

Induction Day ceremony held at ASCOMS

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JAMMU: The Induction Ceremony of 1st Prof. MBBS students (Batch 2024) of ASCOMS was held in the College auditorium on 14th October 2024. The ceremony was attended by 1st Prof Students, their parents, management, faculty members and other staff members of the institution. Dr. Gautam Mengi, Joint Secretary, Governing Body, ASCOMS was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Rakesh Raman, Member Trustee, Governing Body, was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Dr. Rajesh K Gupta, Prof. & Head Deptt. of Orthopaedics and Medical Education Unit, Coordinator gave a brief outline of this Induction Ceremony and apprised the students about new curriculum.

He also laid stress that the students should be regular in their academic activities and not short fall in their attendance.

The activity was attended by Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. K.S. Mehta, Prof & HOD, Surgery, Dr. R. K. Gupta, Prof & HOD Paediatrics and Dr. Geetika Gupta, Prof & HOD Physiology, Dr. V.J. Chungoo, HOD Biochemistry, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Prof & HOD, Community Medicine and Dr. Bella Mahajan, Prof &



Jt Secy Governing Body ASCOMS, Dr. Gautam Mengi along with dignitaries and students.

Chander Swami Udasin who left no stone unturned in establishing this Institution in Jammu region.

He also appreciated the efforts Dharam Vir Batra in establishing of this Institution. He lauded the contribution of Swami Prem Vivekanand for upliftment of this institution to its present status.

Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, presented a detailed presentation regarding various academic, sports and cultural activities conducted by the Institution in the past and recent months. He encouraged and advised the

students to actively participate in such type of activities which will be conducted in future.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal addressed the gathering with his inspirational words. He stressed the students to maintain decorum of this noble profession and study with zeal and honesty. He specially advised new entrants to shun away from both mental and physical addiction. He also advised the students to make best utilization of the time balancing between the academic and extra academic activities.

Dr. Zeenat Akhter, HOD Deptt. of Anatomy delivered the "Charak Shapath" in English and Dr. Navneet Kour, Assistant Professor, Physiology Department delivered oath in Hindi, which was sworn in by the 1st Prof students.

All the proceedings were conducted by Rishu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anatomy. This activity was organized by the Department of Medical Education.

Court rejects bail of NT in bribe case

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JAMMU: Special Judge Anticorruption Baramulla Amarjeet Singh Langeh rejected the bail application of one Altaf Hussain Khan, Naib Tehsildar Uri who was caught red-handed by the ACB while accepting Rs 50000 as bribe.

According to the ACB it was alleged by complainant that he had purchased a piece of land measuring 10 marlas falling under survey 307 at Rajarwani, Uri from one Mohd Sadeeq R/o Bandi Brahmana Uri and also constructed a house on it, the plot was purchased for an amount of Rs 5 lacs but seller fail to provide him revenue documents of said land in time as per sale agreement entered between parties due to which complainant couldn't get mutation of said land done in his favor therefore he approached Tehsildar Uri with application. Tehsildar Uri directed Patwari to visit spot and submit the report in matter, when complainant approached Patwari Pardeep Kumar he took complainant to Naib Tehsildar Uri namely, Altaf Hussain Khan where Naib Tehsildar demanded bribe of Rs 10 lac from complainant in presence of patwari which was later on negotiated by Sarpanch of the area and finally, it was decided that complainant will pay first installment of fifty thousand to Naib Tehsildar uri before report is submitted. Special Judge Anticorruption Baramulla Amarjeet Singh Langeh observed that the investigation conducted thus far vividly demonstrates albeit prima facie that in the capacity of Naib Tehsildar - Uri, petitioner demanded bribe from complainant in the case and accepted the same. Petitioner, as per evidence collected up till now in a trap case - demanded an amount of Rs. 50,000 as corruption for preparing some revenue extracts and

report and he accepted the same and the tainted money, during trap proceedings, was also recovered from petitioner. This aspect has been elaborately delineated by investigating agency in its report. Initially, petitioner is said to have demanded an amount of Rs. 10 lakh as bribe for doing aforesaid act of preparing revenue extracts and report. Ultimately, after indulgence of Sarpanch as mentioned in police report and subsequent negotiation, the first installment was settled as Rs. 50,000. Tainted money so recovered - is in Indian currency with 100 notes of 500 denominations each. Cases involving allegation of corruption, therefore, have to be visited with a different approach in the matter of bail, lest public faith in the majesty of law shall not only be eroded, but robust system devised to curb and deter corruption by public servants - be also questioned.

The nature of accusation, character of evidence collected thus far, severity of punishment which conviction will entail, circumstances peculiar to petitioner and larger interest of public - are the circumstances which are poignantly poised against petitioner in the case in hand. During the course of hearing, investigating officer also informed that petitioner is also involved in another corruption case bearing FIR No. 08/2024 for offences under Sections 5(1)(d) r/w Section 5(2) of J&K P. C. Act Smt. 2006. At this stage, bail if granted to petitioner would not only thwart ongoing investigation, but would only confirm cynical belief harboured by public that system is beyond repair and redemption, if likes of petitioner are granted bail in a trap case during ongoing investigation. For all what is said herein-above, this application has no merit at this stage and same is, therefore, dismissed.

