

# CSIR-IIIM Jammu celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with Run for Unity

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) Jammu celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to honour Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy of integrity, unity, and national cohesion. Led by Director Dr. Zabeer Ahmed CSIR-IIIM, the CSIR-IIIM team took a pledge to promote diversity and harmony within the institution, reflecting Sardar Patel's vision of a united India. The day concluded with an enthusiastic Run for Unity, symbolizing the institute's commitment to solidarity and



Director Dr. Zabeer Ahmed leading CSIR-IIIM's Run for Unity, honouring Sardar Patel's legacy.

collective strength. During the event, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed addressed the staff and highlighted the importance of unity and purpose as key drivers of progress and collaboration within CSIR-IIIM. Dr. Ahmed noted that Sardar Patel's vision for a united India remains as significant today as ever.

On Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, CSIR-IIIM pledged to uphold diversity, integrity, and a harmonious environment-values that are essential in both professional and societal spheres. The Run for Unity, held in the evening, drew enthusiastic participation from CSIR-IIIM's staff and students, who rallied together, embodying shared purpose and mutual respect. Participants gathered with energy and commitment, their steps symbolizing the drive for unity that underpins both the institute's mission and India's diverse society. The event not only hon-

oured Sardar Patel's instrumental role in uniting India but also served as a powerful reminder of the strength found in collaboration and inclusivity. Through this run, the CSIR-IIIM community reinforced its commitment to a harmonious future built on collective effort and unity. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas offers institutions and individuals a yearly chance to reaffirm their commitment to national unity. CSIR-IIIM Jammu is honoured to participate in this observance, striving to foster an inclusive and cooperative environment that values and celebrates diversity.

## Dy CM, ministers greet people on Diwali

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Thursday greeted people on the occasion of Diwali. In his message, Surinder Kumar Choudhary appealed the people to use the auspicious day of festival of light to brighten the lives of others by celebrating the occasion together and in an atmosphere of amity. "Diwali is a time for festivity and happiness for all. It is an occasion to share our joy with those who are in need", he said. Dy. CM also expressed

hope that the festival of lights this year will "mark the beginning of a new phase of optimism" for everyone. Meanwhile, the Council of Ministers has also greeted the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. The Ministers hoped that this auspicious occasion would further strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, amity, brotherhood and will be harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity for the people. The Ministers included Minister for Social Welfare, Education,

Health & Medical Education, Sakeena Masood, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar and Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Satish Sharma. They expressed hope that the Diwali would open a new chapter of progress and all round development in the region.

## Agriculture Deptt accords farewell to retiring colleague



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A warm and affectionate farewell was accorded on Thursday to Uttam Sharma, Junior Agriculture Extension Officer, who retired after more than 38 years of dedicated service to the Agriculture Department. The farewell ceremony brought together staff and officers from the Agriculture Department Jammu, who expressed their profound gratitude and appreciation for Uttam Sharma's unwavering commitment and contributions to the welfare of the farming community. Director of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, along with Joint Director Agriculture (Extension/SLUB) Satish Sharma and sectoral officers extended warm wishes to Uttam Sharma for a prosperous and fulfilling post-retirement life.

# Jodhamal students excel in District Skating, Roller Hockey Championships

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In the recently concluded District Skating and Roller Hockey Championships organized at MA Stadium, Jammu, the skaters from Jodhamal Public School excelled in both Speed and Roller Hockey events, etching their dominance in both the arenas by bagging the maximum number of medals. The district skating competition was a thrilling event that showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our young skaters. More than 40 students participated in these events from Jodhamal. The event featured a variety of categories, including solo performances, group routines and speed skating, allowing skaters to demonstrate their skills in different disciplines.



Jodhamal Public School faculty felicitating winner students.

As the competition unfolded, it became clear that the children had put in countless hours of practice. Their hard work was very much evident. The event concluded with an awards ceremony, where top performers were recognized for their outstanding efforts. Following students from Jodhamal were awarded Medals and Trophies by the dignitaries: In Speed Events, Pavit bagged two gold medals, Kabish two gold medals, Pearl two silver medals, Samaira two silver medals, Sehraj two silver medals, Naisha one silver medal and

