

# IIIM celebrates 82nd CSIR Foundation Day

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JAMMU: The 82nd foundation day of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), was celebrated on Monday at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu. CSIR is the largest R&D organization in India having a pan-India presence with a network of 37 national laboratories, across the country. Padam Shri Professor Vinod K. Singh, Rahul and Namita Gautam Chair Professor, IIT Kanpur, a distinguished luminary of Indian Science was the Chief Guest on the occasion and delivered CSIR Foundation lecture, "Towards Excellence in Science & Technology". While addressing the audience, he lucidly dealt with the various opportunities, challenges and the way forward to achieve the quality and excellence in the science



Padam Shri Professor Vinod K. Singh, Rahul and Namita Gautam Chair Professor, IIT Kanpur honoured during the event.

and technology. Complimenting the work of CSIR through last more than eight decades in various domains & specialties, Prof. Singh underscored the importance of good governance and the role of management, heads of institutions, young professionals. On this occasion, chief guest also presented the mementos and "Samman Patra" to employees who superannuated during last one year and who completed 25 years of

service in CSIR. The retired employees who were presented the mementos and Samman Patra were Vikram Abrol, Angrez Chand, Bhushan Lal, Saudagar Lal, Kuldeep Singh, Umid Singh Thapa, Ram Lal, Sodagar Lal, Tara Chand, Bhushan Lal, Sat Paul and Girdhari Lal. Vinod Meena on completion of 25 years of regular service was also honoured during the event. Earlier, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed,

Director of CSIR- IIIM, presented welcome address and introduced Prof Vinod K Singh to the audience as Scientist of international repute who is one among the Indian Science Policy makers, recipient of Padma Shri, TWAS, Italy-CASAREP Award for Building Scientific Institutions, Samman Patra by UP Government, Distinguished Alumnus Award, BHU, Vigyan Ratna Award of UP, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award and Swaranjayanti Fellowship. He is fellow of all Science Academies of India (FNA, FASE, FNASc). The event also marked as an open day to all the school and college students. More than 500 students from various schools i.e. K V Sunjawan, KV-1 Jammu, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bhartiya Vidhya Mandir, Army Public School, Jammu Cant. Army Public School, Akhnoor, and others visited the institute. Further around 350 students from colleges associated with Cluster University Jammu, Jammu University, and SMVD University, Katra visited the exhibitions and different labs of the institute. The students also interacted with scientists and got to know about of research methodologies. Among many others, Dr. G.D. Singh, Ex-Chief Scientist, Asha Chaubey, Dhiraj Vyas, Sumit Gandhi, Qazi Naved Ahmed (all HoDs), Vikram Singh, Sr.CO.A, Shashank Singh, Sr. Principal Scientist, Saurabh Saran, Convenor, CSIR Foundation Day Org. Committee and Dilip Kumar Gehlot, SPO were present. Dr. Deepika Singh conducted the proceedings whileas Er Abdul Rahim, Head RMBD & IST presented the formal vote of thanks.

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# J&K Grameen Bank inks MoU with JKB Financial Services Limited to introduce Demat account, Mutual Fund products

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JAMMU: J&K Grameen Bank on Monday entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with JKB Financial Services Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of J&K Bank) at Head Office, J&K Grameen Bank, Narwal, Jammu with the objective of introducing Demat account and Mutual Fund products in the Bank thereby catering to the financial needs of wider cross-section of customers across the rural regions of UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh. Suresh Chander Sharma, General manager, J&K Grameen Bank and Syed Aadil Bashir, Managing Director, JKB Financial Services Limited signed the MoU in presence of Sh. Sanjay Gupta, Chairman J&K Grameen Bank. While speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Gupta,



Officials of J&K Grameen Bank and JKB Financial Services Limited signing MoU.

