

# CUJ Organizes Thursday Mind Meet on theme "Contemporary Cyber Security Challenges in J&K"

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JAMMU: The Department of National Security Studies (NSS) at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organized the Thursday Mind Meet (TMM) on the theme "Contemporary Cyber Security Challenges in Jammu and Kashmir."

The event began with a cordial welcome address by Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor at NSS, followed by remarks from Prof. Vandana Sharma, the Convenor of TMM.

Dy SP Priyanka from the Cyber Cell, J&K Police, served as the keynote speaker. The panel featured four members from the University: Dr. Palak Mahajan, Assistant Professor at the School of Engineering, Akriti Uppal and Vivek Kumar (Doctoral students) and G. Sumanth, (M.A. student).

Deputy Superintendent of Police Priyanka delivered the lecture, discussing how



Dy SP Cyber Cell Priyanka along with faculty and students during the programme.

cyber security has been a significant topic for nearly a decade, but many people are ignorant of its crucial importance. While technology improvements have unquestionably improved efficiency and convenience, they have also increased the amount of threats. In fact, these hazards are becoming so common that they are beginning to overshadow the advantages of digital technology.

Cybersecurity challenges have not only grown in number but also in complexity and variety. Addressing these challenges requires a greater emphasis, especially for

vulnerable populations, such as financially disadvantaged individuals who rely on many digital accounts for transactions. Cybersecurity dangers are increasing at an alarming rate, with terrorist groups using platforms like Telegram to recruit members and develop local networks. Furthermore, incidences of financial fraud, identity theft, and illegal trading are increasing, emphasizing the critical need for strong security measures.

Further, she stressed how a large number of women have come forward to describe being targeted by

cybercrime, such as data theft and privacy breaches. These crimes vary from illegal access to personal information to increasingly serious kinds of digital harassment, emphasizing the critical need for greater cybersecurity and legislative safeguards to secure women's online safety and privacy. People need to be aware of all of these actions and put an end to them since they make no sense.

Authorities have implemented laws to help individuals protect themselves from cybercrimes. It is essential for people to familiarize themselves with these regulations and learn

how to apply them effectively for their digital security.

The discussion was followed by lectures by the other members of the panel. Dr Palak Mahajan spoken on the topic "Security and Artificial Intelligence", Akriti Uppal spoke on "Cybersecurity and Women in J&K: Addressing Targeted Treats and Ensuring Digital Safety", Sumanth spoke on "Digital Illiteracy and Cybercrime Vulnerability" while Vivek Kumar spoke on "The Socio-economic: Impact of cybersecurity in J&K". Dr. Tilak Raj Sharma, Assistant Professor, delivered the Vote. Dr. Ekta Manhas, Assistant Professor, efficiently coordinated the event. Neeta Rani, Head of the Department, along with Dr Anuradha Choudhary and Dr Prasanta Kumar Sahu, contributed to organizing the event.

Gurpreet from NSS fulfilled the role of emcee, ensuring the smooth conduct of the proceedings.

## Modi Govt has always honoured Dr. Ambedkar: Sat

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President, Sat Sharma, has stated that the Modi government's decision to declare April 14, the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar; as a national holiday, reflects that the union government has real concern and respect for the architect of the Constitution of India.

Describing it as a testament to the government's deep respect and commitment to paying true homage to Baba Saheb, Sat Sharma CA, highlighted how this move reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dedication to recognizing and honouring the invaluable contributions of Dr. Ambedkar to the nation.

He was discussing the commendable decision of the Modi government to continue with its initiatives to honour Dr. B. R. Ambedkar; with the party leaders. Sat emphasized that the Modi government has consistently demonstrated its reverence for Dr. Ambedkar through numerous initiatives, including the conceptualization of the term "Panchteerth." Under this initiative, memorials have been constructed at five significant sites associated with the life of Dr. Ambedkar; including his



BJP President, Sat Sharma chairing a meeting.

birthplace, place of education, place where he embraced Buddhism, place where he attained nirvana, and the place where he lived and worked in Delhi.

