

CSIR-IIIM celebrates National Science Day

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JAMMU: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) Jammu, celebrated National Science Day with great enthusiasm and a spirit of discovery and innovation on its campus, bringing together scientists, research scholars, students and innovators.

The day is observed to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Nobel Laureate C. V. Raman.

The daylong event was organised under the theme "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat," reflecting the institute's commitment to strengthening scientific temper and advancing innovation in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047.

The event was graced by Dr. Madhu Dikshit, JC Bose National Fellow, Distinguished Scientist Chair (Ministry of AYUSH), National Science Chair of ANRF and former Director of CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow as the chief guest. Delivering the National Science Day Lecture entitled "Harnessing



Dr. Madhu Dikshit, JC Bose National Fellow and Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM felicitating a winner student.

Women's Potential for Scientific Growth", Dr. Dikshit expressed her gratitude for being part of the celebration and congratulated CSIR-IIIM for its contributions to national development, including its leadership in the Aroma Mission and integrative healthcare research.

Speaking on the theme of Women in Science, she highlighted that women constitute nearly 43 percent of India's STEM students, one of the highest proportions globally. However, she noted that representation declines at advanced research and leadership levels due to social and structural barriers.

She emphasised the need for mentorship, institutional support, exposure to conferences and leadership opportunities to bridge this gap. Diversity in science, she said, leads to broader perspectives and innovative solutions. Citing examples from the COVID-19 pandemic, she underlined how collaborative and inclusive scientific efforts can effectively address national challenges.

Earlier, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM in his welcome address, described the occasion as a moment to honour the discovery of a brilliant Indian Physicist Sir C.V. Raman for the ground breaking discovery of the "Raman Effect."

More than 350 students from 13 schools across the Jammu region including Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School Hiranagar, Springdales English School Changran, Kathua, Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu, PM Shri JNV Gharota Jammu-1, Army Public School Kaluchak, PM Shri JNV Samba, PM Shri JNV Udhampur, Heritage School Jammu, RRL High

School, Maharishi Vidya Mandir Sr. Sec. School, PM Shri KV No 2 Aknmoor, Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Sr. Sec. School Ambphalla, Jammu participated in various competitions and laboratory visits.

A total of 230 students attended laboratory visits, witnessing ongoing research in natural products, medicinal chemistry, biotechnology and drug discovery. The programme included a Science Model Exhibition Competition, Quiz Competition, Poster Presentation and Extempore Competition.

During the event, winners of various competitions were also felicitated by the Chief Guest, Director and other dignitaries. The programme was also attended by Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist, Dr. Shashank Kr. Singh, Chief Scientist, other senior scientists, faculty members, research scholars and staff of the institute.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Gurleen Kour, Scientist, whereas Dr. Asha Chaubey, Chief Scientist presented the formal vote of thanks.

Dr. Rajesh Mahajan appointed HoD Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine, GMC Jammu

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JAMMU: Dr. Rajesh Mahajan has been appointed as the Head (HoD) of the Department (HoD) of Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine at Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu.

He completed his MBBS from Government Medical College, Jammu, and subsequently earned his MD in Anesthesiology and Critical Care from the prestigious Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

Dr. Mahajan is a highly accomplished Interventional Pain Physician with over two decades of dedicated experience in the field of pain medicine. He holds the Fellowship in Interventional Pain Practice (FIAPM) from the Indian Society for Study of Pain and has developed extensive expertise in advanced pain management techniques and procedures.

In addition, he is a certified Palliative Care physician, having completed the Certificate Course in Essential Palliative Care (CCEPC) and the National Fellowship in Palliative Medicine (NPPM).

He currently serves as the Nodal Officer for Palliative Care at GMC Jammu, contributing significantly to the integration of pain and palliative care services. With more than 100 national and international publications and multiple



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book chapters to his credit, Dr. Mahajan has made significant academic contributions to anaesthesia, interventional pain medicine, and palliative care. He is also an examiner for postgraduate examinations in anaesthesia and pain fellowship programs at premier institutions across the country, including AIIMS New Delhi and PGIMER Chandigarh.

A committed academician and mentor, he has played a pivotal role in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education, guiding numerous postgraduate trainees in anesthesiology over a distinguished career spanning more than 25 years.

His profound knowledge, strategic vision and scholarly contributions are expected to further strengthen and advance the department to the highest standards of clinical care, research and education.

