

PDUNASS–GNLU Executive Labour Law Programme concludes

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JAMMU, Sept 14: The inaugural cohort of the Executive Development Program on Labour Law and Social Security Compliance (EPFO at Core) concluded today at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) with a valedictory and certificate distribution ceremony. Jointly developed by GNLU and the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS), the apex training academy of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), the three-month executive programme brought together 60 industry practitioners for rigorous hybrid learning, practical case studies and written assessments.

The programme was conceptualised by Shri Kumar Rohit, Additional Central PF Commissioner (HQ) and Director, PDUNASS, to address the persistent gap between classroom theory and practical enterprise compliance. The initiative seeks to foster a cultural shift in corporate governance—from defensive and reactive compliance to informed and ethical compliance.



Participants during concluding function of a programme at Jammu

The vision took institutional shape through sustained collaboration with Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, GNLU, whose academic leadership and commitment contributed significantly to establishing a specialised platform for social security education. Dr. Nitin Malik, Registrar, GNLU, provided proactive institutional facilitation and administrative support.

A key feature of the programme is its dynamic and evolving curriculum, designed to respond continuously to statutory reforms, technological advancements and changing workplace environments. During the inaugural cycle, the curriculum was updated in real time to incorporate transition mechanisms under

the Code on Social Security 2020, the revised EPF, EPS and EDLI scheme frameworks, and operational practices aligned with live EPFO digital portal workflows.

Launched on May 29, 2026, the programme commenced on June 5 and featured 23 interactive evening sessions led by 16 senior resource persons, including EPFO policymakers and legal academics. The programme culminated in a four-day campus immersion at GNLU from September 9 to 12, featuring practical compliance case studies and formal written evaluations.

The valedictory ceremony was chaired by Chief Guest Hon'ble Dr. Justice K. J. Thakkar, Former Judge of the High Courts of Gujarat and Allahabad and Chairperson

of the Gujarat State Human Rights Commission. Addressing the participants, Shri Kumar Rohit said: "This initiative is designed to drive a lasting cultural paradigm shift in enterprise governance—transitioning from defensive, checklist compliance to informed, ethical compliance."

Shri Kumar Rohit expressed his gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar for his vision and academic leadership; Dr. Nitin Malik for institutional facilitation; and Prof. (Dr.) Girish R., Head, Academic Affairs, GNLU, Dr. Asha Verma, Assistant Professor of Law and Dr. Hardik H. Parikh, Assistant Professor of Law and Programme Co-ordinator, for curating, co-

ordinating and steering the programme, with sustained coordination support from Ms. Sudhanshi Sikarwar, Teaching and Research Associate (Law), GNLU.

He placed on record his appreciation for the guidance and support extended by the Advisory Board of the Executive Development Programme, comprising Shri Amit Vashisht, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, and Regional Provident Fund Commissioners—Shri Uttam Prakash, Shri Manoranjan Kumar, Shri Prashant Sharma, Shri Sanjay Kumar Rai and Shri Ram Anand.

The ceremony was attended by senior officers, including Shri Sudeepa Ghosh, Additional CPFC (Gujarat), and Shri Manoranjan Kumar, RPFC-I, PDUNASS. Dr. Hardik Parikh presented the programme report, outlining its pedagogical outcomes and participant performance.

In view of the strong nationwide response to the inaugural programme, PDUNASS and GNLU announced that admissions for the second batch will open shortly.

Pawan Healthcare, Diagnostic Centre inaugurated in Bari Brahmana



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma inaugurating a health diagnostic center at Bari Brahmana

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JAMMU, Sept 14: Today in Bari Brahmana District Samba, Pawan Healthcare & Diagnostic Centre was inaugurated by Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, in the presence of Sh. Chander Parkash Ganga, MLA, Vijaypur Constituency, Sh. Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Former MLA, Bishnah Constituency, Sh. Arun Gupta, President, Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Jammu, along with his team, Sh. Rajesh Angural, Drug Controller, J&K UT, Sh. Sanjeev Gupta, Joint Commissioner, Food, J&K UT, Sh. Satish Gupta, For-

mer Drug Controller, J&K, Sh. Surinder Mohan Tikku, Registrar, Pharmacy Council, along with several government officers, prominent businessmen and distinguished members of the community from Jammu, Bishnah and Bari Brahmana.

