

Jammu to Host 1st National Paragliding Accuracy Cup at Aithem in Surinsar

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Jammu is set to witness a major addition to its adventure tourism calendar with the 1st Jammu National Paragliding Accuracy Cup, scheduled to be held from October 24 to 26, 2026, at Aithem, Surinsar Road.

Announcing the championship during a press briefing, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Aijaz Qaiser, JKAS said the three-day event is being organised by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with the local adventure sports and paragliding associations. On the directions of Commissioner Secretary Tourism Sh Ashish Chander Verma, IAS the entire championship is envisaged as a national-level sporting event and the first event of its kind in Jammu with paragliding enthusiasts and competitors from across the country expected to participate.

Through such events of national reach, the Govt of J&K intends to position Jammu as a destination for adventure sports and experiential tourism. Besides



providing a competitive platform to paragliding athletes, the event will offer participants and visitors an opportunity to experience the scenic landscape and adventure tourism potential of Jammu," he said.

The championship will feature two disciplines, National-Level Spot Landing Competition and Duration Flying Competition and with special prize category for J&K locals. A total prize pool of ₹7 lakh has been earmarked for the championship. Free registrations will remain open from October 1 to 15, 2026 for P4 certified pilots only.

Qaiser said that Director

Tourism Jammu Sh. Vikas Gupta, JKAS had already held detailed discussions with the local adventure sports association and the Paragliding Association J&K for planning and operational coordination. Deliberations were also held on the modalities of conducting the championship, safety, participation and other arrangements for the upcoming event.

He invited paragliding enthusiasts from across the country to participate in the championship and discover Jammu's emerging adventure tourism offerings. The event is also expected to provide a platform for pro-

moting Aithem and the Surinsar belt as an emerging hub for adventure and outdoor tourism, while showcasing Jammu's diverse natural landscape to participants and visitors.

The briefing was attended by Pankaj Sasan JKAS, Deputy Director Tourism, Jammu, Vishal Sadhotra AD Tourism Jammu, Rovin Singh Mehta, Chairman, Jammu Adventure Sports Association, Amarpal Singh, Coordinator, Aman Gupta, President, Paragliding Association J&K, Shafqat Ali Joint Secretary, Paragliding Association J&K, besides representatives of the media.

255 students visit Gatisheel J&K 2.0 exhibition under BIS exposure initiative

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu & Kashmir Branch Office (JKBO), participated in the "Gatisheel Jammu & Kashmir 2.0" Exhibition in Jammu, showcasing its initiatives related to standardisation, quality assurance and consumer awareness.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Ansuja Jamwal, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Law and Order), Jammu, who visited the BIS stall and took keen interest in the activities being showcased.

Standard Promotion Officer Ashish Dwivedi and Consultant Sumit Kashyap briefed her about BIS activities, including Indian Standards, conformity assessment, quality promotion, consumer awareness, certification, hallmarking and standards education.

The BIS stall displayed information on the ISI Mark, Hallmarking, BIS Care App and quality-conscious consumer practices, besides highlighting the importance of standards in ensuring quality, safety and reliability.

As part of its Standard Club programme, BIS JKBO facilitated an expo-



sure visit to the exhibition for 255 students from 11 BIS Standard Clubs, particularly from schools in far-flung and hilly areas of Doda, Ramban and Rajouri.

The participating students visited various stalls of Central Government departments, PSUs, govern-

ment agencies and other organisations. They gained firsthand knowledge about products, technologies, services and developmental initiatives, while connecting classroom learning with real-world applications.

The students were facilitated by BIS Resource Per-

sons Monika Sharma and Amit Gupta during the visit.

BIS officials said such exposure visits help promote awareness about standards and quality among school students and encourage them to become informed and quality-conscious citizens.

Div Com reviews preparations for 'Reform Utsav'; directs timely IEC dissemination, wider public awareness

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 29: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review preparations for the nationwide 'Reform Utsav' campaign in Jammu Division, scheduled to be launched on October 2.

Spearheaded by the Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, the three-month campaign, being held from October to December 2026, aims to showcase transformative governance reforms, citizen-centric initiatives and developmental achievements. The Divisional Commissioner informed that the Rural Development Department will serve as the nodal agency for the campaign, under which Gram Sabhas will be conducted across the Division. These Gram Sabhas will provide citizens an opportunity to learn about major reforms, understand their impact and identify local development priorities.

He directed the Deputy Commissioners to nominate nodal officers in their



respective districts for effective coordination and implementation of the campaign.

The Div Com stressed the need to generate widespread awareness about the scope, benefits and improved delivery mechanisms of various government schemes and initiatives being implemented by the Departments of Social Welfare, Rural Development, Agriculture, Employment, Revenue and other sectors.

He particularly emphasised disseminating information regarding the digitisation of revenue records,

besides highlighting activities and achievements under the Swachh Bharat Mission, PMAY, Vibrant Villages Programme and Smart City projects.

The Div Com also directed that the public be adequately sensitised about the recently enacted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the key provisions and reforms introduced under them.

He further called for prominent projection of livelihood and employment-oriented initiatives under NRLM and Mission

YUVA, with a focus on their benefits and accessibility for citizens.

The Div Com directed the concerned officers to ensure timely distribution and dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material across all districts. He also issued directions regarding the conduct of events and activities and coordinated media publicity to maximise the outreach of the campaign.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division and heads of various departments.

