

DGP honours DySP Vishal, DySP Dandia and other CB officers for outstanding performance



DGP Nalin Prabhat giving awards to DySP Vishal Sharma, DySP Bhagwan Dass of Crime Branch Jammu.

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JAMMU: Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir, Nalin Prabhat, honoured DySP Vishal Sharma, DySP Bhagwan Dass Dandia other officers of J&K Crime Branch for their outstanding performance during the year 2025.

Appreciating the overall

performance of the Crime Branch, the DGP issued several directions to further strengthen investigations and expedite disposal of cases. He awarded DySP Vishal Sharma, DySP Albeena Malik, DySP Bhagwan Dass Dandia, DySP Jagpal Sharma, Inspector Ashwani Kumar

and Inspector Gurnam Choudhary for their exemplary work and dedication.

Earlier, the DGP was received by IGP Crime Branch/Security J&K Sujit Kumar, along with senior officers of the Crime Branch. He inspected all wings housed in the Crime Branch Complex and

chaired a review meeting attended by DIG Crime Branch J&K Abdul Qayoom, Joint Director Prosecution Laeeq Ahmed Dar, SSP Crime Branch EOW Jammu Mohd Fiesel Qureshi, SSP Fingerprint Bureau J&K Mohd Yousif (JKPS), SSP CICE J&K Ramnish Gupta, SSP

ANTF J&K Mohd Anwarul-Haq, SSP Mohd Shafi (SO to IGP Crime J&K) and SSP SCW Jammu Sanjay Parihar. From Crime Headquarters Srinagar, DIG Crime Branch Abdul Qayoom (IPS) along with SSP Crime Branch EOW Kashmir Abdul Waheed Shah and SSP Crime Branch SCW Kashmir Muzaffar Ahmed Shah participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

At the outset, the IGP Crime Branch welcomed the DGP, following which a booklet titled "Cyber Shield" was released by the DGP J&K. A detailed PowerPoint presentation was made by all wings of the Crime Branch, highlighting their functioning and achievements, particularly the disposal of FIRs and complaints during the year 2025.

The visit concluded with DIG Crime Branch Abdul Qayoom presenting a vote of thanks for the guidance and directions imparted by the DGP J&K.

Prominent citizens meet Jugal Kishore, demand Indoor Stadium at Patoli Magotrian



Delegation led by Ex-Mayor Rajinder Sharma calling on MP Jugal Kishore Sharma.

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JAMMU: A delegation of prominent citizens from Janipur, Patoli, Subash Nagar, Roop Nagar, Sarwal, and New Plot, led by Ex-Corporator & Chairman Swaelh Bharat

Committee Yashpaul Sharma (Mantoo), met MP Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma to submit a memorandum demanding the construction of an Indoor Stadium at Patoli Magotrian.

The delegation was accompanied by Ex-Mayor Rajinder Sharma and several former corporators, highlighting community support for improved sports infrastructure in the area.

Department of Linguistics, SHLA, CLUJ celebrates Duggar Mela 2025 on Dogri Manyata Diwas



VC CLUJ, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar with Padma Shri Romalo Ram and others at Dogri Manyata Diwas celebration.

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JAMMU: The Department of Linguistics & Literature, School of Humanities and Liberal Arts (SHLA), Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), celebrated Dogri Manyata Diwas on Monday under the patronage of the Vice-Chancellor, CLUJ, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar. The event was organized to commemorate the inclusion of the Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

The programme was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Padma Shri Romalo Ram, a renowned Dogri folk artist of the Jammu region. On this occasion, Duggar Mela 2025 was organized in collaboration with IQAC (SHLA), the Department of Music and Performing Arts (MPA), and the Department of English, under the aegis of the School of Humanities and Liberal Arts. The Duggar Mela was formally inaugurated by Padma Shri Romalo Ram and Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar by cutting the ribbon. The dignitaries were accorded a warm welcome with live Dogri folk music performed by students of the Department of Music and Performing Arts.

The guests visited various stalls set up by students of PGI, PG Linguistics, and the Department of MPA, which showcased the rich Dogra culture, traditions, and heritage. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appreciated the creative

efforts of the students and emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting Duggar heritage and linguistic identity.

Padma Shri Romalo Ram Ji captivated the audience with his performance and congratulated the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for his active and significant role in the promotion and preservation of the Dogri language.

The students displayed Dogra culture through a wide range of stalls featuring traditional Dogra cuisine and Handicraft items, which attracted large public participation. The delicacies included kimbi, rajma chawal, todasaag, kachalu, chai, desi chai, kyurgolgappe, dal ambal, khattirongi, gajak, moongfali, kheer, shakkarpare, mathi, sambekebhalle, and thandikkuiki barfi. The highlight of the fair was the performance of traditional Dogri songs accompanied by dhol, presented by students of the Department of Music and Performing Arts, which added vibrancy and cultural richness to the event.

