

IIM Jammu hosts Roundtable Conference Hyderabad Chapter, Alumni Meet



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu along with members of Hyderabad Chapter.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted a distinguished Roundtable Conference in Hyderabad, themed "Fostering Academia and Industry Partnerships - The Way Ahead."

The event aimed to align academic programs with industry needs and cultivate a robust pipeline of industry-ready graduates.

The conference began with a warm welcome and traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolizing the enlightenment of knowledge.

An introductory video showcased IIM Jammu's achievements, setting an optimistic tone for the day's discussions.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, delivered the keynote address, underscoring the essential role of academia-industry partnerships in advancing education.

He emphasized IIM

Jammu's commitment to bridging theoretical knowledge with practical industry applications to prepare students for real-world challenges.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, elaborated on the institute's evolving curriculum that integrates industry insights to align with contemporary demands, ensuring students' readiness for the job market.

Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson of Placements, highlighted the conference's significance in enhancing collaboration between academia and industry to improve graduate employability.

The conference featured

three interactive panels. "Mentoring for Success: Increasing Involvement of Industry Mentors in Shaping MBA Graduates' Careers" panel discussed the vital role of industry mentors in guiding MBA students. Strategies to enhance mentor engagement, foster effective relationships, and align mentorship with industry needs were explored. The panel emphasized the importance of mentors in developing both technical and soft skills.

"Cultivating Industry-Ready Leaders and Managers for Long-Term Employability" focused on equipping professionals with

the skills required for sustained success. The panel stressed integrating real-world experiences, continuous learning, and leadership skills into education. Training new hires in fundamental business operations and teaching collaboration across cultures were highlighted.

"Inculcating Corporate Citizenry Amongst MBA Students" session addressed embedding corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainability, and ethical decision-making into MBA programs. The panel stressed cultivating civic awareness and social responsibility from an early stage to pre-

pare responsible future business leaders.

The event concluded with an open forum for participants to exchange insights, followed by a networking lunch.

Later, IIM Jammu's Alumni Committee hosted a vibrant Alumni Meet at Hotel Lemon Tree, featuring discussions on strengthening the alumni network and updates on the institute's developments. The event was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, who addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of a strong and connected alumni network.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, and Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida were also present, contributing to the engaging discussions.

IIM Jammu remains dedicated to fostering strong academia-industry partnerships, essential for developing future leaders and managers.

NHPC Regional Office celebrates conferment of "Navratna" status



NHPC Regional Office, Jammu official celebrating conferment of "Navratna" status.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Regional Office, Jammu organized a programme at office complex, Narwal, here on Saturday to mark the conferment of "Navratna" status to NHPC Limited by the Department of Public Enterprises (Ministry of Finance), thereby providing NHPC with greater operational and financial autonomy.

Ram Swaroop, Executive Director, Regional Office, Jammu said that this is an important achievement of NHPC.

"This is the result of our

hard work of the last 49 years since inception of NHPC IN 1975. Getting the status of "Navratna" has infused a new energy in us and we will contribute to the development of the company with even more dedication and enthusiasm," Ram Swaroop said.

He further added in his speech that NHPC has total installed capacity is 7144.20 MW and the company is presently engaged in the construction of projects aggregating to 10442.70 MW. These include the 2000 MW Subansiri Lower proj-

ect (Assam/ Arunachal Pradesh) and 2880 MW Dibang Multi-purpose project (Arunachal Pradesh). Besides, NHPC is working on development of more than 50000 MW capacity projects which are under various stages. NHPC is also steadfastly working towards achieving an installed capacity of 23000 MW by 2032 and 50000 MW by 2047.

Guru Dutt, GM (F), P. Sathyamurthy, GM (HR), Satnam Singh, GM (C), Pankaj Vashistha, GM (C), officers & employees were also present on the occasion.

Sainik Samaj Party announces assembly candidates

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT, organized a media interaction to introduce their candidates for the upcoming assembly elections from Jammu East, Jammu West, and Jammu North.

Col SS Pathania introduced Sanjiv Luthra as the candidate for Jammu East, Sumit Sharma for Jammu West, and Er. Dalbir Chib for Jammu North.