one bronze medal, Inaya one silver medal, Anandani two bronze medals, Ransher two bronze medals, Sharnya one bronze medal, Namya one bronze medal, Kyra one bronze medal, Ahaana one bronze medal. In Roller Hockey Event, Bhavnoor won two gold medals, Aayan two gold medals, Gurjas two gold medals, Aaira one gold medal and one silver medal, Czia one gold medal, Danial one gold medal, Hazel one gold medal, Shawini one gold medal, Sameer one gold medal, Dhruv two silver medals, Priya one silver medal, Sherish one silver medal, Kiyansh one silver medal, Aarohi one silver medal, Aaira one silver medal, Saksham one silver medal, Akshita one silver medal, Ayesha one silver medal, Namish two bronze medals and Aahan two bronze medals. The impressive medal tally and achievements of students are a testimony to the excellent dedication and hard work of our students and their coaches alike. The Jodhamal Skating geniuses who have left indelible marks in several national and international tournaments in the past were mentored by their efficient coaches Kamal Anand and Ritesh. Their unparalleled dedication and expertise on the wheels make them the most revered coaches of skating in J&K. The Jodhamal fraternity complimented the teams on their stellar achievements and wished them more glory in their upcoming events.

# Jammu to host around 4,000 athletes across India in 68th NSG

A step forward towards making J&K a sporting hub: Tara



DG YSS, Rajinder Singh Tara chairing a meeting on Thursday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The City of Temples will host around 4000 athletes across the country during the 68th National School Games (NSG) in four sporting disciplines to be organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports at different venues in Jammu. The events including Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football will commence on November 7, 2024 with the Judo event and will conclude on December 10, 2024 with the conclusion of Football event. Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara while chairing a meeting of the Conveners of various committees served them strict directions with regard to making these sporting extravaganzas as memorable ones. He said working with passion, commitment, dedication and responsibility always helps in achieving the goals or in simple words are the 'mantras' for success. "The Government is com-

mitted to promote sports in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir. Especially, the Sports Minister leaves no stone unturned to see the sports fraternity flourish. That's why we are going to host historic four national sporting events in Jammu, which is unquestionably a step forward towards making Jammu and Kashmir a sporting hub," said Tara while addressing the Conveners. He advised the Conveners of different committees to set an example of coordination and cooperation in conducting the event in a most befitting manner. While advising the technical experts to show fairness and firmness in announcing results, Tara said the delay in results always leads to suspicion. Earlier, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Vaid Prakash while welcoming the Director General Sports, briefed him about the different committees framed for the success-

ful conduct of the event. Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Sunil Kumar Sharma Accounts Officer Directorate, Mool Raj Convener Control Room, Sukhdev Raj Sharma, Convener Reception Committee, Sunil Sambyal Convener Transport Committee, Rammurti, Convener Liaison Committee, Jaffar Hussain, Convener Boarding & Lodging/Press & Publicity Committee, Harvinder Kaur Convener Ceremonies Committee, Romesh Kumar Mishra Convener Equipment Committee, Tarseem Lal Convener Technical Committee, Jitender Singh, Jagdish Raj Convener Medical Committee, Joginder Sharma Convener Disciplinary Committee, Sarita Bandral Convener Anchoring Committee and Varinder Sharma Convener Hostel Committee.

## MIER College of Education, Composite Regional Centre Jammu sign MoU for special education collaboration



MIER College of Education signing MoU with Composite Regional Centre Jammu.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: MIER College of Education is delighted to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Jammu. This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in advancing special education initiatives. The MoU aims to foster collaboration in research, training, and knowledge-sharing to benefit individuals with disabilities. This collaboration will facilitate joint workshops, seminars, and awareness programs, promoting inclusive education practices and enhanced services for differently abled individuals.

MIER College extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director of CRC Jammu, for her instrumental role in enabling this partnership. Both institutions are committed to providing improved professional development opportunities for educators, equipping them with the skills to integrate inclusive teaching methodologies. This MoU is a pivotal step towards strengthening the special education framework in the region and enhancing the quality of education and support for individuals with disabilities in Jammu and beyond.

## Jammu girls win U-17 Softball title



Winner Jammu team receiving trophy.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: District Jammu bagged girls' under-17 title trophy in the annual inter-district UT level Softball tournament which was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at GGM Science College ground, here today. In the final, Jammu outplayed Pulwama making it a one-sided contest 14-03.

However, in other two age groups, the titles went to district Pulwama. In under-19 category, Pulwama outplayed district Srinagar 14-04 and then defeated district Budgam in under-14 age group thus make it a double title win. The technical penal for the event included Harvinder Singh, Amlok Singh, Varinder Singh, Jyoti Sharma, Gurbachan Singh and Opinder Singh. The winners and runners-up teams received title trophies and other individual prizes from district officer, Harvinder Kour, who was also event incharge.

