

# ASSOCHAM organizes J&K Access To Finance

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JAMMU: The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) J&K Council hosted a dynamic event, "ASSOCHAM J&K Access To Finance," in Jammu on Friday.

The event witnessed a compelling convergence of industry leaders, banking professionals and government officials who shared their expertise and insights on the financial landscape in Jammu and Kashmir. Manik Batra, Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council & Director Batra Group, delivered a warm welcome address, setting the stage for the insightful discussions to follow.

"Access to finance aims to promote firm growth, productivity and employment in a region leading to overall socio-economic development. Easy availability of Finance helps businesses to develop and implement strategies, invest in new products or services, and expand into new markets," he said.



Manik Batra, Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council presenting memento to Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner/Secretary I&C J&K.

"The idea behind organising this event was to understand the challenges being faced by the industry in J&K today and the benefits being given by the UT Govt to promote industrialisation of J&K," he added.

Chief Guest Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner/Secretary I&C J&K, delivered a keynote address emphasizing the government's commitment to fostering economic growth through financial inclusivity.

While appreciating ASSOCHAM for organising the event on Access to

Finance, Vikramjit Singh said, "Many firms use to start and close down because of lack of financing, but in collaboration with the banks, government is providing financing to all MSMEs on very attractive rates."

Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPPO, shed light on the trade promotion organization's role in enhancing financial access.

Arun Manhas, Director Industries & Commerce, Jammu, shared his perspectives on the intersection of industries and finance.

"Bankers, Government and Industry members can jointly contribute a lot in the growth of industries in Jammu and Kashmir. Finance is the basic need of the industry and when they get finance in cheaper rates, they can contribute a lot in the growth of the region," Mr. Manhas said.

Khalid Majeed, Director Kashmir also attended the event as special guest and shared his views Access to Finance in Kashmir valley.

Rajesh Dubey, Zonal Head of J&K Bank, captivated the audience with his special address, providing valuable insights into the financial sector and its role in regional development.

"J&K Bank is providing finance to all Medium, small and Micro industries in each and every part of Jammu and Kashmir on attractive interest rates," he said.

The event also included a lively Q&A session, allowing attendees to engage with the speakers and gain further clarity on financial matters in J&K.

Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council & Managing Partner Hotel Radisson Blu Jammu, expressed gratitude to the esteemed speakers, participants, and sponsors, concluding the event on a positive note.

The event was organised in Partnership with J&K Bank, Batra Group and TAX UPI.

Attendees applauded the event for its collaborative spirit, fostering dialogue among industry players, banking professionals, and government representatives. The comprehensive discussions highlighted the challenges and opportunities in the financial sector, paving the way for future initiatives aimed at enhancing access to finance in Jammu and Kashmir.

The success of the "ASSOCHAM J&K Access To Finance" event underscores ASSOCHAM J&K Council's commitment to facilitating meaningful conversations that contribute to the economic growth and prosperity of the region.

# JKEEGA calls upon Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo

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JAMMU: Delegation of Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) led by its President Sachin Tickoo on Friday called upon Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on his assumption of charge as Chief Secretary of J&K.

JKEEGA expressed sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, for having appointed meritorious son of soil to the coveted position of Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

While acknowledging Atal Dulloo's phenomenal role while working across various positions in Jammu and Kashmir since 1989 and having played a pivotal role in the COVID-19 Pandemic as Principal Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, J&K ramped



JKEEGA delegation calling of CS Atal Dulloo.

up the Health infrastructure of J&K to handle the situation remarkably well, besides managing the financial resources as Principal Secretary Finance Department, J&K in an exemplary manner.

JKEEGA congratulated him on his well deserved elevation and held it as a testament to hard work and dedication while working at various positions till date.

People of J&K and espe-

cially the Power employees see it as a beginning of a new era for Jammu Kashmir achieving greater heights in the National indices on progress and prosperity.

While wishing him great success as Chief Secretary J&K, Tickoo conveyed that JKEEGA shall be at back and call of administration for rendering all cooperation as an organization striving for welfare of Power employees of J&K.

