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NOTICE
I, Jasvir Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o H.No. 919, Janipur Colony, Jammu state that my name has wrongly been written as Jasbir Singh instead of Jasvir Singh in my Driving Licence bearing No. JK-0220080028541. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to RTO Jammu within seven days.

NOTICE
This office has received an application from one Smt. Poonam Sharma, W/o Late Sh. Vikram Sharma, R/o H.No. 102, Bassant Bagar, Jammu regarding the issuance of 'Legal-Heir Certificate' and states that the following person(s) is/are the only surviving 'Legal Heir(s)' of Late Sh. Vikram Sharma, Lt. SR. Harbans Lal Sharma, who died on 22-11-2025 and his/her/their name(s) is/are as under:-

S.No.	Name(s)	Age	Relationship	Married/Un-married
1.	Poonam Sharma	47 yrs	Wife	Married
2.	Dhruv Sharma	23 yrs	Son	Un-married
3.	Danish Sharma	19 yrs	Son	Un-married

Any person having any Objection in the above mentioned name(s) can file his/her objection personally or through any authorized person before office of the Tehsildar Jammu North within seven (07) days from the publication of the Notice, failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding the issuance of such 'Legal Heir Certificate'.

NOTICE
I, Tanveer Rasool Wani S/o Ghulam Rasool Wani R/o Panama Chowk, Jammu approached the JDA for getting permission to transfer lease hold rights with reference to Plot No. 240, measuring 20X40 situated at New Bahu Fort Colony, Jammu. If any body having any objection with reference to transfer of lease hold rights of said plot he/she may approach JDA office within 7 days.

NGOs seeks public amenities ahead of Ramzan



STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADARWAH: In view of the forthcoming holy month of Ramzan and the festival of Shivratri, a joint delegation of social organisations on Saturday called on the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Bhadarwah and submitted a memorandum seeking the provision of essential public amenities for the convenience of worshippers. The delegation, representing All India Peoples Welfare Society (AIPWS) and The Social Welfare Organisation of India (TSWOOL), was led by Zaffar Hussain Wani President AIPWS and Vice-President TSWOOL. Those who accompanied the delegation included Badri Nath, Umar Tak, Anikait Sharma, Mohd Salim Butt, Abdul Hafiz Dar and others. According to a statement issued here, the memorandum highlighted key public concerns in connection with Shivratri scheduled for February 15 and Ramzan, expected to commence from February 18, 2026, subject to the sighting of the moon, and urged the administration to take immediate measures to facilitate smooth observance of the occasions. Among the major demands, the organisations sought continuous water supply, particularly during Sehri and Iftar hours and assure electricity supply during prayer timings and peak hours of worship. They also called for strict regulation of prices of essential commodities including meat, vegetables, dairy products and food grains to prevent artificial inflation and hoarding. The memorandum further stressed the need for special sanitation drives around mosques and other religious places, regular garbage disposal, maintenance of public conveniences and improved street lighting and public safety measures near worship sites. After hearing the concerns raised by the representatives, ADC assured the delegation that necessary steps would be taken promptly to address the issues, the statement added.

IIT Madras model of Consortium-driven Innovation enables immediate Technology commercialisation: Dr Jitendra

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CHENNAI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh today visited the Immersive Technology and Entrepreneurship Labs (ITEL) Foundation at IIT Madras Research Park and various advanced research facilities at IIT Madras, where he reviewed ongoing projects spanning urban mobility, space technology, medical devices and brain research. The Minister lauded the consortium driven innovation model pioneered by IIT Research Park, which enables immediate and appropriate commercialisation of technology. This model is now being keenly picked up by other academic institutions and universities as well, he said. The ITEL Foundation, a Section 8 not-for-profit entity recognised by the Department of Science and Technology and established in July 2024, is working to position India as a global technology leader by nurturing deep-tech startups and building industry-academia consortia. The model brings together academic institutions, industry leaders and investors to co-develop technologies and transfer them directly to the commercial sector. Interacting with researchers and startup founders, Dr. Jitendra Singh said the consortium approach where industry participation begins at the development stage ensures that innovations are aligned with real-world needs. He observed that such integrated working enables faster translation of research outcomes into deployable solutions. Among the key demonstrations was the HASHTIC mobility initiative, which seeks to address severe traffic congestion in Indian cities. The project aims to make a 15-kilometre urban commute possible in about 20 minutes through AI-enabled, small-format electric mobility systems operating on elevated tracks above existing roads. The concept is designed to