The programme was held under the supervision of Prof. Monika Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities and Liberal Arts. The event was coordinated by Dr. Reena Salaria, Head, Department of Linguistics & Literature; Dr. Kuldeep Raina, Head, Department of Music and Performing Arts; and Prof. Ruth Maseli, Head, Department of English, with the active support of the entire faculty of SHLA.

IIM Jammu inaugurates Training Program on Contract Management and Arbitration for NHPC

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu inaugurated the three-day Executive Education Program on Contract Management and Arbitration for NHPC, a Government of India Navaratna Public Sector Enterprise, with a formal inaugural ceremony at the campus at Vedanta MDP block on 22nd Dec 2025. The training program consisted of 20 participants from different parts of the country.

Dr. Parvathy B., Program Director, IIM Jammu, in her inaugural address, acknowledged the challenges faced by participants due to flight delays and appreciated their commitment to learning. Beginning with an insightful practical example, she highlighted the management perspective in contract management and arbitration, emphasizing how structured managerial thinking can help address complex contractual and dispute-resolution challenges. She also expressed her gratitude to the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C), IIM Jammu team for their support in conceptualizing and delivering the program.

Dr. Naveen Goyal, Program



IIM Jammu faculty with participants of training programme.

Director, IIM Jammu, appreciated the meticulous efforts of Dr. Parvathy B., Program Director, IIM Jammu in designing the program based on participants' professional profiles and for bringing in experienced practitioners to enrich learning. He also acknowledged the presence of senior NHPC officials, noting that their value-based expertise would significantly enhance peer learning.

He encouraged participants to actively engage, learn meaningfully, and cherish the professional bonds formed during the program.

Pardeep Saini, Program Officer, Business Development, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM

Jammu, highlighted that the program has been specially curated for contract management and arbitration, providing an overview of the three-day structure and its key learning outcomes.

He also briefed participants on the diverse Executive Education and Consultancy programs offered by IIM Jammu across various domains and mentioned the completion of seven consultancy projects, underscoring the Institute's self-sustaining and revenue-generating model.

He emphasized that the participants would continue to remain valued members of the IIM Jammu family even after the completion of the training program.

The program commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a welcome address by Mohd. Arif, Executive, EE & C, IIM Jammu. During the session, participants introduced themselves and shared their expectations for the training program, also reflecting on the travel difficulties faced due to flight cancellations, while expressing enthusiasm for the learning journey ahead.

The inaugural ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, marking a formal and inspiring beginning to the program. The program is being coordinated and executed by Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu.

Awareness programme on Next Generation ERSS (Dial 112) conducted in Jammu Zone



IGP Jammu Zone, Bim Sen Tuti chairing awareness programme.

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JAMMU: An awareness programme on the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) - Dial 112, recently upgraded to the Next Generation ERSS (NG ERSS-2.0) in Jammu and Kashmir, was conducted in Jammu Zone today.

The programme was chaired by Bim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, at the Conference Hall of Police Control Room (PCR), Jammu. The meeting was attended by all Range Deputy Inspectors General of Police (DIGs) and all Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) of Jammu Zone, along with Incharge District PCR who joined through virtual mode.

While addressing the participants, the IGP, Jammu Zone emphasized the need for modernization of the police force through the adoption of advanced and latest technologies to enhance public safety. He highlighted the critical role of the upgraded Next Generation ERSS in ensuring swift, efficient, and citizen-centric emergency response through its cutting-edge technological features.

Shailesh Porwal, Project Manager, CDAC, delivered a detailed presentation on the Next Generation ERSS, elaborating on its key features, operational framework, and technological advancements. He

also briefed the participants about the implementation and functioning of the upgraded system, which was officially launched in Jammu and Kashmir on 16th December 2025.

The programme aimed at

sensitizing senior police officers and district-level functionaries about the enhanced capabilities of NG ERSS, with the objective of strengthening emergency response mechanisms and improving overall service delivery to the public.

JMC steps up anti-pollution drive to maintain AQI level

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has intensified measures to control air pollution and safeguard public health. Acting under the directions of JMC Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav, a series of strict on-ground and regulatory steps have been initiated to curb dust and particulate emissions across the city.

The Commissioner has directed the concerned wings of JMC to implement immediate mitigation measures. These include night-time mechanical sweeping of major roads, daytime water sprinkling in high-traffic areas, markets and construction zones and the use of anti-smog gun-mounted vehicles to suppress airborne dust.

