

# Rotary Club Jammu Tawi, GGM Science College celebrate Teachers' Day, honouring education icons

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JAMMU: Rotary Club Jammu Tawi, in collaboration with GGM Science College Jammu, celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm on the college campus. The event was graced by the presence of Shantmanu (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary & Financial Commissioner, Higher Education Department, as Chief Guest, along with Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal GGM Science College as Guest of Honour, in the esteemed presence of Dr. Shivani Choudhary, President Rotary Club Jammu Tawi, and PDG Dr. Dushyant Choudhary, Rotary International District 3070.

The programme was organised to honour distinguished teachers from Jammu Division for their remarkable contributions to education. A Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon the son of soil, Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director, AIIMS, in recognition of his outstanding service in the field of medicine. Eminent academicians



Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary & Financial Commissioner, Higher Education Department with other dignitaries at a programme.

including Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Dr. Sunil Gupta, Dr. Joginder Singh, Dr. Pankaj Badhoria, Dr. Kuldeep Raina, and Dr. Pankaj Gupta were felicitated for their excellence and dedication across diverse disciplines such as Medicine, Mathematics, Dogri, Physics, Music, and Chemistry. The event commenced with the collar ceremony of the President, followed by the National Anthem. Each awardee's profile was presented by Dr. Sandhya Bharadwaj, Project Director for the ceremony, while Dr. Banpreet Kour highlighted the illustrious career of Dr.

Shakti Kumar Gupta. Addressing the gathering, Shantmanu lauded teachers as true nation-builders and paid tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birth anniversary is commemorated as Teachers' Day. He emphasised that "teachers not only shape careers but also mould the moral and cultural fabric of society. By instilling values of integrity, discipline, and compassion, they empower generations to contribute meaningfully to the nation's growth." He further appreciated Rotary Club Jammu Tawi and GGM Science College

for recognising stalwarts of education and inspiring the younger generation to pursue excellence.

In her presidential address, Dr. Shivani Choudhary reiterated Rotary Club's commitment to recognising teachers as architects of society, emphasising Dr. Radhakrishnan's vision of holistic education that

nurtures intellect, heart, and spirit-to foster intelligent virtues, ethical conduct, and spiritual growth. The Literary Committee of Rotary Club Jammu Tawi, comprising Dr. Naveen Anand, Prof. R. S. Jamwal, Dr. Twinkle Suri, Dr. Sandhya Bharadwaj, Dr. Pragya Khanna, Dr. Parveen Singh, and Dr. Banpreet Kour, assisted in finalising the overall ceremony.

The event was attended by staff and students of GGM Science College, along with executive members of Rotary Club Jammu Tawi, making it a memorable celebration of teaching excellence. The awardees were presented with citations by the dignitaries, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. R. S. Jamwal, Secretary, Rotary Club Jammu Tawi.

# Rehari educator Tilak Raj honoured with Best Teacher Award 2025



Li Governor, Manoj Sinha presenting Best Teacher Award 2025 to Tilak Raj Sharma, Senior Lecturer at GGHSS Rehari, Jammu.

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JAMMU: In a momentous occasion at the Srinagar's S h e r - i - K a s h m i r International Conference Centre (SKICC), Tilak Raj Sharma, a dedicated Senior Lecturer at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Rehari, Jammu, was conferred with the esteemed Best Teacher Award 2025. The award was presented by Lieutenant

Governor, Manoj Sinha, in recognition of Sharma's exceptional contributions to the field of education.

Tilak Raj Sharma's unwavering commitment to imparting knowledge and his passion for teaching have been instrumental in shaping the minds of countless students. His innovative approaches and dedication to academic excellence have earned him this prestigious

honor. The Best Teacher Award 2025 serves as a testament to Sharma's hard work and his significant impact on the educational landscape. His achievement is set to inspire fellow educators and students alike.

The educational community in Jammu and beyond has extended warm congratulations to Tilak Raj Sharma on this remarkable accomplishment.

# IIM Jammu's Live Art Workshop with KK Gandhi celebrates creativity, culture, leadership

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu concluded its three-day Live Art Workshop (6-8 September) at the Jagti Campus with a vibrant celebration of creativity, contemplation, and cultural expression. Led by internationally acclaimed artist Kamlesh K. Gandhi, the workshop transformed the campus into a canvas where every stroke became a dialogue between imagination and leadership.