AIIMS Jammu Researcher Secures Silver Medal at National Conference FHNO 2026

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu, has earned national recognition at the 26th National Conference of the Foundation for Head and Neck Oncology (FHNO 2026) held at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), Srinagar, from 10-13 September 2026, with Dr Vishwajeet Singh Jamwal, Research Scientist, securing the Silver Medal in the Best Poster Presentation category for his innovative study on a dental risk score for patients undergoing radiotherapy for head and neck cancer. The study focuses on identifying and managing oral and dental risks among patients receiving radiotherapy treatment, with the potential to support safer and more personalised clinical care.

The official conference programme brought together oncologists, maxillofacial surgeons, ENT, radiation and medical oncology specialists, researchers and allied healthcare pro-



fessionals from India and abroad. Commenting on the achievement, Dr Amanjot Kaur, Associate Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, who guided Dr Vishwajeet for the work, praised Dr Jamwal's dedication, scientific approach and commitment to improving patient care. "This award reflects the hard work, clinical insight and research commitment shown by Dr Vishwajeet Singh Jamwal. His study addresses an important but often overlooked aspect of radiotherapy dental and oral health needs of

patients. Developing a practical dental risk score can help clinicians identify vulnerable patients early and improve treatment planning and supportive care."

Prof (Dr) Saurabh Kumar Gupta, Head of Conservative Dentistry, congratulated Dr Jamwal on the national honour and highlighted the relevance of the study to multidisciplinary cancer care. He noted that the research reinforces the importance of coordinated dental and oncology care for patients undergoing radiotherapy.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Sinha, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu, congratulated Dr Jamwal on the achievement and appreciated his contribution to advancing clinically relevant research. He highlighted that such recognition reflects the institute's growing emphasis on research that addresses real-world challenges in patient care. He further emphasised that studies aimed at strengthening risk assessment, treatment planning and multidisciplinary care can contribute meaningfully towards improving patient outcomes and advancing patient-centred healthcare.

Awareness Programme on AI-Enabled Cyber Crime held at GDC Bhaderwah

BHADERWAH, SEPTEMBER 29: An Awareness Programme with a special focus on Artificial Intelligence-enabled cybercrime was organised today at Government Degree College Bhaderwah by the Jammu & Kashmir Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (JK4C), in association with District Police. The session was conducted by SSP JK4C M.Y. Kichloo.

The programme was attended by Additional

Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal; Principal Government Degree College Basharat Iqbal; SDPO Naveed Qazi; DySP Probationer Syed Tahzeem; SHO Inspector Mohd Irfan; along with faculty and students of the college; Principal Government Higher Secondary School, along with teaching staff and students; officers and staff of the civil administration and members of civil soci-

ety.

Kichloo briefed the gathering on phishing, AI-generated deep fakes, cloned voice calls, digital-arrest frauds and online misinformation. He advised citizens to "Think, Verify and Protect" before acting on any suspicious message, call or payment request and not to share OTPs or banking details with anyone.

The ADC appreciated the initiative and called for greater digital vigilance

among students and government employees. SDPO Bhaderwah urged the public to report cyber fraud immediately on helpline 1930 or through the portal www.cybercrime.gov.in.

The programme concluded with an interactive session. District Police and JK4C informed that similar awareness events will be held at other educational institutions and community platforms across the district.

Over 450 People Screened at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital on World Heart Day

KATRA, SEPTEMBER 29: On the occasion of World Heart Day, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital organised a free comprehensive cardiac screening and consultation camp, providing preventive heart-care services to more than 450 people.

The camp was inaugurated by Sh. Sachin Kumar Vaishya, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. Sh. Alok Kumar Maurya, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, and Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Facility Director, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, were also present on the occasion.

The camp brought Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery services together on a single platform, with consultations

provided by Dr. Sushant, Senior Consultant, Cardiology; Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma; Dr. Vinod Bhan, Senior Consultant, CTVS; and Dr. Romil Dutt Sharma, Consultant, CTVS.

Participants were offered free ECG, echocardiography, blood investigations and specialist consultations, enabling comprehensive assessment of their cardiovascular health. The initiative focused on the early identification of cardiovascular risk factors and timely evaluation, with the aim of preventing progression of heart disease and promoting healthier lifestyles.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Sachin Kumar Vaishya, IAS, said, "Preventive healthcare and early screening play an important role in reducing the burden of heart disease.



In line with the vision of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K UT and Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Shri Manoj Sinha, for strengthening accessible, quality and preventive healthcare services, the Shrine Board remains committed to undertaking initiatives that promote early detection, timely intervention and better health outcomes for the people of the region".

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital provides comprehensive cardiac care under one roof, encompassing preventive cardiology, advanced cardiac diagnostics, interventional cardiology, adult and paediatric cardiac surgery, paediatric cardiology, cardiac anaesthesia, critical care and 24x7 emergency cardiac services.

This integrated approach enables

patients across age groups to access evaluation, treatment and post-procedure care through coordinated multidisciplinary teams within the same institution.

The programme also witnessed active participation from various organisations and community groups, including Golden Days Day Care Centre, CRPF, BSF, ITBP and RBSK, reinforcing the importance of preventive heart care, regular screening and timely medical consultation among diverse sections of the community.

The initiative reaffirmed the hospital's commitment to taking preventive and specialised cardiac care closer to the community and promoting the message that early detection can make a meaningful difference in cardiovascular health.