

# All Bar Associations of Jammu Province unite against New Tenancy Act, extend full support to JKHCBA Jammu

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a historic show of solidarity, a conference of all Bar Associations of Jammu Province was convened on Saturday by the Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ) under the Chairmanship of its President Sr. Advocate Nirmal K. Kotwal.

The conference primarily focused on the recently enacted New Tenancy Act and its far-reaching implications on the people of the region and legal fraternity, besides deliberating upon various other pressing issues concerning the Bar Associations, including:

After detailed deliberations, it was unanimously resolved that the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu shall, in the first instance, approach the



Members of All Bar Associations posing together.

Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and thereafter the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh before any coercive measures are contemplated on the issue.

Office Bearers of the Samba Bar Association, Udhampur Bar Association, Akhnoor Bar Association, Tax Bar Association, and

Young Lawyers Association attended the conference physically, while other Bar Associations from across Jammu Province participated virtually.

In a strong display of unity, all participating Bar Associations unanimously endorsed and resolved to extend complete and unconditional support to the Jammu & Kashmir High

Court Bar Association, Jammu in all its future decisions and actions concerning the New Tenancy Act and other matters affecting the legal community and the citizens of the region.

Office bearers of the JKHCBAJ including Vice President Baldev Singh, General Secretary Pardeep Majotra, Joint Secretary

Anshu Mahajan and Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal, expressed their sincere gratitude to all the Bar Associations for their faith and trust in J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu.

Office Bearers of various Bar Association who attended the Conference included, Ajay Singh Charak, Karan Sharma, Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Akash Kumar, Abhishek Magotra, Parveen Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Gourav Arora, Amandeep Sharma, Bhagirath Singh, Saksham Gupta, Hitesh Koul and Sushil Kumar.

The conference concluded with a firm commitment to safeguard the rule of law and protect the interests of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

# GCW Parade concludes workshop on ‘Effective Use of AI Tools’ for DYD Program students

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW), Parade in collaboration with the AI for Digital Readiness and Advancement (AIDRA), an initiative under DataLEADS, concluded a three-day hands-on training workshop on the effective use of AI tools.

The workshop, organized exclusively for students of the Design Your Degree (DYD) Program, was designed to provide practical exposure to emerging technologies and their applications in academic and professional contexts.

The sessions were led by resource person Dr. Ravia Gupta, who guided participants through interactive exercises and demonstrated real-world uses of AI tools.

The workshop was coordinated by Akash Kumar, Faculty at GCW Parade Ground.

Dr. Alpana Vohra, Dean of



Faculty members and students during the workshop.

the Design Your Degree Program, remarked, "This workshop has been a transformative experience for our students. By engaging directly with AI tools, they have not only enhanced their digital literacy but also gained confidence to apply these technologies in innovative ways. Such collaborations are vital in preparing our students for the future of work and research."

The three-day program concluded with enthusiastic

participation and positive feedback from students, highlighting the importance of integrating technology-driven learning into higher education. This initiative reflects GCW Parade Ground's commitment to empowering students with future-ready skills and underscores the value of partnerships with organizations like AIDRA and DataLEADS in advancing AI literacy and ethical practices.

# CPR training conducted at SVMMCT Hospital

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A comprehensive CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) training session was successfully held at the Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Trust (SVMMCH), Ambphalla, Jammu. The program was organized in collaboration with the Post Graduate Department of Anesthesia, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu.



The training was conducted by a highly skilled team from GMC Jammu consisting of Prof. Anita Vig Kohli, Head of Department, Prof. Renu Wakhloo, and Dr. Hina Saini. Their expertise and hands-on demonstration aimed to empower healthcare personnel with essential life-saving skills.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Anita Vig Kohli said, "CPR training is not just a medical skill-it is a responsibility. Ensuring that every healthcare worker is well-

trained can make the crucial difference between life and death in emergencies."

All staff members of SVMMCH participated enthusiastically in the program, reflecting the institution's commitment to strengthening emergency care capacity.

Key doctors of SVMMCH present during the training included Dr. Arun Arora (Anesthesia), Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Dr. Uttam Sharma, Dr. Rajesh Gandotra, Dr. Pankaj Gupta.

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Addressing the participants, Dr. Arvind Kohli, Medical Director, stated, "Our mission is to ensure that every member of our medical team is equipped to respond confidently and effectively in critical moments. Trainings like CPR are fundamental to strengthening patient safety and saving precious lives."

In his remarks, Dr. Rabinder Rattan Pal said, "Regular skill-building programs are vital for improving the overall quality of healthcare delivery. We are committed to providing our staff with every opportunity to upgrade their clinical competencies."

The management of SVMMCH extended deep gratitude to the GMC Anesthesia Department for their valuable contribution and reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing emergency preparedness and patient care standards.

