

World Hospice & Palliative Care Day celebrated at GMC Jammu



Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma, MBBS students and faculty at a programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Anaesthesia, Critical Care & Pain Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu celebrated World Hospice & Palliative Care Day on Saturday.
Every year the same is celebrated on October 9 to create awareness about improving the quality of life of terminally ill patients, patients suffering non-curable disease and patients where just symptomatic and supportive treatment is advised but it was celebrated today because October 9 is a holiday.
The theme for this year is 'Leave no one behind, equity in access to palliative care'.

On the occasion, essay and poster making competitions were organised in the NMN hall in which faculty, residents and MBBS students participated.
Principal & Dean GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma was the Chief Guest, who said that the Government of India has started a national programme for palliative care with the objective of giving the benefit of easy access to palliative care to all the suffering humanity right upto the District and Sub-district level.
She further said that Department of Anaesthesia has to take a lead role in training the faculty of the peripheral Medical Colleges and the

residents in palliative care so that trained human resource is available at the grassroot level. She said in GMC Jammu the Palliative Care OPD is functional since February 2020 and recently we have also dedicated a 8 bedded Ward for the palliative care Patients.
The event was organised under the supervision of Dr. Anju Jamwal HoD and by Pain & Palliative Care Specialist Dr. Rajesh Mahajan.
The winners of the essay and poster making competitions were judged by a team of senior faculty members and the winners were given certificates and gifts by the Chief guest.

Uniform Academic calendar another shot in arm in revamping education sector: Abhinav

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Terming the decision taken by the Jammu and Kashmir Government to implement a uniform academic calendar in all schools and conducting annual examinations in the March-April session for up to class nine as historic, Senior Advocate Abhinav Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K asserted that the move will provide shot in the arm as education sector required such change since ages.
In a statement issued to

media persons, the senior BJP leader lauded the LG's administration for taking another meaningful step to progressively revamp the educational set-up in the Union Territory as already the New Education Policy envisaged and implemented by the BJP Government at the Centre has started changing the contours of how the students should be imparted knowledge so that wings could be attached to their ways of thinking and working at the time of need.

'Initiate measures to help suffering dairy sector'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: J&K dairy sector is witnessing a strain in supply chain as production cost has increased manifold due to sharp increase in feed, fodder besides outbreak of lumpy skin disease. It was stated by Punjab Singh, Member J&K Kissan Board in a press statement issued here on Saturday.
Singh further said that dairy sector in reeling under stress due to immense problems. "No doubt, J&K Animal Husbandry Department has launched a unique integrated dairy development scheme to help dairy farmers but in this crucial time it is difficult for dairy farmers to sustain without high yielding milking animals from outside J&K," said Singh adding that insurance of all milch animal is need of hour. "I appeal to the Government for taking necessary measures for development of Kissan besides lifting ban on animals from outside J&K under integrated dairy development scheme," said Singh. He further sought some time from LG Manoj Sinha for highlighting some crucial issues regarding development of dairy sector.

Better road connectivity vital for overall development: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa interacting with residents of Brahman Mohalla.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Better road connectivity is a vital component of socio-economic development and all road projects in Jammu and Kashmir shall be completed within their set timeframes.
This was stated by former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa while interacting with residents of Brahman Mohalla in Ward Number 5 of Chowadhi here on Saturday.
He expressed gratitude to Minister for Road Transport & Highways in the Government of India (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari for sanctioning the project for development of Jakh (Vijaypur)-Kunjwani section of NH-44 to 6-lane Expressway standards as part of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway including

development of Kunjwani to 4th Tawi Bridge section of NH-144A to four-lane NH standards at the revised cost estimate of Rs.1917.32 cr. under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on Hybrid Annuity Mode.
"Once completed, the stretch would boost connectivity to Jammu Airport", Randhawa said, adding that these projects are the road of J&K's destiny that will accelerate the development, meet aspirations of people and facilitate ease of living.
"Strong road connectivity is the vital component of the socio-economic development of any region. All major road/highway projects under execution in J&K shall be completed within the set timeframes to facilitate the trade and smooth movement of the public", Randhawa said and stressed on timely main-

