

IIM Jammu concludes Staff Training Programme ‘Align and Aspire’

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu concluded its three-day Staff Training Programme, Align and Aspire, with a valedictory ceremony at the Vivekananda Classroom on Wednesday.

The programme aimed to build institutional capacity by aligning the staff with the Institute's core values, enhancing their professional competencies, and fostering a culture of collaboration and operational excellence. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu. Also present were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Faculty and Research; Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay interacting with participants of Staff Training Programme.

Academics; Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson, Anandam and Media and Communication Division; Prof. Ravij Seth, Professor of Practice; Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Co-Chairperson, Student Affairs; Shailesh. K. Lohiya, Librarian, and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu

and along with officers and staff members. Prof. Sahay highlighted that people are the true strength of any institution and stressed the importance of empowering staff to be active contributors rather than passive executors. He emphasized that a culture of ownership, continuous learning, and

mutual respect is key to taking IIM Jammu to greater heights.

Prof. Jabir Ali remarked that the Align and Aspire programme helped in strengthening a shared vision and played a vital role in integrating individual competencies with the Institute's core objectives.

Prof. Nitin Upadhyay noted that capable and motivated teams are the foundation of high-performing institutions, and this initiative was a step

towards fostering team spirit, skill enhancement, and accountability.

Participants of the training programme shared their reflections during the valedictory ceremony, expressing appreciation for the structure, relevance, and impact of the sessions. Many staff members spoke about gaining a deeper understanding of institutional processes, improving interpersonal communication, and cultivating a greater sense of responsibility and engagement.

The programme is being conducted in two phases, with Phase 1 participants staying on campus for the entire duration of the training to ensure full engagement. The sessions also offered an opportunity for cross-functional learning, team bonding, and experience sharing among staff members.

Pipping ceremony held at GRP Jammu



SSP Railways Jammu, Shailender Singh with newly promoted ASIs at pipping ceremony.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: SSP Railways Jammu, Shailender Singh along with Gourav Mahajan, Addl. SP Railways Jammu, DSP Shazia Akhter, SDPO Railways Jammu, DSP Sharad, DySP GRP Lines Jammu; and Niaz Ahmed, SHO PS GRP Jammu, on Wednesday conferred new ranks upon the 16 recently promoted Assistant Sub-

Inspectors (ASIs) of GRP Jammu. While extending congratulations, SSP GRP Jammu lauded the officers for their diligence and underscored the heightened responsibilities that accompany their new ranks. He emphasized the paramount importance of upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and leadership in their service.

Expressing their gratitude for the recognition, the promoted officers pledged to continue serving with utmost sincerity and commitment to the society.

The SSP further extended his best wishes for their future endeavors, highlighting the significance of teamwork, ethical leadership, and an unwavering dedication to duty in their new roles.

Innerwheel Club Sampark Jammu celebrates Annapurna Day with Red Cross Home Children



Innerwheel Club Sampark Jammu members celebrating Annapurna Day by hosting a lunch for children of Red Cross Home for Handicapped in Udhewala.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Innerwheel Club Sampark Jammu celebrated Annapurna Day by hosting a special event for the children of the Red Cross Home for the Handicapped in Udhewala.

Club President Rattan Prabha, along with other enthusiastic members,

served lunch to the children, creating a warm, homely atmosphere.

Members, including Charted President Reva Raina, Treasurer Shyama Anand, Secretary Santosh Mahas, Senior Vice President Kusum Kesar, Kamlesh Shoor, Anuradha Sharma, Anuradha Manhas, Neelam Khajuria,

and new members, actively participated in the event.

The children enjoyed the company of the club members, who stayed until the event concluded.

President Reva Raina assured the children that such events would be organized regularly to bring joy and support to them.

Jugal inaugurates temporary office of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The temporary office of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Jammu & Kashmir, was ceremoniously inaugurated in Jammu on Wednesday by Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma.

This office will serve as the central coordination hub for the upcoming Provincial Arya Mahasammelan - Jammu & Kashmir, scheduled to be held on 19-20 July 2025 at Baba Jitto Auditorium, S h e r - e - K a s h m i r University, Chattha, Jammu.



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma with Arya Pratinidhi Sabha members and others.

The Mahasammelan holds special significance as it commemorates the 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand

Saraswati and the 150th founding year of Arya Samaj.

The inaugural event witnessed the gracious pres-

ence of numerous Arya Samaj dignitaries, youth volunteers, scholars, and local community members who gathered to mark the beginning of this important organizational milestone.

