Science workshop for ATL schools concludes at IIIM



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM posing with students and others at a workshop.

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JAMMU: The three-day science workshop for 15 Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) Schools of Jammu region was concluded onb Wednesday at CSIR-IIIM,

A total of 60 students drawn from 15 schools, including Army Public School, Jammu Cantt, Air School, Jammu, Force Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Sr. Sec. School, Ambphalla, Jammu, Brahmrishi Bawra Shanti Vidya Peeth Sr. Sec. School, Udhampur, Govt. Sri Ranbir Model Hr. Sec.

GHSS(B), Doda, Bharti Vidya mandir Hr. Sec. School, Kishtwar, Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School, Sant Bal Hiranagar. Yogeshwar Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Dadwara, Billawar, Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School, Reasi, Army Public School, Damana, Muthi, Model Academy Higher Secondary School, Thathri, Doda, Shaheen Public Higher Secondary School, Doda, Kendriya Vidvalava DHP, Kistwar & PM Shri KV Miran Sahib, Jammu of grade X-XII along

registered for the workshop.

During the workshop, students learned various exhilarating microbiology experiments, including fingerprint microbiology, DNA extraction, milk adulteration, crystallization, TLC/chromatography etc., under Dr Sundeep Jaglan, Dr Vikash Babu, Dr. Kanhaiya Kumar, Dr Vinod Kumar of Fermentation and Microbiology Division and Dr. Showkat Rashid, Dr. Ravindra S. Phatake, Dr. Bharitkar Yogesh of Natural Products and Medicinal Chemistry Division, along with their HoDs Dr. Asha Chaubey and Dr Qazi Naveed

Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services Jammu posing with others.

Ahmad.

Besides this, a lecture was also organized on 'Lab Safety' which was delivered by Dr. Ravi Shankar, Principal Scientist of Natural Products and Medicinal Chemistry Division. The workshop ended with the campus tour, virtual science games and fun

During valedictory function, the participants and their escort teachers were felicitated with certificates by Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM.

Dr. Zabeer CSIR-IIIM Director,

ATL and CSIR Jigyasa are working for organizing science workshops, interaction with scientists, outreach programmes and many others activities. Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist,

> workshop and Nodal scientist Jigyasa program briefed about the activities carried out during the workshop and interacted with the students for their valuable feedback and lessons taken from the workshop.

Coordinator of Science

dents and congratulated them for successfully com-

pletion of this workshop.

Dr. Ahmed, further told that CSIR-IIIM is commit-

ted to serve the society and

educational institutions in the field of S&T and

spreading the word for sci-

Dr. Ahmed also informed

that under the Council of

Scientific and Industrial

Research (CSIR) - Atal

Incubation Mission (AIM)

initiative, NITI Aayog's

The event was attended by HoDs, scientists, research scholars, students and others. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Vidushi

Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti Celebrations concludes with Yagnopaveet ceremony

JAMMU: The week-long celebrations of Bhagwan Sh Parshuram at Dogra Brahman Prtinidhi Sabha Chankaya Chowk culminated on Wednesday at Brahman Sabha. During these days several functions including free Medical Camp, inter- school symposium on Bhagwan Parshuram, Hawan religious discourse, Kirtan by various women Kirtan Mandlies of Jammu was organized. On the last today Samuhik Yagnopaveet ceremony was organized by the Sabha. More than 100 children of various age group participated in the ceremony.

Amidst chanting of mantras by renowned priest Ajay Sharma the spiritual ceremony was performed before the large gathering including some of the parents whose wards were participating in the ritual ceremony. Pt Sharma while parting the instructions regarding the sacred thread advised the children to refrain from alcohol, drugs and all sorts of bad habits. He asked them to take a pledge to dedicate their life for the betterment of

Ved Parkash Sharma President of the Sabha participated in the Puran Ahuti along with Prof R D



Samuhik Yagnopaveet ceremoney being performed by priest Ajay Sharma.

