

## IIM Jammu inaugurates MDP on "Generative AI Fundamentals for Leaders"

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu inaugurated a three-day Management Development Program titled "Generative AI Fundamentals for Leaders" from 18th to 20th June 2025, under the aegis of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Held at the Vedanta MDP Centre, IIM Jammu, the program aims to equip officials with critical insights into Generative AI and its transformative role in leadership, governance, and decision-making. The inaugural session was graced online by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with a lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a welcome address.

Present on the occasion were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Faculty and Research; Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics; Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C); and Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, EE&C, IIM Jammu.

The training program witnessed participation from 30 participants representing



Dignitaries with participants of three-day Management Development Program titled "Generative AI Fundamentals for Leaders" at IIM Jammu.

various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) across India.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, addressed the participants virtually, emphasizing the importance of AI literacy for senior government officials in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

He highlighted that as India moves towards becoming a digitally empowered knowledge economy, public enterprises must leverage AI to enhance governance, operational efficiency, and citizen-centric service delivery.

He encouraged participants to make the most of the three-day training program through active engagement and peer learning. He reaffirmed IIM Jammu's commitment to delivering cutting-edge, policy-relevant education to meet today's challenges.

He also welcomed attendees to experience the aca-

democratic vibrancy of Jammu to three Institutes of National Importance, AIIMS Jammu, IIM Jammu and IIT Jammu and seek blessings at the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

Kranti Kumar, Assistant Director, Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, Government of India highlighted the department's continued efforts in strengthening capacity-building initiatives for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

He noted that this training aligns with DPE's broader vision to prepare public sector leaders for digital transformation and innovation.

He urged participants to derive maximum benefit from the sessions and apply the knowledge to drive change within their organizations.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty & Research, IIM Jammu, emphasized the

transformative potential of AI in public sector leadership and the need to stay ahead in the digital curve.

He noted that the training program offers a timely platform for immersive learning, collaboration, and practical insights, while also encouraging participants to explore the region's academic, cultural, and spiritual richness.

Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu underlined India's national mission on AI and IIM Jammu's contribution through capacity-building initiatives in frontier technologies.

He emphasized the need to bridge knowledge gaps between academia and government by applying AI use cases across sectors for efficient public service delivery.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, EE&C, IIM Jammu, highlighted the Institute's Executive Education and Consultancy

efforts and the transformative potential of AI.

He encouraged participants to fully utilize the program for personal and professional growth, viewing it as a valuable steppingstone toward future success.

Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, EE&C, IIM Jammu, welcomed participants and emphasized the role of Generative AI in enabling evidence-based governance and policy formulation.

He introduced the concept of prompt engineering and encouraged active participation in group activities and assignments to maximize learning outcomes.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, EE&C, IIM Jammu. The event culminated with the National Anthem.

A guided tour of IIM Jammu's state-of-the-art campus infrastructure was also organized prior to the inaugural ceremony.

The program, conducted under the Executive Education and Consultancy wing of IIM Jammu, features interactive sessions designed to foster practical insights, peer learning, and real-world applications of Generative AI in governance.

## Sat, Koul release Balbir's poem on '11 Saal Bemisaal'



J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, General Secy (Org) Ashok Koul releasing a Hindi poem titled "11 Saal Bemisaal", penned by BJP Spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President Sat Sharma and State General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, released a Hindi poem titled "11 Saal Bemisaal", penned by BJP Spokesperson and former Vice Chairman Balbir Ram Rattan.

Several senior BJP leaders including Purnima Sharma, Surinder Ambarar, Rakesh Mahajan, Parmod Kapahi, Rajesh Gupta, and Ayodhya Gupta, were present on the occasion.

The poem presents a meaningful and emotional portrayal of the Narendra Modi government's eleven-year journey of development and nation-building. It highlights various landmark initiatives

such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission, Digital India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, and others.

The poet also emphasizes the government's achievements in rail, road, air connectivity, as well as in education, economic reforms, national security, peace, and progress.

Sat Sharma, on this occasion, said that the poem is a brilliant and vivid depiction of eleven years of dedicated public service under the Modi government. It captures the spirit of transformation that the country has witnessed and serves as a strong communication tool for the people, especially the youth.

Creative efforts like these from our party workers add immense value to our outreach.

Ashok Koul, in his remarks, said that the language, style, and emotion reflected in this poem connect deeply with the people. It instills a strong sense of pride and motivation in every BJP worker and inspires us to continue working for the welfare of the nation.

Balbir Ram Rattan shared that he was deeply inspired by the people-centric policies and public service vision of the Narendra Modi Government. This is not just a poem; it is the voice of the people, an emotional reflection of the country's journey toward positive change and progress, he said.

## Randhawa holds public darbar



MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: Vikram Randhawa, MLA from Bahu and a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, held a public darbar at the party headquarters in Trikuta Naga, Jammu.

