

# SMVDU celebrates World Students' Day

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REASI: The Universal Human Values Cell, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized the World Students' Day which is celebrated on the occasion to mark birth anniversary of great scientist, missile man of India, teacher and former President, Bharat Ratna, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Balbir Singh, Event Coordinator and Dean Academic Affairs, SMVDU.

The chief guest Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal addressed faculty, staff, students and SMVDU families. She highlighted the contributions of Dr. APJ Kalam in transforming India into a developed and modern country.

The DC appreciated the cultural performances of the students showcasing India's cultural diversity. "Dr APJ Kalam always stressed on the need to liberate ourselves from medi-



Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal inaugurating the programme at SMVDU.

ocrity and ignite our minds for betterment of self, society and country", the DC said.

The guest of honour Registrar SMVDU, Nagendra Singh Jamwal also addressed the audience and shared memories of SMVDU's inauguration by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on 19th August 2004.

On the occasion a documentary on the life of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was shown to the audience followed by cultural program by students of SMVDU.

The students and the teachers took an oath written by Dr. APJ Kalam emphasizing the duties, responsibilities, morals and ethics for the students and teachers. Poster making activity was also carried out in this regard by Dr. Rajiv Kumar and Dr. Anil Bhardwaj on the theme of Dr. APJ Kalam and the winners were felicitated by the Chief Guest along with other dignitaries.

On the occasion a message of Prof Pragati Kumar Vice Chancellor

SMVDU was also read which emphasized on following the path shown by Dr. APJ Kalam by youth to transform individuals, society and the country into a world power.

To commemorate the life, works and achievements of Dr. APJ Kalam, an exhibition was organized by Dr. Balbir Singh showing rare collections presenting various achievements and historical incidences of Dr. Kalam in the various fronts through newspaper cutting, posters, flyers, banners, books etc. which was inaugurated by DC Reasi and shall remain open for the next three days for the students of SMVDU and local schools.

The event was coordinated by Dr. B.B Jindal, Dr. Pooja Sharma, Dr. Kamaldeep, Dr. Madhu Mangal and B.K Bhatia along with various student volunteers of Universal Human Value Cell.

The vote of thanks was presented by B.K Bhatia, Training & Placement Officer, SMVDU.

# Rekha, Anil inaugurate Ayaana collection showroom in Jammu



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan inaugurating showroom in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan along with Councillor Anil Kumar on Sunday inaugurated the New Ayaana collection Showroom featuring the exquisite and specialized in artificial jewelry, cosmetics, grocery, gift items, and party wear Lehengas and other services during the ongoing festive season, especially Diwali in Lane No 17, Main Road Greater Kailash, Jammu.

Rekha and Anil wished the owner of the showroom success and good luck. This is a new venture being run by a prominent businessman Pawan Gupta.

Those who attended the programme are Subhash Chander, Baldev Datta, Rakesh Sharma, Darshan Grover, Nariender Sikka, Mangta Singh, Usha Rajput, Doctor Himja Mengi and Dr Subash Abrol. Speaking on the occasion, Rekha Mahajan complimented the proprietor of the showroom for his entre-

preneurship skills. While referring to the vision and mission of PM Narendra Modi for making J&K a model UT of the country, Rekha said that today's top priority of the Government is to equip our youth with the latest and modern skills so that they can progressively decide their future.

She added that the demand for a showroom or brand earmarked solely to such products has been at its peak as more people, even from middle and upper-middle-class families aspire to have a show-worthy home.

Anil said that the youth of J&K must come forward so that they can get all benefits from such a mission which aims at creating massive employment opportunities for our younger generation.

The representatives of the Ayaana collection showroom were also present on the occasion and interacted with the guests who were present on the occasion.

# Locals denied employment in Rattle Hydro Electric Power Projects: Ajeet Bhagat

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KASHMIR: National Conference Sr. leader Ajeet Bhagat has strongly criticized the management of Megha Engineering Limited and Infrastructures Limited of Rattle Hydroelectric Power project Drabshalla for ignoring employment to local youths of Chenab Valley Zone Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban Districts.