tenance of highway stretches, especially those with high frequency of transportation.
He also discussed about the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that proper healthcare facility, education and economic activities will reach the masses with the availability of roads, Randhawa added.
"The remote circles, villages and areas of our Union Territory need to be road connected," he said, adding that the "PMGSY is the path through which it can be done.
Among others present were Sarpanch Arshaad Bibi, Naib Sarpanch Rakesh Sharma, Sat Sharma, Bikram Singh, Puspinder Charak, Gulshan Sharma, Darshana Singh, Lamberdar Jagdev Singh, Ravi Singh and Raman Sharma.

Koul directs KDD to speed up voters' registration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a meeting of the Core Group of BJP Kashmir Displaced District (KDD), BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul asked them to speed up the process of registration of voters of the Displaced Community in their respective Assembly constituencies of Kashmir.
Voter registration, updation of electoral Rolls and Aadhar linking is going on in the JKUT last date for the same is 25th October, 2022.
Core members, who attend the meeting at BJP Office Trikut Nagar include Prabhari G.L Raina, President Chandji Bhat, General Secretary HK Razdan, Sanjay Bhat, Election Incharge, Vimal Raina, H.L. Bhat, ML Bhat, Anil Dhar, Rajeev Pandita and Rakesh Sethi. They brought to the notice of Ashok



BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul chairing a meeting.

Koul, the difficulties being faced by party leaders on ground. Voter list available is only in Urdu and the time span for a scattered community is very less. They urged Koul to take up the issue of extension of last date with authorities at appropriate level. KDD leaders stressed upon the need for the Election Commission to undertake an intensive awareness campaign

before organizing camps in any area. They also highlighted the necessity to involve election commission mechanism for registration of Displaced voters presently living outside Jammu Kashmir.
Ashok Koul, while agreeing to take up their issue raised with concerned authorities; impressed upon Core Group Member to galvanize party workers at Booth and Mandal

level and undertake an intensive door-to-door contact programme for awareness to register voters in Kashmir. He instructed leaders to prepare short video messages for awareness on the subject.
Ashok kaul urged upon society at large to realize the importance of participation in the Democratic process.
Calling upon the Displaced Community not to miss the opportunity, he appealed for a constructive role in shaping the future of J&K and protecting ensuing generations from exploitation, insecurity and uncertainty. Ashok Koul also reviewed the working of the organization and progress on different fronts.
Appreciating work done by KDD during Seva Pakhwada, he asked for further expansion and strengthening of organizational network.

Anganwari workers highlight demands, seek release of pending salary

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To highlight a number of issues faced by Anganwari Workers, a number of workers under the banner of Anganwari Workers Welfare Association (AWWA), Jammu affiliated to Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) held a press conference at Union Office, Parade on Saturday.
While talking to reporters, Ashok Choudhary, Organizing Secretary BMS stated that Anganwari workers/helpers are working since long in J&K and getting a meager state share.
"After including centre share, Rs 5100 per month is paid to Anganwari workers and while Helpers get Rs 2550 per month, which



Ashok Choudhary, Organizing Secretary BMS talking to reporters.

is not enough for sustaining life. Moreover, centre share was revised by Govt of India in 2018 but the state share has not been revised from 2010," he added.
The Association further stated that salary from April 2022 till date has not

been released while arrear on account of enhanced honorarium in centre share of Rs 1500 per month for Anganwari workers and Rs 750 for Helpers has also not been paid till date. The Association demanded that the Government must give 100 per cent promotion to

Anganwari workers to the rank of supervisor.
The Association further demanded that since Govt of India has adopted new education policy and it has proposed to convert Anganwari centres to Pre Primary schools, as such Anganwari workers, having requisite qualification must be considered for the post of teachers in new schools.
Neelam Sharma, General Secretary BMS, Swarna Choudhary President and Roshu Sharma General Secretary AWWA urged LG to intervene into the matter and direct concerned authorities for releasing pending salary besides fulfilling all other demands on merits.

