

# IIM Jammu hosts valedictory ceremony of MDP on Corporate Governance for Senior Executives of J&K Bank



GMs & DGMs of J&K Bank at closing ceremony of MDP on Corporate Governance at IIM Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu conducted the Valedictory Ceremony of its specialized Management Development Program (MDP) on Corporate Governance for GMs & DGMs of J&K Bank designed exclusively for General Managers and Deputy General Managers of J&K Bank on 13th Sept 2025 at Jagti Campus.

The program aimed to equip senior executives with advanced insights and best practices in corporate governance, enhancing their ability

to drive ethical, transparent, and sustainable business practices. The program consisted of 24 participants.

Present during the valedictory ceremony was Prof. Ravij Seth, Program Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy; Dr. Mugbil Burhan, Associate Professor, IIM Jammu; Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, EE & C, IIM Jammu and Dr. Atanu Bhuyan, Program Director, IIM Jammu.

The session began with a warm welcome, followed by a detailed program report pre-

sented by Dr. Atanu Bhuyan, Program Director, IIM Jammu. Participants shared their reflections, highlighting the transformative learning experience and the applicability of corporate governance principles in strengthening J&K Bank's leadership and operations.

On the occasion, Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (EE&C), addressed the participants, stressing that strong corporate governance is central to ensuring accountability and fostering long-term growth. He highlighted the value of peer learning during the program

and expressed gratitude for the constructive feedback shared by the participants. He further encouraged them to share key takeaways and individual insights that could contribute to collaborative growth, reaffirming IIM Jammu's commitment to working closely with industry partners. Concluding on a positive note, he wished everyone good luck for their future.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Ravij Seth, Program Director, IIM Jammu, who acknowledged the active participation and enthusiasm of the executives from J&K Bank. He emphasized the collective responsi-

bility to curate and cultivate better practices in governance that can positively contribute not only to organizational excellence but also to the larger goals of government and society. This was followed by the National Anthem.

The MDP, held from September 12 to 13, 2025, featured sessions on best practices in corporate governance, leadership strategies, and case-based discussions relevant to the banking sector. The two-day training program brought together senior leaders of J&K Bank to strengthen governance practices, leadership skills, and sustainable decision-making frameworks. The program was coordinated and executed by the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C) division of IIM Jammu. It reaffirmed IIM Jammu's vision of contributing to nation-building by creating socially responsible, globally aware, and ethically grounded leaders, while fostering strong partnerships with leading organizations like J&K Bank.

# LG Kavinder flags off 'Run for Fun' Marathon



Lt Governor Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta flagging off 'Run for Fun' Marathon.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Saturday flagged off the 'Run for Fun' Marathon, a part of the 12th edition of the Ladakh Marathon, near NDS Ground Leh. Around 1,650 runners, including students and persons with disabilities, participated in the event.

On the occasion, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Bhanu Prabha; Administrative Secretary, Sanjit Rodrigues; Administrative Secretary, Bhupesh Chaudhary, and the President of ALTOA were also present.

The Lt Governor said that the Ladakh Marathon has not only boosted tourism but also created new livelihood opportunities for local communities by attracting runners from across India and abroad.

Highlighting its growing stature, Kavinder Gupta noted that the Ladakh Marathon has emerged as one of India's most prestigious long-distance races and is now a globally recognised endurance event. With more than 6,000 runners from over 30 countries participating this year, the marathon has put Ladakh firmly on the global sporting map.

The Lt Governor remarked that the event's

challenging high-altitude terrain, coupled with Ladakh's unique culture, makes it a rare and inspiring experience for participants. Despite the oxygen-thin atmosphere and unpredictable mountain weather, runners show remarkable enthusiasm, he said.

The Lt Governor also underlined that AIMS certification, iconic races like Kharchung La Challenge and Silk Route Ultra, and the warm participation of Ladakhi people have made the event truly distinctive. He commended the organisers for their professional conduct of the marathon, ensuring both safety and a memorable experience for runners.

The Lieutenant Governor also expressed special appreciation for the participation of persons with disabilities in the marathon, noting that their determination and spirit are a true inspiration for society. He said their active involvement reflects the inclusive spirit of Ladakh Marathon and sends a powerful message of courage, equality, and perseverance.

Kavinder Gupta also appealed to the youth to actively take part in sports and physical activities, stressing that sports not only build fitness and discipline but also provide opportunities for personal growth and national pride.

# Pankhuri of DPS Jammu excels at National Dance Competition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pankhuri Malhotra (VII-D), a talented dancer from Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu, made the school proud by securing the third prize at the national-level dance competition "Dance Ka Junoon", organized by PB46 Bhangra Academy on 7th September 2025 at Gandhi Ground Auditorium, Amritsar.

