

## IIM Jammu organizes one-day Ideathon, workshop



IIM Jammu faculty and students at a workshop.

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JAMMU: To create an enabling environment for transforming informal businesses into formal enterprises, IIM Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, has partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC). This collaboration has led to the establishment of 22 Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) across the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, aiming to strengthen institutions and deliver quality entrepreneurship development initiatives. Dr. Mahesh Gadekar chairs the Centre for Small Business Development at IIM Jammu.

On September 26, 2024, IIM Jammu organized a one-day Ideathon and work-

shop at its Jagti Campus, inaugurated by Prof. Sahay. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 65 individuals representing various educational institutions, including Govt. MAM College, Govt. SPMR College, GCW Gandhi Nagar, and the Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET) in Jammu.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Sahay emphasized the critical role of entrepreneurship in shaping the future. He credited Dr. Milind P. Kamble, Chairman of the Board of Governors at IIM Jammu, for conceptualizing the Centre for Small Business Development. He highlighted the collaboration between IIM Jammu, the Ministry of Skill Development, and DICC in facilitating entrepreneurship through capacity-building programs, Training of

Trainers (ToT), and incubation support. He urged participants to adopt a global perspective, innovate, and transition from job seekers to job creators.

Prof. Sahay discussed Project YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan), a joint initiative between the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and IIM Jammu, aimed at establishing 1.37 lakh enterprises over five years and creating 4.25 lakh jobs. This project, backed by Rs 1,830 crores and over Rs 5,000 crores in financial support, is set to transform the entrepreneurial landscape of the region.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer at IIM Jammu, shared insights on the support available through IIM Jammu's Incubation Centre. Participants presented innovative pitches evaluated by a judging panel, including Dr. Sharma and Naren Karunakaran, Consultant for SBDUs. Karunakaran emphasized the integration of sustainability into business ventures.

The Ideathon provided aspiring entrepreneurs with a platform to present ideas, gain feedback, and explore capacity-building and incubation opportunities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Sharma, marking a significant step in empowering individuals for socio-economic development in the region.

## CSIR-IIIM celebrates 83rd Foundation Day of CSIR



Students of various schools at celebration of 83rd Foundation Day of CSIR.

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JAMMU: As part of CSIR 83rd Foundation Day celebrations which held at New Delhi, an open day was observed by the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, (IIIM), Jammu, in which more than 450 students and faculty members

from 11 schools of Jammu region, including KV Gandhi Nagar, KV Chenani, GHSS Muthi, GHSS Miran Sahib, GBHS Bakshi Nagar, RRL High School, Presentation convent school, BVM Hiranagar, BVM Amphalla, APS Jammu Cantt, DAV Collegiate school, visited the

institute. During the campus tour, students interacted with scientists and research scholars of the institute with great enthusiasm. They were also briefed about the ongoing R&D activities of the institute through demonstrations and made aware about the contributions and efforts

being made towards Sustainable Development Goals and Viksit Bharat - 2047. CSIR is a premier research and development body of the country, which has 37 research laboratories, 39 outreach centres, 3 innovation centres & 5 units which spread all across the country. It was established on 26th September, 1942, before independence, and Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar was the founder Director General.

The event was organized under the patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM and guidance of Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head, RMBD&IST. Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist and Nodal scientist IIIM Jigyasa program coordinated the event along with other committee members Dr. Vikash Babu, Dr. Avishek Mahapa, Dr. Showkat Rasheed, Dr. Manu Khajuria and Dr. Farina Sultan.

## SVEEP: Musical tunes inspire voter turnout at JU event



Renowned singer performing in a programme.

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JAMMU: An enthralling mega cultural SVEEP event was held on Friday at Central Park, Jammu University, aimed at encouraging voter participation for the upcoming October 1 elections in the district.

The event featured musical performances by popular singers Juhí Singh, Vanshika Jaral and Punjabi artist Sangram Hanjra, who energised the crowd, particularly the youth, urging them

to actively engage in the voting process.

