

Online orientation programme for IPM, EMBA concludes at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: More than 80 per cent of the students admitted to the current academic session of the IPM programme at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu are girls.

Of the 60 students admitted to the programme, 51 are girls. The premier B-school held its Online Orientation Programme of the first batch of IPM (2021-26) and EMBA (2021-23) on 8-10 October 2021.

Director of the Institute, Prof. B.S. Sahay said, "Women equality has always been the priority for the institute as it contributes to the betterment of the society. We aim to bring in quality education and equality for the girl child in higher education." Prof Sahay also highlighted the efforts made by the institute in promoting the girls' admission.

A prime factor has been to give extra ten marks to the female candidate under the



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu interacting with the IPM batch (2021-26) during valedictory session.

gender diversity component. All the students in full strength attended the orientation program via online mode.

EMBA and IPM Orientation Program started with a restorative Yoga and Meditation session conducted by Vajjayanti Joshi, a Yoga Therapist, a Nutritionist & a Motivational Coach.

On the final day of the orientation programme, industry stalwart speakers from various industries interacted

with the students.

Satyarth Priyedarshi, Head of Digital, Tata AIA, enlightened the students with multiple career opportunities in the budding digital sector. He outlined the workflow of various applications and platforms while describing two significant parts of the Digital Ecosystem - Digital Technology and Digital Media.

Dr J.P. Singh, Chief Medical Officer, Jammu, spoke about the Covid and

Vaccination situation in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Stressing on both communicable and non-communicable diseases, he advised to follow health protocols and take preventive measures.

KASH - Knowledge, Attitude, Skills, and Habits were the critical areas that Rohan Basotra, Head Learning and Development, Jaquar Group, emphasized. Abhinav Singhal, Head of Strategy & Transformation, Services APJ, SAP Singapore, shared his valuable insights about the responsibilities and dynamics of the consulting industry. He concluded by highlighting the importance of soft skills while climbing the corporate ladder.

"Do not compete with anyone; look into the mirror and try to be a better version of yourself," stated Dipika Trehan, CEO, The How Forum, and discussed the parallel value of human emotions in the emerging e-learning era.

Sandeep Chatterjee, Director, Deloitte, asserted the importance of networking in B-schools and mentioned no substitute for hard work, dedication, and commitment.

Arvind Kumar, the CEO, Dukes India, emphasized the formula for growth in life where uncalculated risks play an important role. He further added that one needs to be ready to face challenges and plan to handle failure.

A brief orientation program report was presented by Nitin Upadhyay, Chairperson (IPM). 3-Day online orientation program for the 1st Batch of IPM and 1st Batch of EMBA.

The valedictory session took place in the presence of Prof B.S. Sahay, spoke about the significance of the branding and how it has helped IIM Jammu bridge the gap with the aspirants and corporate.

Pankaj K Agarwal, Chairperson Executive Education, gave a vote of thanks.

BJP holds meeting of Membership Drive Deptt



BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir BJP on Sunday held meeting of its department of National Membership drive at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

BJP State General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul chaired and chiefly addressed the meeting while it was also addressed by National Membership Drive Department State Incharge Jugal Dogra, Co-Incharge & former MLA Khour Dr. Krishan and Co-Incharge & former MLA Hiranagar Kuldeep.

Department Co-Incharges Ramesh Lal & Ravinder Biallovria along with District Convenors and Co-Convenors of Department from 17 organizational Districts namely

Jaideep Singh Sambyal, Ankush Mahajan, Iqbal Khawaja, Ravinder, Asha Nand Khajuria, Bakhtar Singh, Kasturi Lal, Mohan Lal, Sanjeet Sharma, Prem Kumar, Kesar Krishan, Shiv Choudhary, Sanjay Saraf, Rajeev Sadhotra, Sarpanch Suraj Singh, Rajeev Pandita, Prashant Bhandari and others participated in the meeting. Ashok Kaul discussed the minute details of the National membership drive and praised the department members for their unrelenting work for extending the base of the party during last major drive.