Sharma Former V C Jammu University, Soujanya Sharma Former Commissioner Jammu, Jagan Nath Sharma, PC Sharma, Chander Mohan Sharma, ML Radha, Shiv Ram Sharma, LD Shastri, K L Sharma, Subhash Shastri, Vijav Sharma and others. Bhandara was organized by the sabha in which large number of people participated and had

DYSS holds girls U-14 meet of Zone Reasi

Speaking to the gathering of young students, Sharma emphasized the importance of sports in empowering young girls, stating, "Sports play a crucial role in transforming young girls into confident and strong women, instilling in them discipline, leadership, and a spirit of resilience.

This event held under the overall supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer Asha Devi. Final Results: Kho-Kho: Heritage Public School beat Government High School Bhaga. Kabaddi: GMS Kun Sarhi beat GHS Kambal Danga by four points. Tug of War: Gurukul HSS bt MS Arli 2-1. Volleyball: HS Kambal Danga bt GMS Kayala 2-1.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS Reasi, Deepak Sharma graced JAMMU: Part of the annual the occasion as chief guest.

calendar, Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised girls under-14 sports meet of Zone Reasi at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, here Wednesday. The competition held in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Tug of War. Principal of BHSS

JU lays foundation stone for Sewerage Treatment Plant

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JAMMU: Marking a major leap toward environmental sustainability and campus infrastructure enhancement, the University of Jammu today laid the Foundation Stone for a state-of-the-art Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) on its campus.

The ceremony was graced by Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, who attended as the Chief Guest, and Sukhleen Kour, Director Planning, Education Department, as the Guest of Honour.

The Bhumi Pujan and foundation stone-laying were jointly performed by Prof. Rohmetra, Kour, Prof. Sangita Gupta, Planning Development, and Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, University of Jammu.

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, expressed her appreciation to Higher Education Department for acceding to the University's request. "Sewage treatment is not just a structural necessity but an environmental imperative. This project is



ty at the University," she remarked.

Congratulating Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai for his visionary leadership, she emphasized that the tangible infrastructure being developed will yield intangible benefits, particularly for the University stakeholders who will directly benefit from improved waste

management practices. "This initiative is not merely a construction project; it is a reflection of the University's commitment to green practices, sustainable growth, and environmental responsibility."

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nection in governance sys-

Ajeet Kumar, Additional

Central PF Commissioner

Satvarthi at the Jaipur

venue. The program was

chaired by Central PF

felicitated

Ramesh

(Rajasthan),

important step. "The project is being funded by the Higher Education Department with an allocation of approximately Rs. 7 crore. We are committed to ensuring its timely completion and will continue to support such visionary efforts for sustainable campus development," she stated. She further emphasized that the STP is not merely about regulatory compliance, but a necessity for public

Prof. Rohmetra also acknowl-

edged the significant contribu-

tion of the outgoing Dean

Planning and Development

Prof Meena Sharma during

whose tenure the project was

Sukhleen Kour, Director

Planning, Higher Education

Department, commended the

University for taking this

originally conceived

In her welcome address, Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Planning and Development, emphasized that the STP is in perfect alignment with the University's broader vision of fostering a green, self-reliant, resource-efficient campus.

health, resource optimization,

and academic enrichment.

She appreciated the visionary leadership of the dynamic Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, whose consistent efforts have led to an infrastructure boom in the University. It is under his stewardship that the University is scaling new heights, most recently reflected in his leadership during the University's successful pursuit of an A++ accreditation by NAAC. She also acknowledged the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders particularly development wing in bringing the project to fruition

A technical overview of the project was presented by Dr. Muzamil from NIT Srinagar who carried out the technical vetting. The STP will employ advanced Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor (MBBR) technology with a treatment capacity of 500 kilolitres per day (KLD), capable of removing over 85% of biological waste. The treated water will be reused for irrigation and horticulture on the campus, reducing dependency on fresh water and minimizing environmental discharge. Dr. Muzamil also offered complimentary consultation support

for the project. A formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, University of Jammu, who acknowledged the collective efforts of facult technical experts, administrative staff, and students in furthering the University's green and sustainable campus agen-

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Shashi Prabha.

