

SP South interacts with interns from SIIEDC; convenes joint meeting with SHOs, MASIs/MHCs and CCTNS Operators



SP South Ajay Sharma interacting with interns from SIIEDC.

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JAMMU: In a progressive move to promote academic collaboration and hands-on learning, SP South Ajay Sharma, on the directions of SSP Jammu Joginder Singh

took the initiative to coordinate with the Skill Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC), University of Jammu, and successfully facilitated an internship programme for universi-

ty students. This collaboration aims to provide practical exposure to students by engaging them in structured, police-related tasks.

SP South on Monday interacted with the interns.

During the interaction, SP South briefed the interns on the structure and functioning of Police and encouraged them to actively participate in the learning process.

It was emphasized that the interns will primarily be engaged in data interpretation-related tasks, documen-

tation, record analysis, crime pattern interpretation, and CCTNS-related functions.

Subsequently, SP South convened a joint meeting with SDPOs, SHOs, MHCs, and CCTNS Operators of the South Zone along with interns. During the meeting, clear directions were issued to ensure that the internship programme is professionally handled. All SHOs were instructed to extend full cooperation, assign meaningful tasks, and monitor the progress of interns.

This initiative reflects Jammu Police South Zone's openness to innovation, and youth engagement by offering students a structured platform to understand real-world policing, particularly in the domain of data-driven administration and digital policing tools.

Three-day Yoga Camp concludes at JK Montessorie School



BVP Adi Shankracharya Branch members with school faculty at a programme.

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JAMMU: A three-day Yoga Camp was successfully concluded at JK Montessorie School, organized by the BVP Adi Shankracharya Branch in collaboration with Bhartiya Yog Sansthan Jammu. The event aimed to promote holistic health and well-being through the ancient discipline of yoga.

The camp was held in the presence of BVP State President Sunita Gupta,

Regional Secretary (Sewa) Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Smt. Sunny Gupta (President, Adi Shankracharya Branch), Smt. Rajni Gupta, Smt. Rani Sharma, and other dignitaries and members.

Expert instructors from Bhartiya Yog Sansthan guided participants through a variety of yoga asanas, pranayama techniques, and meditation sessions. These practices were emphasized for

their benefits in improving physical health, mental clarity, and emotional balance.

The initiative focused on the mission of "Yoga in every home," encouraging attendees to incorporate yoga into their daily lives for a healthier and more harmonious lifestyle. The mantra "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" - "May all be happy and healthy" - echoed throughout the sessions, reinforcing the message of universal well-being.

Foundation Day of ancient Raja Mal Dev Temple, Kali Jani, Jammu celebrated



Devotees visiting Ancient Raja Mal Dev Temple, Kali Jani.

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JAMMU: The Foundation Day of the Ancient Raja Mal Dev Temple, Kali Jani, Jammu, was celebrated today with traditional fervor, deep devotion, and enthusiastic community participation.

The day began with a sacred Havan at 7:00 AM, invoking divine blessings for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of all. This was followed by a

spiritually uplifting Kirtan session at 11:00 AM, during which devotees engaged in devotional singing and hymns, creating an atmosphere of devotion and unity. The celebrations culminated in a Bhandara (community feast) at 12:00 noon, which was open to all attendees, symbolizing communal harmony and shared faith. The Management Committee of

the Temple expressed heartfelt gratitude to the devotees and local residents for their continued support and participation.

They cordially invited all members of the community to continue engaging with the temple's spiritual activities and to seek the divine blessings of Raja Mal Dev Ji.

Prominent citizens and Committee members were present on this auspicious occasion, including Satish Tandon, Raman Tak, Sonu Kumar, Arun Jangotra, and Sachin Kumar, among others. Their presence added to the sanctity and communal spirit of the celebrations. The Foundation Day served not only as a religious observance but also as a celebration of the region's rich cultural heritage and the enduring spiritual significance of the Ancient Raja Mal Dev Temple.

RBI Jammu organises sensitisation programme for Police, POs on NBFCs, cyber frauds

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JAMMU: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Department of Supervision (DoS), Jammu Regional Office, in collaboration with the Crime Branch, Jammu & Kashmir, organised a Sensitisation Programme for Police and Prosecuting Officers of Jammu Division at the Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, here.

Dr. Sunil Gupta, IG, Crime Branch, J&K, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the programme.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Ram Sarup, Deputy General Manager, RBI; Laeeq Ahmed Dar,



IG Crime Branch J&K, Dr. Sunil Gupta speaking at a programme.

Joint Director, Prosecution; Villy Kaul, Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs; and Sudesh Kumari, Assistant General Manager, DoS, RBI, along with other senior officials from the Police and DoS, RBI. The programme aimed at enhancing aware-

ness and understanding among enforcement officers on the functioning of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), the growing threat of cyber-enabled financial frauds, and applicable legal provisions.