Chairman, J&K Grameen Bank highlighted that signing of the MoU with JKBFSL has been one of the numerous initiatives Bank has taken to ensure that all kinds of banking and financial services are extended to its clientele under one roof. He further informed that by virtue of the MoU, JKGB shall be offering a wide range of investment options in mutual fund and equity segments to its valuable clients through JKBFSL. Syed Aadil Bashir, Managing Director, JKBFSL, while

speaking on the occasion emphasised that by opening a DEMAT account a customer opens its doors for investing in a huge array of financial products in a hassle-free manner. Considering the large customer base of J&K Grameen Bank, both the organisations have collaborated to provide customized financial investment solutions to the clients of JKGB & use the intensive branch network of the bank to penetrate the remotest areas of UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh.

# Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 4.0 organised at GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS unit II GGM Science College under the patronage of worthy Principal Prof Rajesh Kumar Gupta and guidance of NSS PO DrDeepali Mahajan organised a Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 4.0. The run was flagged off by Principal. Prof. M S Saini and Prof Rajkumar Gupta graced the occasion. NSS volunteers PalvinderKour, Siya Gupta, Sanchit Sharma, Ananya Gupta, Himanshu Sharma, Divyanshu Sharma, Tamana Doga, Pragti Salgotra, Anamika Thukaan, Aditi Bassin, Sana Thakur, Manisha Sharma, Simran Bharti, Harkenkour, Solaney, Amanpreet Singh, Amandeep Singh, Anuj Sukha, Sumit, Danish, Anuradha, Irfan,



Principal. Prof. M S Saini flagging off run.

Divyanshu Sharma participated in the run. The aim being awareness to the citizens to be urged to inculcate 30 minutes of physical fitness in any form, celebrate achievements of active lifestyle and make a resolve to remain fit "Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat". FIT India Movement was launched by Narendra Modi. The campaign has a fitness pledge: "I promise to myself that I will

devote time for physical activity and sports every day and I will encourage my family members and neighbours to be physically fit and make India a fit nation."The mission of the Movement is to bring about behavioural changes and move towards a more physically active lifestyle. To promote fitness as easy, fun and free, To spread awareness on fitness and various physical activities

that promote fitness through focused campaigns, To encourage indigenous sports, To make fitness reach every school, college/university, panchayat/village, etc. To create a platform for citizens of India to share information, drive awareness and encourage sharing of personal fitness stories. The Principal, Staff appreciated the efforts of NSS unit II volunteers.

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JAMMU: The 120th Syndicate meeting of University of Jammu was held under the chairmanship of Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu. In his opening remarks, Prof Umesh Rai extended a warm welcome to Alok Kumar (IRS), Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, J&K, Prof J.P. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow, Ravi Shankar, Special Secretary to Govt, Higher Education Department, J&K, Shadi Lal Pandita, Advisor to Finance Dept, UT J&K & other members of the Syndicate for their support to University of Jammu. Prof Umesh Rai expressed gratitude to outgoing mem-



Prof Umesh Rai, VC JU chairing a meeting.

bers of the syndicate i.e Vivek Bharadwaj, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department J&K State, Ex-Financial Advisor (Universities), Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K U.T, Ex. Financial Advisor Universities, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Dept. Of Economics, UoJ. Prof. Rai in his address elaborated on recent initia-

tives of the University particularly in creating an ecosystem of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. He also spoke in detail the recent unique initiative of University of Jammu i.e Undergraduate Degree Program-Design Your Degree. He further said this program is unique, as it embraces the spirit of NEP 2020 in totality. Prof Rahul

Gupta, Registrar, University of Jammu presented 59 agenda items in the meeting. Threadbare discussions were held on the items of academic importance. The Syndicate meeting was attended by Prof Chandra Bhushan Sharma, Department of Education, IGNOU, Prof Sunita Singh Sengupta, Department of Management Studies, Delhi University, Prof Sangeeta Rani, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof K.S Charak, Dept of Mathematics, Prof Seema Langar, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Dr Manisha Kohli, Principal, GDC, Bani, Dr Mohd Abbas Shah, Principal, GDC, Marwah, The meeting was coordinated by Dr Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Imran Farooq, Incharge Coordination section.

