

Dr Jitendra chairs IIPA National Executive meeting, advises collaboration in 'Karmayogi' programme

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NEW DELHI: While chairing the National Executive meeting of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) here today, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh advised institute's collaboration in the Modi Government's flagship programme Mission "Karmayogi".

Institutions like Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), said Dr Jitendra Singh, should work in sync with Karmayogi programme of the Government of India to train personnel for tackling new challenges of governance, especially to train young civil servants of not only Centre but States and Union Territories as well.

Dr Jitendra Singh also mentioned that Assistant Secretaries on Delhi stint must be exposed to modern



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing the National Executive Council meeting of Indian Institute of Public Administration at IIPA House, New Delhi on Monday.

governance tools in IIPA for their better understanding. This will make them more aware and oriented about the working of Govt of India and the functioning of IIPA, he said.

Envisaged in 2020, the flagship Mission Karmayogi has been carefully designed to lay the foundations for capacity building for Civil Servants so that they remain entrenched in Indian Culture and sensibilities and remain connected, with their roots, while they learn from the best institutions and practices across the world. The Programme is being delivered by setting up an Integrated Government Online

Training-iGOTKarmayogi Platform.

Capacity of Civil Services plays a vital role in rendering a wide variety of services, implementing welfare programs and performing core governance functions. A transformational change in Civil Service Capacity is proposed to be affected by organically linking the transformation of work culture, strengthening public institutions and adopting modern technology to build civil service capacity with the overall aim of ensuring efficient delivery of services to citizens.

Speaking about injecting young blood in IIPA, the Minister said, "We took a

request them or suggest to them to acquire the membership otherwise in the normal course most of them are not aware of it but once they are told they're very happy doing it."

The Minister also informed about his initiative to make IIPA an integrated board, which is much more integrated than a few years ago amalgamating institutions like Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, DoPT.

Established on March 29, 1954, the IIPA believes in building upon the vision of its founding fathers. The IIPA aims to be one of the world's leading academic centres of thought and influence on public governance, policies and implementation so that public governance systems are more responsive to human needs and aspirations and aligned with human values. It also believes in creating an enabling environment for the development and management of human resources of the government for efficient, effective accountable responsive transparent & ethical governance.

decision of opening up the membership because otherwise it was getting reduced to the retired officers' club and the results have been very rewarding. In the last two years we have had the youngest members among the Assistant Secretaries who just passed out of Mussoorie.

He even suggested IIPA for thinking about having a membership drive because many of the prospective members have not acquired membership because they're not aware of it. He said, "Every year what we are doing is that we have a batch of assistance secretaries before they go to their respective cadres, we



AIIMS Jammu Postgraduates set new benchmark of Academic Excellence at National Conference

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JAMMU: AIIMS Jammu announced a significant milestone in its journey as post-graduate students from the Department of Dental Education & Research have brought home prestigious accolades.

In just three months since the inception of postgraduate programs in Medical, Surgical, and Dental disciplines, our students have already begun to make their mark at the national level.



AIIMS Jammu Postgraduates Dr. Kinjal Shah and Dr. Andrea Joseph winning Best Poster/Paper Presentation at a national specialty conference held in Chennai.

Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu, expressed immense pride in sharing the achievement of Dr. Kinjal Shah (Mumbai, Maharashtra) and Dr. Andrea Joseph (Thrissur, Kerala), who won the Best Poster/Paper Presentation at a national specialty conference held in Chennai from October 3rd to 5th.

The Director expressed, "The 32nd IESCON National Conference, with nearly 1,000 participants representing government and private dental colleges from across India, was an inspiring platform for academic exchange. With over 700 presentations, only 65 were awarded in Paper/Poster Competition, and it is a matter of immense pride that both Dr. Kinjal Shah and Dr. Andrea Joseph from AIIMS Jammu secured first prizes in their respective sessions. Their work showcased innovative applications of technology to overcome modern dental challenges and enhance treatment outcomes."

"It is a proud moment for us," said Prof. (Dr) Gupta. He further added, "Our postgraduates competed against partic-

ipants from private, government, INIs, and emerged victorious, demonstrating the quality and dedication nurtured at AIIMS Jammu. Winning such accolades on a national platform speaks volumes about the dedication of our students and the tireless efforts of our faculty. This is just the beginning for AIIMS Jammu."