During the interaction, Pathania emphasized the urgent need for a change in the current political landscape. He stated that a significant shift is only achievable if patriotic and nationalist individuals who are educated, competent,



President Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT Col SS Pathania with nominated candidates for Assembly election.

visionary, and have zero tolerance for corruption-step forward with a commitment to serving the nation and humanity.

Pathania also mentioned that the party's manifesto has already been released and that a door-to-door campaign by the candidates will commence

shortly. He urged politically inclined citizens to participate in the assembly elections under the mandate of the Sainik Samaj Party.

The candidates, in turn, shared their vision and strategies for contesting the elections in their respective constituencies.

Youth Talent shines as NCERT teams up with JKSCERT for 51st RSBVP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Divisional Office Jammu, hosted the 51st Rajya Satriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani (RSBVP) here on Saturday.

Sponsored by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, the event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director JKSCERT, Jammu, alongside NCERT representatives, Dr. Jubilee Padmanabhan and Dr. Sudeesh Kumar, both Associate Professors and eminent educationists. The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the invocation of knowledge and wisdom, followed by a Saraswati Vandana presented



Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT presenting certificate to a participant.

by the students of GHSS Muthi.

Artri Gupta, Assistant Professor, delivered an inspiring welcome address that set a positive tone for the event.

Ashwani Kumar Khajuria, Associate Professor at GCW Kathua, delivered a lecture on "Millets for Health and Sustainable Planet," aligning with the exhibition's theme and highlighting the role of science in global challenges.

This was followed by the exhibition of various projects by the participating students, which were evaluated by a panel of experts, including Raj Kumar Chadha, Coordinator at the Directorate of Samagra Siksha, Dr. Jagjeet Singh, Associate Professor at GDC Udhampur, Dr. Rawan Kumar, Associate Professor at GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, and Dr. Jyoti Malhotra, Senior Lecturer at the Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

Perthently, the event followed a rigorous selection

process starting in July this year, with 1400 models showcased across 98 zones in Jammu Division. Out of these, 500 advanced to the district level, and 50 were selected for today's exhibition. The top 15 models will represent the region at the national level.

The exhibition, themed "Science and Technology for Society," featured diverse projects, from innovative experiments to theoretical research. In her opening remarks, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor praised the efforts of students and educators, emphasizing SCERT's commitment to fostering scientific passion and innovation.

Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT graced the occasion as the Chief Guest at the valedictory function. He praised the students for their remarkable creativity and encouraged them to keep pushing the boundaries of scientific knowledge. He also expressed

deep appreciation for the teachers, acknowledging their pivotal role in the event's success and inspiring everyone present with his visionary leadership.

The event was compared by Manisha Chun, whose skilled delivery maintained audience engagement throughout the day. With the assistance of Senior Academic Officer Dr. Rohini Sharma, whose precise coordination ensured smooth execution, the event achieved a professional and successful outcome.

Event coordinator Monika Dogra while presenting the vote of thanks expressed gratitude to participants, teachers, and organizers for their dedication, ensuring the RSBVP's success.

The event concluded with certificates of participation for students, appreciation certificates for faculty members, and mementos and medals for outstanding contributors, recognizing their exceptional achievements.

Dharmarth Trust completes major facelift, restoration works of Rani Samadhis Committed to preserve cultural heritage, Dogra legacy: Martand

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust (JKDT) has successfully completed the restoration and renovation works at the historic Rani Samadhis Complex, a landmark in Jammu city.

The comprehensive restoration and renovation efforts were aimed to restore the heritage complex and provide a major facelift in terms of beauty and grandeur. The complex consists of a samadhis of Royal Dogra Maharanis of erstwhile J&K State including Samadhi of Maharani Tara Devi, wife of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji and mother of Dr. Karan Singh



along with an ancient Shivji Temple.

Over the past year, Martand Singh, Trustee JKDT personally monitored the restoration and renovation project conducting regular site visits and review meetings to ensure timely completion and quality

work. The renovation works included beautification, structural improvements, reinforcements, drainage systems, paintwork and aesthetic enhancements to the surroundings of the Samadhis.

Speaking on the completion of project, Martand Singh emphasized the critical role of JKDT in preserving such heritage in keeping the region's history alive.

