

SVMHC Hospital enhances cardiac care with newly advanced ECHO, TMT, and Holter Machines

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JAMMU: Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMHC) Hospital, Ambphalla, on Saturday inaugurated its newly advanced ECHO, TMT (Treadmill Test), and Holter machines, marking a significant milestone in enhancing heart health services in the region.



Senior Vice President, Amar Chand Gupta alongside Anil Gupta, President of the Hospital inaugurating newly advanced ECHO, TMT (Treadmill Test), and Holter machines.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Senior Vice President, Amar Chand Gupta, alongside Anil Gupta, the President of the Hospital, and key members of the management committee, including B.B Gupta, General Secretary; B.S

Jamwal, Secretary; Mohan Singh Chouhan, Treasurer; Dr. Sachin Gupta, Member; Dr. Romesh Gupta, Administrator; Iqbal Deep Singh, Manager; Dr. Anil Sharma, Cardiologist, Dr. Madan Gandotra, Dr.

Ghanshyam Dev Gupta, Dr. S.K Bali, Dr. Arvind Kohli, and Dr. S.L Fotra. In his address, Anil Gupta emphasized the hospital's dedication to providing high-quality cardiac care at affordable prices, stating,

"We are proud to offer all our procedures at very nominal prices compared to other private hospitals in the province, ensuring that quality healthcare remains accessible to everyone. Guided by our slogan 'Service to Mankind is Service to God,' we remain committed to serving the community." Dr. Anil Sharma, Cardiologist, explained the significance of the new diagnostic tools. The ECHO helps assess the heart's

structure and function, the TMT test evaluates heart performance under stress, and the Holter monitor tracks heart activity continuously over 24-48 hours, aiding in the detection of irregularities. These advanced machines will greatly enhance the hospital's diagnostic capabilities, ensuring timely and effective heart care. With the introduction of these cutting-edge tools, the hospital strengthens its commitment to offering affordable and comprehensive cardiac care. The consultation fee has been set at just Rs 10, ensuring accessibility for all patients. As the hospital continues to expand its services, it reaffirms its dedication to providing compassionate, world-class healthcare to the people of Jammu and beyond, cementing its role as a trusted healthcare provider in the region.

Nidhi Abrol: Youngest social worker from J&K leading a hunger-free mission

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JAMMU: Nidhi Gupta Abrol, the compassionate founder of Gracious Givers Trust, has made history as one of the youngest and most dedicated social workers from Jammu & Kashmir. For over a decade, she has been a true social crusader, relentlessly working to eradicate hunger in the region. Inspired by Guru Dr. Avdhoot Shivanand, Nidhi began her journey of benevolence with humble beginnings—feeding the less fortunate from her car. Today, her unwavering dedication has blossomed into four community kitchens (Annakshetras), providing nourishment and hope to countless individuals in need. "It has always been my dream to contribute to society in meaningful ways," said Nidhi Gupta Abrol. "I believe that age should never be a barrier to making a difference. My journey has just begun, and I hope to encourage more young people to step forward and take action," she



Nidhi Gupta Abrol being honoured with Doctorate in Social Service.

Now she has got Doctorate in Social Service. Felicitate by Frankford International University through her commitment, she has successfully led initiatives that have positively impacted many lives, reinforcing the power of youth-driven change. As Nidhi continues to expand her efforts by opening 40 more kitchens (Annakshetras) in all over Jammu & Kashmir: As she is calling for greater youth participation in social work, urging young minds to take an active role in shaping a better future for Jammu & Kashmir. Her work has garnered widespread recognition, earning accolades from community leaders, local organizations, and officials who commend her dedication to social change.

JKPSA Jammu condemns harassment faced by students, parents



JKPSA Jammu members talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Ajay Gupta, President of the J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA), Jammu, condemned the harassment faced by students and parents due to issues that are not of their making. While addressing a media house, he raised concerns about the allotment of UDISE codes to unrecognized schools, proxy admissions, and the practice of clubbing students from unrecognized schools with those from recognized private or government schools. He also highlighted the nexus between schools and coaching centers, leading to dummy admissions.

Gupta pointed out that despite bringing these matters to the attention of officials in the School Education Department (SED) and its allied departments, no significant action had been taken to address the issue. However, in a positive development, the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, has taken a step forward by issuing a letter (D.O. No. 23-2/2024-States, dated December 10, 2024), directing all Secretaries to take appropriate action against unrecognized private schools that have been functioning with UDISE codes.

This move is in accordance with Section 19 of the Right to Education (RTE) Act of 2009, which mandates that schools must obtain recognition within three years of the commencement of the RTE Act. Gupta and the members of JKPSA have appealed to the government to publish a list of all recognized schools along with their class and recognition periods on the official website of the J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE) and the Department of School Education. This move would help prevent future harassment of parents and students. Additionally, they have requested the government to take a lenient view in the case of 22 students from The Islamic Global School in Srinagar to safeguard their academic careers. Other speakers at the media briefing included Siddheshwar Sadotra (Chief Organizer, JKPSA Jammu), Rakesh Gupta, and Ankush Sharma.