# JJAR observes 9th Death Anniversary of Founder Chairman Dr. Roop Lal Sharma



JJAR Management paying tributes to Founder Chairman Dr Roop Lal Sharma.

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JAMMU: In the memory of Late Respected Dr. Roop Lal Sharma, Founder Chairman, Shri Sain Charitable Trust for Higher Education and Research, Jammu, Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research along with other colleges of Trust conducted a Programme to mark his 9th Death

Anniversary. Chairperson of the Trust, Suman Sharma, Japna Sharma and Jasuda Sharma, CEOs, Dr. Sharada, Principal along with all the staff and students payed respects. Dr. Manu Sharma, Associate Professor Dept. of Kriya Sharir & Dr Mansi Gupta, Assistant Professor Dept of RNVV shared about

Sir's journey ,his real life achievements ,his dedication ,his contributions for the society and also about their own experiences with him. A silence was observed in the memory of Dr Roop Lal Sharma . Entire audience was emotional during the prayer meet and felt heartfelt gratitude towards Dr Roop Lal.

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JAMMU: Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences, Central University of Jammu organised a Scientific and Technical Outreach programme in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). BARC, a premier institution in nuclear research, has extended its expertise to the students and faculty, enriching their academic landscape and equipping their minds with the tools to make a difference in the world. The programme started with the preliminary round of quiz competition. After that, an inauguration function was held. BARC delegates delivered lectures on topics Radiation Safety in Health and Environment, Nuclear Reactor, Food Radiation and Innovation & Opportunities in BARC. Two skits on



Organisers along with participant students posing for photograph.

"Nuclear Reactor - Harit urja ka Akshay srot" and "Kum me hai Dum" were also performed. The Scientific and Technical Outreach Programme at Central University of Jammu serves as a testament to the University's commitment to excellence in education and its mission to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration needed to make a positive impact on society. The programme was

organized under the patronship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu. S. Mondal, Smt. Heema Rao, Yatin Thakur and others from BARC graced the event. The program was coordinated by Prof. Yashwant Singh, Prof. Vinay Kumar and Prof. Suram Singh. Prof. Yashwant in his speech highlighted the University achievement during

its inception. In his speech, Prof. Vinay said that this event has inspired our students to aim higher, dream bigger, and embark on a journey of discovery that will shape the future of science and technology. Prof. Suram in his welcome speech emphasizes on the importance of such partnerships in bridging the gap between academia and industry. This collaboration is a testament to the fact that when educa-

tional institutions and research centres join hands, they create an ecosystem where innovation thrives, and solutions to complex challenges are born. The winners of the final quiz competition were Mr. Varun Sharma and Mr. Raj Kumar Singh. Prof. Vinay expressed thanks to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for their unwavering support and partnership in making this initiative a reality. During the valedictory session, Dr. Ashish Kumar presented a comprehensive report of the event. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Manvi Rajput. Professor Vinod K. Singh, Chief Guest of CSIR Foundation Day Function being felicitated by Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu on Monday.

# Seven-day theatre workshop begins at SPMR College of Commerce

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JAMMU: NSS Units of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, Jammu inaugurated 07 day Theatre Workshop for Students under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The program began with the lighting of traditional lamp by the dignitaries and Principal of the college. Mr. Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, he said in our continuous effort to promote theatre activities among the youth, the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages is organizing a 7-Day Theatre Workshop in Jammu. The target audience for this workshop is



College faculty along with dignitaries and participants students.