Among others present were Prof. Pankaj K. Shrivastava, Director CDOE, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Shashi Manhas, Provost Hostels, Prof. Piyush Malviya, Prof. Deepika Salathia, Dr. Vijay Saigal, Dr. Raj Kumar, Irfan Goni, Pankaj Gupta, and faculty, officers, members of the Officers' Union, JUTA, non-teaching and nongazetted staff, and students.

Rohi Wahid qualifies Ph D

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Wahid, daughter of Abdul Wahid Zargar and wife of Athar Amin Zargar (JKAS) has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of



Regional Studies (Social Sciences) University Jammu. She worked on the topic "Sino-Pakistan Relations in the Post Cold War Era: Implications for India's Security" under the supervi-

sion of Dr Suneel Kumar.

gory employees posted in the

CEO Ashok Kumar Raina

attentively listened to the

issues and assured the delegation that all genuine con-

cerns would be addressed on

The AJBRCEAK delega-

3rd Contact Session of Sector Connect Training

Program on FEPOH concludes **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Third Contact Session of the Sector Connect Training Program on Field Epidemiology in One Health (FEPOH) concluded successfully in Jammu on Wednesday.

In this final contact session, district teams from across the Jammu division presented their field assignments, showcasing practical applications of the One Health approach and highlighting key observations, challenges, and solutions from their respective sectors. The event also featured cross-sectoral talks that enriched interdepartmental understanding and emphasized collaborative disease surveillance and response strategies.

The event brought together experts from the Health, Animal Husbandry, Wildlife, and Food Safety departments, marking the culmination of a significant phase in building cross-sectoral capacity for integrated public health response.

Organized in collaboration with State Surveillance Unit of the Directorate of Health Services Jammu, the program, a collaborative initiative of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), sought to fortify integrated public health response through the transformative One Health approach. The training aimed to further enhance the ability of field-level professionals to address complex public health challenges at the human-animal-environment interface.

The valedictory session was attended by Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services Jammu; Dr. Poonam Sethi, Deputy Director Schemes; Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Deputy Director Kumar, Principal Advisor, NCDC New

The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Surveillance Officer Jammu, who extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries, mentors, and participants. He appreciated the commitment of all departments involved and highlighted the relevance of continued inter-sectoral coordination in preventing and controlling zoonotic and other emerging public health threats.

The Director Health Services Jammu, in his address, commended the sustained efforts of the organizing team and the active participation from all sectors. He emphasized the importance of strengthening district-level surveillance systems

Principal Advisor NCDC Dr. Anil Kumar commended the efforts of the Directorate and the participants for their enthusiasm and active field engagement. He emphasized that One Health is

Bhalla listens to public grievances

in Nai Basti area

that the Party would extend

all possible support to

Residents expressed grati-

tude for Bhalla's visit and his

willingness to listen to their

The interaction instilled

hope among the residents

that their issues would be

addressed in a timely and

Bhalla urged Govt to

address all public issues in a

Each exhibit represented

hours of dedicated research,

collaborative teamwork, and

effective manner.

address their grievances.

threats. He encouraged participants to take the knowledge and collaboration fostered during the training into their fieldwork and policymaking to build a resilient and responsive health infra-Later, certificates of participation were

acknowledging their dedication and active engagement throughout the training program. The Sector Connect program has played a vital role in fostering a culture of collaboration among Health, Animal Husbandry, Food Safety, and Wildlife

awarded to all trainees and mentors.

departments, thereby laying a strong foundation for integrated public health action in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The State Surveillance Unit, Jammu extends heartfelt appreciation to all stakeholders, resource persons, and par-

ticipants for their commitment to advancing the One Health agenda, and Dentistry; Madan Lal Magotra, Deputy not a concept but a necessity, especially Commissioner Food Safety and Dr. Anil in the face of growing global health resilient and responsive health systems. Kailash Satyarthi delivers keynote address at EPFO's

RGDE Series on Compassionate Governance STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi delivered the keynote address Re-imagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RDGE)series organised by PDUNASS, the premier training academy of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

The session was attended virtually by EPFO officers and officials from across the country.

