

IIM Jammu hosts meeting of partner institutions for LEAD Initiative as part of Nation Building

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Thursday hosted a meeting at its Jagti Campus for, The LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD) with its esteemed partner institutions.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu, extended best wishes to LEAD for its future endeavours.

Assuring unwavering cooperation and support, he reiterated the Institute's steadfast commitment to driving positive change and innovation within the region.

He on the momentous occasion stated, "It is a momentous occasion for IIM Jammu to host this gathering of esteemed partners for the LEAD initiative. As an institution committed to the growth, development, and socio-economic progress of the Union Territories of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, we are proud to play a pivotal role in fostering collaboration and driving sustainable development in the region."

During the session,



IIM Jammu and LEAD teams during a meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

Manish Ahluwalia, Director of LEAD, presented a comprehensive review of the remarkable events held in the preceding year, highlighting impactful initiatives such as the Youth Conclave, Homestay Business Workshop, InnoLEAD Startup Masterclass, Seminar on Cooperative Sector, and the grand Mahotsav 2023.

These endeavours underscored LEAD's unwavering commitment to catalysing sustainable growth across diverse sectors within the region. A significant

announcement was made regarding the upcoming SUYOG: The LJK Opportunity Summit, aimed at showcasing opportunities available for youth across various sectors.

The inaugural event, focusing on the Tourism sector, is scheduled for March 21st and is poised to be a beacon of inspiration and empowerment for aspiring young entrepreneurs and seekers. Prof. S. K. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ladakh, pledged the university's unwavering support toward

advancing research initiatives, fostering innovation, and nurturing talent to address the region's evolving needs. Furthermore, discussions on research initiatives to capitalize on opportunities within the Union Territories of Ladakh, Jammu, and Kashmir were held, emphasizing the role of academic institutions in spearheading these initiatives. To take this further, LEAD and the University of Ladakh signed an MoU at IIM Jammu for collaboration in areas of investment promotion, sustainable

development, and economic growth in the U.T of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

LEAD, a pioneering platform, is a citizen's initiative of like-minded individuals and professionals working on the promotion of business investments towards the sustainable development of the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir.

LEAD also provides a forum for constructive dialogue on various issues related to the growth and development of the region.

Members of the LEAD Core Team, including Surinder Mohan Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Sat Sharma, Harinder Gupta, Rajeev Gupta, and other sector coordinators, were present during the session.

A short film on the "Making of IIM Jammu: Brick by Brick," was shown. The inaugural ceremony as IIM Jammu continues its journey, it remains dedicated to fostering leadership, innovation, and societal transformation.

Former Dy Mayor starts community hall construction project



Former Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria starting development work.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The community hall construction project in Gangyal of RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, under the auspices of Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust, witnessed the commencement of the second-floor slab laying.

Former Deputy Mayor of Jammu and senior BJP leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria, initiated the construction work. This endeavour, overseen by the Jammu Municipal Corporation, is poised to bring significant benefits to the local populace, allowing them to host various events and gatherings.

In his address, Billawaria emphasized the importance of the community hall for the surrounding communities, high-

lighting its potential to serve as a venue for both small and large-scale functions.

He assured that the necessary funds for the project have been allocated and pledged further support if required to ensure its timely completion.

Moreover, Billawaria acknowledged the demand presented by the Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust regarding the establishment of a library on the third floor.

He commended this initiative, recognizing its positive impact on education and youth development. Stressing the significance of libraries in steering youths away from negative influences, he expressed his commitment to fulfilling the Trust's request promptly.

Billawaria reiterated his readiness to cooperate with the Trust to realize their vision for the library construction, affirming his dedication to supporting initiatives aimed at uplifting the community.

Trust President Rajiv Sharma, BJP Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Durga Mandir Committee President Puran Verma, Ravidas Temple Committee President Ramesh Sangral, Sector-4 Gangyal Temple President Ashok Pandita, Gangyal Sector-6 Temple & Jwala Ji Colony President MK Raina, Morning Walker Association President Rajiv Kumar, Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Nitin Baloria, Punjab Singh, Ajit Bhadwal and other dignitaries were present.

Secretary reviews Maha Shivratri preparations at Ranbireshwar Temple

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ashok Kumar Sharma, (SSP Retd), Secretary J&K Dharmarth Trust on Thursday conducted a comprehensive review of the preparations for the upcoming Maha Shivratri festivities at the renowned Ranbireshwar Temple in Jammu.

During the extensive inspection of the temple premises, the Secretary assessed the arrangements being made to facilitate devotees and ensure a smooth and joyous celebration of Maha Shivratri, one of the most auspicious festivals in the Hindu calendar. While chairing a meeting, the Secretary emphasized the significance of



Secretary JKDT, Ashok Kumar Sharma inspecting preparations for the Maha Shivratri festivities.

thorough planning to accommodate the expected surge in devotees and ensure their safety and convenience during the prayers and rituals associated with Maha Shivratri.

