

Himalayan Education Mission School Rajouri hosts Sky Watching Programme

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RAJOURI: In an unprecedented move to facilitate the youth especially students for developing a higher scientific temper and better understanding of astronomical objects a first of its kind, two-day sky watching programme and a scientific workshop was organised by Himalayan Education Mission Rajouri in collaboration with JK Science Communicators Network, for students at both Rajouri and Dhangri campus which concluded on Sunday.

The programme included a night sky watching event at Rajouri campus where more than 400 students and parents participated.

The event was inaugurated by Additional DDC Rajouri, Pawan Kumar Parihar and Bilal Rashid Mir Dy Dir Planning Samagra Shiksha J&K. Khurshid Ahmed, Convenor of J&K Science Communicators Network delivered a comprehensive presentation regarding amazing and

fascinating facts of astronomy and concept and objective of sky observation camp.

In their presidential address, ADDC Rajouri and Bilal Rashid Mir appreciated the innovative measures taken by the Himalayan Institute and J&K Science communicators team for popularising science and promoting scientific temperament among the budding scientists in the backward border hilly areas of Rajouri.

The event was later joined by DIG Rajouri Dr Haseeb Mughal, who displayed a rare enthusiasm for personally

watching the movements of

stars and planets in open sky through high resolution telescopes engaged for the purpose.

The students candidly interacted with the team of experts from J&K Science Communicators including Khurshid Ahmed, Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Anees Ul Islam, Muhammad Ayaz Raina, Ranjeet Kumar and asked variegated questions which were duly answered by the team in the presence of officers from Civil and Police administration which inspired and encouraged the students and created a true

learning environment.

A full day activity based programme was also organised by the said team of experts at Himalayan Super School Dhangri, in which students of various lower and higher classes participated. This initiative was highly appreciated by parents, students, teachers, civil society and officers present on the occasion. The Himalayan management announced a calendar of events of such pattern to be organised by the institution in the near future to make the students fully abreast with the latest audio - visual technol-

ogy being used for comprehensive understanding of scientific experiments and projects.

Mohd Muslim Wani co-ordinated the entire programme and also conducted the proceedings of the dais.

The programme concluded with the award ceremony in which mementoes and shawls were presented to JK Science Communicators Network team, Mohd Ayaz Raina (National ICT Awardee) besides felicitation of Pawan Kumar Parihar ADDC Rajouri and Bilal Rashid Mir Dy Dir Planning Samagra Shiksha.



Mementoes and shawls being presented to JK Science Communicators Network team at Himalayan Education Mission School Rajouri.

Chhath festival gives message of human connection with nature: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: The festival of Chhath which gives the message of human beings' connection with the nature is a living example of the country's rich tradition and culture of conservation of natural resources.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President while participating in the Chhath Puja organized by the Mahakal Sanstha on the bank of River Tawi at Bilkram Chowk, Jammu. He complemented Rajan Kumar, President Mahakal Sanstha for organizing this grand programme on the occasion of Chhath.

Extending warm greetings and good wishes to the people on the occasion of Chhath, Sethi said it is an important festival in which the Sun god is worshipped with spiritual purification and pure mind, according to an official statement.

He said, "Our country has a rich tradition and culture of conservation of natural resources. Chhath Festival, which gives the message of human connection with nature, is a living example of this rich tradition."

Yudhvir Sethi said that this festival symbolizes the values of piety, devotion, brotherhood and harmony, which are the hallmarks of our glorious cultural ethos. He said the joint celebrations are a part of the rich culture and composite fabric of society further gets strengthened by jointly celebrating events and festivals of different faiths. Sethi appealed to the people of Jammu region to maintain communal harmony and brotherhood at all costs and be vigilant from the anti-national



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi, performing Chhath Puja at Jammu.

forces who are trying to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of the region.

Among others who accompanied the senior BJP leader include Parveen Kerni, Sudhir Anand, Subedar Gurcharan Singh, Vipin Sharma, Swarn Singh, Rakesh Bhalla, Rohit Mehra, Kartar Chand, Robin Mehra, Arun Jamwal, Ajay Grover and Kulbushan Grover.

