

JU inks MoU with iHUB Divyasampark, IIT Roorkee

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JAMMU: The Department of Computer Science and IT, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with iHUB Divyasampark, Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) for fostering research & innovation towards product or technology development.

The MoU was signed in presence of the Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, of the University of Jammu by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, University of Jammu, and Manish Anand, CEO and Board Member of iHUB Divyasampark, IIT Roorkee.

Prof. Umesh Rai appreciated the Head and faculty members of the Department of Computer Science and IT, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu for taking the initiative to establish strong linkages between Academia, Industry, Government, and International organizations.



Representatives of JU & iHUB Divyasampark, IIT Roorkee after inking MoU.

Prof. Rai emphasized that Departments must collaborate and extend association so that the premier institutions can contribute towards the growth of the students of the State University and off-site campuses.

Prof Rai stresses on finding Technological Solutions for Local Problems so that technological interventions can reach the remotest part of the region.

He further emphasised on social outreach so that the activities undertaken by the Bhaderwah Campus,

University of Jammu can reach the public at large. Under the MoU, the iHUB Divyasampark, IIT Roorkee will provide all the logistics and financial support for nurturing any innovative idea of the students of the Bhaderwah Campus.

The collaboration will benefit students by providing high-end futuristic technology management skills and knowledge integrated with industrial projects like Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, Robotics, Embedded

devices, and Autonomous Systems.

It will enable students to not only get into much better job profiles but also launch their successful start-ups under the mentorship, guidance, and support provided by the Atal Incubation Centre - EMPI, supported by Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Aayog, Government of India. He stressed on trans-disciplinary approach so that various faculties and students can come together and innovate things in con-

vergence technologies.

Speaking on the occasion, Manish Anandm Chief Executive Officer, ITT Roorkee said that the innovation can come from anyone from anywhere and that is why iHUB Divyasampark is created several spokes across the country. Dr Jatinder Manhas shall be the Coordinator from the University of Jammu to carry out the implementation of different schemes concerning innovations and convergence using high-end technologies.

Among others, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof Dipankar Sen Gupta, Chief Coordinator, Sh Anik Gupta, Director, IT, Dr Jatinder Manhas, HOD, Computer Sc and IT Bhaderwah Campus, Dr Sunil Bhaderwah, Dr Cherring Tundup, Dr Neeraj Sharma, Dr Rohit, Dr Ashok Sharma and the team from iHUB Divyasampark that comprises of Mr Prateek Sharma and Ms Lalita Bharti were also present on the occasion.

Dy Mayor visits Gurdwara Sahib at Santokh Vihar



JMC Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria visiting Gurdwara Sahib on Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev.

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria on the occasion of Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev, visited Shri Gurdwara Sahib in Santokh Vihar, Ekta Vihar and Model Town at Jammu.

The Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee presented Saropa as a token of appreciation for the Deputy Mayor.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria remarked that Guru Nanak Dev had imagined equality, harmony, and a friendly society while speaking to the Sangat.

"We must all help him realise his dream. We should endeavor to follow the idea of Guru Nanak Dev," he remarked. He asserted that Guru Nanak Dev's contributions to social and individual prosperity cannot be over-

looked.

He added that the Sikh community still plays a key role in maintaining the nation's security and that modern Sikh society is one of the fundamental pillars of society. The Deputy Mayor gave the Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee his word that he would collaborate closely with them on the area's development in order to give the locals better amenities.

Maintain discipline, decorum & grace: Kavinder tells elected representatives

Says freebies eating-up vitals of society, acting like termite



Former Speaker of JK Legislative Assembly, Kavinder Gupta and others at a programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, former Speaker of J&K Legislative Assembly and former Deputy Chief Minister has appealed to the elected representatives to maintain discipline, decorum and grace not only inside Assemblies and Parliament but also in public life.

The former Speaker said that every citizen in the country is aware about what is happening at times in Parliament or state Assemblies as pandemonium in these temples of democracy has become a common sight these days, which is unwarranted.

He urged the elected representatives to choose words carefully during legislative proceedings and observe decorum in the House.

Kavinder Gupta along with former Speakers namely Sumitra Mahajan, Shivraj Patil, Meira Kumar and others were the part of a Advisory Council Meeting related to the preparations for the National Legislators Conference in New Delhi. It is pertinent to mention that the National Legislators Conference is scheduled to be held in Mumbai in June 2023.

