

# IIM Jammu signs MoU with SAIL

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) at SAIL Ispat Bhawan, New Delhi, to collaborate on executive education, research, consultancy, case study development, and capacity-building initiatives.

The MoU establishes a broad framework for cooperation, including customized and open management development programmes, joint research, faculty exchange, student projects, internships, industry visits, and co-hosting of conferences and case competitions.

The agreement was signed by Sanjay Dhar, Officiating ED (HR-L&D), SAIL/MTI Ranchi, and Cmdr. Kesavan Baskkaran (R), Chief



Officials of IIM Jammu and SAIL signing MoU at SAIL Ispat Bhawan, New Delhi.

Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu, in the presence of Shri Krishna Kumar Singh, Director (Personnel), SAIL, Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Co-Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, along with senior SAIL officials.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director,

IIM Jammu, termed the MoU a landmark in strengthening academia-industry linkages. He noted that the collaboration would enrich SAIL's leadership pipeline, create impactful student and faculty engagement opportunities, and drive joint knowledge creation through research, case

studies, and consultancy projects.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, emphasized that the MoU reflects IIM Jammu's role as a trusted partner for public sector enterprises, fostering knowledge co-creation and impactful case studies.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, highlighted that the partnership would help design tailored training programmes addressing the dynamic needs of SAIL executives.

Prof. Rajesh Sikka underlined the MoU as a milestone in strengthening IIM Jammu's executive education footprint, noting the institute's focus on research, consultancy, and long-term value creation.

Krishna Kumar Singh, Director (Personnel), SAIL, said the collaboration would enhance SAIL's leadership and management capabilities, aligning its learning culture with evolving industry needs. Cmdr. Kesavan Baskkaran (R) highlighted IIM Jammu's world-class infrastructure and its emergence as a hub of management excellence.

# Maha Navami to be celebrated with worship of Maa Siddhidatri; Vijayadashami on Oct 2: Pt Shukla

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JAMMU: As part of the nine auspicious days of Navratri, devotees will worship Maa Siddhidatri on Maha Navami, which falls on Wednesday. Goddess Siddhidatri is revered as the bestower of all types of siddhis (divine powers).

According to scriptures, the Goddess grants the eight primary siddhis - Anima, Mahima, Garima, Laghima, Prapti, Prakamya, Ishitva, and Vashitva-along with 18 other mystical powers. Worshipping Maa Siddhidatri is believed to bless devotees with both spiritual powers and devotion.

The Goddess is depicted seated on a lotus flower,



radiating divine grace.

On Navami, the rituals of Navratri will conclude with Havan and Kanya Pujan, to be completed by 2:35 PM. Thereafter, the formal conclusion of Navratri (paran) will also be observed on the same day.

The sacred festival of Vijayadashami will be celebrated on October 2,

Thursday, coinciding with Shravan Nakshatra and Udayakalika Dashami. Devotees will immerse Durga idols in rivers and ponds, marking the culmination of the festival. On this day, performing Shashtra Pujan (worship of weapons) is considered highly auspicious, symbolizing protection from negativity and victory over evil.

According to the Ramayana, it was on this day that Lord Rama vanquished Ravana and triumphed over Lanka, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil.

Since then, Vijayadashami has been celebrated with great fervor and devotion across the country.

# World Heart Day observed at SVMHC Hospital



Dr. Sushil Sharma, Prof & Head, Department of Cardiology, Government Super Speciality Hospital, Jammu along with management committee members.

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JAMMU: Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission (SVM) Charitable Hospital, Ambphalla, Jammu, commemorated World Heart Day 2025 with an awareness program centered on cardiovascular health, preventive measures, and community education. The theme, "Don't Miss a Beat," highlighted the importance of heart care and timely medical intervention.

The program was attended by Management Committee

Members Amar Chand, Senior Vice President; B.B. Gupta, General Secretary; B.S. Janwal, Secretary; Dr. Sachin Gupta, and Dr. Jatinder Gupta - along with senior hospital officials including Dr. Arvind Kohli, CVTS Surgeon & Medical Director; Dr. Yashpal Karsyal, Assistant Medical Superintendent; and S. Iqbal Deep Singh, Hospital Manager. Consultants, RMOs, hospital staff, and cardiac patients also joined the event.

Guest Speaker Dr. Sushil

Sharma, Professor & Head, Department of Cardiology, Government Super Speciality Hospital, Jammu, delivered the keynote lecture.