## Eshaan of GDC Marh shines in Pencak-Silat Competition

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Eshaan Saini, a student of B.A Semester-V, GDC Marh has won two silver medals in Pencak-Silat and Wrestling at the prestigious Inter-Collegiate Competition organized by University of Jammu. In the Pencak-Silat competition, Eshaan defeated two colleges and demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication, speed, and strategic approach to martial arts. In the wrestling competition, he defeated three colleges. His journey to the silver medal reflected his commitment and hard work. The faculty and students



GDC Marh faculty felicitating a winner student.

of GDC Marh were proud of Eshaan for his outstanding achievements. Principal of the college Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul and IQAC/ Sports Convenor Prof. Intiaz Shahid congratulated Eshaan on his landmark achievement which has taken college to new heights in the field of sports. He also congratulated the Physical Director Ravi Kumar for chiseled selection of the student and fruitful outcome.

## National Unity Day 2024 celebrated in GDC Mahanpur

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: National Unity Day 2024 was celebrated in GDC Mahanpur on Thursday. An Invited Lecture was organised to celebrate National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The programme was organised by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director, under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College. Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan (Principal) was the Chief Guest and Suresh Kumar Sharma was the Resource Person and the Guest of Honour on the occasion. The Programme commenced with the Lamp



GDC Mahanpur faculty, students posing with police officers during a programme.

lighting ceremony by the dignitaries. Moreover, the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour were also welcomed with the bouquet of flowers by the Organizing Committee. Dr. J.S. Soodan gave the welcome address. In his address, he welcomed the Guests and highlighted the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in building a united and harmonious India.

Suresh Kumar Sharma is JKPS, serving as SDPO in Basohli. He delivered a Power Point Presentation on the topic "Vigilance Awareness" with the theme "Culture of Integration for Nation's Unity". In his lecture, Suresh not only highlighted the purpose, importance, aspects and types of Vigilance but also discussed the various commissions and preventive measures taken by the

Government of India to curb malpractices like corruption. The lecture enlightened the students as well as the faculty members of the College about the importance of vigilance for the welfare of the nation. In her address, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College, not only expressed her gratitude to Sh. Suresh (JKPS), the Guest of Honour, but

also congratulated the Organizing Secretary, J.S. Soodan for organising such a wonderful event. Moreover, she also highlighted the importance of Patel's vision of united India. A token of appreciation was also presented to the Guest of Honour by the Principal along with the faculty members. The programme was attended by more than 60 students. It was also attended by the faculty members- Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh, Nisha, Dr. Sapna, Dr. Rupalee, Dr. Nishu, Dr. Babli, Dr. Yograj, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Sohail, and Namita. The entire programme was hosted by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sapna Devi.

## Horticulture Department bids farewell to retiring colleague

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An impressive farewell function was organized on Thursday by the Department of Horticulture, Jammu to accord a warm send off to Pardeep Gupta, Nursery Registration Officer, Jammu who attained superannuation today after rendering more than 38 years of service in different capacities in the Horticulture Department. The Director Horticulture Jammu C. L. Sharma, other senior offi-



cers and staff of Horticulture Department wished the retiring employee a happy, healthy and prosperous post retirement life.

## Gul convenes meeting with SDA; assesses development issues of Srinagar residents

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Pro-tem Speaker, Mubarak Gul, on Thursday convened a meeting with the Vice Chairman of Srinagar Development Authority (SDA), along with other district officers of the authority and the Executive Engineer (SDA). The purpose of the meeting was to address key development needs in Srinagar to ensure better facilities and support for

the local community. The meeting had detailed discussion on several crucial issues including repairs, renovations and macadamization of roads in Pamposh Colony, Rath Colony, Gata Colony, and Palapora Colony, streamlining of drainage system to prevent water logging and ensure proper sanitation, lease extension for Eidgah Constituency residents and provision of residential flats for weaker sections. The Speaker highlighted the need for affordable (2BHK) residential flats for weaker sections and homeless individuals in the Eidgah constituency, reinforcing his commitment towards improving living conditions for all. The Speaker stressed upon the officers of SDA to expedite the execution of all development works in the area, ensuring that the people of these areas do not face further inconvenience.