

# IIM Jammu inks pact with JU for Academic Collaboration and Research

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Jammu for Academic Cooperation, Joint Research, and other relevant areas of mutual interest on Tuesday at University on the eve of the Foundation Day in the presence of Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The MoU was signed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu.

Present on the occasion were Cmr Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

(R), IIM Jammu and Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, University of Jammu along with the faculty and administrative staff of University of Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said that the collaboration with JU will help in fostering the advancement in the key areas ranging from teaching, research, and cultural understanding through submission of joint research proposals, publication in top-class journals, organizing national/international conferences, seminars, and symposiums.

The Institute along with the JU will try to leverage the best of this partnership by working in the continued interest of the people of Jammu, and Kashmir and thereby paving the path for sustainable development for the nation and the globe.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof.

Umeeed Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU expressed his happiness for the signing of the MoU with IIM Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

He mentioned further that the collaboration with IIM Jammu will help us to develop our competence in many key areas ranging from the development of educational and training programs, long-range planning, development of entrepreneurship, better exposure for our faculty, students, and Institutional development.

The collaboration between the two reputed Institutes will give a leading edge to the research output of the University of Jammu. This partnership will lead to a significant exchange of synergies between both Institutes.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu said that both Institutions have agreed to

work in the areas of Academic Development, Promotion of Entrepreneurship, innovation and incubation, Joint research proposals, and funding, offering advisory/ consulting services to National and International Organizations, Collaborative Research and Publications.

The collaboration between both Institutes will lead to meaningful outcomes in the interest of the stakeholders and lead to sustainable growth and development for the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, JU said that the signing of the MoU will open new doors for collaboration between both Institutes on various key areas and thereby paving the path for the growth and development of the Jammu University and the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir

# Dy Mayor dedicates newly constructed lane and drains in Ekta Vihar



Dy Mayor, B.S. Billawaria dedicating newly constructed lane and drain in Ekta Vihar.

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Tuesday dedicated the newly constructed lane and drains worth lakhs of rupees in Ekta Vihar.

This development work was done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). Ekta Vihar Mohalla Committee thanked Deputy Mayor for getting this work done

on priority.

Billawaria said that the government is continuously working under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to provide basic facilities to the common man and to improve the standard of living.

He said that development works are continuing in Jammu city and continuous steps are being taken by the government in the interest of the public.

The people of the area assured full support to the BJP in the upcoming elections.

On this occasion Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Pawan Chib, Jugal Kishore, Krishna Kumar, Rakesh Sangral, Om Nath, Nikish Bhasin, Manjit Singh, Rajinder Singh (Poppy), Ajmer Chib, Govinder Singh, Ashok Kumar, Captain Roop Singh, Harvinder Singh and Raghu Singh were present.

# PO visits Panchayat Panj Garain in Nagrota

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JAMMU: Programme Coordination Executive, Department of Information and Public Relations Akanksha Kalsotra who is also the Prabhari Officer of Panchayat Panj Garain, Block Nagrota, on Tuesday inspected the ongoing developmental works of the Panchayat. During the visit Prabhari Officer convened a meeting of officers of line departments, PRI members, general public and took stock of the ongoing works. She apprised the members about the "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K week" which is being celebrated throughout the Union Territory from September 4 to 10, 2023, with the aim to eradicate corruption and promote transparent and accountable governance. She stressed upon all stakeholders to ensure speedy redressal of public issues

besides ensuring prompt service delivery through transparent manner. Representatives from line departments like Revenue, PWD, JKPDCL, PDD, PHE, JJM, RDD also apprised the public about online services of their respective departments. The officers informed the public that the initiative of making all services online has been taken with an aim to create a corruption-free environment. Visiting Officer also interacted with the officers of line departments and enquired about the steps being taken up for early redressal of grievances. She also urged the public for active participation in these programmes and to avail the maximum benefits of different Government schemes and programmes. She further stressed on convergence between different departments and programmes for better

service delivery.

Earlier, Sarpanch Thoru Ram apprised the members about the emergent issues and also expressed satisfaction for successful completion of important works in recent past. Further, Visiting Officer emphasized that various pending works pertaining to different departments are in progress and will be completed at an earliest for the benefit of the public good.

It was also given out in the meeting the village Seri Kalan of panchayat Panj Grain has been selected by the Department of Agriculture as Organic Cluster under paramparagat krishi vikas yojana. Under the programme, a cluster of 50 farmers has been selected with each farmer having 8 kanals of land (total cluster land is 400 Kanals) to promote purely organic farming.

