

Dir IIM Jmu briefs Chief Secy on advanced R&D initiatives of the Institute

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Director, of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed today called on Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and apprised him of the institute's ongoing research and development initiatives, along with its role in advancing the region's scientific and bio economic landscape.

During the interaction the Director provided a comprehensive overview of CSIR-IIIM's institutional activities, highlighting its impactful work in the domestication and captive cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants across Jammu & Kashmir.

He outlined the progress made under CSIR's flagship programmes, including Aroma Mission, Floriculture initiatives and region-specific Smart Agriculture Missions,



which aim to integrate scientific interventions with agricultural practices to enhance productivity, sustainability and farmer livelihoods.

The Director further apprised the Chief Secretary of the institute's contribution in drug discovery and research programmes underlining how these efforts are fostering innovation, strengthening the regional research ecosystem and accelerating the translation of laboratory discoveries into commercially viable

and socially relevant applications. The Chief Secretary acknowledged CSIR-IIIM's contribution towards high-quality research, innovation and public-oriented scientific outreach. He encouraged the institute for continuing its efforts in aligning advanced research with regional development needs and stressed the importance of its role in supporting Jammu & Kashmir's emerging scientific and bio economic framework.

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General Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta told Mr. Ashok Koul organising secretary BJP flagged off Sub-Junior (U.T) Kabaddi Teams in Boys & Girls section have to participate for Sonipath, Haryana from 27th to 30th November 2025. The U.T Kabaddi teams in Boys & Girls Section in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council will leave on 26th November 2025. Dr. Kuldeep further said selection committee members of Boys & Girls Section have been selected the probabilities for the J&K teams (UT) for participation in the said National.

The Sports kits were also distributed to the selected players and officials by



the Chief Guest Mr. Ashok Koul organising secretary BJP in the presence of Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta General Secretary J&KAKA, Mr. Vikas Jindal Co-Convener BJP, Mr. Ankush Chib Associate Joint Secretary of the Association, S. Charanjeet Singh Raina Director The Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu, Mr. Ajay Gupta Sr. Kabaddi Coach &

Incharge of the Kabaddi Stadium, Ms. Anita Khajuria Girls Team Coach, Mr. Amin Khan Boys Kabaddi Coach, Mr. Amrit Dev Singh Boys Team Manager, Mr. Kiran Devi Girls Team Manager and Incharge of the contingent Mr. Sakinder Lal. Selected players in Boys & Girls Section are as Under:-

1. EVA (Jammu)
2. Manoj Rajput (Samba)
3. Nazia Lateef (Bandipora)
4. Beenakshi Devi (Udhampur)
5. Fozia Anjum (Rajouri)
6. Shreya Thakur (Udhampur)
7. Kysa Fatema (Doda)
8. Prakriti (Kathua)
9. Siya (Jammu)
10. Saara Amin Khan (Poonch)
11. Aakriti (Kathua)
12. Sania Jaan (Baramulla)

13. Anfa Tanveer (Baramulla)
14. Girja Bhagat (Jammu)
- Team coach :- Anita Khajuria
1. Irfan Alam (Poonch)
2. Yashir Bashir (Budgam)
3. Waseem Raja (Doda)
4. Danish Ali Waza (Bandipora)
5. Akshraj (Jammu)
6. Yawar Inman Dar (Budgam)
7. Ram Paul Sharma (Jammu)
8. Lavish Dogra (Udhampur)
9. Tanik Loria (Jammu)
10. Farhan Khursheed (Shopian)
11. Shazib Manzoor (Pulwama)
12. Vikas Sharma (Udhampur)
13. Anirudh Dev Singh (Ramban)
14. Vishab Pratap Singh (Kathua)
- Team coach :- Amin Khan
- Team manager :- Sikander Lal

Inauguration of Yagyashala at Jai Maa Surabhi Gaushala; Construction of Rs20 Lakh Protection Wall Begins

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AKHNOOR, NOV 24

A spiritually vibrant and serene atmosphere marked the inauguration of the newly constructed Yagyashala at Jai Maa Surabhi Gaushala in Akhnoor on Monday. The ceremony was formally conducted by Akhnoor MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, who opened the Yagyashala built uniquely with sacred soil brought from major pilgrimage sites across the country, enhancing its religious significance manifold.

Following the inauguration, priests Pandit Raman Sharma and Pandit Deep Raj performed an elaborate havan ceremony amidst chanting of Vedic mantras.

During the occasion, MLA Bhagat also laid the foundation stone for the construction of a protection wall worth 220 lakh, sanctioned by the Flood Control Department. He stated that the wall is essential for safeguarding the Gaushala, especially in view of the recurring rainfall and flood-like conditions witnessed in the recent past, and assured that the work would be completed at the earliest.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Bhagat emphasized that Gaushalas hold a



sacred place in Sanatan Dharma and that every yajna conducted in such premises carries immense spiritual value. He noted that, according to Hindu tradition, 33 crore deities reside within Gau Mata and that serving the cow is regarded as one of the highest forms of virtue. He praised the Gaushala Committee for its continuous efforts toward development and informed that several new enhancement projects—including the work, temple connection, and other infrastructural improvements—would commence shortly.

