

GMC Jammu organises CME on dengue fever

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JAMMU: A CME on Dengue Fever was organized by the various departments of Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu on Saturday. Speakers from the Department of Medicine, Department of Microbiology, Department of Pediatrics and Department of Blood Transfusion addressed the audiences on the various aspects of Dengue fever. Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal GMC Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She said that dengue is a mosquito-transmitted virus and the leading cause of arthropod-borne viral disease. "Prevention is better than Cure", she added. "We can save ourselves by using insect repellent; wear appropriate clothing and control mosquitoes inside and outside our homes and workplaces," she said.

Dr. Akriti, PG resident from the department of Medicine gave a detailed presentation on the topic "Clinical Profile and Management of Dengue". She told all the participants about the Signs & symptoms and phases of the Dengue fever; high risk group, Dengue Hemorrhagic fever; Dengue shock syndrome, home care and Dengue complications. Dr. Nazia Asgar from the department of Microbiology talked about the lab diagnosis of Dengue. She informed the participants regarding the various testing facilities available for the diagnosis of Dengue fever. Dr. Shaniim Malik from the department of



A doctor speaking during a CME at GMC Jammu.

Pathology gave a presentation on the Role of Pathogenesis and various Pathological tests regarding Dengue fever. Dr. Preeti Sharma, senior resident from the department of Pediatrics talked about the Dengue fever in Pediatrics age group. Dr. Anshu Mahajan from the department of blood transfusion deliberated upon various aspects on platelets and blood transfusion for Dengue patients. Dr. Vijay Kundal, HOD Medicine; Dr. Ghanshyam Saini, HOD Pediatrics; Dr. Meena Sidhu, HOD Blood Transfusion; Dr. Rajiv Gupta, HOD Community Medicine, consultants and residents from various departments were also present during the occasion.

KPS condemns barbaric killing of another non-Kashmiri street vendor in Valley

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu unequivocally condemned the barbaric killing of yet another non-Kashmiri street vendor in the highly notorious Eidgah area of Srinagar which has been in the news for these targeted killings recently. "The choosing of soft targets is a clear cut bid to create panic and scare among the minorities especially the ones not hailing from Kashmir," said K K Khosa, President KPS, "The pattern of these killings is too familiar by now and shows the presence of a very well organized support base of harbourers who provide shelter to the killers acting on behalf of well established terror outfits," he said

adding that the security agencies are being caught unawares and are therefore unable to prevent such incidents. With the Union Home Minister's visit round the corner there is apprehension of increased terror activity which needs to be prevented come what may, he said. The mainstream political parties as also civil society members must raise their voices against such people although the primary duty of tackling terrorists is that of the security forces who must gear up further, he said. It seems J&K is in for a bad days with terrorists striking in Poonch and Rajouri belt as well, he asserted. The Sabha expressed its deep condolences to the family of the deceased.

Nimrandeep lambasts Union Govt for dip in India's rank in Global Hunger Index

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JAMMU: Nimrandeep Singh, General Secretary J&K Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC) while expressing shock over the dip in India's rank in Global Hunger Index from 94 to 101 lambasted the B h a r a t i y a Janata Party (BJP) Govt at the Centre alleging that it is responsible for this retrogression. In a statement issued to media here today, the J K P Y C G e n e r a l Secretary lamented that what could be more shameful for the people of the world's largest democracy than the fact that this nation of ours is today even lagging behind the petty neighbours like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Quoting the Global Hunger Index (GHI) report, Nimrandeep Singh said that India has slipped to 101st among 116 countries

from its 2020 ranking of 94. India is behind Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. With a score of 27.5, India has a level of hunger that is serious, he added. Nimrandeep blamed the BJP led Union Govt for this sordid state of affairs alleging that it is the anti-poor policies of the government that have resulted in a fall in India's ranking. At this rate, India will now have to compete with a country like Somalia which is highly shameful, he lamented. Strongly hitting out at the Modi government, Nimrandeep said that if the people of this nation cannot even eat enough food, then it directly raises questions on the credibility and efficiency of those who are steering the Govt especially the one sitting in the driver's seat.



Nimrandeep Singh, General Secretary J&K Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC).