provide point-to-point connectivity in congested metropolitan areas, reducing travel time and easing pressure on road infrastructure. The team informed the Minister that the system is being developed specifically for Indian urban conditions, with a focus on affordability, scalability and sustainability. Dr. Jitendra Singh also reviewed the work of Agnikul Cosmo, a private space technology startup incubated within the ecosystem. The company builds launch vehicles designed to offer flexible and on-demand satellite launches. On May 30, 2024, Agnikul successfully launched its first mission with support from IN-SPaCe and ISRO, demonstrating its core technology. The company is preparing to attempt a commercial mission of its reusable rocket later this year. Officials highlighted that such startups reflect the growing participation of private players in India's expanding space sector. The Minister visited the IIT Madras Incubation Cell, which has incubated over 500 startups across domains including climate-tech, healthcare, deep-tech and AI-driven solutions. The incubation cell provides mentorship, access to laboratories, funding support and industry net-

works, enabling startups to move from prototype to market-ready products. At the Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC), the Minister was briefed on the development of affordable, indigenous medical devices through collaborations involving around 40 medical institutions, industry partners and government agencies. Since its inception in 2011 with seed support from the Department of Biotechnology, HTIC has led to 12 commercially successful Made-in-India products that have reached more than two crore patients in India and abroad. The centre focuses on addressing unmet clinical needs and reducing dependence on imported medical technologies. The visit also included the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre, where researchers are generating large-scale, cell-resolution digital 3D images of whole human brains. Officials informed the Minister that this is the first time such extensive human brain image data at this resolution has been generated in India. The Centre's second trimester human fetal brain atlas project, titled "DHARANI", has significantly advanced brain mapping research and attracted collaboration from leading international institutions. Dr. Jitendra noted that these initiatives demonstrate how coordinated efforts among academia, industry and government can accelerate technology development in areas directly impacting citizens—from urban mobility and healthcare to space and neuroscience. He emphasised that linking research institutions with industry requirements from the outset strengthens India's innovation ecosystem and enhances the country's capacity to develop indigenous technologies aligned with national priorities. The visit concluded with interactions with faculty, researchers and entrepreneurs, with discussions focusing on scaling up successful models and replicating such collaborative frameworks across other institutions in the country.

Fruit Science team brings laurels with award-winning stall in Kisan Mela 2026



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JAMMU: The Division of Fruit Science, SKUAST-Jammu, under the leadership of Dr. Parshant Bakshi, Head of the Division, secured the First Prize for Stall at the Agriculture Summit and Kisan Mela 2026 held from 11-13 February. The award was presented by Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chief Guest of the valedictory function, in the gracious presence of Dr. Ritesh Sharma, Taranjit Singh, Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, Dr. S.K.Gupta, Director Research, statutory officers of the university, Heads of Divisions, students, and progressive farmers. This notable achievement reflects the dedication, creativity, and collective spirit of the Division's committed staff and enthusiastic students. The delightful preparation and serving of Nawabi Rasmalai and Chatkara Guava attracted wide appreciation from visitors, while the students' elegant

stone-painting artwork added a distinctive cultural and creative dimension to the stall. Carefully curated exhibits, innovative presentations, and meaningful farmer- and student-centric interactions during the Fruit Show highlighted the Division's academic strength, scientific excellence, and vibrant extension outreach. Dr. Bakshi also delivered an informative talk during the Kisan Goshti on organic production of fruit crops in Dogri language, motivating orchardists to adopt organic and natural farming practices. These sincere efforts in promoting quality fruit production, value addition, and knowledge dissemination have brought immense pride to the Division and enhanced the university's reputation. The wholehearted participation of students, guided by the mentorship of Dr. Kiran Kour and Neharika Pandita, is highly commendable. The meticulous coordination of the Fruit Show by Dr. Amit Jasrotia and Dr. Deep Bhat deserves special appreciation for its professionalism and attention to detail. Valuable support in the beautification and organization of the stall was also extended by Dr. Arti Sharma, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Akash Sharma (Professors), and staff members Vinod Kumar Bhat (FCLA), Kewal Swaroop, and Rampal. This well-earned recognition serves as a strong inspiration to continue striving for excellence in teaching, research, and extension for the sustainable growth of horticulture and the welfare of farming communities.