He noted the rising incidence of heart disease due to sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy diets, urging the adoption of preventive strategies such as reducing salt and sugar, maintaining healthy weight, avoiding tobacco and alcohol, and undergoing regular check-ups.

Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Consultant Cardiologist, delivered

an in-house presentation stressing that "a healthy heart begins with daily choices."

He emphasized adequate sleep, stress management through yoga and meditation, consuming fruits and vegetables, and avoiding processed foods.

He also sensitized participants about early warning signs like chest pain, palpitations, or breathlessness, urging immediate medical consultation. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Arvind Kohli remarked, "World Heart Day reminds us that prevention is the cornerstone of cardiac health. At SVMHC, we remain committed to compassionate, charitable, and quality healthcare under our guiding principle - Nar Sewa, Narayan Sewa."

The program reinforced SVMHC's mission of preventive healthcare, patient education, and community service, reflecting its enduring dedication to improving public health and well-being.

# BJP organises exhibition on PM Narendra Modi's life at Billawar

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BILLAWAR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, inaugurated a grand special exhibition on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi under BJP Pahadi Zila Basohli at Billawar.

The exhibition showcased various aspects of Prime Minister Modi's journey, from his childhood and early struggles to his organisational work, his historic tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat, and his remarkable achievements as the Prime Minister of India. Students from government schools, including Billawara Public School, visited the exhibition and expressed their inspiration from Modi's life, reiterating their resolve to contribute to nation-building and social service.

Addressing the gathering,



BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating exhibition at Billawar.

Billawaria said that Prime Minister Modi's life is a living example of how honesty, sacrifice, hard work, and dedication to the nation can make even the most difficult goals achievable. He emphasised that such exhibitions are not just commemorative events but platforms to inspire the younger generation to dream big and serve the nation. He further added

that Modi always placed national interest above everything, taking bold decisions that transformed millions of lives.

Following the exhibition, Billawaria chaired a special organisational meeting with BJP officials and workers of Pahadi Zila Basohli. He urged them to strengthen the party at the booth level, disseminate central government schemes among the

masses, and ensure development reaches the grassroots. Highlighting that BJP's strength lies in its committed workers, he called upon them to take Modi's policies and achievements to every household, reinforcing the party's tradition of service, good governance, and development.

Basholi MLA Darshan Singh said that Prime Minister Modi, despite coming from a humble background, gave India a new global identity. He noted that under Modi's leadership, India is progressing towards becoming a world leader. Modi's life, he said, conveys the message that with determination and hard work, no goal is unattainable.

District President Gopal Kishan, Amar Nathi, Prem Nath Dogra, Narayan Dutt Tripathi, Vikram Singh, Romi Khajuria, Ravinder Baloria, and Rajinder Jaswal were also present.

# 1st Women Bn distributes computers, water cooler at GHS Chak Largan under CAP



Commandant 1st Women Battalion R.C.Kotwal and others during the programme.

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JAMMU: Civic Action Programme was organized by 1st Women Battalion at Government High School (GHS), Chak Largan, Pargalta (Bajalta), Zone Gandhi Nagar.

On the occasion, Commandant 1st Women Battalion R.C.Kotwal accompanied by Subash Chander DySP, Anita Katel DySP, Satish Raina DySP and other officers/officials of the unit distributed two computers, one printer and a water cooler for the benefit of the students.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers highlighted the importance of education in shaping the future of children and reaffirmed the commitment of J&K Police towards the welfare of society.

The initiative was appreciated by the school staff and students. This programme formed part of the ongoing Civic Action initiatives of Jammu and Kashmir Police aimed at strengthening police-public relations and encourage young learners.

# GDC Bani organizes pledge and awareness programme on "Nasha Mukht Bharat"

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BANI: As a follow-up to Seva Parv, the Department of Physical Education and the NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Bani organized a pledge and awareness programme on "Nasha Mukht Bharat" under the overall supervision of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, accompanied by other faculty members.

The event began with the recitation of slogans by students and NSS volunteers, setting an energetic tone. Dr. J. S. Soodan, Physical Director/PTI, delivered the



Faculty and students during programme.

welcome address and formally greeted Principal Dr. Manohar Lal and the participating faculty members.

