

MIT-WPU Goa, IIM Jammu host national visioning conference on Future of Higher Education

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JAMMU: In a landmark collaboration, MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), Goa and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu jointly hosted a one-day national visioning conference titled "Envisioning Tomorrow's University: A Transdisciplinary Dialogue on the Future of Education" at the Dharma Classroom, Vedanta MDP Centre, IIM Jammu. The event brought together leading academicians, educationists, and policymakers from across India to reflect on the evolving landscape of higher education through a transdisciplinary and collaborative lens.

The conference marked a strategic academic partnership between two insti-



Dignitaries lighting ceremonial lamp.

tutions committed to innovation, ethical leadership, and global engagement. The initiative, led by MIT-WPU Goa-a UNESCO-chaired institution-focused on launching collaborative research, policy briefs, academic exchanges, and the

MIT-WPU National Academic Innovation Network Hub. It also aimed to deliver a Collective Declaration on the Future of Higher Education.

The conference explored critical themes such as

evolving education ecosystems, transdisciplinary pedagogy, institutional governance, and building a global Indian university. The inaugural session included dignitaries like Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Anup Kale, Dean, SoSES, MIT-WPU Pune; Prof. Prashant Malavadar, MIT-WPU Pune; Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, EE&C, IIM Jammu; and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu.

Prof. B.S. Sahay emphasized IIM Jammu's commitment to innovation and societal development, highlighting key initiatives like CITaG-a governance think tank launched with the Government of J&K and NITI Aayog-and YUVA, a youth entrepreneurship

initiative.

He also stressed the transformative role of institutions like IIM, IIT, and AIIMS in making Jammu a hub of academic excellence.

Prof. Anup Kale provided insights into MIT-WPU's journey and its vision of peace-centric, transdisciplinary education. He invited collaboration on how universities can integrate students, society, industry, and government.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Prashant Malavadar, followed by the national anthem, a group photo, and a networking session. The conference successfully laid the foundation for reimagining higher education in India, emphasizing collaboration, sustainability, and global readiness.

DHS Jammu visits SDH Kot Bhalwal

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JAMMU: Director Health Services Jammu (DHSJ) Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar on Wednesday visited the Sub District Hospital (SDH) Kot Bhalwal to review the functioning of the institution and assess the quality of healthcare services being provided to the public.

During the visit, the DHSJ inspected multiple sections of the hospital including the Outpatient Department (OPD), Emergency Wing, Labour Room, Pharmacy and Laboratory. He interacted with the medical and paramedical staff and took feedback from patients regarding the facilities and services available at the hospital.

Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness, punctuality and patient-friendly behavior by all staff members. He directed the hospital authorities to ensure the uninterrupted availability of essen-



DHS Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar visiting SDH Kot Bhalwal.

tial drugs, diagnostic facilities and emergency services.

The Director also reviewed the ongoing National Health Programmes and instructed the concerned officers to ensure effective implementation of government health schemes like AB-PMJAY, JSSK and JSSY for the benefit of the community.

The visit concluded with an interactive meeting with the hospital staff, where key issues related to patient care, record maintenance and sanitation were discussed.

He appreciated the efforts of the medical team for their commitment to providing quality healthcare and assured that all necessary support will be extended by the Directorate to further strengthen health infrastructure and manpower at SDH Kot Bhalwal.

IGP Jammu Zone pins ranks to newly promoted officers/officials



IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti with newly decorated officers/official at others.

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JAMMU: A Pipping Ceremony was organized today at Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu, during which the Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, decorated officers/official on their well-earned promotions. The occasion marked a proud milestone in the professional journey of the Police Fraternity, whose dedication and commitment to duty have been duly recognized by the department. While congratulating the promoted police personnel, the IGP lauded their service and dedication. He reminded them that every promotion carries greater responsibility and urged them to uphold integrity, discipline, and accountability while serving society with fairness and compassion. He also underlined the significance of leadership, team-

work, and professional excellence in their new roles.