# Defence Correspondents Course-2023 starts forward area tour in J&K

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JAMMU: Defence Correspondents Course (DCC)-2023 comprising of Journalists from pan India, both from print and electronic media houses started the most difficult, exciting and thrilling module of the course, the week-long Army leg and Forward Area Tour (FAT), on Tuesday. The participant journalists from every part of the country under Nodal officer, Col Amitabh Sharma had congregated at Vozag for the DCC which commenced on 21 August 2023.

The participants of the course after undergoing the Navy, Inter Services at Vizag and Air force modules at various locations of Pune, reached Jammu for Forward Area Tour from 04 to 10 September 2023 in Jammu region.

The Army Leg commenced with welcome address by Lt Col Suneel Bartwal, PRO



Defence Correspondents Course-2023 team during visit to Ratnuchak Military Station.

(Defence) Jammu on behalf of Rising Star Corps and White Knight Corps.

The DCC team visited Ratnuchak Military Station to get an insight of Armoured Equipment, training activities, obstacle crossing drills and Tank Ride to get a feeling of battle zone. Thereafter they witnessed demonstration on Artillery equipment by Tiger

Division and also the familiarisation of DCB closer to International Border in district Jammu.

In the coming days, the DCC journalists will be moving out to forward areas along the LoC to see the Anti Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) popularly known as the Line of Control (LC) Fence in Poonch-Rajouri sectors.

They will visit the Corps Battle School, Sarol in order to witness the orientation training of soldiers who are newly inducted into the Corps Zone.

They will also visit forward posts on the Line of Control to witness firsthand experience, how our troops operate 24x7 on the Line of Control and in the hinterland. In addition,

they will also be exposed to manning of posts/ bunkers to gain real time experience.

They will also interact with the soldiers on the forward posts as well the Awaam residing in villages closer to the LoC. They will also visit various goodwill projects, Army Goodwill Public Schools, Skill development centres and numerous Women empowerment ventures undertaken by the Army. The aim of DCC is to build over time, a pool of journalists at all levels, who understand the Armed Forces and are cognizant of the domain whenever reporting on stories related to the security forces.

Visit of the journalists to such remote locations will help them in understanding the hardships and the challenges faced by the troops of Indian Army and Awaam along the borders and in the hinterland in J&K.

# CSIR-IIIM starts leather training course under Atal Incubator Centre

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SRINAGAR: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, a premier R&D organisation of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under Union Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt of India, on Tuesday started the leather training course besides various others soft initiatives under Atal Incubator Centre (AIC-IIIM).

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu who is ex-officio Chairman of AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation, inaugurated the leather training centre at CSIR-IIIM Srinagar Branch.

Director of CSIR-IIIM informed that the mandate of Atal Incubation Centre has been envisaged in the areas like leather training, medicinal mushroom cultivation, food technology, aroma and



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM and other dignitaries releasing brochure of AIC-IIIM.

natural products sector, keeping in view the richness of natural resources and expertise available here, so as to provide the idea incubation support to the innovators at their doorstep. The event organised coincided with the National Teacher Day thus Dr. Zabeer extolled the contribution of teachers in building the future of our nation.

Earlier, AIC-IIIM also organized Hackathon 3.0

competition under the aegis of AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation.

Under the activity, participants from different institutes of Kashmir valley participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

The official logo and brochure of AIC-IIIM were also released during the ceremony.

Er. Abdul Rahim, Head CSIR-IIIM (Br.) Srinagar

and Vice Chairman, AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation emphasized on the role of the institute in mentoring the local entrepreneurs and connecting them with various funding opportunities offered by the Govt. of India.

Dr Saurabh Saran, Principal Investigator, AIC-IIIM, in his welcome address, informed that Hackathon 3.0 pitching session comprised of top 7 groups wherein 15 shortlisted participants pitched their innovative business ideas related to medicinal plants, aroma products, medicinal mushroom, ecotourism etc.

Based on the evaluation by the jury, top five business ideas were recognized and awarded as winners of Hackathon.

On the occasion, an MoU for incubation support was also

signed with 1 Veda Biotech Private Limited, a startup involved in the manufacture of Ayurvedic medicines. This marked the first startup to be incubated under AIC-IIIM Bio-innovation Foundation.