Bhalla demands deadline-driven action from Union & J&K Govt to address public issues



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Friday urged the Union Government and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to take immediate and deadline-driven measures to address pressing public issues across the Union Territory. Addressing party workers and residents during a public interaction programme, Bhalla said people are grappling with unemployment, rising prices, power shortages and inadequate civic amenities. He stressed that governance must reflect sensitivity, transparency and accountability toward common citizens.

Describing unemployment as the most serious concern, he said thousands of educated youth face uncertainty due to delayed recruitment processes, vacant posts and limited industrial growth. He demanded expedited examinations, transparent hiring and sustainable job creation through investment and skill-based initiatives. Warning of long-term social and economic consequences, he said growing frustration among youth must be addressed urgently.

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He also sought a comprehensive and humane regularisation policy for daily wagers, contractual employees and scheme workers, many of whom have served departments for years without job security. Basic amenities such as reliable electricity, drinking water supply and improved infrastructure, particularly in rural and border areas, must be prioritised, he added. The Congress leader highlighted the distress of farmers and horticulturists facing unpredictable weather, inadequate crop compensation and marketing challenges. He advocated fair procurement policies, timely financial aid and stronger support for MSMEs and local businesses struggling amid economic slowdown.

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SKUAST-Jammu celebrates National Science Day with Vigyan Bharti Jammu under JKCIP

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, in collaboration with Vigyan Parishad Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh and Vigyan Bharati Jammu, under IFAD's Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture & Allied Sectors Project, celebrated National Science Day 2026 on the theme "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat."

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and President, Vigyan Parishad, Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. In his message, Prof. Tripathi highlighted the growing contribution of women scientists in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat. He called upon students to actively engage in innovation, start-ups, and technology-driven enterprises, and urged young researchers to translate laboratory research into field-level solutions for sustainable agricultural development.

Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Director Students' Welfare, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and spoke on the role of science in shaping an informed and progressive society. He elaborated on how scientific advancements strengthen the economy by enhancing productivity, generating employment, and supporting agriculture, industry, and technology-led growth.

Speaking on the occasion, Sameer Vohra, State Organization Secretary of Vigyan Bharati Jammu, stressed the importance of nurturing scientific temper among youth and building stronger linkages between science and society. He underlined the relevance of innovation, research, and indigenous technologies in

advancing self-reliance and sustainable development. Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, Director, Agri-Business Incubator, motivated students and young entrepreneurs to adopt innovation-led approaches in agriculture. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Professor & Head, Division of Soil Science; Dr. Vinod Gupta from the Division of Extension Education; Dr. Manish Sharma, Professor & Head, Division of Statistics and Computer Science; and Shri Pankaj Gupta, State Treasurer, Vigyan Bharati, Jammu, shared their perspectives on entrepreneurship develop-

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address and vote of thanks were delivered by Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Professor & Head of the Division, who acknowledged the support of collaborating agencies and appreciated the active participation of stakeholders. Students associated with the programme included Iba Thanwal, Sahil Naik, and Kritika Sharma, whose dedicated efforts ensured the successful conduct of the event. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to promote scientific thinking, innovation, and inclusive participation in agricultural development across the region.

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Chief Secretary chairs empowered committee meeting on recruitment rules; committee recommends various amendments

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LEH: The Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, today chaired a meeting of the Empowered Committee to deliberate on key administrative matters concerning various departments of the UT Administration.

At the outset, Administrative Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Michael Dsouza, presented a comprehensive overview of the agenda. He apprised the committee of two major issues about the School Education Department and the Police Department, along with proposals received from other departments requiring consideration and approval.

Detailed discussions were held on the draft proposal related to Ladakh Information Technology, and matters concerning the Finance Department and the Motor Vehicles Department.

The committee also examined proposals from the School Education Department seeking the creation and rationalisation of additional posts. Key issues included the bifurcation of Primary Teacher posts to streamline administrative efficiency and the proposal to make the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) qualification mandatory for recruitment, aimed at enhancing the quality of education in government schools. Further deliberations were held on amend-

ments to the Ladakh Social and Tribal Welfare (Subordinate) Services Recruitment Rules, as well as the revision and harmonisation of Recruitment Rules across departments under the General Administration Department. The committee also reviewed proposals concerning the Ladakh Horticulture Department and the reallocation of posts within the Agriculture Department.

