

IIM Jammu hosts Roundtable Conference at Pune

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PUNE: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted a Roundtable Conference on February 21, 2024, at Hotel Conrad, Pune, themed "Fostering Academia and Industry Partnership: The Way Ahead." This premier forum brought together policymakers, academics, and industry leaders to explore innovative collaborations aimed at bridging the gap between education and employment.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Chandrakant Dada Patil, Minister of Education, Government of Maharashtra, and Guest of Honor Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, Vice President of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini.

The inaugural and valedictory sessions featured Dr. Milind P. Kamble,



Director IIM Jammu Prof. B.S. Sahay with other dignitaries at a conference.

Chairman of IIM Jammu's Board of Governors, Shri Shrikant Badve, Board Member, and Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, among other prominent figures.

Chandrakant Dada Patil highlighted the critical role of academia-industry partnerships in enhancing education's relevance to employment, emphasizing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's aim to create a flexible, interdis-

iplinary education system. He called for skill-based courses tailored to meet sector-specific demands, ensuring graduates are well-equipped to contribute to India's growth.

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe stressed the importance of ethical leadership and the need for curricula that reflect emerging fields like Data Science, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Virtual Reality (VR). He advocated for robust indus-

try-academia collaborations to foster sustainable development and expressed hope for stronger ties between Jammu and Pune.

Dr. Milind P. Kamble emphasized the ongoing efforts of IIM Jammu to bridge academic learning with industry practices, advocating for innovation in education to meet the dynamic needs of the global economy.

Prof. B.S. Sahay shared insights on IIM Jammu's growth, particularly the MBA in Hospital Administration and Healthcare Management, developed in collaboration with IIT Jammu and AIIMS Jammu, aligning with NEP 2020. He encouraged youth to embrace government initiatives like Project YUVA, aimed at enhancing employment through entrepreneurship.

Ashok W. Kakade and Kailash Zanzari, both highlighted the importance of skills in the evolving landscape of education and industry. The conference featured three panel discussions, focusing on fostering partnerships, navigating the future of work with AI, and the role of corporates under NEP 2020, showcasing insights from industry leaders and academic experts.

The event concluded with a valedictory session, reinforcing IIM Jammu's commitment to fostering academia-industry partnerships that will shape future professional development. The conference served as a significant milestone in strengthening collaboration between academia and industry, paving the way for actionable outcomes benefiting both students and the corporate world.

Apni Party continues campaign among migrant KPs



Apni Party leaders during a meeting at Jammu on Sunday.

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JAMMU: Continuing its aggressive election campaign, the migrant cell of the Apni Party organized a meeting with the migrant Kashmiri Pandits in the Jagti Camp to hold deliberation about the living condition and demands of the migrants living in the camps in Jammu.

Mohammed Dilawar Mir, Chairman of the Apni Party's Parliamentary Affairs Committee, General Secretary of the Party, Vijay Bakaya and others addressed the migrants living in the Jagti camp, while seeking their vote and support for the Party candidate, Yawar Mir, who is contesting candidate of the Party from Rafiabad assembly constituency.

The Party leaders also sought support of the migrant community also in other assembly constituencies in Kashmir Valley.

In his address, Mohammed Dilawar Mir said that the Party is committed to work for the return and rehabilitation of the migrant Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

"We stand with the aspiration of the migrant Kashmiri Pandits, who have suffered, following their displacement and want to return back to their roots. We want them to reunite with the Kashmiri culture," he stated, while making a plea to vote and support Yawar Mir, contesting from Rafiabad assembly constituency.

Meanwhile, General Secretary of the Party, Vijay Bakaya also addressed the displaced

Kashmiri Pandits at Jagti Camp in Nagrota (Jammu) and assured that the Party will fight for the enhancement of the relief for the displaced families.

"We also want to improve the living standard of the displaced community in camps by providing them basic amenities, 24/7 electricity, clean drinking water, and well equipped play ground for the children," he said.

He informed the migrants that the Party will constitute an apex committee to address the problems of the displaced Kashmiri Migrants.

He stressed upon to create awareness among the community members about the welfare schemes.

