

LG Manoj Sinha attends 10 Years Celebration of IIM Jammu

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The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha joined the Board of Governors, faculty, students, alumni and dignitaries today to celebrate 10 years of IIM Jammu. Reflecting on IIM Jammu's remarkable journey, the Lieutenant Governor said that from a modest beginning to its current standing as one of India's fastest-emerging business schools, the Institute has scripted a new history while setting out an ambitious roadmap for the decade ahead.

Recalling that IIM Jammu started a decade ago with just 56 students on a temporary campus on Canal Road, the Lieutenant Governor noted that the institute has since grown into a nationally recognised and internationally engaged centre for management education. He observed that IIM Jammu is now the fifth IIM in the country to hold both AMBA and EFMD accreditation, and it has built academic partnerships with institutions across France, Morocco, South Korea, Greece, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Poland, Sweden, Taiwan and, most recently, Brazil. He said the research output at the institute has also expanded sharply, growing from just two published papers in 2017 to close to 350 this year.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the hard work and a decade of consistent effort under the leadership of Director Professor B.S. Sahay, the faculty and the Board of Governors, describing the institute's trajectory as a model that other business schools are beginning to look to for in-



spiration.

"I have seen details of one achievement after another, along with several distinctive initiatives that have become an inspiring example, a role model, for other business schools. I am certain that, in the future, people will remember these achievements as a standard and an ideal, and will seek to emulate them," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor invoked the founding stories of three of the world's most respected business schools - Harvard, built on the discipline of case-based learning; Stanford, built on connecting the classroom to real-world enterprise through Silicon Valley; and Wharton, built on mastering the complexities of global capital markets. Each, the Lieutenant Governor observed, succeeded not by trying to be everything, but by committing to one distinctive idea and pursuing it with patience over generations.

The Lieutenant Governor said that IIM Jammu now stands at a similar starting point and the decisions it makes over the coming years will shape its identity for decades to come. He emphasised four priorities for the IIM Jammu.

"A distinctive acade-

mic identity should be the priority. Rather than relying primarily on case studies drawn from Western business schools, IIM Jammu should build its own tradition of case writing rooted in the realities of Indian enterprise including the logistical and entrepreneurial challenges unique to Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh.

Experiential learning. We need to move education beyond the lecture hall. Every student to undertake a real, tangible project before graduation, whether through the institute's Entrepreneurship Centre, a policy challenge, or direct engagement with local businesses supported by its Centre for Small Business Development.

Research with a sharp edge should be the focus. Building on the institute's rapid growth in research output, a deeper focus should be on questions specific to border economies, sustainable development and frontier entrepreneurship, areas where IIM Jammu is uniquely positioned to lead. Placements should be seen as a nation-building exercise. I hope within a decade, IIM Jammu graduates would be recognised for reshaping major companies and founding leading enter-

prises. Each graduate should be seen as a contributor to India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the real examinations take place in corporate boardrooms, markets and in life itself, where the data is often incomplete, stakeholders have differing opinions and there is no teacher to provide readymade answers.

"IIM Jammu's growth must now be converted into new discoveries. IIM Jammu must ask itself what can be done in the fields of administration, sustainable development and entrepreneurship in the economies of border areas. I believe that great institutions are great because, when the nation faces difficult questions, it looks to them for answers. If IIM Jammu continues to move forward with complete confidence over the next ten years, I am certain that its name will be spoken across the world with immense pride and respect," the Lieutenant Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor released seven coffee-table books of IIM Jammu.

Padma Shri Dr. Milind Pralhad Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG), IIM Jammu; Shri Sriram Dandekar, Former Chairman, BoG, IIM; Shri Anand Kripalu, Member, BoG, IIM Jammu; Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu; Shri S. Shivakumar, Operating Partner, Advent International; Vice Chancellors of various Universities; Head of Departments, Faculty and students of IIM Jammu; prominent citizens and senior officials of Police and Civil Administration were present.

DC Kulgam Inaugurates Blood Donation Camp at District Hospital

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A voluntary blood donation camp was organized today by the Health Department at District Hospital Kulgam as part of efforts to strengthen emergency healthcare services, replenish blood bank reserves and promote the spirit of community welfare.

Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, inaugurated the camp in the presence of officers and officials of the district administration.

Former DDC Chairperson Kulgam, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kulgam, senior health officials, medical officers, administrative staff and local youth volunteers participated actively in the donation drive.

The camp was organized with the objective of replenishing blood stocks and raising public awareness about the critical importance of voluntary blood donation. The initiative also sought to encourage greater community participation in supporting patients requiring blood during emergencies, surgeries and trauma cases.

Speaking on the occa-



sion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the voluntary donors, including local youth, civil society members, government employees and healthcare professionals, for coming forward to support the noble cause.

He emphasized that voluntary blood donation is a significant humanitarian service that can directly contribute to saving precious lives.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner urged people across the district to participate regularly in voluntary blood donation drives and contribute towards strengthening the availability of blood for patients in need.

The Medical Superintendent briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the arrangements made to ensure that the donation process remained safe, smooth and hygienic. Standard medical proto-

cols were strictly followed, with preliminary health assessments and screening of each donor conducted before blood collection.

A significant number of blood units were collected during the day-long camp. As a gesture of appreciation, donors were presented with certificates in recognition of their selfless contribution towards public health and humanitarian service.

SANJY-2026: Chhari Mubarak received warmly at Bijbehara; commences final journey to Holy Cave

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 22: The Holy Mace, Chhari Mubarak, associated with the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY-2026), was today received with traditional fervor, enthusiasm, and solemnity upon its arrival at Bijbehara.

Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag (Yatra Officer, Pahalgam Axis), Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat formally received and welcomed the custodian of the sacred symbol, Mahant Deependra Giri, at Pujteng.

SSP, Amod Ashok Nagpure, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Muzammil Maqbool Beigh, SPs, Sunny Gupta and Dr. Rameez Raja, SE, PWD, Syed Ishfaq Ahmad, SDM and Tehsildar, Bijbehara, CMO and other officers from the civil and police administration were present during the reception.

Mahant Deependra Giri, led the procession accompanied by a large gathering of sadhus and devotees chanting devotional hymns.

Special pujas and traditional rituals were performed at the Shiv Temple in Bijbehara, followed by ceremonies at the historic Martand Tirth, Mattan. The Chhari Mubarak



will pay visits and perform religious rites at several traditional halts and ancient temples including Gourishankar Temple, Pahalgam over the coming days.

The Holy Mace is scheduled to reach the Holy Cave on August 28, 2026,

coinciding with Shravan Purnima (Raksha Bandhan), marking the formal culmination of the SANJY-2026 pilgrimage.

Meanwhile, the district administration has made all necessary arrangements regarding security, traffic management, accom-

modation and sanitation besides put in place the essential facilities including firewood, food, pooja samagri and drinking water for smooth and safe journey of Chhari Mubarak along with Mahant Ji, accompanying sadhus and the devotees to the Holy Cave.

JNV Kulgam holds Parent-Teacher Council Program to strengthen School-Parent Partnership

KULGAM, AUGUST 22: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Kulgam, today organised a Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) programme under the leadership of its Principal, Shafak Shamsi.

The programme marked an important step towards strengthening parent-school collaboration and promoting the holistic development of students. Parents participated enthusiastically and engaged in meaningful discussions on academic excellence, student welfare, discipline, character building and the overall growth of students.

As part of the programme, PTC members were duly selected, includ-



ing Mohd. Shareef, Mubarak Ahmad Dar, Huma maira Hammed, Haseena Hassan, Shabeer Ahmad

Khan, Yasir Rasool Shah, Kulsuma Banoo, Nageena Akhter, Haji Gulam Hassan Shad, Mohd. Ashraf Mir, Rehana Akhter and Sumi Jan. Their active involvement is expected to further strengthen the vital bridge between parents and the school community.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Shafak Shamsi emphasised the indispensable role of parents in shaping students' academic journey, values, confidence and future prospects. She called for active participation, constructive dialogue and collective responsibility to build an inspiring, supportive and nurturing educational environment.

SVMM Hospital Crosses Milestone of 600 Vascular Procedures

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Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission (SVMM) Hospital, Ambphalla, Jammu, has achieved a significant milestone by successfully performing more than 600 vascular procedures, reaffirming its commitment to providing advanced, affordable and comprehensive vascular surgical care to patients from Jammu and adjoining areas.

The procedures were performed by Dr Arvind Kohli, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon and Medical Director, SVMM Hospital. The achievement reflects the hospital's sustained efforts towards strengthening specialised vascular surgical services in the region.

Of the total procedures, 415 were endovenous interventions for varicose veins, performed using minimally invasive techniques that facilitate early recovery and provide good functional and cosmetic outcomes. In addition, 105 arteriovenous (AV) fistula procedures were successfully carried out for patients with chronic kidney disease requiring haemodialysis.

The vascular surgery unit has also undertaken a wide range of other procedures, including ultrasound-guided foam sclerotherapy, excision of arteriovenous malformations, surgical thrombectomy for acute and critical limb ischaemia,



peripheral arterial bypass procedures and correction of Thoracic Outlet Syndrome. These interventions have contributed significantly to limb salvage and improved quality of life for patients suffering from vascular diseases.

A notable feature of the achievement is that the majority of these procedures were performed under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), enabling economically weaker patients to access advanced vascular care without facing financial hardship.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Arvind Kohli said the milestone reflected the trust reposed in the institu-

tion by patients and referring physicians. He said the hospital's objective had always been to make modern vascular surgery and endovascular treatments accessible and affordable while maintaining high standards of patient care.

"We remain committed to expanding these services and introducing newer technologies for the benefit of our patients," he added.

The management of SVMM congratulated the entire vascular surgery team, anaesthesiologists, physicians, nursing staff, technicians and supporting personnel whose dedication and teamwork made the achievement possible.

Shri Amar Chand Gupta, President, SVMM, expressed gratitude to the patients for their continued faith and reiterated the Mission's commitment to ethical, high-quality and patient-centred healthcare.

Shri B.S. Jamwal, General Secretary, SVMM, said the achievement reflected the institution's continued care and commitment towards its patients. With its sustained focus on quality, affordability and patient care, SVMM Hospital is further strengthening its position as an important centre for vascular surgery and minimally invasive venous interventions in Jammu and the surrounding region, he added.