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**STATE TIMES**

# IIT Jammu organizes Workshop-cum-Competition to promote revival of Basohli Paintings

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Regional Coordinating Institution (RCI) at IIT Jammu organized a Workshop-cum-Competition on the Revival of Basohli Paintings at the IIT Jammu campus.



IIT Jammu faculty with winner students and other dignitaries.

The initiative aimed to promote awareness and encourage the revival of Basohli painting, a renowned traditional art form that reflects the rich cultural heritage of the Jammu region.

The programme was organized by the Outreach Department of IIT Jammu under the guidance of the Director, Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur; Dean (Outreach and Skill Development), Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev; and Associate Dean, Dr. Sameer Kumar Sarma Pachalla.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 80 participants representing various educational institutions, including MIET Jammu, Dogra Degree College Samba, SMVDU Katra, GGM Science College Jammu, ITI Jammu, Government Degree College Hiranagar, Government Degree College Kathua, MIER

Jammu, the BBA Department of the University of Jammu, KCS Vidyashala, and SPMR College of Commerce Jammu.

Youth from the adopted villages of Pangrain, Pangali, and Tanda also participated in the programme. Faculty members, staff, and students of IIT Jammu were also present, making the event a vibrant platform for interaction between academic institutions and local communities.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Sameer Kumar Sarma Pachalla highlighted the importance of preserving traditional art forms and emphasized the role of UBA and the Ministry of Education, along with technical education institutions, in pro-

moting rural and cultural heritage. He noted that initiatives such as this workshop provide young people with opportunities to engage with regional art traditions while encouraging creativity, cultural awareness, and appreciation of indigenous knowledge systems. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev spoke about the historical and artistic significance of Basohli painting, which is widely recognized for its bold colours, expressive style, and distinctive visual elements.

She encouraged participants to explore and preserve such traditional art forms, noting that many indigenous artistic practices are gradually declining and require sustained efforts for their preserva-

tion and revival. The workshop session was conducted by resource persons Amardeep Singh, an experienced practitioner of Basohli painting, and Subash Langeh, a noted artist from the region.

During the session, they shared insights into the history, evolution, and distinctive features of Basohli painting and explained the techniques used in creating this unique style of artwork. The resource persons also conducted a live demonstration, guiding participants through the basic processes involved in preparing colours, outlining figures, and painting traditional Basohlimotifs.

The interactive session enabled participants to gain hands-on experience and a deeper understand-

ing of the techniques involved in this traditional art form. Following the workshop, a painting competition was organized in which participants applied the techniques they had learned.

The competition received an encouraging response and highlighted the creativity and artistic abilities of the participants. At the conclusion of the competition, Sunita from Government ITI Jammu secured the First Prize; Gitanjali Phounsa from Dogra Degree College Samba won the Second Prize; and Kritika Sangotra from SMVDU Katra secured the Third Prize. All participants were awarded certificates of participation in recognition of their involvement and enthusiasm.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates and tokens of appreciation to the resource persons for their valuable contribution. The event served as an important step towards creating greater awareness about the cultural and artistic value of Basohli painting and reaffirmed the commitment of IIT Jammu to promote and preserve traditional art forms through community engagement and outreach initiatives.

## Vivo Y51 Pro 5G launched in India with 7200mAh Battery, AI Features

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**NEW DELHI:** Vivo India has launched the vivo Y51 Pro 5G, the latest addition to its Y-Series lineup, offering powerful performance, long-lasting battery life, and a range of intelligent AI features designed to support everyday productivity and entertainment. The smartphone is equipped with a massive 7200mAh battery, supported by 44W FlashCharge, ensuring reliable all-day performance. The device also integrates battery-preserving technologies such as Battery Health Algorithms, Battery Life Extender, and Bypass Charging to maintain long-term battery efficiency. Powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7360 Turbo chipset, the smartphone delivers strong performance and energy efficiency. Built on an advanced 4nm architecture with an octa-core CPU, the processor achieves an AnTuTu benchmark score of over 920,000, enabling smooth multitasking and stable gaming performance. The device supports up to 8GB RAM with an additional 8GB Extended RAM and offers storage options of 128GB and 256GB.

trait, night, and professional modes, along with dual-view video and live photo capture. Running on OriginOS 6, the Y51 Pro 5G brings several AI-powered productivity tools such as AI Creation, AI Notes, AI Transcript Assist, and AI Captions, enabling content generation, document organization, and speech-to-text transcription. It also supports Circle to Search and Google Gemini integration for enhanced smart assistance. In terms of design, the smartphone features a 3D quad-curved back panel with a seamless frame, available in Festive Red and Noble Gold colour variants. The device also carries IP68 and IP69 ratings for dust and water resistance and has received the SGS 5-Star Premium Performance Mark for drop resistance. The phone sports a 6.75-inch 120Hz high-brightness display with up to 1250 nits brightness, TÜV Rheinland Low Blue Light certification, and dual stereo speakers with up to 400% volume boost for an immersive multimedia experience. Priced at Rs 24,999 for the 8GB + 128GB variant and Rs 27,999 for the 8GB + 256GB variant, the smartphone will be available from March 11 via the vivo official website, Flipkart, and partner retail stores. Launch offers include cashback of up to Rs 2,500, zero down-payment options for up to 10 months, and special benefits for Reliance Jio users.

