

IIM Jammu concludes Nurturing Future Leadership Program (Batch-17) under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme

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The Indian Institute of Management Jammu successfully concluded the Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP) - Batch 17, conducted under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, with a valedictory ceremony held at the Vedanta MDP Centre, Academic Block, Jagti Campus. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu presided over the valedictory ceremony. The valedictory ceremony was graced by the programme directors, Prof. Prashant Mishra, and Dr. Ateeque Shaikh.

The five-day programme held from 9th to 13th March 2026 brought together faculty members and academic professionals from various higher educational institutions, aiming to strengthen leadership capabilities, pedagogical innovation, and academic excellence among educators. The programme focused on equipping participants with contemporary management perspectives, effective leadership skills, and transformative teaching practices to enhance the overall quality of higher education in India.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, remarked that the programme should not be seen as a closure but as the beginning of a new journey of collaboration and learning. He noted that the programme was not a conventional teaching model; rather, it was designed with inputs from several faculty mem-



bers to provide diverse perspectives and meaningful takeaways for the participants. He highlighted that this was the 17th programme of its kind and reflected a unique blend of academic exposure and institutional learning. Referring to initiatives like Staff Colleges and exposure to premier institutions such as IITs and IIMs, he emphasized that such engagements help participants understand the different ingredients that shape strong academic institutions. He also spoke about the growth trajectory of IIM Jammu, mentioning that the institute has already secured two international accreditations: BGA accreditation for the institute and EFMD accreditation for its MBA programme. Despite being a relatively young institution, IIM Jammu has achieved these two global accreditations within a short span of one year, becoming one of the few second and third generation IIMs to do so. He further shared that the institute is progressing towards

the prestigious triple crown through AACSB accreditation, while continuing to focus on creating meaningful societal impact. He further shared that the programme incorporated the theme of happiness and well-being and encouraged participants to bring positive changes within their institutions to create a multiplier effect. He concluded by inviting participants to continue collaborating with IIM Jammu in the future. Prof. Prashant Mishra, Programme Director, and Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu presented the programme report and highlighted the key learnings and outcomes of the five-day programme. He noted that the sessions were designed to be diverse, interactive, and enriching, enabling participants to gain practical insights and collaborative learning experiences. He further expressed hope that the programme would contribute meaningfully to the professional growth of all participants and looked forward to

welcoming them again for future engagements. He also emphasized that the initiative aligns with the national vision of strengthening academic leadership and capacity building in higher education institutions.

During the ceremony, participants shared their reflections and experiences from the programme. Participants also shared their reflections on the programme, describing it as a transformative learning experience. Quoting the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo, one participant emphasized the importance of building trust while maintaining the courage and determination required for leadership, comparing the process to sculpting, where refinement shapes a stronger outcome. They appreciated the diverse and enriching sessions delivered by the IIM Jammu faculty, noting that the programme was well-structured and intellectually stimulating. Participants highlighted the strong sense of camaraderie among the 16-member cohort, where

individuals learned from one another despite differences in experience and background. Several participants mentioned that the case-based discussions, interactive activities, and group engagements helped broaden their perspectives and turn initial apprehensions into positive learning experiences.

They further expressed that the programme had inspired them to implement the learnings at their respective institutions and contribute to developing effective leaders. The participants also commended the warm hospitality and professionalism of IIM Jammu, stating that the experience exceeded their expectations. Concluding their reflections, they remarked that the programme had not only enriched their understanding but had also motivated them to take on greater responsibilities, describing IIM Jammu as a role model in academic leadership and institutional excellence.

The ceremony also witnessed the distribution of certificates to the participants in recognition of their completion of the programme. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Program Director, followed by the National Anthem, marking the formal closure of the programme. The Nurturing Future Leadership Program reflects IIM Jammu's commitment to academic capacity building, leadership development, and strengthening India's higher education ecosystem through structured training initiatives and knowledge exchange platforms.