Emphasizing on the choice of words, Kavinder said that in recent times some unwanted words have been seen among the members of the legislature. He said legislators are public representatives and it is their duty to maintain decorum and dignity, especially in their conduct in the House. He asked the leaders to exercise maximum restraint while interacting inside and outside the House.

Kavinder also expressed concern on political parties relying on giving freebies to the electorate to change the poll outcomes. He said that the practice of promising freebies is eating up vitals of society as the same act as termite, which weakens the country badly. He said that people should understand this fact and themselves reject such offers which are detrimental for the country and its people.

Meanwhile, Kavinder also welcomed the move of Centre for announcing 'reserve quota' for terror victims in MBBS & BDS courses in J&K. He said that the BJP government is committed to the welfare of the masses in Jammu and Kashmir.

Religious congregations significant for preservation of culture: Yudhvir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday asserted that the religious congregation significant for preservation of rich culture of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sethi expressed this while addressing a mammoth gathering of people at a congregation of Kashyap Rajput Biradari at Baba Peer Mitha Dargah Jammu in which he participated with great enthusiasm here.

He also performed traditional Pooja of Baba Peer Mitha and served Langar among the devotees.

Manjore Rasheed, Peer Julfikar, Kashyap Rajput Biradari President Ram Lubhaya, General Secretary Jeet Raj, Secretary Ashok Kumar, Cashier Chaman Lal, Praveen Kerni, Arun Sethi, Ashwani Kumar, Babu Ram, Pawan Kumar and Anil Kumar were also present.

The senior BJP leader who was also the chief guest on the occasion said that the congregations of any com-



Vice President BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi paying obeisance at Baba Peer Mitha Dargah.

munity are not merely religious obligations but live example of synchronization of ideas of individuals of a particular community with an aim to promote such type of unity among all the communities not only at the national level but also globally. Expressing pleasure over the members of Kashyap Rajput Biradari paying obeisance to the deity at the Devsthan with utmost devotion, he said that Jammu has a very rich ethos of culture and tradition and this needs to be preserved for the progeny. Asserting that traditions are the identity of the communities and regions, Sethi said that massive participation in such religious

congregations leaves a deep imprint on the young minds especially the children who finally become the proactive ambassadors for promotion and carrying forward of this precious legacy to the future generations.

Meanwhile, he also appreciated the organizers for making appropriate arrangements to ensure hassle free celebration of the colourful event that blends religion and culture. He asked the Kashyap Rajput Biradari members not only to maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood at all costs but also make other people aware about its significance in the present day scenario.

Congress responsible for backwardness, corruption: Khatana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SIRMAUR: Targeting the Congress, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, MP Rajya Sabha on Tuesday alleged it was responsible for backwardness and corruption in the country.

"After independence, the Congress and its policies are responsible for backwardness and corruption in the country," he told an election rally here.

Addressing an impressive election meeting at Paonta Sahib in Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh here along with sitting MLA and candidate, Power Minister Sukh Ram Choudhary, he said that during its rule in Himachal Pradesh, the Congress party never thought of state's development nor did it take any step to ameliorate the lot of the poor.

Congress serves only elites

and a few select and promoted dynastic rule, he said adding that during its 8 years rule at the centre and 5 years in Himachal Pradesh no allegations of corruption or nepotism have been leveled as BJP ensures equal opportunities to all. Khatana said that Himachal Pradesh has earned its own place across the country due its fast development in the BJP rule. BJP government has accelerated the development process in the state and this development spree could be sustained if the BJP government is voted to power again, he said. He appealed to the people to cast their votes in favour of BJP candidate Sukh Ram Choudhary.

Khatana said that Choudhary would continue to serve the people and state with his utmost devotion.



MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana addressing BJP workers meeting.

Three-day Mela concludes at Baba Bhair Devsthan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Baba Bhair Devsthan Trust organised a three-day Mela at Devsthan, Nagrota which concluded on Tuesday.

Function was inaugurated by B.S Jamwal (Retired DC) in the presence of National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) President Subash Shastri, Devsthan Trust President Balwant Singh and



Devotees visiting mela at Baba Bhair Devsthan in Nagrota.