International Childhood Cancer Day celebrated at SMGS Hospital

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JAMMU: On International Childhood Cancer Day, the unwavering strength of children battling cancer, their families, and the dedicated healthcare professionals supporting them was honored at SMGS Hospital, Jammu. The event recognized the tireless efforts of doctors, nurses, caregivers, and NGOs who stand by young cancer warriors, offering them hope and a future filled with possibilities. The event was graced by Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal Dean, GMC Jammu, as the chief guest. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Sanjeev Dagra, highlighting the significance of the occasion and the need for continued efforts in childhood cancer care. The event was organized by the Department of Pediatrics, Pediatric



Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal Dean, GMC Jammu with others at a programme.

Oncology & Hematology, Indian Academy of Pediatrics (Jammu and Kashmir), in collaboration with NGO SUPPORT and Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation. Children and cancer survivors showcased their incredible talent through a cultural dance and singing performance, beautifully arranged by Cuddles Foundation and Can Kids. The program aimed to spread awareness about early signs and symptoms of childhood cancer, while also dispelling myths and

taboos surrounding cancer treatment and survivorship. Renowned philanthropist Kunwar Rani Ritu Singh and Dr. Navneet Kour, founder of NGO SUPPORT, hosted the event. They also distributed gifts and refreshments to cancer survivors and warriors, bringing smiles to their faces. Medical Superintendent (MS) of SMGS Hospital, Dr. Dara Singh, extended his full support to the initiative and lauded the efforts of the organizers.

in aiding cancer patients. A presentation by PG students shed light on ongoing research and advancements in pediatric oncology. As a mark of appreciation, mementos were presented to distinguished guests, including Dr. Sanjeev Dagra, Dr. Navneet Kour, Ms. Shagun from Mission Shakti, Sh. Ashok Ji, and other attending doctors. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Navneet Kour, acknowledging the dedication of doctors, nurses, and caregivers who continue to stand as pillars of strength for young cancer fighters. This International Childhood Cancer Day celebration served as a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility to support and uplift children battling cancer, ensuring they receive the care, love, and opportunities they deserve.

SKUAST Jammu holds 40th Board of Management Meeting

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JAMMU: The 40th Board of Management (BoM) meeting of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) was convened under the chairmanship of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. The meeting was attended by distinguished members, including prominent figures such as Prof. T.R. Sharma, former DDG (Crop Sciences), and Prof. M.S. Chauhan, Vice Chancellor of GB Pant University. The meeting also welcomed various officials from agriculture and finance sectors. During the session, Prof. Tripathi presented a comprehensive report on the university's achievements, highlighting significant strides in



Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu chairing a meeting.

research, innovation, and extension activities. Noteworthy accomplishments included the awarding of patents, the release of new crop varieties, and initiatives aimed at improving farmers' income. The board members particularly praised the university's progress in research and its outreach programs, with special mention of the community radio service launched by the Vice Chancellor.

J.L. Sharma, representing the farming community, expressed gratitude for this initiative, acknowledging its impact on agricultural awareness and farmer empowerment. The meeting also focused on key decisions. Prof. Anil Kumar, Ex-Officio Member Secretary, introduced several agenda items, including the reallocation of Assistant Professor positions in the Institute of Biotechnology

and adjustments to eligibility qualifications for teaching positions in the Faculty of Dairy Technology. The board approved significant structural changes, such as renaming the Faculty of Basic Sciences to the Faculty of Basic Sciences and Humanities and the creation of the Directorate of Student Welfare as an independent entity. Other key approvals included the selection of an Executive Engineer, the granting of Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA) for faculty members in Veterinary Sciences, and the finalization of degrees, gold medals, and merit certificates for the 9th Convocation. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director of Research, SKUAST-Jammu.

FUTURE CRIME Summit 2025: SSP Kichloo receives national award for Cyber Policing

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JAMMU: Mohd Yaseen Kichloo, IPS, SSP CICE J&K, has been honoured with a national award for Cyber Policing at the FUTURE CRIME Summit 2025 in New Delhi. The two-day summit on Cyber Innovations and Synthetic Threats witnessed participation from cyber warriors and experts from across India and abroad. This summit, the largest of its kind on synthetic threats and cyber security, was held at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, and brought together more than 1,000 delegates from India and overseas. The event saw participation from cyber experts, consultants, senior police offi-



cers, lawyers, DRDO officials, retired judges, officers from the Army and Air Force, as well as students specializing in law and cyber security. Discussions revolved around emerging