He also directed for timely completion of ongoing repairs and renovation in

the temple premises. He also laid stress upon maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the temple premises.

Ashok Sharma said that Dharmarth Trust is a centuries old institution under the patronage of Chairman Trustee, Dr Karan Singh

and other Trustee having a phenomenal record of providing state of art facilities to pilgrims and visitors since decades making it significant to continue with this important tradition and even providing added services through augmenting facilities as far as possible, he asserted that it is solemn responsibility of every staffer of the Trust to patiently and respectfully help the devotees to ensure a comfortable stay at the temples and shrines run under the aegis of the Trust.

Additional Secretary Varinder Jamwal, Manager Ranbireshwar Temple and other staff members were present in the meeting.

Training program on handling various types of Cybercrimes concluded

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The training of two batches of telecom operators for handling cybercrime cases and capacity building of police personnel of Jammu Zone culminated today.

The training sessions were conducted by Cyber Police Station, Jammu wherein a total of 25 officers/officials of the telecom wing of Jammu Zone participated.

Kameshwar Puri, Incharge Cyber Police Station, Jammu briefed about various aspects of the training covered during the training period.

Lectures were delivered by the officers of Cyber Police Station Jammu and Crime Headquarters J&K. The participants were trained in handling cyber-crime including



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain felicitating the officer.

bank fraud and social media complaints/cases.

Besides, the trainees were also given training to deal with complaints received on cyber-crime portals and 1930.

The hands-on session was also provided to the trainees to handle different portals

including the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) for missing mobile complaints electronically for effective tracing and blocking of missing mobile phones at the police station level and about grievance redressal portal to address grievance related to social media

accounts. On the occasion, DIG JSK, Dr. Sunil Gupta, gave an insight into growing cyber-crimes and an earnest need to tackle them. He also assured to create Thana level teams to address the menace of increasing cyber-crimes to provide instant relief to the victims of cyber fraud.

ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, felicitated the officers and officials for best performance during the training.

ADGP Jammu Zone emphasized the need to strengthen Cyber Cell at district level and directed all the telecom officers/officials to work with dedication and utmost professionalism to deal with cyber incidents and curb cyber menace.

BJP's grievance redressal mechanism aims at bridging gap between people & governance: Yudhvir



Vice President of BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of BJP, J&K, on Thursday conducted a public grievances camp at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan in Kacehi Chawni, here.

Accompanied with party workers, Yudhvir Sethi interacted with individuals and listened attentively to their grievances.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from residents across Jammu city, as people flocked to the party

office to discuss their concerns with senior BJP leaders. A diverse range of issues were raised by various deputations, with a significant number being women who sought resolution on matters related to ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, revenue, power, water scarcity, roads, development, and personal issues.

Yudhvir Sethi patiently heard the deputations and promptly took action by engaging with the relevant

authorities via phone, resulting in the immediate resolution of most issues. He emphasized the BJP's commitment to addressing the day-to-day challenges faced by the people, particularly in Jammu City, and expressed the party's determination to bridge the gap between administration and citizens.

Sethi assured the public that he will personally follow up on the remaining issues with the concerned authorities to ensure swift resolution. He said BJP remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the people and strives to create an environment where citizens' voices are heard, and their grievances are effectively addressed. He asserted that only BJP can fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and address their issues on a priority basis.

Congress seeks early assembly elections with statehood

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Demanding immediate announcement of restoration of statehood before assembly polls, JKPCCC demanded holding of Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir at the earliest.

JKPCCC has asked the party cadres to be fully ready for the Lok Sabha & Assembly elections & demanded immediate restoration of statehood before assembly polls, besides urging the government to ensure level playing field for all political parties for election campaign in vulnerable areas and provide adequate security to the prominent leaders of opposition including Congress, as per their political status & standing like BJP leaders and its likeminded parties.

A meeting of PCC Campaign Committee was held under the chairmanship of Former Dy CM Tara



PCC Campaign Committee leaders during a meeting of at Jammu.

Chand while JKPCCC president Vikar Rasool Wani was the Chief Guest which was attended by most of the members & all district presidents of Jammu province to discuss the preparations and strategy for elections.

The meeting expressed full readiness for both the elections and asked the government to ensure proper security to all prominent leaders of opposition parties especially non BJP parties, as there is huge discrimination with non BJP parties in the matter of security.

It is the duty of the government to ensure safety and security of all citizens espe-

cially minorities and all political workers.

The meeting held threadbare discussions the current political scenario and hit back at the BJP for claiming credit of the Prime Minister's rally for which the government & LG administration mobilized the entire government machinery and employees for the success of the official rally which is being claimed as BJP rally.

The meeting questioned the Prime Minister for not uttering a word for the promises made to the people of J&K, especially Jammu region in the last elections.