It also covered topics such as the modus operandi of financial frauds, salient features of Indian Currency Notes, detection of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), SEBI's role in Safeguarding investors in tackling new age frauds, New Criminal Laws and the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes (BUDS) Act, 2019, including its implementation in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The programme witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 140 officers from Jammu Zone, Crime Branch, CID

Jammu & the Prosecution Department. The sessions were highly interactive, with participants discussing challenges faced in investigating financial frauds. The speakers addressed these issues comprehensively, offering regulatory and legal insights.

The programme concluded with a valedictory lecture by AGM, DoS, RBI. The event reinforced the need for continuous collaboration between financial regulators and law enforcement to effectively combat financial frauds and safeguard public interest.

BJP has brought social justice to the forefront of national policy: Sat Sharma

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JAMMU: Vaibhav Ruckwal, National Secretary of All India Backward Classes Union and former spokesperson of the Indian Youth Congress from Reasi, formally joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) along with hundreds of his supporters. He was accompanied by Nitin Mukesh, State Vice-President of the All India Backward Classes Union, and social activists Sparsh Sawhney and Sunil Dogra.



BJP leaders welcoming newly joined members at Jammu on Monday.

headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The joining was facilitated by District Reasi BJP President Rohit Dubey. Welcoming the new entrants, Sat Sharma said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is the most trusted political party who truly serves the nation and the society.

"We welcome Vaibhav Ruckwal and his entire team into our family with open arms. His commitment to the

welfare of the backward classes and his deep connect with the grassroots will immensely benefit our organization", said Sat Sharma.

Sharma said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP has brought social justice to the forefront of national policy. Whether it is through reservations, economic upliftment, or focused schemes for OBCs and marginalized communities, the

party has consistently delivered on its promises.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the gathering, remarked that BJP welcomes Vaibhav and all his associates into the BJP family. Their experience in social and political spheres will add value to our ongoing efforts to reach the grassroots and uplift the under-represented communities. The BJP remains dedicated to working for the last person in the queue.

Rohit Dubey, on the occasion, said that the significant expansion of the BJP's support base in the Reasi region, particularly among backward classes and youth circles, reaffirms the party's mass connect and inclusive approach.

Expressing his views after joining the BJP, Vaibhav Ruckwal said that the BJP is the only party that has taken concrete steps for the upliftment of the backward classes and deprived sections of society. I have full faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the working of the BJP in Jammu & Kashmir. We are committed to working shoulder to shoulder with the party to ensure inclusive development in Jammu & Kashmir.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Mohan Lal Bhagat, Rakesh Mahajan, and Baldev Singh Billawaria.

Retired Accounts Personnel Welfare Forum extends support to Nationwide Pensioners' protest on June 23

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JAMMU: The Retired Accounts Personnel Welfare Forum (Jammu & Kashmir Accounts ICON Group) has officially extended its full support to the nationwide protest call given by the All India State Pensioners Federation (AISPF) scheduled for June 23, 2025.

The protest aims to raise concerns over the alleged exclusion of retired employees from the benefits of the upcoming 8th Pay Commission.

In a statement issued with the approval of Forum President M.S. Zahid, the organization expressed deep concern over reports emerging from media and credible sources indicating that the Government of India may consider leaving out retired government employees from the scope of the 8th Pay

Commission. "It is an admitted fact that we have retired from service, but not from the struggle," the Forum stated. "We remain active, aware, and committed to safeguarding the rights of senior citizens and pensioners across the country. We are ready to make any sacrifice for our just cause through democratic and peaceful means."

The Forum described the recent passing of the Finance Bill in the current Parliament as a "serious concern" for the pensioner community and emphasized the urgent need for unified action.

An extraordinary core group meeting of the Forum was held to deliberate the issue, where it was unanimously resolved to participate in the nationwide campaign. As per AISPF's program, pensioners across India will submit memorandums to

the Prime Minister of India through respective Deputy Commissioners on June 23, urging the government to safeguard their rightful interests under the 8th Pay Commission.

In line with this, the Jammu and Kashmir Retired Accounts Personnel Welfare Forum will be submitting a formal memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar on the designated date.

The Forum called upon all retired accounts personnel in the region to unite and participate in the movement to ensure their voices are heard at the highest levels of government.

AHD launches 6th round of FMD vaccination

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JAMMU: Director Animal Husbandry Department Jammu Dr. Parvinder Singh on Monday launched the 6th round of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination under the National Animal Diseases Control Programme.

The launch was marked by flagging off the vaccination teams here from the Directorate of Animal Husbandry Complex Talab Tillo. The Director informed that National Animal Disease Control Programme for FMD is a central sector scheme where 100 percent funds are provided by the Central govt. to the States/UTs.

The programme envisages 100% vaccination of susceptible cattle and buffalo population in order to achieve the control and subsequent eradication of this disease.