Balbir presents portrait of Guru Ravidass to MLA Kathua



GRVM National General Secretary Balbir Ram Rattan presenting portrait of Guru Ravidass to Bharat Bhushan, MLA Kathua.

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KATHUA: Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth National General Secretary & former Vice Chairperson of J&K SC, ST, BC Development Corporation, Balbir Ram Rattan, presented a portrait of Guru Ravidass to Bharat Bhushan, MLA Kathua, during his visit to Jammu on Monday.

Bharat Bhushan, KAS, contested the

recently held assembly election from Kathua constituency on the mandate of Bharatiya Janata Party, after retirement from the government service as senior bureaucrat. Balbir Ram Rattan, on this occasion, shared with Bharat Bhushan that Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth is a social organisation working to spread the teachings of Guruji in India and abroad and that it has its office bearers at international and national level, who are devoting time to reach the people with the message of social equality and brotherhood.

"Guru Ravidass believed in the equality of all people regardless of caste, creed or gender", Balbir said, adding that all those associated with the mahapeeth educate the people about the noble ideas of Guru Ravidass and urge them to work to unite the society.

Bharat Bhushan, while expressing gratitude on being presented the portrait of such a great saint, said that the path shown by the gurus lead the society towards a better future and each one of us should follow the path shown by them. He also assured to remain at the service of the people of his constituency and do whatever best is possible.

Shiv Sena advises not to expand cabinet before restoration of statehood

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JAMMU: The removal of President's rule from Jammu and Kashmir and giving a chance to the people's elected government is welcomed, now the time has come that the Modi government should respect the public opinion and fulfill its promises while return our state status with immediate effect, stated by Manish Sahni, president Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K.

In a program organized at the party's state central office today, State Chief Manish Sahni has welcomed the decision to remove President's rule from Jammu and Kashmir which was in place for about 6



Manish Sahni, president Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K talking to reporters.

years. Along with this, he has demanded from the Modi government at the Center to fulfill the promises of returning the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir during the reorganization of J&K and soon after the assembly elections with immediate effect. Sahni said that the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir have been completed and the people have given the NC-Congress a chance to form the government with full majority. Along with this, the declared Chief Minister

of NC-Congress alliance, Omar Abdullah has also been advised not to expand his cabinet before the restoration of statehood. Sahni said that a situation like Delhi and tussle should not arise in Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, social worker Baby Koul, Dr. Bharat Gupta along with a dozen others joined Shiv Sena (UBT). State head Manish Sahni welcomed them with Shiv Bandhan. General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President, Balwant Singh, president Kamghar wing Raj Singh, Secretary Rajesh Jandial were present on this occasion. Sahni also demanded

restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and appointment of retired army officer as governor.

Sahni said that on 7 August 2020, Manoj Sinha was given the command of Jammu and Kashmir as Lieutenant Governor. During this period, municipal, Lok Sabha and assembly elections were conducted peacefully but no significant success was achieved in controlling terrorism.

Sahni said that along with returning the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, an experienced army officer should be appointed as Governor for this highly sensitive border and terror-affected state.

BKS holds seminar-cum-two days folk festival

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JAMMU: Bhartiya Kala Sangam (BKS), Jammu on Monday held Seminar-cum-two days Folk Festival at Writers Club, Culture Academy Jammu under the CFPGS Section of Ministry of Culture, Govt of India, New Delhi in which large number of art lovers and distinguished citizens attended the event. In this program, galaxy of Guests graced the occasion including Romesh Chander Kotwal, SSP, who presided over the function and Ajay Sharma, Superintendent of Police, Jammu South was Chief Guest.

T.R. Sharma, KAS (Retd),



Folk artists performing in a programme.

Chairman, Ramesh Singh Chib, Director, Bhartiya Kala Sangam were also present there.

While welcoming the guests and distinguished audience, T.R. Sharma gave a brief account of various cultural activities undertaken by BKS since its inception from 1980.

He appraised that numerous events with regard to art, culture and languages have been held in Jammu and Kashmir involving various

categories of artists. He said that the platform of BKS is always open for the artists where they can showcase their talent at various platforms including the platform of Bhartiya Kala Sangam.

In the beginning, the papers were read by eminent writers Dr. Om Goswami, Prof. Lalit Gupta, Mohan Singh, Padama Shree and Khajoor Singh Thakur.

Later the folk artists who performed Massade and Phumanian on stage were Ashok Kumar & Party and Atul Dogra and Party, which enthralled the audience.

While addressing the audience, Romesh Chander

Kotwal SSP commended the efforts of BKS to showcase such a wonderful program for keeping the folk of Dogra region alive amongst the young generation. Ajay Sharma, Superintendent of Police expressed his happiness to watch the show and reiterated that Dogra Folk Culture is rich enough to attract the audience. He hoped that such programs need to be held periodically for the public.

