

A G Mir reviews operational capabilities of SDRF Jammu

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JAMMU: A G Mir, Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu and Kashmir, visited SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu on Wednesday. He was accompanied by Mohammad Arshad- DIG HG/CD & SDRF Jammu.

Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu Zahid Naseem Manhas presented a detailed presentation on the achievements of SDRF 2nd Bn. in recent disasters that occurred in Jammu province including Chishoti (Kishtwar), Ramban, Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Katra, Kathua, low-lying areas of Jammu, Kalaban, Poonch and Rajouri.

The visiting officer was informed about the requirement of high value equip-



A G Mir, Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K with officers/officials during visit to SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu.

ment, adequate transport facilities and manpower to improve the operational efficiency of SDRF 2nd Bn.

DIG Mohammad Arshad highlighted the role of HG and CD and the challenges faced by them. The Commandant General gave

a patient hearing to the briefings and appreciated the role of SDRF personnel in mitigating disasters with quick response which helped save lives.

A display of high-value equipment and articles used by SDRF Jammu was also

arranged, showcasing the capabilities and achievements of SDRF. The Commandant General took keen interest in understanding the working of CD/HG & SDRF, assuring all ranks that he would look into the matters being faced by them and take up the issues with higher authorities. The visit demonstrated the commitment of the

Commandant General to the welfare and operational efficiency of SDRF personnel.

Among others present on the occasion included Manzoor Hussain, DSP, Adjutant; Dinesh Gupta, DSP QM/Incharge Trgs. SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu; Tajinder Kour, DSP, SO to DIG HG/CD & SDRF Jammu; Naseem Akhter, DSP, Area Commandant HG Jammu; Satvir Singh, DSP, HG/CD Samba; Maroof Badhana, DSP, HG/CD Poonch; Barkat Hussain Qureshi, DSP, Area Commandant HG Rajouri; Masoof Mirza, DSP, Area Commandant HG Udhampur & Dev Raj, DSP, Principal, CTI HG/CD Jammu.

The visit concluded with a renewed commitment to enhancing the capabilities and welfare of SDRF personnel.

Multidisciplinary research journal 'Researcher' released at JU



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai releasing Volume XXI, No. 1 (2025) of "Researcher: A Multidisciplinary Journal", published through the University's Publication Cell.

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JAMMU: Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, released Volume XXI, No. 1 (2025) of "Researcher: A Multidisciplinary Journal", published through the University's Publication Cell.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai appreciated the efforts of the Publication Cell in maintaining academic rigor and consistency. He emphasized that such publications strengthen the research culture of the University and encourage faculty and scholars to pursue meaningful, interdisciplinary work.

Researcher is a bi-annual, double-blind peer-reviewed journal that provides a platform for scholars to share high-quality research across disciplines such as Science and Technology,

Social Sciences, Business Studies, and Humanities. The latest edition carries fourteen research papers-three under Science and Technology, four in Social Sciences, two in Business Studies, and five in Arts and Humanities. The publication was coordinated by Dr. Shashi Prabha, Convener, Publication Cell. The release event was attended by Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs; Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar; Prof. Namrata Sharma; Prof. Komal Nagar; Dr. Shashi Prabha; Dr. Shailu Sehgal; and Dr. Harleen Kour. Researcher continues to serve as a valuable academic resource, reflecting the University of Jammu's commitment to promoting innovation, collaboration, and the advancement of knowledge.

Railway Ticket Inspector reunites missing girl with family during journey on Sealdah Express



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a heartwarming display of duty and compassion, the Divisional Ticket Checking Staff of the Jammu Division successfully reunited a minor girl with her family after she got separated during a train journey.

The incident occurred onboard Train No. 13151 Sealdah Express, when Brajraj Kumar, Ticket Inspector of Jammu Division (headquartered at Pathankot), found a young girl traveling without a valid ticket during a

prompt and humane response, Uchit Singhal, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, said, "This incident not only reflects the dedication of railway personnel to their official duties but also their deep compassion and sense of social responsibility. Mr. Brajraj Kumar's timely action and presence of mind ensured the safety of a child and reaffirmed the human values that Indian Railways stands for."

He further added that such acts of alertness and empathy by railway staff enhance public trust and showcase the true spirit of service.

The Indian Railways lauded Kumar for his vigilance, integrity, and humanity, noting that his conduct serves as an inspiration to all railway employees. The commendable act underscores the commitment of railway personnel toward ensuring passenger safety, fostering trust, and upholding the highest standards of public service.

Water Recycling Plant at mechanized laundry in Surat



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SURAT: Western Railways', Mumbai Central Division has transformed its existing 60 KLD Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) at the Surat Mechanized Laundry into a Water Recycling Plant (WRP). This new upgrade is part of Indian Railways' efforts to protect the environment. It focuses on using treated wastewater again and reducing harm to nature.

By leveraging advanced treatment technologies, the initiative exemplifies how infrastructure can be optimized to promote resource efficiency, cost savings and long term sustainability in railway operations.

