

Training on advanced statistical methods and data analytics concludes at SKUAST-J



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The one week training programme on 'Data Analytics and Statistical Methods in the Era of AI for Sustainable Agriculture and Allied Sciences', conducted from March 5 to 11, 2026, concluded at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). The training was designed to equip participants with enhanced knowledge and technical expertise in leveraging data analytics, artificial intelligence and advanced statistical techniques to promote sustainability in agriculture and related fields.

The valedictory session began with a welcome address by Dr. Prashant Bakshi, Professor & Head, the Division of Fruit Science and Co-PI of the HADP Project-17. In his address, Dr. Bakshi emphasized the significance of advancing agricultural research through the application of innovative technologies, stressing the importance of continuous learning in the field of sustainable agriculture.

Following this, Dr. Manish Kumar Sharma, Professor & Head, Division of Statistics & Computer Science and Co-PI of the HADP Project-17, provided workshop feedback. Dr. Sharma highlighted the critical role of AI-driven analytical tools in modern agricultural research and commended the enthusiastic participation of the trainees throughout the program. He also acknowledged the commitment of the participants and their contribution to making the program a success. Dr. Pawanesh Abrol, Professor, Department of Computer Science & IT, University of Jammu addressed the gathering with his insightful thoughts. He emphasized the growing importance of interdisciplinary collaboration between computer science, data analytics, and agriculture in addressing the challenges of sustainable farming. Dr. Abrol also highlighted the role of technology in transforming agricultural practices and encouraged participants to continue exploring innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

Dr. Sushil Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Engineering and Principal

Investigator of the HADP Project-17, addressed the gathering and commended the efforts of the organizing team and resource persons for the successful execution of the training. He emphasized the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence and data-driven decision-making in driving sustainable agricultural growth. Participants also shared their feedback, expressing high satisfaction with the quality of lectures, hands-on sessions and the interdisciplinary exposure provided throughout the program. During the ceremony, certificates were awarded to all participants as a recognition of their successful completion of the program. Dr. Sunali Mahajan, Dr. Priyanka Anand, Dr. Ankita Sharma, Dr. Nishant Jasrotia, Er. Himanshu Bhogal assisted in organising the event while the proceedings were conducted by Dr. Priyanka Anand. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Ankita Upadhaya, who expressed gratitude to the resource persons, organizers and participants for their contributions in making the program a resounding success.

CII J&K presents policy recommendations on ease of doing business and industrial policy to CS

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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Jammu & Kashmir presented a set of policy recommendations on Ease of Doing Business and Industrial Policy to Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, during a stakeholders' conference organised by the Department of Industries & Commerce at the Convention Centre, Jammu.

The recommendations were formally presented by Dr M. A. Alim, Chairman, CII J&K UT Council, highlighting key industry inputs

aimed at simplifying regulatory processes, strengthening industrial infrastructure, and introducing targeted support measures for the industrial sector. Among the key suggestions were the introduction of self-certification mechanisms and streamlined procedures for Fire NOCs, improving the efficiency and timeliness of the single-window clearance system, extending special support to legacy industrial units, and strengthening infrastructure support for industries operating in traditional industrial zones. Dr. Alim also appreciated the Government's ongoing

initiatives to improve the business ecosystem in the Union Territory, particularly the introduction of MSME Clinics and the Auto-DCR system, which are helping streamline approvals and enhance ease of doing business for industries.

Reiterating CII's commitment to the region's economic progress, Dr. Alim emphasized that CII will continue to work closely with the Government and stakeholders to support policies that encourage investment, industrial growth, and sustainable economic development in Jammu & Kashmir.

Arvind Gupta inaugurates blacktopping work worth Rs 45 lakh in Ward 32

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Continuing his efforts to strengthen civic infrastructure in his constituency, Jammu West MLA Arvind Gupta inaugurated the blacktopping work in Ward No. 32, fulfilling a long-pending demand of the local residents. The development work, being undertaken at a cost of Rs 45 lakh, aims to improve road infrastructure and ensure better connectivity for the area. Addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta said the road had remained neglected for years and residents had been demanding proper blacktopping for a long time. He expressed satisfaction that the issue has finally been resolved and the area will now have a smooth and durable road network.