# GCoE Jammu organizes induction programme



Students and faculty members of GCoE during induction programme.

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JAMMU: Government College of Education (GCoE) Jammu organized an Induction-cum-Orientation Programme for its incoming batch of B.Ed and M.Ed students.

In this program, the new students were apprised of complete information about two year B.Ed and M.Ed program i.e Education curriculum and all the aspects of training like Internships, Teaching Practice and field visits by Dr. Rajinder Kour (HOD). Incharge

Principal Prof. Satish K Sharma encouraged the students to develop global competence through actively participating in academic and co-curricular activities.

Faculty members also oriented the students with their respective subjects.

Prof. Shalini Rana (IQAC) coordinator and (HOD) of English informed the students about various cultural programmes and suggested them for developing communication skills. Prof. Vinay Lata

Incharge Psychology and Counseling Cell oriented the students with SPARSH.

The faculty members who attended the program included Prof. Sunanda Rani, Dr. Davinder Kour, Prof. Shalika Gupta, Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Kiran thapa, Prof. Deepali Devi, Prof. Roopa Kumari and Dr. Sonam Gandotra.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Priyanka Mahajan.

# Minister of State B L Verma graces Rozgar Mela event at Leh

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LEH: On the occasion of Rozgar Mela organized in select States and UTs across India, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed appointment letters to 51156 appointees during a virtual event.

The event in Ladakh was graced by Minister of State for Cooperation and DoNER, GoI BL Verma who presented 35 select candidates out of a total of 351 candidates their appointment letters at an event organised at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra in the presence of MP Ladakh Janyang Tsering Namgyal, Advisor Ladakh Dr Pawan Kotwal, ADGP Ladakh Dr. S D Singh Jamwal, Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh Tsering Angehuk and Administrative Secretaries.



Minister of State for Cooperation and DoNER, GoI B.L Verma handing over appointment letter to a candidate.

Officers of the UT Administration and members of civil society were also present on the occasion.

The MoS while addressing the gathering, congratulated all the new appointees and stated that empowering the youth of the nation sets the base for a developed and prosperous nation and that

this is being ensured by the Prime Minister of India. He further urged the appointees to ensure their dedication and hard work towards the building of a Viksit Bharat, as envisioned by the Prime Minister of India. Advisor

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Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal spoke of the processes initiated towards generating employment opportunities after Ladakh became a UT in 2019 and stated that with collective efforts from all concerned departments and stakeholders, the recruitment rules for non-gazetted posts of 47 departments have been successfully formulated while the process is underway for framing the Recruitment Rules for Gazetted Services.

He further stated that the Administration of the UT of Ladakh expects the new appointees to make their wholehearted contribution towards the development of Ladakh.

MP Ladakh Janyang Tsering Namgyal highlighted

the various job opportunities made available for aspirants of Ladakh under different arrangements, with emphasis on prioritizing local Ladakhi youth, especially in the banking sector.

Deputy Chairman LAHDC Leh Tsering Angehuk termed the occasion historic and expressed his hope for more such appointments for the youth of Ladakh.

Administrative Secretary, Yatinder Maralkar presented the vote of thanks on the occasion. Subsequently, the Administrative Secretaries and HODs of the Administration of UT Ladakh presented appointment letters to the remaining candidates pertaining to their respective departments.

# Lt Gen Manjinder Singh assumes Command of Army Training Command

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SHIMLA: Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh took over as the 24th General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Shimla based Army Training Command on Friday, succeeding Lieutenant General Surinder Singh Mahal, who superannuated a day earlier, the army said in a statement.

Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh is an alumnus of Sainik School Kapurthala, National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He was commissioned into 19 MADRAS on 20 December 1986.

The General Officer commanded his Battalion in an intense Counter Insurgency environment in J&K, an Infantry Brigade at the Line of Control, an Infantry Division as part of Strike Corps and a Corps deployed along Line of Control in Counter Insurgency Operations in J&K.