Notable among them were President Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir Narender Trehan, General Secretary Rajeev Sethi, Treasurer Yogesh Gupta, President of Veda Prachar Mandal Master Chuni Lal Arya, Patron Bharat Bhushan Arya, Senior Vice President Arun Kumar Gupta, Vice President Kuldeep Gupta, President of IDA Kanya Gurukul

Ghari Udhampur Arun Choudhary, Vice President Rajouri Aatam Prakash Gupta, President of Dindey Kalan Arya Samaj Hans Raj, and President of Kathua Arya Samaj Bishan Bharti.

Addressing the gathering, Jugal Kishore praised the timeless and transformative ideals of Arya Samaj. He spoke of its invaluable contributions to nation-building, societal reform, and the moral rejuvenation of the country.

He extended his best wishes for the successful execution of the Mahasammelan and encouraged all stakeholders to continue their tireless efforts toward the cause of Vedic values and national progress.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Narender Trehan. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to all attendees, well-wishers, and volunteers, and emphasized that this temporary office would act as the epicentre of planning and coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the Mahasammelan.

Buffer Lobby & Waiting Lounge inaugurated in SKUAST-J's Library

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) announced the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Buffer Lobby and Waiting Lounge at its Central Library, located at the Main Campus, Chatha, here.

The new facilities were formally inaugurated on Wednesday by Prof. (Dr.) R K Sammotra University Librarian under the overall patronage of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, along with faculty, students, and distinguished guests.

Buffer Lobby and a waiting lounge has been established in the Central Library, Chatha for hassle free functioning of the circulation desk with the increase in the foot prints of Library users.

The lounge accommodates both individual study and group work, making it an ideal place for students to collaborate on projects or catch up with friends during the waiting period.

The Central Library, a



Students and faculty at Buffer Lobby & Waiting Lounge.

modern three-story glazed building spanning 5,382 square meters, with an Open Air Reading Area having capacity of 40 students, has been a cornerstone of academic excellence since its establishment in 2007.

These facilities are designed to support the university's mission of fostering education, research, and innovation in agricultural and allied sciences.

The continuous library development is part of University's commitment towards excellence in the field of agriculture.

The Central Library at SKUAST-Jammu is renowned for its extensive collection of documents in agricultural, veterinary, and

allied sciences, as well as its advanced online library system providing access to e-journals under PM's ONOS, e-books, and other digital resources.

Prof. Sammotra appreciated the efforts of all stakeholders to facilitate university students to pursue knowledge and endeavour for higher avenues of excellence and make the best use of the resources available at SKUAST-Jammu.

Teaching, non-teaching staff members including Leela Dhar Mangi, Asstt. Librarian, from R S Pura, Dr. Amit Sharma, Sr. Library Asstt., Chatha, other officials from libraries also attended the inauguration ceremony.

Yudhvir inaugurates development work at Swami Vivekananda Hospital



MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi inaugurating newly constructed tile work at Swami Vivekananda Hospital.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi on Wednesday inaugurated the newly constructed tile work at Swami Vivekananda Hospital, a significant development aimed at improving the overall hygiene and infrastructure of the hospital premises.

The development work, completed at an estimated cost of Rs 10.42 lakhs, marks another step forward in enhancing patient care facilities and public health infrastructure in the region.

While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the importance of well-maintained healthcare insti-

tutions in ensuring the well-being of the common people. "Swami Vivekananda Hospital stands as a symbol of service and dedication. The newly completed development work reflects our commitment to upgrade facilities and ensure a clean and patient-friendly environment," he said.

The senior BJP leader also lauded the efforts of the hospital management and staff in providing quality healthcare services to the people at very reasonable and affordable rates. He noted that such institutions play a vital role in supplementing the government's vision of accessible and inclusive healthcare for all sections of socie-

ty.

The MLA further assured the public and hospital management that every possible effort will be made to bring more infrastructural improvements, expand services, and promote quality healthcare through collaborative efforts with government bodies and public participation.

The hospital management and local residents appreciated Yudhvir Sethi's proactive role in uplifting public institutions and his consistent engagement with grassroots development initiatives.