Special focus has been laid on regulating construction and demolition activities. The covering of the construction sites and vehicles transporting construction material with green sheets, jute fabric or plastic covers has been made



mandatory. Dumping or storage of material on public roads and footpaths has been strictly prohibited.

JMC field officers have been directed to conduct surprise inspections, and impose penalties ranging from ₹4,000 to ₹50,000 on violators contributing to dust pollution or mismanagement of construction waste. Alongside this, JMC has strengthened its solid waste management operations to prevent open dumping and burning of garbage, a major contributor to air pollution.

The Health and Sanitation Wing has been instructed to maintain zero tolerance towards the burning of waste, dry leaves or plastic.

Appealing for public cooperation, Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasized that improving air quality requires collective effort. Citizens have been urged to avoid open burning, support cleanliness drives, plant trees and report pollution-related violations. For achieving better air quality, 4 water sprinklers/multifunctional tanks and two anti smog guns have been put to service on roads.

These efforts are part of JMC's ongoing "Clean Jammu, Green Jammu" initiative, reaffirming the Corporation's commitment to restoring safe air quality levels and ensuring a cleaner, healthier environment for Jammu.

Modi's Mantra echoes in Jammu: 'create jobs, don't chase them,' says Gaurav

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JAMMU: A premium Samsung Mobile Smart Café, Galaxy Heaven, was inaugurated on Monday at Jewel, Jammu, with BJP Spokesperson and Secretary, Jammu Club Gaurav Gupta attending the event as Chief Guest.

Strategically located at Canal Road, the Smart Café offers an immersive Samsung experience through live demonstrations of the latest smartphones and smart devices, expert customer assistance, and attractive in-store offers, including special student discounts of up to 10 percent.

Addressing the gathering,



BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta inaugurating Samsung Mobile Smart Café, Galaxy Heaven.

Gaurav Gupta linked the opening of Galaxy Heaven to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's consistent call to the youth to "not remain job seekers, but become job providers." He

said such entrepreneurial ventures are living examples of this vision, where local enterprise creates opportunities, strengthens digital infrastructure, and empowers youth economically.

"Atmanirbhar Bharat is

about confidence and capability. When our youth start enterprises, they don't just secure their own future, they create livelihoods for others as well," Gupta said, attributing this transformative thought directly to the leadership and vision of Prime Minister Modi.

Gupta hailed proprietor Ravikant Sharma for his entrepreneurial spirit and foresight in bringing a world-class Samsung Smart Café to Jammu. He said Sharma's initiative reflects the growing trust of local entrepreneurs in the improved business ecosystem, policy stability, and infrastructure development in the region.

He further observed that the increasing presence of leading global brands in Jammu signals a positive shift in the investment climate and under-

scores Jammu's emergence as a modern, digitally empowered city.

Galaxy Heaven management invited customers, students, and technology enthusiasts to visit the Smart Café and experience the latest Samsung innovations, superior service standards, and exclusive launch offers.

Also present at the inauguration were Rajesh Langer managing committee member of Amar Singh Club; Bharat Bhushan Gupta (Tinu) board member of the Citizen Cooperative Bank; Navneet Abrol; Surinder Gupta; and several other local dignitaries and business leaders, who congratulated proprietor Ravikant Sharma and praised the initiative's contribution to Atmanirbhar Bharat and local youth employment.

Megh Sabha raises concern over absence of SC Judges in J&K-Ladakh High Court

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JAMMU: All Jammu & Kashmir Megh Sabha has expressed strong concern over the continued non-representation of the Scheduled Caste (SC) community in the Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Common High Court, calling it a serious injustice and a violation of constitutional principles.

Speaking at Press conference, Megh Sabha President Narinder Datt said that since the formation of the Common High Court, no judge from the SC community has been appointed at the High Court level. He said the issue has remained unresolved despite repeated demands and the availability of eligible SC officers.



Megh Sabha President Narinder Datt talking to reporters.

Narinder Datt noted that the Megh Sabha appreciates the intervention of the Hon'ble Union Law Minister, who, through a letter dated November 5, 2024, directed the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Common High Court to ensure due representation of SC candidates during the promotion of judges. He further pointed out that although the sanctioned strength of High Court judges was increased from 17 to 25 and two judges were promoted thereafter, no SC judge has been promoted so far.

He emphasized that several competent and eligible Sessions Judges from the SC community are available but are being consistently overlooked, which defeats the spirit of social justice, equality, and constitutional safeguards.

The All Jammu & Kashmir Megh Sabha urged the authorities to take immediate corrective measures to ensure fair representation of the SC community in the High Court in accordance with constitutional values and Union Government directives.

Among those present were Megh Sabha Vice President Rajinder Bhagat, Vice President (Doda) Ramesh Babu, Narinder Singh, Fulail Singh, and Girdhari Lal.