The public outreach programme witnessed the participation of more than two dozen deputations from diverse localities including Rani Talab Digiana, Gangyal, Trikuta Nagar, Raghunath Bazar, Nanak Nagar, Nai Basti, Extension Ambedkar Nagar,

Dharmal Kalakote, Rajpara Mangotrian, Bhatindi, Sector-5 Nanak Nagar, Talab Tillo, Sector-1 Trikuta Nagar, Adarsh Enclave, KC Colony, among others. Several deputations highlighted the acute water shortage in specific areas, encroachment and overflow of nullahs needing demolition and regulation, as well as infrastructural issues such as upgrading of lanes and drains. Specific demands also came forward like allotment of public utility space opposite Vaishnavi Dham and cancella-

tion of official duty for a critically ill employee on humanitarian grounds. A representation also requested implementation of the Sports Policy to ensure the recruitment of outstanding sportspersons. Randhawa patiently listened to all deputations and assured that every issue raised would be taken up with the concerned departments at the earliest. He reiterated the BJP's vision of a participatory governance model where people's voices are heard and acted upon without delay. Randhawa said, "The BJP is deeply committed to the holistic development of J&K and solving the issues of the common man at the ground level. Our public darbars are a direct bridge between people and administration. Every issue brought to our notice today will be taken up with the concerned departments, and we will follow up until they are resolved."

Er. TK Sharma conducted the proceedings of the darbar.

## Journalism Deptt JU concludes 10-Day Internship Programme for media students

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JAMMU: The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu (JU), concluded a 10-day internship programme with a formal valedictory ceremony held on Wednesday.

The initiative, conducted in collaboration with Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, benefitted over 130 students.

Designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional exposure, the internship focused on equipping students with industry-relevant skills and insights.

Senior journalist Naveen Nawaaz emphasized the evolving landscape of the media industry. Highlighting the importance of hands-on training, he encouraged the students to develop professional competencies essential for success in journalism. Nawaaz also underlined the significance of continuous learning



Senior journalists with other dignitaries at a programme.

and research as pillars of effective media practice.

Veteran journalist Shamsher Singh Charak, while addressing the students, reflected on the ethical responsibilities of the media. "Journalism is not merely a channel of information; it is a moral commitment to society," he said. He urged the students to uphold integrity, objectivity, and truth in their future careers.

Welcoming the guests and participants, Prof. Garima

Gupta, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, said, "Our department remains committed to offering students a holistic education that transcends the boundaries of the classroom. This internship programme is a living testament to that commitment, inspired and supported by the dynamic vision of our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai."

She also expressed gratitude to Prof. Geetanjali Rana, Principal, PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, for her consistent collaboration and support in making the programme a resounding success.

The internship featured a series of interactive sessions with eminent professionals from various domains of media. Distinguished speakers included Neha Jalali, Director, Press Information Bureau; Anil Bhatt, Satnam Singh, Nishikant Khajuria, Sumit Chaturvedi, Roshan Kishore, Yogesh Manhas, Yogesh Avasthi, Dhananjay Kumar, and theatre expert Sumeet Sharma.

Sessions covered a wide range of topics such as news writing, investigative journalism, digital media strategies, and media ethics, offering students an immersive and comprehensive understanding of the profession.

Reflecting on their experiences, many students described the internship as

"transformative" and "empowering." One participant shared, "This programme has been an eye-opening experience. The exposure to real-world media practices and expert mentorship has boosted both my confidence and journalistic skills."

Delivering the formal vote of thanks, Prof. Dr. Dushyant Kumar Rai, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, remarked, "This internship has opened the doors of professional insight for our students. The enthusiasm of the learners and the generous engagement of our guest experts have together made this initiative a benchmark of experiential learning."

The event proceedings were conducted by Kumerjit Chajgotra, Faculty, Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

Also present were Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali and Dr. Ramiyan Bhardwaj, faculty members of the department.

## PDD engineers stage protest against Govt apathy on regularization, arbitrary post diversion

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JAMMU: Thousands of engineers of the Power Development Department (PDD) across Jammu and Kashmir, under the banner of the Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA), observed a mass one-day protest leave in Wednesday.

The move came after a 21-day ultimatum served to the government on May 26, 2025, demanding regularization of engineers and revocation of arbitrary diversion of cadre posts to JKSPDC, saw no tangible progress.

Massive protests were staged simultaneously at the Gladni Narwal Complex in Jammu and Bemina Complex in Srinagar. Engineers ranging from Chief Engineers to Junior Engineers, along with non-gazetted technical and clerical cadre unions, joined the protest in solidarity.

Addressing the gathering



JKEEGA leaders and workers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

in Jammu, Er. Sachin Tickoo, General Secretary of JKEEGA, and Peerzada Hidayatullah, President, in Srinagar, expressed deep resentment over the government's failure to regularize even a single engineer in the past four years. Despite a clear directive from the State Administrative Council (SAC) on October 22, 2019, which allowed for a one-time exemption from JKSPDC to expedite promotions within two months, the process remains incomplete to date.

