

Research Centre inaugurated at MBS College of Engineering & Technology

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JAMMU: Government of India has launched National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in 2020. As a part of its implementation, All India Council of Technical Education New Delhi is encouraging the technical Institutions in India to undertake various research and innovation activities through the teaching faculty and students.

Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering & Technology (MBSCET), Jammu has taken the initiative by starting the Research & Consultancy Centre at its campus.

His Holiness Sriman Mahant Manjit Singh, the Sole Trustee, on Thursday inaugurated Research & Consultancy Centre.

The Chairman Gurnam Singh and the Advisor Lakhbir Singh Bawa wit-



His Holiness Sriman Mahant Manjit Singh inaugurating Research & Consultancy Centre at MBSCET.

nessed the event. Research & Consultancy Centre was planned under the guidance of newly joined Principal Dr. Nitin Ghawghave.

The Center Incharge Dr. Ajay Damral, Dean (Research & Consultancy) has given the shape to attain the objectives of Research

Centre.

Dr. Damral explained the various technologies to be undertaken for research and consultancy. Amongst the technologies to be developed, the research work on alternate renewable energy sources has been started, he said adding that the other

technologies based on which the Research work will shortly be started are, the concept of white coal, solar PV applications for small gadgets, house hold water treatment unit etc.

However, Dr. Damral said, this list is not restricted and it will be more exhaustive and more number of innovative solutions through research will be given to need based problems.

It is evident that MBS College of Engineering & Technology was established in 1999 and number of Engineers passed out from various disciplines are serving throughout the globe.

As the Institute offers B.Tech Programme in Computer Science & Engg, Civil Engg, Electrical Engg, Electronics & Communication Engg, Information Technology and Mechanical Engg, the stu-

dents will get exposure to learn the new age technology at this research center.

Also in order to nurture the novel ideas of young student innovators and converting them into start-ups, the MBSCET will take the initiative.

With the help of Research & Consultancy Centre, it is expected that number of research papers and patents will be published based on the technologies and innovations carried out at the Research & Consultancy Centre.

The Center will not provide the innovation insight to researchers but also extend the services to industries and community.

Hardip Singh Gill Dean (Students Welfare), Prof. Ishpal Singh, Prof. Gupta took the pains to make the Center establish. Faculty and staff of the MBSCET were present at the occasion.

JKAP-8th Bn observes International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



SSP Commandant JKAP-8th Bn, Suram Singh administering a pledge.

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JAMMU: To mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a special awareness programme was organized on Thursday by JKAP-8th Battalion Miran Sahib Jammu with the aim to raise public awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of a drug-free society under over supervision of Suram Singh (SSP)

Commandant JKAP-8th Bn.

Suram Singh highlighted the psychological, social, and legal consequences of drug abuse, and emphasized the need for community-based approaches for prevention and rehabilitation.

Commandant urged the youth to stay away from drugs and choose healthy lifestyles. He also stressed the importance of collective efforts to combat drug trafficking and

addiction through education, enforcement and support systems.

The event concluded with the taking of a drug-free pledge by all participants, reaffirming their commitment to build a healthier and safer society.

Among others Javid Ahmad-Insp: Mudaser Ahmad-PA, Hans Raj Lines officer, Ajaz Altaf- BHM and other officers and officials attended the event.

AM Hyundai extends welcome to Jong Tae Park, Executive Director HMIL



Jong Tae Park, Executive Director of HMIL visiting AM Hyundai showroom.

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JAMMU: AM Hyundai, one of the most trusted names in Hyundai dealership network, welcomed Jong Tae Park, Executive Director of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), during his official visit to the AM Hyundai showroom.

The event was graced by Jong Tae Park, Y.B. Hwang, Zonal Business Coordinator, and Rupesh Kapoor, Vertical Head - Business Planning of

Hyundai Motor India.

This special visit reinforces Hyundai's strong association with its dealer network and highlights the brand's commitment to delivering excellence at every customer touchpoint.

The presence of senior leadership from Hyundai Motor India was a moment of pride and recognition for AM Hyundai.