Desist from following footsteps of Pakistan: Sahni warns Bangladesh Govt



Shiv Sena leaders raising slogans during a protest.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit today expressed deep anguish over the vandalism of Hindu temples and desecration of Hindu deities in Bangladesh.
Led by Manish Sahni, President J&K Shiv Sena, the party activists assembled near Party Office in

Jammu and staged protest against Bangladesh.
Talking to media persons, Sahni demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take strict cognizance of the ongoing attacks on Hindu temples in Bangladesh and ensure the security of the temples. He said that like Pakistan, there are constant attacks

on Hindus and our religious places in Bangladesh which have to be stopped immediately.
Sahni urged the Bangladesh government to deal strictly with the miscreants who vandalize temples and curb nefarious acts like vandalism in temples.
He said that last year also a Hindu temple was attacked by a mob in Chandpur district of Bangladesh during Durga Puja. During this, 3 people were shot and killed.
Sahni warned Bangladesh to desist from following in the footsteps of Pakistan. On this occasion president Kamghar wing Raj Singh, vice President Shashipal, secretary youth wing Rajesh Handa, Sunny Gourav, Gulshan and many others were present.

VC JU congratulates Prof Vaid for bagging Fulbright Fellowship in USA



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai congratulating Prof Rakesh Vaid.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU), Prof Umesh Rai congratulated Prof Rakesh Vaid, faculty in the Department of Electronics, for bagging a prestigious Fulbright fellowship in the United States of America (USA). "We are proud to have our very own faculty member; Prof Rakesh Vaid, selected for the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship,"

said Prof Umesh Rai. He added that such achievements inspire scholars and other faculty members to do good in their research and academics.
Prof Rakesh Vaid has more than 31 years of teaching and research experience. He is a member of various national and international professional organisations.

PNBM Trust presents Amateur Journalist awards

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An impressive function was organised to confer Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Amateur Journalist Awards in Jammu on Saturday. This year, the awards were presented to Brigadier Vijay Sagar Dheman and Mahesh Kaul for their valuable contributions in the field of Amateur Journalism.
Chief Justice (Retired) Parmod Kohli was the Chief Guest while former Chief Secretary Vijay Bakaya presided over the function. Both the awardees were adorned with a shawl and presented mementos. The citations of the awardees were read by Subhash Chatta and Chaman Lal Pandita.
Virender Raina, President Panun Kashmir gave an overview of the Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust and its contributions in furthering the cause of the community. The trust has played a vital role in furthering cause of community by organising Annual Chetna Divas function and presenting Amateur Journalist Award. PNBM Trust has also played a key role in spearheading the Temples and Shrines Bill for the protection of the temples in Kashmir.
Justice Pramod Kohli complimented the organisers for promoting the cause of Amateur Journalism while Vijay Bakaya congratulated the awardees and exhorted them to work with renewed zeal. Secretary Sundri Lal presented the welcome address while Chairman Bansil Lal Zar presented formal vote of thanks.

Ranvijay Singh visits Mantalai, Sudhmahadev Shrines; reviews facilities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Ranvijay Singh, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust today visited Mantalai and Sudhmahadev Shrines to take of facilities being provided to the visiting pilgrims.

The Trustee took a round of both the temple's complexes and reviewed the facilities being provided to visitors. He issued several instructions for the welfare of both the temples. It is pertinent to mention that Ranvijay Singh takes keen interest in the functioning of J&K Dharmarth Trust activities and holds a progressive outlook as far as development of the temples and shrines falling under the ambit of the Trust.
Earlier, the Trustee Ranvijay Singh performed Special Pooja in the Holy Sanctum of Sudhmahadev and sought blessings of Bhagwan Shiva.



Ranvijay Singh, Trustee JKDT during visit to Sudhmahadev Shrine.

