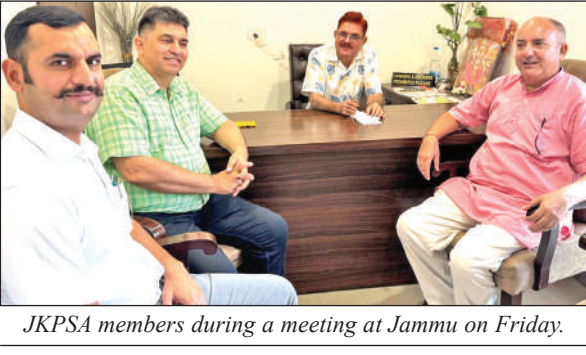


# JKPSA expresses concern over delay in fixation and regulation of fee of private schools by FFRC

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To discuss a serious issue pertaining to the delay in fixation and regulation of fee of private schools by the FFRC, a meeting was held here on Friday.

Members present in the meeting which included Deepak Handa (Sr. Vice President), Ajay Singh (Vice President) and Gaurav Charak (Publicity Secretary) respectively discussed with the President of the association Ajay Gupta that since March 26, 2024 to till date committee for the fixation and regulation of fee of private schools has



JKPSA members during a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

failed to dispose off more than 433 cases of private schools which had applied for the review, enhancement, regulation or fixation of fees. It was

also highlighted that private schools had deposited processing fee @3000/-, 6000/- and 10,000/- respectively in the J&K Bank, in current account

0110010200001020 favouring Chairman FFRC for regulation and fixation of fee. Mystery for not approving the fee even after collecting processing fee in lakhs has laid a big question mark, they added. President of the association, Ajay Gupta briefed the members that matter regarding the delay for the disposal of files had been brought in the notice of the officials sitting at the helm. He appealed to the government to fix the upper limit of fee so that schools authorities can charge the fee from the parents in accordance to the paying capacity, topogra-

phy and geographical conditions of that particular area. An order in accordance to the sub-section (2) of section 20 (C) of School Education Act 2002 of delegation of powers on the behest of Chairperson FFRC was also demanded so that he can only regulate the fee of all such small schools which will fix the fee of their schools in the primitive limits fixed by the government for the disposal of all pending files quickly and in the time bound manner with a provision to impose penalties to all such officials who follow delay tactics for the disposal of files.

# PMBI, IRCS Delhi sign MoU to provide high-quality Jan Aushadhi medicines

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

New Delhi: Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) and Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the PMBI Head Office in New Delhi.

The agreement was signed between Ajay Gupta, District Magistrate, South East Delhi and Hony Secretary IRCS Delhi Branch and Ravi Dadhich, CEO, PMBI. The objective of this



Ajay Gupta, Hony Secretary IRCS Delhi Branch and Ravi Dadhich, CEO, PMBI after signing MoU.

MoU is to provide high-quality Jan Aushadhi medicines to IRCS Delhi hospital.

# Shiv Sena demands cancellation of cricket tournament, Sheikh Hasina's way out

## Condemns vandalism of Hindu religious places in Bangladesh during Navratras



Shiv Sena (UBT) national organizer Ashok Tiwari talking to reporters at Jammu on Friday.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders have strongly reacted to the incidents of vandalism and looting of Hindu religious places in Bangladesh during Holy Navratras and have demanded cancellation of the ongoing cricket series with Bangladesh and Sheikh Hasina's way out of India.

Party national organizer Ashok Tiwari and state chief Manish Sahni jointly

addressed the media at the party's state central office. Ashok Tiwari has demanded the Modi government at the center to break its silence on the vandalism of Hindu religious places and atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh and put an end to all relations with Bangladesh including sports, trade and diplomatic.

At the same time, state chief Manish Sahni has demanded

the expulsion of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India. Sahni said that due to Sheikh Hasina's stay in India, the Hindus of Bangladesh are facing the wrath of the fundamentalist leaders of Bangladesh. Sahni said that Bangladesh is also following the footsteps of Pakistan.

He said that the party's National Yuva Sena Chief Aditya Thackeray has also demanded the cancellation of the ongoing cricket tournament with Bangladesh, saddened by the ongoing attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh. State Secretary Rajesh Jandial was also present on this occasion.

# SVMMC Hospital launches YAG Laser Treatment

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Under the exemplary leadership of Anil Gupta, President of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMMC) Hospital Ambphalla Jammu launches YAG laser treatment at Jammu, marking a significant milestone for the healthcare landscape in Jammu province.

This innovative treatment is being offered at affordable prices, reflecting the hospital's steadfast commitment to humanitarian service guided by the principle of "Nar Sewa, Narayan Sewa." Since its inception, the hospital has prioritized community welfare, focusing on providing accessible healthcare solutions to all. The launch event was attended by a distinguished



SVMMC Hospital launching YAG laser treatment.

committee members, including Amar Chand Gupta, Senior Vice President; B.B. Gupta, General Secretary; B.S. Jamwal, Secretary; Mohan Singh Chouhan, Treasurer; Subhash Chander Gupta, Member; Dr. Sachin Gupta, Member; Dr. Romesh Gupta, Administrator; S. Iqbal Deep Singh, Manager; and Ashish Dutta, Incharge of

Social Media.