According to a press release issued by Public Relations Department of Western Railway, in a major step towards sustainable water management, Western Railways' Mumbai Central Division has successfully

converted it's 60 KLD Effluent Treatment Plant into a Water Recycling Plant at the Mechanized Laundry, Surat. This initiative taken by Railways shows their ongoing efforts to conserve water and reduce environmental impact through advanced treatment and reuse technologies.

The Water Recycling Plant is designed to treat and recycle waste water generated from laundry operations. The system processes efflu-

ent and converts it into high quality recycled water for non-potable uses, primarily washing of coaches. The treatment process begins with effluent collection, where wastewater generated from laundry operations is first collected in a holding tank. It then enters the Effluent Treatment Plant, where it undergoes a series of treatments including pre-treatment, chemical and biological treatment and tertiary disinfection using either UV or chlorine to eliminate contaminants. After this, the

water is sent to the Water Recycling Plant, where it is further refined through sand and membrane filtration, followed by a final disinfection and then stored for reuse. The key benefits of the treatment process include water conservation, as the water is treated and reused daily to reduce dependence on fresh water. It also leads to cost reduction through lower expenditure in water procurement and sewage disposal. Environmental sustainability is supported by reducing effluent discharge to

meet environmental standards. The process ensures regulatory compliance, as the wastewater treatment and reuse meet the required norms. Additionally, it enhances operational efficiency by enabling cost-effective and sustainable laundry operations. The treated water is mostly used for washing of coaches, a high water consuming process. This reuse of water cuts down the demand for fresh water while maintaining cleaning efficiency through advanced filtration and disinfection system.

Water Recycling Plants conversion from the Effluent Treatment Plant marks a major milestone in Western Railways environment sustainability drive. This initiative not only conserves valuable water resources but also aligns commitment of Railways commitment of achieving green and efficient operations across its network.

AOI Jammu achieves major milestone with successful HIPEC procedure in Advanced Cancer Care

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JAMMU: The American Oncology Institute (AOI) at ASCOMS Jammu has achieved a significant breakthrough in advanced cancer care with the successful completion of a Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) procedure on a patient with advanced ovarian cancer. This milestone positions AOI Jammu as a regional center of excellence for high-end oncological interventions.

HIPEC is a cutting-edge surgical technique involving the removal of visible tumors from the abdominal cavity followed by the circulation of heated chemotherapy directly into the peritoneal space. It is particularly effective for abdominal malignancies such as ovari-



AOI doctors with team and patient after the treatment.

an, colorectal, and appendiceal cancers, as well as rare conditions like pseudomyxoma peritonei and mesothelioma.

The patient, a 45-year-old woman with extensive peritoneal involvement, had previously undergone inconclusive investigations. At AOI Jammu, she underwent a

PET-CT and biopsy, confirming high-grade ovarian cancer. Dr. Satyankar Gupta, Senior Medical Oncologist, initiated neoadjuvant chemotherapy, and after three cycles, the patient showed marked improvement and was cleared for surgery.

The complex cytoreductive

surgery and HIPEC procedure was performed by Dr. Avinash Rajra, Consultant Surgical Oncologist, supported by anesthesiologists Dr. Atul Sharma and Dr. Rajesh Mahajan, ensuring intraoperative stability and a smooth recovery. The patient was discharged in stable condition within a

week. "HIPEC is a game-changer," said Dr. Rajra. "In carefully selected cases, it offers the possibility of long-term survival and even cure. AOI Jammu now stands among the few centers in India equipped to perform this procedure."

Dileep Mangsuli, Chairman, CTSI South Asia, and Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional COO of AOI North, praised the clinical and institutional preparedness of AOI Jammu. They reiterated AOI's mission to deliver globally benchmarked, patient-centric cancer care to underserved regions.

With this successful procedure, AOI Jammu reduces the need for patients to seek treatment in metro cities, marking a new era of accessible, high-quality cancer care in North India.

Western Railway to run weekly special train between Valsad and Hisar for festive rush

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MUMBAI: To provide greater convenience to passengers and cater to the increased travel demand during the upcoming Diwali and Chhath Puja festivals, Western Railway has announced the operation of a Weekly Special Train between Valsad and Hisar on a special fare.

According to a press release issued by the Public Relations Department of Western Railway, Train No. 04728/04727 Valsad-Hisar Weekly Special will operate for a total of eight trips. Train No. 04728 Valsad-Hisar Special will depart from Valsad every Thursday at 14:30 hrs and reach Hisar at 14:05 hrs the following day. This service will be available from

16th October to 6th November 2025. In the return direction, Train No. 04727 Hisar-Valsad Special will depart from Hisar every Wednesday at 12:05 hrs and arrive at Valsad at 11:30 hrs the next day. The return service will run from 15th October to 5th November 2025.

The train will halt at Navsari, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Mandsoor, Nimach, Chittaurgarh, Bhilwara, Bijainagar, Nasirabad, Ajmer, Kishanganr, Phulera, Ringas, Nim Ka Thana, Narnaul, Rewari, Charkhi Dadri, Bhiwani, and Hansi stations in both directions, providing connectivity across major cities and towns.

This special train will

comprise First AC, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class, and General Second Class coaches to accommodate passengers from different segments.

