

IIM Jammu hosts Dr. Sachchidanand Member Secretary IGNCA to advance campus-wide artwork discussions

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu welcomed Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), to further discussions on creating campus-wide artwork that seamlessly integrates Indian culture into the institute's state-of-the-art infrastructure.

The visit aligns with the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between IIM Jammu and IGNCA on 30th Nov 2023, aimed at promoting art and cultural initiatives across the campus.

During his visit, Dr. Joshi accompanied by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, toured the IIM Jammu campus, which included key facilities such as the academic block, courtyard Nalanda Library, Mandapam Auditorium, smart classrooms, and other state-of-art facilities at the



Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary IGNCA with Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

Institute. The discussions focused on designing and implementing artistic works that reflect India's rich cultural heritage while enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the campus. Dr. Sachchidanand emphasized the importance of integrating art into educational spaces, stating that art

can inspire creativity and innovation while preserving cultural heritage. He also commended IIM Jammu's vision of integrating art into the educational environment, stating that such initiatives serve as a medium to inspire creativity, innovation, and a deeper appreciation for cultural heritage.

He further highlighted that the collaboration between IGNCA and IIM Jammu represents a unique opportunity to create an enriching environment that bridges the gap between modern education and India's rich artistic traditions, fostering a sense of pride and connection to cultural roots.

Prof. Sahay highlighted the institute's commitment to creating an ecosystem where modernity and tradition coexist seamlessly.

He emphasized that the partnership with IGNCA provides a unique opportunity to blend IIM Jammu's cutting-edge

Indian culture through thoughtfully curated art.

He noted that by integrating Indian cultural elements into the B-School environment, the initiative aims to not only enhance the campus's aesthetic appeal but also provide an enriching experience that inspires creativity, celebrates heritage, and fosters a sense of pride in cultural identity.

He further mentioned that the initiative aligns perfectly with IIM Jammu's commitment to holistic education and the all-round development of its students and faculty.

The collaboration with IGNCA reflects IIM Jammu's broader mission to integrate cultural and academic excellence, enriching the overall learning experience.

The visit sets the stage for implementing curated art projects that embody the essence of Indian heritage within a modern educational framework.

KC Public School makes waves at Global Youth Film Festival Chandigarh

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JAMMU: The school's movie "Planet Plastic" was showcased at the prestigious Global Youth Film Festival (GYFF) Event in Chandigarh, receiving an overwhelming response and applause from the audience.

The highlight of the event was Saransh Tikku, a talented student from KC Public School Jammu, being awarded the "Best Male Actor" title in the junior category.

This achievement is a testament to our school's commitment to nurturing creative talent and providing a platform for students to shine.

"We are incredibly proud of Saransh's achievement and the success of our movie at the GYFF Event," said



Saransh Tikku of KCPS Jammu after receiving the "Best Male Actor" title.

Shubangi Bakshi, representative of The Shutter Society.

"This recognition motivates us to continue encouraging our students to pursue their passions and showcase their talents on national and international platforms."

The school management extended congratulations to Saransh, the team and their mentors Shubangi Bakshi

and Shuchi Singh on this outstanding achievement.

"We are overjoyed with Saransh's success and are proud to see our students making their mark in the world of cinema," said Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary, Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra, and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey in a joint statement.

Randhawa asks youth to become self-reliant in Atmanirbhar Bharat



MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating an outlet.

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JAMMU: Vikram Randhawa, senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, on Sunday inaugurated the TTAPIO Café in Channi.

The event witnessed the presence of prominent residents and community leaders of the area, celebrating the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Speaking at the inaugura-

tion, MLA Randhawa lauded the entrepreneurial spirit of Mehak Sharma, the café's owner, and her younger brother, who have taken a bold step in bringing innovation and quality service to the region.

"This initiative resonates with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, encouraging individuals to become self-reliant and con-

tribute to the nation's economic growth," he said.

Applauding the venture as a step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat, Randhawa emphasized the importance of self-reliance and highlighted several schemes initiated by the Modi Government to empower the youth, including Start-Up India, Skill India, and Mudra Yojana, which provide financial support, training, and opportunities for innovation.

Randhawa highlighted that such ventures not only provide employment opportunities but also inspire the youth to explore entrepreneurial avenues.

Randhawa assured the people of Channi of his continued support for such endeavors that empower individuals and strengthen the local economy.

JU organises workshop on "Research Methodology"

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JAMMU: The week-long workshop on "Research Methodology," jointly organized by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre and the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, concluded today with a valedictory function.

The valedictory session was presided over by Prof. Mazher Mehdi from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), with Afad-ul-Mujataba, former ADGP and member of the Public Service Commission, as the Chief Guest.

The event was also graced by Prof. S.K. Pandita, Director, UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, and Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Coordinator of the workshop.

