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Annual Report 2025-26: Outreach and UBA RCI IIT Jammu:

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Progress in Outreach for Schools and Colleges 2025-26:

No. Of Schools: 46

No. of Students visited: 3464:

Purpose: Vigyan Jyoti, promoting STEM for meritorious girl students, Samagrah Shiksha, Awareness, participation in science projects, Rashtriya Avashkar Yojana

Activities/visits: Arduino sessions, Medical sessions, AI robotic sessions, Faculty interaction, event participation, Competitions and lab visits

Frequently visited labs: Central Workshop, Tinkering Lab, Physics UG lab, Chemistry Lab, Water Lab, Structure Lab, Electrical labs, Bio UG Lab, Bio PG Lab, Geo-Tech. Lab, Library visits, Transport lab, Protospace, Environment Lab 3D printing lab, Drone and Robotic lab etc. C3I Lab, Networking/Data Centre lab.





Girls visit IIT Jammu under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' programme

GJ REPORT JAMMU, FEB 1: The outreach department of IIT Jammu welcomed a group of 68 girl students, accompanied by their escorts from district Doda for an educational tour organized under "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" scheme.

The initiative aimed to encourage and empower young girls by motivating them to pursue education to its fullest potential through exposure to advanced academic and research environments.

The visiting students, representing diverse academic levels from Class 8th to graduation, were introduced to the dynamic learning ecosystem of IIT Jammu.

The tour focused on nurturing curiosity, building confidence, and encouraging students to explore opportunities in science, technology, and higher edu-



cation.

The visit was conducted under the guidance and support of the Director, Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur; Dean, Outreach and Skill Development, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev; and Associate Dean, Dr. Sameer KSP.

The students received a warm welcome and were briefed on the institute's academic culture and research-oriented environment.

As part of the tour, the

students visited the I2EDC Lab Protospace, where they observed how innovative ideas are transformed into practical solutions through hands-on experimentation.

The visit concluded with an interactive session led by Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean of Outreach and Skill Development. She shared insights and data highlighting the increasing achievements of girls across various fields and emphasized the importance of continuing education.

IIT Jammu's skill development initiative bridging dreams, opportunities

GJ REPORT JAMMU, DEC 16: The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, through its Department of Outreach and Skill Development, hosted an educational visit for 120 students along with their escorts from Gurukul Higher Secondary School, Reasi. The initiative aimed to expose school students to higher education, scientific learning, and emerging opportunities in STEM fields.

The visiting students belonged to Classes XI and XII, representing both Medical and Non-Medical streams. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Director, IIT Jammu, Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur; Dean, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev; and Associate Dean, Dr. Sameer K. S. P.

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Ashutosh, a third-year B.Tech student from IIT Jammu addressing students during educational visit on Tuesday.

ademic and laboratory facilities of the institute, including the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Laboratories. Faculty members and technical staff provided hands-on demonstrations and explained fundamental scientific concepts, offering students a practical perspective on classroom learning.

An engaging interaction session was conducted by Ashutosh, a third-year B.Tech stu-

dent, along with his team. The session introduced students to the basics of electronics, programming, and Arduino, giving them valuable insights into real-world engineering applications. The interactive discussion sparked curiosity and enthusiasm among the students, encouraging them to explore future opportunities in engineering and other STEM disciplines.

IIT Jammu outreach-skill development: Bridging dreams, opportunities



GJ REPORT JAMMU, DEC 12: IIT Jammu hosted a group of 125 students and escorts from Army Public School Sunjwan and KV-1 Udhampur for an educational exposure visit organized by the Department of Outreach and Skill Development.

The visiting students, from Class 11 (Non-Medical stream), were guided under the leadership of Director

Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Dean Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, and Associate Dean Dr. Sameer KSP.

During the visit, the students explored key academic facilities including the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Laboratories. Faculty and staff provided hands-on demonstrations and simplified explanations of scientific concepts, offering the students a closer glimpse into the world

of research and experimentation.

An interactive motivation session was conducted by Dr. Akash Subhash Awale and Dr. Angshuman Kapil from the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

They encouraged students to stay focused on their goals, strengthen their fundamentals, and not worry about labels like "backbenchers," reiterating that success comes from clarity, commitment, and consistent effort.

A Q&A session followed, where students enthusiastically raised questions related to career options, engineering pathways, and campus life at IIT. Faculty members addressed all queries, offering academic guidance and inspiring insights.

IIT Jammu remains committed to nurturing young minds through structured outreach, experiential learning, and meaningful engagement with school students across the region.

IIT Jammu Outreach & Skill Development: Bridging Dreams and Opportunities

YB News Service Jammu, Dec 12

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The visit concluded with a tour of the Central Library, where students viewed the book-like copy of the Indian Constitution—a moment that left a strong impression.