students in the age group of 19 to 23 years. The workshop is designed to accommodate up to 20 students, and each participant will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the programme. He further emphasized, to ensure the highest quality of expert and

guidance. Academy will be inviting seasoned theatre experts from outside and the experts of their own institution to lead the workshop and impart valuable knowledge in the field of Theatre Arts. Principal Dr. Surinder Kumar formally welcomed the Chief Guest and applauded the

efforts of the NSS Program Officers and J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages for providing such kind of platform to the students where students will be learning how to handle the lights, how to design for a performance based on the type of venue, mood, rhythm and costumes, etc. About 20 interested students from the college will be participating in the said workshop. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Prof. Deepshikha Sharma and Prof. Apfan Ali, NSS POs of the college. Other faculty members present on the occasion were Prof. Savita Jamwal, Dr. Monika Malhotra, Dr. Sarabjeet Kour, Dr. Jagmeet Kour, Dr. Roomi Rani, Prof. Rajni Bala and Dr. Fayza. Prof. Deepshikha Sharma presented formal vote of thanks.

# POKLF to organise 'Mashaal Rally' to pay homage to Martyrs of 1947

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JAMMU: The Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (POJKLF) under the chairmanship of Convener POJKLF Pritam Lal Sharma on Monday organised a meeting of its Working Committee members at Gadi Garh, Jammu. The meeting held discussions with regard to the observance of Remembrance Day of Martyrs of 22



POJKLF members after the meeting.

October, 1947' and other burning issues related to the POJK displaced peoples. The meeting decided to

organize a 'Mashaal Rally' on 21st of October to pay homage to the more than 70,000 martyrs of the genocide in

the Pakistan Army backed Tribal raid on the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir started on 22nd Oct 1947 from Muzaffarabad. Convener POJKLF, Pritam Lal Sharma laid emphasis on ensuring large participation by the members of the POJK displaced community especially from the youth to pay respect to their ancestors who lost their lives on the fateful day.

Prominent among those present in the meeting include Vikas Sharma Co-convenor (POJKLF), S. Surjeet Singh, Pt. Deputy Nath Sharma, Ex. Sarpanch Vijay Sharma, Suraj Parkash Bakshi, Pushak Sharma, Inder Parkash Khajuria, B R Sharma, Lekh Raj Sharma, Ashok Sharad, Kaushal Kumar, Pushap Khajuria, Romesh Kumar Sharma, Shanti Saroop Sharma and S. Makhhan Singh.

# Meri Mati, Mera Desh campaign is to express gratitude towards immortal sons: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan leads the "Kalash Yatra" in association with Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign in RSPura along with former Minister Sham Choudhary, State Secretary and Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, Municipal Committee Chairman SatPal Pappi, Former MLC Vikram Randhawa, District General Secretary Akash Chopra, District Vice President Vikram Sharma, Mandal President Vikram Sandhu, and Councillors and 13 wards of Municipal Committee RSPura, Panchayat Rangpur and Gagian include with their Amrit Kalash join the Yatra which starts from Hanuman Mandir RS Pura and reached BDO office RSPura. Sham Choudhary stated, that the aim of the Meri Maati, Mera Desh campaign is to express the feeling of gratitude towards the immortal sons and to strengthen the belief among their families that the entire country is with them. Ayodhya Gupta asserted



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan leading the Kalash Yatra at R S Pura.

the campaign will be launched to honour the martyred bravehearts and programmes will be organised across India in memory of those who laid down their lives for the country. Sat Pal Pappi and Vikram Randhawa highlighted the achievements of the Modi-led government and encouraged the public to take advantage of the various schemes initiated by the central government. They emphasized that it is his moral duty to be among the people and serve their interests. Rekha emphasized that under the campaign, soil will be collected from different villages of District Jammu South to create the Amrit Vatika which will be built near the National War

Memorial in New Delhi by fusing the soil and saplings that would arrive in 7500 urns from different parts of the country. During the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign, The aim of the Meri Maati, Mera Desh campaign is to express the feeling of gratitude towards the immortal sons and to strengthen the belief among their families that the entire country is with them," she added. Later Rekha Mahajan flanked by BJP leaders handed over the Amrit Kalash to BDO Rajesh Padha in the esteem presence of DDC Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, Param Veer Chakr Bana Singh, and families of Martyrs and other dignitaries.