## CS takes stock of key land records digitization initiatives

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Sunday chaired a comprehensive review meeting on the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA), Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) and National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA) here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Shaleen Kabra; Secretary, Revenue Department, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan; Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir divisions; and Deputy Commissioners who joined through video conferencing from their respective District Headquarters, and other concerned officers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary underscored the transformative potential of these land digitisation initiatives, drawing a parallel with some of India's most successful digital revolutions. "These initiatives are going to revolutionise governance just like the success of UPI and other ambitious programmes like Aarogya. We are witnessing a technological revolution and Jammu and



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

Kashmir must be an active and leading part of it," he observed.

Emphasising the direct public benefit of the ongoing digitisation drive, he noted that a great number of public grievances pertain to land-related issues and these will be resolved as the digitisation process reaches completion. "This is a great service to the masses. It will bring immense convenience to the public and usher in new arenas for development and governance," the Chief Secretary said.

Speaking on the occasion the Additional Chief Secretary (Financial Commissioner, Revenue) Shaleen Kabra, highlighted the transformative potential of land records digitisation, describing it as a major step towards transparent, efficient and citizen-centric governance. He emphasized that the initiative will significantly improve accessibility, accuracy and reliability of land records, thereby reducing disputes and enhancing

public trust in the revenue administration. Stressing the importance of maintaining high standards, he underscored the need for rigorous quality checks at every stage of the process to ensure that the digitised records remain error-free and authentic. He called upon the concerned revenue officers down the line to exercise due diligence and accountability so that the digitisation exercise results in a robust, reliable and future-ready land records management system.

Presenting the progress made under DILRMP, the Administrative Secretary, Revenue, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan apprised the meeting that 98 percent of Khasras across the Union Territory have been digitised and approved, with 97 percent of villages completing the first-level freezing process.

Additionally he gave out that in over 5,401 grievance camps have been organised

at the village level for public reading of Jamabandis, during which over 52,000 non-quasi-judicial and more than 5,700 quasi-judicial grievances have been recorded and are being addressed. Final freezing of the updated Jamabandis 2026 has been targeted for completion by 31st March this year.

Regarding ULPIN or Bhuaadhar, the meeting was apprised that over 20.56 lakh Unique Land Parcel Identification Numbers have been generated for 3,320 villages so far. Under the digitisation of cadastral maps, 6,518 out of 6,857 villages, accounting for 95.2 percent, have been geo-referenced.

Moreover it was divulged 7.28 crore revenue documents including Jamabandis, Mutations and Girdawari records have been scanned and uploaded on the Land Records Information System (LRIS). The NAKSHA programme for creation of land records in urban habitations

is also progressing, with aerial survey, ORI generation and ground truthing completed for Bishnah.

The Chief Secretary acknowledged the significant ground covered but maintained that the remaining targets are well within reach. "We have covered a lot of ground and progressed greatly. We have just so much more to finish, but the targets are achievable," he said, adding that many states are already leading in these endeavours and J&K must keep pace.

He gave several specific directions for resolution of deadlocks and tough situations being encountered during the digitisation process. He called for strict adherence to rules at every step, cautioning officers to avoid complications and focus on weeding out illegal mutations. "We have to take every step based on rules. Let us put in concerted efforts to weed out illegal mutations and purify revenue records," he directed.

The Chief Secretary asked the Divisional Commissioners to personally monitor progress under each component and actively guide the Deputy Commissioners for effective on-ground implementation. Specific timeline-based targets were assigned to all districts for completion of pending milestones.

## GNHC lifts Shaheed Bhagat Singh Hockey Trophy



Winner team receiving trophy from the chief guest.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Guru Nanak Hockey Club (GNHC) on Sunday lifted the 11th Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sub-Junior Men's Hockey Championship Trophy at K K Hakhu Stadium, here today.

In the final, GNHC defeated Badal Hockey Club 4-2. Down by two goals, GNHC fought back in the last two quarters to snatch the victory. Karan (42nd), Daksh (46th and 53rd) and Harmandeep (47th) scored for the winning GNHC. From Badal Club, Sukhpreet (16th) and Varun (20th) were the scorers. Mohd Altmash was declared man of the match.

The event was organized by the Shaheed e Azam Bhagat Singh Foundation in collabo-

ration with Hockey J&K involving seven teams on knockout basis.

