

K C Law College organizes educational visit to Bakshi Nagar Police Station

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JAMMU: As a part of its Clinical Legal Education -II Curriculum under the B.A.,LL.B (5 - Year) Programme, K.C Law College, Jammu, organized an insightful educational visit to the Bakshi Nagar, Police Station. The visit aimed at providing students with a practical understanding of the functioning and structure of Police administration. All the students of 6th Semester of B.A., LLB 5-year Course participated in the visit, accompanied by faculty members, Dr. Shalini Sharma and Dr. Kirti Kour .The students were warmly welcomed by the Station House Officer (SHO), Azad Manhas and Sub-Inspector (SI), Prince Jasrotia.



Police officials educating students during the programme.

During the interaction, the officers provided a comprehensive overview of the police station day to day operations. They shared valuable insights into various aspects of law enforcement including case registration, investigation procedures, record maintenance and methods of handling Criminal

and Civil matters. The session was highly interactive, allowing students to engage directly with the officers and clarify their doubts. The visit served as a meaningful exposure for aspiring legal professionals bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical application. It

motivated students for their future roles in the field of law and justice. K.C Law College extended its sincere gratitude to the Jammu & Kashmir Police, (SHO), Azad Manhas and (SI), Prince Jasrotia for their time, cooperation and commitment to legal education.

Humanity Public School shines at IIMUN Jammu 2025



Faculty members along with meritorious students.

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SAMBHA: Students of Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana, Samba showcased exceptional talent and leadership at the IIMUN Jammu 2025, held at Doon International School from 30th May to 1st June. Among the outstanding performers, Ashvik Singh bagged the Gold medal (Best Delegate), Natic Singh secured silver medal (High commendation), and Akriti Thakur received bronze medal (special mention) in the AIPPM Committee for their powerful presentations, analytical reasoning, and persuasive debating skills.Gurvinder Kumar also brought laurels to the school by securing the bronze medal (3rd position) in the UNEP Committee with his insightful solutions and well-grounded research. In total, 16 students represented the school across several esteemed committees, includ-

ing Lok Sabha, JPC, DISEC, UNSC, UNEP, UNODC, AIPPM, ICJ, and others. The delegation included Pallvi Sajgotra (12th), Manayata Billowria (12th), Gurvinder Kumar (12th), Bhumiika Charak (12th), Nandini Bali (11th), Khushboo Verma (11th) Kritika Verma (11th), Anshika Shrivastav (11th), Afreen (11th), Jasbir Kour (11th), Akshara Charak,(11th), Ashvik Singh (10th), Shivam Kumar (10th) Natic Singh (10th) , Akriti Thakur (10th) and Sangeeta Devi (10th). All delegates received certificates of participation from their respective committees, while a few earned additional appreciation for their excellent contributions during the sessions. The event was a great platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions, demonstrate leadership, and learn the nuances of global governance and policy-making. To honour their achievement,

the school held a special assembly where all delegates were felicitated for their efforts. The event celebrated their success and encouraged other students to aspire towards similar opportunities. Addressing the gathering, Principal Gaurav Charak said,

"These young minds have made us proud by not only participating but excelling on a prestigious platform. Their clarity of thought, courage to express, and teamwork are truly commendable. I congratulate them all and look forward to more such milestones in the future."

BSNL Director Sandeep Govil isits Jammu, vows to strengthen 4G Network

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JAMMU: Sandeep Govil, Director (Cellular Mobile) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), visited Jammu city and nearby areas to assess the quality of BSNL's 4G services and address customer concerns. During his visit, Govil conducted an extensive drive test focusing on network coverage, call quality, data speeds, and service reliability. He also engaged in technical discussions with

BSNL and TCS officials, including Chief General Manager V. K. Surendra, Principal General Manager (Mobile) Kush Kumar, and other key officers such as Harshad Gaonkar, Dhruv Sharma, and Vivek Khajuria. Several challenges, including limited coverage, slow internet speeds, and call drops, were highlighted during the visit. In response, Govil directed regional authorities to swiftly identify and address network black spots, acceler-

ate the installation of 4G BTS sites, ensure regular field inspections, and promptly resolve customer complaints. A thorough technical analysis of the drive test data will be undertaken to formulate a corrective action plan. Govil assured that these efforts are aimed at significantly improving 4G services across the Jammu Circle, delivering better connectivity and user experience to consumers.

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11th Class 80.4%	10th Class CGPA 8.9	8th Class B1-CGPA-7.7
10th Class BCGPA-7.6		

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5th June 2025

—“ENDING PLASTIC POLLUTION”—

MANOJ SINHA
Lieutenant Governor,
Jammu & Kashmir
RAJ BHAWAN
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MESSAGE

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2025 on 5th June, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Jammu & Kashmir. This year's theme — **"Ending Plastic Pollution globally"** is a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to safeguard and conserve the pristine natural heritage of mother Earth.