Competing against 150-200 participants from across India, Pankhuri's outstanding freestyle performance earned her not only the third position but also the coveted title of "Performance of the Day."

The competition featured a variety of dance forms including Western, Classical, Semi-Classical, Folk, Gidda, and Punjabi. Known for her dedication and passion, Pankhuri has previously showcased her talent at international, state, and regional levels.

The management of DPS Jammu, led by President RCT Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC Dr. Ritu Singh, Director S.S. Sodhi, Principal



Ruchi Chhabra, and faculty, congratulated Pankhuri and her parents, wishing her continued success ahead.

# SAI, Parivartan Club shine in 4th Independence Kho-Kho Cup

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K UT Kho-Kho Association announced the successful conclusion of the 4th Independence Kho-Kho Cup, which witnessed thrilling contests and exceptional displays of skill and sportsmanship from clubs across the region. The event was graced by the presence of prominent sports personalities and administrators.

Satpal Singh attended the event as the Chief Guest and lauded the efforts of the organizers and players.

Also present were key office bearers of the J&K UT Kho-Kho Association, including General Secretary Amrinder Pal Singh, Treasurer and renowned International Player Pankaj Malhotra, and Joint Secretary Tarmet



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials and dignitaries.

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Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Satpal Singh congratulated all the participating teams and praised the association for its commitment to promoting the indigenous sport of Kho-Kho.

He emphasized the importance of such tournaments in

providing a platform for young athletes to display their talent and gain recognition.

The tournament featured a series of exciting matches in both the boys' and girls' sections.

In the Boys' Section, SAI Club defeated Parivartan Club by 7 points in a closely

contested match. Meanwhile, NIS Club secured a dominant victory over New National School by an innings and 7 points.

In the Girls' Section, Parivartan Club displayed outstanding performance by winning both of its matches. They emerged victorious against Rising Star by 7

points and defeated Sindhoor Club in another nail-biting encounter by just 2 points.

The matches throughout the tournament were officiated by Palbinder Singh and Sahil Angral, who ensured fair play and adherence to rules.

At the conclusion of the event, General Secretary Amrinder Pal Singh extended heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, officials, and all participating teams for making the 4th Independence Kho-Kho Cup a grand success.

He highlighted that the Association remains committed to providing opportunities for young players and taking Kho-Kho to new heights in the Union Territory.

# Jodhamal Juniors take Oath of Leadership



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Junior Wing of Jodhamal Public School celebrated its Investiture Ceremony 2025-26 with grandeur and solemnity, marking the formal induction of the Prefectorial Council.

The event reflected the school's vision of nurturing leadership, instilling responsibility, and fostering a spirit of service among young learners.

The programme began with the welcoming of the Chief Guest, Lt. Col. Smita Sanglodkar, who was presented with saplings - a symbol of growth and sustainability.

The lighting of the ceremonial lamp and a melodious performance by the Junior Choir added grace and dignity to the occasion. Principal Dr. Deep Khare extended a warm welcome and emphasized that leadership must always be rooted in discipline, honesty, and teamwork.

The highlight of the ceremony was the badging ceremony, where the newly elected leaders proudly donned their sashes and badges, pledging to uphold the values of their alma mater. The oath of office was administered by the Principal, inspiring the young council members to commit themselves to service

and sincerity.

This year's Prefectorial Council 2025-26 (Junior Wing) was led by Junior Head Girl Sara Nawaz and Junior Head Boy Namit Malhotra, along with Deputy Head Girl Maisa Gupta and Deputy Head Boy Aarvik Mahajan. The Discipline Incharges were Saanvi Gupta, Bani Kour and Riyan Gupta, supported by Vice Discipline Incharges Sunvi Sharma and Arindham Veer. The Eco Leaders included Ziaana Singh, Ishwam Kawatara and Anayla Gupta, with Vice Eco Leaders Aaleen Naik, Sayyam Sharma, Mohd. Izaan and Mohd. Asad.

In the field of sports, Tara Shan and Gurjas Singh were appointed as Sports Captains, assisted by Vice Sports Captains Amaira Mahajan and Fateh Singh. The CCA Incharges were Vaidehi Mahajan, Ruvika Sachdev and Advay Sharma, with Vice CCA Incharges Kaashvi Gupta, Nidha Gupta and Rivaan Gupta. The Academic Prefects were Parini Gupta and Zain Basit Keng, assisted by Vice Academic Prefects Gauranghi and Sarthak Jamwal. For the houses, Challenge House was led by Captains Saanvi Gupta and Andrew Raj Anthony, with Vice Captains Myra Abrol and

Samar Gandotra. Invention House was represented by Captains Katayani and Amaan Chowdhary, with Vice Captains Varahi Bajaj and Saransh. Discovery House had Captains Kiaana Upadhaya and Reyaansh Abrol, with Vice Captains Myra Khair and Shanjai H. Singh Grewal. Enterprise House was headed by Captains Khayati Rathore and Divyam Rajan, with Vice Captains Mysha Dogra and Mihir Sharma.

