

# IIM Jammu inaugurates Management Immersion Programme (Batch-II) for MBA students of IILM University Gurugram



IIM Jammu faculty with MBA students of IILM University Gurugram at Jammu on Wednesday.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, inaugurated the Management Immersion Programme (Batch-II) for MBA students of IILM University, Gurugram, at its Jagti Campus.

The programme, organized by the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C) division, aims to enhance managerial competencies, leadership qualities, and industry readiness among participants.

A total of 57 MBA students from IILM

University, accompanied by faculty members Dr. Vikrant Giri and Dr. Poornima Schrawat, are participating in this five-day training initiative.

The inaugural session, held at the Dronacharya Classroom, began with registration and a guided tour of IIM Jammu's Academic Block, acquainting students with the institute's world-class infrastructure and academic environment.

The ceremony was graced by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean (Faculty and Research), along with Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, Dr. Apurva Yadav, and Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, EE&C.

The program is being coordinated under the direction of Dr. Shreya Rastogi. The ceremony commenced with the Lighting of the Lamp, symbolizing the quest for wisdom and learning.

In his address, Prof. Jabir Ali emphasized that the programme offers participants a unique opportunity for self-transformation through active engagement and experiential learning.

He urged students to remain disciplined, punctual, and fully focused, making the most of the interactions throughout the week.

Highlighting IIM Jammu's decade-long contribution to education, policy, and govern-

ance in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, he encouraged students to use this platform to strengthen their leadership, critical thinking, and decision-making abilities.

Dr. Pratik Maheshwari shared an overview of the EE&C division's initiatives, noting that IIM Jammu offers a diverse portfolio of open and customized executive education programs.

He highlighted that these initiatives aim to bridge academic knowledge with real-world business applications, addressing emerging challenges across sectors. He also invited participants to explore IIM Jammu's

Management Development Programs (MDPs) and certification courses that offer alumni status, underscoring the institute's growing role in executive education and consultancy.

Delivering the welcome address, Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, Program Director, outlined the five-day schedule, emphasizing its focus on experiential learning, emotional intelligence, and leadership development. She noted that the initiative aligns with IIM Jammu's mission to nurture socially responsible and industry-ready professionals.

The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Apurva Yadav, Program Director, who expressed gratitude to IILM University, faculty members, and students for their collaboration and enthusiasm.

The ceremony ended with the National Anthem and a group photograph. The week-long programme will feature interactive lectures, case discussions, and team-based activities, reflecting IIM Jammu's commitment to excellence in management education and executive development.

# SSP Samba emphasizes regular weapon handling, firing training for VDG Members to enhance security



SSP Samba Virinder Manhas interacting with VDGs members at DPL Samba.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba Virinder Manhas on Wednesday emphasized that the weapon handling and weapon firing practices of the Village Defence Groups (VDGs) members are being conducted regularly for their proper training and familiarization with firearms to enhance their operational readiness and effectiveness in maintaining security in the areas.

SSP Samba on Wednesday chaired an interaction meeting with members of the VDGs of the district at District Police Lines (DPL) Samba.

The meeting was organized with the primary objective of

sensitizing VDGs members about the prevailing security scenario and briefing them on their duties and responsibilities. The chairing officer emphasized the vital role of the VDGs in ensuring peace and security in their respective areas and highlighted the importance of maintaining close coordination with the Police and nearby Security Forces.

While addressing the meeting, SSP instructed the concerned police officers for more such sessions of weapon handling and weapon firing practices for the VDGs.

It was further stressed in the meeting for the importance of synergy and collaboration between VDGs mem-

bers and Police units, stating that such coordination significantly strengthens collective efforts in ensuring public safety.

SSP directed the Police Officers present on the occasion, including Addl.SP, SDPOs, SHOs, and Incharges of Police Posts, to conduct frequent briefings of VDGs members within their jurisdictions and to ensure their effective liaison with the nearby Security Forces also.

Later, an interactive session was held, during which VDGs members raised several points and suggestions to which chairing officer patiently heard and provided on-the-spot resolutions to their satisfaction.

# Bima Lokpal Day celebrated to Mark Foundation of Insurance Ombudsman Institution

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NEW DELHI: The Bima Lokpal Day was celebrated across the country on November 11, 2025, to commemorate the foundation day of the establishment of the Institution of Insurance Ombudsman, which came into existence in 1998.

On this day, the Government of India had notified the Redressal of Public Grievances Rules, thereby introducing the Insurance Ombudsman as a quasi-judicial grievance redressal mechanism to address complaints of insured individuals against life and non-life insurance companies. The primary objective of this institution is to ensure the resolution of insurance-related grievances in a cost-effective, efficient, and impartial manner. In 2017, the Government of India ratified the new Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017, expanding the scope of grievance redressal to include complaints related to personal lines of insurance, group insurance policies, and policies issued to sole proprietorships and micro-enterprises. The rules ensure that grievances involving insurance companies, their agents, or intermediaries are resolved

in a fair and transparent manner. Notably, the Insurance Ombudsman does not charge any fee for addressing complaints, and no intermediary or lawyer is required to file a complaint, making the process easily accessible to policyholders. On this occasion, Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), Ajay Seth addressed participants from 18 Insurance Ombudsman Centres across the country.