BJP committed to serve society: Sat

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JAMMU: With a motive to provide a clean aura and best possible infra to the inhabitants of Jammu West Assembly segment, former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma along with Corporator Ward 41 Sanjay Baru started works for construction of new drains in Wazir Lane of the ward. The leader was accompanied by a large number of people including Mandal President Keshav Chopra, Corporator Ward 40 Neelam Nargotra, local residents and political activists of the area. Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that such



Ex MLA Sat Sharma along with Corporator Ward 41 Sanjay Baru starting development works.

works are being taken up in every ward of Jammu West and he appreciated the works of the Corporators for taking up the works of utmost priority in the wards which will solve many problems of the inhabitants.

He said every activist of the party is connected with the public and the matters which need immediate attention are solved on priority in order to avoid public distress. He stated that Jammu West is amongst the largest

JJSF activists start 3-day fast at Shaheedi Sthal to pay tributes to student martyrs of 1966

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JAMMU: Vowing to restore dignity and honour of the Dogra martyrs at any cost, ammu Joint Students' Federation (JJSF) on Saturday stated that unfinished agenda of the martyrs of 1966 students' agitation would be finished soon. Three students, namely Brij Mohan, Subhash Chandra and Gulshan Handa were killed in GGM Science College premises whereas another student leader, Gurcharan Singh was killed on October 18, 1966, in Kanak Mandi, Jammu, when a students' procession was marching through the streets of Jammu. To pay homage to these student martyrs, four JJSF activists today sat on three-day long fast at Shaheedi Sthal outside GGM Science College. Those observing fast included Abhishek Sharma,



JJSF activists sitting on fast at Shaheedi Sthal, Jammu.

Shubham Sakolia, Kanav Sharma and Anshul Choudhary. While paying tributes to the student martyrs, Anshu Sharma President MAM College said that entire Jammu province is indebted to these martyr students who had sacrificed their lives for the future of Jammu. "Since 1947 people of Jammu region have been giving sacrifices to live a dignified life but unfortunately the successive Governments have meted

out a step motherly treatment with nationalist people of Jammu", he regretted and rued that in a so-called democratic set up of J&K people of Jammu region have been discriminated by the ruling elites with one or other way. Vice President, JJSF, Atul Sudan, in his address, pointed out that the political parties, who claimed to be champion of Jammu's cause too have sacrificed Jammu's interests for the lust of power. He alleged that discrimi-

Raina reviews arrangements for Amit Shah's rally



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and other leaders reviewing rally arrangements of Home Minister Amit Shah at Bhagwati Nagar Rally Ground.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina on Saturday viewed the rally arrangements of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to be held in Jammu on 24th October at Bhagwati Nagar Rally Ground. Other BJP Leaders who accompanied Ravinder Raina were former State President Sat Sharma CA, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Vice-

President Yudhvir Sethi, Treasurer Prabhat Singh, Munish Sharma, Omi Khajuria, Sanjay Baru, Munish Khajuria, Pramodh Kaphai, Brahmjot Satti and other party leaders. Ravinder Raina, while reviewing the arrangements, said that the mega rally is expected to be visited by 1 lakh people and this was the reason he was very keen to visit the site to have first hand informa-

tion about its preparations, its feasibility, approachability and convenience of the rally site. He said that this will be the very first rally that will be addressed by the Union Minister Amit Shah after the historic decision to abrogate the obnoxious Articles 370 & 35(a) and Jammu & Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party has decided to thank him for this wonderful decision in a magnificent way. Raina asked the senior leaders accompanying him to be very resourceful during the preparations and actual rally for the successful conduct of the mega rally. He also asked the party leaders to hold further meetings with their teams to discuss the minute details about the arrangements of the rally with the involvement of the booth level party activists.

Second edition of Jammu Film Festival to be held in Mar 2022

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JAMMU: Second edition of Jammu Film Festival was announced in a well organised press briefing today at the Press Club Jammu. "The journey starts from today with the call for entries and will culminate into a 2 day event during March 2022. It will be bigger and better compared to its predecessor edition held in 2019. We are committed to raise the bar with every edition. This year we have included feature films also in the competition besides the short films and documentaries" disclosed the organisers of the festival. The team of advisors and festival director Rohit Bhat was present during the press briefing. Talking to the media persons, Shibhen Krishen Kaul, Ex Dy Chairman, Secretary to Board of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust, Mumbai and Advisor of the festival said that there is a need to put Jammu on the world map for its potential with regards to Arts in general and films in particular. Any medium of art has a potential to usher in big and



Jammu Film Festival Director Rohit Bhat talking to reporters.