Gram Sabha at Jagti Village with SHG group ladies:

At Jagti village a Gram Sabha was held on April 4, 2025 with “Jai Lakshmi Mata” Self-Help Groups (SHGs) engaged in tailoring are empowering women by leveraging existing skills and fostering economic independence. The groups pool savings, often participate in skill development, and collectively undertake tailoring work from event bags, convocation dress making of IIT Jammu since its first convocation. The group also get its work from local NGOs.



Screen Printing Self-Help Group Seeks Assistance in Printing National Flags (18 ft. x 12 ft.):

The Screen Printing Self-Help Group (SHG) required support to print large-sized National Flags measuring 18 feet by 12 feet, as part of an order received through the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The order, placed by the Civil Secretariat, was a significant opportunity for the SHG. With timely assistance from the UBA field team, the group successfully showcased its skills and completed the task within time.





Assistance in Establishing AI/Robotics Lab at APS Nagrota:

On 25 June 2025, a team from IIT Jammu visited Army Public School (APS) Nagrota to assess the existing AI Lab facilities and suggest curriculum enhancements. The team met with the Vice-Principal and AI instructors to discuss aligning practical components with current industry standards. The possibility of future instructor training by IIT Jammu faculty and technical staff was also proposed.

Following the visit, an internal call for volunteers was initiated. Three lab engineers—Dr. Vikrant Guleria, Mr. Approve, and Mr. Vikas—volunteered to extend support on weekends. A planning meeting was held on 8 September 2025 under the guidance of the Associate Dean (Outreach), involving the volunteer team, school instructors, and the outreach office. Subsequently, the volunteers conducted a detailed assessment of the existing laboratory infrastructure. Based on their evaluation, they submitted a list of required equipment and developed comprehensive AI curricula tailored separately for junior and senior students. The volunteer team conducted weekend classes at the school, which concluded successfully. The initiative received positive feedback from the school authorities, and contacts were exchanged to ensure continued support and future collaboration as required.





Training of SEG Proposal – On-site at Kuwara Village, Panjgrain:

On April 16, 2025, a hands-on training session was conducted for rural women in Kuwara Village, Panjgrain. The training focused on mold assembly, wax pouring, and candle designing, with emphasis on practical learning and entrepreneurial skill development. The initiative aims to establish a sustainable and replicable model for economic empowerment.

Progress:

The project has contributed to improving rural livelihoods by training women in the production of 3D-printed candles, fostering financial independence and entrepreneurial opportunities. It has also promoted technological exposure and innovation beyond traditional candle-making methods. Although the project does not directly address agriculture or energy sectors, it lays a strong foundation for sustainable rural development.

Impact:

The initiative has directly benefited five families, positively impacting approximately 25 individuals. It has enhanced their skills, strengthened livelihood opportunities, and improved their economic prospects.

Production, Packaging, and Costing:

Currently under process.





Celebration of Labour Day in Adopted Village – Jagti:

On May 1, 2025, RCI IIT Jammu celebrated Labour Day by organizing a cleanliness and sanitation drive in Jagti village.

Key Actions Undertaken:

- **Sacred Site Cleaning:** Around 20 village women actively participated in cleaning the ‘Devtas’ place, an important sacred site in the village.
- **Water and Hygiene Improvements:** Bib cocks were installed on open water pipes to prevent water wastage. A leaking 500-litre water tank was replaced with a new 1000-litre overhead tank to improve water storage capacity. Additionally, the water outlet of the on-site washroom was repaired.
- **Community Initiative:** The participating women formed a village committee and initiated a system of monthly contributions to ensure regular maintenance of the site. Refreshments were served to approximately 45–50 villagers, including men and children.

Impact: The initiative significantly enhanced sanitation and hygiene conditions, improved access to clean water, and demonstrated strong community participation and commitment towards maintaining a healthy and sustainable environment.

Labour Day: Unnat Bharat Abhiyan holds sanitation drive



Villagers taking part in sanitation and cleanliness drive under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at Jagti, Jammu on Friday.

GJ REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 2: To commemorate Labour Day, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) RCI IIT Jammu organised a sanitation and cleanliness drive at a sacred site in its adopted village, Jagti.

The initiative was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu; Prof. Abhay

Sharma, Regional Coordinator, UBA; and Dr. Nalin Sharma, PI Coordinator, UBA.

The drive saw active participation from village women, who cleaned the sacred premises and facilitated the installation of bib cocks on open water pipes, improving hygiene and access to clean water.

Further enhancements included the replacement

of a leaking 500-litre water tank with a 1000-litre overhead tank and repairs to the water outlet of the on-site washroom.

Installation of the new tank, bib cocks, and outlet pipe is scheduled for completion by a plumber later in the day.

The site revered by locals as the 'Devta's' place, holds religious significance for the community. To ensure sustained maintenance, the women collectively resolved to form a committee and initiate a monthly contribution system dedicated to the site's upkeep.

The initiative reflects the ethos of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in empowering rural communities towards sustainable development and collective well-being.