Bhagat said that the company management of Megha Engineering Limited and Infrastructures Limited of Rattle Hydro Electric Power project has brought operators and other manpower from outside the Jammu and Kashmir whereas such nature of skilled youths are available in the Chenab Valley Zone Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban Districts.

He said that a large number of skilled/ Highly skilled / semi skilled/ Un skilled youths are available in Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban Districts of Chenab Valley Zone but it is a matter of great concern that the company management has started bringing manpower from outside the Jammu and Kashmir which will not be tolerated at any cost.

Ajeet Bhagat has demanded that one member of each land affected and project effected be given employment on top priority basis on HO roll.

Bhagat also said that the management of Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited is going to keep all manpower on third party roll which will not be allowed of which the youths of Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban District of Chenab Valley Zone will launch strike against the company.

He has threatened of dire consequences in case such activities is not stopped at an earliest.

# Man wanted in rape case held after 43 years

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JAMMU: A man accused of rape was arrested after 43 years in Poonch district, police said on Sunday.

A case under various sections of the law, including rape, was registered against Abdul Khaliq, a resident of Dhargloon, at Mendhar police station in 1979.

A general warrant of arrest under section 512 CrPC was issued against him by Sessions Court Poonch on September 19, 1992, police said.

He was arrested from the Mendhar police station area, they said.

# Bohri Shopkeepers Association, Hazuri Bagh Mohalla Committee organises Bhandara on Amavasya



Langer served to people at Bohri.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Amavasya to mark the last Sharad of Pitrapaksh, Bohri Shopkeepers Association & Hazuri Bagh Mohalla Committee organised a Bhandara at Bohri Chowk, Jammu.

The Langar was started by JMC Councillor-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru and distributed under the overall supervision of Nischal Sawhney (President) along-

with Pyare Lal Mawa (Gen. Secy), Vijay Sharma (Chairman), Sanjeev Sharma (Vice president), Sumit Verma (Cashier), Kamni Kesar (convener) and Rajesh Gupta (office & Pubicity Sectary).

The function begin with Bhog offered to all the Deities at Radha Krishan temple Bohri & thereafter the Bhandara was opened for all where the Prasad was served among thou-

sands of passersby and general public.

The Councillor of the Ward, Sanjay Baru appreciated the strenuous efforts made by Bohri Shopkeepers Association & Hazuri Bagh Mohalla Committee with the active support of residents of the area for organizing a social & religious congregation on this day

Baru expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Nischal Sawhney and his team & all those present on the occasion.

Nischal Sawhney President on behalf of the Bohri Shopkeepers Association & Mohalla Committee also thanked all those who participated in the said Bhandara to make it a grand success. He also assured that in future such religious & social gatherings shall be held to imbibe a feeling of oneness & strong bond of Brotherhood in Society.

He further added that Organising Langar is not a one-man-show but result of the collective efforts.

# On Navratra eve, J&K Bank establishes Special Counter at SMVDS Bhawan

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its practice to offer fresh cash currency and note exchange facility to the devotees visiting the famous Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine (SMVDS) on the occasion of Navratra, J&K Bank on Sunday established a Special Counter at its branch in the SMVDS Bhawan.

CEO SMVDS Board Anshul Garg (IAS) and Bank's Executive Director (ED) Sudhir Gupta inaugurated the counter in the presence of Zonal Head (Udhampur) Rajesh Gupta, SDM Bhawan Umesh Sharma, Tehsildar Anil Charak, DGM shrine board Bhawan Pardeep Jamwal, DSP Bisham Dubey, SHO Khayatiman Khajuria, Accounts Officer Sudershan Ghajuria, Head Pandit Kopal Sharma, Branch Head Vishal Sharma and other officers of the Bank besides devotees from different corners of the country. While commending the



CEO SMVDS Board Anshul Garg and Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta inaugurating counter.

efforts of the Bank for extending convenience to the pilgrims besides providing all banking services to SMVDS Board and its employees, CEO SMVDS Board thanked the Bank's management. He also appreciated the Bank for providing the latest and convenient banking services throughout the route for the pilgrims. Earlier, Executive Director Sudhir Gupta welcomed the dignitaries and extended gratitude to the Shrine Board for its continued support to the Bank and assured that best services

will always be provided to the devotees and the Board.

