

IIM Jammu hosts academic visit, campus tour for students from Capt. Vikram Batra Boys Hostel, APS Sunjwan

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JAMMU: IIM Jammu hosted an academic visit and campus tour for students from Capt. Vikram Batra Boys Hostel, Udhampur, and Army Public School (APS), Sunjwan on Friday.

The delegation from Capt. Vikram Batra Boys Hostel comprised 34 students from Classes V to XI, representing wards of Army personnel and boys from economically weaker sections of the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, accompanied by Subedar Lokesh and Lance Naik Anish Kumar. APS Sunjwan was represented by 42 students from Class IX, accompanied by teachers Sumegha Sharma and Surinder Mohan.

The students and teachers were warmly welcomed at IIM Jammu and began their visit at the iconic Clock Tower, followed by a comprehensive campus tour. They explored the Grand Reception Area, Mandapam Auditorium, Vedanta MDP Block, Vishrantika Faculty Lounge, Smart Classrooms, Courtyard Area, Nalanda Library, Rangmanch



Amphitheatre, and Jalpan Kendra. At the Vedanta MDP Centre, Pardeep Saini, Program Officer, Business Development, briefed the students on IIM Jammu's Executive Education and Consultancy Division and its training programs. The visitors also observed a detailed campus-scale model, showcasing the institute's state-of-the-art infrastructure and future expansion plans. During an academic interaction, the delegation learned about IIM Jammu's diverse academic programs and its Centres of Excellence, which foster research, innovation, and social impact. At the Nalanda Library, equipped with digital resources,

advanced reading spaces, and Bloomberg Terminals, students experienced the institute's commitment to global education standards. Audio-visual films were screened, highlighting IIM Jammu's journey since its inception in 2016, its rise in academic excellence, and its contributions to nation-building. Students also explored the institute's official website and social media platforms to stay connected with updates on admissions, scholarships, and student initiatives. The delegation was informed about IIM Jammu's dual international accreditations-BGA International Accreditation and EFMD Programme Accreditation

for its MBA program-placing it among the top five

IIMs with such distinction. The institute is also progressing toward AACSB Accreditation, aiming to join the elite Triple Crown of globally accredited business schools.

The visit concluded with an interactive session, where students engaged with IIM Jammu representatives on opportunities in management, entrepreneurship, finance, analytics, and leadership.

Every Citizen Should Support 'Vocal for Local' Campaign: Balbir

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JAMMU: BJP spokesperson and former Vice Chairman Balbir Ram Rattan has urged citizens to actively participate in the 'Vocal for Local' campaign to promote indigenous products and support small businesses. He emphasized that prioritizing local products strengthens the economy, preserves cultural heritage, and safeguards traditional skills.

Balbir highlighted that thoughtful purchasing decisions can significantly contribute to the growth of local industries, farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs. He encouraged citizens to attend local fairs, markets, and exhibitions to directly engage with producers and appreciate their craftsmanship.

He also stressed the importance of digital empowerment, advising the use of e-commerce platforms that promote Indian products, enabling small producers to reach wider markets. Supporting local goods also reduces carbon emissions by minimizing long-distance transport. Balbir concluded that 'Vocal for Local' is a collective commitment to national development, asserting that every small step by citizens can help build a self-reliant, prosperous, and strong India.

Media students of JU encouraged to learn AI for future newsrooms



Students of Journalism and Media Studies Department, JU with faculty and Neha Pushkarna, former Metro Editor, Hindustan Times, New Delhi.

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JAMMU: The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, organised an insightful guest lecture on the topic "The Future of Indian Media: Emerging Trends and Technologies". Here today the session featured Neha Pushkarna, Former Metro Editor, Hindustan Times, New Delhi, as the resource person.

The programme was held under the guidance of HoD Prof. Garima Gupta and Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai. The event saw an active participation of faculty members Dr. Kumerjeet Chajgotra, Dr. Raviya Gupta, Dr. Remyan Bharadvaj and Dr. Pardeep Bali along with an enthusiastic group of media students.

The session began with a warm welcome address by Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai. He appreciated Neha Pushkarna's willingness to share her rich experience of over two decades in the field of journalism with the media students. Dr. Raviya Gupta formally introduced the guest, highlighting her illustrious career with leading publications such as The Times of India and Hindustan Times, and her expertise in news writing, new media, blogging, business journalism, and content development.

Delivering the lecture, Neha Pushkarna capti-

vated the audience by discussing the evolving landscape of Indian media, relevance of print alongside digital platforms, and the transformative impact of emerging technologies. She laid special emphasis on timeless journalistic skills strong writing, unwavering passion, neutrality, fact-verification, and ethical storytelling that remain crucial irrespective of the medium. She also guided students on adapting to new tools and trends while preserving the core values of the profession.

