

Modi govt committed to create a society where women don't require anyone's help: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: Under the visionary leadership of PM Narendra Modi, several bold and big reforms were happen and which have delivered better results said Rekha Mahajan when interacted with women beneficiaries of various government schemes.

"Modi's Commitment to create a society where women don't require anyone's help to move forward. The law against social evil of 'triple talaq' could have been passed in 1986 when the Supreme Court gave the historic judgment in the Shahbano Case" she said adding that the Congress had absolute majority in Parliament with more than 400 out of 545 Lok Sabha members and more than 159 out of 245 members in the Rajya Sabha. But the then Rajiv Gandhi govern-



BJP leaders attending a meeting on Saturday.

ment used its strength in Parliament to make the Supreme Court judgement ineffective and deprive the Muslim women of their constitutional and fundamental rights. Now under present dispensation Triple talaq declared unconstitutional and criminal offence

.Muslim women can now take legal recourse if they are separated by triple talaq. She further added that the law which was pending for three decades but today even the opposition parties who always oppose this law had to support it. Nari Shakti Vandan

Adhiniyam is a visionary bill, a transformative revolution unfolds. President Draupadi Murmu has greenlit the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Act,' making it a law! This historic approval reserves 33% of seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women, marking a monumental stride toward gender equality". It is during BJP rule houses were given under PM Awas Yojna are registered under the names of women. Free ration, Ujjwala free cooking gas connections, ensuring that benefits of all government schemes were available to all, without discrimination. In order to promote women's participation in the army, this is the first time in the country's 57-year history that the doors of a Sainik School have been opened to girl students.

Councillor Rahul initiates 'Basti Sampark Abhiyan' at Bahu Fort

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Basti Sampark Abhiyan, Councillor Rahul Kumar of Ward No. 20 on Saturday visited the Pressmohr Bahu Fort area in Ward No. 47, Bahu Constituency, Jammu, and interacted with local residents to create awareness about various government schemes and initiatives.

During the visit, Councillor Rahul Kumar took the opportunity to apprise the residents of the schemes and initiatives undertaken by the Modi Government for the welfare of the poor and marginalized sections of society. He emphasized the transformative potential of these schemes and encouraged the residents to avail themselves of the benefits



JMC Councillor started 'Basti Sampark Abhiyan' at Bahu Fort.

offered. Rahul Kumar provided detailed information about a range of government schemes, including but not limited to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

(PMAY), Pradhan Mantri Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Jan Aushadhi Yojana, Stand Up India, National Health Mission (NHM),

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Post-Matric Scholarship for SC Students, National Scholarship Portal (NSP), Digital India, Ujjwala Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, and several others. He highlighted the extensive reach of these schemes and underlined that almost every household in Jammu and Kashmir benefits from these initiatives in some way.

Councillor Rahul Kumar urged the local residents to support the BJP in the upcoming elections to ensure the continued progress and development of the region. He emphasized that the BJP's commitment to welfare and development programs has positively impacted the lives of countless citizens.

The Himalayan Film Festival 2023 : Ladakhi, Indian cinema steals the 2nd day show

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LEH: The second day of the Himalayan Film Festival, 2023 saw the screening of a combination of Ladakhi, mainstream Indian cinema as well as regional films from other Himalayan states.

The day opened with the screening of the Ladakhi film Spawo, directed by Tsering Motup Chospa. Director Chospa later in a question and answer session expressed his love for filmmaking and stated that despite the challenges of manpower, budget and technical shortfalls, pushes the boundaries by multitasking as actor, director, editor, etc to full-fill his passion of making filmmaking.

Sun Behind the Cloud by debutant director Sonam Nurboo from Koyoul,



Participants taking part in the Himalayan Film Festival 2023.

Changthang left the audiences spell bound with his screen-writing skill by beautifully weaving a story sans speech, thus highlighting that storytelling surpasses language or speech for that matter. The Wait by director Rinchen Norbu captured the loneliness and disconnect inherent in modern society, while Kangsing; Art Meet Ice was a documentation of the works of local contemporary art group Kangsing, showcasing local craftsmanship and their jour-

ney in the field of ice-sculpting. Jungva, the Broken Balance was enthusiastically received by the audience. Director Stanzin Gya later spoke of his journey as a filmmaker and of specifically filming Jungva in a conflicting scenario during the 2010 flashfloods.

Eikhoigi Yu (Our Home) by Romi Meitei, Kemra by Sameeksha and Sumit Raina, Apic Chuli (1 & 2) and Chnu by Iftikhar Hussain, Dhuin by Achal Mishra were also screened on day 2 of the ongo-

ing film festival at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh. Trending Netflix film Jaane Jaan by director Stujoy Ghosh and superhit Bollywood film Jawaan by director Atlee were feature films screened today, giving the local film enthusiasts a movie theatre-like experience right here in Ladakh. Local music band Luyangs captivated the audience with their performance in the amphitheatre. The highlight of the day was the screening of the film Jawaan which witnessed a

Natrang stages Gulzar's short story 'Hilsa'

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JAMMU: A heart rendering performance of 'Hilsa', based on the story by Gulzar was presented under the direction of Rahul Singh here today at Natrang.

