

SCERT Jammu celebrates International Women's Day with inspiring interaction conference

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JAMMU: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) J&K, Divisional Office Jammu, under the visionary mentorship of Dr. Naseem Javid Chowdhary, Director School Education Jammu and Director SCERT J&K, and the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT Jammu Division, organised a distinguished one day Interaction Conference on International Women's Day at Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo, here.

The conference stood as a vibrant celebration of women's resilience, leadership, creativity, and transformative role in shaping society. The event unfolded with a gracious reception of the distinguished guests, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, a timeless symbol of wisdom dispelling darkness and of empowerment illuminating pathways to progress. The ambience resonated with reverence and anticipation as Monica Sharma, Associate Coordinator of the programme, delivered a poised and heartfelt Welcome Address. With thoughtful articulation and warmth, she set an inspir-



Jt Director, SCERT Jammu Division, Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor with others at a programme.

ing tone for the day. The Joint Director, SCERT, Jammu Division, Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, delivered a stirring and visionary address, eloquently underscoring the indispensable role of women as architects of educational transformation and ethical governance. She emphasized that true progress of a society is measured by the dignity, opportunity, and leadership accorded to its women. A special highlight of the event was the display of the SHE Portal, reaffirming SCERT's commitment to equity, and empowerment. The audience was deeply moved by a reflective poem presented by Dr. Jyoti Sudan, Academic Officer, followed by a compelling documentary showcasing milestones, inspiring journeys, stories of resilience,

perseverance and leadership that have redefined societal narratives. The conference was graced by the presence of Prof. Vena Gupta, Retd. HOD, Department of Dogri, University of Jammu, Prof. Geetanjali Andotra Rana, Retd. Principal, Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Ritu Mahajan, Additional Secretary, School Education Department, Sheetal Pandita, Deputy Secretary, SED, Dr. Deep Novel Kour, Deputy Secretary, Higher Education Department, Deepika Sharma, Under Secretary, SED, Dr. Parveen Akhter Lone, Principal and Dean IGGDC Jammu, Prof. Amisha Gupta, Director, Business School, University of Jammu, Prof. Monica Sharma, Dean,

Humanities & Liberal Arts, Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. Amandeep Kour Anand, Consultant Gynaecologist, Govt. Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Rashmi Bajaj, Advocate, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Gurmeet Gujral, Clinical Dietician, Sanjogita Dogra, Artist, Deepali Handa, Entrepreneur, founder of The Crafts of India and Swati Dadheechi, young Entrepreneur. The guests appreciated the thoughtful organisation of the conference and expressed their gratitude for being part of such a meaningful initiative. The dignitaries were felicitated for their exemplary contributions in their respective fields. An engaging "Heart of Emotion" activity fostered warmth and collective reflection

among participants. A plenary session, led by Arti Gupta, Paawan Vivek, and Vivek Jandial, sparked meaningful deliberations on inclusive growth and leadership pathways for women. The discussion also highlighted various researches, capacity building programmes, awareness drives on Gender Sensitization and other initiatives undertaken by SCERT J and K.

The cultural segment added grace and vibrancy to the celebration, featuring a captivating dance performance by Ms. Ruchi Mohan and soulful musical presentation by Principal, Ms. Shamim Nazki. The successful conduct of the programme was attributed to the meticulous coordination of Manu Vasudeva, Academic Officer while Rakesh Chobber and Vivek Jandial efficiently managed the technical aspects. Their efforts, complemented by the support of a dedicated organising team whose collaborative spirit ensured flawless execution, transformed the conference into a truly impactful and memorable celebration. The programme culminated with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Sanjeevani, Assistant Professor.



IEI Jammu celebrates World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development

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JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated the World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development with the theme "Smart Engineering for a Sustainable Future". The event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.



Er Habib Choudhary, Managing Director, J&K Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. being honoured.

On this occasion, Er Habib Choudhary, Managing Director, J&K Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., PDD, J&K Govt. was the Chief Guest & Er. Pooja Wazir, Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle North -Jammu, J&K Govt. was the Keynote Speaker whereas Er. Anil Verma, FIE, Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function. Er. Anil Verma in his Welcome Address highlighted the importance of the day and exhorted that engineers from all disciplines need to play an important role in tackling global challenges for creating a sustainable infrastructure by implementing smart engineering practices. He requested the engineers

in academic arena, scientific arena and the ones on execution side to work in tandem for making this world more livable in future. It was followed by keynote address by Er. Pooja Wazir who enthralled the audience. She explained that smart engineering is not just about automation of AI. Instead, it is about Intelligent Planning, Efficient Resource Management, Climate Responsive Designing, Renewable Energy Integration, Use of Sustainable Materials & Data Driven Infrastructure. During the seminar, Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. Satish Chalotra, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE & Er. Joy Ganjoo, AMTIE also presented their papers on the theme. While speaking on the

occasion Er Habib Choudhary, Chief Guest lauded the efforts of engineers in presenting wonderful papers on the theme. He highlighted that the purpose of World Engineering Day is to provide an annual focus on the essential role of engineering in modern life and the central role of engineering in developing the technologies needed for sustainable development. He emphasized that this day serves as a reminder of the crucial role that engineers play in tackling global challenges and shaping a better future to everyone. Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event and presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for their active participation.

