for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine has launched a fortnightly cleanliness drive here today at its main campus at Jammu.

An official spokesperson of the institution said the Swachhata Pakhwada activities were inaugurated by Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, with the plantation of saplings, followed by administering the Swachhata Pledge to scientists, technical, administrative staff, research scholars and other workers.

It is pertinent to mention that Swachhata Pakhwada is an initiative of the Prime Minister started in 2014 with the objective of bringing a fortnight of intense focus on the issues and practices of Swachhata by engaging GOI Ministries/Departments in their jurisdictions.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed while launching the Swachhata Pakhwada activities scheduled for next two weeks in the institute said that Swachhata Pakhwada is a significant initiative under



the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Mission and it is imperative for government offices to provide a clean and healthy working environment for its employees/visitors.

He also emphasised the need to educate people about the virtues of good sanitation practices and urged everyone to undertake special drives to clean their workplaces. CSIR-IIIM, Jammu under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has been observing this program every year, he added and mentioned that planting of more trees, cleaning of all labs, disposal of

wastes, cleaning whole premises of institute and its beautification have been scheduled during the Pakhwada.

For undertaking the various activities during this Swachhata Pakhwada, scientists, students, supporting staff and Safai Karamcharies will take active part, he said.

It was also mentioned that IIIM has a standing "Swachh Bharat Mission Committee" comprising of Dr. P.N Gupta, Senior Principal Scientist, Vikram Singh, Sr. Controller of Administration, Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Prin-

icipal Scientist, Dr. Ravi Shanker, Principal Scientist, Dr. Rajendra Bhanwaria, Senior Scientist, Dr. Love Sharma, Scientist, Arvind Kumar Yadav, Senior Technical Officer, Chandra Pal Singh, Technical Officer, Er. Jai Sharma, AEE Civil & Bal Krishan, Security Officer, who would monitor and oversee the activities which are going to be happened during the Pakhwada.

Prominent among other present were Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist, All HoDs, Ajay Kumar, Controller of Finance & Accounts, Dilip Gehlot, Store and Purchase Officer.

Justice Tashi Rabstan reviews facilities at Open Shelter Home for Girls, Phulwari

SRINAGAR, MAY 01: In order to review functioning and operational protocols of Child Care Institutions, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, (Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority), today visited the Open Shelter Home for Girls and State Adoption Agency (Phulwari) at Sanatnagar, Srinagar.

Justice Tashi was accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority and Muzaamil Hayat Kabli, Under Secre-

tary, J&K Legal Services Authority.

Mukhtair Ahmad, District Social Welfare Officer, Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Srinagar, Satinder Kour, Superintendent, Open Shelter Home and, Ulfat, Incharge Phulwari were present on the occasion.

During his visit, Justice Tashi Rabstan reviewed the facilities and protocols being followed by the State Adoption Agency (SAA) and the Open Shelter Home for Girls.

He took stock of every facility



from kitchen to the counselling room and from recreation facilities to skill development programs.

Justice Tashi stressed on ensuring security measures including installation of CCTV cameras in and around the premises, for safety and wellbeing of the inmates. He emphasized the significance of providing a nurturing environment for the girls under the care of Phulwari besides ensuring transparent and efficient adoption procedures.

The staff of the Phulwari, dur-

ing interaction with Justice Tashi, raised the issue of non-availability of Physiotherapist and speech therapist for the specially abled children.

Justice Tashi issued on the spot instructions to District Social Welfare Officer to engage these specialists for the inmates.

While expressing satisfaction regarding the facilities available at Phulwari, Justice Tashi appreciated the efforts of Social Welfare Department and the staff deputed at the Centre for taking due care of the children.