

# JKTJAC congratulates elected representatives of JK UT, hopes resolution of issues by new Govt

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) organised a Press Conference at Jammu under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma wherein senior leaders of JKTJAC participated.

While speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma on behalf of JKTJAC congratulated all the newly elected 90 representatives of Jammu Kashmir Legislative Assembly. He wished them heartiest Congratulations.

He also congratulated the newly formed Government of Jammu and Kashmir headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Sahib and his council of ministers. He also welcomed Sakina Itoo as Education minister.



JKTJAC President Vinod Sharma addressing press conference.

He said that after a gap of more than 5 years elected government has been formed which is a matter of pride for the people of Jammu and Kashmir in general and employees in particular.

He hoped that the new government will come up to the expectations of the employees and resolve their issues amicably.

On the occasion he also raised the burning issues

of the teaching fraternity particularly teachers appointed under ReT scheme. He hoped that Govt. will get implemented the Govt order No. 469 edu of 2014 Dated 25.06.2014 regarding inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority and provision of transfer policy for Regularised ReT teachers.

He also raised another genuine issue of employees of the UT that NPS be

scrapped and OPS be implemented in favour of all employees appointed on or after 01.01.2010.

He said that Chief Minister has assured in his election manifesto to implement OPS and they are hopeful of getting it resolved.

Sharma on the occasion also appealed the government to revoke the order No 226(2) regarding retiring government employees

forcefully which is anti employee.

On the occasion a unanimous appeal was made to the government to redress issues of the teaching fraternity.

Those who were present on the occasion included: Surjit Chib, Rajesh Jamwal, Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Subhash Chander, Khazan Singh, Mahesh Kumar, Lekh Raj Prihar, Ravinder Manhas, Sajjad Malik, Balwan Singh, Harlal Nag, Inderjeet Singh, Ashiq Jaral, Naseer Ahmed, Mohd Rafi, Shamsher Singh, Pawan Sharma, Ashish Gandotra, Lal Singh, Ghanshyam Sawhani, John Mohd, Kulbeer Singh, Rajit Singh, Sandeep Singh, Hem Raj, Mohinder Partap Singh, Ashwani and others.

# Students from Kargil call on LG



Students meeting LG Brigadier Dr BD Mishra.

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LEH: A group of students selected from various schools in Kargil district called on the Lieutenant Governor Brigadier [Dr] BD Mishra [Retd]. They are set to embark on a unique opportunity to receive horse riding and polo training with the prestigious President's Bodyguard in Delhi. The students were given a send-off by the HLG at his residence.

Secretary of Youth Services and Sports, Vikram Singh Malik, IAS; First Lady, Neelam Mishra and other concerned officials were present during the meeting.

The HLG emphasised his commitment to promoting sports among female students. He encouraged the students to make the most of this invaluable opportunity and excel in their training. Assuring the students of all necessary facilities, including food and lodging, the HLG also advised them to conduct themselves with discipline and decorum.

Secretary YSS, Vikram Singh Malik, echoed the HLG's sentiments, reminding the stu-

dents that they were representing Ladakh. He urged them to maintain good discipline and make the most of the training provided by the President's Bodyguard, a renowned and highly respected regiment.

The students, selected based on their interest and aptitude, are expected to return to Ladakh with enhanced skills and a deeper appreciation for the sport. This initiative is a testament to the HLG's dedication to promoting sports and providing opportunities for the youth of Ladakh.

# Tashi Gyalson meets Shah, discusses important issues of Ladakh



Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC Leh calling on Union Home Minister, Amit Shah at New Delhi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

LEH: Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC Leh called on Union Home Minister, Amit Shah on Sunday at his residence in Delhi. During the meeting, CEC Gyalson expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Home Minister for the recent establishment of five new districts in Ladakh, which he described as a significant step towards enhancing local governance and development in the region. Additionally, CEC requested for a suitable date for dialogue, and also discussed various important issues pertaining to Ladakh, including the urgent need for the recruitment of Gazetted posts and the resolution of various administrative service challenges.

Home Minister Amit Shah assured CEC Gyalson that these concerns would be addressed promptly and effectively.

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JAMMU: Amar Mahal Museum & Hari Tara Charitable Trust paid homage to Maharaja Gulab Singh, the founder of the erstwhile princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, on the eve of his birth anniversary i.e., October 21, at his statue in the serene lawns of Amar Mahal Palace, Jammu.