Prominent among others present Dr. Muzamil Ahmed (Deputy Head), Dr. Fayaz A Malik, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Parry, Dr Parvez Qazi Hassan, Dr. Syed Riyaz -Ul Hassan (Senior Principal Scientist), Syed Abdul Basit Andrabi, Coordinator AIC-IIIM, conducted the proceedings whereas Er. Ankush Varma, Coordinator IIIM-TBI, presented the formal vote of thanks.

## Congress to file objections to ULB ward rotations criteria

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JAMMU: Taking exception to certain irregularities & anomalies in the rotations of reserved/ unreserved wards in Municipal bodies, Congress has said that it shall file objections to the same, in accordance to the established procedure.

Reacting to the rotations of reserved wards in the Municipal corporation and the other Municipal bodies, where certain irregularities / anomalies are being pointed out and are beyond certain reasoning and rationality, JKPC said that it shall examine the issue indepth and consult experts for filing objections before the election Commission.

Last time too, there were certain anomalies which were detected and brought to the notice of the commission and at some places it was rectified.

However the notification issued today evening, is yet to be examined in detail , for proceeding in the matter, adding that entire reservations for women, SC & STs in the Urban & rural PRIs is the result of the amendments carried out by Congress in coalition with PDP & NC, in order to extend, 73rd & 74th amendments of the Constitution.

First time it was started in 2004 and further it's scope was expanded tootoo, a PCC spokesperson said.

# ASN School celebrates Teachers' Day Good teacher should always be self-motivated, medium to help students attain their goals: Ritesh Kapoor



Administrator ASN School, Ritesh Kapoor with faculty members celebrating Teachers' Day.

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JAMMU: ASN Higher Secondary School, Channi Hinmat, Jammu on Tuesday celebrated Teachers' Day inside the school auditorium.

The function was organized by the Student Peer Team where in Ritesh Kapoor, Administrator of the School was the Chief Guest.

The function started with welcome address followed by lamp lighting by the Chief Guest along with the teachers.

A series of cultural programmes were presented by the students to enthral the audience, which included a Choir; a medley of songs and dances, skits, and also the ramp walk.

Various games were played by teachers like passing the parcel, musical chairs and mimics which was thoroughly enjoyed during the function.

The Teachers' Day cake was also cut by the faculty members as a token of affection from student's side. Ritesh Kapoor con-

gratulated all the teachers for giving such good values and education to the students and said that the future of the country is in the hands of the teachers and only they can shape it.

Teachers are the inspiration of the students, so a good teacher should always be self-motivated and should be the medium to help the students attain their goals.

He stressed how teachers have a long-lasting impact on the lives of their students and also that the greatest teachers inspire students towards greatness. With this, he asked the students to applaud the teachers for their contribution, dedication, and assiduousness.

The vote of thanks was presented by students peer team followed by presentation of souvenirs to the Teachers.

# Corporator Gourav Chopra starts development work in Ward 28



Corporator Gourav Anil Chopra starting development work at Ward 28.

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JAMMU: Corporator Gourav Anil Chopra of Ward 28 fulfilled the old demand of the people by starting new lane and drains development work at Bakshi Nagar in Ward 28.

On this occasion, Gourav Chopra said that he dedicates this construction work to Bakshi Nagar peoples.

He said that the construction work of this lanes and drains was a very old demand of the people. After becoming a Corporator, he promised the people here that he would start the construction of this

lane and drains work on a priority basis. Today they have fulfilled their promise.

He would like to thank his ward residents who have supported him at every step. Their priority is to make their ward the model ward of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

All dignitaries of Mohalla Harjeet Singh, Deedar Singh, Silkander, Sulkhan Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Sunny Singh, Amit Sehgal, Vinod Singh, Amit Singh, Manpreet Singh and Inderjeet Singh were present on the occasion.

# Cong to mark Bharat Jodo Yatra anniversary on Sept 7

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) will commemorate the first anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in a big way across the 20 districts of the union territory on September 7, the party said on Tuesday. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had led the Bharat Jodo Yatra and covered some 4,000 kilometres on foot from Kanyakumari to Kashmir in 145 days. The ambitious yatra began on September 7, 2022 and concluded on January 30.

"The Congress shall commemorate the first anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra on September 7 in a big way at both capital headquarters Srinagar and Jammu besides all districts to revive and reiterate the message of the yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir last year," JKPC chief Vikar Rasool Wani said here.

A mega event shall be held in Jammu and Srinagar each on the lines of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, he said.

The main event in Jammu is proposed to be held on the Miransahib-Jammu route.