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Introducing a New SHG in Medicinal Plants:

Mrs. Geeta Devi, a young and enterprising member of the Self-Help Group (SHG) from the adopted village of Khanpur, has been working towards establishing a startup in medicinal plant cultivation. Leading a 10-member group, she focuses on the plantation of Aparajita, Bhringraj, lemon grass and peppermint.

To ensure quality and explore market potential, Mrs. Geeta Devi provided samples of these plants for laboratory testing. The UBA team facilitated her connection with Dr. Yogesh Madhukarrao Nimdeo faculty IIT Jammu and a joint meeting was held during which the samples were formally submitted for analysis. The test report is currently awaited.



Live demonstration of Samba Block Print during CM's visit to IIT Jammu:

On the occasion of summer school felicitation ceremony at IIT Jammu, the institution hosted Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. A key highlight of his visit was a live demonstration of the **Samba Block Print** technique, performed by a dedicated Self-Help Group (SHG). The event served as a powerful testament to the successful collaboration between IIT Jammu and local community initiatives, with two other IIT-supported SHGs also present to showcase their work.



IIT Jammu, as a Participating Institution, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan celebrated 79th Independence Day in its adopted village of Pangali:

An event led by Director IIT Jammu Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, UBA Regional Coordinator Prof. Meenakshi Rajeeve and PI Coordinator Dr. Sameer K S P, was a vibrant display of patriotism and community engagement.

Key Highlights:

Patriotic Spirit: A Gram Samba was called with local school students and their parents, discussed the significance of Independence Day and distributed national flags.

Environmental Initiative: Distributed fruit tree saplings for plantation, encouraging a greener future.

Educational Encouragement: Motivated students to pursue their education as a pathway to a brighter future, hence concluded the event with community bonding.



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Village Pangali, Chibba Panchayat, Jammu – The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, a participating institution of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), took part in the Gram Sabha and proudly celebrated India's 79th Independence Day in its adopted village of Pangali.



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Orientation for Existing UBA-Participating Institutions (PIs):

IIT Jammu, as the Regional Coordinating Institution (RCI) for Jammu Province and Ladakh UT, oversees UBA activities, monitors PI progress, and requests future action plans for

adopted villages. Orientations are conducted both online and in-person, at least twice a year.

Due to coordinator changes and new PI additions, regular online orientations are required. RCI targets 5–7 PIs per quarter, focusing on portal updates.

An orientation was held at **SMVDU, Katra** on **11th September 2025**, led by Mrs. Jeyoti Kaul (RCI), covering village survey methods and portal data entry.



Institutions Currently Being Oriented:

Govt. Degree College, Mahanpur (Kathua)
Govt. Women's College, Gandhi Nagar (Jammu)
Govt. Degree College, Doda
Govt. Degree College, Reasi
Model Institute of Education, BC Road (Jammu)
GDC Drass, Kargil (Ladakh UT)

UBA Orientation and Review Workshop at IIT Jammu for all PIs on 25th September 2024:

IIT Jammu, as the Regional Coordinating Institute (RCI) for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) for Jammu Province and the UT of Ladakh, organized an Orientation, Interaction, and Review Workshop for Participating Institutions (PIs).

The workshop was attended by 30 representatives (20 offline, 10 online) from 18 PIs engaged in rural development activities.

Dr. Meenakshi Rajeeve, Regional Coordinator, UBA–IIT Jammu, inaugurated the event and welcomed Mr. Kanav Sharma, AGM, NABARD, as Guest of Honour. He highlighted NABARD's grassroots initiatives and emphasized collaborative efforts for rural empowerment.

Dr. Sameer Sharma presented IIT Jammu's UBA initiatives. Prof. P.K. Singh (UBA–NCI, IIT Delhi) shared a national progress update, and Dr. Meenakshi Chaudhary introduced project formulation strategies and the 15 Subject Expert Groups (SEGs). Er. Alankrit Mahajan (LEAD Jammu) emphasized academic–NGO collaboration and student-led rural initiatives.

PIs presented progress reports on work carried out in their adopted villages during the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2025–26. Based on evaluation, the top three PIs were:

1. **Dr. Piyush Sharma, GDC Ramnagar – 1st Position**
2. **Mrs. Suman Devi, MIER College of Education, Jammu – 2nd Position**
3. **Mr. Balwant Thakur, Dogra Degree College – 3rd Position**

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and distribution of certificates and mementos. The workshop reinforced IIT Jammu's commitment to strengthening rural engagement under UBA.



Community Outreach Initiative on Cyber Security Awareness under ISEA-III at IIT Jammu:

The C3I Department of the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, in coordination with the Outreach Department and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, organized a Cyber Security Awareness Program on 03 October 2025 under the ISEA-III project as part of National Cyber Security Month. The program, attended by 40-50 students, covered key topics including cyberbullying, social media safety, password security, phishing, digital footprint, and safe internet practices. Interactive expert sessions and a quiz competition with prizes were conducted to enhance students' awareness of real-world cybersecurity challenges. The initiative promoted responsible digital behavior and strengthened cybersecurity awareness

among participants.