The celebration was led by Rajkumar Martand Singh along with the staff of Amar Mahal Museum and members of the Trust lit the lamps in front of Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji's statue.



Trust members paying homage to Maharaja Gulab Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajkumar Martand Singh highlighted the exceptional leadership and vision of Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji, who is remembered for laying the foundation of a strong and unified Dogra state. He emphasized how

the Maharaja's efforts not only brought together various regions under one rule but also promoted peace, stability, and development during his reign. He pointed out that the principles and values upheld by Maharaja Gulab Singh continue to resonate even today, reminding everyone

of the rich history and culture that the Dogra dynasty established.

He further stressed the importance of preserving the cultural heritage and historical legacy associated with the Dogra rulers, stating that it is the responsibility of the present generation to ensure

that the traditions, values, and history of the region are remembered and cherished.

"Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji was a visionary leader whose contributions were pivotal in shaping the history of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. It is essential to keep his legacy alive by educating future generations about the rich cultural past that he helped create," Rajkumar Martand added.

The event underscored the commitment of Amar Mahal Museum & Hari Tara Charitable Trust to uphold and promote the rich cultural traditions of the region.

# Internship program for MLIB students concludes at JU

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Dhanvantri Library, University of Jammu, successfully concluded a month-long internship program designed for Master of Library and Information Science (MLIB) students from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu. This intensive program aimed to provide participants with hands-on experience in key areas of library operations.

The training focused on various essential modules, including Acquisition Module, Circulation Module, Periodical



Students along with faculty members during the programme.

Module, Database Creation and Weeding Process.

Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi, In-Charge Librarian, distributed certificates to the interns at the closing cere-

mony. Expressing his satisfaction with the program's outcome, Dr. Sahi commended the library staff for imparting invaluable knowledge to the students,

enabling them to deliver effective user services in today's digital landscape.

The event was attended by senior functionaries of the Jammu University

Library system, including Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Librarian, Nimmi Suri, Azmit Begum, Jasjeet Singh, Neelam Bhagat, Babita Jamwal, Venu, and Diksha, all of whom contributed to the successful execution of the program.

The internship was organized under the supervision of Dr. Anita Sachar, Senior Assistant Librarian and Convenor, Department Liaisoning Committee.

This initiative demonstrates the Dhanvantri Library's commitment to nurturing future library professionals and promoting excellence in library services.

# Apna Vihar Colony ceremonies Karwa Chauth

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Ladies/Residents of Apna Vihar Colony Kunjwani Jammu ceremonised Karwa Chauth Festival in residential park of Apna Vihar Colony Kunjwani Jammu.

Katha of Festival was narrated by Renowned Madom of colony Madom mother in law of Sonia & Mother of Rmi a leading Businessman.

Festival started after Performing puja and then exchange thali of dry fruit and illumination of jyoti in it. It is learnt that the Festival is



Women performing rituals.

ceremonised in the well being of their husbands.

# Centre must restore Statehood to J&K as promised: Rattan Lal Gupta

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has called upon the Centre to fulfill its promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasized that the aspirations of the people must be respected, and the government should act in line with the sentiments prevailing across the region.

In a statement issued here today, the senior NC leader reminded that the resolution to restore statehood was adopted in the first Cabinet meeting of the Omar Abdullah-led government, reflecting the enduring commitment of JKNC to protect the dignity and rights of the people.

He highlighted that even the Lieutenant Governor of J&K has cleared the same resolution passed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's cabinet urging the Centre to restore the statehood of the Union Territory.

"The BJP government's decision to bifurcate the erstwhile princely state of J&K into two Union Territories was an unprecedented move that disregarded the historical, cultural, and political uniqueness of the region," he stated.

"On August 5, 2019, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured the Parliament that statehood would be restored to J&K. However, even after more

than five years, there has been no concrete step taken in this direction."

Rattan Lal Gupta pointed out that since the abrogation of Article 370, two major elections - the Lok Sabha elections and Assembly elections - have been conducted in J&K, but the promise of statehood remains unfulfilled. "It is imperative that the Centre moves beyond assurances and takes concrete steps to restore the statehood of J&K, as this is not just a political issue but a matter that touches the hearts and emotions of the people," he said.

Rattan Lal Gupta urged the Centre to treat the restoration of statehood as a priority. He stated, "This is an appropriate time to restore statehood to J&K."