Sat Sharma further pointed out that it was during the tenure of the VP Singh government, which was supported by the BJP from outside, efforts were made to persuade the ruling establishment to confer the Bharat Ratna upon Dr. Ambedkar posthumously. This historical recognition, Sharma noted, was a result of the BJP's insistence on acknowledging the immense contributions of Dr. Ambedkar; who emerged as a champion of social justice, equality; and empowerment of the marginalized.

Expressing disappointment over the Congress party's approach, Sat Sharma CA, criticized its failure to honour Dr. Ambedkar appropriately

despite their prolonged rule at the Centre. It is most unfortunate that the Congress, which ruled the nation for decades, did not show any sincere interest in honouring a great Indian of such high stature.

It was only under the Modi Government that genuine efforts have been made to give Dr. Ambedkar his rightful place in the nation's history, he said.

Sat Sharma reiterated that the Modi Government's decision to declare April 14 as a national holiday is a significant step towards giving due respect to Dr. Ambedkar and ensuring that future generations remain inspired by his ideals and vision.

BJP and SC moreha leaders Balbir Ram Rattan, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Vijay Anand Gill, Ashok Gandhi, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Hans Raj Loria and Waryam Singh were present in the meeting.

## NYKS hosts State-Level "Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament"



Dignitary lighting the ceremonial lamp.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Jammu & Kashmir, organized the State-level "Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament" on Saturday at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

The event, held under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports MY Bharat initiative, provided a platform for youth from seven nodal districts-Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur; Rajouri, Anantnag, Doda, and Baramulla-to voice their visions for "Viksit Bharat @ 2047."

The program began with a warm welcome by State Director Nissar Ahmed Butt, who presented bouquets to the esteemed jury members. District Youth Officer Nitin

Hangloo extended a formal welcome during his address, followed by a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony.

Participants engaged in discussions on topics such as "75 Years of Indian Constitution: A Journey of Rights, Duties, and Progress" and "The 11 Sankalp of Samvidhan Divas: A Pledge to Strengthen India's Constitutional Values."

The jury for the event included notable dignitaries Dr. Ashok Aima, Former Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Jammu, Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat, MLA Suchetgarh, Sapna Kotwal, Secretary of J&K Pahari Advisory Board, Subash Gupta, Retired Sessions Judge and former JKPSC Member; and Dr. Javed Rahi, renowned author and writer.

The valedictory session was presided over by Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Armed J&K, alongside MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa.

In his presidential address, Anand Jain lauded NYKS and the Ministry of Youth Affairs for organizing the event and inspiring youth to take up constructive roles in nation-building. He urged the young participants to embrace responsibility and work toward creating a prosperous India.

Randhawa echoed these sentiments, commending the Government of India's initiative to amplify youth voices on critical issues like "Viksit Bharat." He praised the platform for its role in fostering meaningful discussions and empowering young minds to shape the nation's future.

The top three candidates selected from this event will advance to the National-level Youth Parliament to be held at the Parliament of India on April 1 and 2, 2025. This prestigious platform will provide them an opportunity to present their ideas on a national stage.

The event proceedings were coordinated by Dr. Gurpreet Kour, NSS Program Officer at GCW Parade, and Suhani.

## Revitalizing Basohli Art: Guru Shishya Parampara programme at Amar Mahal Museum completes four years

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Hari Tara Charitable Trust, which maintains the iconic heritage landmark of Jammu-the Amar Mahal Museum & Library-is at the forefront of efforts to preserve and promote the ancient art form and heritage of Basohli miniature paintings, the art-heritage of Jammu region. Known for their intricate details, vibrant colors, and depictions of Hindu mythology, Basohli paintings hold a significant place in India's artistic heritage.

Recognizing their cultural importance, the Trust, over the years has undertaken proactive measures to ensure the preservation and promotion of this exquisite art form for future generations.

The Guru Shishya Parampara Programme, launched in March 2021 at the Amar Mahal Museum, has now completed four successful years. Sponsored by the Hari Tara Charitable Trust, this initiative is dedicated to training and nurturing young aspiring artists in the Basohli painting art form and tradition.