Booking for Train No. 04728 Valsad-Hisar Weekly Special is now open at all Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters and through the IRCTC website. Passengers are advised to visit www.enquiry.indian-rail.gov.in for detailed information regarding timings, halts, and coach composition.

Western Railway has urged passengers to plan their journeys in advance and take advantage of this special festive service to ensure a comfortable and convenient travel experience.

IIM Jammu hosts Industry Expert for session on Investment Banking and Equity Capital Markets



Resource person, Vikas Khattar speaking at a session at IIM Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the visionary leadership of Prof. B. S. Sahay, hosted a high-impact interactive session on Investment Banking and Equity Capital Markets (ECM) at the Vivekananda/Agustya Hall. The session featured Vikas Khattar, Co-Head - Investment Banking and Head - ECM & FSG Coverage at Ambit, and was moderated by Prof. P. P. Maheshwari, Professor of Practice, IIM Jammu. Also present was Dr. Praveen Kumar, faculty member at IIM Jammu. Khattar, drawing from his vast experience in handling equity capital market transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and financial advisory mandates, provided

students with in-depth insights into the end-to-end capital raising process, including IPOs, QIPs, and private placements. He elaborated on the role of ECM professionals in connecting corporations with investors, while balancing financial strategy, regulatory compliance, and market timing.

The session also emphasized the analytical and strategic skills essential for investment banking, along with the ethical responsibilities that come with managing capital flows. Khattar stressed that integrity, transparency, and fiduciary responsibility form the foundation of a sustainable and trustworthy capital market ecosystem. Students benefited from real-world insights into valuation methods, investor engage-

ment strategies, and the evolving dynamics of capital markets, gaining practical knowledge that extends beyond the classroom. This event was part of IIM Jammu's strategic initiative to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. The institute actively integrates industry experts into its curriculum, with up to 20% of course delivery by practitioners, providing students with hands-on learning experiences aligned with real-world financial environments.

The session reaffirmed IIM Jammu's commitment to experiential learning, blending theoretical knowledge with practical exposure to prepare its graduates to lead in India's dynamic financial and capital market landscape.

IIT Jammu Outreach & Skill Development: Bridging dreams and opportunities

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JAMMU: Continuing its commitment to community engagement and educational empowerment, IIT Jammu hosted a group of 58 students and 7 escorts from Army Camp Reasi, including Super-30 students and pupils from Tender Feet School, Keri (Classes 7 & 8). The visit was organized by the Department of Outreach and Skill Development, under the guidance of Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean (Outreach), and Dr. Sameer K.S.P., Associate Dean (Outreach). The visit aimed to ignite curiosity and motivate young minds by providing exposure to cutting-edge science and technology. Students toured key facilities such as the Biology Lab, Central Workshop, and Physics Lab, where they participated in interactive demonstrations led by IIT faculty and staff.

A special motivational session by Dr. Sameer Sarma encouraged students to stay focused and build strong academic foundations. The highlight of the day was a live demonstration on Robotics and Machine Learning by Ashutosh Vishwakarma, a final-year student, who shared his inspiring journey to IIT. His hands-on showcase of AI and IoT applications captivated the young visitors and deepened their interest in technology.

Col. Hari Prasad, who led the delegation, thanked the IIT Jammu team for their warm hospitality and enriching experience. He urged students to dream big and take full advantage of such opportunities.



Dr. Sameer Sarma addressing students.

BJP holds workshop to finalize programmes for Sardar Patel Jayanti, Unity March



Baldev Singh Billawaria (convenor of the celebrations) speaking in the workshop.

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, held a detailed workshop at its headquarters in Triloka Nagar, to finalize preparations for the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The event focused on organizing the upcoming Unity March (Ekta Yatra) and a series of nation-wide programmes celebrating Patel's enduring legacy of national unity.

The workshop was chaired by BJP Vice-President and DDC Chairperson Bharat Bhushan, and attended by senior leaders including Rajiv Charak, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria (convenor of the celebrations), Gopal Mahajan, BJYM President Arun Prabhat, and Lovedeal Sharma. Also present were District Presidents, programme convenors, co-convenors, and state office bearers.

Bharat Bhushan urged party workers to ensure mass public participation, calling Sardar Patel's life an inspiration of unity and national integrity. He encouraged outreach to youth, institutions, and communities across J&K to spread Patel's

message.

Rajiv Charak detailed the second phase of the campaign from 31st October to 25th November, featuring district-level workshops, padyatras, and public outreach. He encouraged local units to hold press conferences and meetings for greater engagement.

Sanjita Dogra, conducting the proceedings, stressed inclusivity and participatory celebrations. She announced essay competitions, debates, and nukkad natak in schools and colleges, along with MY Bharat App registrations to involve youth and volunteers.

Baldev Singh Billawaria highlighted the core event - a 152.9 km Unity March from Karamsad to the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, scheduled from 26th November to 6th December, with participation from J&K. Cleanliness drives, plantation campaigns, and cultural events will accompany the Padyatra.

Gopal Mahajan, delivering the vote of thanks, reaffirmed BJP's commitment to making Rashtriya Ekta Divas a truly grassroots celebration across the Union Territory.