He emphasized the importance of promoting transparency and accountability in the insurance sector and highlighted the Ombudsman's role in ensuring policyholder protection. The Insurance Ombudsman, Delhi Centre, also appealed to complainants and representatives of insurance companies to cooperate through conciliation and mediation for amicable settlements. The Delhi Centre reported that during the year 2024-25, it received 3,665 complaints, all of which were successfully disposed of achieving a 100% disposal rate, with 69% of the cases resolved through mediation. The introduction of online complaint registration in February

2021 has further simplified the process, allowing complainants to register their grievances anytime and from anywhere through the official portal www.coins.co.in, without the need to visit the Ombudsman's office.

To celebrate Bima Lokpal Day 2025, the Delhi Office of Insurance Ombudsman (OIC), located in the Universal Building at Asaf Ali Road, organized several public awareness activities. These included advertisements in Delhi Metro coaches (Yellow Line) for one month, distribution of pamphlets through newspaper vendors, and display of banners and standees at prominent public places such as railway stations, bus stands, and insurance offices. Additionally, a meeting was held with representatives of public and private sector insurance companies at the Ombudsman Office to reinforce the importance of policyholder rights and promote effective grievance redressal mechanisms.

The celebration concluded with a collective pledge to strengthen consumer trust, promote awareness about insurance rights, and ensure fair resolution of grievances in the insurance sector.

# GDC Kunjwani hosts Innovation Boot Camp in collaboration with IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Science and Innovation Club and Career Counselling Cell of GDC Kunjwani hosted an Innovation Boot Camp in collaboration with IIM Jammu.

The initiative aimed at inspiring, equipping, and guiding young minds to explore entrepreneurship, innovation, and problem solving as viable career pathways, while fostering entrepreneurial thinking at the grassroots level. The program seeks to build the foundation of a self-sustaining startup ecosystem.

The proceeding of the programme was coordinated by Prof. Risha Kumari. The IQAC convener Prof. Arti Pandoh Gupta gave the welcome address.

Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli graced the occasion with her presence and shared her valuable insights on the



Resource person addressing students during a camp.

said programme.

She highlighted significance of such platforms in encouraging the students to think beyond conventional career choices. She also emphasized the increasing relevance of start-ups in the current global scenario.

The resource persons of the event were Dr. Niti Shekhar, Dr. Vivek Sharma (CIO IIM), Kannav Padha (Manager DST ITBI), Dr. Pratik Maheshwari (Deputy Manager DST

ITBI). The session started with Kannav Padha giving an elaborate and informative lecture focussing on the startup development, innovation opportunities and the evolving entrepreneurial landscapes. More than 200 students registered and actively participated in the session.

The programme ended with a formal vote of the thanks delivered by Prof. Bhavana

Sharma who expressed her gratitude to all resource persons and faculty members for their support and presence.

The faculty members who graced the occasion included Dr. Deepa Matoo, Prof. Baljinder Kour, Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Prof. Shafiqat Ahmed, Dr. Rannik, Dr. Rohini, Prof. Deepika Sharma, Dr. Seema, Prof. Ambika Rajput, Prof. Neeru Sharma and Prof. Shamshad.

# Sakeena assesses various issues on fee fixation, regulation of private schools across J&K



Education Minister Sakeena Itoo chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo on Wednesday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to assess the issues related to fee fixation and regulation of Private Schools across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Secretary School Education department, Ram Nivwas Sharma; Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani; Secretary JKBOSE, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh; Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Naseem Javaid; Director Finance School Education department, Administrative Officer Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (FFRC), and other concerned officers, either in person or through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Minister held detailed deliberations on range of issues concerning fee fixation, regulation, and operational transparency of private educational institutions across the Jammu and Kashmir. The Minister emphasized that education is a social responsibility and reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that no student is deprived of learning opportunities due to

unreasonable fee structures. She directed the officers to strictly enforce existing guidelines and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to prevent arbitrary fee hikes and other regulatory violations. Recognizing the vital role of private schools in supplementing the public education system, the Minister called for greater transparency in fee disclosure, adherence to approved structures, and timely redressal of grievances from parents and students. The Minister also stressed the importance of constructive engagement between the government, school managements, and parent associations, advocating for a collaborative approach in shaping a fair and sustainable educational ecosystem across Jammu and Kashmir.

While reviewing other issues, the Minister issued strict instructions to CEOs to check unregulated selling of school textbooks by private schools through various agencies at exorbitant rates. She directed the CEOs to conduct routine checks on schools as well as book shops and take stringent action against schools and book shops involved in selling textbooks at exorbitant rates.

She also instructed the Director School Education to issue a detailed order regarding curriculum/textbooks to be followed by schools and make each CEO to implement that order in

letter and spirit. She asked the CEOs to take appropriate action against schools violating this order. The Minister also directed the CEOs to establish suitable grievance redressal mechanism for dealing with complaints related to fee structure of schools as well as increased textbook prices.