The production was appreciated for its creative design, artistic craft, imaginative lights, soulful music, and electrifying acting. The entire collective effort was visible in each moment of dramatic action being unfolded.

The play 'Hilsa' opens at the home of a Bengali couple where 'Kanchan' is cleaning fish which they have to consume in lunch, 'Bhibhuti', her husband returns back from the market empty handed as he could not get the newspaper because of the riots. Somehow the paper also reaches their home, which was all filled with the news and pictures of gory incidents of riots. In a heart



A view from the play 'Hilsa'.

rendering story of a girl who was raped and killed at the tender stage when she was pregnant.

The writer has very subtly and beautifully related the pain of the girl with that of that 'Hilsa' fish who was caught when it was pregnant.

Natrang actors who gave performances in the play

included Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Sumit Bandaral, Amit Brahmii, Sheryaar Salaria and Vandana Thakur.

The lights of the play were operated by Aadesh Dhar whereas the music was scored by Chirag Anand. The presentations were done by Mahikshit Singh.

Chopra Biradri to hold Annual Congregation on Oct 7

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JAMMU: The Annual Congregation of Chopra Biradri J&K will be held on October 7, 2023 at Samadhi Sthan of Kul Devi Sahjo Sati Mata Ji in Pandora Mohalla, Nawan Shehar Doada, (Punjab). Hawan shall be performed at Devi Sthan at 10.00 AM followed by Bhandara at 12.00 Noon.

Executive Body has appealed to the whole biradari to attend congregation and obtain the blessings of Kul Devi. The buses will leave Jammu on 6th October, 2023 at 6.00 AM from Parade, Bakshi Nagar, near New Karan Nagar Hotel Jammu. Members are requested to book their seats in advance. Further details can be obtained on phone Nos 9906900509, 9682653447, 9419192500, 9419142478, 9419162796.

Ayushman Bhav Campaign 2023: Blood Donation Camp held at Govt Sarwal Hospital

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JAMMU: Medical Superintendent Sarwal Hospital, Dr Vijay Raina joined hands with the leading media house Amar Ujala to organize a Blood Donation Camp under the Ayushman Bhav Campaign 2023. The event took place today at Government Hospital Sarwal, and witnessed the selfless contribution of 10 donors who generously donated their blood to save lives.

The Blood Donation Camp commenced with a ceremonial inauguration ceremony where MS Gandhinagar Hospital, MS Sarwal Hospital and Amar Ujala came together to stress the importance of blood donation in the context of healthcare.

Dr. Vijay Raina, the Medical Superintendent of Sarwal



Blood donation camp being organised at Govt Hospital Sarwal on Saturday.

Hospital, expressed his gratitude and stated, "Blood donation is an act of compassion and selflessness.

Dr. Vijay Raina, the Medical Superintendent of Sarwal Hospital, added, "Our collaboration with Amar Ujala for the Ayushman Bhav Campaign has been a great success. We believe that such initiatives not

only promote good health but also strengthen the bond between healthcare institutions and the community."

During the camp, all 10 blood donors were presented with a Letter of Appreciation and a token of gratitude to recognize their exceptional contribution to the cause of blood donation. The organizers

stressed the importance of such recognition in motivating more people to participate in future blood donation drives.

The event received extensive media coverage, with Amar Ujala providing comprehensive support in spreading the message of this noble cause to a wider audience.

Sarwal Hospital and Amar Ujala extend their heartfelt appreciation to all the donors, volunteers, and participants who made this event a resounding success. They also expressed their gratitude to Dr Parveen Yograj, Medical Superintendent, Gandhi Nagar Hospital for helping us by sending a team for this donation camp. Their collective effort has not only saved lives but also reinforced the spirit of community health and wellness.

Healthy Baby competition organises under 'Poshan Abhiyaan'

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JAMMU: A program on 'Swasth Balak Balika Spardha' under Poshan Abhiyaan on the culmination of Poshan Maah 2023 was organised by Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Jammu, Kailash Devi at Residency Road, Jammu.

On the occasion Joint Director Mission Poshan J&K, DS Katoch was the chief Guest, District Program Officer, Jammu, Renu Bhasin was Guest of Honour; Ranbireswar Singh Jamwal, CDPO Dansal and Sachin Sharma, CDPO Satwari were the special Invitees. On this Programme Supervisors, Anganwadi Workers and Beneficiaries of Poshan Project Jammu were also present.

Healthy baby competition was organised in which Healthy babies from all Poshan Projects of Jammu district participated, out of which 1st position was bagged by Master Udhay S/o Rahul of Poshan Project Dansal, 2nd position was bagged by Master Shreyansh S/o Madhu of Poshan Project Akhnour and 3rd place was claimed by Master Priyansh Bhardwaj S/o Mukesh Bhardwaj.