The promoted police personnel expressed their gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed their commitment to serve the people and the department with renewed zeal and sincerity. Those decorated included: ASI Arun Singh, ASI Raqir Chand Sangral and HC Raju Badyal.

Ceremony was graced by other Departmental Functionaries also which includes : SO to IGP Jammu, PRO to IGP Jammu, ADO ZPHQ and I/C Estt. ZPHQ. The event concluded with words of inspiration from the IGP who exhorted the promotes to uphold the proud traditions of the Police Department and discharge their duties with professionalism, commitment, and a spirit of public service.

Film Screening, interactive session held at MSCBMC Trust's 'Rang-e-Chinar' National Art Workshop

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SRINAGAR: The 'Rang-e-Chinar' National Art Workshop, organized by the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust (MSCBMC) in collaboration with Petronet LNG Limited, Government of India, concluded its two-day session at Hamidi Kashmiri Memorial Government Degree College (GDC), Eidgah, Srinagar, marking another inspiring chapter in this week-long celebration of art, culture, and learning.

The day's highlight was the screening of a thought-provoking film based on the human body - a divine and artistic creation that emphasized the beauty, purpose, and complexity of human anatomy. The film encouraged students to view the human form as a masterpiece of nature, fostering positivity, self-awareness, and respect for one's body and inner being.

The presentation also featured insights into the pioneering work of Dr. Shakti Chandra, a former universi-



ty professor from Canada, who has created artificial human organs and established a unique museum dedicated to human anatomy and organ art. The 40-minute film captivated participants by blending art, science, and spirituality, offering a holistic perspective on the human form as both an artistic subject and a symbol of life's intricate

design. Amuradha Rishi, President of the MSCBMC Trust and daughter of the legendary artist Master Sansar Chand Baru, extended gratitude to the college faculty and participants for their support. She highlighted that Rang-e-Chinar continues to serve as a living bridge between tradition and innovation, providing artists and learners a space

for dialogue and shared inspiration. Following the screening, an interactive session and live demonstration were held, where students and artists exchanged thoughts on body awareness, the artistic portrayal of anatomy, and the intersection between art and life sciences. The dialogue fostered a spirit of curiosity, reflection, and creativity among

the participants. The workshop features 11 renowned artists from across India: Taslima Sona (Rajasthan), Dr. Rakhi Kumar (Delhi), Dr. Priti Samyukta (Hyderabad), Supriya Amber (Jabalpur, MP), Debashish Dutta (Gujarat), Sharmila Sharma (Delhi), Deepu Kumar (Bihar), Kishan Kappari (Hyderabad), Apurba Karati (West Bengal), A.K. Douglas (Bengaluru) and Javid Iqbal (Sopore, J&K).

With the successful completion of its two-day camp at GDC Eidgah, the Rang-e-Chinar workshop will now move to the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Srinagar, where it will continue till October 12.

The workshop continues to pay tribute to Master Sansar Chand Baru, the last exponent of Pahari miniature painting and the first curator of the Dogra Art Museum, whose artistic legacy remains a guiding light for generations of artists and learners across the nation.

IIT Jammu, JU Law School foster Inter-Institutional Dialogue on Official Languages Bill 1963



JU Law School students with IIT Jammu faculty.

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JAMMU: The Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Club at the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu), in collaboration with The Law School, University of Jammu (JU), organized a dynamic group discussion on the Official Languages Bill of 1963, which subsequently became the Official Languages Act, 1965. The event was held to commemorate Gandhi-Shastri Jayanti, drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'unity in diversity'-a principle championed by the then Home Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, through his

introduction of the Bill in Parliament. Held under the overarching theme of 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan', celebrating 75 years of the Indian Constitution, the activity provided a platform for in-depth legal and social discourse.

The discussions critically examined the constitutional provisions, interpretations, and the evolving journey of the Official Languages Act, analyzing how it has adapted to the nation's diverse socio-political and cultural landscape over time. Seventeen participants from The Law School, including Sushant, Harmanat Kaur,

Monimah, Jaya Vardhani, Raghvendra, Shivam Jasrotia, Ansh Ranyal, and Saif, delved into the legal and social aspects of India's official language policy.