"This is the first time that blacktopping work is being carried out in this area, which will greatly benefit the residents and commuters. Development of basic infrastructure remains our top priority, and we are committed to ensuring that every local-



ty in Jammu West receives the facilities it deserves," Gupta said.

He further stated that the government is continuously working to upgrade roads, drainage systems and other essential amenities so that people can enjoy better living conditions. He assured residents that more developmental works will be taken up in the coming months to address pending civic issues in different wards of the constituency. Senior leader Ayodhya Gupta, members of the Mandal team, Sarpanches, local residents and officers of the Jammu

Municipal Corporation (JMC) were also present on the occasion. They appreciated the MLA for taking up the project and responding to the long-standing concerns of the people. Local residents expressed gratitude to Arvind Gupta for initiating the blacktopping work, stating that the improved road will significantly ease daily commuting and enhance the overall infrastructure of the locality. The residents hoped that similar development initiatives would continue in the future to further strengthen public facilities in Jammu West.

Army organizes mushroom farming awareness camp

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Troops of the Crossed Swords Division, under the aegis of the White Knight Corps, organised a Mushroom Farming Awareness Programme at Sohal village. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from 25 villagers and ex-servicemen from the local area. The session was conducted by an ex-serviceman, an experienced mushroom farmer who shared his practical knowledge and expertise with the participants. During the session, he highlighted modern mushroom cultivation techniques, best practices for maintaining quality yield and the

economic potential of mushroom farming as a sustainable and profitable livelihood option. The programme aimed to promote self-reliance among the local Awam and encourage income generation through small-scale agricultural entrepreneurship. Participants were also sensitised to the benefits of adopting innovative farming methods to improve productivity and financial stability.

Such outreach initiatives by the Indian Army continue to strengthen the bond with local communities and support socio-economic development in the region through awareness, skill sharing and community engagement.

Omar's inclusive governance exposes BJP's false narrative: Gupta

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Senior leader of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference and Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta, Yesterday evening interacting with senior party functionaries of District Udhampur Rural at Tikri said that the people-centric governance model of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has effectively exposed what he termed as the "bogus and politically motivated narrative" propagated by the Bharatiya Janata Party about Jammu and Kashmir.

Gupta said that the successive budgets presented by the Omar Abdullah-led government reflect a clear commitment towards inclusive development, social justice and welfare-oriented governance, particularly focusing on the needs of the poor, women, youth and residents of far-flung and rural areas.

He said the government has consciously prioritised neglected regions and vulnerable sections of society by introducing a range of welfare measures aimed at reducing economic hardship and empowering communities. Gupta highlighted that the recent budgets have provided tangible relief to economically weaker sections through enhanced social assistance, improved public services and targeted schemes for women and marginalised groups.

Referring to pro-poor initiatives, the NC leader said the government has ensured addi-



tional support for families living below the poverty line by providing 10 kilograms of free ration every month to Antyodaya beneficiaries and extending 200 units of free electricity to the poorest households. He also pointed out that women across Jammu and Kashmir have been granted free travel in government-run public transport, including e-buses, to facilitate safer and affordable mobility for education, employment and daily activities. Gupta said that such measures clearly demonstrate the government's commitment to building an inclusive welfare state where development benefits reach every household, especially those residing in remote and under-served areas. He added that the administration has also increased financial assistance from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000 under the marriage assistance scheme for girls from economically weaker families and expanded pension coverage for vulnerable citizens

Taking a dig at the BJP, Gupta alleged that the party had long ignored the genuine developmental aspirations of Jammu and attempted to divide regions for political gains. He said the National Conference government has instead revived a balanced and regionally inclusive approach by ensuring that Jammu receives its due share of development across sectors such as infrastructure, public transport, employment generation, education and social welfare.

The Omar Abdullah-led government is committed to bridging regional disparities and restoring equitable development between Jammu and Kashmir. Unlike the BJP, which thrived on divisive politics, the National Conference believes in strengthening unity through development, dignity and democratic participation," he asserted. Gupta also reiterated the party's strong commitment to women's empowerment, saying the National Conference

has consistently supported greater participation of women in governance and decision-making. He said the party fully backs women's reservation in Parliament and legislatures Assemblies and is determined to create an enabling environment where women can actively contribute to politics, administration and public life. "The welfare initiatives introduced by the present government are not merely schemes but part of a larger vision to empower women socially and economically. When women are empowered, families prosper and society progresses," he said. Gupta further urged party workers to reach out to the grassroots and communicate the achievements and policies of the National Conference government among the masses, asserting that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are now witnessing the difference between "politics of division" and "politics of development".