Dr Darakhshan inaugurates Panj Peer Mosque at Rajouri, lays foundation for Eidgah construction at Kotranka

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RAJOURI: The infrastructure and community development tour of Pir Panjal region by Chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi began today. She inaugurated the newly constructed Panj Peer Mosque in Rajouri and later laid foundation for the Mamber Construction at Eidgah in Kotranka in Budhal.



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi talking to reporters.

Former Minister Chowdhry Zulfikar Ali, BJP District President Dev Raj Sharma & Executive Officer Abdul Qayoom Mir accompanied Waqf Chairperson. During the first leg of the visit, Dr. Andrabi formally inaugurated the Panj Peer Mosque & shrine infrastructure. The new mosque will provide improved space and facilities for local worshippers. Later, the Waqf Chairperson travelled to Kotranka, where she laid foundation for the Mamber

construction in Eidgah that hosts large congregational prayers. Andrabi addressed a public rally at Rajouri where she spoke on the agenda of Viksit Bharat of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The events were attended by local residents, religious scholars, community leaders and the Board officials. The visit is being seen as part of a broader initiative by the Waqf Board to strengthen religious institutions and expand public facilities linked to Waqf properties across Jammu and Kashmir.

created history by its efforts in recent years to restore and develop mosques, shrines and other religious properties across different districts of the Union Territory. She said that strengthening religious institutions remains an important priority, adding that the board is committed to ensuring that places of worship are properly maintained and equipped with better facilities for the public. "Our aim is to ensure that the shrines, mosques and Eidgahs across Jammu and Kashmir are developed and maintained so that the community benefits from improved infrastructural facilities," she said.

Dr. Andrabi further stated that several new projects are in the pipeline and will soon be launched in remote as well as urban areas. She emphasized that the development of Waqf properties should not only preserve religious heritage but also support com-

munity welfare and social harmony. Local residents welcomed the initiatives and expressed hope that such projects would further strengthen religious life and community cohesion in the Pir Panjal region. Eminent representatives Ramesh Chander, Dil Mir, Jagat Ram, Azhar Mehmood, Samreen Khan, Manzoor Naik, Tarun Vasson, captain Nazim Din, Dhimha Bali and others also participated in the events.

Shrine Boards Skill Enhancement Programme for local Pujaris concludes at SMVD Gurukul

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KATRA: A nine-day free Skill Enhancement Training Programme on Vedic rituals for local Pujaris, organized by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) concluded today at SMVD Gurukul amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras.



Local Pujaris receiving certificates of Shrine Boards Skill Enhancement Programme at SMVD Gurukul.

The programme was designed to strengthen the participants' understanding of various Vedic rituals, mantras and traditional practices essential for performing religious ceremonies. It also aimed at imparting a systematic and professional approach towards the performance of Pujan Vidhi. The training curriculum covered a range of subjects including introduction to Panchang, knowledge of Muhurat (auspicious timings), pronunciation of Mantras and Shlokas among other important aspects of Vedic ritual practices. To achieve the objectives of the programme, experienced and qualified faculty members and scholars of Vedic studies from the Shrine Board's Pujari Wing and SMVD Gurukul conducted the training sessions. The participants described the programme as highly informative and enriching, providing them with deeper

insights into Vedic scriptures as well as practical knowledge applicable in their day-to-day religious duties. Interactive question-and-answer sessions held during the programme encouraged active participation and highlighted the need for organizing such training programmes on a regular basis to further strengthen the knowledge and capabilities of Pujaris. The Administrator, SMVD Gurukul who attended the valedictory session, stated that the training programme was organized to give a much-needed impetus to temple-related activities and to further strengthen the traditional knowledge and skills of local Pujaris. He congratulated the participants for successfully completing the programme and appreciated the resource personnel for their valuable contribution in imparting the training. Certificates were also distributed to the participants during the concluding ceremony.