He said, "Our branch remains committed to serve the shrine board, establishments at the Bhawan, people working there and all the devotees visiting the famous shrine. In fact, a team of the Bank officials has been dedicated full time to assist the board for management of cash received as a public offering at the shrine."

"The Bank has established an adequate number of branches and nine ATMs starting from Katra to the Bhawan to provide easily

accessible banking services to the devotees visiting the shrine from different parts of the country besides facilitating fresh cash, exchange of notes on special occasions like Navratra", he added.

Notably, prior to inauguration on the auspicious occasion of the first Navratra, ED Sudhir Gupta performed Pooja within the branch premises along with the Zonal Head and other officials of the Bank.

In the end, Zonal Head (Udhampur) expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries present on the occasion.

# Sahitya Akademi award winning journalist G N Khayal dies

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SRINAGAR: Sahitya Akademi award winner and veteran journalist from Jammu and Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Khayal died here on Sunday. He was 85.

Khayal, who was given the national award for his book 'Gaashik Minaar' in 1975, breathed his last at his residence here, a relative of his said. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. All his children are working abroad.

Khayal authored more than

30 books and started his career as a news reader in R a d i o Kashmir in 1950s.

Director Information, Minga Sherpa condoled the demise of Khayal.

In his condolence message, Minga said that the Late Khayal Sahab was among the pioneers of journalism in Jammu and Kashmir who

made significant contribution to the society. He added that Khayal Sahab was a prolific writer who revolutionized the literary field with his writings which reflected the different facets of the society.

The Director further said that his death has created a void in the literary field and journalistic cycles of Jammu and Kashmir. He also expressed his deep sympathies with the family of Khayal Sahab and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

The Joint Director

Information Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam also condoled the demise of Ghulam Nabi Khayal and expressed heartfelt condolences with the bereaved family. He prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Deputy Director Information & PR, Field Publicity Officer, Culture Officer and officials of the department also shared their grief over the demise of renowned scribe and offered condolence with the family over the irreparable loss.

# Army personnel injured in landmine explosion near LoC

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RAJOURI/JAMMU: An army personnel was injured in a landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, a police official said.

Rifleman Gurucharan Singh was on patrol duty

when he accidentally stepped over the landmine in forward Kalsian village in Nowshera sector, the official said.

He was shifted to a nearby military hospital and after first aid he was airlifted to Command Hospital Udhampur for specialised treatment, the

official said. As part of the counter-infiltration strategy, the army is using landmines to plug the possible infiltration routes to stop armed terrorists from entering into this side and sometimes the explosive devices get dislocated due to rains causing the accidental blasts.

# IIM-J's Int'l HR Conference, Conclave 6.0 concludes on grand note

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu commenced the second day of the HR Conclave with session chair and keynote Speakers Ashish Kaul, Director - Knowledge and Advisory and Business, Head, SHRM India, and Rohith Kumar, CHRO, McDonalds India.

Ashish Kaul highlighted the swift pace of change in the world. He emphasized that even in challenging economic times, there's a continued demand for skills. The key message is that academic achievements alone do not guarantee success in the business world. Instead, the emphasis should be on aligning with organizations that

value adaptability, agility, and a forward-looking mindset. Remaining up to date with technology is seen as a critical factor in thriving within this evolving business landscape.

Rohith Kumar emphasized the need for HR professionals to go beyond surface-level understanding and understand the organization, especially in unique or challenging situations, in the ever-changing corporate landscape. HR goes beyond recruiting to represent workers and preserve balance in difficult situations. Adding value to the firm demands intellect and the proper mentality.

Kumar also advises freshly hired corporate personnel to be ready for increasingly challenging responsibilities, even if they appear unappealing since they typically provide vital business insights. This complicated terrain is best navigated with instruction, mentoring, or help from experienced people. In conclusion, his advice emphasized thinking big while being realistic.