SHGs under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan – Showcasing the Art of Jammu:

The Outreach Department of IIT Jammu organized a **Diwali Exhibition-cum-Sale** on Friday, 17th October 2025, at the Residential Area of the IIT Jammu campus.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from **eight Self-Help Groups (SHGs)**, who experienced encouraging sales and strong support from the campus community.

The exhibition featured a variety of festive items including handcrafted décor, diyas, textiles, and 3D candles — all made by SHGs from villages adopted under the **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**. These SHGs have been supported by IIT Jammu through training, provision of raw materials, and marketing assistance. A few of the participating SHGs were established through **UBA (SEG)** category proposals.

The initiative aimed to promote **rural entrepreneurship** and empower local communities by providing a platform to showcase and sell their products. Faculty, staff, and their families attended the event, contributing to the celebration of Diwali while supporting sustainable livelihoods



आइआइटी जम्मू में दिवाली पर स्वयं सहायता समूहों की लगी प्रदर्शनी

जागरण संवाददाता, जम्मू: भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आइआइटी) जम्मू के आउटरीच विभाग ने दिवाली के अवसर पर शनिवार को आइआइटी जम्मू परिसर के आबासीय क्षेत्र में स्वयं सहायता समूहों (एसएचजी) द्वारा उत्पादित वस्तुओं की प्रदर्शनी और बिक्री का आयोजन किया। इस आयोजन में आठ स्वयं सहायता समूहों ने भाग लिया।

प्रदर्शनी में दिवाली उत्सव से संबंधित वस्तुओं को प्रदर्शित किया गया, जिसमें हस्तनिर्मित सजावट का सामान, दीये, वस्त्र और उड़ी पैटर्न वाली मोमबत्तियाँ शामिल थीं। ये सभी उत्पाद उन्नत भारत अभियान (यूपीए) के तहत आइआइटी जम्मू द्वारा अग्रसारण किए गए हैं। इन समूहों



आइआइटी जम्मू में लगी प्रदर्शनी से सहमन खरीदते स्टफ सदस्य एवं छात्र © जगद्वान

को आइआइटी जम्मू द्वारा प्रशिक्षण दिया गया था और उत्पाद तैयार करने के लिए कच्चा माल भी संस्थान की ओर से फुलिया कराया गया था। इस फल का उद्देश्य ग्रामीण उद्यमियों को ब्याव देना और स्थानीय समुदायों को अपने उत्पादों को प्रदर्शित करने और बेचने के लिए एक मंच प्रदान करके उन्हें सशक्त बनाना है। इस अवसर

पर संकाय सदस्यों, कर्मचारियों और उनके परिवारों ने स्टालों का दौरा किया और उन्हें वहाँ से पर्वकारण अनुकूल उत्पाद उतारवाँ की खरीद करने का अवसर भी मिला। इस प्रकार, यह आयोजन न केवल दिवाली की खुशियों को बढ़ाने का माध्यम बना, बल्कि स्थानीय उद्यमियों को भी प्रोत्साहित किया।

IIT Jammu organizes exhibition-cum-sale of items produced by SHGs

GJ REPORT
JAMMU, OCT 18: The Outreach Department of the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu organized a Diwali Exhibition-cum-Sale of items produced by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) today, at the Residential Area of the IIT Jammu campus.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from eight Self-Help Groups (SHGs), who received strong encouragement and support from the IIT Jammu community.

The exhibition featured a wide range of festive items, including handcrafted décor, diyas, textiles, and 3D pattern candles, all made by SHGs from villages adopted by IIT Jammu under the Uurat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative. These SHGs have been supported by IIT Jammu through training programmes, provision of raw



Visitors taking a glance at items displayed during exhibition at Nagrota on Saturday.

materials, and marketing assistance. Several of the participating SHGs were established through UBA (SEG) category proposals.

The initiative aimed to promote rural entrepreneurship and empower local communities by providing them a plat-

form to showcase and sell their products. Faculty members, staff, and their families actively visited the stalls and extended their support by purchasing eco-friendly festive products, contributing to the celebration of sustainable and inclusive Diwali festivities.

Participation of women SHGs at LEAD supported exhibition:

As the Regional Coordinating Institution (RCI) under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, in collaboration with the I2EDC Cell, actively participated in *Mahotsav 2025* held at GGM Science College from January 19–21, 2025. The cultural festival celebrated the rich indigenous heritage of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. IIT Jammu established a dedicated stall to showcase its ongoing social initiatives across adopted villages under UBA. Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from IIT Jammu-supported villages participated in an exhibition-cum-sale, presenting locally produced goods and traditional products; the stall cost was borne by IIT Jammu, and the SHGs recorded sales ranging between ₹12,000 and ₹15,000, promoting grassroots entrepreneurship and rural livelihoods through community-led enterprise development.





