

# PSPS Govt. College hosts JK Science Congress 2025

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JAMMU: The Two-Day JK Science Congress 2025 commenced on Thursday with great enthusiasm at PSPS Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu in collaboration with J&K Science Technology and Innovation Council, Department of Science & Technology, bringing together researchers, academicians, scientists, students and innovators from across the region.

Prof. (Dr.) K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu was the Chief Guest where as Abdul Majid, Director Finance, Higher Education was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Gitanjali Andotra, while welcoming the participants, highlighted the significance of the Science Congress in fostering scientific temperament and research culture.

She acknowledged the guidance and support of Shantmanu, Financial Commissioner, Additional



A dignitary being honoured at a programme.

Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department and Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Science and Technology for encouraging such innovative events aimed at motivating budding scientists and researchers.

This was followed by the introduction of theme of the Conference, presented by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Aran Kumar, outlining its objectives and key highlights.

Dr. Om Prakash Sharma Vidyarthi PCCF, Member

JNK Biodiversity Board, Sahitya Akademi Awardee, while presenting the keynote address, spoke on the emerging frontiers of science and the transformative role of research in national development.

He emphasized the importance of innovation, ecosystem, interdisciplinary collaboration, and capacity building in scientific institutions.

A major highlight of the JK Science Congress 2025 was the formal release of the

abstract book, "Sarovar" unveiled by the Chief Guest and key members of the organizing committee, showcasing diverse range of research contributions submitted by scholars, faculty members, innovators and young researchers from across the region.

Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Chief Guest and Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, addressed the gathering, highlighting the crucial role of universities in nurturing scientific inquiry and research excellence. He encouraged students to explore cutting-edge technologies and contribute to knowledge creation through high-quality research.

As a token of gratitude, mementos were presented to the distinguished guests by the Principal and the organizing committee.

The event was honoured by the presence of senior officials such as Neelam Khajuria, Additional Secretary, DST; Anshuman Singh, Additional Secretary, DST; Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed

Bhat, Additional Director, JKSTIC; Bilal Ahmed Bhat, Joint Director, JKSTIC, Department of Science and Technology; Shruti Khanna, Assistant Director, JKSTIC and Ishita Choudhary, Accounts Officer, JKSTIC.

The afternoon session featured parallel technical sessions and paper presentations, where participants presented their research findings across various scientific domains.

The plenary speakers who chaired the sessions were Prof. Vishwa Murthy Shastri, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi; Prof. Akash Sharma, SKUAST Jammu; Dr. Sujata Kundan, Associate Professor, Central University of Jammu; Prof. Pankaj Biswas, Faculty of Sciences, SMVDU Katra and Dr. Vinitaa Sharma, Central University of Jammu.

The day concluded with a vibrant cultural program, showcasing rich artistic traditions of the region. The proceedings were conducted by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan and Prof. Archana Bhat.

# Agriculture Deptt holds capacity building farmers training programme



SDAO Poonch Tirath Singh Balwal and others at a programme.

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POONCH: Agriculture Sub Division Poonch organized a capacity building farmers training programme on Soil & Land Resource information system and Soil Health Management (P-19) under HADP at conference hall Chief Agriculture Office Complex Poonch.

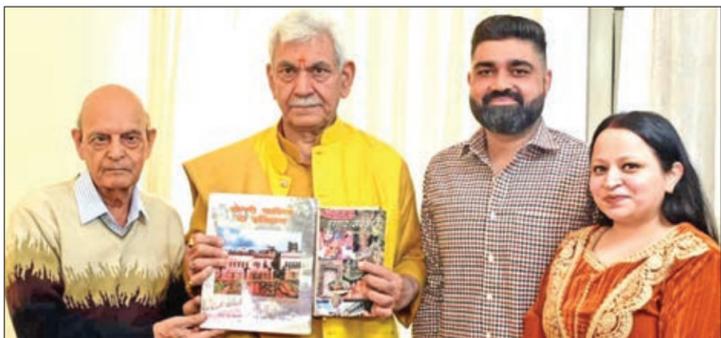
About 70 farmers participated in the said training programme. Chief Agriculture Officer Poonch

Jograj Singh Salathia has also participated in the said training. Assistant Soil Chemist Poonch Pawan Dev Singh Jamwal gave detailed lecture about the importance of Soil testing and management of good soil health for better crop production and doubling of farmers income.

Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Poonch Tirath Singh Balwal aware the farmers about the vari-

ously centrally sponsored schemes of the department and advice the farmers to take maximum benefits from these various farmers welfare schemes. Subject Matter Specialist -SDL Poonch Naresh Raina, AEO Chandak Sukvinder Singh, JAEO Sathra Darminder Singh, AEA Shahpur Sanjeev Kumar Sharma & other staff members also attended the said training programme.

# LG presented with books in Dogri KP Sabha delegation meets LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha being presented with books in Dogri authored by noted writer Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha was on Thursday presented with books in Dogri authored by noted writer Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri. The titles of the books are "Dogri Sahitya Da Itihas" and "Duggar Sanskriti".

JAMMU: A delegation of Kashmiri Pandit Sabha, Jammu led by its President K.K Khosa called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Thursday.

Subsequently, Office-bearers of JP World School Jammu and Varinder Mahajan, President, All

India Young Blood Organization also called on the Lieutenant Governor.

Meanwhile, Dr Narinder Singh Raina, Member of Legislative Assembly from R.S Pura Jammu South called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Continuing his commitment to public outreach and responsive governance, MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi today held a Janata Darbar at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni, where he listened to the grievances of residents from various areas of the constituency.

A large number of people attended the Janata Darbar, raising issues related to civic amenities, infrastructure, electricity, water supply, and other local concerns.

During the interaction, Yudhvir Sethi patiently heard each grievance and issued immediate directions to the concerned departments for timely resolution. He reiterated that ensuring smooth delivery of public services and maintaining a strong connection with citizens remains his top priority.

# Yudhvir Sethi holds Janata Darbar, assures swift redressal of public grievances



MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi listening to issues at Janata Darbar.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi said, "Just like every Thursday, today's Janata Darbar was dedicated to serving people and strengthening their voice. It is our commitment to uphold the trust of the public and work at the grass-roots level with complete sincerity."

He emphasized that such regular interactions are essential to bridge the gap between people and administration, ensuring transparency and accountability.

The MLA added that public faith is the foundation of effective governance.

"Maintaining the trust of the

people and addressing their issues with urgency is our responsibility. Ground-level work and direct communication with citizens will continue to guide our efforts," he stated.

Residents expressed satisfaction over the prompt response provided by the MLA and appreciated his consistent efforts to remain accessible. Many also acknowledged that the Janta Darbar has become a reliable platform for resolving day-to-day issues.

The event concluded with Yudhvir Sethi reaffirming his resolve to work tirelessly for the welfare and development of Jammu East constituency.

# Mohan Lal starts blacktopping work from Tanda to Kapai-di-Baan

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AKHNOOR: In a significant step towards road upgradation, MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal today kick-started the blacktopping work on the Tanda-Kapai-di-Baan road, spanning 3 km at an estimated cost of ₹27 lakh, in Panchayat Kotli Tanda.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA reaffirmed the government's commitment to holistic and inclusive development across Akhnoor. He instructed the engineers to ensure strict quality control and to complete the project within the stipulated time frame. He added that the ongoing development works reflect the commitment of the Modi Government towards improving rural infrastructure for the larger public good. Prominent persons present on the occasion included Ex-Sarpanch Sulenaan Choudhary, Devinder Singh, Raghuveer, Ram Krishan, Jagdish Bakshi, Kashmir Singh, Pochu



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal starting blacktopping work.

Ram, Sumeet Singh, and others. Assistant Executive Engineer Mohammad Faryad, along with Engineers Sandeep Magotra and Anjeel Singh, were also present during the inauguration.

MLA Mohan Lal reiterated that he will continue to work tirelessly to bring improved connectivity and development to every corner of Akhnoor.