SMVDU hosts five-day Residential Skill Development Program on Solar Photovoltaic Systems



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KATRA: The School of Electrical Engineering at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) successfully organized a five-day Residential Skill Development Program titled "Solar Photovoltaic Systems: Design, Installation and Maintenance". The program was funded and supported by the Higher Education Department, UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Pragati kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, as Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the vital role of renewable energy in sustainable development and encouraged participants to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the solar sector. The first technical lecture was delivered by Prof. M. Rizwan, Delhi Technological University, who shared insights on solar PV design and emerging technologies. The training covered fundamentals of solar PV systems, component selection, inverter technologies, mounting structures, installation procedures, testing, and maintenance practices. Participants also engaged in extensive hands-on field training, including a visit to SMVDU's solar rooftop plants, where they discussed system design, operational challenges, maintenance strategies, and return on investment calculations. Expert sessions were conducted by professionals from Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) and PDF Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, along with industry experts. The program saw enthusiastic participation from 46 attendees from the Jammu region. The program was coordinated by Dr. Kumud Ranjan Jha, Head, School of Electrical Engineering and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, with co-ordination by Dr. Prabhu Omer, Dr. Jatinkumar Soni, and Mr. Akash Deep. The valedictory session in which Dr. Asok De, Bharati Chair Professor, SMVDU, as Chief Guest, who distributed certificates to participants.

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DDC Chairman, Vice Chairperson, DC visit fire victim's residence in Bhaderwah



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BHADERWAH: A fire incident occurred at the residence of Ravi Kumar at Sarol Bagh, Bhaderwah, causing significant damage to the house and household belongings. The incident left the family in distress and drew concern from the local administration. District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Doda, Dhananter Singh Kotwal, DDC Vice Chairperson Doda, Sangreeta Bhagat and Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, visited the affected house to assess the situation and extend support to the victim's family. They interacted with Ravi Kumar and his family members and took stock of the loss and assured the family that all possible assistance would be provided as per government norms and directed the concerned authorities to extend necessary support. The administration expressed sympathy with the affected family and reiterated its commitment to provide timely relief and assistance during this difficult time.

Dogri Play "Jasma" to represent J&K at National Theatre Festival

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) in collaboration with the Department of Performing Arts, Cluster University of Jammu is set to present its Dogri production "Jasma" at the 25th edition of Bharat Rang Mahotsav, organised by the National School of Drama. The play will be staged at Abhinav Theatre on February 17, 2026, at 5 pm. The presentation at this prestigious international theatre festival marks a significant milestone for theatre in Jammu & Kashmir and highlights JKAACL's sustained commitment to promoting regional languages and cultural expressions on national platforms. "Jasma" is adapted from the renowned Gujarati play "Jasma Odan" written by eminent theatre personality Shanta Gandhi and translated into Dogri by noted theatre figure Kavi Rattan Sharma. The production reimagines the original folk legend within the Dogra cultural landscape, incorporating elements of the traditional Haran folk form and indigenous cultural motifs. Jointly directed by Dr. Abhishek Bharti and Aparna Kapoor with music composed by Vishal Pandita, the production brings together faculty members and students in a collaborative creative effort. The play reflects the vibrancy of Dogri theatre and its evolving contemporary identity. JKAACL has consistently endeavoured to provide national and international exposure to regional art forms and participation in such renowned festivals further strengthens the cultural representation of Jammu & Kashmir on larger platforms.



MY Bharat marks 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign at Srijan International School Birpur

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SAMBHA: The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' plantation initiative was observed at Srijan International School, Birpur in District Samba, organised by MY Bharat Jammu in collaboration with the Nations Development Association (NDA), a body registered with NITI Aayog and affiliated with MY Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers and members of the local community. Delivering the welcome address, Sushil Singh Charak, Chief Functionary of NDA, highlighted ongoing youth and environmental programmes in District Samba. He spoke about the plantation campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, emphasising the importance of large-scale tree plantation and environmental conservation. He noted that most saplings planted during the first phase are essential species



and are being carefully nurtured for healthy growth. Dr. Sanjolly Gupta, Project Research Scientist at ICMR-AIIMS Jammu, appreciated the initiative and said it inspires students and the wider community to plant, nurture and protect trees, thereby promoting environmental responsibility across Jammu and Kashmir. She also mentioned that Sushil Singh Charak has been honoured with the Parayanam Ratna Award in the South Asian region. Dr. Romesh Kumar, Head of Department at DIET Jammu and author of Happy Schools, stressed that such initiatives help instil values of responsibility, care and sustainability among students. Kiranjit Kour, Vice President of the school, encouraged young participants to become environmentally conscious citizens and contribute towards a greener future. Among those present were Headmistress Sushma Choudhary, PR Sakshi Sharma, members of the school faculty, volunteers of MY Bharat Jammu and representatives of the Nations Development Association. The programme concluded with a renewed pledge to strengthen environmental awareness and continue plantation drives in the region.

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