

# JAMMU PEX-2024 concludes



Director Postal Services Jammu and Kashmir Prateek and Principal Ranbir Higher Secondary School releasing special postal cover on Ranbir School in Jammu on Thursday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The two days philately exhibition named JammuPex-2024- organized by the Department of Posts, showcasing history and cultural heritage of Jammu through postal stamps ended on Thursday at the Kala Kendra Jammu.

On the day two of the philately exhibition, a special postal cover of Ranbir Higher Secondary School,

Jammu was released by Director Postal Services Prateek in the presence of Principal of Ranbir Higher Secondary School, Satya Bushan Raina.

Raina expressed gratitude of the Department of Posts for bringing out special postal cover on the school which is one among the oldest educational institutions in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

On the closing day win-

ners of Stamp designing and Quiz contest were announced with Nandini Chib of APS Domana clinching the first position, Emanat Kour of Caramel convent School, Kunjwani securing second and Amrinder Singh Randhawa of Air Force School Satwari third in place .

In the quiz competition students of Caramel convent School, Kunjwani bagged first placed followed by BSF School Paloura and DPS Nagabani.

A spell bounded cultural program by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on Dogra culture marked end of the event.

Regional Passport Officer Rajesh Kumar was chief guest on the conclusion event while Dr. Ankush Bhagat SSPO's Jammu presented vote of thanks.

## GRP Jammu conducts Automated Range Classification

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In view of the threat perception and present prevailing security scenario, Govt. Railway Police (GRP) Jammu automated Containerized Range

Classification for refresher training and upgrading the proficiency in weapon handling and firing efficiency, in which Officers and jawans including women police participated.



Railway Police (GRP) Jammu at automated Containerized Range Classification for refresher training.

## AM Group celebrates Children's Day with enthusiasm



AM Group members celebrating Children's Day with children.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: AM Group, a prominent automobile dealership group, celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm across its Tata, Hyundai, and MG dealerships.

The event treated children of employees, customers, and those from Balgran, a special

school for children, to a fun-filled day featuring picnics, long drives, indoor play zones, and delicious food. Each dealership embraced a unique theme, adding excitement to the festivities.

The children participated in a variety of activities, including games, quizzes, and entertainment programs, making

for a memorable experience.

Jatinder Gupta, Chairman of AM Group, expressed, "Children are the future of our nation, and it's our responsibility to make them feel special."

The celebration was a tremendous success, with the dealerships brimming with joy, laughter, and smiles.

## TBS, JU ascends to Rank 5 among best Govt B-Schools with Value for Money

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu (JU), continues to set new benchmarks in management education, achieving notable success in the India Today 2024 rankings.

TBS has secured 5th position in the Value for Money category and 28th in the overall Government B-School category, marking a remarkable leap from last year's 9th position.

It is the only B-School from Jammu & Kashmir to be ranked among the country's top management institutions. Additionally, in the BT-MDRA Best B-School Survey Silver Jubilee Edition, published in October 2024, TBS ranked 8th for Return on Investment (ROI) and 28th in the Government B-School category.

These rankings reflect the school's consistent growth and its dedication to providing high-quality education, strengthening corporate partnerships, and improving the employability of its students.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor JU, expressed his delight over the recognition and commended the entire TBS team for their relentless efforts.

He emphasized that such



rankings offer a platform to showcase the institution's strengths and serve as a benchmark for future growth.

Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director of TBS, highlighted the key role of faculty efforts, student achievements, and alumni success in securing these rankings. He stressed that TBS is committed to offering affordable and quality management education that fosters substantial career growth. Under the visionary leadership of Prof. Rai, TBS is also introducing innovative programs, including Executive Education, Management Development Programmes (MDPs), Consultancy Services, and Entrepreneurship Development, further enhancing its legacy in management education.

## DB quashes show cause notice, order of Commissioner GST

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant order passed by the Division Bench (DB) of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu comprising of Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Mohd. Yousaf Wani, the High Court quashed the show cause notice and order in original passed by the Additional Commissioner Central GST and Central Excise Jammu.

This significant direction has been passed by the DB in a petition filed by M/s Quality Zinc Pvt Ltd in which the petitioner company has sought quashment of show cause notice dated March 28, 2018 and Order in original dated March 28, 2019 passed by the Additional Commissioner GST and Central Excise Jammu.