The protest leaders pointed out that several senior engineers have retired in junior ranks like Assistant Engineer or Junior Engineer, leading to lower pension benefits and a sense of humiliation after decades of service.

Though the Establishment Committee had cleared the regularization proposal in January 2025 following earlier protests, the Minutes of Meeting (MoM) are yet to be issued, raising doubts about the government's intent.

JKEEGA leaders strongly condemned the government's "two-yardstick approach," highlighting how rules are relaxed for other departments, while Power Engineers continue to face neglect.

They also objected to the arbitrary diversion of 25 AE and 25 AEE posts from PDD to JKSPDC under Government Order No. 73-JKPDD of 2025, dated May 20, 2025. This move, they said, violates SO-927 of 2019 and SO-134 of 2020, which define PDD's cadre strength post-unbundling.

Engineers also raised alarms about severe staff shortages, with key vacancies including two Chief Engineers, four Executive Directors, nineteen Superintending Engineers, 72 Executive Engineers, 148 AEEs, and 436 JEs.

The vacuum at the top and middle levels has left important divisions and sub-divisions being run on additional charge basis, compromising service delivery to the public.

The JKEEGA members lamented that after exhausting all democratic means-meeting with the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, and senior officers-they had no choice but to observe protest leave. They reiterated their demand for immediate issuance of the Establishment MoM and withdrawal of the post diversion order.

Calling today's protest a token of their frustration, the engineers warned that if their genuine demands continue to be ignored, they may intensify the agitation in the coming days.

## SDRF J&K hosts interactive session with civil society members



Retd DGP J&K A.K Bhan and other dignitaries at an interactive session.

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JAMMU: An interaction with senior dignitaries, retired Police officers and prominent civil society members was organized on Wednesday at SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu under the guidance of Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K (ADGP) Alok Kumar.

At the outset, the senior dignitaries, retired Police officers and prominent civil society members were welcomed by DIG, HG/CD & SDRF Jammu Mohammad Arshad.

The DIG, HG/CD & SDRF Jammu gave a presentation, briefing the guests about steps taken to strengthen the Civil Defence set up, with a focus on recognizing the community as an important stakeholder; encouraging its involvement and reinforcing the bond between the District authorities and the civil society for a more effective role in dealing with any disaster

like situations. The dignitaries extended full support for strengthening Civil Defence and gave valuable suggestions which were incorporated for implementation.

Retd DGP J&K A. K Bhan also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the need to create mass awareness about the importance of readiness during any war like situation.

At the end, Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu Zahid Naseem Manhas presented the vote of thanks to all dignitaries and guests.

The key dignitaries present in the interaction were Retd Chief Justice of J&K & Ladakh High Court Justice Tashi Rabastan; Retd. Chief Secretary J&K B.R Sharma; Retd DGP J&K S.P Vaid and Bharti Vaid; Retd DGP A. K. Bhan; Retd. Member J&K PSC K. B. Jandial; Retd. Dy AG J&K Rameshwar Singh Janwal, besides the officers of the organization.

## Rotary Club Jammu Elite donates Rs 1.5 lakh for mini ambulance to Village Musachack

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JAMMU: The Rotary Club Jammu Elite, under the leadership of President Dr. Davinder Kour, has made a generous donation of Rs 1.5 lakh to the Panch of Village Musachack, aimed at providing a Mini Ambulance for the residents of the village. This noble initiative aims to improve healthcare accessibility in the rural area, making emergency medical services more reachable for villagers. The cheque was presented by the Rotary Club at the premises of



Rotary Club Jammu Elite President Dr. Davinder Kour donating Rs 1.5 lakh to Panch of Village Musachack.

Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Nanak Nagar, Jammu, where Panch Sukhdev Singh, along with S.

Gurmeet Singh and Lovely Singh, received the donation. The amount is part of a larger effort, with an

additional Rs 35,000 in cash contributions from members of the Rotary Club and the villagers themselves.

The villagers expressed deep gratitude for the club's support, highlighting the positive impact this project will have on their community. The donation reflects the Rotary Club Jammu Elite's ongoing commitment to social welfare and rural development, ensuring that essential services like healthcare reach even the most remote areas.

The club's members pres-

ent at the event included Rtn Suresh Bala\*\*, Secretary; Rtn Gurvinder Kour, Charter Member; Rtn Paramjeet Kour, Treasurer; Dr. Revika Arora\*\*, President-Elect; Advocate Jasmeet Kour, Secretary-Elect; Prof. Poonam, Vice President-Elect and Rtn Amarjeet Kour.

This collaboration between the Rotary Club and the village community is a testament to the power of collective action in driving meaningful change, particularly in underdeveloped areas.