

# FICCI FLO launches "Let's Paint Jammu Pink Together for Her" to promote women's health

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JAMMU: In a remarkable initiative promoting women's health and cancer awareness, FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter (FICCI FLO JKL), in collaboration with SMVD Narayana Superspecialty Hospital and the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), launched a large-scale community health campaign titled "Let's Paint Jammu Pink - Together for Her".

The campaign commenced with a comprehensive cancer screening drive for JMC sanitation workers, providing free PSA tests, Pap smears, and mammography screenings. During the event, a 20%



Commissioner, JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav along with NGO and hospital officials.

healthcare discount card for sanitation workers was also introduced, valid at SMVD Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Kakryal, and SMVD Multi-Specialty Clinic, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The initiative aims to conduct 1,000 mammography screenings for underprivileged women

by March 31, 2026, spreading the message of early detection and preventive healthcare. As a symbolic gesture of solidarity, Jammu Tawi bridges will be illuminated in pink to raise awareness about women's health issues. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS), Commissioner, JMC,

said, "Sanitation workers are the backbone of our city. Prioritizing their health reflects true inclusivity. I commend FICCI FLO JKL and SMVD Narayana Hospital for this noble collaboration."

Arti Choudhary, Chairperson, FICCI FLO JKL, emphasized the broader goal of the cam-

paign, saying, "Painting Jammu pink is not just symbolic - it's a movement for awareness, access, and empowerment. Every woman deserves timely screening and care."

Dr. M.M. Mathavan, Facility Director, SMVD Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, added, "Through this partnership, we're extending preventive healthcare to the community. Early detection saves lives, and our mission is to make it accessible to all."

The ongoing campaign will feature outreach programs, awareness drives, and screening camps across Jammu, reaffirming the city's collective commitment to women's health and cancer prevention.

# Rotary Club Jammu Elite distributes blankets & eatables to needy families

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JAMMU: Rotary Club Jammu Elite distributes blankets & eatables to needy families in Phallian Mandal Area.

Under the leadership of President Dr. Revika Arora, along with Secretary Adv. Jasmeet Kour Pandey and Immediate Past President and Assistant Governor Dr. Davinder Kour, the Rotary Club Jammu Elite visited the Phallian Mandal area - which is still recovering from the recent floods.

Recognising that recovery is ongoing and that blankets and food-essentials remain urgent needs, the team distributed blankets, atta, rice, pulses, everyday



Club members distributing aid to needy families.

household items (soap, toothpaste, etc.) and other relief articles to the affected families.

This initiative reflects the

Club's steadfast commitment to stand with vulnerable groups through both immediate relief and longer-term outreach.

# Priya Sethi urges Bihar residents to support NDA candidates in Bihar Elections

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JAMMU: BJP Vice-President and former Minister Priya Sethi extended her warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Chhath Puja, calling it a festival that reflects India's rich cultural heritage, devotion, and the spirit of purity and perseverance.

She was speaking at a community gathering of Bihar residents living in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, organized to celebrate the festival with fervor and unity.

In her address, Priya Sethi appealed to the residents of Bihar settled in J&K to come out in large numbers and cast their votes in favour of the NDA candidates in the upcoming elections. She emphasized that the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked tirelessly for the welfare of every section of society,



BJP Vice-President Priya Sethi performing rituals during Chhath Puja.

including migrants, labourers, and economically weaker communities.

"Chhath Puja symbolizes discipline, devotion, and the deep bond between humans and nature. As we pray to the Sun God for prosperity and well-being, let us also pledge to strengthen our democratic values by participating actively in the electoral process," she said.

Former Corporator Dinesh Gupta also addressed the gathering, highlighting the unity and contribution of the

Bihar community toward the growth and development of Jammu and Kashmir.

He lauded the efforts of the BJP leadership in ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities for all.

Chakshu Kapoor, Savita Anand, Anita Gandotra, Anuradha Sharma, Sangeeta Gupta, Ranju Sharma and Meenu were also present.

The programme was organised by Yuva Mahakal, Yuva Chhat, Pooja Committee president Ranjan, and its teammates.

# Festivals like Chhath Puja reflect India's spiritual diversity, cultural strength: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: BJP J&K Vice President and District Prabhari Samba, Rekha Mahajan, attended the Chhath Puja celebrations organised by the Bihari Samaj Organisation, extending warm greetings to the devotees and praising the community for preserving India's rich cultural and spiritual traditions.