It is not just about governance; it is about restoring the pride and dignity of the people who have been consistently demanding their rightful status. The Centre must honor the commitments it made on the floor of the Parliament."

The Provincial President further emphasized that restoring statehood would help address the issues of political alienation and economic stagnation, paving the way for peace, progress, and prosperity in the region.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve a dignified political status, and it is the responsibility of the government to fulfill the promises it made," he added.

# Natrang stages Hindi play Miss World Undeclared



A scene from the play.

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JAMMU: The play 'Miss World Undeclared' presented at Natrang Studio unfolds the sad saga of all the those people, particularly Asians who reside in the developed European Countries and are subject to racial discrimination and hatred from the natives as they think their resources are shared and reduced by them. This was showed

from the point of view of a school going girl, 'Noorie' who was regularly bullied by her classmates who have fair complexion. They tease her for not being as beautiful as them to the extent that she decides to discontinue her education. But her mother, a very wise lady makes her realize that the criteria for being beautiful is not being fair or having external beauty, the real

Natrang's young artists who presented a remarkable performance included Vrinda Gujral, Mehak Chib, Priyank Ashok Gupta and Lalita Sharma. Lights were designed and operated by Neeraj Kant whereas the music was scored by Kushal Bhat. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

beauty is internal beauty and anyone with good heart and calm mind is much more beautiful than those people who are just externally good looking. Motivated by her mother, she goes to the school and comes back very happy as on that day the result of Miss World pageant gets declared and the winner was an Indian girl. The play ends with a positive and inspirational note that "it does not matter how we look but it really matters what we are" and that is the key to real and eternal happiness.

# Karwa Chauth festival, a symbol of unity and devotion: Rekha Mahajan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A women's weekend commenced in Jammu, and people came together to celebrate festive fusion "Karwa Chauth and Diwali Utsav" at venue Amar Singh Club in Jammu. The event was graced by the chief guest on the occasion, BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan. Event was organised by Amar Singh Club Secretary Anil Kapali and executive committee members namely Ritika Mahajan, Renu Nanda, Deepali Handa, Shikha Gupta.

Rekha Mahajan, a prominent leader, came together to celebrate the Karwa Chauth Utsav in a grand and extravagant manner. The grand event featured a wide range of festive dresses, jewelry, handmade bangles, wedding trousseau packing, handbags, clutches, and other attractive items. Hundreds of women and young girls were seen shopping in their festive attire, adding to the festive atmosphere. The grand event featured a wide range of festive dresses, jewelry, handmade bangles, wedding trousseau packing, handbags, clutches, and other attractive items. Hundreds of women and young girls were seen shopping in their festive attire, adding to the festive atmosphere. Rekha Mahajan highlighted the connection between the event and



BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan and other women during the Fest.

traditional rituals. She praised women for embodying values such as ethics, loyalty, decisiveness, and leadership in various aspects of life. Rekha emphasized that Indian culture and traditions encourage women to contribute to the nation's development under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi. The event aimed to empower and celebrate women's contributions to society. Rekha expressed, "We're proud to provide a platform for women to come together, shop, and enjoy the festive spirit."

# Shiv Sena demands cow protection law, complete ban on smuggling

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has demanded from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to respect the sentiments of Hindus of Jammu-Kashmir, bring cow protection law and issue orders for strict legal action under PSA against smugglers.

During a program organized today in the party's state central office, Sahni praised the Omar government for passing the proposal of restoration of state status in the first cabinet



Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir President Manish Sahni briefing media.

meeting and the approval of the Lieutenant Governor. Sahni has demanded from the Omar government to respect

the religious sentiments of Hindus, bring cow protection law in Jammu-Kashmir and take strict legal action under

strict law like PSA to put a complete stop on cow smuggling incidents. Citing the clash between cow smugglers

and local people in Bishmah of Jammu yesterday, Sahni said that the incidents of cow smuggling are increasing day by day which is also creating a rift in mutual brotherhood. Sahni said that in Hinduism, cow has been given the status of mother. Sahni has announced his full support to the campaign of

Jyotishpeethadiswar Shankaracharya Swami Shri Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati to declare cow as the mother of the nation and

impose a complete ban on cow slaughter. Sahni has also demanded from the Jammu and Kashmir government to give the status of mother of the nation.

Sahni said that during the Dogra rule, cow slaughter was banned in Jammu and Kashmir. Violation of this rule was severely punished. After the implementation of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act-2019 in the state, it was freed from the category of crime.