"These schemes will be launched by the Party if it forms the Govt in J&K. The displaced community shall be educated about the benefits to overcome the sufferings they have faced all these years, while living in the camps," he added.

The meeting was also addressed by other leaders. Prominent among those who attended the meeting include Arun Kumar Chibber, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Bodh Raj Bhagat, Ajaz Kazmi, Dr. Rohit Gupta, Abhay Bakaya, Viabhav Mattoo, Deepak Bradoo, Vishal Jyotshi, Neelam Gupta, Ritu Pandita, Shivani Koul, Ashwani Bhat, Chand Ji Bhat, Chand Ji Khairi, Bhushal Bhat, GI Pandita, Santosh Kher, Pawan Kaul, RL Bhat, Subhash Kachroo, Satishji Raina, Devansh and others.

Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust organizes Dental Camp



Doctors examining patients at a camp.

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JAMMU: The Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust held a Free Dental Medical Camp at the community hall near Kralbab Ashram in the Purkhoo

ough check-ups for 65 patients. The camp was organized under the supervision of Tej Krishen Raina, Coordinator of the Medical Mission.

Patients received free dental check-ups and were provided with necessary medications. The Trust conducts such medical camps regularly, embodying Bhagawaanji's message that "service to man is service to God," and aims to offer essential health services to the community.

Migrant Camp, Jammu. A dedicated team of dental professionals, led by Dr. Rudra Kaul (BDS, MDS, Endodontist), along with Dr. Rahul Kaul and Dr. Sunali Bhat, provided thor-

Uplifting poor, developing far-flung areas in Bandipora my only agenda: Usman Majid

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BANDIPORA: Former Minister and MLA Bandipora, Usman Majid here on Sunday reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to uplifting the poor and developing underprivileged areas, emphasizing that these remain his primary focus. Speaking during a public meeting in the Nussao area of the Bandipora constituency, Majid stressed the urgent need for inclusive development that reaches every corner of the region, particularly areas that have long been neglected.

Drawing from his extensive experience as Minister and MLA, Majid assured the people of his dedication to addressing these challenges with the same vigour and effectiveness he demonstrated in the past. "My mission is to



MLA Bandipora, Usman Majid with newly joined members.

ensure that every individual in bandipora has access to the basic amenities they deserve and to bring sustainable development to even the most far-flung areas," he said.

Majid promised to elevate Bandipora to new heights in terms of development and prosperity. He outlined his vision for equitable growth, which includes upgrading infrastructure, improving

healthcare facilities, and enhancing educational opportunities in the remote regions of Bandipora and beyond. He highlighted several initiatives undertaken during his tenure that have already brought positive changes while emphasizing the need for sustained efforts to build on this progress.

He further stressed that his political journey has always

been centred on improving the living conditions of the underprivileged. "My only agenda is to work for the welfare of the poor and to ensure that development extends to even the most remote areas," he said.

Majid cited his previous tenure as an example of effective governance, mentioning numerous developmental projects. These included the erection of a new district, the construction of roads, and the establishment of crucial infrastructure such as Bandipora College, Bandipora Hospital, and vital road networks. He asserted that continuing this development is his primary aim and agenda.

He also urged the people of Bandipora not to be swayed by the false claims of the INC-NC alliance and to see through their rhetoric. "The

INC-NC has repeatedly shown that they care only for their own power and interests, not for the welfare of the people of Bandipora," Majid added.

Majid also addressed a series of meetings in Naidkhai, Bandipora town, Ashtingoo, Chandaji, and other areas of the constituency as part of his ongoing efforts to strengthen his support base and reach every corner of Bandipora. At these gatherings, Majid said, "Our movement is reaching every household in Bandipora, and we are committed to ensuring equitable development across the region."

He also urged his supporters, party workers, and new entrants to engage in a vigorous door-to-door campaign to educate voters about the significance of this election.

Indian Community thrilled by Prime Minister Modi's Address in New York

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Indian community event in New York on Sunday. A large number Indian origin people had gathered at the Long Island event titled 'Modi and US,' which will also feature cultural performances. The Indian community was buzzing with excitement as Prime Minister Modi spoke.

Vijay Gupta talked to several people at the Nassau Coliseum where Modi addressed the gathering. Groups of artists also performed various traditional Indian dance forms at the venue.