The final artwork was unveiled by KK Gandhi and Swamiji Vijayeshananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, in the presence of Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

Organized as part of IIM Jammu's 10th Year Celebrations, the workshop seamlessly blended art with education, highlighting the Institute's commitment to holistic growth.

At the Mandapam, KK Gandhi was felicitated for



Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu with other dignitaries posing for a photograph.

his contributions, and student artworks were acknowledged, showcasing budding talent and artistic vibrancy.

Swamiji Vijayeshananda was also felicitated by Prof. Sahay, and in a gesture of mutual respect, he too felicitated the Director, symbolizing shared vision and collaboration.

Prof. Sahay emphasized that "every painting is priceless," and reiterated IIM Jammu's commitment to integrating tradition,

culture, and modernity.

He highlighted initiatives such as the Bandhan Cultural Immersion, the upcoming installation of Maa Saraswati's statue by IGNCA, and the Swami Vivekananda statue at Rotary Circle III.

He proposed establishing a painting club, introducing art electives in the MBA program, and announced a week-long International Painting Symposium featuring artists from India and

abroad.

KK Gandhi reflected on India's rich but under recognized art heritage, urging institutions to take pride in preserving and promoting culture. He credited IIM Jammu and Prof. Sahay for identifying and promoting talent across J&K.

Recalling his journey from business to art, he noted that true creativity requires "a touch of madness," and thanked the students for their enthusiasm.

Swamiji Vijayeshananda began his address with a Sanskrit Shalok, reflecting on Swami Vivekananda's legacy, and urged youth to awaken their inner potential. Plans for a collaborative event on 11th September, commemorating the Chicago Parliament speech, were also discussed.

More than a workshop, the event became a symphony of brush and vision, reaffirming IIM Jammu's belief that education nurtures both wisdom and wonder.

# Baramulla U-14 Girls triumph at inter-district provincial volleyball championship



Baramulla U-14 Girls team after receiving winner trophy.

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BARAMULLA: The Under-14 Girls Volleyball team from Baramulla has clinched the title at the inter-district provincial level Volleyball competi-

tion. The thrilling final against Kulgam was held at Shopian, where Baramulla displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination

to emerge as champions.

Youth Services and Sports district Baramulla has extended its heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding performance, sportsmanship, and hard work throughout the competition.

The victory not only reflects the talent and commitment of the young athletes but also strengthens the sporting spirit in the district. Youth Services and Sports department district Baramulla remains committed to encouraging and supporting youth participation in sports at all levels.

# CEO Jammu assesses preparedness of schools for resuming class work post heavy rains

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JAMMU: Chief Education Officer (CEO) Jammu, Ajeet Sharma, on Friday conducted an extensive tour of schools across the four Zones of Marh, Akhnoor, Jourian and Khour to review preparedness for the safe reopening of institutions after the recent spell of heavy rains and floods. He was accompanied by Deputy CEO Jammu (HQ Akhnoor), Sardar Harjeet Singh.

The recent rains and floods caused damage to school infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir, prompting a thorough review to ensure the safe resumption of classes and continuity of learning.

During the visit, CEO



CEO Jammu, Ajeet Sharma conducting tour of a school.

Jammu inspected the following institutions: HSS Jhiri (Zone Marh), HSS Boys Akhnoor, HSS Girls Akhnoor, HSS Sohail (Zone Akhnoor), HS Dhok Khalsa (Zone Jourian), HSS Pallanwalan (Zone

Khour), MS Platan (Zone Khour), HSS Khour (Zone Khour), MS Thallian (Zone Jourian) and HSS Jourian (Zone Jourian).

The CEO interacted with Heads of Institutions and staff members, issu-

ing on-the-spot directions to address safety, infrastructure and academic concerns.

At HSS Jhiri, the Head of Institution was instructed to conduct classes only in the safe portions of the building, with repairs to be carried out immediately and a safety certificate obtained before reopening the affected portions. At HSS Pallanwalan, where part of the school building is being used as a camp for border migrants, the CEO directed the management to make suitable arrangements to ensure smooth functioning of classes in the remaining portion of the premises. He further instructed all staff members to continue online teaching until offline

classes fully resume so that students' learning is not disrupted. He also encouraged Heads of Institutions to motivate students of Classes 1 to 8 to actively use the SwiftChat application, a chatbot-based learning tool provided by J&K Samagra Shiksha under Vidhya Samiksha Kendra (VSK), to support continuous learning.