Speakers lauded the workshop as a resounding success, highlighting the wealth



A dignitary speaking during a workshop at University of Jammu.

of knowledge shared by eminent experts on various aspects of research methodology. They commended Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik for his meticulous coordination and for ensuring the participation of high-caliber resource persons. Participants expressed the need for similar workshops in the future to further enhance the knowledge and

skills of research scholars.

Chief Guest Afad-ul-Mujataba emphasized that research is integral to human progress and urged the younger generation to understand and adopt effective research practices. He also highlighted the distinction between police and academic research. In his presidential address, Prof. Mazher Mehdi applauded

the University of Jammu for organizing the workshop, elaborating on the aims and objectives of research and shedding light on essential research techniques.

The workshop witnessed active participation from nearly 70 participants, including research scholars and faculty members from various universities and col-

leges. Esteemed resource persons such as Prof. Abu Kalam from MANUU, Hyderabad; Prof. Mazher Mehdi from JNU, New Delhi; Prof. Suchetana Pathania, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Jammu; Prof. Jigar Mohammad, former Dean, Research Studies, University of Jammu; Prof. Anupama Vohra; Prof. Mohammad Reyaz Ahmad; Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik; and others contributed significantly to the workshop's success.

The valedictory function concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants by the dignitaries. Prof. S.K. Pandita, Director of UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to the workshop's success.

Free multi-speciality health checkup camp held at St. Mary's Garrison Church

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JAMMU: The Youth Commission Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar, in collaboration with SIBA Event Management & Innovations Cooperatives, organized a Free Multi-Speciality Health Checkup Camp at St. Mary's Garrison Church, Gandhi Nagar, here, providing free medical services to the underprivileged, marginalized, and slum-dwelling communities in the region.

The event, held with great success, was graced by the presence of Rt. Rev. Bp. Ivan Albert Pereira, Bishop of Jammu-Srinagar, who honoured and thanked the dedicated



Doctors posing with SIBA Event members and other dignitaries at a camp.

team of doctors and healthcare professionals for their selfless service.

Rev. Fr. Sebastian Nagthunkal, the Vicar General presented saplings to all the doctors hailing from different hospitals. The distinguished doctors

hailed from a range of renowned hospitals in Jammu, including Sharp Sight eye Hospital Jammu, Holistic Hues, Redcliffe Labs, Ujala Cygnus Healthcare Services, and JK Mediicity Hospital Jammu. The multi-special-

ity health camp offered consultations across a wide range of medical fields, including: General Medicine (MO), Cardiology, Orthopedies (Ortho), Gynecology (Gynae), Pediatrics, Physiotherapy, Eye Checkups, Dental Care, Oncology (Onc), Endocrinology (Endo), General Checkups (BP, Sugar levels).

Additionally, the event provided free medicines to

those in need, ensuring that medical care was accessible to all, especially to those who may not otherwise afford it.

Jafat Masih, Director of the Youth Commission, Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the participating doctors. Special thanks were extended to Vikrant Dogra, Chairman of Jammu-Kashmir Dairy Cooperative Federation (JKDCF), for his generous support and contribution to the event.

The Youth Commission also acknowledged Sidharth, Baljeet, Anil Gill (Senior Lab Technician) and Bunty Gill (youth animator) and Aron Singh, Youth President for their assistance, which made the event meaningful and impactful for the local community.

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SAHARANPUR: Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP, visited Darul Uloom Deoband, a historic Islamic seminary established in 1866 and renowned for its contributions to education and socio-political reform.

Khatana held discussions with Vice Chancellor Maulana Mufti Abul Qasim Nomani and Pro Vice Chancellor Maulana Abdul Khaliq Madraisi. The meetings focused on the seminary's educational legacy, its role in addressing contemporary challenges, and initiatives to further its mission in education and community welfare.

As part of the visit, Khatana toured the seminary's historic library, which contains rare manuscripts and books dating back over 800 years.



Rajya Sabha MP, Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana during visit to Darul Uloom Deoband.

He also visited the Darul Hadith (House of Prophetic Traditions), where he interacted with students, including those from Jammu and Kashmir, discussing their academic pursuits and aspirations.

Darul Uloom Deoband, founded after the 1857 Indian Rebellion, has played a pivotal role in preserving Islamic heritage and supporting socio-political reform.

Notable figures associated with the seminary include Shaikhul Hind Maulana

Mahmood Hasan, Maulana Obaidullah Sindhi, Maulana Qasim Nanautavi, and Maulana Husain Ahmad Madani, who significantly contributed to India's freedom movement and socio-political harmony.

Prominent individuals present during the visit included Dr. Raihan Akhtar Qasmi from Aligarh Muslim University, Maulana Raihan Qasmi, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, and Maulana Abdul Malik Bijnouri, a senior faculty member of the seminary.