Celebrity Chef & author Vikas Khanna



Ajay Bathuri who represents Asian Community



Cultural Group of IT Professionals



An Indian American Singer



Vijay Gupta

Celebrity Chef & author Vikas Khanna: I am here to hear Prime Minister Narendra Modi. For a global power like India, we should show that our unity is our biggest strength. Every Indian living outside represents India. All Indians are foodies, and food represents our culture and identity. Whether at home or abroad, are integral to the nation's representation on the world stage. Our cuisine is much more than just a meal-it's an expression of who we are, where we come from, and the diversity of our culture. Whether at home or abroad, we play an essential role in how India is perceived on the world stage.

Ajay Bathuri who represents Asian Community: "I am from Rajasthan, and I am delighted that PM Modi is in the US and speaking here in New York. The relationship between President Biden and PM Modi is strong, and both nations have a crucial role to play in the Asia-Pacific region. With 5 million Indian Americans, they are key to strengthening ties between the two countries. Indian Americans also play a significant role in the US, with many major companies being led by Indian CEOs."

Cultural Group of IT Professionals: They came out in large numbers, adorned in beautiful Indian attire, to warmly welcome PM Modi during his visit. "It's unbelievable, and we're incredibly excited! We're originally from Pune but now living in New Jersey as IT professionals. We actively participate in performances at various temples, helping to promote and celebrate our culture," said one of the IT professional. Many shared their joy and excitement, emphasizing how significant this moment is for them.

An Indian American Singer: "I am thrilled to see Prime Minister Narendra Modi here. It brings back memories of when I met Modi ji about ten years ago, an experience I will never forget. Witnessing his leadership and vision has always inspired me, and seeing him speak here today fills me with pride and joy. The energy in the room is palpable, and the excitement within the community is immense. We are truly happy to gather and support him as he addresses important issues that resonate with us all".

Tirlok Malik: Bridging India & America through cinema and culture

Conversation with Emmy Award-Nominated Filmmaker at Times Square

NEW YORK: In the bustling heart of New York City, against the iconic backdrop of Times Square, Tirlok Malik, Emmy Award-nominated filmmaker and a proud advocate of Indian culture, sat down with Young Bites for an engaging conversation about his journey, his passion for cinema, and his deep-rooted connection to India.

Malik, a pioneer in the world of Indian-American cinema, is known for his

films that explore the immigrant experience, blending the best of both worlds-East and West. Speaking to Youngbites, Malik reflected on his artistic philosophy, stating, "I want to tell stories that resonate with the Indian heart and soul, yet speak to the universal human experience."

"I am Indian, and my heart always beats for India. The United States is my 'karam bhum' (land of action), but my soul remains Indian," Malik

said. He recalled his 2008 Emmy Award for a program he produced for PBS, calling the Emmy a prestigious recognition, not just for him but for the representation of Indian culture on an international stage.

Malik's films have often focused on the experiences of immigrants and the bond with their homeland. "I have made films about India," he said, citing notable works like Lonely in America, which explores the immigrant dream, and



Interaction with Tirlok Malik, Emmy Award-nominated filmmaker.

'Khashiya', a poignant film about parents left behind in India by their children who pursue opportunities abroad. In 'Golden Years', Malik examined the regrets and reflections of people in their twilight years. Reflecting on his frequent travels back to India, Malik said, "I've been in New York for the last 30 years, but I visit India every year." Despite his deep roots in America, his connection to India remains unwavering.

Beyond his filmmaking, Malik has been a vocal proponent of Indian food and culture, promoting India's culinary heritage in the United States. "India is a Vishwa Guru (world teacher)," he said, emphasizing India's growing influence on the global stage.

Malik also expressed his admiration for the changes in India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. "India has changed under Prime Minister Modi. Our prestige has increased, and we are now a digital country, no

longer seen as a land of snake charmers." Malik noted the rise of Indians in influential roles in the US, pointing out that top CEOs of major global companies are Indian.

"The Indian community here is very happy to meet Prime Minister Modi during his visits to the US. Modi is a great leader with a strong team," Malik added, acknowledging the sense of pride and unity PM Modi has inspired among the Indian diaspora.