He appealed to all devotees and followers of Sanatan Dharma to come forward and contribute to service activities at the Gaushala. Jai Maa Surabhi Gaushala Committee President

Anav Langer expressed gratitude to MLA Bhagat, recalling how heavy rains and flooding in recent weeks had caused considerable damage to the Gaushala. Upon being informed, the MLA promptly ensured the approval of funds for the protection wall. He informed that the newly built Yagyashala is now open to the public, and anyone wishing to perform havan or yajna may do so with proper rituals at the Gaushala. He also shared that, aiming for self-sufficiency, the Gaushala has introduced a machine for producing cow-dung wood (laddi) and will soon install units for upla production and biogas generation.

The Gaushala continues to provide care and treatment to cattle rescued from smuggling

attempts as well as stray cattle from nearby areas. He further highlighted that local residents, volunteers, and social activists have been making significant contributions to the Gaushala's functioning. A temple is also planned for construction within the premises soon. He urged people to visit regularly and extend support towards cow protection and welfare.

The event witnessed the presence of several prominent personalities including Sarpanch Gura Brahmana (East) Shamsheer Singh, Mahant Keshav Shastri, Rohit Gupta, Suresh Gupta (Bittu), Rakesh Gupta, Roshan Baral, KD Sharma, Bansi Lal Verma, Kuldeep Sharma (Tiku), Vinay Sapolia, Anil Sharma, Dev Raj Bhagat, Vishal Sapolia, Rabia Khajuria, Vikrant Bral, Ankush Gupta, Advocate Karan Sharma, Gaurav Sharma, Shiv Bairagi, Sham Magotra, Rahul Langer, Ashok Gupta, Tilak Raj Gupta, Vishal Sangral, Raj Kumar, among many other dignitaries.

The ceremony concluded with devotional fervor as attendees appreciated the development initiatives undertaken for the Gaushala.

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JASROTA, NOV 24

The BJP Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is going full throttle to realize the vision of comprehensive development across Jammu and Kashmir, leaving no room for prejudice or bias. This was stated by former Minister and MLA Jasrotia, Rajiv Jasrotia after inaugurating the PMGSY road from Amarghar to Sumwan, spanning 3.5 km, at a cost of Rs 50 lakh. The event also witnessed the kickstart of blacktopping work on the Chann Arorian to Bann Link Road, undertaken under the Cities & Town initiative, at a cost of Rs 8 lakh.

In his address, MLA Jasrotia expressed heartfelt gratitude to Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Jitendra Singh, for approving the project under the PMGSY scheme. "We are grateful to Dr. Jitendra Singh for his tireless efforts in securing funds for our constituency's development projects," MLA Jasrotia said. Highlighting the commitment of BJP to the all-round development of J&K and to serve the people of Jammu & Kashmir, Jasrotia said that BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reinforced the existing



infrastructure and also developed new state-of-art infrastructure in the education, medical, electricity, road, water, science & technology, etc. while also inviting government and private investments in the region. The function was attended by prominent public representatives and officials, including AEE PWD Mahesh, Sarpanch Makini Devi, Sarpanch Darbari Lal, Panch Mohan, Gopal Sharma, Dinesh Bawa, Panch Neelam Devi, Panch Malwinder, Sonu Punia, Sarpanch Pallu, Sarpanch Yogesh, Sarpanch Raj Kumar, Naib Sarpanch Dev Raj, Harisham, Rashpal Sharma, Omkar Sharma, Raghubir Singh besides others.

Addressing the gathering, Jasrotia stated that, unlike the National Conference (NC), the People's Democratic Party (PDP), and Congress—who often seek to divide through divisive tactics—the BJP has pursued popularity

through a focus on development. "Our goal is to serve society without any distinction of region, religion, or language. This commitment has fostered unwavering trust among diverse communities who believe in our mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," he said. Jasrotia emphasized the unprecedented pace of development in J&K following the abrogation of Article 370. "The momentum in development since then is extraordinary and unwavering, fulfilling people's aspirations in an exemplary manner. No other party has shown the will or the courage to match BJP's commitment to development, making it the party of choice for all," he added. Later, Jasrotia interacted with local residents, listened to their civic concerns, and assured them that their issues would be addressed promptly by coordinating with the relevant authorities. He

assured the people of the area that several more development works are in pipeline and the same can be taken up in the phased manner. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Jasrotia said Amarghar to Sumwan road will not only enhance accessibility but also boost economic growth and improve the quality of life for our people. He further emphasized, "Infrastructure development is the backbone of progress. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our roads, bridges, and other essential facilities are built to last, benefiting our people and future generations." MLA Jasrotia stressed the importance of quality work and timely completion, saying, "I urge the concerned authorities to ensure that the work is completed on time and to the highest standards, so that our people can reap the benefits of these projects."