# RTI activist demands urgent construction of Multi-Tier Parking at GMC, SMGS to resolve parking crisis

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Renowned RTI and Social Activist of Jammu & Kashmir, Balvinder Singh, has urged the State Government, Health Department, and particularly the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to immediately address the worsening parking crisis at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu and SMGS Hospital.



In a statement issued today, Singh highlighted that both prestigious hospitals have undergone a significant expansion in medical infrastructure and bed capacity over the years.

He said "Ten years ago, GMC Jammu had a capacity of 500 beds, which has now increased to 1,066. Similarly, SMGS Hospital, which began with 150 beds, has now expanded to 750 beds, with an additional 250

beds expected to be added shortly. Despite this massive growth, the supporting infrastructure-particularly parking facilities-has not kept pace."

Singh acknowledged that the hospital authorities have indeed made sincere efforts to accommodate the maximum number of vehicles within the limited parking space.

However, the existing facilities are grossly insufficient to meet the current demand.

He therefore urged the government to construct multi-tier (multi-level) parking facilities at both institutions, emphasizing that such structures are the only sustainable and long-term solution to the worsening space crunch.

He further pointed out that due to the acute shortage of designated parking spaces, visitors are compelled to park outside the hospital premises, often on congested approach roads and restricted zones. This not only causes severe traffic congestion but also leads to challans being issued for alleged wrong parking, even when visitors have no alternative. Patients, attendants, and even emergency vehicles are facing continuous hardships because of this long-pending issue.

Singh stressed that the situation has now reached a

critical stage and necessitates immediate government intervention. Establishing multi-tier parking facilities at GMC and SMGS would significantly ease public inconvenience, streamline vehicular movement, and support the expanding healthcare operations of these vital institutions.

He further warned that if timely action is not taken, the problem will intensify in the coming years due to the steadily increasing patient load in Jammu city. Addressing this parking crisis, he said, is not merely a matter of convenience but an essential requirement for ensuring smooth, efficient, and accessible healthcare delivery.

Singh urged the authorities to treat this matter with utmost seriousness in the larger interest of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

# BJP committed to promote local talent & cultural enrichment: Sat

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: J&K BJP President & Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) released a soulful devotional song "Sajaya Darbar" at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, District Vice-President Divya Jain, producer Sahil Mahajan, and several party leaders and supporters also accompanied Sat Sharma, while releasing the Bhajan.

Produced by Rajat Sharma & Sahil Mahajan, Project by Anika Gupta, sung by internationally acclaimed artist Zulikha Farid, composed by V Kaith, written by Nirbhay Sathia, and directed by KK Malhotra, the devotional song is a tribute to the divine grace of Mata Rani, with blessings



J&K BJP President & MP Sat Sharma releasing song.

from Mahant Shri Bitta Ji of Mata Bawe Wali Mandir:

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma praised the team for creating a devotional offering that strengthens the cultural and spiritual fabric of Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the land of Jammu and Kashmir is blessed with rich spiritual heritage. Devotional music like Sajaya Darbar not

only inspires faith but also preserves our cultural identity for future generations. He congratulated the entire team and especially the singer Zulikha Farid for bringing such a melodious and meaningful creation that will surely reach the hearts of devotees across the world.

Sat Sharma said, "BJP has always appreciated and

encouraged local talent, and the Modi government is fully dedicated to promoting cultural enrichment across the nation. I am confident that this bhajan will inspire devotion and reach the hearts of people everywhere."

Ch. Vikram Randhawa, while lauding the melodious Bhajan, said that Jammu has always been a center of spirituality. This bhajan beautifully reflects our devotion towards Mata Rani. He expressed his joy that young artists and producers from our region are taking our culture to global platforms. This effort deserves appreciation and full support.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra appre-

ciated the artistic excellence of the project and said that devotional music has the power to uplift society and connect people emotionally with their roots. Sahil Mahajan expressed gratitude to Sat Sharma and the party leadership for encouraging local talent, stating that the team worked with full dedication to make the bhajan spiritually enriching. Zulikha Farid, who has performed in nearly two dozen countries, thanked the team for the opportunity and the audience for their love. She also sang a few lines from the bhajan in her melodious voice, captivating everyone present at the event.

# Condolence meeting held in memory of I.D Soni



Sinha members paying tributes to I.D. Soni.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A condolence meeting was held at Dogra Khatri Sadar Sabha, Pacea danga, Jammu, to pay homage to Late I.D. Soni, Retired Deputy Director, School

Education, and Chief Patron of Khatri Sabha. All office bearers, members of the executive body, and Biradri members were present and expressed deep grief over the sad demise of I.D. Soni. The gathering described his passing as a great loss to society, remembering him as a visionary leader, philanthropist, author, and eminent educationist.