The event was led by the leadership of the AM Group, including Chairman

Jatinder Gupta, Managing Director Sanjay Mahajan, and Directors Ankur Mahajan, Akshay Mahajan, Aryan Mahajan, Sahira Mahajan, and Sharmila Mahajan, who extended welcome to the Hyundai Motor India delegation.

During the visit, Park and his team engaged in meaningful interactions with the leadership and staff, appreciated the dealership's achievements in sales, service excellence, and cus-

tomter satisfaction, and discussed future growth plans for the region. Their encouraging words further energised the team to continue setting benchmarks in the automobile retail experience.

Ankur Mahajan, Director of AM Hyundai, shared, "It was an absolute privilege to host Jong Tae Park and the senior leadership of Hyundai Motor India. Their visit is a tremendous motivation for all of us at AM Hyundai to stay aligned with Hyundai's vision of innovation, sustainability, and progress for humanity."

AM Hyundai remains committed to offering best-in-class automotive experiences, upholding Hyundai's core values of quality, trust, and customer delight.

EJAC-R holds meeting on core issues of daily wagers, ASHA, Anganwadi Workers



EJAC-R chairman Babu Hussain Malik chairing a meeting.

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SRINAGAR: A high-level meeting of the Employees Joint Action Committee - R (EJAC-R) was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Babu Hussain Malik, with Muzafer Nabi, General Secretary EJAC-R, co-chairing the session.

The meeting brought together a broad spectrum of employee representatives and trade union leaders to deliberate on the pressing issues faced by daily wagers

and frontline workers in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly ASHA and Anganwadi workers.

Prominent participants included Hilal Ahmad Khan (Sr. Vice President EJAC-R), Mohd Sultan Mir (President All J&K Clerical Association), Sajad Geelani (President, Clerical Association SHD), Shaheena (President, Anganwadi Workers Association), Fehmeeda Najar (General Secretary,

Anganwadi Workers Association), Rizwan (General Secretary), Javed Intikhab (President, Information Department), and Kausar Jan (Secretary, Anganwadi Workers Association).

Muzafer Ahmad Ganeji, General Secretary of the Trade Union Coordination Committee (TUCC), was the special guest and pledged full support to the cause of daily wagers, assuring cooperation in all future initia-

tives. The meeting unanimously resolved several key demands including framing of a comprehensive regularisation policy for all categories of daily wagers, immediate enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act, clearance of pending GP Fund, Leave Salary, Commutation, and Gratuity claims, release of 2% House Rent Allowance (HRA) for eligible employees, rectification of long-standing pay anomalies in the clerical cadre, and online registration of left-out daily wagers, particularly in the PHE and Agriculture Departments.

The house further resolved to hold a mega conference next month, jointly organised by EJAC-R and TUCC, to amplify these demands and ensure workers' voices are heard by the authorities.

IGP Jammu flags off Drug Awareness vehicle



IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti flagging off Drug Awareness Vehicle.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a Drug Awareness Vehicle was flagged off on Thursday by IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti.

The initiative, led by Jammu Police and district administration, aims to combat drug abuse through widespread public awareness campaigns across the region.

The vehicle will tour city and rural areas, educating people about the dangers of drug addiction, legal consequences, and available rehabilitation services.

Interactive sessions, pamphlets, and digital displays will be used to engage communities, with a focus on youth prevention. IGP Jammu emphasized the need for a united effort between law enforcement and citizens to eradicate the drug menace.

DIG Jammu stressed the importance of community involvement, while SSP Jammu called for parents and teachers to stay vigilant. ADC Jammu reaffirmed the administration's commitment to expanding de-addiction centers and counseling programs.

The campaign aligns with the national mission for a drug-free India, promoting healthy lifestyles and alternative activities like sports and arts to deter substance abuse.

DIG Armed, Vinod Kumar; DIG JKS Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma; SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh; ADC Jammu, Ansuuya Jamwal; SSP ANTF JK, Mohd Anwar-ul-Haq; SP Hqrs, Irshad Rather and SP Ops Jammu, Kameshwar Puri, were also present on the occasion.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, chaired a meeting on Thursday to assess the functioning of the Labour Department in the district, with a strong focus on the implementation of labour laws, formal registration of workers and employers and the extension of welfare benefits to the unorganised workforce.

