

AIIMS Jammu organises Region's First Dermatopathology CME, Workshop

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu, organised the region's first Dermatopathology Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme and hands-on workshop on 10 October 2026 at the institute's Convention Centre.

The academic event was jointly organised by the Departments of Dermatology and Pathology, AIIMS Jammu, in association with the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) Academy, Special Interest Group (SIG) Dermatopathology, and IADVL Jammu & Kashmir. The programme brought together distinguished dermatopathologists from across India, including internationally trained experts. Prominent among them was Dr.Sasi Kiran Attili from Visakhapatnam, a Germany- and UK-trained dermatopathologist and Coordinator of SIG Dermatopathology, along with Dr. Anuradha Priyadarshini from Chennai and Dr. Sanjana A. S. from Bengaluru.

The CME commenced with expert lectures on fundamental dermatopathological reaction patterns, including spongiotic, interface, psoriasiform, granulomatous and panniculitic patterns, providing participants with a systematic approach to histopathological diagnosis.

The major highlight was "DERMPATH LIVE," an innovative hands-on workshop combining conventional glass-slide microscopy with digitally



scanned histopathology slides. Postgraduate residents and participating dermatologists received interactive training in identifying microscopic features, recognising diagnostic patterns and correlating histopathological findings with clinical presentations.

The workshop covered a broad spectrum of dermatological diseases routinely encountered in clinical practice, including inflammatory and neoplastic disorders, vasculitis, panniculitis, and infectious and non-infectious granulomatous diseases.

In a distinctive educational format, participants rotated between conventional microscopy and digital slide-viewing sessions. The workshop featured 20 glass-slide cases and 20 complementary digital-slide cases, offering participants exposure to 40 histopathological case encounters across 20 diagnoses.

The scientific programme also featured a lecture on dermoscopy-histopathology correlation by Dr.Payal Chauhan, Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, AI-

IMS Jammu, and Organising Secretary of the CME-cum-Workshop. This was followed by an interactive dermatopathology quiz conducted by Dr. C. Brijesh Nair, member of SIG Dermatopathology, who also delivered the welcome address.

Prof. (Dr.) Shabab Lalit Angurana, Dean (Research), AIIMS Jammu, delivered the keynote address, encouraging delegates to benefit from the expertise of the invited speakers and the diverse topics covered during this distinctive CME programme.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Sinha, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, has been leading the institute's efforts to strengthen patient care, medical education and research while fostering a culture of academic excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration. Under his leadership, AIIMS Jammu continues to focus on advancing specialised healthcare services, encouraging clinical and academic innovation, and providing opportunities for continuous learning and professional development.

The organisation of this specialised CME and hands-on workshop reflects the institute's commitment to promoting advanced diagnostic skills, strengthening professional competencies and facilitating knowledge exchange among healthcare professionals for improved patient care.

The successful conduct of the workshop was made possible through the collaborative efforts of faculty members, postgraduate residents and supporting staff of the Departments of Dermatology and Pathology, AIIMS Jammu.

The event represented an important milestone in advancing dermatopathology education in Jammu & Kashmir, providing postgraduate trainees and practising dermatologists with exposure to contemporary diagnostic approaches and interactive microscopy-based learning.

The initiative reflects AIIMS Jammu's commitment to strengthening specialist medical education, fostering academic collaboration and promoting excellence in dermatological diagnostics in the region.