The General Officer has tenanted varied staff appointments in Corps and Commands along the Western Front and in the Counter Insurgency Operations environment.

The General Officer has also been an Instructor at Indian Military Academy and Indian Military Training Team at Bhutan. He has attended various



prestigious courses such as Defence Services Staff College, Higher Command Course and also had the distinction of attending National Defence College at Thailand.

The General Officer is the Colonel of The MADRAS Regiment since January 1,

2021. He was the Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Policy, Planning & Force Development) prior to taking over as the General Officer Commanding in Chief of Army Training Command.

In the prevalent contemporary security scenario and the nature of conflicts world over, the need to train and shape the Indian Army to make responsive and adaptive soldiers in line with evolving doctrines, concepts and more importantly, adopting the niche war fighting technologies to ensure operational readiness for future challenges is an imperative. The General Officer with his vast experi-

ence at tactical, operational and strategic level now aptly heads the prestigious Army Training Command bestowed with these responsibilities to lead the transformation.

For his exemplary leadership and devotion to duty towards the Nation, the General Officer was decorated with Yudh Seva Medal in 2015 and Vishist Seva Medal in 2019.

On assuming command, the General Officer extended his warmest greetings to all ranks of Army Training Command including all Category A Training Establishments, Vee Naris, Veterans, Civilian Defence Employees and their families.

# Ritika demands exemplary punishment to murderer of Raghav Jamwal

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JAMMU: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha JKUT Ritika Trehan today strongly condemned kidnapping and murder of Raghav Jamwal alias Raghav, resident of Nardani Raipur Bantalab, aged around 19yrs.

In a handout issued here, Ritika demanded exemplary punishment for those accused in murder. She further termed the incident as shocking and said that the punishments must be harsh for all culprits. She expressed deep sorrow over the brutal incident that has devastated the family and shocked the entire state.

She demanded exemplary punishment for the culprits involved in the gory act, she said. She also said that such a



gruesome incident has put a question mark on the state's collective societal values. It is high time for people to introspect and come together to demand a stern punishment for those who have committed this 'devilish act', she added.

Ritika also praised the J&K police for swift action in the case. There is no room for such a barbaric act in our society and as such she urged upon the concerned

authorities to investigate thoroughly and book the culprit/s under relevant sections of law and set the record straight that justice is supreme," she said.

She added that evil act committed against 19 years old is beyond one's imagination in a civilised society& the Perpetrators of such crime deserve nothing but stringent capital punishment." And such evil act should be condemned by all citizens as the same is not only inhuman but also a grave threat to humans in days to come," Ritika said on Friday.

She also urged the law enforcing agency to investigate the matter at the earliest and requested that the matter be taken up in the fast track court and justice be delivered to the family members of the child.

# J&K ICAI organizes seminar on MSME Sahyog & Startup Samvad



J&K ICAI members during a seminar at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Jammu and Kashmir Branch (NIRC) successfully organized a seminar on MSME Sahyog & Startup Samvad. The event held on Friday at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, Jammu witnessed the active participation of professionals, members and students.

The Guest speaker for the seminar was CA Manoj Lamba and CA Hitesh Goyal.

The first session was started by CA Manoj Lamba who is known for his extensive experience and expertise in the field of Start-ups. His insightful session covered various important aspects of Start-up registration and benefits.

The Second session was started by CA. Hitesh Goyal, who deliberates on MSME scheme under the ministry of MSME, Govt. of India.

During the seminar, CA Manoj Lamba and CA Hitesh Goyal not only shared his in-depth knowledge but also addressed the queries raised by the members in attendance.

In addition to CA Manoj Lamba, the seminar witnessed the presence of esteemed Central Council members, CA (Dr.) Raj Chawla Vice-chairman Committee of MSME & Start-up ICAI.

They graced the event with their distinguished presence and offered words of wisdom, enriching the overall experience for all participants.