Present at the event were General Observer Abhinav Chandra, District Election Officer Sachin Kumar Vaishya, ADDC Sher Singh, ADC Shishir Gupta, SVEEP Nodal Officer Dr. Vikas Sharma, along with several other district officers.

DEO Sachin Kumar Vaishya emphasised the importance of casting votes and called on eligible voters

to participate in large numbers, particularly the first time voters in the electoral process. He also reassured voters of the Election Commission of India assured facilities at polling stations.

General Observer Abhinav Chandra highlighted the significance of the upcoming election, and called upon everyone to participate.

To further inspire voter turnout, a SVEEP election song was also released during the event.

## Changing the outlook of Bahu Constituency is my priority: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader, MLA Candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa, along with MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana, address the public outreach meeting with the Muslim community at Bhatindi, which falls under Bahu Constituency.

The meeting was organized by Sarpanch Ch Noor Alam, BJP ST Morcha President Mohd Rafiq, Ch Razak Bhutto, Ch Ali Mohd, Ch Haroon and other prominent persons were present on the occasion. Randhawa engaged with the Muslim community in Bathindi, fostering connections and outlining the party's vision.

Randhawa assured the gathering that, if voted to power, he would fulfill the public's desires, upholding his personal creed of "justice



BJP candidate for Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa addressing public rally.

to all segments of society." He reiterated his dedication to serving the community, echoing the BJP's mantra of inclusive growth and development.

Randhawa has accused the Congress party of causing distress in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that these opposition parties, including NC, are responsible for the region's

woes and that it's time for a change. Randhawa stressed that the BJP is fighting the elections on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of development for Jammu and Kashmir.

This vision prioritizes the well-being and prosperity of the region's citizens, who have been suffering due to the alleged misgovernance of the aforementioned. His

emphasis on justice and equality resonated with the audience, aligning with the BJP's core values. He emphasized that changing the outlook of Bahu Constituency is my first priority.

As the assembly polls approach, Randhawa's popularity and the BJP's development agenda are poised to make a significant impact in Bahu Constituency. With the community's trust and support, Randhawa is well-positioned to deliver on his promise of transformative growth and progress.

The BJP's commitment to development and good governance offers a beacon of hope for Jammu and Kashmir. With Modi's vision guiding them, Randhawa and his party are determined to bring about positive change and ensure that the region reaches its full potential.

Randhawa asserted the resounding support from the Bahu Constituency's residents, which humbles me. My resolve to put forth endless effort for their welfare and development is fueled by their faith and trust in me. I promise to keep giving the Muslim community as well as all domains of segments my wholehearted and honest attention.

The Muslim community expressed high expectations from Randhawa, pledging support and guaranteeing a decisive victory. Ghulam Ali Khatana praised Randhawa as a charismatic leader adept at understanding public sentiment. Randhawa is a politician at heart, connected with people across religions," Khatana said. "His dedication has earned him immense public love and support."

## BJP won't let NC, Congress push J&K back to era of violence: Raina

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JAMMU: Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) President Ravinder Raina today said it is imperative that the BJP comes to power in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure peace and teach the neighboring country a lesson.

Ravinder Raina also slammed the Gandhi and Abdullah families claiming they have joined hands to end reservation but they will not be allowed to do so.

"After the counting of votes on October 8, your so-called 'Mohabbat Ki Dukan' is going to be closed," Ravinder Raina said, taking a jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's slogan of 'Nafrat Ke Bazaar Mein, Mohabbat Ki Dukan' which he often used during his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

He castigated the National Conference, Congress and PDP over the issue of terrorism and said no stone-

pelter or terrorist will be released from jail.

After forming a government in Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP will issue a white paper to expose the role of the three families who had 'biryani' with terrorists, BJP president Ravinder Raina said.

"The BJP government is a must in J&K for peace, prosperity and development besides giving a befitting reply to terrorism and teaching a lesson to Pakistan," he said, urging people to vote for BJP candidates, especially whom he praised for strengthening the party in the region.

"They (NC-Congress alliance) want to release stone-pelters and terrorists (as promised in their manifesto). Farooq Abdullah is talking about a revival of terrorism in Jammu hills but I want to tell them that this is the Modi government



and we will bury terrorism in 'patal' (deep inside earth). No terrorist or stone-pelter will be released," he said.

Raina said the NC and Congress are battling for talks with Pakistan and resumption of cross-border trade along the Line of Control.

"I want to tell Farooq Abdullah and Rahul Gandhi that there will be no dialogue with Pakistan till terrorism is wiped out. I will talk with my lions (youth of JK) and not with Pakistan," he said.

He also slammed the NC-Congress leaders' remarks

on reservation, and said nobody will be allowed to touch reservation given to the deprived sections, including Paharis, Gujjars, Dalits, other backward classes.

"Gandhi and Abdullah families have come together to revoke reservation, revive terrorism and are talking about terrorism from 'Mohabbat Ki Dukan'. After counting of votes on October 8, your so-called 'Mohabbat Ki Dukan' is going to be closed.

"I want to ask Abdullah who is responsible for 30 years of terrorism, death of 40,000 people, civil curfew for over 3,000 days... you were enjoying your holidays in London while Kashmir was burning," the home he said, adding the Modi government came to power and "cleared terrorists".

"After elections when our government is formed, we

will bring a white paper on terrorism and will fully expose the three families - Congress, Abdullahs and Muftis. We will see who brought terrorism to the Valley and under whose direction, who enjoyed 'biryani' with terrorists. We will expose everything," Raina asserted.

He said the tricolor is flying proudly in JK and they want to restore the state flag of NC founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah. "Abdullah do whatever is in your power! But except our beloved tricolour, no other flag will fly in Kashmir."

The Ravinder Raina claimed the NC wants to rename 'Shankaracharya as Takht-e-Suleiman and Hari Parbat as Koh-e-Maran'. Nobody has the power to make such changes and the two hills in Srinagar will be known by their names till eternity, he said.

## Ankur Sharma's party Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal merges in BJP



Ankur Sharma's party Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal joining BJP.

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JAMMU: Ahead of the final phase of the ongoing assembly elections, the BJP got a boost in Jammu as a 'Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal' of renowned advocate Ankur Sharma merged with the BJP.

A programme was organized at BJP media centre, here today during Ankur along with the office bearers and senior leaders joined the BJP.

They were welcomed into the party fold by Union Minister and BJP's election in-charge for J&K, G. Kishan Reddy, BJP National General

Secretary and J&K Incharge, Tarun Chugh, and the party's working president Sat Sharma, in the presence of the party's chief spokesperson Advocate Sunil Sethi, Media centre in-charge & spokesperson Arun Gupta, spokesperson YV Sharma, Abhijeet-Jasrotia, and media in-charge Dr. Pradeep Mahotra.

Reddy said that the BJP family is growing larger by the day, and this is all due to the people-friendly policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that the merger of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal

into the BJP will further strengthen the party in Jammu and Kashmir. Sat Sharma praised Ankur Sharma's decision, calling it an important step in the interest of Jammu.

Ankur Sharma, on the occasion, said that he was inspired by the policies and programs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and joined the BJP.

He said that he stands with patriots in the interest of the nation and joined India's greatest and most esteemed party, BJP to break the back-bone of separatism and strengthen the country.

## Reddy, Chugh review preparations for PM's rally



BJP senior leaders reviewing preparations for PM's rally at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh, and J&K BJP's Working President, Sat Sharma, on Thursday reviewed the arrangements at MA Stadium, where the PM Modi is scheduled to address a mega rally on 28th of this month.

