

Training Programme on IHIP-IDSP hosted for MOs, GMC doctors

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JAMMU: Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) Jammu on Saturday organized a One-Day Training Programme on the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) for Medical Officers and Medical College Doctors. The training programme was conducted with the objective of strengthening disease surveillance systems, enhancing real-time and accurate reporting of priority diseases and improving early warning and response mechanisms across healthcare institutions in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services Jammu. In his inaugural address, Dr. Zargar emphasized the pivotal role of a strong and responsive disease surveillance system in safeguarding public health.

He highlighted the importance of timely and accurate disease reporting, effective utilization of the Integrated Health Information Platform



Medical Officers and Medical College Doctors during a training session.

and strengthened inter-sectoral coordination for prevention, early detection and control of disease outbreaks.

He further stated that the integration of digital platforms such as IHIP has significantly enhanced the capacity of the health system to respond promptly to emerging and re-emerging public health threats.

Earlier, Dr. Narinder Bhutial, Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Gandhinagar welcomed the participants and underscored the need for continuous capacity building of

Medical Officers and Medical College faculty in the areas of epidemiology, surveillance and outbreak management.

He emphasized that regular trainings and skill enhancement of healthcare professionals are essential to ensure effective implementation of national public health programmes at all levels of healthcare delivery.

A detailed keynote address on Disease Surveillance Programme was delivered by Dr. Harjeet Rai, Epidemiologist/State Surveillance Officer (SSO-IDSP).

Dr. Rai elaborated on the objectives, operational framework and functional significance of IHIP, highlighting its role in strengthening disease surveillance, improving data quality and facilitating real-time analysis for evidence-based public health decision-making across the Union Territory.

The technical sessions comprehensively covered various critical components of disease surveillance including the roles and responsibilities of reporting units under IDSP, principles and objectives of surveillance and early warning and response systems, the current status and priority areas of IHIP implementation, laboratory support and reporting

mechanisms under IDSP as well as basic concepts of epidemiology and outbreak investigation.

The sessions aimed to enhance both conceptual understanding and practical skills of the participants for effective surveillance and response at institutional and field levels.

The Technical sessions were delivered by a panel of expert faculty comprising Dr. Bhavna Langer, Associate Professor, Government Medical College Jammu; Dr. Shehnaz Chowdhary Medical Officer Epidemiology; Dr. Prem Lata Medical Officer Epidemiology; Ajay, State Microbiologist IDSP and Dr. Simran Nag, State Epidemiologist IDSP.

The resource persons shared their technical expertise, field experiences and best practices, which enriched the learning experience and facilitated meaningful interaction with the participants.

The training was attended by Dr. Ila Gupta, Assistant Director Schemes, Directorate of Health services Jammu, BMOs, District Health Officers and Medical Officers from all districts of the Jammu division.

Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School celebrates 9th Annual Day

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JAMMU: Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School celebrated its 9th Annual Function with great enthusiasm and cultural fervour on the inspiring theme "Journey of Culture," beautifully reflecting India's rich heritage through a series of vibrant performances and meaningful presentations.

The programme began with a Guard of Honour accorded to the Chief Guest, Sham Lal Sharma, followed by a plantation ceremony symbolising growth, harmony and environmental responsibility. The auspicious occasion was further marked by the traditional Tilak ceremony and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, invoking blessings for wisdom and prosperity.

Ved Prakash Shashtri delivered the welcome address and honoured the dignitaries by presenting saplings as a mark of respect. Setting a devotional tone, the cultural journey commenced with Ganesh Vandana and Saraswati Vandana, followed by a melodious welcome song that captivated the audience. Students showcased their talent



Chief Guest, MLA Jammu North Sham Lal Sharma being honoured at a programme.

through a thought-provoking skit titled "Kam Hoon Main," highlighting self-discovery, moral values and social awareness. This was followed by the presentation of the Annual Report by the Principal, Mr. Narinder Singh Chib Ji, who highlighted the school's academic accomplishments, co-curricular achievements and significant milestones attained during the past year. The cultural segment unfolded with a colourful mix of performances including a lively Haryanvi song, a powerful Shiv Tandav dance, soulful Qawwali and various folk and regional dances, truly bringing alive the theme of cultural diversity and unity. A socially

relevant presentation titled "Operation Sindoor" left a lasting impression on the audience with its strong message.