Gupta also criticised New

Delhi for what he termed as the "unwarranted delay" in restoring full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, saying that the Centre must honour its repeated commitments to the people of the region. He said that despite assurances from the Union Government regarding early restoration of statehood after the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory in 2019, no concrete timeline has been announced so far, which has created a sense of uncertainty and disappointment among the people. He further alleged that the continued delay in finalising and implementing the business rules for the elected government is hampering smooth governance and restricting the effective functioning of the democratic setup. Gupta asserted that the people's mandate must be respected and the elected government should be allowed to function with full administrative authority, reiterating that restoration of statehood is not a favour but a democratic and constitutional right of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Among others, senior party leaders Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone and Ram Parshotam Sharma District President Udhampur Rural, Manmohan verma Block President, Capt Parvitar Singh District Secretary Udhampur and other party senior functionaries.

Vehicle carrying illegal Khair wood seized in Jhajjar Kotli

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Jammu (Rural) Police seized a vehicle loaded with illegally transported Khair wood during routine naka checking in the Panjal area under Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. Police signalled an auto load carrier (JK02AN-9271) coming from Tikri towards Jammu to stop. However, the driver fled from the spot taking advantage of darkness. Upon checking the vehicle, police found it loaded with approximately 2-3 quintals of Khair wood logs being transported illegally. The vehicle along with the seized wood has been taken into police custody and an entry has been made at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Jammu has been informed for further action under relevant provisions of the Forest Act.

Kathua Police seize 162 grams of heroin, one drug peddler arrested

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KATHUA, MAR 11:

Continuing its drive against drug trafficking, Kathua Police seized approximately 162.39 grams of heroin (chitta)-like narcotic substance and arrested one alleged drug peddler in the Mahi Chak area of PP Nagri Parole (PS Kathua). Acting on reliable information on March 10, a police team led by IC PP Nagri Parole PSI Ravinder Thakur, under the supervision of SSP Kathua Mohita Sharma (IPS), Additional SP Rahul Charak (JKPS), DySP Headquarters Kathua Ravinder Singh, and SHO PS Kathua Inspector Ashish Sharma, laid a special naka in the area. During checking, the police apprehended Farman Ali, son of Saraj Din, resident of Khandwal Korepunn, Tehsil Marheon, District Kathua. The contraband was recovered from his possession and seized on the spot. In this connection, FIR No. 121/2026 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Kathua. Further investigation is underway.

Doda Police arrest three drug peddlers, charas recovered

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DODA, MAR 11:

Continuing its drive against drug trafficking, Doda Police arrested three alleged drug peddlers and recovered approximately 170 grams of charas-like substance during routine patrolling. Acting on the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), a police team from Police Post Kastigarh, under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Doda, detained three individuals during checking in the area. The accused were identified as Mubashir Hussain, son of Mohd. Sharief, resident of Basti Kotli, Doda. Muzamil Raja Beg, son of Nazir Ahmed Beg, resident of Udijanpur, Doda. Khalid Shah, son of Javed Iqbal Shah, resident of Ward No. 9, Doda. During their personal search, approximately 170 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from their possession. In this regard, FIR No. 56/2026 has been registered at Police Station Doda under relevant sections of law and further investigation has been initiated. Police have reiterated their commitment to take strict action against drug peddlers and urged the public to share any information related to drug trafficking.

Indian Army organises door-to-door medical camp at Kot Maira

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Indian Army troops, under the aegis of the White Knight Corps, organised a door-to-door medical camp in village Kot Maira, providing essential healthcare support to the local population. The initiative was conducted in close coordination with the village Sarpanch and ex-servicemen (ESMs) to ensure effective outreach and participation. Two dedicated medical officers conducted the camp, offering free consultations, health check-ups and distributing essential medicines to the residents. A total of 94 civilians from Kot Maira benefited from the initiative, receiving timely medical attention and guidance on preventive healthcare. The programme underscores the Indian Army's ongoing commitment to the welfare of communities in border and remote areas. Such initiatives strengthen civil-military relations while promoting health awareness and improving access to basic healthcare services for the local Awam, reflecting the Indian Army's focus on holistic community development.