Speaking on the occasion, Rekha Mahajan said, "It was a privilege to be part of the Chhath Puja celebrations organised by the Bihari Samaj. This festival reflects deep devotion, purity, and discipline. It teaches us the importance of gratitude and respect for nature, especially the Sun God, who sustains all life."

She lauded the efforts of the organisers for conducting the event with great enthusiasm and community participation.

"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the organisers,



BJP J&K Vice President Rekha Mahajan, attending Chhath Puja celebrations.

Deepak Kumar and Sanjay, for their dedicated efforts in successfully organising such a spiritually uplifting event," Rekha said, adding that such celebrations strengthen social harmony and promote unity among diverse communities.

Also present on the occasion were Vinay Gupta, District Prabhari Akhnor, and Narinder, Vice President

BJP Jammu South District, who joined devotees in offering prayers and extending festive greetings.

Rekha Mahajan further emphasized that festivals like Chhath Puja showcase India's spiritual diversity and cultural strength. "Our festivals are not just rituals; they are lessons in faith, dedication, and collective well-being. The BJP always sup-

ports such cultural initiatives that bring people together in the spirit of devotion and togetherness," she added.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from devotees who offered prayers and performed rituals with traditional fervour, marking the conclusion of the four-day festival with faith and festivity.

# Contractors to be blacklisted if they fail to deliver projects on time: Dy CM

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary on Tuesday said that the restoration works on Chenab river bank in Pargwal area will be handed over to BRO as the area falls in border periphery and mechanism for the same would be explored soon.

The Deputy CM said this in response to issue raised by MLA Akhnor, Mohan Lal Bhagat regarding restoration of flood-damaged infrastructure in Akhnor constituency and comprehensive flood mitigation plan for upcoming winter season to protect vulnerable areas, during Zero Hour of Legislative Assembly today. The Deputy CM further informed the house that the contractor has missed the stipulated time frame of the construction of bridge between Pargwal-Inderipatan as well as road towards Shri Machail Mata Temple.

# POWERGRID organizes Walkathon during Vigilance awareness week

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna company under Ministry of Power, Government of India, is observing Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility" from 27th October to 2nd November, 2025 in all its offices. During this week, several programmes are being organized for creating awareness amongst masses, employees and their family members, highlighting evils of corruption and its impact on society.

A walkathon was organized for employees of Regional Head Quarters, Jammu today to spread awareness in around the areas of POWERGRID office premises.



Officials of Powergrid during the event.

The walkathon was flagged off by Sh. Tarun Bajaj, Executive Director, Northern Region-II. Sh. Tarun Bajaj on this occasion emphasized on the fact

that with Everybody's contribution, Corruption can be weeded out from our Country. He stressed on the importance of the support of every citizen in making

India Self-reliant and a Developed nation. He highlighted the importance of weeding out corruption from our society and nation as a whole and making

India a Super Power. Before flagging off the walkathon, Sh. Tarun Bajaj administered the Integrity pledge to all the employees.

Power Grid Corporation Of India Limited is a Maharatna Enterprise under Ministry of Power having its regional headquarters of Northern Region-II at Jammu. POWERGRID is engaged in inter-state bulk power transmission. POWERGRID has 1,80,864 ckm of transmission lines, 287 Substations and more than 581,831 MVA of transformation capacity.

With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability >99%.

# ACS Shantmanu inaugurates New Gate at SPMR College

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JAMMU: Government SPMR College of Commerce

marked a new milestone on Tuesday with the inauguration of its newly constructed main gate by Shantmanu, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Higher

Education Department in presence of Principal of the college Prof (Dr.) Rajinder Singh, Engr Sandeep Gupta (XEN PWD Div. Bakshi Nagar) along with junior engineers of the department, staff and students of the college.

Shantmanu also assessed the other ongoing construction projects in the college and appreciated the college

administration for their dedicated efforts in upgrading facilities, which not only enhance the campus's aesthetic appeal but also help ensure safety and convenience for students, faculty, and visitors.

Principal of SPMR College, Prof. (Dr) Rajinder Singh,

expressed gratitude to the Higher Education Department for their contin-

uous support and sanctioning of this project, which was a long standing demand of the faculty and students. He reiterated that the new gate would assist in solving the traffic congestion problem in the area and also add beauty to the overall look of the prestigious college campus.