The lecture was followed by an engaging interactive session where students enthusiastically raised questions on the challenges and opportunities in digital journalism, the future of newsrooms, and the role of artificial intelligence and social media in shaping public discourse.

The session received an overwhelmingly positive response from the students, who described it as both inspiring and practically enriching. Students noted that the real-world insights shared by the resource person helped in bridging theoretical learning with industry realities and motivated them to hone their skills with greater purpose and responsibility.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Pardeep Bali. Dr. Kumerjeet Chajgotra conducted the event.

Western Railway to run superfast special train between Bandra Terminus and Palitana

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MUMBAI: To cater to increased passenger demand and ease travel during the festive rush, Western Railway has announced the operation of a Superfast Special Train between Bandra Terminus and Palitana. The initiative aims to provide additional travel options and ensure smoother passenger movement on this busy route.

According to a press release issued by Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, the Superfast Special will run for two trips. Train No. 09009

Bandra Terminus-Superfast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Sunday, 23rd November 2025 at 19:25 hrs and is scheduled to reach Palitana at 09:25 hrs the following day.

In the return direction, Train No. 09010 Palitana-Bandra Terminus Superfast Special will leave Palitana on Monday, 24th November 2025 at 20:30 hrs and arrive at Bandra Terminus at 10:45 hrs the next morning.

The train will halt at major stations including Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Vadodara, Anand,

Ahmedabad, Botad, Dhola, Songadh and Sihor in both directions, providing convenient boarding options for passengers across Gujarat and Maharashtra.

The special train will consist of AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class, and General Second Class coaches, ensuring accommodation for different categories of travellers.

Bookings for Train Nos. 09009 and 09010 will open on 22nd November 2025 at all PRS counters and through the IRCTC website. Passengers can visit the Indian Railways enquiry portal for detailed schedules, halts and coach composition.

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JAMMU: The Ex-Policemen League District Jammu held its monthly meeting today under the chairmanship of S. Karanjit Singh, President Retirees Police League, at the Retirees Office in Gandhinagar. The session began with a two-minute silence to honour the brave martyrs who lost their lives in the terrorist bombing near Red Fort, Delhi, on November 10, as well as the police personnel who died in an explosion involving seized explosives at a police station in Kashmir earlier this month. Members prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls and expressed deep condolences to the bereaved families, terming the loss as irreparable for society and the nation. During the meeting, mem-



Ex-Policemen League District Jammu members during a meeting.

bers praised Jammu Police for effectively cracking several blind theft cases and making significant recoveries. Special appreciation was extended to the South City Police and Gandhi Nagar Police for recovering a large number of stolen two-wheelers. The League urged citizens to remain vigilant and alert to any suspicious activity in their neighbourhoods. A key concern highlight-

ed in the meeting was the need for larger engagement between serving police units and retired personnel. The League requested Police Headquarters to direct district and tehsil-level police units to conduct regular meetings with retired police officers to benefit from their vast experience and insight.

The members also pressed for welfare measures for retirees, urging higher authori-

ties to take up the matter of extending Central Health Scheme benefits to all pensioners who retired before August 2019. They stressed that elderly pensioners require enhanced financial support for healthcare and that long-pending issues related to pension disparities should be resolved without further delay. The League appealed to the Lieutenant Governor and

Chief Minister of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir to personally intervene in the matter.

The meeting witnessed the participation of several distinguished retired police veterans, including Kr. Ranjit Singh, Savita Parihar, SSPs and SP-rank officers, S.R. Datta, Senior Vice President J.S. Chib, DSP Kamal Sharma, Inspector Taj Mohammad, NGO Incharge Ramesh Sharma, Office Secretary Kirpal Singh, Organiser Ashok Kumar, Office Incharge Manohar Lal Ratta, Welfare Incharge S. Avtar Singh, and Satpal, Cashier, among others.

The session concluded with a heavy tea gathering, where members expressed gratitude to District Police Jammu for providing logistical support that ensured the smooth conduct of the meeting.

Billawaria releases devotional song 'Mandre De Shear'



Former Dy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria and others releasing devotional song.

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JAMMU: In a vibrant cultural showcase celebrating the artistic heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, along with BJP J&K General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, formally released the devotional song "MANDRE DE SHEAR." The release event highlighted the party's

continued commitment to uplifting regional talent and strengthening the cultural landscape of the Union Territory.

The devotional track has been sung and written by the young and talented artist Vieshal Heer, whose soulful rendition and heartfelt lyrics have infused the song with a deep cultural essence. The music, composed by SM Records Sachin, blends traditional devotional tones with con-

temporary elements, creating a refreshing and spiritually engaging composition. The music video, directed and produced by RV Film Ricky, enhances the song with compelling visuals and creative cinematography, showcasing the artistic vibrancy of the region.