The programme was further enriched by a Punjabi song, energetic Bhangra and inspiring addresses by the Chief Guest, Shri Sham Lal Sharma Ji, who appreciated the school's efforts in nurturing cultural values alongside modern education.

With the divine blessings of Shri Shri 1008 Sant Hare Ram Dass Maharaj, the function stood as a proud testament to the school's commitment to shaping responsible, confident and culturally rooted future citizens.

DRDDG organizes Multi Specialty Free Test Camp



A dignitary inaugurating multi specialty Free Medical Test Camp.

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JAMMU: Datta Ranpat Dev Dramatic Club (DRDDG) under its President Pushpinder Singh Charak organized a multi specialty Free Medical Test Camp in premises of club, Sect 2 Rameela Ground Channi Himmat.

Dr. Rajesh Gupta, MBBS, MD (Medicines), Physician specialist, Dr. Neeraj Mahajan, MD Medicines DNB Cardiology and Dr. Shally Kandhari MS Ophthalmology, Eye Surgeon specialist in Sutureless and injection free Cataract Surgery rendered his valuable services for human service.

In this one day free camp, tests were conducted, which included Fibroscan for liver disease screening, Neuropathy test for nerves, Spirometry to assess lungs function, blood tests

(HB, Thyroid, Sugar, Lipid Profile, HBA1C, Uric Acid Etc.) Bones Mineral density, ECG, Free Eye Checkup (ophthalmologist).

Blood pressure, GRED and numerous others. More than 800 patients were registered and they got their tests done satisfactorily.

Pushpinder Singh Charak, on this occasion, said that DRDDG has always been on the fore front to serve the society through different modes and the people belonging to various sections have been benefitted. It is in the series of Club social service works that Free Medical Test Camp is being organized to help the poor and needy.

President expressed gratitude to Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Neeraj Mahajan and Dr. Shally Kandhari for extending free help to the people.

Free Multi-Specialty Health Camp held at Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre

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JAMMU: Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Ramakrishna Vihar, Udheywala, Jammu, successfully organised a Free Multi-Specialty Health Camp on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The camp focused on heart health and oral health and hygiene, drawing a large response from the local community and reaffirming the Mission's commitment to preventive and compassionate healthcare.

The camp was led by Dr. Neeraj Gupta, renowned cardiologist from Ascoms Avighna Heart Centre, along with eminent dentist Dr. Rakesh Raina, MDS (PhD), PG in Oral Implantology. They were supported by a dedicated team from the Department of Public



Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre members with doctors at a camp.

Health Dentistry, Indira Gandhi Government Dental College and Hospital, Amphalla, under the supervision of Dr. Manisha Koul, Registrar, Department of Public Health Dentistry, and Dr. Mayank Hali (BDS).

Free medical consultations were provided by specialists from multiple disciplines, including general medicine, orthopaedics, dentistry, gynaecology, ophthalmology, and physiotherapy, ensuring

comprehensive healthcare services under one roof.

In addition, patients were offered free diagnostic tests such as ECG, neuropathy tests, uric acid tests, and blood sugar tests, enabling early detection and management of health issues.

A full body check-up package, including CBC, lipid profile, blood sugar, thyroid function test (TFT), liver function test (LFT), kidney function test (KFT), and

Vitamin D assessment, was also made available at a highly subsidised rate of Rs 1200, against the original cost of Rs 2300, for fasting patients.

The camp was honoured by the presence of distinguished guests, including Pallavi Mishra, IAS, SDM Marh, and Raman Gupta, MD Pans and Pots, who appreciated the Mission's efforts in extending quality healthcare to the community.

A total of 320 patients benefited from the services of 12 experienced doctors, reflecting the camp's wide reach and positive impact.

Speaking on the occasion, Swami Yajnadharananda Ji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, reiterated the organisation's dedication to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing that service to humanity is a form of divine worship.