She also directed the officers to develop a fully dynamic website on a government server to enable online applications, fee data submission, and transparent public access to approved fee structures. She also asked them to develop evidence-based recommendations for periodic fee revision mechanisms to ensure affordability and sustainability in private education.

# JKAS officers express gratitude to LG Kavinder for elevation of Moses Kunzang as Administrative Secretary

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

LEH: A delegation of JKAS officers heading various departments called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, to convey their gratitude and warm felicitations on the elevation of Moses Kunzang to the position of Administrative Secretary in the UT Ladakh Administration.

Moses Kunzang, a senior

# Two-day "Jammu Language Conference" concluded at JU

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The two-day "Jammu Language Conference" concluded today with a valedictory function held at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. Jb. Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, graced the valedictory function as the Chief Guest.

While speaking on the occasion, Nasir Aslam Wani congratulated the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, and the Himalayan Education Mission, Rajouri, for organizing a conference covering 17 languages spoken across the Jammu Division. He said that such an initiative would open new avenues for young scholars to explore and promote the rich linguistic diversity of the region.

Describing Jammu Division as a truly multilingual region with diverse cultures, languages, and traditions, Wani reflected on the contributions of noted poets and writers. He highlighted the work of Late Rasa Javedani of Bhaderwah, whose poetry beautifully portrayed the natural beauty, realities of life, and culture of the Chenab Valley. He also spoke



A dignitary speaking at a programme.

about Janbaz Kishitwari, a renowned poet and singer who made significant contributions to Kashmiri and Urdu literature.

Wani further mentioned prominent Dogri poets including Ved Pal Deep, Krishan Sambhal Puri, and Padma Sachdev, as well as literary figures from Poonch and Rajouri such as Dina Nath Rafiq, Thakur Poonchi, and Chirag Hassan Hasrat. He also discussed the short stories of Krishan Chander, which vividly depict the beauty and life of the Poonch-Rajouri region.

Applauding the Department of Urdu and the Himalayan Education Mission for successfully bringing so many lan-

guages under one platform, he emphasized that the research papers presented during the conference should be compiled and published in book form to benefit the younger generation.

Earlier, two academic sessions were held, in which about 23 writers representing different languages of the Jammu Division presented their research papers on the theme "Language, Literature and Jammuiet."

The paper presenters included: Prof. Asadullah Wani (Bhaderwah), Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas, Dr. Pritam Singh (Punjabi), Dr. Kouser Rasool (Kashmiri), Dr. Rajbir Singh Sodhi (Punjabi), Dr. Parshotam (Hindi), Shabbir

Almed Shabbir (Kashmiri), Ananpreet Kour (Punjabi), Jb. Sadaqat Malik (Bhaleshi), Jb. Aseer Kishitwari (Urdu), Dr. Chaman Lal (Siraji), Dr. Ashaq (Urdu), Dr. Parshotam Paul Singh (Gaddi), Dr. Shahida Nawaz (Multilingual), Dr. Jug Mohan (Siraji), Jahangir Asgar (Gojri), and Dr. Fulail Singh (Paddari).

The academic sessions were presided over by Prof. Aftab Ahmed Afaqui (BHU), Prof. Ram Bahadur Shukla, Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, Prof. Baljeet Kour, Jb. T. R. Raina, Prof. Mushtaq Alam Qadri (DU), Dr. Sushma Sharma, and Jb. Ayaz Rasool Nazki.

A Multilingual Mushaira was also organized, where poets

from different linguistic backgrounds recited their poetry and captivated the audience. Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, Dr. Chaman Lal, Dr. Javid Ahmed Shah, Dr. Abdul Qayoom, and Dr. Jug Mohan conducted the sessions and proposed votes of thanks for the academic proceedings.

At the valedictory function, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Head, Department of Urdu, presented the formal vote of thanks.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of faculty members, scholars, students, and members of civil society, who attended both the valedictory function and the multilingual Mushaira.

# JKAS officer of the 1999 batch, has been serving as Director, Housing and Urban Development Department, UT Ladakh. As per an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD), he has now been entrusted with the charge of Administrative Secretary, Department of Youth Services and Sports.

The visiting officers lauded the Lt Governor's leadership and his instrumental role in ensuring due recognition of Moses Kunzang's exemplary service and commitment. Congratulating Moses on his new assignment, the Lt Governor commended his professionalism, integrity, and over two decades of dedicated service to Ladakh. He expressed confidence that Moses will continue to uphold the highest stan-

dards of public service and contribute meaningfully to the growth, development, and welfare of the people of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by JKAS officers Dr. Zahida Bano, Sonam Nurboo, Sonam Chosjor, Ghulam Ahmed, Shabbir Hussain, Zakir Hussain, Mohd. Taqi, Dorjey Gyalson, Rigzin Yangdol, Faisal Tantray, and Nilza Angmo.