He asked the team members to give their best in this drive too and in the series asked them to approach well below booth level. He asked them to identify the areas and groups

where the membership of BJP is still below our target and asked the team members to work upon those areas with proactive approach. Kaul asked the Department activists to maintain their level of working with dedication at District and Mandal level with the formation of proactive Mandal teams and conducting regular meetings at ground level to achieve the purpose. He asked them to approach every BJP active member and ensure their reach up to the primary members of the party.

Kaul added that the BJP holds the distinction of being the largest party in terms of primary as well as active membership at National level as well as in the region of Jammu & Kashmir and in the coming drive to the department members must do extra efforts to reach new heights in terms of membership, which will also form the base of the strong BJP government in the future.

Jugal Dogra thanked the senior party leadership for all the useful directions and assured that the team members will leave no stone unturned to ensure reach of party membership drive to the every hamlet in the region.

SPMR College of Commerce conducts week-long awareness activities on Mental Health

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JAMMU: Psychological-cum-Career Counselling Cell of Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu conducted week-long awareness activities on Mental Health under 'Manodarpan' an Initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India under the guidance of Prof Ranjeet Singh Jamwal, Principal of the College.

The valedictory programme began with introductory note by Coordinator of Manodarpan Reeta Menia. The formal welcome address was given by the Principal who expressed his happiness that the team Manodarpan is doing a lot in spreading awareness about Mental Health.

"Youngsters are doing a lot to keep their body fit by

going to Gyms but equal and more importance is to be given for keeping a healthy mind," Prof Ranjeet said.

On the first day there was an online session of 'Meri Ankahi Kahani': My Untold Story in this students narrated their stories of depression, low sad times especially the effect of COVID-19 on every one's mind and body. Pooja Devi, Senior Nurse in SMGS hospital talked about the struggles of doctors and nurses during COVID-19 and how they are coping with it.

Second day Dr. Bal Krishen, Asst. Prof. in Zoology in Govt. Degree College, Ramban talked about the body and mind closely working together and how we can increase levels of happiness.

On the third and fourth

Day online poster and painting event was organized with the theme 'Checkmate Problems: My lows, My ways (creative Expression)'.

Students contributed by giving expression to their inner most emotions through painting and poster making.

On fourth day students were shown motivational and inspirational video clips. After every video there was a detailed discussion to understand and also get inspired from it. On the fifth day Dr. Romesh Sharma, Head Counseling Cell, Directorate of School Education, Jammu guided the students. that mental health is equally important as physical health.

On the sixth Day a two hour session 'The Surprising Science of

Happiness: Art of Living' understanding mind through meditation. The session was conducted by Varun Upadhyaya and Shruti Dhiman Faculty from Art of Living, Bangalore along with Ajay Kapoor, State Coordinator, Bureau of communications, DDC and Projects Art of living J&K chapter.

The week long programme was conceptualized by Prof. Archana Kaul (Convenor, Manodarpan: Psychological cum Career Counselling Cell) and coordinated by Ms. Reeta Menia and Ashu Manhas (Coordinators, Psychology and Career Counselling Cell), conducted by Deepak Pathania, Jagmeet Kour, Shreya Sharma, Rajni Bala and Dr. Sakshi Sharma .The formal vote of thanks were presented by Deepak Pathania.

Situation bad to worse post Art 370 abrogation: Mula Ram

Teach BJP a lesson in coming Assembly elections: Hari Singh

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JAMMU: Senior Congress leader and former minister, Mula Ram and District Congress Committee (DCC) Rural President Hari Singh have lambasted the alleged hollow claims of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Govt at the centre about bringing normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a joint statement issued by the two senior Congress leaders here today, Mula Ram said that after Abrogation of Art 370 from the erstwhile state on August 5, 2019, the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has been going from bad to worst with each passing day which is reflected from the fact that as per the available data, during this year more civilians than security forces have been killed in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in various terrorist related incidents. He alleged that the

recent targeted killing of civilians that includes prominent citizens and non-locals in the Valley has undoubtedly reversed the trend of the past six years. He added that 22 civilians were killed in the Valley as compared to 20 security personnel till October 5, 2021 while in 2020, the number of civilians who were killed stood at 33 and the number of killed security force personnel was 46.

Hari Singh while holding the BJP Govt responsible for such a crisis in Kashmir Valley said that it is due to the weak and hollow policies of Modi Govt that the people of J&K have been suffering badly. He lamented that no employment, no industrialization, unemploy-

ment at peak, high inflation are the gifts of BJP Govt to the people of J&K which it claims to be its major achievements.