Prominent personalities present on the occasion included Amar Chand Gupta (Senior Vice President), B.B. Gupta (General Secretary), B.S. Jamwal (Secretary), Dr. Sachin Gupta (Member, Management Committee of SVM), Dr. Arvind Kohli (Medical Director, SVM), and Dr. Romesh Gupta (Administrator, SVM). Also present were Raman Sharma, Swati Sharma, Advocate Nidhi Pande, Vicky Pande, Robin, and Smarty.

Randhawa addresses grievances in public Darbar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA from Bahu Assembly Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, conducted a Public Darbar at the BJP Headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to address public grievances and provide immediate redressal. A large number of deputations from different parts of Jammu participated in the event, highlighting issues related to civic amenities, infrastructure, and public services.

Residents from Last Morh, Gandhi Nagar, raised concerns over a choked drain and damaged grat-



MLA Bahu, Ch. Vikram Randhawa listening to public issues at Jammu on Wednesday.

ings, while citizens from Sector 1, Trikuta Nagar, requested construction of a lane and drain. A deputation from Adarsh Enclave sought replacement of a faulty transformer, and res-

idents from Channi Himmat demanded prompt action on a long-pending police complaint.

Two groups from Gangyal flagged problems including inadequate water supply

and the need for drainage clearance. Talab Tillo residents pointed out non-functional streetlights, while citizens from A/D Block, Gandhi Nagar, appealed for urgent blacktopping of a vital road. Nanak Nagar residents submitted grievances about lane and drain construction and inflated electricity bills.

Randhawa gave a patient hearing to all visitors and promptly engaged with concerned departments, issuing written instructions in many cases. He assured the public of swift follow-up and emphasized BJP's commitment to responsive governance.

nance.

Randhawa said, "The BJP stands for accountability, service, and effective governance. This Public Darbar is a testament to our mission of directly connecting with people and ensuring their problems are resolved on priority." He affirmed that he would personally monitor the implementation of solutions.

The event was smoothly coordinated by Er. T.K. Sharma, Co-convenor of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, J&K BJP, facilitating seamless communication between citizens and the party leadership.

Pacca Danga Police cracks attempted murder case within hours; 4 attackers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Pacca Danga Police Station, Jammu has successfully solved an attempted murder case by arresting four individuals within hours of the incident. The case involves an attack on Shubham Gill, who was allegedly assaulted by Rahil Gargota and three others near Rehari, Jammu. According to the complaint filed by Shivani, Shubham's sister, the incident occurred at around 4:00 pm when Shubham was attacked with iron rods and deadly weapons. A case (FIR No. 70/2025) was registered under various sections of the law, including attempt to murder and

arms act & investigation taken up. Acting swiftly, the police launched an investigation and apprehended the accused individuals namely Aftab Bhat; Rahil Gargota; Dhruv Sharma and Govinda. The operation was supervised by SDPO City North, Jammu, Sh. Vikram Bhau, and led by SHO P/S Pacca Danga, Jammu, Rakesh Singh Jamwal, along with I/C PP Rehari, Jammu, Sh. PSI Shahraz Ahmed.

The prompt action by the Pacca Danga Police Station has been appreciated by the local community, and the police have reiterated their commitment to providing effective service to the public.

SSP Doda reviews CCTNS implementation, engages with newly posted sub-inspectors

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Sandeep Mehta JKPS visited Police Station Doda to interact with the newly posted Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) and conduct a comprehensive review of the Police station's operations and the CCTNS.

During the visit, SSP Doda held a productive interaction with the newly appointed PSIs, emphasizing the importance of their role in maintain-

ing law and order, preventing and detecting crime, and ensuring public safety in the district. The SSP encouraged the officers to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and efficiency while serving the community.

The SSP also conducted a detailed review of the Police Station's functioning, focusing on operational efficiency, case management, and the implementation of modern policing practices.

A key component of the visit



SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta chairing a meeting.

was the evaluation of the CCTNS, a critical tool for digitizing police records, tracking criminal activities, and enhancing coordination among law enforcement agencies. The SSP assessed the

station's progress in maintaining accurate and updated records in the CCTNS, ensuring seamless data integration for effective crime prevention and investigation. During the visit DySP Hqrs Sh Ajay

Anand, SHO PS Doda Insp. Parvaiz Ahmed and SHO Women PS Doda were also accompanied with the SSP.

The visit underscores the commitment of the Jammu & Kashmir Police to strengthen grassroots-level policing and foster a proactive approach to public safety in Doda district. The SSP reiterated the importance of community engagement, timely response to public grievances, and leveraging technology to enhance the efficiency of working of police.