SHGs Participation in Udyamitsav/Pragyaan 2026:

With the support of the Outreach Department of Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, **five Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** from IIT Jammu's adopted villages participated in **Udyamitsav/Pragyaan 2026**, held on 7th–8th February 2026 at the IIT Jammu campus. The SHGs were provided **three stalls** at the Science & Technology Expo to exhibit and sell their handmade and traditional products. Their participation offered valuable exposure to rural artisans and promoted entrepreneurship through direct interaction with students, academicians, and experts attending the event.



Inauguration of Renovated and Upgraded Community Park at Jagti village:

On 18th November 2025, the Outreach Department of IIT Jammu successfully completed the renovation and upgradation of the Community Park at its adopted village Jagti under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in collaboration with the Institute's Infrastructure, Planning and Management Section.

Previously, the space had become unsafe and was reportedly being used as a hideout for drug users. The intervention has transformed it into a safe and accessible recreational area catering to a population of approximately 3000 residents. The upgraded park now features

improved landscaping, enhanced pathways, seating facilities, installation of a volleyball setup, and inclusive recreational spaces for all age groups.

Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean, Outreach and Skill Development, highlighted the importance of community-centric development initiatives, while the Chief Guest, Prof. Anurag Misra, Dean, Infrastructure, Planning and Management, emphasized the role of institute–community collaboration in promoting healthy lifestyles among rural youth through increased participation in outdoor activities.

The renovated park is expected to strengthen community engagement and provide a secure environment for physical and social activities, particularly for children and youth.

IIT Jammu Inaugurates Renovated Mian Dido Park in Jagti Village under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu inaugurated the renovated Mian Dido Park in Jagti Village today, marking a significant milestone under the Ministry of Education's flagship Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative. The renovation project, led by IIT Jammu's Outreach Department, aims to enhance community infrastructure and strengthen institute–community engagement.

The rejuvenated park features upgraded landscaping, improved walking pathways, enhanced seating, a dedicated volleyball play area, and inclusive recreational zones for all age groups. The Infrastructure, Planning and Management (IPM) Section, under the guidance of Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, played a key role in executing the project.

The upgraded park was



formally inaugurated by Prof. Anurag Misra, Dean, IPM, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The ceremony began with a welcome address by Ms. Jeyoti Kaul, followed by introductory remarks from Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean, Outreach & Skill Development, who highlighted the importance of collaborative community development in IIT Jammu's outreach efforts. In his address, Prof. Misra emphasized the need

for strong partnerships between educational institutions and local communities. He encouraged parents to motivate children to participate in outdoor activities, underscoring their role in holistic development.

Local panchayat members were also present, with Sarpanch Mrs. Abha Jamwal expressing appreciation for IIT Jammu's continued commitment to rural development. She noted the park's value as an essential

green space for residents and called for more collaborative initiatives with the institute.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sameer KS Pachalla, Associate Dean, Outreach. A friendly volleyball match between IIT Jammu personnel and village residents followed the ceremony, symbolizing the growing connection between the institute and the community.

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पार्क में मौजूद आइआइटी जम्मू के कर्मचारी • आइआइटी

जम्मू : भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आइआइटी) जम्मू ने मंगलवार को जगटी गांव में मियां डिडो पार्क के पुनर्निर्माण कार्य के सफल समापन पर इसका औपचारिक उद्घाटन किया। यह महत्वपूर्ण पहल शिक्षा मंत्रालय की उन्नत भारत अभियान के अंतर्गत ग्रामीण समुदायों के सतत विकास की दिशा में एक और उल्लेखनीय कदम है। पार्क के संपूर्ण नवीनीकरण का दायित्व आइआइटी जम्मू के आउटरीच विभाग ने संभाला। इस परियोजना का उद्देश्य स्थानीय नागरिकों को बेहतर

सार्वजनिक सुविधाएं प्रदान करना और संस्थान तथा समुदाय के बीच सहयोग और सहभागिता को मजबूत करना है। पुनर्निर्मित पार्क में आकर्षक लैंडस्केपिंग, सुगम वाकिंग पथवे, आरामदायक बैठने की व्यवस्था, वालीबाल कोर्ट तथा बच्चों और बुजुर्गों के लिए अलग-अलग मनोरंजन क्षेत्र विकसित किए गए हैं। उद्घाटन समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि डीन इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर प्लानिंग एंड मैनेजमेंट प्रो. अनुराग मिश्रा ने पार्क का शुभारंभ किया। समारोह में स्थानीय पंचायत प्रतिनिधियों ने भी भाग लिया। (जास)

Mian Dido Park in Jagti Village under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

EARLY TIMES REPORT

JAMMU, Nov 18: The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu inaugurated the renovated Mian Dido Park in Jagti Village today, marking a significant milestone under the Ministry of Education's flagship Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative. The renovation project, led by IIT Jammu's Outreach Department, aims to enhance community infrastructure and strengthen institute-community engagement.

The rejuvenated park features upgraded landscaping, improved walking pathways, enhanced seating, a dedicated volleyball play area, and inclusive recreational zones for all age groups. The Infrastructure, Planning and Management (IPM) Section, under the guidance of Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, played a key role in executing the project.