Among other significant matters, the committee discussed the reconciliation of the post of Draftsman under Command Area Development in the Agriculture Department and proposed amendments to the Ladakh Public Works (R&B) (Subordinate) Recruitment Rules to ensure administrative clarity and improved service delivery. The Chief Secretary emphasised the need for transparent, efficient, and merit-based recruitment processes across all depart-

ments. He directed the concerned Administrative Secretaries to ensure the timely submission of revised proposals incorporating observations made during the meeting and further stressed that all amendments to Recruitment Rules should align with the broader objective of strengthening institutional capacity and improving governance standards in the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Dr L. Franklin; Administrative Secretary, GAD, Michael Dsouza; Administrative Secretary, Tourism, Sanjit Rodrigues; Administrative Secretary, Agriculture, Bhupesh Chaudhary; Administrative Secretary, Social & Tribal Welfare, Shashanka Ala; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Romil Singh Donk; along with other Additional Secretaries, Directors, and other concerned officers joined the meeting virtually.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar inaugurates Mega Medical Camp

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JAMMU: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu, under the aegis of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority successfully organized a Mega Medical Camp at the Central Jail premises in Kot Bhalwal, here on Saturday.

The event was designed to deliver comprehensive healthcare services to inmates, facilitating access to specialized medical examinations and consultations.

The programme was graced by the presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Executive Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, as the Chief Guest.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar inaugurated the Mega Medical camp and highlighted the significance of healthcare as a fundamental right, especially for vulnerable sections of the society. Addressing the gathering, Justice Sanjeev Kumar reiterated that incarceration does not extinguish fundamental rights. "Every prisoner continues to enjoy the Right to Life which includes the right to reasonable medical care and humane conditions," he asserted.

After the inauguration, Justice Sanjeev Kumar inspected the jail sections, including barracks, kitchen, medical unit, vocational training centres and Prison Legal Aid Clinic. He held detailed interactions with jail authorities, staff and inmates to assess living con-

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The programme was also attended by Shazia Tabassum, Member Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority and the programme was hosted by Maleeka Sharma, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Jammu. Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Under Secretary, J&K LSA was also present.



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occasion. Adding vibrancy to the event, the inmates presented a captivating cultural programme.

The camp elicited an overwhelming response, with almost 500 of inmates registered for the Mega Medical Camp who benefited from free check-ups, diagnostics and preliminary treatments. This initiative exemplifies DLSA Jammu's commitment to holistic welfare and rehabilitation via legal aid and accessible health care facilities.

Maleeka Sharma, Secretary DLSA Jammu, concluded the proceedings with a vote of thanks. She expressed profound gratitude to the Chief Guest for his inspiring presence; to the doctors for their selfless service; and to all dignitaries, officials, staff and jail administration for their invaluable cooperation.

Distinguished guests included DGP Prisons J&K, Deepak Kumar; Deputy Director Health Services Dr. Sanjay Sharma; Additional District Magistrate Jammu Vidhu Shekhar; Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Anil Sharma; Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsels Ashwani Kumar and Upasana Thakur and Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel Jammu Ishant Verma.

A team of specialist doctors, consisting of Physician, Cardiologist, Orthopaedician, Dermatologist, Psychiatrist, Dentist, General Surgeon, neurologist, Endocrinologist, ENT Specialist and Ophthalmologist conducted thorough examinations, provided consultations and dispensed essential medical advice to the inmates. Free medicines were also provided to the jail inmates on the

Mohinder Sharma retires after 35 years of public service

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UDHAMPUR: Mohinder Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director, Employment and Counselling Centre, Udhampur, retired today on attaining superannuation, marking the conclusion of a long and exemplary career spanning 35 years and 5 months in public service.

Mohinder Kumar Sharma began his professional journey with Jammu Central Cooperative Bank, where he served with dedication for five and a half years. He subsequently rendered two and a half years of service in the Evaluation and Statistics



Department. The major part of his career was spent in the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Jammu, where he served for twenty-five years and two months, contributing significantly to industrial development and public administration. On induction into the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service with effect from 01 January 2024, Mohinder Kumar Sharma served as Deputy Secretary in the Jammu and Kashmir Dedicated OBC Commission. He later assumed charge as Deputy Director, Employment and Counselling Centre, Udhampur; where he continued to serve until his retirement.

Throughout his career, Mohinder Kumar Sharma has been widely respected for his integrity, dedication, administrative acumen, and commitment to public welfare. His colleagues and officers across departments acknowledge his honest approach to duty and his people-centric style of functioning.

Jugal Kishore Anand, Additional District Development Commissioner, Udhampur; the officers and staff of the Employment and Counselling Centre, Udhampur; and other departments extend their best wishes for a healthy, peaceful, and fulfilling post-retirement life to Mohinder Kumar Sharma and express gratitude for his invaluable services to the Union Territory.