CCI delegation meets CM, discusses issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu led by its President Arun Gupta met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to discuss various developmental and business-related issues concerning the region. At the outset, Gupta congratulated the Chief Minister on the historic achievement of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association for winning the Ranji Trophy final against Karnataka cricket team. He said the victory has brought immense pride and recognition to Jammu and Kashmir on the national stage and emphasized the need to develop modern sports infrastructure so that Indian Premier League matches can be hosted in the region in the future.

During the meeting, the delegation raised several issues affecting the business community. Gupta urged the government to revise the fees charged by the Jammu Development Authority for change of land use, noting that underdeveloped areas should not be charged the same as posh colonies. He also sought renewal of lease deeds for Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi with minimal premium charges, proprietary rights for warehouse traders, and land allotment for godowns. The delegation further urged early finalization of the new industrial incentive package before the existing incentives expire on March 26, 2026.

SSP Jammu directs officers to maintain heightened vigil, strengthen surveillance

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JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu Joginder Singh on Thursday reviewed the security and crime situation in the district and directed officers to maintain heightened vigilance and strengthen surveillance. During the session, the SSP briefed officers on the prevailing security scenario and stressed the need for heightened alertness across the district, officials said.



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh chairing a meeting.

He instructed officers to intensify surveillance with particular focus on religious places, critical installations and identified hotspots. He also directed enhanced foot patrolling, deployment of long-range and short-range patrols, establishment of random and surprise 'nakas' at strategic locations and effective area domination to prevent any disruption by anti-national, anti-social or mischievous elements, they said. Apart from reviewing crime, various security measures were discussed to control criminal activities and ensure peace and stability in the district, they said. The meeting also reviewed

several aspects of policing, including quality investigation of cases, time-bound crime disposal, verifications, disposal of property-related and NDPS cases, completion of inquest proceedings, and monitoring of history-sheets, absconders and missing persons. The SSP directed officers to ensure time-bound completion of investigations to provide speedy justice to victims. "Disposal of cases registered under the new criminal laws was also reviewed, with emphasis on completing investigations within the stipulated period of 60 and 90 days." Singh stressed mandatory utilisation of FSL services as per BNSS provisions and discussed the progress achieved and challenges

faced in this regard with the stakeholders, including the in-charge of the FSL unit. He directed officers to identify drug peddlers and take strict action against them, reiterating that there is a policy of zero tolerance against drugs. The SSP also asked officers to fully implement citizen-centric provisions under the new criminal laws, including registration of zero FIRs and e-FIRs. He further directed police personnel to maintain surveillance on released organised criminals and take all necessary steps to curb the activities of organised criminal gangs to ensure that the public does not feel threatened.

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E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender No.: 240-2025-26-DEN-HQ-FZR	Date: 03.03.2026		
DEN/HQ/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 25.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through Demand draft/ Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in			
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Packet System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Tender Closing Date/Time	
02.03.2026	11.03.2026	25.03.2026 & 15:00 Hrs	
SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender	
1	240-2025-26-DEN-HQ-FZR	Repair & maintenance of bridges and Provision of Ballast Retainers on Approaches of Major Bridges in the section of ADEN-1/FZR and ADEN-2/FZR.	
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
	1,04,16,944.71	2,02,100.00	60 Days
			Period of Completion
			06 Months
Similar Nature Work:- Any civil work other than track work.*			
Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.			
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E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No.: 433 TELE_JAT_08_25_26	Date:- 03.03.2026		
Sr. DSTE/JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on https://www.ireps.gov.in against Tender Notice no. 433 TELE_JAT_08_25_26 Closing Date/Time 25.03.2026, 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like Net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.			
NIT HEADER			
Contract Type	Works		
Name of Work	Replacement of defective 4-Quad with 6-Quad cable for improving reliability of block working in JAT-MCTM section.		
Tender Closing Date, Time	25.03.2026 15:00 hrs.	Date, Time of Uploading Tender	03.03.2026 17:03 hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	3,41,41,083.94	Bidding Start Date as per IREPS	11.03.2026
Earnest Money (Rs.)	3,20,700.00	Period of Completion	4 Months
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E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No.: 433 TELE_JAT_30_25_26	Date:- 03.03.2026		
Sr. DSTE/JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on https://www.ireps.gov.in against Tender Notice no. 433 TELE_JAT_30_25_26 Closing Date/Time 25.03.2026 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like Net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.			
NIT HEADER			
Contract Type	Works		
Name of work	Replacement of old Exchange with Server based IP based exchange at stations over Jammu division of North Railway		
Tender Closing Date, Time	25.03.2026 15:00	Date Time of Uploading Tender	03.03.2026 17:12
Advertised Value (Rs.)	19404770.92	Bidding Start Date as per IREPS	11.03.2026
Earnest Money (Rs.)	247000.00	Period of Completion	4 Months
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