Dr. Vikram Singh Jamwal, District AYUSH Officer Kishtwar was the chief guest while prominent sports promoter and ex-member J&K Sports Council, Rajeev Sharma presided. S.S. Gill was guest of honour.

Jaswinder Kour (vice president) and Robin Singh (executive member) of Hockey J&K; Joga Singh, Tejinder Singh, Satvir Singh (ex IAF coach), Charanjit Singh (ex JKP Hockey coach), Manjit Singh, Janak Singh, Rajinder Singh Raja, Beant Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Paramjit Singh, Ravinder Singh were among those prominent present.

The final officiated by the

technical panel including Kirandeep Singh and Sahil Kumar as umpires; Geeta and Saksham as scoring judge and technical officer and Minalkshi as timing judge. Meanwhile, the organisers extended thanks to J&K Sports Council and Government Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu the support.

## Balbir of SMVDU qualifies coaching course in Kabaddi



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KATRA:** Balbir Singh, a sports coach with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has successfully completed National Certification in Sports Coaching in the discipline of Kabaddi. He completed the course at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NIS) Southern Centre, Bengaluru. The certification programme was conducted under the Mass Sports Participation Programme initiated by the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Balbir Singh expressed his gratitude to the University, especially Vice-chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar for providing the opportunity to participate in the programme.

Vice-Chancellor noted that such certifications by staff members enhance the University's capacity to train students in traditional sports like Kabaddi, aligning with the institution's mission to promote holistic development through the such initiatives.

## Jammu boxing championship held



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** District Jammu Boxing Championship witnessed a poor participation across different age groups because the J&K Sports Council has left the only training facility in Jammu without a coach.

The only senior coach posed at the Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here has been promoted to the administrative position of Manager Indoor Complex and subsequently posed at MA Stadium, here.

The two-day event was

organised by the J&K Amateur Boxing Association at Indoor Sports Complex, here. Around 30 boxers from Jammu district took part in this event which was sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

Those winners of different weight and age categories were presented medals and certificates by Manager Indoor Complex and senior Judo coach, Arshi Nad.

The technical panel in this competition com-

prised Sajad Pathan, Sandeep Singh Gautam Kumar, Aman Sangral, Akash Baigra, Akash Sharma, Arif Mohd, Rahul Kumar and Sanjay Sharma.

The Results (Finals): Junior Boys: 46 kg: Kameshwar bt Chitesh. 50 kg: Faisal bt Sagar. 60 kg: Vashu bt Tousif. Youth Men: 55 kg: Kinshu bt Rohit. 60 kg: Aditya bt Snylr. 70 kg: Kanav bt Yuvraj. Elite Men: 50 kg: Kush bt Rohit. 75 kg: Deepak bt Masood.

## Stationery Kits distributed among students under BBBP in Shopian

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SHOPIAN:** Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti Shopian organized a stationery distribution drive among school students as part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative.

The programme was aimed at promoting education, encouraging school participation, and providing

essential learning materials to young students.

During the drive, stationery kits were distributed among students of Government Boys Upper Primary School Sedow, Government Primary School Parraypora Sedow, Boys Upper Primary School Rangmar Sedow, and Government Upper Primary School Cheeki Sedow.

On the occasion, officials from the

Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women interacted with students and teachers and emphasized the vital role of education in building a progressive and empowered society.

They also highlighted the core message of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, stressing the importance of ensuring equal educational opportunities and nurturing the potential of every child.

Department, staff members of NIFT Budgam and other stakeholders enthusiastically participated in the plantation drive and expressed their commitment to safeguarding the environment. The participants appreciated the department for organizing such initiatives that promote environmental responsibility among the public.

The Social Forestry Department reiterated its commitment to continue similar plantation drives and awareness programmes in the future, with the objective of promoting greenery, protecting natural resources and restoring ecological balance through consistent afforestation efforts across Budgam district.

## Social Forestry Department Budgam celebrates Chinar Day

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**BUDGAM:** Social Forestry Department Budgam today celebrated Chinar Day with great enthusiasm across the district by organizing plantation drives and awareness activities to mark the occasion.

The day was observed with the aim of promoting environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation of the iconic Chinar tree, which holds great ecological and cultural significance in Kashmir.

As part of the celebrations, saplings of the majestic Chinar tree were planted at prominent locations, including SIDCO Budgam and NIFT Budgam, in order to enhance green cover and promote environmental sustainability in the district.

The plantation drive was carried out in a coordinated manner with the active involvement of officials and employees of the Social Forestry Department along with representatives from various institutions and stakeholders.

The events were headed by the Range Forest Officer, Social Forestry Range Budgam, who highlighted the importance of preserving the Chinar tree and urged participants to contribute actively towards environmental protection and afforestation initiatives. He emphasized that the Chinar tree is not only a symbol of Kashmir's natural heritage but also plays an important role in maintaining ecological balance.

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