The health camp formed part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing initiatives aimed at community welfare, preventive healthcare, and selfless service. For information about future programmes, the public may contact Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre at 9596984032.

Historic Musical Theatre "Tap Se Tyag Tak" captivates audience at Gurugram

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JAMMU: On the sacred occasion of the 350th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, RMK Arts & Research Foundation (Regd), Jammu presented a grand musical theatrical production titled "Tap Se Tyag Tak" at the Apparel House Auditorium, Sector-44, Gurugram, on 11 December 2025. The event was organized by Kashmiri Hindu Prakoshth, Haryana and witnessed an overwhelming response, with the auditorium filled to capacity.

The soul-stirring presentation beautifully depicted the life, unshakeable devotion, divine strength, and supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji



Artists of "Tap Se Tyag Tak" posing with dignitaries.

Maharaj, highlighting his historic martyrdom for the protection of religious freedom, human values, and eternal truth.

The prestigious evening

was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh Saini ji, and internationally acclaimed Bollywood actor Shri Anupam Kher ji, who

attended as the Chief Guest. Also present were Shri Raj Nehru ji, OSD to the Chief Minister, along with several eminent dignitaries, adding immense

dignity and honor to the occasion.

The production was written and directed by renowned actor-director Shri Vijay Dhar, who also led a dedicated team of actors, musicians, singers, and technicians.

The powerful cast included Vijay Dhar, Jagdish Sagar, Jitender Jotshi, Pummy Zutshi, Dazy Bajaj, King C Bharti, Shammi Dhamir, Vinay Pandita, Vinod Bhushan, Rahul Pandita, Ajay Raina, Sahil Kumar, Laxmi Devi, Simran Gurtoo, Shriya Gurtoo, and Master Mithu. Lyrics were penned by Shekhar Suman, choreography by Ajay Rana, and playback singing by Suresh Chouhan, Simran Gurtoo,

and Shriya Gurtoo. Digital sets and AI special effects were created by Ravi Sharma of Dhanraj Studios, Jammu, with lighting supervised by Raj Kumar Bhat.

International star Anupam Kher ji lauded the production, praising its depth and sincerity, and even mentioned it on his social media, calling it a memorable tribute. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also appreciated the effort and encouraged such culturally significant initiatives.

RMK Arts & Research Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to preserving and promoting India's rich cultural and spiritual heritage through meaningful, research-oriented productions.

"Watch O Suno Dogri" announces its annual awards Tawi Tales, Juhi & Behrupia selected for "Tunde Par Maan Aai"

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JAMMU: 'Watch O Suno Dogri' on Saturday announced its annual awards for the year 2025. Titled "Tunde Par Maan Aai", the awards are given to little known Dogri Lovers, who, in a way are contributing towards popularising Dogri language, art, culture, traditions, and heritage. According to Jagmoham Sharma 'Yoon Hi', the founder of Watch O Suno Dogri, this year's awards are being given to multifaceted personality Raj Kumar Behrupia, renowned RJ and theatre artist Juhi Mohan and anchors of Tawi Tales podcast, Vikas Padha and Ajay Khajuria.

Jagmoham said that Tawi Tales is selected for its contribution in projecting different personalities of Dogri language through their podcasts.

Another awardee, Juhi Mohan recently played a one-act play of about 90 minutes duration 'Chainchalo' that is the first of its kind in Dogri language. Behrupia's daily motivating reels on morning walks and warm up with a Dogri music number in the background has caught attention of the advisory board of Watch O Suno Dogri in deciding this year's "Tunde Par Maan Aai" awards. Presented every year on Dogri Maanyta Diwas, the award contains a memento and a shawl.

JU concludes one-week FDP on "SPSS UNPLUGGED: AI Perspective in Data Analytics"



JU faculty during a programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate of College Development Council (CDC), in collaboration with the Department of Statistics, University of Jammu, successfully concluded a One-Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "SPSS UNPLUGGED: AI Perspective in Data Analytics" under the aegis of RUSA 2.0. The programme witnessed active participation from 70 faculty members of colleges affiliated with the University of Jammu.