The DB after hearing advocate Mohd Latif

Malik for the petitioner Company and the counsel for the respondents, quashed both the show cause notice and order in Original passed by the Addl. Commissioner GST, Jammu.

Advocate Mohd Latif Malik appearing for the petitioner Company M/S Quality Zinc Pvt Ltd Samba is entitle to the refund of the excise duty received by the respondents on the basis of the judgment passed by the Supreme Court in case title M/S U.O.I and others V/S DSCL Sugar Ltd and the circular issued by the finance Department Govt of India dated April 25, 2016.

Malik further submitted that the petitioner Company after passing of the circular dated April 25, 2016 by which the judgment of the

Supreme Court was accepted and implemented by the respondents, submitted an application for refund of the excise duty amounting to Rs. 1,85,09,272 to the respondents but the respondents did not decide the claim of the petitioner Company and issued the impugned show cause notice and passed order dated March 28, 2019.

The DB after hearing the submissions of both the sides, quashed the show cause notice dated July 13, 2018 and order dated March 28, 2019 and sent the matter back to the Principal Commissioner, Central GST and Central Excise Commissionerate Jammu to consider and dispose of the application for refund filed by the petitioner Company in accordance with law.

## GMHSS Domana organises Cluster level Bal Mela

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A vibrant and lively Bal Mela was celebrated at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS) Domana, with Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary of School Education, as the Chief Guest.

The event was also attended by several distinguished officials, including Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director of School Education Jammu, Mohd. Yubab Itoo, Director General of Funds Organisation, Joint Director DSEJ Subah Mehta, Joint Director Finance Poonam Makhnotra, Chief Education Officer Jammu J. K. Padha and other officials.

Nearly 800 students from the cluster schools participated in the event, which aimed to com-



Principal Secretary School Education, Suresh Gupta visiting a stall.

bine joy and learning through a mix of fun activities and educational experiences.

In his keynote address, Suresh Kumar Gupta emphasized the importance of such

gatherings in nurturing young minds and offering them opportunities to learn and interact outside the traditional classroom.

He commended the school for

organizing the event and expressed delight in seeing the students' enthusiasm and active participation.

The Bal Mela featured a wide variety of stalls and activities,

including arts and crafts, traditional games, job fairs, and food stalls.

It also included an awareness program on AYUSH medicine, along with cultural performances like dance and music, reflecting the region's rich diversity.

Mohinder Sharma, Principal of the School, expressed gratitude to all attendees, calling the event an excellent opportunity for students to experience learning in a fun, stress-free environment.

The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to competition winners, encouraging students to continue exploring their talents and interests.

Teachers, parents, and local dignitaries also attended, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

function along with G.N. Singh, Advisor to Chief Minister, UP & Ex Drug Controller General, Dr. Vinay K. Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Dr. D. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, CSIR-IIT, Dr. Vibha Tandon, Director, CSIR-IICB and Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIM.

The conclave is being organised under the One Week One Theme (OWOT) Campaign, with the prime focus on fostering innovation and startup ecosystem in the HealthCare Sector. Thirty six startups and eight CSIR Institutes will be displaying their innovations, technologies and products, in HealthCare sector, ranging from areas such as Herbal Food Supplements, Functional Foods for Cancer and Women Health, Biostimulants and Biopesticides, Natural Cosmetics, Agri-products such as Pheranone traps, etc.

The event is organized with the patronage of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, under overall supervision of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu, assisted by his team of Scientists.

## Power shutdown

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Marmat, Goha, Mangota, Humble Prabale and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 16, 18 and 20 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, Muthi Matador Stand, PHE Roop Nagar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 16 from 7 am to 1 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to SM Pura, BSF and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 17 from 7 am to 11 am.

## JMC Com listens, redresses grievances of residents in Ward No 62



JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav listening to issues of residents at Ward 62.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav on Thursday visited Ward. No 62, Upper Roop Nagar falling under the jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

During the tour, the Commissioner took stock of grievances of residents of the said ward. The residents raised the issues of street lights & High Mast Lights, water supply, sanitation, water cooler, parks, bathing ghat and e-Buses etc.

