

IIM Jammu completes three-day CBP under YUVA Initiative with valedictory ceremony

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu concluded the first 3-Day Capacity Building Program under the Project YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and creating employment opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir.

This program, held from 27th to 29th September 2024, for the Government officials of J&K was a critical part of the government's initiative to empower youth, women, and vulnerable groups by promoting a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem across the region. The valedictory ceremony held on Sunday at Prahalad Classroom marked the end of a successful and impactful three days of learning, knowledge-sharing, and skill-building for government officials and stakeholders.

Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, Secretary, Labour & Employment Department, emphasized the government's commitment to building a self-sustaining entrepreneurial ecosystem through Project YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan).

He highlighted that the initiative is focused on long-term growth and should



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S Sahay and others posing for a photograph.

operate independently of government subsidies, calling for a mindset shift towards innovation and self-reliance.

Ranjan encouraged participants to embrace creativity and focus on building sustainable businesses capable of thriving on their own.

While the government is committed to providing necessary support, he pointed out that Project YUVA's success hinges on effective grassroots implementation.

He urged participants-key stakeholders in the process-to actively contribute to developing operational guidelines that are crucial for smooth and efficient execution across Jammu and Kashmir.

He encouraged collaboration to create a practical framework that benefits entrepreneurs from small startups to larger enterprises, emphasizing that it should include clear processes, defined roles, and

accountability mechanisms to ensure successful outcomes. Reiterating that Project YUVA is focused on fostering a sustainable and forward-thinking entrepreneurial culture, he stressed the importance of businesses flourishing without dependence on government aid.

He concluded by urging all participants to embrace this vision and collaborate to ensure the initiative's successful implementation, positioning Jammu and Kashmir as a hub of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, emphasized the unprecedented convergence of government, academia, and funding agencies over the past decade to foster entrepreneurship in Jammu and Kashmir.

He noted that this collaboration-uniting colleges, universities, government officials, and financial institutions-is a first for the Union Territory and can serve as a

model for the entire country.

Prof. Sahay highlighted the example of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and credited Dr. Milind P. Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, for conceptualizing this unique initiative, which has led to the establishment of 22 SBDUs across Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. He also recognized the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) initiative, which provides young professionals an opportunity to contribute to skill development and economic growth.

Commending the J&K government, he lauded Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, and Kumar Rajeev Ranjan for spearheading transformative initiatives like YUVA.

He stressed the need for efficient documentation and real-time Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) via a portal to streamline processes and

ensure smooth execution.

He reiterated the importance of nurturing an entrepreneurial mindset in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing that cross-sector collaboration is crucial for making the region a national role model.

He urged the formation of a committee to establish timelines and develop an action plan to ensure the success of these initiatives, encouraging participants to apply their learning to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, summarized the program and outlined the way forward, highlighting the key takeaways.

The program covered key topics including the 4Cs- Culture, Capital, Capacity, and Connectivity-which form the foundation of the YUVA initiative.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Skill Development, IIM Jammu Srinagar Campus, and Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Small Business Development Units, IIM Jammu.

World Heart Day Omkar Heart Care Centre Udhampur organizes Walkathon Rally



Cardiologist Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma with other participants of walkathon.

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UDHAMPUR: To commemorate World Heart Day, a Walkathon Rally organised by Omkar Heart Care Centre Udhampur under the guidance of a renowned Cardiologist Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma, MD medicine DM Cardiology Gold Medalist/

The rally began at Udhampur Subash Stadium and culminated at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park.

Dr. Sharma, addressing the participants, highlighted the increasing prevalence of heart disease, even among younger populations, due to sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy dietary habits.

He emphasized the importance of starting healthy habits early in life, such as regular physical activity, eating a balanced diet, and avoiding tobacco. "Heart health should be a priority for everyone, especially the youth. By adopting healthy habits today, we can reduce the risk of heart diseases tomorrow," he said.

The students marched with banners and placards carrying heart health messages like "Stay Active, Stay Healthy," and "Eat Right for a Healthy Heart."

The walkathon aimed not only to raise awareness among students but also to inspire the broader community to prioritize cardiovascular

health. Teachers and healthcare professionals who accompanied the students also provided valuable insights into the importance of heart care and preventive measures.

At Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park, the event concluded with an interactive session where Dr. Sharma answered students' questions about heart health.

The event was also attended by prominent figures of Udhampur town Dr. Vikram Gulati, Dr. Vishav Raksha, Vivek Gupta MD DPS Udhampur, Dr. Rajinder Nagar and many others who also grace the occasion and also motivated the citizens to keep their heart healthy for happier and healthy life.

The rally was a great success in creating a sense of responsibility toward maintaining a healthy heart, especially among the younger generation.

Vijay Tagotra appointed JKPC's Working President Samba

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee appointed Vijay Tagotra as Working District President Samba.

"In the interest of smooth functioning of District Congress Committee (Samba) during the ongoing assembly elections, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee President Tariq Hameed Karra has appointed Vijay Tagotra as Working District President Samba, with immediate effect," reads the communiqué.

Around 400 players to take part in 5-day National Tennikoit C'ship in Jammu from today

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JAMMU: Nearly 400 players to compete during the five-day National Tennikoit Championship scheduled to begin here at Green Field, Gandhi Nagar from tomorrow.

President, Tennikoit Federation of India (TFI), who is also president, Jammu and Kashmir Tennikoit Association (JKTA), Rajeev Sharma said that the five days national championship is going to begin here tomorrow.

"Around 400 players and more than 70 officials from over 20 states and union territories will be taking part in the championship," said Sharma.

The opening ceremony will be held tomorrow (Sept 30) morning at 11:15 am wherein Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Shakti Pathak will be the chief guest and Mohammad Hanief, Chief Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council will be the special guest.

The championship will conclude on October 4, said Sharma adding, "all required arrangements are in place and it is an opportunity for our youngsters to get more exposed to the game and showcase their talent by competing at the national platform."

24x7 Emergency Blood Donors organize Blood Donation Camp in memory of Amar Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo



A volunteer donating blood at a camp.

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JAMMU: The 24x7 Emergency Blood Donors organized a blood donation camp at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, in collaboration with the Tika Lal Taploo Foundation. This initiative was held to honor the memory of Amar Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo, attracting over ten young volunteers who generously donated blood. In a statement from the organizers-Ashwani Bhat, Shobin Bhat, and Naveen Bhat-it was noted that the foundation has been actively involved in various social activities, including blood donation camps, for the benefit of poor and needy individuals, regardless of caste, creed, or color. Ashwani Bhat, a prominent social activist, emphasized the organization's commitment to saving lives through blood donation. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers, including Anmol Tickoo, Suraj Raina, Sahil Bhat, Naveen Bhat, Ahmed Bhat,

Ashish Bhat, Ramandeep Singh, and Rohit Koul, as well as the hospital administration for their invaluable support in organizing the camp.

Ashutosh Taploo, founder of the Tika Lal Taploo Foundation, conveyed his appreciation and gratitude through an E-meet during the blood donation camp, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in the community.

Key attendees included Dr. Hamid Zargar, Medical Superintendent of Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Dr. Utra Sambyal, In-Charge of the Blood Bank, and other members of the hospital administration, such as Sandeep Singh, Gurdeep Singh, and Anita Kumari. Their presence underscored the collaborative effort to promote blood donation and support those in need.

The organizers expressed their commitment to continue working diligently to assist the underprivileged in the future, reinforcing the spirit of community service that drives their initiatives.

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BISHNAH: NSS Unit of GDC Bishnah, in collaboration with SVEEP Jammu, organized a Voters' Awareness Programme and NSS Foundation Day. Dr. Shalhu Samy, Principal of the College, patronized this prestigious event. The programme began with a Mashaal rally that was flagged off by Dr. Shalhu Samy from the main gate of the college. Students marched through Bishnah town, raising slogans about casting votes on October 1, 2024. Upon returning to the Main Hall, Horticulture Office, the cultural programme commenced with lamp lighting, Saraswati Vandana, and floral welcome addresses to all dignitaries. The students performed captivating Dogri, Punjabi dances, presented song and sang the theme song on Voters awareness while renowned Punjabi singer



Principal GDC Bishnah, Dr. Shalhu Samy posing with students and faculty members.

Sangram Hanjra enthralled the audience with his mellifluous voice. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony at the college's browsing center. Dr. Shalhu Samy felicitated students with medals and gifts for their outstanding

work in 2023-24. In her address, Dr. Shalhu Samy applauded students for their community service and institutional contributions. A vote of thanks was extended to all attendees. NSS foundation day was coordinated by Geeta

Lakhotra, Dr. Kusum, Prof. Shivani and the rest of NSS Committee members. The event graced by the principals of Higher Secondary Schools, Nodal officer, Bishnah, BDO, Block Level officers and Anganwadi workers.

BJP sure to form Govt: YV Sharma

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JAMMU: Expressing great relief at the Election campaign and the massive turnout of voters during the first two rounds of electioneering in Jammu & Kashmir, YV Sharma Spokesperson BJP complimented the PM, Home Minister, Defence Minister, President BJP and the other Union Ministers and the JK leadership who very emphatically replied the canards, rumors and the misinformation being spread by the opposition to hide their own mistakes, inefficiency, and misrule during the long tenure of their Governance



in the erstwhile J&K State.

Sharma referred to the positive response of the voters expressed on camera about the peace, calm, tranquility and the accelerated pace of development brought about by the Modi Govt. post the abrogation

of Article 370 and exuded confidence that BJP is going to form the next Govt in JK UT on the declaration of results on October 8. He emphasized that this trend was visibly clear from the panic in the hearts of all the leaders including the Cong, PDP, and NC, and the fringe parties grew up like mushrooms before and after the announcement of the Elections in JK UT. None of them, Sharma continued could present a positive and viable vision and narrative of the J&K UT after the election.

Sharma expected and opined that the voters would be vigilant

and careful to defeat the malicious propaganda of the Leaders of the opposition and the enemies of the country who will try to distract their attention with their false propaganda and would keep in mind the great development done by the Modi Govt in almost all sectors of social, economic, political, cultural, infrastructural and futuristic life of the people and would make sure to come in large numbers to vote in the last phase of the election on Oct 1 so that the wheels of progress and development continue to move with fast speed without any obstacle.

Sham Sharma pledges to safeguard Dogra honor, its rich legacy Calls for electing BJP Govt to secure future of coming generations

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JAMMU: Reiterating his resolve to develop Jammu North constituency on modern lines, senior BJP leader and party candidate, Sham Lal Sharma on Sunday said he will serve the people of this constituency as a vigilant watchman (Chowkidar) on 24x7 basis. He said, Jammu North constituency has special significance as its some areas fall in urban belt, some in semi-urban and rural areas. All areas have their own needs and issues, which will be taken care of with the close coordination of concerned people, he asserted.

Addressing public gatherings in different wards of Jammu North constituency, Sham said that it is the endeavour of BJP to ensure peace, security, holistic development and to restore the honor of Dogra culture and its rich heritage that was undermined by the Kashmir centric polity for over seven decades. He assured that Dogra pride and its legacy will be protected at all costs and its pristine glory will be restored



BJP candidate from Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma speaking at a public meeting.

completely. Listing some areas of priority in Jammu North constituency, Sham said that immediately after the results of elections, he will formulate a comprehensible roadmap with the coordination of all stakeholders and fix the priority accordingly. The areas which he has already identified and will receive focused attention included, up-gradation of road connectivity (mains and links) with overcoming the problem of frequent traffic jams, uninterrupted power and water supply, developing sports infrastructure to engage the youth in various sports activities, up-gradation of health facilities and overall face-lifting of public parks and colonies, he noted.

Describing the on-going elections different and special from all previous ones, Sham said that people have got the opportunity of electing the representatives and government of their choice after a long gap of 10 years, that too under the Indian constitution and Indian flag after abolition of Article-370 in Jammu Kashmir. Previously all elections were being held under two constitutions and two flags, one from State and other from country. The current elections are also being fought between the nationalistic and anti-India and pro-Pak forces and people have to decide the fate of Jammu Kashmir. He urged the people to use their utmost

wisdom while exercising their right of franchise and elect the leaders of credibility who can protect their futures and ensure peace, stability and prosperity, he asserted.

While seeking support for his candidature, Sham appealed to the people to vote for him to ensure his victory. He said it's only BJP that can bring lasting peace and prosperity in Jammu Kashmir with the power of a double engine, and people must not lose this golden opportunity. Electing BJP means electing Dogra Hindu Chief Minister, securing the bright future of the coming generations and protecting the honor and glory of Dogras, he added.