"After the success of the first edition in 2019 we were very excited to do the second edition in the following year but because of the pandemic we had to postpone it. Now we are all set to do the second edition in its full glory. We didn't want to do a virtual event because this festival is all about the people of Jammu and Jammu region on the whole. Doing it virtually would have taken away its sheer essence for the lack of participation of people of Jammu and the enthusiasm on the ground that we got to see in 2019", said the festival director Rohit Bhat who is also an accomplished director. This edition will also be

judged by a competent jury headed by noted actor and director Mushtaq Kak. Other members of the jury include Director Raahul Sharma (Geetany fame), Film producer Kapil Matoo, Film critic Amit Singh and Actor Lalit Parimoo. A special category to promote local talent would continue to exist. It will be a 2 day event and will also feature workshops on acting, writing and direction. Bollywood presence is also expected as was in the first edition. It will be worthwhile to mention here that the first edition received around 160 entries from 17 countries. 37 shortlisted entries were screened over 2 days in Abhinav Theatre Jammu in front of a jam packed audience. Several workshop were also held besides the award ceremony which felicitated the winners. Famous actors Lalit Parimoo and Mir Sarwar who are part of the Bollywood advisory team wished the participants good luck and appealed to the local filmmakers and aspirants to participate and step up their game. The edition will also be

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Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Savak chairing a meeting.

ment of the nurseries under CAPEX, MIDH and PMDP schemes of the department, so that the works may be completed well in time. The Director instructed the officers to organise awareness camps, Kissan Goshthies, etc. to ensure effective implementation of departmental schemes for the ultimate benefit of the fruit growers. Further, the Director Horticulture laid emphasis on meeting the allotted targets under all the schemes for the year 2021-22. He stressed on better utilization of funds and

also directed them to identify the areas for spring season plantation in temperate areas. As the season for planting of strawberries is going on, he asked the officers to achieve the targets in full. Among others, Joint Director Horticulture Jammu, Dy. Director Planning, Dy. Director Horticulture (central), Divisional Manager Plant Protection Workshop, Horticulture Inf. & Publicity Officer, and other officers were also present in the meeting.

Amit Shah's upcoming visit will reinvigorate BJP cadre in J&K: Kavinder

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JAMMU: As all eyes are set on the upcoming visit of Home Minister Amit Shah to J&K, it is likely to enthrone new passion and synergy within BJP cadre to make the party the force to reckon with in the Union Territory. This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta in a statement released to the media on Saturday. Kavinder Gupta said that the visit of Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu on October 24 will redouble the enthusiasm among the party cadre as their leader is coming for the first time after the nullification of Articles 35A and 370. He said that the occasion will give ample space to the party workers to know more about the party ideology and groom themselves to become resolute public representatives in the coming times. The senior BJP

leader categorically said that the visit of Home Minister will ensure that more leaders more different political outfits will come to the party fold by joining the saffron brigade which is truly the nationalist outfit working for the peace and progress in the UT of J&K and elsewhere. He said that BJP is working on a mission mode regarding the overall development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and sooner than later the region will become self-reliant with a boost in economic activity and guarantee of peaceful dwelling for which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are working day and night without taking any break whatsoever. Kavinder asked the party cadre to utilize the opportunity of meeting the Home Minister during his visit as the same will enthrone zeal and zest in the party workers.

ADDC reviews arrangements for Eid Milad -un- Nabi

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JAMMU: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Ramesh Chander on Saturday reviewed the arrangements for the Eid Milad-Un- Nabi (SAW) celebration in the district, here at a meeting attended by senior officers of concerned departments and religious leaders. Speaking at the meeting, the ADCD urged the religious leaders to ensure compliance of Covid SOPs by devotees coming for special prayers, particularly wearing of masks and maintenance of physical distance. He said that there would be no procession due to Covid-19 pandemic and requested the people to avoid gatherings in order to protect them and their families from Coronavirus. He said that Covid is not yet over so the people need to adhere to the Covid Appropriate Behaviour in letter and spirit. He directed the officials of PDD and Jal Shakti Department to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply on the day of Eid and provide water tankers at Mosques. Similar instructions were also issued to the Health Department for providing health care facilities, along with ambulances while the Fire and Emergency Department was asked to station fire tenders. The ADCD also asked the authorities from police and traffic departments to ensure proper security and traffic management around the Mosques to avoid inconvenience to the people. The meeting was attended by ACG Rakesh Dubey; SDM Pankaj Katoch; Youth Information Officer Imran Rashid Kataria besides other senior officers from the line departments.