Addressing the gathering, Lt. Col. Smita Sanglodkar shared her inspiring journey of determination, discipline and service, motivating the young council members to

lead with courage and humility. The flag presentation, group photograph, and speeches by the newly appointed Junior Head Girl and Junior Head Boy reflected the confidence and enthusiasm of the student leaders. A memento was presented to the Chief Guest as a token of gratitude.

School Trustee Nandan Kuthiala and Director Arati Kuthiala extended their congratulations to the new council, urging them to lead with confidence and responsibility. Principal Dr. Deep Khare reminded them that true leadership lies in service, sincerity and discipline. Vice Principal Amita Arora proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks, appreciating the dedication of students and staff, with a special mention of CCA Coordinator Deepali Puri and the entire Jodhamal team for the successful conduct of the ceremony.

The event concluded with a strong belief that these young leaders will serve as torchbearers of integrity, discipline and excellence, carrying forward the proud legacy of Jodhamal Public School.

# Heritagean Shreya Gupta represents J&K in Inter State North Zone Badminton Championship



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shreya Gupta of Class 12th D at Heritage School proudly represented the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in the Inter State North Zone Badminton Championship, held at Una, Himachal Pradesh, from 8th to 11th September 2025. Her selection for this prestigious tournament came after her outstanding performance at the All J&K Senior and Junior Ranking/Selection Trials, held at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, from 1st to 4th September 2025, organized

by the J&K Badminton Association.

During the trials, Shreya showcased remarkable skill and determination, securing the Runners-up Trophy in the Senior Doubles Category. This achievement not only earned her recognition but also led to her selection to represent the UT at the North Zone Championship.

Heritage School takes great pride in Shreya's dedication and sportsmanship, celebrating her accomplishments and wishing her continued success in future competitions.

# NSS enrollment drive started at GDC Mahanpur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MAHANPUR: NSS unit of GDC Mahanpur started the Enrollment Drive for new NSS Volunteers. The purpose of the Enrollment Drive was to enroll 100 NSS Volunteers for the Session 2025-2026.

NSS Volunteers are enrolled every year with the aim for community service. Moreover, the voluntary service also helps in personality development among the students.

The Enrollment Drive was organised by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS PO under the supervision of worthy Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan.



NSS Enrollment Drive in progress at GDC Mahanpur.

The Drive was initiated under the supervision of esteemed Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College. A Special Help Desk was set up by the senior NSS volunteers to enroll new volunteers for the

National Service Scheme popularly known as NSS. NSS is an extension of activities to the higher education system to orient the student youth to community service while they are studying in education institutions, under

the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India.

An awareness and counselling session was also conducted by NSS PO Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia as well as the NSS Volunteers of the senior semesters for the Semester 1st students. During the session, students were made aware about the opportunities to gain hand-on experience in helping the society through community service.

The new batch of the College enthusiastically enrolled themselves as NSS Volunteers. Moreover, the students of 3rd and 5th semester also enrolled themselves as NSS Volunteers vowing to

continue the voluntary and selfless service to the nation.

The Enrollment Drive was successful conducted by the NSS Unit. The students enrolled themselves in large number for the self-less service emphasising the NSS motto of "Not Me, But You".

The NSS Volunteers who helped in conducting the NSS Enrollment Drive were Monika, Priti, Ruchika, Anshika, Pallavi, Ridhi, Ruchika, Megha, Nehu, and Bhumika. All the faculty members of the College Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Nisha, Dr. Sapna Devi and Prof. Binti Sharma were also present during the Enrollment Drive.

# White Water Rafting Expedition flagged off by Tiger Division



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To mark the Diamond Jubilee of victory in the Indo-Pak War of 1965, the GOC Tiger Division flagged off a White Water Rafting Expedition today from Jammu. The expedition, spanning over four days, will traverse the pristine and challenging waters of the Ganges from Rudrapur to Rishikesh.

The expedition is a testament to the valor and sacrifices of bravehearts that led to the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1965 war. The expedition also aims to promote adventure

sports, national integration, and motivate the youth to engage in physical and adventurous activities.

The team of Tiger Division has undergone rigorous training to master the art of navigating their raft through the challenging water course and experience the thrill of the sport.

The expedition will also help the team imbibe teamwork, leadership, adaptability in challenging conditions, and the never-ending spirit to overcome the indomitable, apart from building physical strength and mental agility.