Dr. Kinjal Shah and Dr. Andrea Joseph expressed their gratitude to AIIMS Jammu for providing them with the necessary guidance, and encouragement. Both postgraduates conveyed their heartfelt thanks to the Honorable Director for being a constant source of inspiration, to Dean (Academics), Prof (Dr) Meeta Gupta, for making AIIMS Jammu a home away from home, and to their Head of Department, Prof (Dr) Saurabh Kumar Gupta, for his unwavering support, vision, and mentorship.

In a special note of appreciation, Prof. (Dr) Saurabh Gupta extended his appreciation to the Senior Residents- Dr. Sanjana Khullar, Dr. Rahul Sharma, and Dr. Ankush Sangra- for their unwavering dedication, commitment, and the time they invested in sharing their knowledge and boosting the morale of the students. Their contributions have been pivotal in shaping this success.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Shakti Gupta congratulated the students, emphasizing that "every success comes with responsibility." He encouraged them to continue raising the bar and reminded all students that this achievement is just the beginning of many more to come. "Together, we will take AIIMS Jammu to new heights,"

PD&SJ Pulwama visits Special Jail Correctional Home



PD&SJ Pulwama during visit to Special Jail Correctional Home Pulwama.

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PULWAMA: In compliance to the directions of JK Legal Services Authority, Naseer Ahmad Dar, Principal District and Sessions Judge (PD&SJ) Pulwama, Secretary DLISA Pulwama along with Legal Aid Defense Counsels (LADCs) Pulwama and Shopian on Monday visited Special Jail Correctional Home Pulwama. During the visit, the PD&SJ along with team took stock of facilities avail-

able to the jail inmates and also reviewed the working of Legal Aid Clinic at Sub-Jail Pulwama. He also took feedback about their grievances.

On spot directions were passed to the Superintendent Sub-Jail Pulwama with regard to addressing facilities, cleanliness and other related issues faced by the jail inmates. The inmates were also assured that other issues raised by them will be taken up with concerned authority.

Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrates World Habitat Day

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JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated World Habitat Day at Channi Himmat, here, in which Dr. Devansh Yadav, Municipal Commissioner, Jammu and Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Limited was the Chief Guest and Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE; Chairman, IBI, Jammu Local Centre, and Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary were present among large number of engineers, professionals and members of the civil society.



JMC Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav and others at a programme.

A seminar on the theme "Engaging youth to create a better urban future" was organized on the occasion. In her welcome address, she emphasized the critical role young people can play in shaping sustainable, inclusive, and resilient cities. As urbanization accelerates globally, cities are grappling with large range of challenges, including overcrowding, environmental degradation, housing shortages and

social inequality. She said young people with their fresh perspectives and innovative thinking are uniquely positioned to address these challenges and lead transformative change.

Four numbers of the technical papers on the theme were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. Sumil Goyal, MIE & Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist.

The Chief Guest said that all the stakeholders must work together in an effective and mutually beneficial manner to implement measure for a Carbon Free Jammu & Kashmir and cre-

ate sustainable settlements. He further emphasized to create green zones within Jammu City during implementation of Smart City Mission in Jammu.

Sachin Tickoo said this Day is celebrated to focus on the state of human settlements and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter.

It also aims to remind people that they are responsible for the habitat of future generations. He urged that by prioritizing the sustainable, resilient, and inclusive cities, we can guarantee that everyone has a place to call home.

He further presented the vote of thanks.

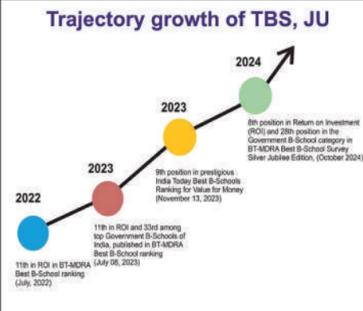
TBS, JU escalates in National Rankings 2024

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JAMMU: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu, has once again demonstrated its excellence in management education by securing 8th position in Return on Investment (ROI) and 28th position in the Government B-School category in the highly acclaimed BT-MDRA Best B-School Survey Silver Jubilee Edition, published in October 2024. This recognition places TBS as the only B-school from Jammu & Kashmir to be ranked among the

including faculty members, students, alumni, and other stakeholders of the department and the University, for their outstanding efforts that led to this achievement. He stressed

results in substantial career growth for TBS students. TBS's consistent improvement under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor reflects its dedication to establishing a



upon the significance of participating in such rankings as they provide an opportunity to showcase the institution's strengths on a national platform and encouraged further initiatives by the department to enhance institutional excellence.

Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School, highlighted that the improved ranking is a testament to the dedicated efforts of the faculty and the exemplary performance of students and alumni in the corporate world. The improved ranking is a result of the best practices that promote industry-academia connections that has been instrumental in achieving this recognition.

The steady rise in ranking shows that TBS is committed to offer quality management education that is not only affordable but also

robust and recognisable brand in management education. The institution is actively implementing a range of innovative programs, including Executive Education, Management Development Programmes (MDPs), Consultancy Services, and Incubation & Entrepreneurship Development, aimed at bridging the gap between academia and industry to provide students with the skills necessary for today's dynamic business environment.

By achieving 8th position in ROI and 28th position in the Government B-School category, TBS continues to stand as a beacon of quality management education in the region and beyond. The improvement in rankings from last year is a clear indication of the School's commitment to achieving and maintaining excellence, and TBS remains poised to continue this upward momentum in the coming years.

The Business School, University of Jammu, is proud to set benchmarks, achieve milestones and contribute to the growth and development of management education in India.

IIM Jammu hosts JK Public School students for Academic Campus visit

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted a group of 67 students from JK Public School, Kunjwani, accompanied by 6 teachers, on Monday.

The visit provided the students with an opportunity to explore the world-class academic environment and cutting-edge infrastructure of IIM Jammu.



Students JK Public School Kunjwani accompanying by teachers during visit to Indian Institute of Management Jammu.

The visit aimed to foster academic camaraderie and explore avenues for mutual growth, featuring a series of enriching activities and insightful session.

They were warmly welcomed, and the student led delegation began their tour from the Reception Area, exploring the key landmarks of the IIM Jammu campus, such as the iconic Cloek Tower, smart classrooms, and the state-of-the-art

Nalanda Library and Mandapam Auditorium. These facilities exemplify IIM Jammu's commitment to creating an inspiring educational environment.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, mentioned that today's visit marks a significant step in the institute's pursuit of academic excellence and collaborative growth. He emphasized the institute's dedication to nurturing future leaders through transformative education and mutual learning, with a particular emphasis on advancing the development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The visit aimed to inspire the young students and give them a glimpse of life at a premier management institute. Faculty and staff at IIM Jammu were delighted to interact with the students,

sharing insights about the institute's academic programs and initiatives.

This initiative is part of IIM Jammu's continuous efforts to engage with the community and promote educational awareness among school students. As the visit ended, the delegation bid a fond farewell, carrying with them their cherished memories and newfound inspiration from their

enriching experience at IIM Jammu. This collaborative endeavour between JK Public School and IIM Jammu signifies a shared vision of academic excellence and a commitment to advancing education for the benefit of the region of Jammu and Kashmir. The visit was coordinated by the P R - Corporate Communication office of IIM Jammu.

Field office of Union Ministry of MSME organizes seminar

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LEH: MSME-Development Nucleus Cell, Ladakh the field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSME Sector for Ladakh with jurisdiction of all Districts of Ladakh.

The activities including Entrepreneurship Awareness Program, Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Program, PM-Vishwakarma Seminar, PM-Vishwakarma Awareness Workshop, Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Program, Management Development Program, Reimbursement of Barcode Expenditure, Reimbursement of Stall Charges, To and From Charges, Advertising Expenditure for participating in various exhibitions conducted in all parts of the Country.

MSME DNC Leh organized a seminar on Procurement & Marketing Support with objectives to increase the awareness about the Public Procurement Policy among the MSEs of Ladakh. As per the PPP 2012 twenty five percent of Goods and services procured by Various Government departments and PSUs are reserved for exclusive purchase from MSEs with sub target of 4% from SC/ST owned MSEs and 3% from Women owned enterprises.

The programme is organized as per the directions of G.Velladurai IEDS, Joint Director of MSME DNC Leh. The following departments namely IOCL, CPWD, BSNL, GeM and Director of Industries and Commerce, Ladakh participated in the Seminar and informed about their requirements from MSME sector.



Lieutenant General Prashant Srivastava, GOC15 Corps calling on LG Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan on Monday.