As we all know, Jammu & Kashmir is blessed with breathtaking landscapes from the snow-capped mountains, lush green forests to crystal-clear lakes and vibrant meadows. However, the increasing threat of plastic pollution is endangering the fragile balance of these ecosystems and poses a grave risk to health of human & wildlife, and the sustainability of local livelihoods.

The Government is committed to a cleaner and greener Jammu & Kashmir. We have taken decisive steps to curb plastic pollution, which include phasing out of Single-Use Plastics, declaring tourist zones and eco-sensitive areas to be plastic-free, widespread canvassing of Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment), encouraging citizens and tourists alike to reduce their plastic footprint, strengthening of waste management infrastructure and promoting community lead environmental stewardship. But the success of these effort depends on the active participation of every citizen, institution, and businesses.

On this World Environment Day, therefore, let us rededicate ourselves to root out plastic pollution from Jammu and Kashmir and work towards the cause of environment protection and biodiversity conservation for the common good of humanity.

Manoj Sinha
Manoj Sinha

Omar Abdullah
Chief Minister
Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

On the eve of World Environment Day 2025, being celebrated on 5th June, I extend my sincere greetings to all citizens of Jammu & Kashmir. This year, we unite with the global community under the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution" and the campaign #Beat Plastic Pollution to reaffirm our collective resolve in confronting one of the gravest environmental threats of our time.

Plastic pollution has grown into a crisis that transcends borders. Every year, millions of tonnes of plastic waste enter our rivers, lakes, and oceans, endangering ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. Microplastics have even entered our food chains and water supplies, silently impacting our lives and future generations. Despite our earnest efforts at banning Single-Use Plastics and non-woven plastic bags below 60 GSM, these materials continue to be used widely due to our lack of resolve. As a result, our streets, lakes, wetlands and tourist destinations bear the heavy burden of plastic waste.

In uniting our efforts to fight this menace, I urge Government Departments, Local Bodies, Civil Societies, Educational Institutions and every citizen to come together and resolve not to use Single-Use Plastic and adopt only sustainable alternatives. Equally important is the role of our youth, who must step forward to innovate and lead in environmental stewardship.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, I call upon every citizen of Jammu & Kashmir to reflect on their personal plastic footprint and take steps, small or big, towards reduction of Plastic Pollution. Together, we can and must Beat Plastic Pollution.

Omar Abdullah
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Javed A. Rana
Minister for
Jal Shakti, Forest Ecology &
Environment and Tribal Affairs
Departments, J&K

MESSAGE

Jammu & Kashmir joins other parts of the country as well as globe for celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2025. The theme of this year— "Ending Plastic Pollution"—under the global #Beat Plastic Pollution campaign, underscores the urgent need to address the overwhelming impact of plastic waste on our ecosystems and public health.

The Forest Department is deeply aware of the ecological implications of plastic waste, especially in forest fringes, protected areas, and wetland ecosystems. We are actively working to remove plastic waste from these areas through community-led initiatives, school and college outreach, and joint action with municipal authorities. Jammu and Kashmir was one of the first to ban Single-Use Plastics in the country. Regulatory agencies like the Pollution Control Committee are also taking stringent action against the violators. The Forest Department is also working towards promoting alternatives such as jute, bamboo, and biodegradable products through skill-based forest livelihood programs.

However, this mission cannot be achieved by government departments alone. It requires the wholehearted participation of the public. Citizens must take ownership of their environment by reducing their dependence on plastic by making mindful choices, and spreading awareness in their communities.

World Environment Day is an opportunity for all of us to contemplate and reset our relationship with nature. The future of forests, rivers, and wildlife of Jammu & Kashmir depend on our collective resolve and action. On this day, let us all resolve to protect our ecological wealth, promote sustainability, and truly #Beat Plastic Pollution for a cleaner and greener future.

Javed A. Rana
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Atal Dulloo, IAS
Chief Secretary
Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

World Environment Day, celebrated every year on June 5th, is a powerful reminder of our connection to nature and of our shared responsibility to protect it. It is a day when voices across the globe unite for a singular cause—to honor, nurture, and restore the planet that sustains all life.

The theme of this year's World Environment Day—"Ending Plastic Pollution", is a call that rings with both urgency and possibility. Plastic pollution has crept into every corner of the world—from the deepest ocean trenches to the highest mountain peaks. It strangles marine life, seeps into our food chain, and leaves a legacy of waste that will haunt generations to come.