# GDC Khour organises Financial Literacy Session



GDC Khour students and faculty at a programme.

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KHOUR: Government Degree College Khour, under the banner of its Institutional Innovation Council (IIC), organised an enriching Financial Literacy Session, bringing together students, faculty, and distinguished guests for an interactive and informative event.

The programme commenced with a warm Welcome Address delivered by Prof. Sunil Kumar, who welcomed the distinguished

guests with his charming words and a touch of poetic grace, setting a pleasant and engaging tone for the entire session.

Two eminent speakers addressed the gathering. Prof. Pawan Kumar Gupta (Retired) shared his insights on essential financial practices, encouraging attendees to cultivate disciplined financial habits. He was followed by Mr. Bilal Ahmed Hakeem, a SEBI-certified financial trainer, who delivered an

engaging presentation on investment basics, risk management, and understanding financial markets. Their sessions were highly appreciated for being practical, clear, and relevant to real-life financial decision-making.

The event was conducted seamlessly by Prof. Reeta Menia, whose coordination ensured the smooth and orderly flow of the programme.

On the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) T. K. Sharma, Principal of

GDC Khour, applauded the efforts of the Institutional Innovation Council for organising a programme of such relevance and value. He commended the speakers for sharing their expertise and encouraged students to continue participating in knowledge-enhancing initiatives.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks presented by Prof. Khalid Sajad Bohra, who expressed gratitude to the invited speakers, the Principal, faculty members, and students. The following staff members were also present on the occasion Prof. Jozafeen Afzal, Dr. Tasleem, Dr. Anjana Sharma, Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Prof. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Anil Kumar Dogra, Dr. Sapna Naranaria, Samita Sharma, Prof. Sunil Kumar (PTI) & Dr. Pooja Kumari.

# Col Mahan Singh starts blacktopping of vital link roads in Marta Nagrota

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MARTA NAGROTA: Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, today inaugurated the blacktopping work of two vital link roads in Pretha Panchayat, a long-pending demand of local residents. The works include 800 meters of the Nagrota-Batadia Mohalla link road and 200 meters of the Basohli-Mahanpur to Janwal Mohalla Khudku link road. The project, costing Rs 50 lakh, is being executed by the PWD Division Basohli under the C&T Plan for the financial year 2025-26.

These link roads, located on the periphery of the upcoming commercial hub at Marta Nagrota, are expected to significantly boost connectivity and local development. A large number of residents, including Capt (Retd) Des Raj, Karam Chand (Ex-ZEO), Parkash Singh (Ex-Sarpanch), Sardari Lal, youth, and women from the area, were present during



Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua inaugurating blacktopping work.

the event. They expressed gratitude and happiness over the commencement of the long-awaited project.

Speaking to the public, Col Mahan Singh underscored the

Central Government's commitment to expanding durable and modern infrastructure. He highlighted several development schemes initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra

Modi-led government, emphasizing their transformative impact on rural and semi-urban regions of Kathua district.

"Strong and sustainable road networks are essential for driving growth, improving connectivity, and strengthening the tourism potential of this region," Col Mahan said, stressing the importance of infrastructure for overall progress.

He further appealed to the people of Kathua district to contribute wholeheartedly to the Viksit Bharat mission launched by the Prime Minister. He encouraged residents to adopt the values of Aatmanirbharta and increased use of Swadeshi products, stating that community participation is vital for building a prosperous and self-reliant nation.

The inauguration marks a significant step toward improved mobility and economic upliftment in the region.

Jammu to Srinagar	
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SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
<b>11078 Jhelum Express</b>	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
<b>12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express</b>	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
<b>12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express</b>	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
<b>Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)</b>	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Booking:	Available on IRCTC
<b>Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)</b>	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

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PVR KC JAMMU	9:40 AM / 4:50 PM / 9:55 PM
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City	2544263
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Gangyal	2480026
Bari Brahmana	220020
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Punjab Roadways	2542782
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	
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Nanak Nagar	2430776
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