Re-imagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RDGE)initiative was born on "Good Governance Day-25th December" in 2023 and has blossomed into one of its kind platforms in the Country for insightful discussions that fuel out pursuit of enhanced trust and true excellence in public governance. This was the seventeenth consecutive edition of RGDE series. APS Miran Sahib hosts Hub of Learning Brainiacs Bonanza activity



Speaking from Bal Ashram in Jaipur, Satyarthi emphasized the critical role of compassionate governance in public administration. He stated that governance rooted in empathy, deep listening, and a sense of moral accountability is essential for building responsible and effective institutions. He expressed concern that modern society is losing its moral compass and called for a renewal of

Commissioner Krishnamoorthy, presided over by PDUNASS Director Shri Kumar Rohit, and moderated by Uttam Prakash, RPFC-I. In his concluding remarks,

Central Commissioner urged all EPFO officials to implement at least one decision in their work that embodies the values of compassion ? an actionable take away from this deeply engaging session. The RGDE series contin-

ues to promote thought leadership, value-based administration, and capacity building within EPFO.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph D) in Strategic and



AJBRCEAK discusses issues with CEO Baramulla

Baramulla District.

a priority basis.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working

President Raman Bhalla on

Wednesday interacted with

residents of Nai Basti area.

listening to their grievances

During the interaction,

Bhalla assured the public of

all support and care, empha-

sizing the party's commit-

ment to addressing their

Bhalla assured the public

and concerns

JAMMU: APS Miran Sahib hosted Hub of Learning Brainiacs Bonanza, a vibrant celebration of curiosity, creativity, and scientific inquiry on Wednesday at the school auditorium.

much-anticipated event highlighted the intellectual brilliance and innovative spirit of our young schol-

The exhibition showcased a diverse array of meticulously crafted projects on the theme Innovative Solutions for



Jammu

time-bound manner, fulfilling

the aspirations of the people

and catering to the senti-

ments of all sections of socie-

He demanded Govt to

ensure affordable electricity

for all citizens, providing

consistent and reliable access

to clean water besides

addressing the needs of the

public by ensuring the avail-

ability of other essential serv-

knowledge. Various schools

like APS Sunjuwan , APS

Cantt

Kaluchak , APS Miran Sahib and Jammu Sanskriti School participated in the event. Young scientists from the above schools were mentored by their science teachers.

The exhibition encouraged critical thinking and practical application of classroom learning . "We aim to cultivate not just knowledge, but a scientific temperament that will empower our students to contribute meaningfully to society," stated Ritu Sharma, Principal, APS Miran Sahib.

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JAMMU: A delegation of the All Jammu Based Reserved **Employees** Category Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK), led by the President Anil Radha, welcomed the newly appointed Chief Education Officer (CEO) of Baramulla, Ashok Kumar Raina. The delegation also extended their greetings to Section Officer Mohammad Ramzan.

The welcome meeting was marked by the presence of prominent executive mem-

AJBRCEAK delegation meeting with CEO Baramulla, Ashok Kumar Raina.

bers of AJBRCEAK, including Suresh Kumar, Ram Krishan, Ajeet, Ranjeet, Ajay Kumar, Rajinder, Kewal and other active members

During the interaction, the delegation highlighted the key grievances and pressing concerns faced by the Jammu-based reserved catetion expressed full support and looked forward to continued dialogue and cooperation under the leadership of CEO Raina for the welfare of all Jammu-based reserved category employees in the region.