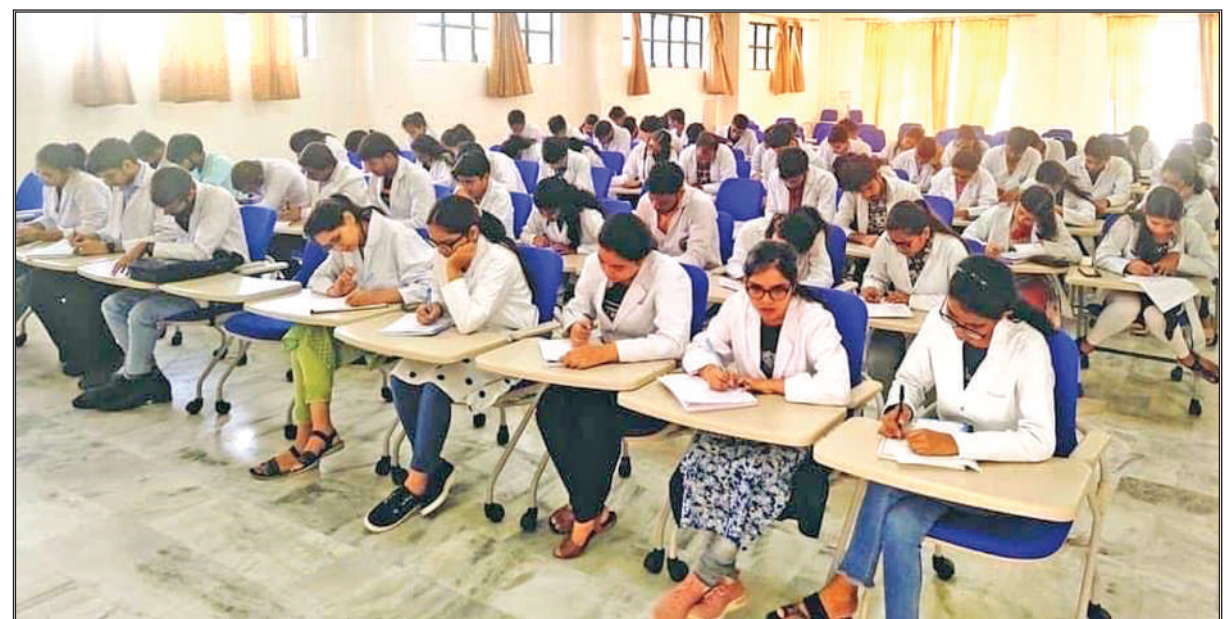
Ranvijay Singh said that Sudhmahadev and Mantalai have a great historic importance and a large number of devotees' visits both these holy places throughout the year.
He asked the stakeholders at both the shrines to make sure that the visiting devotees should be provided with adequate facilities and provisions should also be made that

whosoever comes here should be provided with complete knowledge of the heritage value and cultural richness of these shrines besides the religious significance.
The Trustee asked the officials of the Trust to ensure that devotees should not face any kind of difficulty while they pay obeisance and remain in the vicinity.

Power shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to IID Govindsar, MES Janglote, Ghatti, Logate and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 10 from 8 am to 9 am.
Similarly, the power supply to Floura, M/C Domana, Machallian, MES Akhnoor, Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakh Muthi, PHE, BSE, Border Migrant, Sohail and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 10 from 7 am to 1 pm.
Likewise, the power supply to Tanda, Dori Dager,

Basava Gagel, Maira Mandrian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 10 from 10 am to 2 pm.
Similarly, the power supply to Changanr, Shahedi Chowk, Kuka Chak, Jakhbar, Lower Shiva Nagar, Padyari, Nagri Adda, Super Bazar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.
Likewise, the power supply to Jhajjar Kotli, Dansal, Jindrah, Battal Manwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 10 from 8 am to 2 pm.



English coaching classes commenced for MBBS 1st year & 2nd year students of AIIMS Jammu for enhancing their communication skills & personality development.