The upgraded park was formally inaugurated by Prof. Anurag Misra, Dean, IPM, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The ceremony began with a welcome address by Ms. Jeyoti Kaul, followed by introductory remarks from

Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean, Outreach & Skill Development, who highlighted the importance of collaborative community development in IIT Jammu's outreach efforts.

In his address, Prof. Misra emphasized the need for strong partnerships between educational institutions and local communities. He encouraged parents to motivate children to participate in outdoor activities, underscoring their role in holistic development.

Local panchayat members were also present, with Sarpanch Mrs. Abha Jamwal expressing appreciation for IIT Jammu's continued commitment to rural development. She noted the park's value as an essential green space for residents and called for more collaborative initiatives with the institute.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sameer KS Pachalla, Associate Dean, Outreach. A friendly volleyball match between IIT Jammu personnel and village residents followed the ceremony, symbolizing the growing connection between the institute and the community.

यूबीए पहल के तहत जगती गांव में मियां डिडो पार्क का उद्घाटन

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान जम्मू की ओर से कार्यक्रम का आयोजन

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जम्मू। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान जम्मू ने जगती गांव में पुनर्निर्मित मियां डिडो पार्क का उद्घाटन किया जो शिक्षा मंत्रालय की प्रमुख उन्नत भारत अभियान (यूबीए) पहल के तहत एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि है।

आईआईटी जम्मू के आउटरीच विभाग द्वारा संचालित इस नवीनीकरण परियोजना का उद्देश्य सामुदायिक बुनियादी ढांचे को बढ़ाना और संस्थान-समुदाय की सहभागिता को मजबूत करना है।

इस पुनर्जीवित पार्क में उन्नत भूदृश्य, बेहतर पैदल मार्ग, बेहतर बैठने की व्यवस्था, एक समर्पित वॉलीबॉल खेल क्षेत्र और सभी आयु वर्गों के लिए समावेशी मनोरंजन



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क्षेत्र शामिल हैं।

आईआईटी जम्मू के निदेशक प्रो. मनोज सिंह गौर के मार्गदर्शन में अवसंरचना, योजना और प्रबंधन (आईपीएम) अनुभाग ने इस

परियोजना के क्रियान्वयन में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। उन्नत पार्क का औपचारिक उद्घाटन आईपीएम के डीन प्रो. अनुराग मिश्रा ने किया जो मुख्य अतिथि थे।

IIT Jammu Conducts "Rise and Shine" Outreach Program:

The Outreach Department of IIT Jammu coordinated a motivational program organized by the Kritash Club titled "Rise and Shine: Motivating Young Minds" at Hee Maa Higher Secondary School, Jagti Township on 24th January 2026. A team of 35 IIT Jammu student volunteers interacted with nearly 150 students from Classes VI to X, focusing on board exam preparation, stress management, and confidence-building. The program aimed to motivate students to recognize their potential and understand the value of discipline and perseverance.



Site Visit to Devatas Sthal, Village Jagti:

The Associate Dean (Outreach), along with the IPM In-charge of Indian Institute of Technology Jammu and local representatives, visited Devatas Sthal in Village Jagti to assess the site's drainage conditions.

Water stagnation due to uneven ground levels and lack of a proper drainage outlet was observed. Two natural springs at the site were found filled with soil and sand and require cleaning to restore natural flow. The team discussed measures such as surface drains, slope correction, and suitable storm water discharge mechanisms.

Support under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) will be explored, as per guidelines, to prevent future waterlogging under IIT Jammu's outreach initiatives.



RCIs' Participation in One Health Initiative – “Engaging Young Change makers: A Health Conclave”

RCI IIT Jammu participated in the One Health Initiative titled “*Engaging Young Change makers: A Health Conclave*,” organized by the National One Health Mission, Indian Council of Medical Research, the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (NCI), through the Regional Coordinating Institutions of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

The activity framework was shared with all RCIs for implementation within the stipulated timeline. Institutions from Jammu and Ladakh participated actively, and results were declared at the regional level.

In the Poster Competition, the 1st and 2nd prizes were secured by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, while the 3rd prize was awarded to Government Gandhi Memorial Science College. In the Eco Walk category, the 1st prize was won by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and the 2nd prize by Government Gandhi Memorial Science College. In the Video Competition, the 3rd prize was secured by Model Institute of Education and Research. The top three entries in each category have been forwarded to the National Coordinating Institute at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan for national-level consideration. Prize amounts will be transferred directly to the respective winners' bank accounts as per guidelines.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Educational visit:

The Outreach Department of Indian Institute of Technology Jammu organized an educational visit for 68 girl students from Doda district on January 31, 2026, under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, with the aim of motivating them to pursue higher education through exposure to an advanced academic and technological environment. The participants, representing various parts of the district, were sponsored by the District Administration Doda for this educational exposure to IIT Jammu's infrastructure and

emerging technologies. During the visit, the students toured the I2EDC Lab *Protospace* and the 3D Printing Lab, where they witnessed live demonstrations of innovative technologies and fabrication processes. The program concluded with an interactive session by Dean Outreach, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, who encouraged the students to aim high in their academic journeys, emphasized the importance of girls' education and continuing their studies with determination, and highlighted that recent survey data indicates that the participation of girls in higher education is now higher than that of boys, reflecting a positive shift towards gender equity in education; the visit provided valuable experiential learning and inspired the participants towards academic and professional growth.