The valedictory function was graced by Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs, as the Chief Guest. In his address, Prof. Joorel urged participants to disseminate the knowledge acquired during the FDP among their students and colleagues, thereby multiplying its impact.

He emphasized that such capacity-building initiatives strengthen the academic ecosystem and equip faculty to address challenges posed by emerging technologies in data science.

Dr. Dharminder Magotra, Director CDC and Co-Convenor, highlighted the University's vision of enhancing faculty capabilities through systematic training programmes. He shared that, with support from RUSA 2.0, the CDC has initiated a series of capacity-building initiatives across affiliated colleges. Prof. Pawan Kumar, Convenor, presented an overview of the week-long sessions, expressing satisfaction over the enthusiastic participation of attendees. Dr. V. K. Shivgotra, Course Coordinator, elaborated on the methodological framework and curriculum design, emphasizing the importance of

continual training to stay abreast of technological advancements.

The FDP featured distinguished resource persons, including Prof. Suresh Kumar Sharma (Panjab University, Chandigarh), Dr. Sushil Sarkar (IASRI, Delhi), Dr. Gulab Singh Boora (University of Delhi), and Dr. Sumit Maheshwari (IIM Jammu), who delivered interactive sessions integrating academic rigor with practical applications. Their lectures acquainted participants with best practices in SPSS and AI-enabled data analytics. Prof. Ravinder Tickoo, Nodal Principal, Jammu Division, was also acknowledged for facilitating faculty nominations.

The programme covered key areas such as survey design, regression analysis, ANOVA, factor analysis, PCA, and structural equation modelling using AMOS, combining conceptual lectures with hands-on practical training. Faculty members expressed appreciation for the well-structured sessions and valuable skills gained, which they intend to share with students and colleagues. Feedback during the valedictory session was highly positive, reflecting the effectiveness of the FDP.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. V. K. Shivgotra, Organizing Secretary.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized Samagam 3.0, its annual alumni meet, as part of the Institute's ongoing 10th-year celebrations, marking a decade of academic excellence and institutional growth. The two-day event, held from 13 to 14 December 2025, brought together alumni, faculty members and students, fostering meaningful networking, cultural engagement and a renewed sense of belonging. The inaugural ceremony of Samagam 3.0 was presided over and formally inaugurated by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, who warmly welcomed the alumni back to their alma mater. The celebrations began with "Yaadon Ka Safar," a guided campus tour that allowed alumni to revisit fond memories while witnessing the Institute's rapid development and expanding infrastructure. This was followed by the tra-



Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. B. S. Sahay with others at alumni meet.

ditional lamp-lighting ceremony and formal inauguration, including the introduction of members of the IIM Jammu Alumni Association and interactive sessions with the Director, Deans and faculty members. The event was graced by senior faculty members including Prof. Pranab Ranjan Das, Chairperson SBDU; Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson MBA Healthcare; Dr. Apurva, Member Alumni Relations Committee; Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson Anandam; Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson Research; and Dr. Kulvinder Kaur, Faculty, IIM Jammu.

The programme featured addresses by the Executive Committee members of the IIM Jammu Alumni Association, including Bhavnish Sharma, President; Bishnu Kumar, Vice-President; Sanjay Nalamaru, Joint Secretary (South); Tarun Kumar Gupta, Joint Secretary (East); and Surendra Singh, Joint Secretary (International), followed by reflections from alumni members. A networking lunch with Prof. B.S. Sahay provided an opportunity for enriching dialogue between alumni and the Institute's leadership. The day also included recreational and cultural engagements

such as a Game Zone at the Sports Complex, the Basohli painting workshop "Range-Milap" in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, and interactive Scribble and Photoshoot sessions near the Clock Tower. The Cultural Odyssey at the Mandapam showcased vibrant performances by students and alumni, followed by dinner and the nostalgic "Ignite the Past" bonfire and karaoke night. The second day commenced with "Spirit in Motion," featuring sports activities at the Football Ground, and concluded with a farewell breakfast at Annapurna Mess.