The newly inaugurated Pawan Healthcare & Diagnostic Centre aims to provide comprehensive healthcare and diagnostic facilities to the people of the surrounding areas under one roof.

The centre is equipped with a wide range of modern diagnostic facilities, including ultrasound, digital X-ray, endoscopy, colonoscopy, fibroscopy, comprehensive blood

testing facilities, as well as consultations with specialist doctors from various medical disciplines.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Owner of Pawan Healthcare & Diagnostic Centre, said that the centre is committed to providing quality healthcare services at affordable and reasonable rates, so that advanced medical and diagnostic facilities are accessible to people from all sections of society.

He further assured that financially weaker and underprivileged patients will be provided assistance and, wherever possible, necessary healthcare services free of cost.

Free Breast, Cervical Cancer screening camp organise at NTPHS Devi



Participants during breast screening camp at Jammu

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JAMMU, Sept 14: Under Project AAROH, a Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Initiative exclusively for women was successfully organized at NTPHC Devipur, Block Akhnoor, Jammu. The initiative was supported by General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) and implemented by Human Organisation For Patronisation of Environment (HOPE).

Medical & Health Team Present

The camp was attended by Pooja Devi (FMPHW), Rajni Devi (FMPHW), and ASHA workers Chinta Devi, Anju Devi, Suman Devi, and Geeta Devi, who actively supported the screening, awareness, community mobilization, and smooth conduct of the camp under Project AAROH.

Awareness & Medical Guidance

A comprehensive awareness session was conducted to sensitize women about breast and cervical cancer, common risk factors, early warning signs, preventive measures, and the importance of regular screening.

The health team emphasized the importance of early detection and timely medical consultation and encouraged women to remain aware of their health, undergo regular screening, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and promptly seek medical advice if they notice any unusual symptoms or changes.

The ASHA workers actively supported community mobilization and encouraged women to participate in the screening camp and make use of available preventive healthcare services.

Camp Outcome

The camp helped strengthen awareness among women regarding cancer prevention, early detection, regular screening, and timely treatment. Beneficiaries received screening services, medical guidance, and important health information.

The HOPE team actively supported the successful organization and smooth conduct of the camp under Project AAROH, with the objective of making cancer awareness and screening services accessible to women in the community.

Jammu Motors Unveils Maruti Suzuki "All-New Baleno 2026" – A New Era of Automotive Excellence

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JAMMU, Sept 14: Jammu Motors Pvt. Ltd. today proudly unveiled the Stunning All New Baleno 2026, bringing Maruti Suzuki's latest premium hatchback to customers at its NEXA Showroom at Toph Sherkhania Jammu. Designed around the philosophy of "Dare to go Glam," the new Baleno combines a striking new design with advanced safety technology, enhanced comfort, connected features and an efficient new-age powertrain.

The unveiling was done by Mr Sandipan Choudhury, Area Manager - NEXA Maruti Suzuki India Ltd in presence of Mr Sanjay Aggarwal - Managing Director, Mr Kanav Aggarwal - Executive Director, Mr Amit Chhabra - CEO and Mr Harmeet Singh - General Manager NEXA Jammu Motors Pvt



New Baleno being unveiled at Jammu Motors

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The All New Baleno 2026 represents a significant step forward in terms of design, technology, safety and comfort. The vehicle comes with first-in-segment Level 2 Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), a new design, Z12E engine, six airbags as standard, SmartPlay Pro+ in-

footainment system, 360-degree camera, Head-Up Display (HUD), ventilated front seats, Clarion premium sound system, wireless phone charging with active cooling and a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS). The New Baleno offers customers a truly modern and premium driving experience.

Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Managing Director, Jammu Motors Pvt. Ltd., said that Maruti Suzuki India Limited, the country's leading automobile manufacturer, has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to the growth and transformation of the Indian auto industry. The company focuses on deliv-

ering high-quality, fuel-efficient, and technologically advanced vehicles that cater to diverse customer needs. Through continuous innovation, localization of components, and adoption of sustainable manufacturing practices, Maruti Suzuki has played a key role in shaping India's mobility landscape. We are proud to bring to market a vehicle that not only meets but exceeds the expectations of our customers, setting new benchmarks in performance and reliability he added.

Mr Kanav Aggarwal, Executive Director, Jammu Motors Pvt. Ltd., said that "We are delighted to bring the Stunning New Baleno 2026 to Jammu. The All New Baleno 2026 represents the perfect combination of premium design, advanced safety, intelligent technology, comfort and efficiency.

With features such as Level 2 ADAS, ventilated front seats, connected technology and the new Z12E powertrain, the Baleno is set to redefine expectations in the premium hatchback segment. We are confident that customers in Jammu and Kashmir will appreciate the new Baleno and the enhanced ownership experience offered through NEXA."

The event was attended by customers, Bankers and Financial Institutions, auto enthusiasts and media representatives. Guests had the opportunity to experience the All New Baleno 2026 first-hand through live demonstrations and product showcases.

All New Baleno 2026 is available for bookings at all the NEXA showrooms of Jammu Motors Pvt Ltd at Jammu, Akhnoor, Sun-darbani, Vijaypur and Kathua.

Theft case solved by Kathua Police, ornament worth Rs. 2 lac recovered

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KATHUA, Sept 14: J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma-IPS has achieved major success by solving a theft case registered at Police Station Billawar. Stolen gold ornaments viz. One Gold Locket, One Gold Chain and One Gold Ring total worth approximately Rs. 2,00,000/- were recovered and 01 accused involved in the crime was arrested.

On 08.09.2026, a complaint was received from complainant namely Rajesh Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/o Dharamkot, Tehsil Billawar, District Kathua regarding theft of gold ornaments from his house



Thief held by police at Kathua

at Dharamkot. On this, Case FIR No. 189/2026 U/S 331(4)/305 BNS was registered at PS Billawar and investigation was taken up.

During the investigation, a police team of PS Billawar led by SHO PS Billawar under the supervision of SP Operations Upper Kathua & SDPO

Billawar with the help of technical assistance and human intelligence, identified and arrested the accused namely Yash Paul S/o Sansar Chand R/o Sujanpur, District Pathankot, Punjab.

During further investigation, On the disclosure of accused, the police team recovered stolen gold ornaments i.e. One Gold Locket, One Gold Chain and One Gold Ring worth approximately Rs. 2,00,000/-. Further investigation is underway.

District Police Kathua reiterates its commitment to ensuring safety and security of the public and remains steadfast in taking stringent action against criminals and anti-social elements.

Army Promotes Sports, Culture at Thalela Dangal

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DODA, Sept 14: The historic Thalela Dangal 2026, a traditional wrestling and cultural event with a legacy dating back to the British era, was successfully organised at Thalela, District Doda, on 13 Sep 2026. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation by 190 wrestlers and participants and attracted a massive gathering of approximately 9,500 spectators from Thalela and adjoining areas.

The event provided a vibrant platform for local wrestlers to showcase their strength, skill and sporting spirit while promoting the rich cultural traditions associated with traditional wrestling.

It also encouraged youth to adopt sports, physical fitness and healthy lifestyles, while fostering discipline, teamwork and positive community engagement.

The revival and successful conduct of this cherished traditional event generated considerable enthusiasm among the local population and provided an opportunity for people of all age groups to come together in celebration of sport and heritage.

The event further strengthened civil-military cooperation and reinforced the enduring bond of trust, mutual respect and goodwill between the Indian Army and the people of Thalela and District Doda.