SSP SO to ADGP Jammu Zone superannuates



ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh according farewell to SSP Staff officer on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police Jammu Zone, decorated Sh. Ashok Kumar, SSP Staff Officer to the rank of IPS, who has recently been inducted by MHA alongwith other officers of Jammu and Kashmir Police services vide notification dated September 29, 2023.

Thereafter, a farewell function was also organized by ADGP Jammu. Mukesh Singh, IPS in favour of Sh. Ashok Kumar - IPS SSP at Conference Hall, ZPHQ Jammu who is attaining superannuation from service today on 30th of September 2022 after serving in the Police department for more than

24 years. While speaking on the occasion, ADGP Jammu Zone and DIG JSK Range Shakti Pathak also highlighted and lauded the work/efforts put in by the officer during his service in the department in different capacities while his posting in vigilance organization, PTS Vijaypur, and Staff Officer to ADGP Jammu Zone twice.

Pertinent to mention that for his outstanding performance in duties, Ashok Sharma SSP earned number of Commendation certificates/rewards and appreciations from senior formations from time to time. More-over for his utmost excellence towards his

duties, he was awarded with DGPs Commendation Medal in the year 2004 and in the year 2007, Chief vigilance medal for the year 2007 and an amount of Rs. 51000 for displaying conspicuous and exemplary courage in while discharging his duties.

The function was held in appreciation to the services rendered by Sh. Ashok Kumar SSP (Staff Officer) to the institution. The department wished him a happy and prosperous post-retirement life. Chandan Koli SSP Jammu, Rajinder Katoch SSP Staff Officer to DIG JSK Range, All the GOs, NGOs and staff of the ZPHQ Jammu was also present in the function.

packed hall audience. The 2nd Edition of The Himalayan Film Festival 2023 is ongoing at the Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra till the 3rd of October.

Sobat Ali appointed as Incharge of Provincial ST Cell, DPAP



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JAMMU: Ghulam Nabi Azad, Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party has appointed Sobat Ali, General Secretary, Jammu Province, as the incharge of Provincial ST Cell. He is directed to recommend the names for the Block and District Committees (Member of ST Community only), at the earliest for approval of the Chairman.

Hindi Pakhwada concludes at CUJ



Hindi Pakhwada being observed at CUJ on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The Hindi Fortnight (Hindi Pakhwada) at Central university of Jammu (CUJ) was drawn to a close on Saturday.

The program was jointly organized by the Hindi Department and Hindi Cell of CUJ. Gracing the prize distribution ceremony, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain expressed satisfaction on the overall spirit of participation shown by students, faculty, officers & staff, while also congratulating the winners of various events during the prize distribution cere-

mony. He urged the working staff of the university to grasp the opportunity to learn and take advantage of the power of language which can assist in bettering one's communication and general bonding skills, while also upholding the essence and importance of one's mother tongue. Prof. Jain also acknowledged the presence of talent amongst the staff of the University, which he said should be encouraged, nurtured, and showcase. Prof. Yashwant Singh (Registrar), Prof. Vinay (Department of Physics

and Astronomy), Prof Vijendra Kumar (Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages), Mohammad Iqbal (Finance Officer) and various other officers and staff members were present in the closing ceremony.

A range of competitive literary and extracurricular events such as noting and drafting, Hindi typing, poster making and others were organized to mark the celebrations. The program was conducted by Mr. Satish, Hindi Translator and the vote of thanks was presented by Dr Priyanjani.

Cleanliness Drive marks Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary at JK Board of Technical Education



Cleanliness drive being observed at JKBTE on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Under the visionary guidance of Secretary JK Board of Technical Education, Er. Shaista Shamin, a cleanliness drive with the theme "Swachhata Hi Seva" from 15th Sep - 2nd Oct was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2nd. The initiative was spear-

headed by Registrar JKBOTE, Er. Kuldeep Singh Bhatia, and saw enthusiastic participation from all faculty members of both the central office and division office.

This event highlights the importance of regular cleanliness drives to maintain a clean and pristine environment. During the event, Registrar Er.

Kuldeep Singh Bhatia emphasized the significance of such initiatives, underlining that as responsible citizens of our country, it is our moral duty to keep our surroundings clean.

He expressed the belief that this commitment will contribute to the realization of our dream of a cleaner and greener nation. Deputy Registrar Reeta Kundal

also shared her thoughts on the profound impact of such activities on the community as a whole, emphasizing the need for continued efforts in this direction. Er. Avinash Abrol played a pivotal role in organizing and coordinating the event, ensuring its smooth execution. The active participation of dedicated individuals such as Zahida Parveen (Head Assistant), Balvinder Kour (Senior Assistant), Attiqa, Kulbhushan Kumar, Yogesh Kumar, Tilk Raj other officers Er. Nazir Molvi along with staff from the ITI wing further contributed to the success of this cleanliness drive.

This event is a testament to the commitment of the JK Board of Technical Education towards promoting cleanliness and environmental responsibility in line with Mahatma Gandhi's principles.