The program was anchored by Suresh Kumar and vote of thanks presented by Ramesh Singh Chib, Director BKS. He also extended his gratitude to Ministry of Culture Govt of India New Delhi CFPGS Section for their support to hold the program.

JPDCL educates consumers about PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana



Executive Engineer, Avneet Gupta and other officers educating consumers.

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JAMMU: An awareness camp was organized by JPDCL ED1, Sub Division 1, at Dogra Hall to educate consumers about the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

The Executive Engineer, Avneet Gupta, provided

valuable insights into the benefits of this scheme, highlighting how it can enhance access to electricity for consumers.

The event also saw active participation from the Assistant Executive Engineer, Satish Kumar, Assistant Engineer, Satwinder Kaur, along with all Junior Engineers, Feeder Managers, and other staff members from Sub Division 1.

Their collective efforts aimed to ensure that consumers were well-informed about the opportunities and advantages of the initiative.

NSS Units of GGM Science College conduct River Tawi cleanliness drive

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JAMMU: As part of the nationwide Swachhata Pakhwada 4.0 initiative, the NSS units of GGM Science College organized an extensive cleanliness drive along the banks of River Tawi.

In collaboration with the NGO 'Live for Others- Being Helpful', this event took place on the auspicious occasions of Durga Ashtami and Vijaydashami, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil.

The drive emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship and a collective responsibility to reduce pollution in natural water bodies which was carried under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, with active involvement from NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha



NSS volunteers along with faculty members.

Sharma, the NSS volunteers worked in designated shifts alongside Samar, Secretary (Environment domain) of the partnering NGO.

The volunteers not only engaged in the cleanliness drive but also conducted an awareness campaign to educate the public on the harmful effects of plastic pollution on aquatic ecosystems.

In their interaction with

single-use plastics.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta underscored the pivotal role of youth in environmental preservation. He commended the NSS units for their dedication to creating a cleaner, greener society and urged them to continue championing such initiatives that positively impact the environment.

The event concluded with a pledge by all participants to uphold the cleanliness of River Tawi and to adopt eco-friendly practices in their everyday lives.

This cleanliness drive thus marked one of many activities under Swachhata Pakhwada 4.0, a nationwide initiative that promoted values of cleanliness, responsibility, and environmental awareness.

JMC Com takes stock of basic amenities in municipal wards

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JAMMU: Reiterating the mandate of the Municipal Corporation for provision of sanitation, electricity, water and other essential services to the people living within Municipal jurisdiction, the Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav said that various projects are under execution to enhance these services.

The Commissioner, who was on a day-long tour of the wards of Municipal Corporation on Monday visited various wards of old Jammu city.

Taking cognizance of the construction & Waste material lying alongside roads, the Commissioner

directed the concerned to impose penalty on the offenders and ensure timely removal of the same for convenience of the people.

The Commissioner inspected the repair work of street lights being carried out by the electrical team of JMC in the areas. He also directed the concerned for immediate identification of non-functional street lights in all the wards of the corporation and their early repair for the convenience of the general masses.

The Commissioner inspected the morning sanitation being carried out by the sanitation workers of the Corporation. He directed the concerned for regular sanitation of the allotted

wards.

Responding to the demands of locals at Prem Nagar including opening of park for general public, construction of stair cases, the Commissioner directed the concerned for preparing Detailed Project Report (DPRs), assuring the locals that their genuine demands would be redressed on priority.

Among others, Joint Commissioner, H&S Abdul Star, Joint Commissioner, Works, Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma and other senior concerned officers accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

Gandhi Nagar hospital celebrates World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, leading efforts in J&K

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JAMMU: The Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu, under the Directorate of Health Services, marked World Hospice and Palliative Care Day with a significant event, highlighting its ongoing leadership in providing compassionate care for patients with life-threatening illnesses.

The theme for the 2024 celebration, "ten Years Since the Resolution: How Are We

Doing?", reflects on the decade since the World Health Assembly's resolution calling for the integration of palliative care into health systems worldwide. Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Medical Superintendent of Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, was the Chief Guest at the event, while Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Chief Medical Officer of Jammu district, served as the Guest of Honour.

Other notable attendees included Dr. Balvinder Singh, Deputy Medical Superintendent of the hospital, along with faculty from AIIMS Jammu, GMC Jammu, and AOI. Dr. Rohit Lahori, Interventional Pain and Palliative Care Specialist and Nodal Officer for NPPC (National Program for Palliative Care) Jammu Division, served as the Organizing Secretary.

The event was held in collaboration with the Indian Association of Palliative Care,



Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, MS Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar speaking at a programme.

underscoring the hospital's commitment to raising awareness

challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital continued to offer regular outpatient services for palliative care patients. Looking ahead, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar plans to expand its palliative care services to district hospitals, participate in research studies, and collaborate with national institutions. The hospital is also committed to raising awareness about palliative care through

community engagement initiatives, ensuring that more people understand the importance of compassionate care for patients facing life-limiting illnesses.

This year's World Hospice and Palliative Care Day celebration served as a reminder of the progress made in the field of palliative care and the work that still lies ahead in ensuring that every patient in need has access to quality care.