# Samvardhini Nyas organizes CME on Garbh Sanskar at SVMMC Hospital

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JAMMU: Samvardhini Nyas organized a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program on Garbh Sanskar at Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMVC) Hospital, Jammu, aimed at promoting awareness about holistic prenatal care and the profound influence of maternal thoughts, lifestyle, and environment on the physical, mental, and spiritual development of the unborn child.

The event was convened by Dr. Himja Mengi, Convener - Samvardhini Nyas, Jammu Region. Madhuri Marathe, National Organising Secretary, Samvardhini Nyas, graced the occasion along with eminent speakers Dr. Shweta Dangre and Dr. Arun Arora, who enlightened the audience on the scientific and spiritual aspects of Garbh Sanskar.

They emphasized the importance of integrating traditional wisdom with modern medical understanding to nurture healthier and value-oriented generations.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from doctors, healthcare pro-



Officials during the programme.

fessionals, and expectant mothers. Participants appreciated the initiative for reviving and spreading awareness about Bharatiya values and ancient practices associated with motherhood and child development.

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Himja Mengi expressed heartfelt gratitude to the speakers, hospital administration, and all attendees for their active involvement. She stated that Samvardhini Nyas will continue organizing such awareness programs across the region to strengthen family and societal well-being through value-based initiatives. ; and Arushi, Member - Samvardhini Nyas also assist the entire team.

The event was graced by Amar Chand Gupta, Senior

Vice President; B.B. Gupta, General Secretary; Mohan Singh Chouhan, Treasurer; and Dr. Sachin Gupta, Member of the Hospital Management Committee, along with Dr. Arvind Kohli, Medical Director; Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical Superintendent; Dr. Yashpal Karsyal, Assistant Medical Director; and S. Iqbal Deep Singh, Manager.

Also present were Dr. Raksha Sharma, Gynaecologist, with her entire team; Dr. Suruchi Gupta, Ophthalmologist.

The hospital administration also extended sincere thanks to the Samvardhini Nyas team for their valuable contribution and collaborative efforts in making the program a success.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu inaugurated the Management Immersion Programme (Batch-I) for MBA students of IILM University, Gurugram, at its Jagti Campus today. The programme is being conducted under the guidance of the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C) division of IIM Jammu to enhance managerial competencies and industry readiness among participants. The training program included 60 students of MBA program from IILM University. They are accompanied by two faculty members from IILM University, Dr. Tushar Gahlaut and Dr. Sanju Rani.

The inaugural session took place at the Dronacharya Classroom, Academic Block, IIM Jammu, and commenced with registration and a guided tour of the Academic Block, offering participants an overview of the institute's world-class infrastructure and learning environment. Present during the inaugural ceremony were Dr. Rashmi Ranjan



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

Parida; Dr. Pratik Maheshwari-Co-Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy; Dr. Sunit Maheshwari and Dr. Kamakshi Sharma, Program Directors of the Management Immersion Programme.

The event commenced with a campus tour for the students and the faculty, offering them an immersive experience of IIM Jammu's state-of-the-art infrastructure and vibrant learning environment. The inaugural ceremony began with the Lighting of the Lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.

Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Program Director, delivered the

welcome address and provided a glimpse into the programme structure aimed at experiential learning and leadership development. He emphasized that the initiative is aligned with IIM Jammu's vision of creating socially responsible, industry-ready professionals.

Sharing her views on the programme, Dr. Kamakshi Sharma, Program Director, IIM Jammu, said that the initiative is carefully designed to enable experiential learning by connecting academic frameworks with real-world challenges. She mentioned that the programme encourages critical thinking, teamwork, and lead-

ership among participants, helping them align their career aspirations with industry expectations.

Speaking about the Executive Education initiatives at IIM Jammu, Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, EE&C, highlighted how the institute is focused on building transformational learning experiences that equip learners with contemporary managerial skills and global perspectives.

The session concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sumit Maheshwari, Program Director, IIM Jammu who expressed gratitude to IILM University for its collaboration

and extended appreciation to faculty coordinators and participants for their enthusiastic support. The inaugural ceremony culminated with the National Anthem followed by a group photograph.

The Management Immersion Programme - Batch I is designed to blend theoretical frameworks with real-world business insights, equipping students with strategic thinking, decision-making, and leadership skills. The programme will include interactive classroom sessions, case discussions, industry insights, and team-based activities during the course of the week.