In his address, Principal Dr. Manohar Lal urged students

to stay away from drugs and highlighted the rising instances of deaths due to overconsumption of synthetic drugs among youth. He encouraged students to volun-

teer in their communities against drug abuse. Faculty members Prof. Vishab Thapa and Prof. Akash Zhutsi discussed the harmful effects of drugs on health and overall development, emphasizing awareness and preventive measures.

The programme included a pledge against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, administered

to students in the presence of faculty members. Principal Dr. Manohar Lal appreciated the students' active participation and voluntary contributions toward the campaign, acknowledging the efforts of the NSS unit and Department of Physical Education in organizing the event.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Sunil Kumari, HOD Urdu. Among the faculty present were Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Firdos Ahmed, Dr. Mohd. Zameer, Dr. Mulk Raj, Prof. Mudasi Ahmad, Neena Soudhi, Rashpal Sharma, and Himanshu Sharma. A total of 40 students actively participated in the campaign. The event was conducted by Dr. Nisha Devi, NSS Programme Officer, GDC Bani.

# Pipping ceremony held at GRP Jammu

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JAMMU: In a solemn yet momentous ceremony held at the chambers of the Senior Superintendent of Police, GRP Jammu, Shailender Singh, along with SDPO GRP Jammu, Shazia Akther, formally pinned new ranks upon the recently promoted Head Constables of GRP Jammu.

The event marked a significant milestone in the professional journey of the Policemen, acknowledging their unwavering dedication, exemplary service, and commitment to duty.

While extending his heartfelt congratulations, SSP GRP Jammu commended the Jawans for their diligence and underscored the heightened responsibilities that accompa-



SSP GRP Jammu, Shailender Singh along with promotees.

ny their new ranks. He emphasized the paramount importance of upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and leadership in their service.

Expressing their gratitude for the recognition, the promoted personnel pledged to continue serving with utmost

sincerity and commitment to the community.

The SSP further extended his best wishes to their families and for their future endeavors, highlighting the significance of teamwork, ethical leadership, and unwavering dedication to duty in their new roles.

# BJP felicitates differently-abled persons, ESMs, veteran Praja Parishad activists

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KATHUA: The Kathua district unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a felicitation ceremony today under the Seva Pakhwada programme. In this programme, differently-abled individuals, ex-servicemen, veteran activists from the Praja Parishad era, and senior citizens were honoured. The event was held under the leadership of BJP District President Updesh Andotra.

J&K BJP General Secretary Sanjita Dogra was invited as the key speaker for the programme. She was accompanied on stage by J&K BJP General Secretary Gopal Mahajan, MLA Kathua Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Hiranagar MLA Advocate Vijay Sharma, DDC Vice-Chairman Raghumandan Singh, BJP Mahila Morcha National Secretary Rekha Kumari, District General Secretary

Rajesh Mehta, senior leader Ravindra Sharma, and Gagan Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjita Dogra said that the BJP is not merely a political party but a social movement that works for the welfare of every section of society.

Gopal Mahajan praised the Seva Pakhwada programmes being conducted across the country and emphasized that the BJP is committed to delivering service to the person standing at the last line of society.

Updesh Andotra stated that the objective of Seva Pakhwada is to reach all sections of society, to inform them about the government's work, and to ensure their involvement in nation-building. In his address, Dr. Bharat Bhushan said that today's event is not just a symbol of respect but also a means of spreading a positive message in society.

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JAMMU: Under the leadership of Rohit Sethi, President of the NHM Employees' Association, National Health Mission (NHM) employees in Jammu held a symbolic protest on Monday by displaying white papers at their respective workplaces to draw the government's attention to their plight. The employees are deeply distressed due to the non-payment of their salaries for the past three consecutive months.



NHM employees staging protest.

Expressing their anguish, the

NHM employees highlighted the severe financial hardships

faced by them and their families due to the prolonged delay in salary disbursement. They urgently appealed to the government for immediate redressal of this critical issue and demanded the prompt release of their pending salaries.

Rohit Sethi, in a fervent appeal, urged the government to act swiftly and disburse the overdue salaries without further delay. He also called for the establishment of a robust

mechanism to ensure that NHM employees do not face such challenges in the future. "Our employees are struggling to meet basic needs due to this delay. We hope the government will address this issue immediately and prevent such situations going forward," said Sethi.

The symbolic protest also received solidarity from permanent employees, who extended their support to the NHM employees' cause.