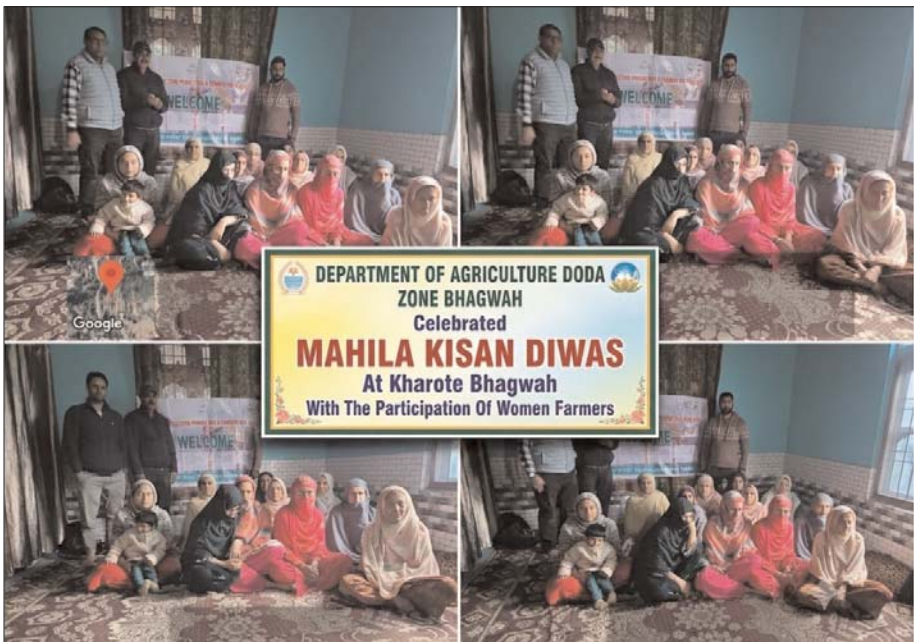
Agriculture Department Celebrates Mahila Kisan Diwas in Doda

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The Department of Agriculture, Doda, celebrated Mahila Kisan Diwas at Kharote, Bhagwah, to recognise the contribution of women farmers to agriculture and rural development.

Organised by Agriculture Zone Bhagwah under the directions of Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta and supervision of Chief Agriculture Officer Doda Harbans Singh, the programme highlighted the role of women in crop cultivation, livestock management and other allied activities.

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modern and scientific farming techniques, sustainable agricultural practices and improved

methods to enhance productivity and income.

The department also stressed the importance

of women's empowerment and their participation in agricultural decision-making.

Women Farmers' Role in Agriculture Highlighted at Bhalra in Doda

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International Women's Day was celebrated at Zone Bhalra in Sub-Division Pranoo of Doda district to recognize the contribution of women farmers to agriculture and rural development.

The programme was organized under the directions of Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta, and the guidance of Chief Agriculture Officer Doda, Harbans Singh.

The programme highlighted the vital role of women in strengthening the rural economy, ensuring food security and promoting sustainable farming practices. Women farmers were encouraged to adopt modern agricultural techniques, improved crop varieties and



climate-resilient practices to enhance productivity and increase their income.

Agriculture Department officials also informed participants about various government schemes, subsidies and financial assistance available to women farmers, self-help groups and rural entrepreneurs. Special emphasis was laid on mushroom

cultivation, organic farming, apiculture and other agriculture-related activities to generate employment and promote economic independence among rural women.

The programme provided a platform for women farmers to share their experiences, discuss challenges and seek guidance from agricultural ex-

perts.

The Agriculture Department reaffirmed its commitment to organizing awareness and capacity-building programmes to equip women farmers with the knowledge, skills and resources needed to contribute more effectively to agricultural development and rural prosperity in Doda district.

CPCO & Planning Secy holds Conference on Population Enumeration-II of Census 2027

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One-day UT-Level Conference on conducting Population Enumeration (Phase-II) of Census 2027 excluding snow-bound areas, was successfully co-chaired by CPCO & DCO J&K and Ladakh Amit Sharma, IAS, alongwith Secretary Planning J&K MohdOwais Ahmed, IAS, today in the Meeting Hall, 5th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, in hybrid mode (online and offline). This important one-day Conference was organised by the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, J&K, in collaboration with the Directorate of Census Operations, J&K and Ladakh.

Senior officers and their representatives from various departments participated in the Conference Workshop, including the officers from Financial Commissioner (ACS), Revenue; Financial Commissioner (ACS), Finance; Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner/Secretary, School Education and Higher Education; Secretary, RDD and Panchayati Raj offices; Divisional Commissioners of Kash-



mir and Jammu offices wherein CPCO Amit Sharma Administrative Secretary PD&MD MohdOwais Ahmed, Director General (Planning) Madan Gopal Sharma who is also Nodal Officer, Census 2027; actively led the deliberations and Principal Census Officers (Deputy Commissioners) of all the districts of J&K and lot of Charge Officers for Census 2027 participated.