'Mann Ki Baat' inspires cadre to rededicate themselves in service of nation: Raina



J&K BJP President Ravindra Raina and others after listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State President Ravindra Raina listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat along with newly appointed Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria and other workers at booth number 104, Gangwal of Kunjwani Mandal on Sunday.

Speaking on occasion, BJP State President Ravindra Raina said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann ki Baat inspires erores of workers to devote themselves to the nation, serve the

country and move forward in the interest of society.

Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria said that due to visionary thinking of Prime Minister, works on big development projects are going on in many states of the country. District President Vinay Gupta, Mandal President Ranjit Singh, SC Morcha State General Secretary Rakesh Sangral, Kisan Morcha Vice President Harbans Choudhary, Narendra Gupta, and other senior leaders were also present on the occasion.

DBPS celebrates Birth Anniversary of Duggar Rattan Pt Prem Nath Dogra

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS), Parade celebrated Birth Anniversary of Duggar Rattan Late Pt. Prem Nath Dogra on Sunday in the Sabha Bhavan under the chairmanship of Ved Parkash Sharma the President of the Sabha.

The function was attended by the representatives of all the Biradris across Jammu Province. Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma was the Chief Guest and Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Ex-Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta and Ex-Dy Mayor, Purnima Sharma besides some prominent social workers, public representatives Literary personalities, doctors, poets, writers and JMC corporators were also present. The persons who were honoured in the function by presenting Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Gourav Award included Rajinder Sharma, B.S



DBPS members honouring a dignitary with Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Gourav Award.

Billawaria, Chander Mohan Gupta, Purnima Sharma, Padamshri Shiv Narmohi, Kewal Krishan Shakir, Usha Kiran, Kushum Sharma Antra, Rajesh Baru, Dr. K.C Sharma, Subash Shastri President NMC, ex-DC B.S Jamwal, Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Ashu Sharma, Parshotam Didichi, President Chamber of Commerce, President Bar Association, Sat Paul Sharma Secretary Red Cross, Pragun Raina, Rudar Gupta, President Amar Shatriya Rajput Sabha, Pradhan Mahajan Sabha, President Sarafa Association, President Masha Sadhar Sabha, President

Masha Sabha, President Sant Kabir Sabha, President Ravi Dass Sabha, President of Brahman Sabha Hiranagar, Kathua, Akhnoor, Rajouri, Rural Samba, Kishtwar, Basholi, Reasi, Bhardwa, Anil Mashoom President Santam Dharam Natak Samaj Jammu, President Brahman Sabha Ramban, Poonch, Keshav Rajput Sabha, S.S.P Traffic Jammu, Dogra Khatri Sabha Chairmann, Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Parshotam Sharma, Parmod

Kapai, etc. A resolution was moved by B.S Jamwal and seconded by Murari Lal and Soujanya Sharma confirming Bharat Rattan award to Late Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Posthumously for his distinguished services in keeping the J&K State united after partition when the people of J&K were in great trouble.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the audience. The stage was compared by Chander Mohan Sharma a senior BJP leader & President Tawi Andolan.

Pt. V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Satya Nand Sharma, Jagan Nath, M.L. Padha, Gurdas Sharma Brita Ram, Ritiz Khajuria (Anku), Rajesh Badgotra, K.L. Sharma, Prem Balotra, Ramesh Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Raman Sharma and Ravi Kumar were also present.

Cleanliness drive continues at Jammu Airport



AAI staff carrying out cleanliness drive at Jammu Airport.

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JAMMU: On the 29th day of Special Campaign 2.0 for disposal of Pending Matters and cleanliness drive from 2nd October to October 31, 2022 on Sunday cleanliness drive was conducted at New Power House Area of Jammu Airport.

Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Airport Director along with AAI Staff, CISF and other Stakeholders participated in this cleanliness drive and encouraged the participants to keep the area neat and clean and motivated all for improvement of environment at Jammu airport.

Duggar Virsa-22 held at Ranjit College of Education

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JAMMU: An event under title of Duggar Virsa-22 was organized by SKKRDA at Ranjit College of Education Kunjwani Jammu on Sunday. On the occasion, 103 participants displayed talent in various fields related to Dogri culture. Duggar/Virsa anthem

was also released. Former Deputy Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, Adv Purnima Sharma was Chief Guest while BJP J&K Spokesperson Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia was the Guest of Honour. Mahant Rajesh, Chief patron JK Religion tourism and heritage was also present on the occasion.