Hari Singh appealed to the people to strengthen the Congress Party which is pro-people and committed for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir: He said that during 70 years of rule in India, the country witnessed unprecedented development in every sector. He asked the people to teach the BJP a lesson in the upcoming Assembly elections in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir which may be announced any time.

The senior Congress leaders have also appreciated the Party High Command for sending Rajni Patil (MP), AICC Incharge J&K Affairs, for expressing solidarity with the families of the targeted killings by terrorists in Kashmir.

JKTA asks Govt to release NPS share of teachers

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Association (JKTA) held virtual meeting under the leadership of its UT President Bhupinder Singh and attended by Executive Members and District Presidents of Jammu Division.

Bhupinder Singh has hailed the Director School Education Jammu for transfer of Masters under Annual Transfer Drive. Singh also demanded that the transfer of left out districts be done at an earliest. Bhupinder also asked the Finance Department to release the share of NPS Teachers which is lying pending.

The virtual meeting was attended by Akhtar Abbas Niak, Joginder Digra, Farooq Daing, Sanjeev Guleria, Sunil Salaria, Ravinder Sharma, Shoket Ali, Farooq Tanha, Irfan Bajaj, Vikas Khajuria, Mehboob Alam, Pardeep Choudhry, Dr Parkash Shastri, Sadaket Malik, Pawan Kumar, Tirth Singh, Asif Banday, Charan Dass, Mannohan Singh, Nasib Chand, Joginder Singh, Ishaq Khayal, Dhruv Singh, Sunil Bhardwaj, Sudesh Kumar, Ray Raj Thakur, Vikram Singh ,Sajad Malik, Ghulam Nabi Mir and Uttam Singh.

ABVP SKUAST-J unit submits memorandum to Dr Jitendra



ABVP SKUAST-J members submitting memorandum to Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), unit of SKUAST-J submitted a memorandum to Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh during his visit to the university during Northern India Regional Agriculture Fair 2021. ABVP Unit SKUAST-Jammu led by President Sourav Manhas, Secretary Sneha Choudhary met Dr. Jitendra and put forth the long pending demand of upgrading SKUAST-Jammu to Central Agricultural University, Jammu. Dr. Jitendra was apprised of the merits of SKUAST-J that this university caters a diverse range of climatic conditions right from sub-

tropical to temperate regions and by and large typically represents the predominant cropping systems and almost all kind of agricultural and allied activities being practiced in north India. Dr. Jitendra patiently listened to the demand and assured that he will also take up this matter with the concerned quarters in order to get this demand materialize in the coming days.

Dr. A.P. Singh (ABVP State Vice President), National Executive Committee Member, Agrivision & SFD State Converner Radheysham Kumavat, State Converner Agrivision Deepak Pandey and Social media incharge Sourav were also present.

Raj Badyal, prominent political persons from Kishtwar join BJP

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JAMMU: Hundreds of prominent social and political persons under the leadership of senior Congress leader Raj Badyal from Kishtwar and surrounding areas joined BJP in the presence of J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Vice-President Shakti Raj Parihar, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, former Minister Bali Bhagat and Tariq Keen at party headquarter, here. Ravinder Raina, speaking on the occasion, said that BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set up an example of how much can truly be done for uplifting the masses. This is the true "Sabka



BJP leaders welcoming newly joined members.

Saath, Sabka Vikas", which has been achieved under the BJP government. He, while welcoming the new entrants said that these persons have understood that real service of the mother Earth can only be done in BJP.

This will also further strengthen the hands of PM Modi to further speed up the

development process initiated in the state along with the whole of Nation, he said.

Shakti Raj Parihar, said that PM Modi led the development of the J&K state from the front. He said that today, every person is appreciating the services done by BJP under the guidance of Modi. He also enumerated various landmark

works done for the region. Ashok Kaul, said that the policies and schemes of Modi government have touched the lives of people living in the remotest of areas. The people living in far flung areas have appreciated the concern of Modi government for their welfare and they have established that they will contribute in the grand victory by BJP.