cyber threats, including AI-enabled threats, ransomware attacks, spear phishing, crypto frauds, block chain technology, and quantum computing-related vulnerabilities. Experts deliberated on challenges and possible solutions. Awards were presented to cyber professionals and law enforcement officers for their outstanding contributions in the field. Mohd Yaseen Kichloo, the only officer from J&K to receive a national-level award, was recognized for his significant contributions to cyber awareness and

capacity building. He was recently honored with the President's Medal and holds two commendations from an Air Vice Marshal of the Indian Air Force. Additionally, he has been awarded the DGP Medal and two other national awards, including the FICCI Smart Policing Award (2017) for Governance and the 2022 National Police Award for Cyber Security. A prolific writer, Kichloo has authored two books and several publications at national and international levels on Cyber Security.

Dy CM reviews development projects in Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Saturday directed the officers to ensure that the benefits of welfare and development schemes percolates to the grassroots level. "The district is having a diverse topography and officers should ensure that the benefits of welfare initiatives and infrastructural development percolates to the grassroots level and the last habitable hamlets", emphasised the Deputy Chief Minister. The Deputy Chief Minister was addressing the officers during a review meeting to assess the progress on developmental activities in Anantnag district. The meeting was attended by MLA Doory, Ghulam Ahmad Mir; MLA Kokernag, Zafar Ali Khan; MLA Anantnag West, Abdul Majeed Bhat; MLA Bijbehara, Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri; MLA Shangan-Anantnag East, Riyaz Ahmad Khan and MLA Pahalgam, Altaf Ahmad Wani besides District Development Commissioner, Syed



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary chairing a meeting.

Fakhrudin Hamid; Heads of Departments (HODs) and sectoral officers. During the review of progress on various works, the Deputy Chief Minister was informed that the district administration has focussed on transforming the infrastructure, grievance redressal, heritage protection and priority based planning. He was apprised that as per standard practice, the district administration undertook quality analysis of grievances received in the district on JK Samadhan-Raabta to ensure that people's grievances are addressed in a timely and quality manner. While reviewing the status of proposed projects of public

importance such as Mini Secretariat, district level auditorium and flyovers for traffic management, the Deputy Chief Minister noticed that these works have the potential to transform the district profile, ensuring ease of living for the people. The Deputy Chief Minister also reviewed the works being executed in the infrastructure sector through a comprehensive assessment of Public Works Department (PWD), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Jal Shakti, KPDCI and others. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasised the importance of maintaining high quality standards and adhering to project deadlines. He directed the offi-

cial to prioritise the pending projects and ensure early completion in all sectors. He instructed the officers to adhere to technical specifications and safety standards as well. The Deputy Chief Minister assessed working of various departments and sectors including Labour; JKRLM, Rural Development (MGNREGA), Fisheries, Agriculture, Dairying and others. He directed the officials to ensure that the enrolment under such schemes is done timely, as these sectors have potential to create employment opportunities for the youth. With reference to the mining sector, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised sustainable and judicious utilisation

of mineral wealth of the district. He stated that the government has zero tolerance policy towards illegal mining. Meanwhile, the Legislators highlighted the issues of public importance concerning their respective constituencies. While highlighting the importance of elected representatives in ensuring speedy socio-economic transformation, the Deputy Chief Minister asked for considering the suggestions and feedback of the elected representatives while formulating development schemes so that these could reflect the local needs and demands. He assured the officers of government's full support in addressing challenges, if any. The Deputy Chief Minister called for holding regular meetings with the elected representatives for effective monitoring and evaluation of all ongoing works to ensure transparency and accountability. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner presented a detailed overview of the developmental scenario of the District.

CMB, CUJ organises resume writing workshop for students, scholars



CUJ students and faculty during a workshop on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The Centre for Molecular Biology, in collaboration with the Training and Placement Cell of the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), organized a workshop on resume and CV writing for M.Sc. Biotechnology students (First and Final Year) and scholars at the Centre. The event was coordinated by Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, who also serves as the coordinator for the DBT-sponsored M.Sc. Biotechnology program at the Centre. During the session, the resource persons engaged with the students through interactive question-and-answer sessions, offering practical tips on showcasing academic achievements, skill sets, and experiences. Viraj Magotra, the Training and Placement Officer, emphasized the key components of a well-structured resume, such as personal information, educational background, work experience, and

skills, while stressing the importance of clarity and conciseness. Surykash Dubey, Assistant TPO, provided additional insights on tailoring and formatting CVs to meet job market expectations. Dr. Narendra K. Bairwa, Director of CMB, commended the active participation of students and faculty in the workshop, recognizing the importance of these skills in students' career advancement. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, acknowledging the valuable contributions of the resource persons and participants. The workshop proved to be a significant platform for students to learn essential skills for their professional journey.