Reiterating that the safety of children, staff, and parents is the top priority, CEO Jammu stressed that immediate repairs, proper classroom management and the adoption of supplementary digital learning resources are essential to ensure uninterrupted education in the wake of recent natural calamities.

# RBI, JKGB drive Financial Inclusion through Saturation Camp

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SAMBA: As part of the nationwide Campaign for Saturation of Financial Inclusion (FI) Schemes at Gram Panchayat level, a comprehensive Saturation Camp was organized on Monday at Gram Panchayat Channi Manhasan, Vijaypur, by the Jammu and Kashmir Grameen Bank (JKGB) through its Swankha Morh, Raya, and Jakh branches.

The initiative falls under the larger umbrella of the nationwide campaign launched by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, from July 1 to September 30, 2025, covering all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in India, with a focus on achieving 100% saturation under key



Reserve Bank of India Jammu and JKGB officials at a camp.

financial inclusion schemes and re-KYC of eligible accounts.

The event was graced by Chandrashekhar Azad, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Jammu, as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries included Vibha Gupta, Deputy General Manager,

RBI; Sanjay Gupta, Chairman, JKGB; and Sachin Gupta, General Manager, JKGB. Senior officials from other participating banks and financial institutions were also present.

During the camp, accounts were opened under the Pradhan Mantri

Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) for unbanked individuals. Eligible beneficiaries were also enrolled under key social security schemes - PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and the Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

In addition, on-the-spot

re-KYC was conducted for accounts due for update between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

The camp also featured awareness sessions on digital fraud prevention, accessing unclaimed deposits, and the available grievance redressal mechanisms. The campaign is being implemented across 4,291 Gram Panchayats in Jammu & Kashmir through nodal banks, in collaboration with local branches, Business Correspondents (BCs), Common Service Points (CSPs), government officials, and public representatives. Officials emphasized that this campaign is a significant step towards inclusive and sustainable economic growth, ensuring last-mile delivery of financial services to every citizen.

# JKESL, Tiger Division provide humanitarian aid during Jammu Floods



JKESL and Tiger Division officers distributing relief.

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JAMMU: Heavy rains, cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides have played havoc in the entire UT of J&K. This natural calamity has brought total destruction to roads, bridges, water points and paddy crops. Many houses have been damaged/washed away rendering thousands of people homeless. In many areas of Jammu the water supply has not been fully restored as yet.

J&K Ex-Services League is always in the forefront at the time of crisis and extends full support to the Civil administration during emergency. This time also J&K Ex-Services League took active

part in search, rescue and relief operations at Chishoti in Kishtwar and Kathua district.

In addition J&K Ex-Services League with assistance from Tiger Division has been supplying clean drinking water to different parts of Jammu where water supply is yet to be restored. A total of 55 Water Bowlers have been supplied to the general public in different parts of Jammu including religious places and Old Age Home and still continuing.

Now J&K Ex-Services League with assistance from Tiger Division has started distribution of relief material to the badly affected families

in Jammu region.

Total of eight flood relief camps have been planned, two in each Brigade jurisdiction. Approximately two hundred families badly affected by heavy rains and floods will be honoured in the area of Tiger Division during these relief camps. Each family is being given 20 kgs of Ration and wherever required plastic tent covers, beds & mattresses.

This has been possible due to proactive and positive approach and help of GOC Tiger Division. The contribution of Brigades and Battalion of the Tiger Division is worth appreciating.

# Asmita Khelo India Rugby City League concludes

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SRINAGAR: The Asmita Khelo India City League concluded on Monday at the Synthetic Rugby Field, Polo Ground, here with enthusiastic participation.

The event witnessed 22 teams taking part in the event.

The prestigious opening and closing ceremonies were led by Abhinav Sharma, Deputy Director, Sports Authority of India

(SAI), who was the chief guest.

The guests of honour included Zulfiqar Ahmad, SAI Coach; Mohd Shafi, Secretary General J&K Rugby Association; Irfan Aziz Botta, Coach Rugby, and Aadil Manzoor.

Speaking to the gathering, the chief guest said that the event proved that the future of women's sports in J&K seems bright, especially in Rugby.

With this successful league, J&K Rugby has once again set the tone for women's empowerment through sports, paving the way for a stronger and brighter future for female athletes in the Union Territory, he added.

The Results: Under-15: Baramulla beat Kupwara. Under-18: Srinagar outplayed Bandipora. Senior Women: Srinagar defeated Pulwama.