Chief Principal Census Officer Amit Sharma who also happens to be Director, Census Operations, J&K and Ladakh, along with Arun Kumar, Joint Director, delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation and orientation on

the Population Enumeration process, methodology, timelines and roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders for Census 2027 for the information of all participants so that they become aware about various aspects of it.

During the Conference, lot of deliberations took place including preparations for Census 2027 and several related key issues regarding upcoming Phase-II of Population Enumeration of Census 2027 in J&K, excluding snow-bound areas, the coordination mechanism at UT and district levels, and the requisite training and logistical arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the Census. Offi-

cials posted outside Srinagar participated in the conference through video conferencing mode.

While concluding the Conference, it was jointly resolved by CPCO Amit Sharma alongwith Adm Secretary Planning Owais Ahmed to exhibit a collective commitment so as to ensure the timely, coordination and smooth conduct of Population Enumeration under Census 2027 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and it was decided that random visits shall also be conducted by Census Directorate teams and PDMD teams in the coming days to ensure smooth training and preparatory work for Census 2027.

DIPR Samba organises Bhajan Sandhya at Chichi Mata Temple on fifth day of Navratri

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Continuing the devotional celebrations of Navratri, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Samba Centre organised a Bhajan Sandhya here at the revered Chichi Mata Temple on the fifth day of the festival, bringing devotees together in an atmosphere of spiritual fervour and religious devotion.

The programme featured soulful devotional songs and bhajans presented by artists of the Saraswati Sangeet Art & Culture group. Their melodious performances added to the spiritual ambience of the temple and enhanced the festive spirit of the auspicious occasion.

The initiative reflected DIPR Samba's efforts to promote the region's rich cultural and religious heritage, while providing a



platform to local artists to showcase their talent and contribute to the preservation of traditional devotional music.

The event was organised under the supervision of District Information Officer Ekshu Sharma, as part of the on-

going Navratri celebrations.

Officials and staff members of the Information Department, representatives associated with Chichi Mata Temple, devotees and members of the local community attended the programme

and participated in the devotional gathering.

The Bhajan Sandhya concluded on a note of devotion and spiritual harmony, highlighting the significance of cultural traditions in fostering community participation and togetherness.

DAJ celebrates Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15: The Directorate of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, today organised Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 here at Kisan Kendra, Farmer Training Centre (FTC), Talab Tillo to recognise the significant contribution of women farmers to agricultural development and promote their empowerment through sustainable livelihoods, entrepreneurship and value addition.

The celebration assumes special significance in 2026, as the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 2026 the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF 2026). The initiative highlights the vital role of women across agrifood

systems and underscores the need to strengthen their access to resources, technology, training, markets and leadership opportunities. The observance of Mahila Kisan Diwas reinforces the commitment to recognising women farmers as key contributors to agricultural productivity, food security, rural livelihoods and sustainable development. The programme was graced by MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta; MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana; Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta; Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Sayed; Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr. Jugal Kishore and Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB/Farms), Jammu, Aman

Jyoti Sharma.

As many as 200 women farmers from Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Reasi districts, along with officers, officials and departmental staff, participated in the event.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries. The guests subsequently visited exhibition stalls set up by women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), women's co-operatives and progressive women farmers, showcasing locally produced agricultural and allied products and highlighting the potential of women-led enterprises in rural economic development.

DC Ramban calls for strict enforcement of Food Safety Act

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 15: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, today chaired a meeting of the District-Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) on Safe Food and Healthy Diets to review food safety measures, statutory compliance and initiatives to promote healthy dietary practices in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, Addl SP Majeed-Ur-Rehman, PO ICDS Abdul Qayoom, GM DIC, CMO,

CEO, CAO, Designated Officer of the Food Safety Department, Food Analyst, and representatives of consumer organisations and food business operators. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and issued point-wise directions to the concerned departments to strengthen enforcement and ensure the availability of safe and wholesome food.

He directed the Food Safety Department to ensure the licensing

and registration of all Food Business Operators (FBOs), conduct regular market inspections and undertake sampling as per the prescribed plan, particularly during the festival season.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the concerned departments to ensure regular inspection, sampling and quality monitoring at Public Distribution System (PDS) depots, FCS&CA stores, ICDS centres and schools covered under the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme.