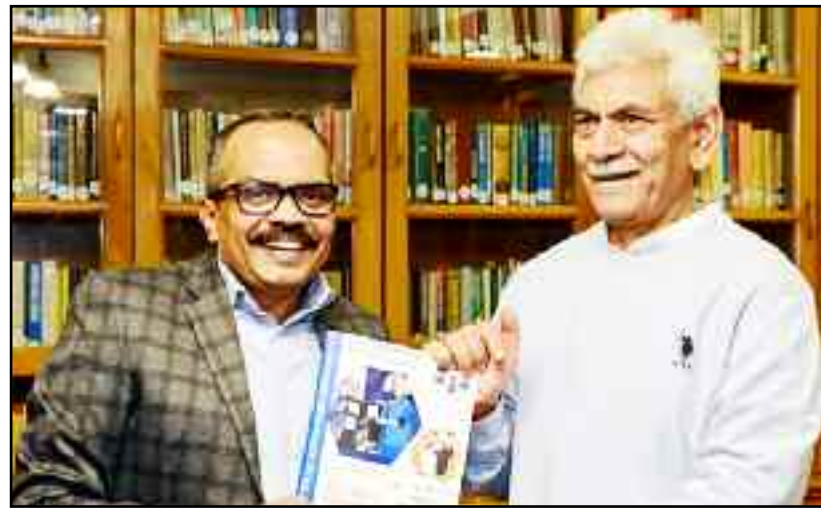


VC CUJ Meets LG Manoj Sinha, Unveils University's Growth Plan



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JAMMU, OCT. 27 : Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu (CUJ), called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, marking the completion of his first year in office. He apprised the Hon'ble LG of the key achievements, ongoing reforms, and future roadmap envisioned for the university. Prof. Chandrasekar was accompanied by Prof. Mobin Mohammed, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Srinagar, who shared insights on the functioning and challenges faced by Cluster Universities in the Union Territory.

During his first year, Prof. Chandrasekar, with the dedicated support of his core team including Ms. Ankur Mahajan (Registrar), Shri Nagesh Jamwal (Financial Advisor), Committee, Syndicate, and Academic Council, while awaiting the University Council meeting. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was revitalized under the leadership of Dr. Meenakshi Bhandral, and eight MoUs were signed with reputed institutions, with eight more under process to promote the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative. Under the guidance of Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Sports, a comprehensive sports policy was drafted, with enhanced incentives for student athletes.

A major placement drive, conducted with Desh Bhagat University, saw 270 job offers among 3,700 participants. The first Duggar Utsav organized in collaboration with Senior Citizens Support Services was widely appreciated and is set to become an annual cultural feature. Prof. Chandrasekar also announced upcoming initiatives including "Design Your Degree" programs, new courses in Semiconductor Technology, Renewable Energy, Aquatic Biology, and Digital Hindi Journalism, in collaboration with industry and national institutes. The newly allotted campus at Badhera, Samba, will soon be developed for residential and niche academic programs, alongside plans for the university's first Convocation next year.

He emphasized that the university's progress reflects the collective commitment of its Deans, Directors, Principals, faculty, and staff, and reaffirmed CUJ's vision to foster innovation, inclusivity, and academic excellence in higher education.

IIM Jammu inaugurates General Management Programme for Middle Management Professionals (Batch I) of NHPC Limited

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JAMMU, OCT. 27 : The Indian Institute of Management Jammu inaugurated the General Management Programme for Middle Management - Batch I for National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited (A Government of India Navratna Enterprise) at the Vedanta MDP Centre, Jagti Campus on 27th Oct 2025. The programme aims to enhance managerial capabilities, leadership effectiveness, and strategic thinking among middle-level executives of NHPC, reinforcing IIM Jammu's commitment to executive education and industry partnership. Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, graced the inaugural ceremony. The training programme comprises 20 middle-management professionals from NHPC representing various regions across the country.



Also present on the occasion were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Faculty and Research; Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C); Dr. Mahesh Gadgarkar and Dr. Gaana J., Programme Directors, IIM Jammu. The inaugural session began with participant registration followed by a campus tour showcasing the institute's state-of-the-art facilities, including Smart Classrooms, the Vedanta Executive Education Block, and the Nalanda Library. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp marking the formal commencement of the programme.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and emphasized that the six-day General Management Programme will offer a meaningful learning experience for both participants and the faculty. He encouraged participants to approach the programme with commitment, reiterating that learning is a continuous journey. He highlighted that the final session will be project-based, requiring each group to solve a practical problem and present their structured outcomes through a power point presentation. He urged participants to actively engage, collaborate, and share their professional expertise from the public sector domain. He mentioned that IIM Jammu is a fast-growing institution with world-class infrastructure, including smart classrooms and the automated state-of-the-art Nalanda Library, and invited participants to share constructive suggestions for its further enhancement. He also motivated them to pursue academic and professional growth through academic programmes such as IIM Jammu's EMBA (Hybrid mode), and Ph.D. programmes for working professionals, stressing the importance of remaining future-ready beyond years of professional service.

He reiterated that IIM Jammu has earned two prestigious international accreditations, BGA Institutional Accreditation and EFMD Programme Accreditation for its MBA programme in the same year, placing it among the top five IIMs in the country. He noted that IIM Jammu is the only second- and third-generation IIM to achieve this milestone and is currently progressing toward AACSB accreditation, aiming to join the elite global league of Triple Crown accredited business schools. He invited participants to record their expectations from the programme on a piece of paper at the start and reflect on their learning at the conclusion. He wished them a comfortable stay and a fruitful learning experience at IIM Jammu.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, highlighted that such programmes provide an excellent platform for mutual learning and professional growth. He mentioned that the modules have been thoughtfully curated to ensure relevance for middle management professionals and that the diversity of participants enriches peer learning. He encouraged active engagement, exploration of new managerial frameworks, and the building of lasting professional relationships beyond the programme.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C), IIM Jammu, stated that conducting the inauguration on the auspicious occasion of Chhath Puja reflects the institute's commitment to lifelong learning.

Shamim Begum Rallies Support in Nagrota, Vows to Strengthen Women's Voice in Governance

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JAMMU, OCT. 27 : Senior National Conference (NC) leader, District Development Council (DDC) Dhanal member, and Nagrota Assembly segment candidate Shamim Begum today addressed a series of public gatherings in the Nagrota constituency.

Addressing enthusiastic gatherings at several locations in Nagrota Constituency, Shamim Begum highlighted the historic role of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference in empowering women and ensuring their active participation in politics and governance. "The National Conference has been a forerunner in bringing women into the political mainstream at a time when such participation was almost unknown across the subcontinent," she said. "Our party has always championed the cause of women's rights and empowerment."

It was the NC that gave women a voice in decision-making, policy formulation, and governance long before it became a national agenda. She further expressed gratitude to the party leadership for reposing faith in her. "I am thankful to the leadership for giving me the opportunity to serve the people once again. Before being announced as the candidate for the Nagrota by-elections, I had the privilege of serving as a DDC member for Dhanal, and I will continue to work tirelessly for the welfare of my people, especially women and youth," she said. During her address, Shamim Begum urged people to strengthen the National Conference in the upcoming by-elections, assuring them of transparent, inclusive, and development-oriented governance.

Billawaria addresses "Yuva Sammelan" in Bishnah, calls upon youth to lead India towards Atmanirbhar Bharat



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BISHNAH, OCT. 27 : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, today addressed a "Yuva Sammelan" (Youth Conference) organized in the Bishnah Assembly Constituency under the banner of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India). The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of hundreds of youth, BJP activists, and local representatives.

Prominent BJP leaders present on the occasion included J&K BJP Secretary Arun Sharma, District President Rinku Choudhary, Kissan Morcha President Rakesh Pant, Rajinder Singh Chib, Ashok Viridhi, Surjeet Singh and others. In his address, Billawaria said that Indian youth have the power to transform the destiny and direction of the country. If our youth are strong, educated, drug-free, and self-reliant, no force can stop India from becoming a Vishwa Guru (world leader), he said, urging them to play

an active role in nation-building. He stated that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is rapidly advancing towards self-reliance, and Jammu & Kashmir has emerged as a key contributor to this transformation. Today, the youth of Jammu & Kashmir are not just job seekers but job providers, embodying the true spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat based on self-respect, determination, and dedication, he added. Highlighting the Modi government's youth-centric initiatives such as Startup India, Skill India, MUDRA Yojana, and the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Billawaria noted that thousands of young entrepreneurs have become economically self-sufficient through these programmes. Speaking about the progress in Bishnah, he said that significant improvements in roads, education, healthcare, and agriculture have taken place under the guidance of the local leadership and the progressive policies of the Modi government. Our priority is to make Bishnah a truly self-reliant constituency where every youth, farmer, and woman can stand on their own feet, he asserted.

Billawaria also raised concern over drug abuse, describing it as one of the biggest challenges before society. Drug addiction destroys the future of youth and weakens the foundation of families and communities. The fight against this menace must become a collective social movement, he emphasized. Arun Sharma said that the youth must take full advantage of government initiatives and become torchbearers of change in society. He urged them to embrace skill development and entrepreneurship to strengthen both their future and the nation's economy. Rinku Choudhary appreciated the enthusiastic participation of youth and said that the people of Bishnah are fully aligned with Prime Minister Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. He assured continued efforts at the grassroots level to empower every section of society. During the programme, participants took a pledge to promote 'Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar Ghar Swadeshi' and contribute towards the vision of a self-reliant India.

"Ekta Diwas Pledge Organized at GGM Science College Jammu"

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JAMMU, OCT. 27 : To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), NSS Units of GGM Science College Jammu, in collaboration with the Department of Zoology and Department of Environmental Sciences, organized an Ekta Diwas Pledge Ceremony in the college campus. The event aimed to reaffirm the spirit of unity, integrity, and security of the nation among students and staff. The program began with the formal Ekta Pledge, administered by Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College, who emphasized the significance of national integration and the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. Dr. Gupta, in his address, stated that Sardar Patel's vision and leadership were instrumental in uniting India's princely states after Independence, and his ideals continue to inspire generations to work for a stronger, united, and self-reliant nation.

He encouraged students to embody the values of discipline, dedication, and unity in their academic and social pursuits. "The youth are the true strength of our country, and their collective spirit of togetherness can overcome every challenge," he remarked. The event was coordinated by the NSS Programme Officers, who motivated the volunteers to actively participate in national integration initiatives. The Pledge Ceremony witnessed the enthusiastic participation of NSS volunteers, faculty members, and students from the Departments of Zoology and Environmental Sciences, who took the solemn vow to uphold the unity and integrity of the nation.



A special talk on "Role of Youth in Strengthening National Integration" was delivered by Dr. Brinder Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, who highlighted the importance of harmony and tolerance in today's diverse and democratic India. He underlined that true national unity can be achieved only when individuals rise above divisions of caste, creed, and region to work collectively for nation-building. The Department of Environmental Sciences, led by Dr. Neha Sharma also contributed actively to the event. She reminded students that unity is not limited to human society but extends to our responsibility towards the environment. "Ecological balance and environmental cooperation are vital elements of national and global unity," he noted.

Student Participation and Reflections. Students expressed their commitment through short speeches, poems, and slogans highlighting the values of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Many NSS volunteers shared reflections on how unity can be practiced in everyday life - through mutual respect, social harmony, and community service. Volunteer Miss Palak Sharma shared her thoughts, saying, "Sardar Patel's life teaches us that strength lies in unity. As NSS volunteers, it's our duty to contribute to a harmonious and progressive India." The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Prof. Bal Krishan, who appreciated the efforts of NSS units, faculty coordinators, and participating students for making the program a success. He also expressed gratitude to Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta for his constant encouragement and visionary leadership in organizing such patriotic and value-based activities. The program was efficiently conducted by Dr. Rohit Bhardwaj, who served as the Master of Ceremonies.

ZNS NIST Gandhinagar 2.0 - New Place, Same Passion!



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JAMMU, OCT. 27 : ZNS NIST, Jammu & Kashmir's leading institute for skill-based education, proudly inaugurated its new campus - ZNS NIST Gandhinagar 2.0 - at 77A/D, Police Line Road, Gandhinagar, Jammu.