Girls visit IIT Jammu under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' programme

GJ REPORT

JAMMU, FEB 1: The outreach department of IIT Jammu welcomed a group of 68 girl students, accompanied by their escorts from district Doda for an educational tour organized under "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" scheme.

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The visiting students, representing diverse academic levels from Class 8th to graduation, were introduced to the dynamic learning ecosystem of IIT Jammu.

The tour focused on nurturing curiosity, building confidence, and encouraging students to explore opportunities in science, technology, and higher edu-



cation.

The visit was conducted under the guidance and support of the Director, Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur; Dean, Outreach and Skill Development, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev; and Associate Dean, Dr. Sameer KSP.

The students received a warm welcome and were briefed on the institute's academic culture and research-oriented environment.

As part of the tour, the

students visited the I2EDC Lab Protospace, where they observed how innovative ideas are transformed into practical solutions through hands-on experimentation.

The visit concluded with an interactive session led by Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean of Outreach and Skill Development. She shared insights and data highlighting the increasing achievements of girls across various fields and emphasized the importance of continuing education.



Girls students from Doda posing for a group photograph at IIT Jammu.

Girls from Doda visit IIT Jammu under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' program

Excelsior Correspondent

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The visit concluded with an interactive session led by Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Dean of Outreach and Skill Development. She shared insights and data highlighting the increasing achievements of girls across various fields and emphasized the importance of continuing education. She particularly encouraged the students not to discontinue their studies, especially at the foundational stages.

Overall, the educational tour provided an enriching hands-on learning experience, enabling students to connect theoretical knowledge with practical applications and inspiring them to consider future careers in science, technology, and engineering.

Safer Internet Day Poster Competition:

On the occasion of Safer Internet Day, the Social Outreach Department of Indian Institute of Technology Jammu facilitated the participation of students from Classes 9th and 10th from Government High School Jarai, Kathua for a Poster Competition held on 10 February 2026 at the IIT Jammu campus.

The event was organized by the C3I Department of IIT Jammu. Alongside the competition, an awareness session was conducted on the safe use of the internet, recognizing authentic and secure links, and understanding common online frauds and cyber threats.

The three best posters were selected by the evaluation panel, and prizes were distributed to the winning participants to encourage awareness and responsible digital practices among students.



Revival of Basohli Painting under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), RCI IIT Jammu

The UBA Regional Coordinating Institution (RCI) at IIT Jammu has undertaken a series of initiatives to revive and promote Basohli painting, a significant traditional art form of the Jammu region, while fostering community engagement and livelihood opportunities.

The initiative began with village-level outreach activities and competitions conducted at Panjgrain on 4 February 2026, Tanda on 10 February 2026, and Pangali on 16 February 2026.

The outreach team, along with noted artist Mr. Subash Langeh, conducted hands-on sessions to introduce participants to the fundamentals of Basohli painting. Each village witnessed an average participation of 20–25 local youth and aspiring artists. Based on their performance and creativity, seven participants from each village were shortlisted.

The shortlisted participants from all villages were further screened, and the top 5–6 promising artists were identified for advanced mentoring and exposure opportunities at IIT Jammu. Simultaneously, a broader call for participation was circulated among institutions within the UBA network of RCI IIT Jammu.

As a culmination of these efforts, a Workshop-cum-Competition on the Revival of Basohli Paintings was organized on 14 March 2026 at IIT Jammu. The programme witnessed participation from around 80 participants, including students from MIET Jammu, Dogra Degree College Samba, SMVDU Katra, GGM Science College Jammu, ITI Jammu, Government Degree College Hiranagar, Government Degree College Kathua, MIER Jammu, the BBA Department of the University of Jammu, KCS Vidyashala, and SPMR College of Commerce Jammu. Youth from the adopted villages of Panjgrain, Pangali, and Tanda also participated in the programme. Faculty members, staff, and students of IIT Jammu were present, making

the event a vibrant platform for interaction between academic institutions and local communities.

The workshop was conducted by resource persons Mr. Amardeep Singh and Mr. Subash Langeh, who shared insights into the history, techniques, and distinctive features of Basohli painting, along with live demonstrations. Participants gained valuable hands-on experience during the session.

The competition held thereafter showcased the creativity and skills of the participants. The winners were:

- **First Prize:** Sunita (Government ITI Jammu)
- **Second Prize:** Gitanjali Phounsa (Dogra Degree College Samba)
- **Third Prize:** Kritika Sangotra (SMVDU Katra)

All participants were awarded certificates.