The speakers concurred that promoting Hindi as an official language, as per the Constitution, is a shared responsibility of both the State and all citizens. They advocated for a convergent approach,

emphasizing that while regional linguistic identities are paramount, concerted efforts are essential to elevate Hindi's stature on the global stage as part of India's unified national identity. The discussion also explored how the foundational vision of the Official Languages Bill, 1963 continues to inform contemporary policies, including the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The event was moderated by Dr. Rajendra Solanki from IIT Jammu and Dr. Nitam Sharma, Assistant Professor, The Law School, University of Jammu. The session concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants. A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Srishilan and Dr. R.P. Prajapat of IIT Jammu, bringing the insightful and productive event to a close.

Nation empowered, transformed in 24 Years of Modi's public-centric leadership: Dr. Pardeep

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JAMMU: The 24-year-long leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, extending over 8,766 days, has been recognized as an unparalleled journey of transformation, integrity, and national resurgence, stated Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, BJP J&K.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that this remarkable span of time has not merely marked years of governance but has ushered in a new epoch in Indian polity, the Modi Era.

Dr. Pardeep emphasized that under Modi Ji's leadership, the development trajectory initiated in October 2001 has continued unbroken into its 25th year; symbolizing an era of stability, purpose, and nation-first governance. The previous governments, it was remarked, had remained preoccupied with self-appeasement and self-appraisal, displaying little concern for the nation or its people. However, the Modi Era



has been characterized by the principle of "Nation First, Party Second, Self Last," which has been truly personified through his governance.

Dr. Pardeep recalled that Modi Ji has been the longest-serving Chief Minister of Gujarat, the third-longest serving Prime Minister of India, and the first PM born after Independence. He underlined that Modi ji remains the only Prime Minister to have completed a full term as Chief Minister before assuming national leadership, a rare distinction that reflects his consistent public trust and result-oriented administration. Dr. Pardeep Mahotra further highlighted that through

transformative reforms like GST and the inclusive governance model of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas," immense benefits have been delivered to every section of society without discrimination.

His governance has not just built infrastructure but instilled confidence, discipline, and global respect for India. With 27 international honours, 17 addresses to foreign parliaments, and zero elections lost, Modi's journey embodies India's ascent as a global power.

Dr. Pardeep stated that through visionary leadership and tireless efforts, India has been steered towards Viksit Bharat@2047, where self-reliance, innovation, and national pride have been placed at the core of development. The nation has been truly redefined and re-energized under the enduring and transformative leadership of Narendra Modi, he added.

AJKMS demands Rajya Sabha representation for SC Community

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JAMMU: All J&K Megh Sabha, Old Rehari, President Narinder Datt, where appealed to major political parties for the inclusion of Scheduled Caste (SC) representation in the Rajya Sabha.

Addressing media persons here on Wednesday, Narinder Datt highlighted that despite numerous Rajya Sabha nominations over the years by parties like the BJP, NC, and Congress, not a single member from the SC community in J&K has been nominated to the Upper House.

He acknowledged that there is no constitutional reservation for SCs in the Rajya Sabha, but questioned the absence of representation despite constitutional rights ensuring equality and inclusion.

He urged the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP leadership in J&K, NC leaders Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar



AJKMS President Narinder Datt talking to reporters.

Abdullah, and other parties to nominate at least one senior SC leader from their respective parties to the Rajya Sabha.

He emphasized that the time has come to break historical exclusion and take a bold step towards social justice and inclusive politics.

Narinder Datt also condemned the recent unconstitutional and disrespectful act by an advocate against the Chief Justice of India (CJI), terming the advocate's behaviour as

mentally unstable and demanding his disbarment from the Bar Council. He praised the CJI's magnanimity in ignoring the incident, calling it an example of true statesmanship and visionary leadership.

Prominent members present included Rajinder Bhagat (Vice President), Ravi Kant (State Coordinator), Amar Nath Bhagat, Narinder Singh, and Ashok Kumar Bhagat, among others.