General Secretary Ramesh Sharma. Several prominent persons were also present on the occasion. A Hawan was performed by Pandit Devraj, religious

scholars along with disciples of Babaji, Joginder Singh amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras. A Langar was also held in the premises of the Devsthan.

Thousands of pilgrims from different parts of country participated in the Mela and sought the blessings of Baba Bhairdev.

Bukhari, Zaffar condole demise of Choudhary

Fazil Din's uncle

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari and Vice President Zaffar Iqbal Manhas extended their condolences to DDC member (Keller 1st) Choudhary Fazl Din on the demise of his uncle Sirajuddin Deedad who passed away today after a brief spell of illness at his residence in Nasarproa Shopian. According to a statement issued here, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari and Zaffar Iqbal Manhas extended their condolences to Fazl Din and other bereaved family members. Both the leaders expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Apni Party Youth Wing General Secretary Irfan Manhas has also expressed his grief over the demise of the uncle of Fazl Din. In a statement, he prayed to the Almighty to give the bereaved family strength to bear the pain of this loss and rest the departed soul in eternal peace.

Laser show, Dogra folk cultural items among major attractions of Jhiri Mela

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JAMMU: First of its kind laser show on the story of Mata Vaishno Devi, Bawa Jitto and Bua Koudi, Dogri cultural folk item including Bhaaks, Kaarak, Suhaag, Gidroo, Jagaran are among the specialties of ongoing Jhiri Mela culminating on November 16, 2022.

This was stated by Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, Sub Divisional Magistrate Marh and Mela Officer, Baba Jitto Mal Shrine Jhiri.

he added that also Nukad Natak on various socially relevant themes like Nasha Mukti Abhiyan, Atam Nirbar Bharat, Swachhta and Sanskrit/Vedic Shlokas

reciting competition are also being witnessed in the Jhiri Mela.

Furthermore stalls of various departments including agriculture, Horticulture, Employment etc displaying information/awareness about their schemes with special emphasis on employment generation have been setup at Mela venue by the District Administration, he added.

Due to gap of two years and with the special efforts and innovations of District Administration Jammu the number of visitors has already crossed 3.50 lakh on the second day of Mela, he said and expected to break all the previous records this time.

ICICI Foundation conducts Campus Placement Drive at SKUAST-J

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: ICICI Foundation Mumbai on Tuesday conducted a campus placement drive at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. The Campus Placement Drive for SKUAST Jammu Agriculture students was organized by the Campus Recruitment Panel composed of Prachi A Malapur, Deputy Manager, Human Resource and Abhay Sharma, Zonal Head, North India, ICICI Foundation. After successfully completing a stringent campus selection procedure that included group discussion and personal interview, the ICICI Campus Recruitment Panel selected four B.Sc.



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma and ICICI Foundation Mumbai representatives at a placement drive.

(Hons) Agriculture final year students Gourav Sabharwal, Ujala Billawaria, Stanzin Lakphel and Kavya Koshal for internship and two others Neha Kumar and Irrha Sheikh for final employment.

Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu, congratulated all

selected students, and advised them to be sincere and honest towards their jobs. Dr. Rakesh Nanda, Director Education, Dr. S.K. Gupta, Registrar and Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Incharge Counselling and Placement Cell were also present during interaction of selected students with the Vice-Chancellor.

EPFO Jammu to organise 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' program on Nov 10

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office Jammu is organising monthly outreach programmes 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' and 'Pension Adalat' at EPFO Regional Office, Railway Road, Jammu on November 10, 2022 from 11.00 AM onwards.

Rizwan Uddin, Regional PF Commissioner-I will personally hear the grievances/issues of all stakeholders.

Nidhi Apke Nikat is a public outreach programme that endeavours to address the problems/grievance of all stakeholders i.e., employees and employers by bringing them on a common platform and to increase awareness and sensitize them about the new initiatives undertaken in their interest by the organisation (EPFO).



Pension Adalat provides a platform to existing and prospective pensioners for closer interaction with EPFO officers for understanding the provisions of EPS 1995 and getting resolution of their pension related grievances such as non-receipt of pension, Digital life certificates etc.

All the stakeholders are invited to attend the above programme for quick disposal of their grievances and/or to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO.