

IIM Jammu inaugurates MDP on Corporate Governance for GMs & DGMs of J&K Bank

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu inaugurated a two-day Management Development Program (MDP) on Corporate Governance for the General Managers and Deputy General Managers of J&K Bank at its Vedanta MDP Block, Jagti Campus on Friday.
 The program is designed to enhance leadership capacity, strengthen decision-making frameworks, and equip senior executives with a deeper understanding of governance principles essential for sustainable growth. The training program featured 24 participants from the J & K Bank.
 Chief Guest Rakesh Koul, General Manager, J&K Bank, in his remarks, mentioned that the initiative by IIM Jammu reflects a forward-looking approach towards leadership development. He expressed confidence



GMs & DGMs of J&K Bank with IIM Jammu faculty posing for a photograph.

dence that the program would empower participants with governance-driven strategies to meet the evolving challenges of the banking sector.
 Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, in his inaugural address, stated that the banking sector stands at the core of economic growth, and robust governance mechanisms ensure both ethical and sustainable outcomes. He emphasized that this program would serve as a platform for meaningful engagement and practical insights for senior leaders of

J&K Bank. Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, remarked that the program reflects IIM Jammu's strong focus on bridging academic excellence with industry needs. He added that such initiatives are designed to create immediate value for participants and long-term impact for institutions. He highlighted the role of executive education in building stronger corporate governance practices across industries.
 The inaugural ceremony culminated with a vote of

thanks by Prof. Ravij Seth, program director, followed by the national anthem and a group photograph. Present during the occasion were Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Co-Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu.
 The inaugural session began with the traditional lighting of the lamp. Dr. Atanu Bhuyan, Program Director, delivered the welcome address and outlined the objectives of the program.
 As part of the inaugural session, participants introduced themselves and

shared their expectations from the program, underscoring their keen interest in enhancing governance-driven leadership practices within the banking sector.
 The program will run from September 12 to 13, 2025, and will feature sessions on best practices in corporate governance, leadership strategies, and case-based discussions relevant to the banking sector.
 The two-day program, inaugurated at IIM Jammu's Jagti Campus, brought together senior leaders of J&K Bank to strengthen governance practices, leadership skills, and sustainable decision-making frameworks.
 This program reaffirms IIM Jammu's commitment to shaping visionary leaders who drive trust, integrity, and growth. The program was coordinated and executed by Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C), IIM Jammu.

SWD Poonch organises volleyball & skit under Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign



MLA Haveli, Ajaz Ahmed Jan and Addl SP Mohan Lal Sharma with others at a programme.

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POONCH: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) Poonch organised an exhibition volleyball match and a skit performance under the campaign "Nasha Mukht Bharat". The initiative combined the energy of sports with the impact of culture to spread awareness against drug abuse.
 The event was graced by MLA Haveli, Ajaz Ahmed Jan as Chief Guest and

Addl SP Mohan Lal Sharma as Guest of Honour.
 The volleyball match between the Shaheed Manjeet Singh Volleyball Club and the Poonch Volleyball Club enthralled the crowd, while a thought provoking skit supervised by Pardeep Khanna highlighted the dangers of drug abuse.
 District Social Welfare Officer, Khalil A. Bandy, stressed that the depart-

ment's motive is to "generate awareness among people, especially youth, so society can be safeguarded from the destructive grip of drugs."
 On this occasion, Ajaz Ahmed Jan, praised the efforts of DSWO Khalil A. Bandy, Chairman Shaheed Manjeet Singh Volleyball Club Tariq Khan, and noted anchor Pardeep Khanna for their contribution.
 The MLA added that "such events are vital for youth and society as they spread awareness, promote healthy lifestyles, and inspire collective responsibility against the menace of drugs."
 The programme saw enthusiastic participation of civil society members, members of the Bar, athletes, sportspersons, and youth from across Poonch, reflecting the district's united stand for a drug-free India.

Floods expose administrative failures: Bhalla demands accountability, immediate action

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Working President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) and former minister, Raman Bhalla, has strongly criticized the administration for its repeated failures to implement effective flood protection measures, holding it accountable for the recent devastation caused by floods in Jammu province.
 During a visit to flood-affected villages including Dharap, Dharap Kothey, and Shergarh in Jammu district, Bhalla met with distressed families and farmers who have lost homes, roads, and standing crops due to heavy rains and flooding in late August. He was accompanied by Sarpanch Kashmir Singh, Balkar Singh, Harbans Singh, Prem Kumar, Ranjit Singh, Surjeet Singh, Dadar Singh, Shanty, Sanjay Katal, and others.
 "It is heartbreaking to see farmers lose their crops and livelihoods yet



JKPCC Working President, Raman Bhalla interacting with flood-affected people.

again. The destruction could have been minimized if the administration had taken timely steps," said Bhalla.
 He cited the 2014 floods as a warning that went unheeded, criticizing authorities for ignoring the need to strengthen riverbanks, maintain drainage systems, and implement disaster mitigation strategies.
 Particularly in the case of Balol Nallah, Bhalla pointed out that no preventive measures were taken to control water

flow, which led to significant damage in surrounding villages.
 "The government has learned nothing from past disasters. Vulnerable communities are left to face the consequences of negligence," he said.
 Expressing dismay over the delay in relief and rehabilitation, Bhalla noted that affected families are still waiting for compensation and basic support. "This is not charity people are seeking-this is their right. The government must respond swiftly

and compassionately," he urged.
 Bhalla personally assessed damaged fields, assured farmers that their voices would be raised at all forums, and demanded immediate financial assistance, restoration of irrigation systems, and repair of rural roads.
 He emphasized the long-term consequences of inaction, warning that without structured flood protection and preparedness, rural communities risk slipping deeper into poverty and instability.
 Calling for a comprehensive flood management policy, Bhalla urged the administration to work with engineers, experts, and local communities to implement embankments, early warning systems, and public awareness programs.
 "The time for excuses is over. The government must act with urgency to safeguard lives and livelihoods," Bhalla concluded, assuring continued support to the flood-hit population.

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SAMBA: Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, led an extensive field mission to Samba district today, personally supervising the massive relief and rehabilitation operations on ground. The high-level visit was marked by seamless political and administrative coordination, reflecting the government's resolve to safeguard every affected citizen.
 The Minister was accompanied by elected representatives including Surjit Singh Sathia, MLA Samba, along with Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan (IAS), and Senior Superintendent of Police, Virender Singh Manhas (JKPS). Together, they formed a unified crisis management team operating under the Central Government's battle-tested disaster proto-



Union MoS for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya interacting with officials at Samba.

cols. During her visit, Minister Bambhaniya conducted a detailed review of the extensive damage caused by the floods, which has resulted in large-scale infrastructure destruction, severe agricultural losses, and the displacement of

families. She inspected critical landslide zones, emergency evacuation points, and disrupted connectivity corridors, ensuring real-time ground-level intelligence was transmitted directly to the Prime Minister's crisis monitor-

ing center.
 The Minister also engaged directly with flood-affected families, listening to their grievances and assuring them of immediate relief. "Under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership, relief operations are being carried out on an absolute war footing," she declared. "Every national resource-financial, technical, and human-is being mobilized to protect and support our people."
 The Central Government has also initiated a two-pronged strategy: immediate humanitarian relief to meet urgent needs, and long-term climate-resilient reconstruction measures to prepare for the future. These include rebuilding infrastructure capable of withstanding extreme weather, introducing advanced early-warning systems, and implementing livelihood restoration programmes for affected communities.