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Speaking on the occasion, Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia appreciated role SKKRDA for organizing such an event for promotion of Dogri language and culture. He encouraged participants and urged the youth to contribute towards Dogri language for

its preservation & nation building. He also advocated introduction of Dogri in schools from the elementary level as language has already been included in 8th schedule. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Manmeet Singh, Chairman Ranjeet College of Education.

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JAMMU: Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, launched a new campaign today to convey an important message.

Conceptualised by Truecaller and The Womb, the campaign depicts the true essence of India and its people.

With two names and one identity, our large and vibrant India also has many mini India's within. We know that the smartphone is just as important a tool for people in the cities as it is for small town India. Everyone needs to be protected from the menace of unwanted communication. These films are a humble attempt to leave a mark on the audience with the use of the 'laal rang'.

What makes this message intuitive and impactful is when the use of the colour red is used to signify scam/harassment calls, it seamlessly ties back to the popular saying - 'Buri nazar wale tera muh kala'. The campaign aims to create a safe

space in the world of online communication. In a quest to go that extra mile and help users stay away from spam, scam, and online frauds, Truecaller has been undertaking various initiatives in the form of campaigns, working with the Government of India and creating awareness among the youth with the help of cyber safety training. Be it harassment in the form of unwanted/unwelcome attention or OTP and lottery frauds, Truecaller has been instrumental in helping people fight back.

Speaking about the campaign films, Kari Krishnamurthy, Chief Commercial Officer at Truecaller said, "Indian culture is very deep rooted and the practices and customs we follow are a result of strong beliefs. With this campaign, we have not only tried to capture the core of the problem faced by people in the form of harassment/scams but also how it is the collective feedback and spam markings from the community that make such fraudulent

calls appear red. I'm hopeful that with the help of these meaningful films, we will be able to further our cause and help create a line of defence against unwanted communication."

Further elaborating on the idea behind the campaign, Navin Talreja, Co-founder, The Womb said, "Truecaller has been in India for more than 7 years and has done significant work to make the basic functionality of smartphones safe and secure with special focus on women and the elderly. Through the consumer work our team did in smaller towns i.e. 'Bharat', we realised that the product was highly relevant for them, but awareness and discovery was limited. This discovery gave us our brief: launch Truecaller for 'Bharat' in the most simple yet disruptive way. The product benefits both the individual user and the community at large. With this campaign, our intent is to start a movement and make India's largest community help safeguard each other."

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations: J&K Police organises Kashmir Marathon under 'Fit India'

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SRINAGAR: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, Fit India, Jammu and Kashmir Police organised 'Kashmir Marathon' on Sunday, which was attended by a large number of people belonging to all walks of life, particularly students and youth.

Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh was the Chief Guest during prize distribution ceremony held at Police Golf Course and distributed cash prizes and trophies among winners of different events.

Speaking on the occasion DGP appreciated the ADGP Armed and his team for organizing a mega event successfully and said that it was a great pleasure to see that JK Police programmes and events have gained such a popularity which are not only witnessing overwhelming participation locally but also from other parts of country.

He further said that around 3000 athletes participated in the event which is almost double if compared with last year's participation. He said that around 2500 cyclists in different categories participated in pedal for peace which was organized last month. This year's event is unique in itself as around 90 para



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh honouring a participant of 'Kashmir Marathon'.

athletes from different parts of the country took part in the event, he added. "Jammu and Kashmir during over past three decades has witnessed destruction and disturbance and has now entered in such a stage where we have a clear choice to strengthen peace and work for a better future by rejecting the path of destruction," said DGP, adding that huge participation in these activities gives a message of peace and progress. In his welcome address, ADGP Armed J&K SJM Gillani welcomed the DGP J&K, members of sports federation and association, media persons, senior officers and civilians for gracing the event. He said that JK Police besides its professional duties has been

playing an important role in promoting the sports across JK and added that J&K Police is organizing various sports events every year to provide a platform to the budding youth.

