

The Asian School students explore world of innovation during educational visit to IIT Jammu

Experiential learning initiative inspires young minds through hands-on exposure to cutting-edge research, scientific laboratories and interactive workshops



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JAMMU, AUG 7:
Reinforcing its commitment to experiential learning and academic excellence, The Asian School, Jammu organised an inspiring educational visit for its senior students to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, providing them with invaluable exposure to advanced scientific research, technological innovation and higher education opportunities.

The visit, the third major educational excursion undertaken by the school during the current academic session, reflects its continued emphasis on learning beyond the classroom. The school has planned several more such academic visits during the remainder of the session to nurture curiosity, innovation and practical understanding among students.

The educational tour offered students a unique opportunity to experience the dynamic academic environment of one of India's premier institutions. They explored state-of-the-art Physics and Chemistry laboratories, where they observed sophisticated scientific equipment, advanced research facilities and ongoing experiments, gaining insights into the practical applications of concepts taught in classrooms.

One of the major attractions of the visit was an engaging and interactive Physics workshop, during which students actively participated in demonstrations designed to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world engineering and scientific applications. The hands-on learning experience encouraged students to think critically, ask questions and develop a deeper appreciation for scientific inquiry and innovation.

The visit also enabled students to interact with the vibrant academic atmosphere at IIT Jammu, inspiring many to aspire towards careers in science, technology, engineering and research. Between scheduled laboratory tours and academic sessions, students shared their observations and reflected on their learning experiences during a brief refreshment break.

Adding a special touch to the occasion, the educational tour was ceremonially flagged off by the enthusiastic students of Standard II, symbolising the school's culture of encouraging academic aspirations from an early age. Principal Mr. Atul M. Saxena expressed gratitude to the Dean and administration of IIT Jammu for their warm hospitality and valuable support in organising the educational programme.

He said such initiatives play a vital role in broadening students' horizons, strengthening scientific temperament and motivating them to pursue excellence in higher education and research. Vice Principal Dr. Robinder Kaur, Senior Coordinator Mr. Aryan Bhagat, educators Miss Ravinder, Mr. Bhanu, Mr. Satpal, and Media and Broadcasting Expert Miss Shilpa also appreciated the collaborative efforts of IIT Jammu in making the visit an enriching and memorable experience for the students.

The Asian School, Jammu reaffirmed its commitment to providing immersive learning opportunities that cultivate creativity, critical thinking, innovation and academic excellence, ensuring that students are well-prepared to meet the challenges of an evolving global knowledge economy.

Chief Secretary reviews functioning of MSME Health Clinic

Calls for faster assessment and revival of stressed MSMEs across J&K

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SRINAGAR, AUG 7:
Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning and progress of the J&K MSME Health Clinic, a digital initiative aimed at monitoring, diagnosing and revitalizing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Union Territory through timely assessment and targeted interventions.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Director Industries & Commerce, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Handloom & Handicrafts, Kashmir/Jammu; besides other senior officers of the Industries & Commerce Department. The meeting deliberated upon the progress made under the initiative, status of assessment of industrial units, capacity-building measures and strategies for expediting rehabilitation of stressed enterprises through coordinated institutional support.



Emphasising the need for strengthening the support ecosystem for MSMEs, the Chief Secretary directed the Industries & Commerce Department to augment the existing Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) functioning across the districts by providing adequate dedicated human resources or inducting representatives from other stakeholder departments, wherever required, to make these units more effective and result-oriented.

He also stressed the need for conducting regular capacity-building programmes by IIM Jammu for SBDU members across all districts to ensure professional and quality assessment of industrial units. He directed that the SBDUs should actively analyse the reports prepared after health assessment of MSMEs and closely monitor implementation of the recommendations made therein to facilitate timely revival of stressed units.

Calling for expeditious assessment of MSMEs, the Chief Secretary asked the concerned to substantially enhance the pace of health assessment by adopting a hybrid approach involving both physical and virtual visits to industrial units. He further advised Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, to hold consultations with J&K Bank for exploring suitable mechanisms for restructuring loans of sick MSMEs based on the recommendations emerging from the Health Clinic assessments.

Earlier, the Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh apprised the meeting that the MSME Health Clinic has emerged as a significant platform for identifying financially stable enterprises as well as units requiring rehabilitation, thereby facilitating evidence-based policy interventions for strengthening the industrial ecosystem across the Union Territory.

He also apprised the meeting about the compliance with directions issued by Chief Secretary during the previous meeting. He revealed that an interactive chatbot has been integrated into the MSME Health Clinic portal, while its upgraded version has been shared with IIM Jammu for further refinement.