CUJ organizes workshop on fourth-year UG research programme

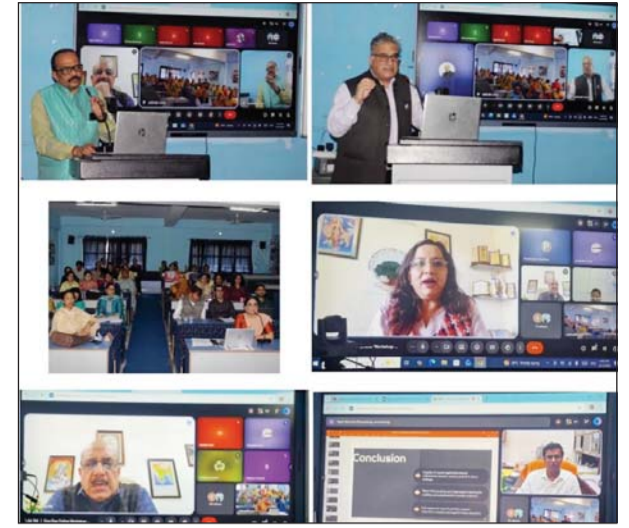
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The Office of the Dean Research Studies at Cluster University of Jammu organised a one-day workshop in hybrid mode on the theme "Guidelines for the Fourth-Year UG Programme: Academic Excellence, Research Integrity and Innovation."

The workshop aimed to provide orientation and capacity building for Principals of Higher Education Institutions, faculty members, staff and students regarding the Four-Year Research Dissertation Programme at the undergraduate level, as envisaged under the National Education Policy 2020. The university has introduced the Four-Year Research Programme for the academic session 2022-2026. The key focus of the workshop was to promote holistic, multidisciplinary and experiential learning while encouraging students to pursue advanced studies, professional careers and meaningful societal contributions through research at the undergraduate level.

The workshop was organised under the leadership of Vice Chancellor K. S. Chandrasekar, who also graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his interactive lecture, he shared valuable insights on implementing research at the undergraduate level and highlighted its potential to bring significant academic and societal transformation. He also assured full support from the university for the effective implementation of the programme. The Guest of Honour on the occasion was Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, who appreciated the initiative taken by the Office of the Dean Research Studies for framing guidelines for undergraduate research and



organising the workshop to build the capacity of stakeholders.

In her welcome address and keynote speech, Dean Research Studies Satinder Kaur thanked the Vice Chancellor and the Director Colleges for their guidance and support in framing and implementing the guidelines. She elaborated on various aspects of the programme including eligibility criteria, research supervision, dissertation format, institutional committees, monitoring mechanisms, research ethics and academic integrity.

The workshop featured lectures by eminent resource persons including Prof. J. N. Balya from Central University of Jammu, who spoke on "Optimizing Research Mentorship at Higher Education Institutions in Social Sciences." Prof. R. K. Sharma from University of Delhi delivered a talk on "Integrating Research and Research Ethics in Undergraduate Education," while Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean School of Languages at the Central University of Jammu, spoke on "Research in Literary Studies: Approaches and Methods."

The workshop witnessed

participation from more than 300 attendees from various institutions, and the sessions were marked by active interaction and discussion. The programme was personally supervised by the Principal of the host college, Dr. Kulvinder Kour.

Among others present were members of the advisory committee including Registrar Ms. Ankur Mahajan, all Deans, the FA/CAO, members of the organising committee and Principals of constituent colleges such as GCW Gandhi Nagar, SPM College of Commerce, GGM Science College, MAM College and GCOE Jammu.

The proceedings were coordinated by Dr. Avtar Changotra, Assistant Dean Research Studies. Technical coordination was handled by Prof. Amjad Bhatti along with Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Dr. Roomi Rani, Prof. Shally Gupta, Dr. Sushma Bala, Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Mr. Ankush Badyal, Mr. Paras, Ms. Jyoti Sharma and Mr. Manohar Lal. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Vijender Kumar, Associate Professor at GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena takes oath as 4th L-G of UT Ladakh

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LEH, MAR 13:

Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena today took oath as the 4th Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh at a ceremony held at the Arya Nagarjuna Auditorium of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies in Choglamsar. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli. Earlier, Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra read out the warrant of appointment issued by the President of India, following which Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena signed the charge certificate.