Earlier, in morning DIG Armed Kashmir Shahid Mehraj flanked by other senior officers flagged off the run for various categories. Hundreds of people from all walks of life including students, youth and children had lined up at Lake View Police Golf Course on famous Dal banks to participate in the Marathon. In 21 Km Half Marathon Men, Goru, Virendra Kumar Verma, Ritik Sharma won first three positions and were awarded cash prizes of Rs 75,000, 50,000 and Rs

30,000 respectively while in 21 Km for professional athletes, Hans Raj, Ravi Das, Balwinder Singh won first three positions and were presented Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 5,000 cash prizes respectively.

Others winners included Arun Chandel, Karan Chandel, Mohammad Hussain (10 Km road race U-18 boys); Sara Naqash, Fanja Devi, Zobiya Tariq (10 Km road race for girls above 14 years); Ram Raj, Shafat Ul Bashir, Rishi Kumar Nagar (8 Km for veteran men above 45 years); Faissal Ahmad, Zaid Bin Mushtaq, Abrar Ashraf, Hashim Reyaz, Harsh Singh, Rizwan Hassan, Sahil Sofi, Ashiq Hussain, Farzan Hussain, Ayaan Yaqoob (5 Km sub junior boys U-14); Nisha Bash, Bazila, Snobar Manzoor, Madiha Javed, Umaisa Jaan, Adeeba Jaan, Rayeesa Zehra, Seerat Jaan, Farha Ahad, Wani Iqra (4 Km sub junior girls u-14), Makhan Lal, Usman Tariq, Abid Bashir, Abid Hussain, Soleh Naseer (2 Km for Specially Challenged Male); Syed Qasirah, Tawheeda, Ulfat, Sadia, Adleena (2 Km for Specially Challenged Female); Mohd Afnan, Syed Haya Noor, Ghulam Ahmad, Saleema (2 Km run for Fun).

Sadhotra tells BJP to shun ostrich syndrome, accept failure in Kashmir

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JAMMU: Acknowledging the stupendous contribution of the workforce from across the country in Jammu and Kashmir over the decades, former Minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Sunday slammed the BJP for its failure in sustaining the gains of heralding peace and normalcy in the Valley during the past eight years, leading sense of insecurity among non-locals in general and the Kashmiri Pandits in particular.

"BJP must shun the ostrich syndrome and accept the ongoing reality of Kashmir where from the fresh migration of the KPs, who had opted not to leave in 1990, has unfortunately again triggered as the government has failed in instilling sense of security among them post target killings", Sadhotra said while addressing a function at Mishriwally in Jammu North Assembly Constituency, held in obser-



Former Minister and senior NC leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra performing Vishwakarma Puja.

vance of the Vishwakarma Divyas this afternoon.

Sadhotra advised the BJP to spare some time to go through the history of J&K, including that of the recent times post 1990, and know the pluralistic ethos of this place.

He said the so-called senior BJP leaders are unaware of the great role played by the National Conference in fighting the tribal raid and more recently the cult of terror violence, which has claimed so many lives of the cadre, including the senior leaders and even the serving minis-

ters. How can the role of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah be undermined, whose relentless efforts witnessed normalcy returning back to the Valley and peace heralding across the State, he asked, saying that all the gains of the decades due to relentless and focused efforts of the NC leadership have got washed away by anti-people and myopic policies of the BJP.

Sadhotra paying obeisance at Bhagwan Vishav Karma Mandir at Mishri Wala on celebration of Vishkarma

Day. Paying his tributes to the migrant labourers who lost their lives recently in the Valley due to lack of security provided to them by the government, Sadhotra hailed the skilled and unskilled workforce in pushing the economy of Jammu and Kashmir: Be it farm labour or construction sites, they are present everywhere and contributing in the national reconstruction.

Sadhotra appealed the government to address the issues the Vishwakarma Samaj facing over the years, especially of 27% Reservation in view on the analogy of One Nation One Law.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Raghubir Singh Manhas District President, Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Ghar Singh Corporator, Randhir Singh Chib, Rakesh Sharma, Ankush Abrol, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Bhagwan Dass Sharma and Ajeet Singh Lambardar.