This initiative created a structured pathway—from grassroots village-level engagement to institutional exposure—aimed at preserving cultural heritage, nurturing local talent, and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities. Efforts are also underway to facilitate the formation of a Basohli Painting Self-Help Group (SHG) in the adopted villages, reaffirming IIT Jammu's commitment to community development under UBA.



IIT Jammu holds activity on reviving Basohli painting at village Pangali



GJ REPORT
JAMMU, FEB 17: The Outreach and Skill Development Department of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu organised an activity titled "Reviving the Traditional Basohli Painting" in its adopted village, Pangali (Dansal Block), under the aegis of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

The initiative focused on preserving and revitalising the rich heritage of traditional Basohli painting while strengthening community engagement and promoting sustainable skill development. The programme was conducted under the guidance of IIT Jammu Director Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Dean (Outreach and Skill Development) Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, and Associate Dean Dr. Sameer K. S. Pachalla. The outreach team visited the village along with



Resource person giving tips to participants of painting activity at village Pangali, Dansal on Tuesday.

noted state artist Subash Langeh, whose works are displayed at the Raj Bhavan (Governor House). Around 20 participants, including local youth and aspiring artists, actively took part in the hands-on activity and learned the art of Basohli painting.

Based on their performance, creativity, and overall

engagement, selected participants will be invited to IIT Jammu for advanced training and wider exposure opportunities. To ensure continuity and create livelihood avenues, IIT Jammu is also facilitating the formation of a 'Basohli Painting Self-Help Group (SHG)' in its adopted villages.



IIT Jammu organizes Workshop-cum-Competition to promote revival of Basohli Paintings

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Regional Coordinating Institution (RCI) at IIT Jammu organized a Workshop-cum-Competition on the Revival of Basohli Paintings at the IIT Jammu campus.

The initiative aimed to promote awareness and encourage the revival of Basohli painting, a renowned traditional art form that reflects the rich cultural heritage of the Jammu region.

The programme was organized by the Outreach Department of IIT Jammu under the guidance of the Director, Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur; Dean (Outreach and Skill Development), Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev; and Associate Dean, Dr. Sameer Kumar Sarma Pachalla.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 80 participants representing various educational institutions, including MIET Jammu, Dogra Degree College Samba, SMVDU Katra, GGM Science College Jammu, ITI Jammu, Government Degree College Hiranagar, Government Degree College Kathua, MIER



IIT Jammu faculty with winner students and other dignitaries.

Jammu, the BBA Department of the University of Jammu, KCS Vidyashala, and SPMR College of Commerce Jammu.

Youth from the adopted villages of Pangrain, Pangali, and Tanda also participated in the programme. Faculty members, staff, and students of IIT Jammu were also present, making the event a vibrant platform for interaction between academic institutions and local communities.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Sameer Kumar Sarma Pachalla highlighted the importance of preserving traditional art forms and emphasized the role of UBA and the Ministry of Education, along with technical education institutions, in pro-

moting rural and cultural heritage. He noted that initiatives such as this workshop provide young people with opportunities to engage with regional art traditions while encouraging creativity, cultural awareness, and appreciation of indigenous knowledge systems. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev spoke about the historical and artistic significance of Basohli painting, which is widely recognized for its bold colours, expressive style, and distinctive visual elements.

She encouraged participants to explore and preserve such traditional art forms, noting that many indigenous artistic practices are gradually declining and require sustained efforts for their preserva-

tion and revival. The workshop session was conducted by resource persons Amardeep Singh, an experienced practitioner of Basohli painting, and Subash Langeh, a noted artist from the region.

During the session, they shared insights into the history, evolution, and distinctive features of Basohli painting and explained the techniques used in creating this unique style of artwork. The resource persons also conducted a live demonstration, guiding participants through the basic processes involved in preparing colours, outlining figures, and painting traditional Basohlimotifs.

The interactive session enabled participants to gain hands-on experience and a deeper understand-

ing of the techniques involved in this traditional art form. Following the workshop, a painting competition was organized in which participants applied the techniques they had learned.

The competition received an encouraging response and highlighted the creativity and artistic abilities of the participants. At the conclusion of the competition, Sunita from Government ITI Jammu secured the First Prize; Gitanjali Phounsa from Dogra Degree College Samba won the Second Prize; and Kritika Sangotra from SMVDU Katra secured the Third Prize. All participants were awarded certificates of participation in recognition of their involvement and enthusiasm.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates and tokens of appreciation to the resource persons for their valuable contribution. The event served as an important step towards creating greater awareness about the cultural and artistic value of Basohli painting and reaffirmed the commitment of IIT Jammu to promote and preserve traditional art forms through community engagement and outreach initiatives.



Participants at workshop-cum-competition on Basohli Paintings at IIT Jammu.

IIT Jammu organizes workshop cum competition on Basohli Paintings

Excelsior Correspondent

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