The residents apprised him that most of the street lights are non-functional due to which the areas remained dark in the night. The residents requested for repair as

well as installation of new lights. The Commissioner, JMC issued immediate directions to the Executive Engineer (E), JMC, for resolving the issue of street lights at the earliest. He also asked the XEN (E) to get the water cooler(s) repaired.

On the issue of water supply, the Commissioner issued directions to the concerned Executive Engineers to ensure proper water supply in the area.

He further issued directions to the Health Wing of JMC to provide satisfactory services to the residents of the area and he also checked the attendance of the Sanitation workers and Health Officer was directed to issue notice to absentees.

The residents raised the issue of e-buses and requested the Commissioner, JMC to start the services of e-buses in the area as a large number of devotees comes to pay obeisance at Aap Shambu Mandir but in absence of the e-bus service they face a lot of inconvenience.

The Commissioner assured them the e-bus service shall start soon in the area. He also directed the Engineering Wing of JMC to prepare an estimate for development of green strip at the main road leading to Aap Shambu temple.

He also issued directions to the Secretary, JMC for development as well as renovation of parks in the area and added that parks are the outlook of the areas that must be developed in such a way it should add more beauty to the areas.

During the tour, Chand Singh, Secretary, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Health Officer, Akhil Dutt, Executive Engineer, Div-III, S. Simranpal Singh, Executive Engineer(E), JMC, Talat Mahmood Khan, CTO, Rabia Khan, AFO alongwith subordinate staff accompanied the Commissioner, JMC.

## CCI Jammu delegation calls on Dr. Jitendra, submits Memorandum



CCI delegation handing over a memorandum to Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The office bearers of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) led by its President Arun Gupta on Thursday called on Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office and submitted a Memorandum stating that in the past Jammu Railway Station has been declared as a Railway Division but nothing concrete has been done in this regard. As you know Jammu is a major hub of Railway Operations for interstate and intrastate transportation.

All the major trains from and to different parts of the country pass through Jammu Railway Station. Moreover the Rail is going to reach Srinagar very soon which is also going to increase the number of Railway Stations and web of Railway tracks in this border area. There is urgent need to upgrade the Jammu Railway Station by giving full-fledged Divisional Status on the pattern of Ferozpur Railway Division. This will streamline the running of trains to and fro Jammu and will also open new avenues for creating employment opportunities for locals.

While reacting Dr. Jitendra Singh endorsed the demand put forth by CCI and said that Jammu Railway Station fully qualifies for being a Railway Division because the Rail Network has tremendously increased and further the rail is reaching Srinagar which is more than 300 KM away from Jammu. He immediately talked with the Union Railway Minister regarding our request and after conversation with him, he assured that Jammu Railway Station shall be developed as a full-fledged Railway Division as requested by CCI Jammu. The other office bearers who accompanied the Delegation include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Manish Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

## 'Anandam: The Center for Happiness' at IIM Jammu excels at 1st National Well-Being Conclave

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Under the visionary leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, 'Anandam: The Center for Happiness' participated in the 1st National Well-Being Conclave held at IIT Hyderabad on November 9-10, 2024.

This landmark event, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Government of India, gathered over 500 participants from 100 centrally funded institutions to discuss and showcase mental health and well-being initiatives in higher education.

The event was inaugurated by key dignitaries, including K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, and V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor.

IIM Jammu was represented by Dr. Mamta Tripathi, Chairperson of Anandam, and Dr. Eshika Aggarwal, Co-Chairperson, alongside students Annu Sharma and Abhishek Singh Dube. The dignitaries, including



IIM Jammu faculty and students at a programme.

Murthy and Kouli, visited the Anandam stall, lauding its impactful initiatives aimed at promoting holistic well-being.

Anandam showcased its diverse initiatives such as a Happiness course integrated into the curriculum, year-round yoga and meditation sessions, counseling services, and programs like "Parichay" and "Gratitude," which foster student-faculty engagement and social bonding.

These initiatives reflect IIM Jammu's commitment to promoting well-being among students, faculty,

and staff. The conclave featured discussions on mental health strategies, resilience, and the importance of well-being in campus life. A key highlight was the launch of a Compendium of Best Practices on Well-being, which includes successful mental health programs from various institutions.

This conclave marked a crucial step in mainstreaming mental health support and fostering a culture of holistic growth within India's higher education landscape.