Central University of Jammu Students Industrial Visit to Synthimed Labs Pvt. Ltd., Samba

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The Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Jammu, under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organized an educational industrial visit to Synthimed Labs Pvt. Ltd., Samba to provide Master's students with practical exposure and enhance their understanding of career avenues in the chemical industry.

A group of 42 Master's students, accompanied by Dr. Satyanarayana Battula, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, visited the industrial facility at 10:30 AM, where they were warmly welcomed by

company officials. The visit commenced with a comprehensive safety briefing, covering plant regulations, use of protective gear, restricted zones, and emergency protocols. Students were then taken on a guided tour of various operational sections of the facility, including the power supply control room and the temperature maintenance unit, where officials elaborated on the significance of solvents and controlled heating-cooling systems in industrial chemical reactions. A key highlight of the visit was the tour of the Reactor Section, where large-scale synthesis of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) is carried out. Here,

students learned about different reactor types, process monitoring techniques, and safety mechanisms involved in bulk chemical manufacturing. The delegation also visited the Quality Testing Laboratory, where they observed advanced analytical instruments such as FTIR, potentiometer, particle size analyser, and chiral chromatography columns. Industry experts explained their operating principles and their crucial role in ensuring product purity and compliance with regulatory standards. Students expressed that the visit was highly enriching, offering valuable insights into industrial workflows, process

analytical testing, and real-world applications of concepts learned during their coursework. The exposure also helped them gain a clearer understanding of career opportunities in pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D, and analytical chemistry. The Head of the Department, Dr. Sujata Kundan, along with the faculty team, conveyed heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for his constant encouragement and support. The department also extended sincere thanks to the Management and Team of Synthimed Labs Pvt. Ltd. for facilitating an informative and well-coordinated industrial exposure session.

MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat Inaugurates Road from Kheri to Rehal worth R 31 Lakhs

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BISHNAH, NOV 24

Continuing the development drive in the region, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat, MLA, today inaugurated a significant road project under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The newly inaugurated road stretches 3.00 kilometers, connecting Kheri to Rehal, and has been completed at a cost of 321.00 lakhs.

The inauguration function was marked by a warm reception from the local residents, who have long awaited better connectivity in the area. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhagat reiterated his commitment to improving rural infrastructure and



ensuring that every village in the constituency is connected with all-weather roads. He emphasized that the PMGSY scheme is a pivotal role in bridging the gap between rural and urban areas, facilitating easier commute and economic growth for the

locals. Assistant Executive Engineer (PMGSY), Shri Mohd Fariyad, along with his technical team, accompanied the MLA during the ceremony. He briefed the gathering on the technical specifications of the road and assured them of the department's dedication to maintaining high-quality standards in all ongoing projects. The event witnessed the presence of several prominent community leaders and residents. Among those present were Shri Mahajari Narayan Dass, former Sarpanch Vijay Saini, Dewan Chand, Kuldeep Sharma, Parveen

Kumar, and Rajinder Sharma. Other notable attendees included Ravi Chaudhary, Sonu Pradhan, Shibuam Manhas, Charanjit Saini, Raghuwinder Sharma, Ashok Mahajan, Mohan Choudhary, Suresh Sharma, Subash Chander, and former Sarpanch Suraj Parkash. Parshatam Choudhary was also present to grace the occasion. Locals expressed their gratitude to the MLA and the administration, noting that the new road would significantly reduce travel time and solve the commuting hardships faced during the monsoon season.

CC Day Celebrated with Tree Plantation Drive at Govt Model Hr Sec School (Boys), Kathua

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KATHUA, NOV 24

Government Model Higher Secondary School (Boys), Kathua celebrated NCC Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit on 24th November 2025 by organizing a vibrant and impactful

Tree Plantation Drive. The event saw the active participation of Senior and Junior Division NCC Cadets of 4 J&K BN NCC Jammu, along with faculty members. Yoti Devi, Inder Lal, Jugul Kishore, Arti Katoch, and Isha Sharma, and the school staff.

The celebration began with a collective plantation activity within the school campus, where cadets planted various saplings and pledged to nurture them. The event emphasized their commitment towards environmental protection.

Plants and saplings were also distributed among participants to extend the green initiative beyond the campus. The drive aimed to spread awareness about environmental conservation and sustainability, and climate

change mitigation. All cadets took an oath to safeguard the newly planted trees and motivate the community to contribute towards a greener, healthier campus. The NCC Day programme highlighted the spirit of teamwork, discipline,

environmental care, and social responsibility. Through the plantation activity, cadets contributed to reducing air pollution and promoting a greener, healthier campus, reflecting the true ethos of NCC service.