The Prime Minister delib-

erately avoided to mention the most popular demands of people for restoration of statehood and democracy as well as promises made to the unemployed youths, farmers, refugees daily wagers contractual and other categories of temporary employees.

The meeting condoned the death of an agitating farmer yesterday and hit out at BJP Govt. for crushing the voice of peacefully agitating farmers for their genuine demands including MSP legal guarantee as promised by the Prime Minister Modi ten years ago and reiterated by him three years ago.

PCC hailed the announce-

ment of Congress party to grant MSP to the farmers on coming to power and asked the Modi Govt. to immediately concede the genuine demands of farmers.

The meeting was attended by Secretary AICC Shah Nawaz Choudhary, PCC Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Vice Presidents Yogesh Sawhney (Ex-Minister), Tralok Singh Bajwa (Ex-MP), Former Minister Shabir Ahmed Khan, S.S. Channi, General Secretaries Narinder Gupta (Org), Ashok Dogra (Ex-MLA), Anayat Ullah Rather (DDC), T.S. Tony (DDC), Th. Balbir Singh, Nadeem Sharief Niaz (DDC), Dist. Presidents Th. Manmohan Singh, Th. Shamsher Singh Chib, Pankaj Dogra, Sheikh Mujeeb, Pervez Ahmed Wani, Asif Nageeb, Vinod Khajuria & Chairman Social Media Dept. Jatin K Raina.

PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti J&K hosts seminar on 'Empowering Displaced Families'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti Jammu and Kashmir hosted seminar at Kotli Bhawan in Kotli Colony, Rehari Colony, brought together guests, dignitaries, and enthusiastic participants in a gathering dedicated to empowerment.

The seminar commenced with a ceremonial lighting of the lamp by dignitaries, marking the beginning of an evening filled with enlightenment and empowerment.

The patriotic fervor was palpable as Sukriti Chowdhary delivered a stirring rendition of "Vande Mataram.

Arun Chowdhary, General Secretary of Samiti, welcomed the guests, creating a platform for an enriching exchange of ideas and insights.

Dr. Gautam Mangi, Sanghehalak Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Jammu Kashmir, graced the occasion,



PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti Jammu members during a seminar.

providing invaluable guidance and leadership throughout.

The highlight of the seminar was the enlightening presentation by Prof. Dr. Bharati Gupta from Central University Jammu.

Dr. Gupta shed light on the atrocities committed by the Pakistani army on Hindu and Sikh families in 1947, presenting compelling insights through a powerful presentation.

Dr. Deepak Kapoor, President of POJK Vistpsthik Sewa Samiti, urged the gath-

ering to take a solemn pledge towards the cause "Pak occupied Jammu Kashmir was, is, and will be an integral part of India, and the entire gathering requested PM and Home Minister of Bharat (India) to get the PoJK vacated immediately and send us back to our Matribhoomi.

Advocate Raghu Mehta, Vice President of Jammu Kashmir People's Forum, extended thanks to the guests and attendees on behalf of Samiti, stressing the importance of unity and collective

action. Throughout the seminar, crucial action items were identified in collaboration with the speakers to address the pressing issues faced by displaced families.

The committee emphasized advocacy efforts to ensure the voices of displaced families resonate at regional and national levels, creating a supportive ecosystem for their well-being.

The seminar concluded on a positive note with a networking session, providing attendees with an opportunity to share experiences and forge meaningful connections.

PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti extends heartfelt gratitude to all community members and families who graced the occasion, contributing significantly to the success of the event. Your presence has been instrumental in fostering stronger community bonds and paving the way for a brighter future.

Kashmir Advocate's Association observes World Day of Social Justice

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Advocate's Association fervently observed the World Day of Social Justice in Srinagar.

The event, marked by a spirit of solidarity and collective action, underscored the Association's unwavering commitment to promoting social justice principles within community.

The event brought together legal luminaries and activists in a united effort to address systemic inequalities and foster inclusive practices.

The Chief Guest for the function was Additional Advocate General J&K&L High Court Srinagar Wing Abdul Rashid Malik who advocated for advancing social justice and ensuring equal access to legal remedies for all individuals.

Many Advocates spoke on the occasion and echoed the



Kashmir Advocate's Association members during a meeting.

collective determination to uphold the principles of fairness and equality.

The event served as a platform for meaningful dialogue and reflection, highlighting the imperative of collective action in addressing the multifaceted challenges hindering the realization of social justice in our society.

Participants reaffirmed their commitment to advocating for fairness, equality, and inclusivity through concerted efforts and advocacy.

Following the insightful discussions, the program included the distribution of Certificates of Appreciation among the participants, acknowledging their dedication to the cause of social

justice and their valuable contributions to the event.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks presented by General Secretary Advocate Jeetender Singh.

The Kashmir Advocate's Association remains steadfast in its mission to champion social justice and create a more equitable and compassionate society for all.