The second day of the International Conference on HR brought an enriching and informative conclusion to the event, with an additional ten



Ashish Kaul, Director - Knowledge and Advisory and Business, Head, SHRM India, and Rohith Kumar, CHRO, McDonalds India along with faculty and students.

tracks, each chaired by Dr. Amit Gupta, IIM Amritsar; Dr. Yusuf Hassan, University of South Florida, Dr. Mantasha Firoz, Goa Institute of Management, Dr. Shubhi Gupta, FORE School of Management, Dr. Kailash B.Srivastava, IIT Kharagpur; Dr. Preshita Neha Tudu, IBS Hyderabad, Dr. Sumant Kumar Bishwas, IIT Guwahati, Dr. Rambabu Lavuri, IIM Jammu, Dr. GuanguanangKahmei, IIM Jammu, Dr. Manita Tripathi, IIM Jammu, Dr. Nishant Singh, Bennett University, Dr. Romana Gulshani, Guest Faculty, IIM Bangalore.

The second day began with a Panel Discussion on

"Navigating Cross-Generational Dynamics in a Workplace," conducted by Dr. Barnali Chaudhary, Faculty, IIM Jammu. Rahul Bagale, Group HR Head, Force Motors Ltd.; Jaya Lakshmi, People Partner, Google; Abhinav Iyer, GAR OD Director, Intel Corporation; and Rekha Manola, Talent Acquisition Manager & India TA DE&I Program Manager, HP, were panelists.

The fifth panel discussion was on the topic, "Beyond Profits: Making a Difference in Communities We Touch," moderated by Dr. Gaana. J, Faculty, IIM Jammu. The panel featured Samuel Justus, Lead Talent

Engagement - Campus at Diageo; Dipti Naidu, Manager- HRBP, Mastercard; Manoj Kumar Sharma, Head HR, Aaj Enterprises; Akshay Rakshit, Manager- HRBP, BMW Group, Shivendu Chatterjee, Designation & Company: Global Lead - Learning and Development, Iqantii.

Three "Is" are introduced as tools for HR to advance: "Plate of Thali" (Values), Employee Recognition (Taali), and Theli (Bag) - signifying what HR provides to employees. The sixth panel discussion was on the topic, "Approaching an AI-Centric Workforce" moderated by Dr. V. Raj Kumar, Faculty, IIM

Jammu. The session featured panelists ranging from Setu Shah, Global HCM Product Strategy Director, Oracle, Mibin Babichan, Associate Director HR operations, Cognizant, Yalya Rasheed, Global Head of L&D, HCL Tech, Andrews Simon, SVP TA, eClerx, Charitha Paramanandam, Head-Global HR Shared Services, Concentrix, Raeesa Naim, Director - People & Culture, Grant Thornton.

The seventh panel featured the topic, "The Role of HR in Patient-Centric Care: Building a Patient-Focused Workforce" moderated by Dr. Niti Shekhar, Faculty, IIM Jammu. The panelists for this session were Pankaj Phatak, Head TA, Talent & Performance Management - Global Manufacturing Operations, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories; Jayesh Vispute, Human Resource Head, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals and Mona Puri, Executive Director Human Resources India & Asia Pacific, Parexel International.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean

Academics and Chairperson, Placements, Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson, Placements, IIM Jammu, Dr. GuanguanangKahmei, Chairperson, Conference- Co-Chair, IIM Jammu, Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Conference Co-Chair and Chairperson Corporate Communications.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu reiterated that, "The valedictory ceremony of HR Conclave 6.0 and the International HR Conference marks the culmination of an enriching and insightful event. We are proud to have facilitated this platform for knowledge exchange, and I'm delighted to see such a diverse and engaged audience. He reiterated that the Idea of dubbing the International HR Conference and HR Conclave was to bring together academic experts and industry professionals and that the success of a conference and conclave depends not only on the panelists but also on the audience." Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Conference Co-Chair, International HR Conference announced the Best Paper Awards as part of the International HR Conference.

The First Best Paper in Online mode was awarded to Dr. Kumar Ashish, Ranvijai Pratap, and Anugrah Narain for the paper titled, "Workplace Spirituality through Karma Yoga in Indian Organizations." The second best paper in the online category was awarded to Lalmanpuui for the paper titled "The hurdles of mediation and intermediation in real estate: A study of North Delhi rental brokers." The awardees received certificates from Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The event culminated with vote of thanks by Dr Atanu Dutta, Placement Officer, IIM Jammu.

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