He further said that FMD is a highly contagious viral disease found in animals such as cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats which leads to massive reduction in milk yield, decreased growth rate, infertility and reduced working capacity in bullocks.

Prpl Secy Culture inaugurates Writers' Reading-cum-Interaction space facility at Writers Club



Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma inaugurating Writers' Reading cum Interaction space.

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JAMMU: Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, J&K, on Monday inaugurated the Writers' Reading cum Interaction space facility at the Writers Club, Jammu. The event was organised J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and witnessed the presence of several eminent writers and intellectuals from the Jammu region.

Harvinder Kaur, Secretary, Academy, Sonali Arun Gupta, Additional Secretary, Dr. JavaidRahi, Divisional Head, JKAACL Jammu, Padma Shri Prof. Lalit

Mangotra, and noted art historian Dr. Lalit Gupta were in the presidium. In his address, Brij Mohan Sharma, stated that the new reading-cum Interaction space facility will serve as a vital hub for writers, thinkers, and intellectuals of the region.

He urged the literary community to actively use the space to enhance their literary and cultural pursuits. Sharma further informed that Abhinav Theatre will soon be equipped with a centralized air-conditioning system, and Kala Kendra Jammu will also have air-conditioned galleries to enhance the visitor experience. He also

invited meaningful suggestions from writers and artists to improve the functioning of various cultural institutions under the Department of Culture.

Welcoming the guests, Harvinder Kaur highlighted that the main objective of the newly inaugurated facility is to provide a dedicated space for writers of the Jammu to engage in discussions and explore emerging literary trends.

The interactive session with the Principal Secretary saw the participation and suggestions from prominent literary personalities including Prof. Lalit Mangotra, Inderjeet Kesar, Lalit Gupta, Ashok Kumar, Nirmal Vinod, Aruna Sharma, Shyam Bihari, Swarn Mala, Prof. Raj Kumar, Sheikh Mohammad Kalyan, Sunita Barhwal, Sanjeev Bhasin, Sanjay Sharma, Vijay Verma, Baljeet Singh Raina, Deepak Kumar, Harjeet Singh Uppal and others.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sonali Arun Gupta on behalf of JKAACL.

Capacity Building Programme of FPOs in J&K commences at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: A five days "Capacity Building Programme for Chief Executive Officers and Chairman/Board of Directors of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) across J&K" commenced at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu on Monday.

The programme is jointly organized by SKUAST, Jammu and Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu in collaboration with MANAGE-Hyderabad in the Division of Agricultural Extension Education, Faculty of Agriculture, Chatha from 16-20, June 2025. The capacity building programme has been organized under HADP-20 project entitled "Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalizing Agriculture in Jammu & Kashmir".

Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST, Jammu and Dr. K. C. Gummagolmath, Director Monitoring & Evaluation, MANAGE, Hyderabad were guest of honour on the occa-



Officers at Capacity Building Programme of FPOs in J&K at SKUAST-J.

sion. Dr. A. S. Reen, Director Agriculture, Jammu was guest of honour and Urmil Lata, Deputy General Manager, NABARD, Jammu was special guest on the occasion. Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST, Jammu stressed upon evaluation of capacity building programmes of FPOs for identifying the potential strengths and weakness for planning futuristic training programmes. He also emphasized on establishing synergy among members of FPOs, development departments, agricultural universities and other stakeholders for the achievement of objectives of FPOs. Dr. K. C. Gummagolmath, Director Monitoring & Evaluation, Manage, Hyderabad said that the capacity building pro-

gramme has been meticulously planned to strengthen the organizational, financial and managerial capabilities of CEOs and BODs in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure sustainable agriculture growth, increased farmers' income and effective functioning of FPOs. Dr. A. S. Reen, Director Agriculture, Jammu in his address highlighted the role of FPOs in building socio-economic resilience of farmers in agriculture eco-system. He further said that FPOs are instrumental in creating enhanced market access and bargaining power of the farmers. He reiterated that FPOs are playing a crucial role in improving input supply, reduced cost, value addition, diversification as well as access to finance and technology.

At the outset, Prof. Vinod

Gupta, Professor & Head Division of Agricultural Extension Education and PI of the project formally welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. He highlighted the importance of this training programme with reforms to farming community. He also stated that capacity building of CEOs and BODs will definitely help the FPO members to focus on their business activities.

Urmil Lata, Deputy General Manager, NABARD, Jammu stressed upon the active participation of the farmers in FPOs for their socio-economic development. She also emphasized the farmers to take advantages of demand driven welfare schemes of the government.

During the training programme, experienced faculty and resource persons from MANAGE, Hyderabad will provide training to the participants.

The training programme was attended by 35 CEOs and BODs of FPOs across J&K.

The inaugural function was attended by Prof. P. S. Sathia, Prof. Poonam Parihar, staff members and project staff. Vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Jasbir Singh Manhas.