Shri Saxena succeeds Kavinder Gupta as the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh. Following the swearing-in ceremony, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour by the Ladakh Police. Interacting with the media after the ceremony, the Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for entrusting him with the responsibility of serving the people of Ladakh. Describing Ladakh as the "crown of India", he assured that he would work wholeheartedly in accordance with the aspirations and requirements of the people. Highlighting his development approach, Shri Saxena stated that he intends to visit villages and remote areas across Ladakh to understand the problems faced by people on the ground and identify practical and sustainable solutions. He noted that Ladakh possesses tremendous tourism

potential and emphasised that one of his key priorities would be to make Ladakh one of the most beautiful and sought-after tourism destinations in the country and the world.

The Lieutenant Governor also stressed the importance of sustainable and environmentally responsible development, noting that Ladakh's fragile ecosystem requires careful planning. He spoke about the need to increase greenery through plantation drives, afforestation initiatives and the development of water bodies. He also highlighted the importance of improving urban infrastructure, including cleanliness and the expansion of sewage treatment facilities.

Reiterating the commitment of the administration towards the welfare of the people, Shri Saxena said that, as entrusted to him by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he would ensure that the people of Ladakh are never disappointed. He added that he would work in close coordination with the people and seek their cooperation in transforming Ladakh into a developed and progressive Union Territory. He further stated that he would make every effort to meet people from different sections of society and address their concerns. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also interacted with people from diverse backgrounds who had gathered to greet him and convey their best wishes on assuming charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. The ceremony also featured a cultural performance in his honour, showcasing Ladakh's rich cultural heritage. Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena brings with him over

three decades of extensive experience in the corporate and social sectors. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, where he initiated several measures aimed at strengthening urban governance, environmental conservation and public infrastructure. During his tenure in Delhi, he was credited with restoring urban forests such as Sanjay Van, developing green public spaces along the Yamuna riverfront, initiating land management reforms, strengthening citizen-centric civic amenities and overseeing city beautification initiatives.

Among those present at the swearing-in ceremony were Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun; Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Shri Mohamad Haneefa Jan; His Eminence Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche; DGP Ladakh, Shri Mukesh Singh; GOC 14 Corps Lt Gen Hitesh Bhalla; Founder of Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre, Bhikkhu Sanghasena; former Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Principal District and Sessions Judge Leh, Smt Spalzes Angmo; Executive Councillors from LAHDC Kargil, Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shri Romil Singh Donk; Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Shri Rakesh Kumar; SSP Leh Shree Raam; Directors and Heads of Departments, representatives from various political, religious and civil society organisations, state awardees, prominent citizens, senior government officials, law officials and officers from the Indian Army, ITBP and Ladakh Police.

Samba Police foils bovine smuggling bid, rescues four animals

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SAMBA, MAR 13:

Continuing its drive against bovine smuggling, Samba Police foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines and rescued four animals in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba. Acting on reliable information, a police team from Police Post Rakh Amb Talli intercepted smugglers near Manohar Gopala area of Samba and rescued four bovines that were being smuggled on foot. All rescued animals were shifted to a safer location. In this regard, FIR No. 62/2026 under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation has been initiated.

Inter-District drug peddler arrested with heroin in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, MAR 13:

In its continued crackdown against drug trafficking, Udhampur Police arrested an inter-district drug peddler and recovered 12.32 grams of heroin from his possession. A police team from Police Post Roun Domail, while on patrol near Baley Bridge, noticed a suspicious person moving towards Roun Domail market. On seeing the police vehicle, he attempted to turn back hurriedly, raising suspicion. The police intercepted and apprehended the person, who identified himself as Dilavir Khan, son of Nazir Ahmed Khan, resident of Doligam Hinjhal, Banihal in Ramban district. During personal search, 12.32 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, the accused was arrested on the spot and FIR No. 71/2026 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Udhampur. Further investigation is underway.

JKSA meets students, parents over Mewar University row; to raise issues with DM

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The Jammu & Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) delegation on Friday met protesting students and parents of Kashmiri students enrolled in the B.Sc Nursing programme at Mewar University in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, who had staged a demonstration in Srinagar expressing concern over the alleged lack of recognition for the course and the detention of students following a campus protest.

During the interaction, a JKSA delegation led by State President Mubashir Ahmad, accompanied by Coordinator Reshi Showkat and other members, listened to the grievances raised by families regarding the academic uncertainty and safety of their children studying outside Jammu and Kashmir.