He said that the Rani Samadhis is more than just a historical structure and tribute to the Dogra Maharanis - it is a reminder of our royal past and the cultural richness that defines Jammu. He added that by restoring it, we not only honor our ancestors but also

inspire future generations to take pride in their heritage and JKDT will continue to protect and preserve our cultural treasures, ensuring they remain a source of inspiration for the generations to come.

The Rani Samadhis Complex is a symbol of the region's royal Dogra legacy that holds significant historical value and has been an important cultural landmark of Jammu city for decades. The restoration process reflects the Trust's deep commitment to preserving Jammu's rich cultural heritage and dedication to maintain the sanctity and historical significance of the complex.

DGP J&K sanctions retirement gift of Rs. 78 lakh for police personnel

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: As a token of appreciation for their services to the Department, the Director General of Police, J&K, R.R. Swain has sanctioned retirement gift of rupees seventy-eight lakh in favour of 78 Police personnel of J&K Police who are retiring from services after attaining superannuation or voluntary retirement.

Retirement gift of rupees

one lakh each has been sanctioned vide PHQ J&K order No. 2304 of 2024 in favour of one gazetted officer, fifty-nine non-gazetted officers, fifteen lower subordinates & three followers. These personnel belong to different units and wings of the department. The amount has been sanctioned out of the Contributory Police Welfare Fund. The gift is sanctioned to police personnel at the time of his/her retirement and serves as a token of appreciation for his/her services rendered to the department.

During the current year till date police headquarter has sanctioned Rs 11.97 crore as retirement gift in favour of 1197 police personnel who have retired from the services on superannuation.

Retirement gift of rupees

NC-Congress alliance is a gimmick to regain power: Abhijeet Jasrotia



Jammu and Kashmir BJP Spokesperson Abhijeet Jasrotia talking to reporters.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP Spokesperson Abhijeet Jasrotia on Saturday launched a blistering critique of National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah in response to Abdullah's remarks questioning the credibility of BJP leader Tarun Chug.

Jasrotia reminded Abdullah that the BJP, the party he now criticizes, had once trained him as a Union Minister, underscoring the BJP's seniority and credibility in national politics. Jasrotia challenged Abdullah to account for the NC's alleged role in the state's turmoil, including the deaths of 1.5 lakh people during violent years while Abdullah was reportedly vacationing in London.

He accused the NC of betraying the people of Jammu and Kashmir and criticized Abdullah for his attempts to present himself

as a reformer. Highlighting the dynastic nature of NC and Congress alliances, Jasrotia referenced historical pacts such as the Sheikh Abdullah-Jawahar Lal Nehru alliance, the Indira-Sheikh alliance, the Farooq Abdullah-Rajiv Gandhi alliance, and the current Rahul Gandhi-Omar Abdullah alliance.

He claimed these agreements had destabilized Jammu and Kashmir and exacerbated conflict.

Jasrotia dismissed Abdullah's recent comments about being in alliance with Congress "under compulsion" as merely an extension of dynastic politics that harmed the region.

The BJP spokesperson also addressed NC's push for greater autonomy and the pre-1953 status, which he said had been rejected by previous central governments and the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He accused the NC of

neglecting marginalized communities like Gujjars and Bakerwals and warned against the rollback of rights restored by the BJP, including those for women and refugee communities.

Jasrotia further criticized Abdullah and Rahul Gandhi for opposing the current peace and development in J&K, pointing to increased tourism as a sign of stability.

He condemned the latest NC-Congress accord as a power grab and warned against potential measures like reinstating visa requirements for travel to J&K, which the BJP would oppose.

The press briefing was attended by BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Lt. Gen. Rakesh Sharma (Retd.), Y.V. Sharma, and Ritika Trehan, who supported Jasrotia's assertions and underscored the BJP's commitment to ensuring peace, development, and stability in the region.