The meeting was attended by Sub Divisional Magistrates, Additional Commissioner Revenue Dr Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Danish Rasool, Assistant Labour Commissioner Jammu Rupali Jasrotia, Labour Officer Shivika Sharma and concerned officials from other departments.

Deputy Commissioner



Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

underlined the vital role of the Labour Department in protecting the rights of workers and ensuring that legislative measures aimed at improving working conditions, safety standards and social security are fully enforced. He reiterated the administration's commitment to the welfare of both organised and unorganised workers, calling for strict compliance with provisions under the Contract Labour Act, Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, Shops & Establishments Act, and the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act.

The DC stressed the need for the timely registration of all employers and contractors operating within the district to ensure that eligible workers are covered under various welfare schemes. He instructed that all labourers, especially those engaged in the construction and unorganised sectors, must be registered under platforms such as the e Shram portal, enabling them to access government-backed benefits like health insurance, accident cover, educational support for their children, and pension schemes. He noted that formalising such registrations would serve as a cornerstone in bring-

ing thousands of informal workers under the social security net.

Further, the Deputy Commissioner directed SDMs to utilise their magisterial powers effectively to ensure better enforcement of labour laws, streamline the registration process, and improve the collection of cess under the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act.

He also emphasized that the children of registered workers should not be deprived of educational opportunities, and instructed the concerned to coordinate with the Education and Social Welfare

Departments to ensure holistic support to beneficiary families.

The meeting also reviewed current data on worker registrations, welfare scheme disbursements, and compliance levels across various establishments. The DC commended the Labour Department for its outreach efforts, including awareness drives and coordination with industry stakeholders, and stressed the need to further expand coverage through digital platforms and field-level verification.

Concluding the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reaffirmed the administration's resolve to build a transparent and worker-friendly labour ecosystem in the district. He called upon all officers to act with sensitivity and urgency to uplift the labour force, ensuring that no eligible worker is left behind.

Police attaches drug peddler's property worth Rs 50 lakh in Udhampur

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday attached moveable and immovable property of an alleged drug peddler worth over Rs 50 lakh in Udhampur district, an official said.

The property of Sanjay Kumar alias 'Sanju Bawa', a resident of Upper Hartiyan, has been attached under Section 68-F of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in connection with a case registered against him earlier this year, a police spokesman said.

A residential house and a motorcycle belonging to the accused were identified as illegally acquired property during the course of the investigation, he said.

Kumar was named in an FIR registered in 2022 at the Rehambal police station under various sections of NDPS Act, the spokesman said.

ADC reviews SANJY arrangements across multiple registration centres



ADC Jammu, Ansuuya Jamwal inspecting registration centre.

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing preparations for Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Ansuuya Jamwal on Thursday conducted an extensive inspection of various registration centres across the city to review and assess on-ground arrangements.

The inspection covered major sites including Ram Mandir, Geeta Bhawan, Mahajan Hall, Vaishnavi

Dham, Saraswati Dham, Railway Station, Panchayat Bhawan and Yatri Niwas, for the facilities such as RFID tagging, eKYC, token issuance and medical screening to facilitate smooth and efficient registration for the yatris.

Sub Divisional Magistrate- R.S. Pura Anuradha Thakur, SDM Akhnoor Mukhter Ahmed and SDM Chowki Chowra Ankush Hans were present besides senior officers from PHE, PDD, JMC,

PWD (R&B), Police (Traffic and Security) and Registration Help Desk teams, the ADC issued directions for ensuring round-the-clock readiness of infrastructure and services. Field officials including Tehsildars, BDOs, Executive Engineers and other functionaries were also present during the inspection.

All departments were instructed to maintain seamless coordination, ensure timely completion of remaining works and uphold highest standards of cleanliness, security and service delivery for the convenience and safety of the pilgrims.

The ADC emphasised the need for a mission-mode approach to operational readiness, ensuring that all registration centres are fully functional and pilgrim-friendly well ahead of the Yatra commencement.