Jammu and Kashmir, popular for its breathtaking landscapes and serene valleys, is not untouched by this crisis. It is important that we limit the generation of plastic waste to bare minimum, by adopting sustainable alternatives. It is important that we act together and act now to rethink our choices and embrace circularity in our daily lives for a cleaner, healthier and safer world. It is thus imperative for us to act in unison to reduce our plastic waste footprint. Our choices matter—every bag refused, every bottle reused, every climate friendly action taken, helps in the reduction of the plastic load. Our collective and coordinated actions can decisively end the menace of plastic pollution.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, I request the support of every citizen to join hands with the Government to combat plastic pollution.

Atal Dulloo
Atal Dulloo

Sheetal Nanda, IAS
Commissioner Secretary
Department of Forest, Ecology
& Environment, Jammu & Kashmir

MESSAGE

World Environment Day, 2025, being observed on 5th June, unites the world in a shared mission — to protect, heal, and preserve our planet. It is a moment to reflect not only on the challenges we face but also on the responsibility we hold as individuals and as communities.

The theme for this year "Ending Plastic Pollution", draws our attention to plastic pollution which has now shaped into a silent threat—damaging our ecosystems, harming marine life, and even entering our bodies. Nations are today, coming together to reduce plastic use, improve waste management systems, and transition to sustainable alternatives. This mission is not just environmental — it is deeply human.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has taken several steps toward better plastic waste management like, single-use plastics have been banned and plastic carry bags below 120 microns and other plastic sheets/films below 50 microns are not being manufactured. As a deterrent, fine for any violation under the J&K Non-Biodegradable Material (Management, Handling and Disposal) Act, 2007 has been increased from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 50,000/- to discourage the use of non-biodegradable material. Awareness campaigns are regularly organized to discourage use of SLPs.

As we celebrate World Environment Day, let us commit to a conscious living — not only by reducing plastic waste but also by cultivating a deeper respect for the natural world around us. Together, let us walk the path of sustainability, inspired by the belief that a greener, cleaner tomorrow begins with the small steps we take today.

Sheetal Nanda
Sheetal Nanda

Suresh K. Gupta IFS
PCF & HOF
J & K Forest Department

MESSAGE

This World Environment Day, on 5th June, is being celebrated with theme "Ending Plastic Pollution" which is a clarion call to act decisively against the plastic waste, and recognizing the interconnectedness of land, forests, and biodiversity in ensuring a sustainable future. Jammu & Kashmir, with its rich biodiversity and vast forest cover, is both a guardian and beneficiary of this natural wealth.

Plastic pollution is one of the gravest environmental challenges of our time. It chokes our rivers, pollutes our forests, and endangers the rich biodiversity that makes Jammu & Kashmir ecologically unique. As custodians of nature, it is our duty to ensure that our forests remain free of plastic waste and continue to serve as sanctuaries for countless species of flora and fauna.

The Forest Department in Jammu and Kashmir is actively working to remove plastics from its forests and promote plastic-free practices. This includes initiatives like the "Plastic Free J&K" campaign, where multiple departments and stakeholders collaborate to eliminate plastic waste. The Forest Department of J&K is also undertaking a series of cleanliness drives across forest areas, wildlife sanctuaries, and eco-sensitive zones. These initiatives aim not only to remove plastic waste but also to instill a sense of environmental responsibility among citizens.

I urge all citizens, especially our youth, to join hands in this mission by participating in local clean-up drives, reducing plastic usage, and becoming champions for conservation of our natural heritage. Together, let us pledge to build a plastic-free Jammu & Kashmir and a healthier planet for future generations.

Suresh K. Gupta
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“Together, we can and must #BeatPlasticPollution”

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Sushmita Chandra appointed JKNAUP Spokesperson



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JAMMU: The President of the National Awami United Party (JKNAUP), Sandeep Singh, on Wednesday appointment Sushmita Chandra as the official spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Unit of the Party. While making the appointment, Vice president Ambica Manhas were also present. JKNAUP President expressed full confidence in Chandra's abilities and dedication. "We have complete trust and faith in Sushmita Chandra. We believe she will effectively represent the party and work tirelessly to spread the ideology of NAUP across Jammu and Kashmir," he

said. He also extended his heartfelt congratulations to her on this significant responsibility. In her remarks, Sushmita Chandra thanked the party leadership for their trust. She affirmed her commitment to the role, stating, "I will work wholeheartedly for the party, promote its ideology, and strive to strengthen JKNAUP at the grassroots level." The announcement was made in the presence of several party leaders and supporters, like Senior leader Shikha Bhandral who warmly welcomed Chandra to her new role and expressed their enthusiasm for the future direction of the party.