The seminar commenced

with the inaugural address delivered by CA Vikas Purdhani, the esteemed Chairman of the J&K Branch. His address set the tone for the informative sessions that followed, inspiring attendees to delve deeper into the subject matter.

The proceedings of the seminar were conducted by CA Sourav Pargal, the Secretary of the J&K Branch Who with his remarkable expertise ensured smooth execution of the seminar. His attention to detail and commitment to deliver a fruitful event contributed to the overall success of the seminar.

CA Aayush Sawhney, Treasurer, CA Nakul Saraf, Immediate Past Chairman and CA. Priya Seht, Executive Member along with senior members and number of Chartered Accountants were also present in the event.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Jammu and Kashmir Branch (NIRC) is committed for enhancing the professionalism and expertise of its members. through various educational and networking initiatives, the branch fosters growth, excellence, and ethical practices in the field of accounting and auditing.

# IIM Jammu signs MoU with IGNC

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) for its regional centre in Jammu and Kashmir at its office located at Old Janpath, New Delhi. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) was signed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNC.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Priyanka Mishra, Director, Admin IGNC, Shruti Awasthi Regional Director, Regional Centre, Jammu and Kashmir and senior officials of IGNC.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, expressed enthusiasm about the partnership, saying, "This collaboration with IGNC marks the beginning of a five-year artistic journey. We are committed to promoting research in art and Indian ethos, creating a unique intersection between academia and cultural exploration."

Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi,



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu and Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secy, IGNC after signing MoU.

Member Secretary, IGNC, stated that, "IGNC is thrilled to join hands with IIM Jammu. Our collaboration is geared towards fostering a deep understanding of Indian art and culture, providing a platform for scholarly research and exploration."

The partnership between IIM Jammu and IGNC is set to create a vibrant platform for the exchange of ideas, research, and artistic endeavors over the next five years. The collaboration aims to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of India's rich cultural heritage within academic and research circles.

During the event, IGNC

also inked a significant MoU with AIIMS Jammu, further amplifying collaborative efforts in the region.

Prof (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Executive Director, AIIMS Jammu, participated in the occasion remotely, marking the commencement of an innovative collaboration.

This collaboration marks a significant step towards interdisciplinary engagement and underscores the commitment of both Institutions involved to contribute meaningfully to both academic and societal realms. As the partnerships unfold, they are expected to open new avenues for research, creativity, and community development.

# IGNOU Dec 2023 term end exams begin across Jammu region

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JAMMU: The December 2023 Term-end Examinations of the Indira Gandhi National Open University for various Academic Programmes offered by the University have commenced smoothly on 1st December 2023 and will conclude on 09th January 2024. The University has established 849 Examination Centres across the Country. Under the Jammu Region, 30 Examination Centres have been established out of which 27 Examination Centres are regular Exam Centres and three Examination Centres in District Jail Kathua, District Jail Ambphalla and Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu exclusively for Jail inmates. A total of 29,868 eligible students who have filled their examination forms under the Regional Centre Jammu are appearing in the exams in 1,54,825 sittings in the Examination Centres spread across the region. The examinations are being conducted in two sessions everyday. The morning session starts from 10AM to 1PM and the evening session starts from 2PM to 5PM. There would be no examination on Sundays and Govt. gazetted holidays.

A Flying Squad team from the Regional Centre Jammu comprising of Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director Incharge and Dr. Asha Upadhyay, Assistant Regional Director visited the Exam Centres at Central Sanskrit University, Kot Bhalwal, KC College of Education, Akhnoor Road, Muthi, Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu, GGM Science College, Canal Road, Jammu and Govt. Degree College, Kunjwani, Jammu as a surprise check today and expressed their satisfaction about the examinations being conducted in a fair and smooth manner.

A Flying Squad team from the Regional Centre Jammu under the leadership of S Tejinder Pal Singh, Deputy Registrar visited the Examination Centres at Bhargava Degree College, Samba and Govt. Degree College Kathua.

Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director Incharge informed that the examinations are being conducted smoothly across the region on the basis of feedback obtained from the Examination Superintendents.