The leaders inspected the event's preparations, security measures, and public facilities. They issued instructions to the concerned officials to ensure no lapses in the arrangements and people do not have any inconvenience.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi will visit Jammu on September 28, 2024, where he will address a grand public rally at Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) Stadium. Prime Minister Modi will use this rally to campaign for BJP candidates from Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, and Kathua districts. The third and final phase of elections in these districts is set for October 1, 2024.

This rally is expected to have a significant impact on the electoral atmosphere in Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, and Kathua. The BJP leaders believe that Modi's address will be crucial for the party's candidates and will strengthen

BJP's electoral position.

According to BJP leaders, all preparations for the rally have been completed, and the leadership in J&K is upbeat to welcome Prime Minister Modi.

G. Kishan Reddy, Tarun Chugh, and Sat Sharma expressed satisfaction over the arrangements and expressed hope that this will be a grand rally with massive public participation.

They emphasized that the rally will symbolize BJP's resolve for victory, with enthusiastic workers and the general public reaffirming their commitment to securing a majority for the BJP.

## Nidhi Aapke Nikat: EPFO to hold awareness progs at two venues across J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will be hosting Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0, an awareness and outreach programme, at Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (Jammu Depot) Conference Hall, Channi Rama, Jammu and Rural Self Employment Training Institute, SBI, Ladakh on September 27, 2024.

The programme, according to a press release issued here, aims to educate employers and employees in these areas about social security provisions, grievance filing, fraud prevention, and digital services such as UMANG and Digi Locker.

The event will also cover the rights of employees concerning their employers. The goal is to ensure broad-based participation, awareness, grievance redressal, and information exchange closer to EPFO stakeholders.



Rizwan Uddin, the PF Commissioner, has urged subscribers, pensioners, establishments, employee representatives, and industrial chambers to actively participate in the Nidhi Aapke Nikat Program. District Nodal Officers Devinder Singh EO/AO, Harshid Pathak EO/AO, Sandeep Kumar, SS will address the programs in Jammu and Leh, respectively.

The statement said that EPFO Jammu will provide handholding support to stakeholders at the respec-

tive venues, addressing their suggestions, inputs, and grievances. Issues faced by organisations in implementing the EPF & MP Act, 1952, will be heard, and necessary actions will be taken.

The programme will cover member enrollment, UAN activation bank and Aadhaar seeding, online claim filing, filing of e-nominations, e-sign and filing ECR, it added.

Any other relevant issues related to EPFO that officers or stakeholders wish to discuss will also be addressed.

The programme will highlight the services and benefits of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995, and the enhanced Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976, offering up to Rs 7 lakh.

"EPFO Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh encourage every valuable suggestion during the Nidhi Aapke Nikat programme," the organisation said.

## Independent candidate engages with residents of Jammu North AC

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JAMMU: Independent candidate Shiv Dev Singh recently conducted a comprehensive outreach tour in the Jammu North assembly constituency, visiting key areas such as Janipur Housing Colony, Sharika Vihar, and Gujjar Basti. His visit aimed to address pressing local issues and gather feedback from residents.



In Janipur Housing Colony, Singh met with residents who expressed their concerns regarding multiple pressing issues. Many residents reported a ration supply disruption, leaving them without essential food items. Additionally, the community is facing challenges with the installation of smart meters, which they believe have added to their financial burden. The scarcity of drinking water was another critical issue raised, with residents stressing the urgent need for reliable access to this vital resource. Following his visit to Janipur, Singh proceeded to Sharika Vihar, where he encountered a significant infrastructure problem. Residents brought to his attention the issue of an uncovered nallah (drainage channel) that has led to water overflow in the locality. Singh assured the residents that he would advocate for immediate action to rectify these hazardous conditions.

The tour continued to Gujjar Basti, specifically in Ward No. 60, where Singh met with key local figures including Satever Singh Manhas, Sajjad Hussain, Shahbaz Ahmed, Zeera Choudhary, Mohd. Hafeez, Pritam Singh Bagal, Santosh Singh, Raghubir Singh, and Mohd Babar. He assured residents that their voices would not go unheard and pledged to bring their concerns to the forefront of his campaign.