Sunil Sharma said that we have been daily expanding our family with the entrance of new faces in the party. This speaks of our success as people's party. These people have decided to be part of our effort to develop the area and we will together progress to achieve bigger target of bright and developed future.

DFSS holds protest against opening of meat shops during Navratras



DFSS activists raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta held a protest against the selling of meat and chicken during the auspicious Navratras in Jammu city as it hurts the religious sentiments of the people. Gupta stated that most of the shops in the municipal areas of Jammu are selling meat and chicken are open but the order passed by the corporation is not applicable on the ground.

Gupta forwarded the order to the different police stations as well as to the JMC

Mayor and Municipality Commissioner to take immediate steps so that the rules can be implemented firmly on the ground. In an telephonic conversation with the JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta that the order passed should be implemented firmly on the ground.

The party president very firmly said that the order should be implemented on the ground otherwise the religious people, god fearing people will have to take the matter into their own hands.

Others present in the protest were Birbal, Labba, Deepu, Devinder, Suresh, Vikramjit and Ashu.

KCT donates benches to Jogi Gate cremation ground Need for more philanthropic pursuits today: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Continuing its philanthropic pursuits, the Khukrain Charitable Trust donated a number of sitting benches to the management of the Cremation Ground, Jogi Gate Jammu.

These benches were formally donated by Chanchal Sethi and Subash Chander Sethi, founder Trustee of the said Trust in presence of Yudhvir Sethi, Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party Vice President and Trust President Surinder Sarang besides Arun Sethi, Harvinder Singh, Sandeep Dogra and others prominent citizens of Jammu city present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Subash Chander Sethi, the Founder Trustee said that it was the demand put forth by the management of this Cremation Ground that there is a dire need for sitting facility for the senior citizens who come here to attend the cremation of their nears and dears. He



Khukrain Charitable Trust members donating benches to management of Jogi Gate Cremation Ground, Jammu.

added that the trust management decided to fulfill this genuine demand at the earliest in the interest of the senior citizens who devoted their whole life time for the welfare of society. He asserted that taking up the requirements at this Cremation Ground as our social responsibility the Trust came forward to extend all possible support in this regard to ensure equitable and overall development of facilities for the society at large.

Sethi in his address lauded the endeavours of the Khukrain Charitable Trust for devotedly conducting philanthropic pur-

suits for the society at large. He urged the financially sound people to get inspired by the regular contributions of this for the benefit of the society and constitute more trusts to contribute for the social cause. He said that it is only the combination of individual and collective efforts that lead to a happy and prosperous society.

Asserting that today there is a dire need for pursuing philanthropic activities, Sethi hoped that more people will come forward and display philanthropy by conducting various activities especially for the benefit of the needy in a mission mode.

Public should support door-to-door garbage collection campaign: Baru

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JAMMU: Speeding up the "door to door" garbage collection campaign, BJP senior leader and JMC Councilor ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru handed over a new load carrier Auto and 3 dustbin-based Rickshaws to JMC SafaiKaramcharis in the presence of Sanitary Inspector Harjit Singh and Ward Supervisor William Massih.

Speaking on the occasion, Baru said that Union Government under the dynamic leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after the removal of Article 370 and 35/A started all over development of Jammu-



Councilor Sanjay Baru handing over 3 dustbin-based Rickshaws to JMC Safaikaramcharis.

Kashmir(UT) and to boost the grassroots development 73rd and 74th amendments were also made but we still need to be done more efforts to improve our sanitation system in the City of Temples.

Baru said that after the

formation of the new Jammu Municipal Corporation, all the elected JMC Councillors were agreed to remove the piles of dumping garbage lying on the front of lanes and roadsides.

"To improve the JMC sani-

tation system door-to-door garbage collection campaign was started by us in all our respective Wards but some people are not cooperating this great initiative by JMC," he said.

For the success of "Swachh Bharat" dream of our Prime Minister Narinder Modi, Baru appealed the public to cooperate the door to door garbage collection campaign and to join hands with JMC to make Jammu as "Smart City".

On this occasion, Ashok Wazir, Jatin Sethi, Jitendra Khajuria, Jagdish Manhas, Bhanu Samyal, Sanjay Sharma, Ashish Gupta and the sanitation workers of the ward were also present.