CUJ hosts two-day national seminar on Vanvil K. Ravi's Creative World

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Under the joint aegis of the Hindi and Other Indian Languages, Department of Central University of Jammu and the Tamil Cultural Research Center, Palakkadu, Kerala, a two-day national seminar titled "Vanvil K. Ravi's Creative World and Indian Languages" was inaugurated recently. The event took place under the guidance of Vice Chancellor of CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The seminar was graced by renowned poet, litterateur, and senior advocate Vanvil K. Ravi, who served as the chief guest. In his opening address, Ravi eloquently described poetry as a spontaneous expression of the heart, likening it to a flower surrendering its fragrance to the air. He emphasized that



Senior Advocate Vanvil K. Ravi and others at a seminar.

in a multilingual country like India, literature serves as a unifying thread that binds diverse cultures. Reflecting on his own journey from Tamil Nadu to Jammu, Ravi highlighted how poetry transcends geographical boundaries and personal identity.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar CUJ extended congratulations to the Hindi and Other Indian Languages Department for bridging the North-South divide through

this seminar. He also expressed gratitude to the Tamil Cultural Research Center, Palakkadu, and commended Vanvil K. Ravi for his outstanding literary contributions. Prof. Yashwant, also noted that efforts would continue to connect South Indian languages, including Tamil, through future university programs, acknowledging the Chancellor's connection to Tamil heritage.

Dean of Languages, Prof.

Vandana Sharma, highlighted the significance of literature in life and touched upon the profound emotions expressed in Vanvil K. Ravi's poetry. The seminar commenced with the lighting of lamps, followed by Saraswati Vandana and Tamil songs performed by students.

The Head of the Department and Director of the seminar, Prof. Bharat Bhushan, formally welcomed the attendees. Mementoes were presented to poet Vanvil K. Ravi and the Coordinator of the Tamil Cultural Center, P.S. Raja, along with symposium proposer Dr. Amit Kushwah, Assistant Professor at Punjab Central University. In return, the Tamil Cultural Center honored several key figures, including Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev

Jain, Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh, Dean Prof. Vandana Sharma, and other distinguished guests.

The program was conducted by Dr. Vandana Sharma, Assistant Professor of the Department, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Associate Professor Dr. Shashikant Mishra. The first day of the seminar concluded with a session presided over by Prof. Neelam Saraf, Acharya of the Hindi Department (Retired), University of Jammu. Special speakers, including Dr. Amit Kushwah, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Dr. Amita Gupta, and research scholars from Punjab Central University and Central University of Jammu, presented their papers. The day concluded with the national anthem.

Rally held demanding early release of Saint Asharamji Bapu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Rallies and demonstrations took place across various cities in India, marking the completion of 11 years since Saint Asharamji Bapu's arrest.

Organised by Shri Yoga Vedanta Seva Samiti in Jammu, the rally called for the immediate release of Bapuji, who is currently serving a life sentence. The participants, including numerous men and women, expressed their discontent with what they describe as an unjust legal process. Saint Asharamji Bapu, an 82-year-old spiritual leader, was sentenced to life imprisonment amid claims of a conspiracy, ongoing media trials, and misuse of anti-rape laws. His supporters argue that despite his declining health, Bapuji remains incarcerated due to what they see as fabricated charges.

The rally began at the Jammu Ashram and proceeded through Canal Road, ending at Jewel. During the event, participants submitted memorandums to the District Magistrate, which were then forwarded to the President, Prime Minister, Union Home Minister, Law Minister, and the National Human Rights Commission.

In his address, the media in-charge of the protest, condemned the alleged targeting of revered saints, citing previous cases involving Shankaracharya Jayendra Saraswatiji, Swami Keshavanandji, and Kripalaji Maharaj. He emphasized that false allegations against such spiritual leaders undermine Indian culture and justice.

The demonstrators highlighted Bapuji's decades of dedicated service, including efforts to guide individuals towards a healthier and more moral life through satsang and social service. They credited him with inspiring many to overcome addictions and adopt a disciplined lifestyle. The rally participants called for Bapuji's immediate release

with honor; the dismissal of what they claim are baseless charges against him, and the implementation of amendments to anti-rape laws to prevent misuse. They also demanded accountability for those they believe are responsible for the alleged conspiracy against him.

The event saw a significant turnout, with participants holding banners to illustrate their demand for justice and the release of Bapuji. The rally underscored the deep distress felt by his supporters and their commitment to advocating for his release and the rectification of what they perceive as judicial injustices.

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