Members highlighted that Soni lived a highly

disciplined life and served the community with exceptional dedication and commitment. They noted that his noble deeds, values, and exemplary work will continue to inspire the younger generations.

All attendees prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and for strength to be granted to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. A two-minute silence was observed in solemn tribute to Late I.D. Soni.

# JU organises interactive session on ‘Genetic Disorders: Early Identification and Prevention’



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Home Science (Human Development), University of Jammu, organized an engaging interactive session on "Genetic Disorders: Early Identification and Prevention" for its research scholars and M.Sc. Human Development students.

The programme aimed to strengthen the connection between biological sciences and practical interventions in family welfare, highlighting the growing importance of genetic literacy in human development studies.

The session featured two distinguished resource persons from the University's School of Biotechnology-Dr. Ritu Mahajan and Dr. Nisha Kapoor; both Associate Professors with extensive expertise in human genetics. Their presentation offered a comprehensive overview of key genetic concepts related to developmental health. They explained mechanisms of genetic transmission, clarified the distinction between genotype and phenotype, and discussed the influence of maternal genetics on early development. Special emphasis was placed on understanding complex

epigenetic factors, which shape developmental outcomes and provide essential insight into the origins of genetic disorders. The experts also highlighted the significance of genetic counselling as a vital tool for early prevention.

Earlier, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head of the Department, formally welcomed the speakers and underscored the need to integrate genetic understanding into the Human Development curriculum. She noted that such knowledge is crucial for effective counselling and early childhood intervention, enabling future professionals to guide families and mitigate the impact of genetic challenges.

The session was conducted by Sumaina Sharma, Research Scholar; while the formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Joyleen, M.Sc. Human Development student.

The interactive format encouraged active participation, helping students connect psychosocial perspectives with contemporary biological science. The event witnessed participation from senior faculty members, scholars, and students of the department.

# Dogri Play ‘Sakharam Binder’ staged at Abhinav Theatre

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Saptahik Rangdhara theatre series, the Dogri play "Sakharam Binder" was on Saturday staged by Aazaad Parindey Kala Manch at Abhinav Theatre, here.



Organised by the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), the production received strong appreciation from the audience for its powerful acting, compelling direction and thoughtful localisation of a modern classic.

Originally written by renowned playwright Vijay Tendulkar and adapted into Dogri by Shiv Mehta, the play explores the unsettling yet deeply human story of Sakharam, a bookbinder who offers shelter to women abandoned by society. Though his lifestyle appears harsh and unconventional, the narrative reveals the emotional wounds, inner conflicts and moral contradictions that shape his behaviour.

Directed and designed by Mohit Singh Chib, the Dogri adaptation sensitively highlighted the social realities and psychological tensions

embedded in Tendulkar's writing.

The plot unfolds through Sakharam's interactions with Laxmi and Champa, two women whose contrasting personalities alter the course of his life. Laxmi's quiet resilience brings out a gentler, vulnerable side of Sakharam, while Champa's fiery presence and tragic fate challenge his pride and expose his deepest insecurities. The intense staging, sharp dialogues and committed performances kept the audience engaged throughout.

Janak Khajuria, as Sakharam, delivered a nuanced performance that captured both the explosive and tender shades of the character. Renu Sharma as Laxmi impressed with her graceful and emotive portrayal, while Partiksha Sharma brought boldness and dramatic energy to the

role of Champa. Vivek Sangotra, as Dawood, provided a strong supporting presence, with Manoj, Damir, Shammi, Saksham, Ankit and Manoj further enriching the ensemble.

Following the performance, the group was felicitated by Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head JKAACL Jammu, and Anil Tickoo, Assistant Cultural Officer, for their contribution to theatre and cultural promotion.

The backstage team ensured a seamless experience: Sandeep Verma (Production Manager), Sunil Sharma (Lights), Mohit & Saksham (Set), Renu & Partiksha (Costumes), Ankit Sharma (Music), Manoj, Damir & Shammi (Make-up), with Vivek Sangotra handling properties. Aman was specially acknowledged for efficient backstage coordination.

# SBI renovates Senior Citizens Park at Sainik Colony



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: State Bank of India (SBI) has renovated the Senior Citizens Park at Sector D, Sainik Colony, Jammu, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts. The initiative has been warmly welcomed by local residents, who extend their gratitude to Ajay Singh Kamdi, Regional Manager, SBI RBO 2, Jammu, and

Nidhi Anand, Branch Manager, SBI Sainik Colony, Jammu for their support. The renovated park now features improved seating, walkways, lighting, and greenery, creating a safe and engaging space for senior citizens. Local residents thank SBI for enhancing the community's well-being. This effort reflects SBI's commitment to community development.