DIG JSK Range appreciates Kotli Welfare Trust's social service

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DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma acknowledged the dedicated work of Kotli Welfare Trust (KWT) in serving mankind and promoting social welfare for more than a decade. He appreciated the organisation for its consistent efforts in social service, education, cultural activities, and community engagement.

The DIG called Er. Chandan Datta, Chairman of Kotli Welfare Trust, and lauded his noble initiatives aimed at the welfare of society irrespective of caste, colour, creed, or religion. Chandan Datta, a well-known social activist in

Jammu and Kashmir and founder of the non-political organisation Kotli Welfare Trust, has been actively working to support various sections of society through community-based programmes and awareness campaigns. DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma stated that the Jammu and Kashmir Police values the cooperation and services rendered by Kotli Welfare Trust, particularly in organizing social awareness campaigns against drug abuse and strengthening community outreach and bonding. Chairman Kotli Welfare Trust Er. Chandan Datta assured full support of his organisation to the Jammu and Kashmir Police

in their efforts to eradicate social evils, especially drug abuse. He emphasized that the Trust will continue to work towards creating a drug-free society, encouraging youth to stay away from harmful activities and contribute positively to nation-building. Expressing gratitude, Kotli Welfare Trust thanked DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma for acknowledging their efforts and encouraging the organisation. The Trust stated that such recognition boosts their morale and motivates the team to work with greater enthusiasm for the welfare of the people. Among others present on the occasion were Ashutosh Kapoor, Royal, and Amit Luthra.

SMVD College of Nursing holds 45th Governing Body meeting

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KATRA, MAR 11:

The 45th meeting of the Governing Body of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi College of Nursing (SMVDCoN) was held today at its campus at Kakryal under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retired Judge) Member, SMVDSB.

The meeting was attended by Shri Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Shri Alok Kumar Maurya, Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Administrator, SMVDCoN; Dr. Sharda M. Potukuchi, Professor, Faculty of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University; and Dr. Shailla Cannie, Principal, SMVDCoN.

During the meeting, the Governing Body reviewed the progress on decisions taken in its earlier meetings and held comprehensive deliberations on several forward-looking proposals aimed at further strengthening academic standards and institutional development of the College.

The Governing Body also approved the celebration of a Decade of Excellence, marking the completion of 10 years of the College's establishment and its significant contribution to healthcare



education. It was decided that the celebrations will be organized throughout the year and will include a grand inaugural event, academic programmes, community engagement initiatives, National Service Scheme (NSS) and outreach activities. The year-long celebrations will culminate in a grand finale event.

The Governing Body further approved the organization of the 4th Nursing Fest "TARANG-2026", which will feature a range of scholastic and co-scholastic activities aimed at encouraging academic excellence, creativity and holistic development among students.

While appreciating the initiative taken by the College to apply for Autonomous Status on the UGC portal, as the institution approaches the completion of its 10 years of existence, the Members also taken several faculty and student centric decisions during

the meeting to promote skill development, academic excellence and the overall growth of both faculty and students. The Governing Body also acknowledged the initiatives taken by the College to establish Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence to create better learning platforms and collaborative opportunities for students and faculty. In addition, the engagement with local Gram Panchayats for outreach and extension activities was also appreciated. While emphasizing the importance of community engagement, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB advised further strengthening activities aimed at greater societal contribution and expanding the outreach initiatives of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi College of Nursing.

Police-Public partnership meeting held at Surinsar

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SURINSAR, MAR 11:

A Police Community Partnership (PCP) meeting was conducted at Surinsar by Chowki Officer Sanjeet Singh Manwal to strengthen police-public coordination and ensure peace and security in the area. The meeting was attended by senior citizens, the Lambardar, Chowkidar, ex-Sarpanch, Panchayat members and other

respectable residents of the locality. Various issues related to public safety, maintenance of law and order, crime prevention, and cooperation between the police and the public were discussed in detail.

Participants were sensitized about the importance of maintaining communal harmony and were urged to remain vigilant about any suspicious movements in the area. They were also advised to

promptly share information regarding any unlawful or suspicious activities with the Police Post.

Residents appreciated the efforts of the police in maintaining law and order and assured full cooperation in ensuring peace, harmony and security in the area. The meeting concluded in a cordial atmosphere with a commitment to strengthen coordination between the police and the public.