Notably, State and National Award-winning artist Shri Sohan Singh Billawria plays a



Martand Singh, Trustee of Hari Tara Charitable Trust during the exhibition.

key role in mentoring students, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to learn and continue this artistic legacy. Speaking on the occasion, Martand Singh, Trustee of Hari Tara Charitable Trust and grandson of Padma Vibhushan, Maharaja Dr. Karan Singh, emphasized that the initiative provides financial assistance to both mentors and students, allowing them to dedicate themselves entirely to the art.

He highlighted that Basohli paintings, with their intricate details and vibrant hues, demand years of dedication to

perfect. Martand Singh further said that given the success and growing popularity of this initiative, the Hari Tara Charitable Trust intends to widen its scope, with more fre-

quent events and art camps to increase participation and awareness amongst potential artists and students.

He also emphasized that at a recent art camp for Basohli paintings held at the Amar Mahal Museum during the annual Tawi Festival, he was delighted by the large turnout of young art students and impressed by their potential. Martand Singh commended the efforts of Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Director of Amar Mahal Museum and Shri Sohan Billawria, both of whom have been instrumental for the success of this programme.

Sohan Singh Billawria highlighted that the Guru Shishya Parampara Programme has provided financial assistance to aspiring artists, enabling them to focus on mastering this intricate art form. The

program ensures that the younger generation receives hands-on training under the guidance of seasoned mentors, helping to keep this heritage alive. Sohan Singh Billawria also acknowledged the steadfast support of the Hari Tara Charitable Trust, founded in 1970 by Dr. Karan Singh, and the tireless efforts of Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Director of Amar Mahal Museum, in preserving and promoting this traditional art.

The Hari Tara Charitable Trust remains committed to nurturing young artists, ensuring that Basohli paintings continue to thrive. Through dedicated mentorship and financial backing, the trust aims to revitalize this ancient art form and safeguard the rich cultural heritage of the Jammu region.

## Renewal & new arm licence process should not be delayed at any cost: Jasrotia

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Expressing deep concern over the heinous terrorists' act by the stooges of Pakistan which claimed the precious lives of our brave police personnel, Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia batted for the renewal and the issuing of new arm licenses to the appropriate people who fulfil all the norms and regulations.

Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, Spokesperson, J&K BJP accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP and Parduman Singh, senior leader; asked for the strengthening of second line of defense in the region in a press conference held at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, said that the brave police personnel made the supreme sacrifice in the encounter at Jathana, Kathua. He said that our forces also neutralized many terrorists in the encounter and praised them for the valiance and the effort.

He said that the irreparable loss to the martyrs' families cannot be filled, but the activists of BJP will always be present beside them. He praised the security personnel for their spirit of sacrifice and said that this essence keeps sav-



Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, Spokesperson, BJP briefing media.

ing us from the nefarious designs of Pakistan.

"Due to the extreme pressure by the Indian security forces, Pakistan is trying to modify its terrorism strategy and shift focus from Kashmir to the other parts, our forces are fully capable to respond effectively to this evil design by the stringent measures like Balakot", said Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia.

He requested the people of Kathua to show their unity to fail the nefarious designs of Pakistan and its sponsored terrorists. He said that the history reminds us that the people of Kathua successfully thwarted the attempts of Turks, and Mongols and other invaders with their unity and valiance. He further requested the people to be alert to notice any unscrupulous element/movement and report them to the security agencies, while terming this as a battle of

everyone.

He made a fervent appeal to the administration for the renewal and the issuing of new arm licenses to the eligible persons, who have fulfilled all the regulations and the necessary formalities have been checked. He said that the whole essential process of renewal and the issuance of new licences should not be disturbed due to the fault of certain tainted persons which is endangering the lives of common people as a result.

Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia was also very vocal to attack the regional political parties of Jammu & Kashmir for their insensitivity on the issue, not condemning Pakistan for the heinous acts resulting in the martyrdom, and instead favouring dialogue with the terrorist nation. He added that India follows the policy of 'terrorism and talks cannot go together' and no such act will go unavenged.

## VC SKUAST-J inaugurates annual workshop of KVKs to finalize action plan for 2025-26

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu organized the Annual Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) to finalize the Action Plan for the year 2025-26. The workshop, aimed at strengthening extension services, farmer capacity building and research-extension linkages was inaugurated by Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. In his inaugural address, Prof. Tripathi emphasized the critical role of KVKs in bridging the gap between research and farmers, ensuring technology transfer for improved agricultural productivity and income generation. He



Prof. B.N. Tripathi, VC SKUAST-Jammu during the workshop.

urged KVKs to enhance their outreach programs and work in close collaboration with farming communities.

The workshop featured detailed presentations by KVK Heads, outlining their strategies and objectives for the year 2025-26. Faculty members and experts provided technical insights to

align these plans with the specific needs of farmers in Jammu.

Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Research discussed on strengthening research-extension-farmer linkages. He emphasized the need for integrating modern scientific advancements with traditional farming practices to

maximize efficiency and sustainability.

Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension spoke on innovative extension approaches and the importance of capacity-building initiatives for farmers. He highlighted the role of KVKs in empowering rural communities through skill development,

awareness programs and access to scientific knowledge.

The workshop witnessed active participation from Deans and Directors, including Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Dr. Sanjay Khar, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dr. Sanjay Guleria, Dr. Susheel Sharma and Dr. J.S. Soodan, who shared insights on recent advancements in agriculture and their implications for the region.

The event served as a platform for fostering collaboration among scientists, extension professionals and farmers, ensuring that the finalized Action Plan for 2025-26 addresses the evolving challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector.

## LIC of India offices to remain open for extended services on March 29, 30, 31

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: In a bid to ensure uninterrupted services to policyholders and avoid any inconvenience, the offices of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India under the jurisdiction of all zones and divisions will remain open for normal operations on March 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2025.

This special measure has been taken in line with the advisory issued by the Insurance Regulatory and

Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 12, 2025. The decision allows policyholders to complete their transactions and avail services, including policy renewals, premium payments, and other important insurance-related processes, without any delay.

The offices will function as per official working hours, ensuring all services are accessible to policyholders during the extended period. LIC of India has

reiterated its commitment to providing seamless and customer-friendly service, especially at the end of the financial year when transactions are at their peak.

Policyholders are encouraged to utilize this opportunity to address their insurance needs and reach out to their nearest LIC branch for any assistance.

For further information, policyholders can contact their respective branch offices or visit the official LIC website.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The historic protest spearheaded by Movement Kalki, demanding the official recognition of Gau Mata (Mother Cow) as 'Rashtra Mata' (National Mother), marked its 159th day with renewed vigour and support. In a significant development, Rakesh Dubey, the priest of Baba Amarnath, visited Amphalla Chowk, Jammu, to extend his blessings and solidarity with the cause.

Addressing the gathering, Rakesh Dubey highlighted the



Rakesh Dubey, priest of Baba Amarnath extends support to movement Kalki.

spiritual and cultural importance of Gau Mata in Sanatan Dharma.

"Gau Mata is the universal mother, revered in our scrip-

tures. Lord Shri Krishna and many deities have always protected and revered her. It is society's duty to ensure her welfare," he said.

The priest acknowledged the dedication of the Movement Kalki protesters and urged followers of Sanatan Dharma to actively participate in the movement, emphasizing the profound religious and ecological significance of recognizing Gau Mata as 'Rashtra Mata'.

Recognizing Gau Mata as 'Rashtra Mata' will lead to stringent laws against cow trafficking and cruelty, ensuring her safety and dignity and the declaration will enhance spiritual awareness and reinforce the cultural values of Sanatan

Dharma.

Cows play a vital role in sustaining Indian agriculture, preserving biodiversity, and maintaining ecological balance.

Sanjeev Dubey, leader of Movement Kalki, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the priest's support.

"The blessings of Rakesh Dubey have infused fresh energy into our movement. We call upon all Sanatan Dharma devotees, saints, and the general public to come forward and ensure the success of this sacred mission," he said.