SNM organises blood donation camp

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JAMMU: The Sant Nirankari Mission (SNM) Branch Pounichak organized a voluntarily Blood Donation Camp at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Pounichak. A total of 80 units of blood donated in this camp.

The Camp was inaugurated by Seema Bhasin, Director of Finance in the Housing and Urban Development Department (HAUDD). She said that the camps emphasize selfless service to humanity, aligning with the Mission's teachings of love and unity.

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge SNM Jammu said the main objective of the Mission is to



A volunteer donating blood during a camp.

promote universal brotherhood, peace, and unity through God-realization.

Rattan Lal Mukhi Pounichak welcomed the Chief Guest and donors.

Other dignitaries present were Dr. Anshu, Dr. Deepshikha, Dr. Kamya Blood

Bank GMC Jammu, Gian Chand Khetriya Sanchalak Jammu, Kewal Krishan Sanchalak Pounichak.

The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu, and JKSAICS.

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JAMMU: Arvind Gupta, senior BJP leader and MLA West Constituency, on Sunday participated in a vibrant program organized by the Christian community to mark the joyous occasion of Christmas.

Addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta extended greetings to the Christian community and highlighted the importance of festivals in fos-



MLA West Constituency, Arvind Gupta participating in a program being organized by Christian community.

tering communal harmony and strengthening societal bonds. "Christmas is not just a festival; it is a reminder of the values of love, compassion, and selfless service that Jesus Christ preached. Let us

all imbibe these values and work towards building a society rooted in peace and mutual respect," he said.

The senior BJP leader also highlighted the symbolic significance of Santa Claus,

drawing an inspiring analogy. He urged the gathering to see their parents as the real-life Santas who fulfilled all their wishes and needs during childhood.

"Santa Claus brings joy and gifts during Christmas, but our parents are the true Santas in our lives, tirelessly working to ensure our happiness and fulfilling our dreams when we were young. Now, it is our responsibility to care for them, respect them, and make their lives comfortable," he said, striking an emotional chord with the audience.

Arvind also reiterated the

Central Government's initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote inclusivity and ensure that all communities feel an integral part of India's growth story.

"The BJP stands firmly with all communities and is dedicated to ensuring that every citizen has the opportunity to celebrate their traditions freely and joyfully," he added.

The event concluded with the exchange of greetings and distribution of gifts among the children, bringing smiles to many faces.

Satish conducts extensive tour of Chhamb constituency

Addresses public darbars, launches development works

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Science & Technology and Information Technology, Satish Sharma, today conducted an extensive tour of Chhamb constituency and adjoining areas.

The Minister visited several areas including Khour Camp, Datyal, Rakh Malal, Ghrattal, Kathar, Kheour and other places where he met various delegations, inspected different projects and also kick started development works related to roads. The Minister held public darbars at Ghrattal, Kathar, Kheour



wherein scores of local residents participated and raised many issues pertaining to their respective areas. The issues inter alia included construction of link roads, streamlining of ration card issuance, irregular power and water supply, construction of playgrounds besides related matters concerning welfare and develop-

ment of these areas.

The Minister assured that the issues and concerns raised by them would be taken up with the concerned authorities and would be addressed promptly.

While addressing the people, the Minister said that he will work with utmost zeal and vigour to bring enhanced development and prosperity in the region. He sought public cooperation in realising the set development targets.

The Minister also inaugurated development works related to link road at Dhara in Panchayat Kathar and boundary wall and HRC on link road Chareed. While inaugurating

the development works, the Minister directed the officers to ensure timely completion of all these crucial works. He also cautioned them against any unnecessary delay in execution of these vital works.

Satish Sharma asked the officers of the line departments to put in their sincere efforts in rendering prompt services to the people. He instructed them to work in synergy so that people don't face any kind of inconvenience. He said that the Government is committed to fulfill developmental aspirations of people while taking care that no one is deprived of his basic requirements and all are served equally.

Rana inspects Boria water filtration plant; assesses facilities at Jambu Zoo

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JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today inspected Boria Filtration Plant at Bage-e-Bahu.

During his visit, the Minister emphasised the need for clean surroundings and pulled up officers over unhygienic conditions there. He directed for cleanliness, landscaping and plantation at all water installa-



Forest Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana visiting Jambu Zoo.

tions in J&K. He also stressed on maintaining water quality and regular testing to provide safe and clean drinking water to people.

Javed Ahmed Rana also took stock of facilities at Jambu Zoo and emphasised on effective conservation efforts, eco-tourism promotion and enhanced animal care. He directed the officers to enhance facilities for animal lovers while ensuring animal welfare simultaneously.