Speaking at the ceremony, Baldev Singh Billawaria congratulated the entire team for their creative effort and emphasised the importance of such initiatives in

promoting local artists. He noted that projects like these not only highlight the artistic brilliance of young creators but also help preserve and strengthen the cultural and devotional identity of Jammu & Kashmir. He added that the BJP remains dedicated to supporting youth-driven cultural initiatives and fostering the growth of regional art, music and creativity.

Sanjita Dogra, while praising the artists and production team, said that the devotional song stands as a testament to the immense creative potential emerging from Jammu & Kashmir.

The event was also attended by BJP senior leader Shashi Goswami and Maa Bawe Wali Records (MD) Sahil Mahajan, who appreciated the encouragement extended by BJP leadership toward local artists and cultural initiatives.

Prof. Sandhya conferred with 'Best Paper Presenter Award' at JK Science Congress

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JAMMU: In a moment of honour and academic pride, Prof. Sandhya was felicitated with the prestigious "Best Paper Presenter Award" under the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) category at the JK Science Congress 2025, held at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The event, organised in collaboration with the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council (JKST&IC), Department of Science & Technology, J&K, brought together leading academicians, researchers, scientists and scholars from across the Union Territory. Competition across various categories was intense, and Prof. Sandhya's research paper stood out for its originality, academic depth and



practical relevance, earning widespread appreciation from the jury panel.

During the award ceremony, dignitaries from the Department of Science & Technology and senior faculty members of the college

jointly presented the honour to Prof. Sandhya amid loud applause from the delegates and participants.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sandhya expressed gratitude to the organisers and reaffirmed her commitment towards promoting research and indigenous knowledge systems for the benefit of society and the academic community.

The award marks yet another milestone in her distinguished academic journey and brings laurels to the institution.

RPHQ Udhampur, NCC & NSS of SMVDU commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



Police officers and others at a programme.

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UDHAMPUR: Range Police Headquarters Udhampur, under the command of Amod Ashok Nagpur, organized a seminar in collaboration with NCC and NSS of SMVDU Katra to mark the 150th birth anniversary of

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel under CAP 2025-26. Held at SMVD University, the event saw enthusiastic participation from faculty, Police, CAPF personnel, students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar,

Vice Chancellor SMVDU, was the Chief Guest, while Maj. Gen. Anupinder Bevi, VSM, served as Guest of Honour. The programme featured a declamation competition on Patel's role in national integration, along with vibrant cultural performances, including a Kathak recital by Hotrika from DPS Katra and group dances by students of Government High School Sirah, Kakryal.

Distinguished officers from Police, NCC and CAPF attended. Over 400 students participated. An oath on National Unity and a felicitation ceremony concluded the event.

Light After Shells: How Army Doctors restored vision post Operation Sindoor

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UDHAMPUR: In the remote borderlands of Jammu and Kashmir, the Advanced Surgical Eye Camp at Command Hospital Northern Command, Udhampur, brought hope to those living in the shadows of darkness. The camp screened 1,500 individuals, including soldiers, dependents, Veer Naris, and civilians, mobilized from far-flung areas like Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda, and Kishtwar under the leadership of Maj Gen Sanjay Sharma. Equipped with cutting-edge ophthalmic technology, the camp enabled advanced cataract, retina, and vitreous surgeries. Among the beneficiaries was 72-year-old Surinder Singh from Poonch, who regained sight after years of blindness and became instrumental in motivating others affected by conflict. Similarly, Abdullah Shafiq, a retired soldier from Mendhar, coordinated access for many residents. The most heartening transformation was that of 96-year-old Rajkumari Devi, who regained clear vision. The mission was launched on the direction of Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh following a request from Lieutenant Commander Shri Manoj Sinha, with execution overseen by Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma. Led by renowned ophthalmologist Brig Sanjay Kumar Mishra, the team performed over 400 surgeries. In total, more than 2,000 sight-restoring procedures were delivered across challenging terrains, reflecting the Army's enduring commitment under Operation Sadbhavna.

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Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Achajaz Ahmed, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 09.06.2025 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **Razma Razaq D/o Mohd Razaq R/O Fazlabad, Tehsil: Surankote, Distt. Poonch (PIN185121)** to repay an amount of **Rs. 17,85,921.58 (Seventeen lakh eighty five thousand nine hundred twenty one rupees and fifty eight paise only)** being the balance outstanding as on **31.05.2025** in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the hypothecated vehicle/asset described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 19th day of November of the year 2025.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to **Rs. 18,59,983.58 (Rupees Eighteen lakh fifty nine thousand nine hundred eighty three rupees and fifty eight paise only)** together with future interest thereon from 31/10/2025 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Hypothecated Vehicle/Asset

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Dated: 19/11/2025 **DIP/J-2702-P/25** **Authorized Officer**
Place: Surankote **Dt. 21-11-25**