The grand inauguration ceremony was graced by esteemed Chief Guests - Mr. Sohail Kazmi, Veteran Journalist; Mr. Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu Samba Range; Ms. Saima Shafiq Khan (JKAS), Assistant Commissioner State Taxes; and Mr. Ajay Sharma, SP South Jammu. The digni-

ties extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the founders Mr. Shabir Malik and Mrs. Nusrat Malik, appreciating their relentless dedication towards empowering youth through skill education. ZNS NIST has been a pioneer in professional training for more than 8 years offering programs in Beauty, Makeup, Fashion Design, Hair, and Nail Art. With the launch of ZNS NIST 2.0, the institute brings a modern campus, spacious classrooms, upgraded infrastructure, and a prime location - all while retaining the same passion, values, and excel-

lence that define the ZNS legacy. The founders, Shabir Malik and Nusrat Malik, expressed their gratitude to all guests, students, and well-wishers, stating, "ZNS NIST 2.0 is not just a new address - it's a renewed dream. Our mission remains the same: to give our students the best platform to shine and succeed in the creative industry." The event was also attended by special guests and prominent personalities including SARS Bharti, Sonali Dogra, Amar Chouhan, Sahil Sharma, Ruhi Sharma, Shivangi Dogra, Mamta Gole, Aisha Gujjar, Supreet Kour, Dr. Medha Arora, and Sonal Sharma, who added charm and warmth to the celebration. ZNS NIST continues to believe in "Quality Skill Education with Passion and Purpose", empowering thousands of students across Jammu & Kashmir to turn their creative dreams into successful careers.

Karra presides over District President's meeting of Kashmir region, reviews ongoing Vote Chori signature campaign

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SRINAGAR, OCT. 27 : Laying emphasis over invigorating party activities in every district amid ongoing signature campaign against Vote Chori, besides the ongoing indigenous movement Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq for restoration of Statehood, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hameed Karra has said that Congress always played crucial role with respect to inclusive development, peace, stability and wellbeing of people. JKPCC President also said that the Party shall continue to fight for lost dignity and restoration of Statehood to J&K, which is our right and won't be allowed to get undermined by the BJP Govt at Centre. We will continue to fight for J&K's prosperity and dignity. There will be no compromise or rest by it (Congress) till the mission Statehood is accomplished, for that

matter, Party will deal with the challenges and conspiracies in a democratic manner. Karra was presiding over District Presidents meeting of Kashmir province at Srinagar Party office in which the current political situation in the aftermath of recently concluded Rajya Sabha Elections came under discussion, besides various others matter pertaining to both the regions of Jammu as well as Kashmir, besides various other organizational matters were threadbare discussed. The meeting resolved to launch further public outreach programmes in order to connect with the people to apprise them about the Party's selfless services and sacrifices given for the wellbeing of people. The district presidents present in the meeting gave feedback to the PCC President about the current socio-political scenario obtaining in their respective districts.

Congress Seva Dal launched signature campaign against vote theft in Akhnoor

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JAMMU, OCT. 27 : As per the instructions of the state Congress leadership, a public awareness program 'Vote Theft Signature Campaign' was conducted by Jammu Kashmir Congress Seva Dal in Potha village of Akhnoor assembly constituency. In this program, people from the assembly and surrounding areas signed a pledge to support the Congress in its campaign. Giving information in this regard, Jammu Kashmir Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Kumar Babbi said that this campaign is being run in protest against the alleged manipulation in the voter list and the process of depriving the people of their voting rights. He said that the main objective of the program is to make the public aware of their voting rights and to



raise their voice unitedly against the irregularities in the voter list. He said that there are continuous attacks on democracy and the Constitution in the country. He alleged that the government formed by the public vote is now trying to suppress the voice of the public. The Congress Party has taken to the streets against these anti-people policies and the aim of this campaign is to make the public aware. Ashok Bhagat, who was a

candidate from Akhnoor assembly constituency, said that in a democracy, the people are supreme, but at present the voting rights of the people are being continuously violated. He expressed concern over efforts to weaken the foundation of democracy by stealing votes in elections. On this occasion, Master om Parkash Sharma, Master Des Raj, Puran Chand, Rampal and other members were present.