It was also informed that district-level training programmes have been successfully completed across both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, with trained personnel now available in all the twenty districts to support Health Clinic operations. Additionally, the system has been strengthened to significantly enhance issuance of health certificates, with around 15,000 stability certificates already issued to MSMEs.

CM Omar Abdullah reviews restoration works on

NH-44, directs measures for seamless traffic movement

Stresses early completion of repairs to facilitate public travel, transport of horticulture produce



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UDHAMPUR, AUG 7:
Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday travelled by road from Jammu to Srinagar via National Highway-44 to personally assess the condition of the highway and review the restoration works being carried out following the recent spell of adverse weather that triggered landslides and disrupted traffic at several locations.

During the journey, the Chief Minister was briefed by officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the executing agencies on the progress of repair, restoration and stabilisation works being undertaken along the affected stretches of the highway.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dheeraj Gupta, senior NHAI officials,

Traffic Police officers and other concerned officers.

Emphasising that the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway is the lifeline of Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister directed the concerned agencies to expedite restoration works and take all necessary measures to ensure smooth, safe and uninterrupted movement of traffic.

He laid particular emphasis on facilitating the movement of trucks carrying fruit and other agricultural produce, noting that any prolonged disruption on the highway adversely impacts growers, traders and the overall economy.

The Chief Minister also stressed the importance of coordinated efforts among the NHAI, executing agencies, Traffic Police and the district administration to minimise inconvenience to commuters and ensure effective traffic management during the ongoing restoration works.

J&K Judicial Academy concludes Induction Training for 39 Civil Judges

Justice must not only be done but be seen to be done: Acting Chief Justice

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SRINAGAR, AUG 7:
The Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy, under the patronage of Acting Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Sanjeev Kumar and the guidance of Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Chairman, Governing Committee, J&K Judicial Academy, today concluded the academy-based phase of the Pre-Appointment Induction Training Programme for 39 Trainee Civil Judges (Junior Division), Batch-2026.

The programme was graced by Acting Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Registrar General, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, M K Sharma and other Judicial Officers of the registry.

In an engaging interactive session, the Acting Chief Justice congratulated the trainee Civil Judges on successfully completing the Academy-based phase of the induction programme. He said that the training had equipped them with the knowledge, skills and values essential for discharge of judicial functions effectively.



He emphasized that the office of a Judge is not merely a position of authority but a solemn constitutional trust, requiring the highest standards of integrity, impartiality, patience, humility and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

Stressing that justice must not only be done but must also be seen to be done, the Acting Chief Justice exhorted the trainee officers to consciously guard against every form of bias, whether personal, social, cultural or unconscious. He asked them to ensure that every judicial determination is guided solely by the Constitution, the law and the evidence placed on record.

The Acting Chief Justice further highlighted the contemporary challenges confronting the justice delivery system, including inadequate judicial infrastructure, shortage of judicial officers, among other challenges. He observed that these challenges call for greater efficiency, resilience and commitment from judicial officers while reaffirming that they should never compromise the quality or fairness of justice.

He urged the trainee officers to remain fearless and independent in discharge of their judicial duties, courteous and compassionate in their conduct. He impressed upon them to embrace technology as an aid to justice and pursue continuous learning and self-improvement to effectively meet the evolving demands of judicial service.

Appreciating the dedicated efforts of the Director, Resource Persons, officers and staff of the J&K Judicial Academy in successfully conducting the induction programme, the Acting Chief Justice expressed confidence that the newly appointed Civil Judges would uphold the highest traditions of the Indian judiciary and discharge their constitutional responsibilities with courage, wisdom, integrity and compassion.

J&K aims to retain top national ranking in Har Ghar Tiranga-2026

Chief Secretary reviews action plan for '150 Years of Vande Mataram' celebrations

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SRINAGAR, AUG 7:
Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting of all the concerned Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, DCs and HoDs to review the preparations and departmental action plan for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga-2026' campaign, being organised in conjunction with the third phase of the 150 Years of Vande Mataram commemorative celebrations.

The meeting reviewed the responsibilities assigned to different departments and the logistical arrangements prepared by the Department of Culture, the nodal department, for smooth implementation of the campaign across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir from August 9 to August 17, 2026.

Emphasising the need to sustain this momentum, the Chief Secretary directed the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners



to ensure maximum public participation by involving every panchayat, ULB and educational institution so that Jammu and Kashmir continues to maintain its premier position at the national level.

The Chief Secretary directed that all flags procured must strictly conform to the Flag Code of India. He also instructed that procurement should be undertaken through local Self Help Groups and the Department of Posts to ensure quality and timely availability.

Stress was also laid on extensive publicity for the campaign. The Chief Secretary directed the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) and district administrations to undertake widespread awareness drives, highlighting the importance of respectful handling, collection and proper custody of the National Flag after Independence Day celebrations.