The Association assured the protesting students and parents that a delegation led by JKSA National Convenor Nasir Khuehami would meet Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and take up the matter with him, considering that many of the affected students had secured admission under an educational initiative linked to the Indian Army's Sadbhavana outreach programme aimed at supporting



students from Jammu and Kashmir. Mubashir said the issue has caused deep anxiety among more than 50 Kashmiri students currently pursuing the B.Sc Nursing programme at Mewar University, many of whom are in the advanced stage of their four-year course and approaching their final semesters. He said the students had taken admission in the programme believing that it had the necessary statutory approvals from the Indian Nursing Council and the Rajasthan Nursing Council, the regulatory bodies governing nursing education and professional registration in the country.

However, serious concerns recently emerged after students allegedly discovered that the programme may not have the mandatory approvals from the INC and RNC, raising fears that their degree

may not be recognised for professional registration and employment in the nursing sector. National Convenor of Association Nasir Khuehami said the students approached the university administration seeking clarification and official documentation confirming the recognition status of the course. However, according to the students, the university authorities allegedly failed to provide clear and satisfactory responses to their legitimate concerns.

Instead of addressing the students' grievances through dialogue, the university administration allegedly resorted to coercive measures, registering an FIR against 17 Kashmiri students who took part in the protest. They were detained by local authorities, initially kept at a police station and later shifted to the Sub Jail in Chittorgarh, where they remained for

understand the issues faced by them. As part of efforts to facilitate BSNL pensioners in the Kashmir region, a meeting was also held with the Chief General Manager of BSNL Jammu and Kashmir Circle to explore the establishment of a sub-office of the Controller of Communication Accounts (CCA) in Srinagar. Suitable space for the proposed office has already been identified and the sub-office is expected to become operational after the necessary approvals are obtained.

In the interim, it has been decided that an officer from the CCA office in Jammu will visit Srinagar on a week-

ly basis to meet pensioners at a designated location provided by BSNL and address their grievances until the Srinagar sub-office becomes functional. The Pr. CCA appreciated the support extended by Kush Kumar and Arvind Pandey in facilitating the initiative.

The outreach activities are being carried out in pursuance of the Seva Sankalp Resolution, adopted by the Union Cabinet of India on February 24, 2026. The resolution aims to promote a citizen-centric work culture based on service, transparency and accountability, while emphasising the principle of "Nagrik Devo Bhava."

Saplings International School celebrates Graduation Day 'UDGAM'

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Saplings International School celebrated UDGAM (Graduation Day) with great joy and enthusiasm, marking a significant milestone for its young graduates as they moved to the next stage of their learning journey. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Mrs. Shagun Manchanda, District Mission Shakti Coordinator, Department of Social Welfare, J&K, along with Guest of Honour Mrs. Anju Sharma, renowned parenting coach, and other esteemed guests including Mrs. Roopam Kour Soni, Mr. Ajit Singh Soni, Mr. Subhash Singh Chib, and Mrs. Sapna Ma'am. The event began with a warm welcome for the guests,

followed by delightful student performances. The little graduates, donned in caps and gowns, proudly received their certificates, creating a proud and emotional moment for parents and teachers alike. The Chief Guest appreciated the school's efforts and encouraged students to pursue learning with curiosity and confidence.

Parents also lauded the dedication of teachers and the school's commitment to nurturing young minds. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, celebrating the achievements of the graduates and wishing them a bright and successful future. Saplings International School reaffirmed its commitment to shaping a strong foundation for every child.

demanding that either the university secure the necessary statutory approvals immediately or facilitate their migration to a duly recognised nursing institution where they can continue their education without jeopardising their academic and professional future," Khuehami said. Association said many of the affected students come from middle-class and economically weaker families who relied on scholarships and financial support to pursue professional education outside Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme, linked to the Army's Sadbhavana initiative, was intended to engage, empower, and support Kashmiri youth through education. However, the Association said that the alleged lodging of FIRs and detention of students has instead created a sense of distress and alienation among them and their families. The Association assured the protesting parents that it would continue to pursue the matter with the concerned authorities, including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Government of Rajasthan, until the students' academic future is secured and justice is ensured.