Two-hour relaxation passes off peacefully in Doda, no fresh protests

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 DODA: Authorities allowed a two-hour relaxation in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda on Friday evening, even as an uneasy calm prevailed over the mountainous region following prohibitory restrictions for the fourth consecutive day.
 Prohibitory orders remained in force in Doda and Bhalessa towns, where mobile internet and Wi-Fi

services continued to be suspended as a precautionary measure. Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh on Friday night said that Doda had remained incident-free for the past two days. "We issued directions to open the markets for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm. It passed off peacefully.
 "In fact, we personally visited the market and

spoke to the dealers to hear their concerns. Most of the issues were related to supply," Singh told reporters.
 He said that markets in the subdivision have reopened. "As the situation improves, restrictions will be eased. Safety certificates concerning the security audit of schools will be completed by Sunday. We expect schools to reopen on

Monday," he added.
 Earlier in the morning, officials said the situation remained calm overnight with no fresh protests. "However, elaborate security measures are in place, with heightened security in sensitive areas," said an official.
 Security has been beefed up and patrolling intensified in Doda town in view of Friday prayers, he said.

Speaker attends 11th CPA India Region Conference at Bengaluru

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 SRINAGAR: Speaker, Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, attended the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
 The prestigious conference is being held from 11th to 13th September 2025 and was attended by Speakers and Secretaries from all States and Union Territories across the country. The inaugural address was delivered by Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla.
 Addressing the gathering on the theme "Debates & Discussions in the Houses of Legislature: Building People's Trust, Meeting People's Aspirations", Speaker Rather underlined the pivotal role of legislatures as forums of healthy debate and discussion.
 "It is a matter of immense pride and privilege to speak on a topic that lies at the very heart of our democracy. The legislature is not merely a building of bricks and stones, it is a temple of democracy where the voice

of the people resonates and the future of our nation is shaped," he stated.
 Highlighting on the importance of informed deliberation, Speaker Rather remarked, "Debate is the soul of democracy. When legislators engage in meaningful discussions, people begin to trust the system. Trust is strengthened when we move beyond disruption to discussion, beyond personal attacks to policy analysis, beyond noise to nuance.
 He emphasized that debates must reflect the real issues faced by citizens, prioritize inclusive growth, and create actionable solutions.

"Every time a law is passed after thorough debate, every time a policy is improved through suggestions in the House, it is the people's aspiration being honoured," he observed.
 Calling for responsible conduct of members, he said, "When debates are reduced to shouting matches, when discussions turn into walkouts, the message that goes to the people is not of strength, but of weakness. We must demand that our representatives come prepared, respect decorum, and focus on solutions, not stunts."
 On the sidelines of the conference, Speaker Rather

also held a meeting with Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Stephen Twigg. The Speaker expressed gratitude to Secretary General for the restoration of Jammu & Kashmir's membership in the CPA.
 The Secretary General extended an invitation to Speaker Rather to attend the upcoming CPA conference scheduled to be held in Barbados in the first week of October 2025.
 Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly, Manoj Pandita, also accompanied the Speaker to the conference.

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Air India Express		1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo		1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo		6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
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IndiGo		3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo		5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

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BAAGHI 4 (HINDI)

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PVR KC JAMMU	01:40 PM

MIRAI (HINDI)

WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 01:10 PM / 04:25 PM / 7:35 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	03:55 PM / 10:30 PM

MEHAR -(PUNJABI)

WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	7:50 PM
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TELEPHONES		
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Trunk Booking		180
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HOSPITALS		
Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291	
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	2571147, 257084, 257357	
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637	
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012	
Dental Hospital		2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
AMBULANCES		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
FIRE STATIONS		
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705	
City		2544263
Canal		2554064
Roop Nagar		2597522
Gangyal		2480026
Bari Brahmana		220020
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Samba		243280
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Udhampur		270897
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Tourist Officer, Railway Station		2430078
Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
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JKSRTC General Manager		2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand		2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
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WATER SUPPLY		
Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
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ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS		
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Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
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Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
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CIVIC SERVICES		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
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