Senior Consultant Eye SVMMC Dr. Suruchi Gupta, M.B.B.S, M.S., and former Senior Resident at PGI Chandigarh, emphasized the critical role of YAG laser treatment in ophthalmology during the event. She explained, "YAG laser capsulotomy is an essential procedure aimed at improving visual clarity

following cataract surgery. In certain instances, patients may experience a resurgence of blurry vision months or even years after surgery, necessitating this procedure to restore clear sight."

The advantages of YAG laser treatment are numerous; its minimally invasive nature reduces the risks associated with surgical interventions, requiring no overnight hospital stay. Patients can undergo the procedure and return home the same day.

During the launch event, Anil Gupta, President of the hospital, emphasized the institution's core values and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the medical staff and committee members for their dedicated support. He stated, "Our mission has

always been to serve those in need

The recent introduction of YAG laser treatment at Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital in Jammu marks a significant advancement in addressing post-cataract surgery complications, greatly enhancing the quality of life for numerous patients in the region.

For those seeking more information about YAG laser treatment or looking to schedule an appointment, the hospital is fully equipped to assist. With this latest advancement, Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital stands ready to serve the community, ensuring that everyone has access to the quality medical care they deserve.

# Kavinder slams Pakistan for hosting wanted Islamic preacher Zakir Naik

## Urges International community to hold Pakistan accountable for sheltering, promoting redical elements

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Kavinder Gupta, strongly criticized Pakistan for giving a grand red carpet welcome to the controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, who is wanted in India on charges of money laundering and delivering hate speeches.

In a statement issued here today, Kavinder Gupta expressed outrage over Pakistan's decision to host Naik and allow him to deliver public lectures in multiple cities. He condemned the gesture as a deliberate affront to India's legal efforts to bring the fugitive preacher to justice and a move that encourages radical elements.

"Pakistan's grand welcome to Zakir Naik is both shameful and dangerous. It sends a clear message that Pakistan is willing to embrace individuals who promote division and extremism, despite Naik's proven record of inciting hatred," he stated. He emphasized that providing a platform to someone like Naik not only jeopardizes regional peace but also highlights Pakistan's double standards on fighting terrorism. The senior BJP leader called upon the international community to take serious note of this development and urged them to support India's efforts in bringing Naik to justice. He further stated that "India will not stand by as Pakistan glorifies a man who promotes violence under the guise of religion. We demand swift diplomatic action to hold Pakistan accountable for sheltering and promoting such figures."

Kavinder Gupta reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to ensuring the security and harmony of India, condemning all attempts to undermine peace by harboring individuals who spread communal hatred. He urged the government to intensify its diplomatic pressure on Pakistan to extradite Naik and prevent the spread of extremism in the region.

# ARSH NGO serves students and inmates of Deaf and Dumb School



ARSH NGO members donating stationery items and edibles to students.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Members of ARSH NGO recently donated stationery items and edibles to the students of the Deaf and Dumb School. This commendable initiative was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, the State Yoga Commissioner, Chairman of the Indian Yoga Association, and President of Vichar Kranti Manch International. The event was organized by Shikha, President of ARSH, with the support of executive members, including Arun Patil, Sheetal, Aashu, and Modhni.

During the event, Dr. Jain shared valuable insights on serving the deaf and dumb community. He praised ARSH NGO for its ongoing commitment

to supporting differently-abled individuals and emphasized the importance of compassion and sensitivity in these efforts. Dr. Jain outlined key guidelines for enhancing positive interactions within the community, urging participants to focus on visual communication, provide written instructions, maintain patience and empathy, and use inclusive and empowering language. The event also highlighted the dedication of the young members of ARSH NGO, acknowledging their act of kindness. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed towards the organization and its members for their contributions to the welfare of the differently-abled. Their consistent support-whether aiding children

battling cancer, assisting blind students, or uplifting the deaf community-demonstrates a noble commitment to inclusivity and empathy. Roshan Lal Bhan, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb School, along with Kewal Krishan from the Samaj Kalyan Kendra, expressed their sincere appreciation for the support. The presence of Shubhchander Jain, a prominent social activist from Bangalore, as a special invitee, added significance to the occasion. Bhan concluded the event with a formal vote of thanks, highlighting the positive impact of ARSH NGO's work, which not only provides material support but also fosters a spirit of unity and understanding within the community.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Tarun Uppal, Chairperson of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation along with Spiritual leader Pawan Baba, Manik Uppal (Chairman, SWH) and Diyanish Baba on Friday released a devotional video song 'Sun Meri Maa'.

The Bhajan album sung by Anil Kalotra was also released on YouTube Channel of Anil Kalotra official.

Speaking on the occasion, Uppal said that the compositions in the album capture the essence of the mystic devotion of Chandi Maa and will mesmerise the listeners with its devotional depth and melody.

He appealed to the Union Territory administration to create opportunities for the budding talent of Jammu and Kashmir.

Tarun Uppal emphasised



Chairperson NBF and others releasing devotional song.

that young artists merit significant support from organizations dedicated to the promotion of art and culture, in addition to electronic media.

He stated, "Young artists should receive encouragement through suitable opportunities that allow them to display their talents on a larger platform," urging Anil Kalotra to set ambitious goals and pursue excellence.

Uppal noted that the Union Territory is rich in talent; however, it requires skilled guidance for proper identification and refinement.

He expressed hope that the album would motivate emerging artists within the UT to uncover their latent abilities and carve out their place in society.

"The government must create opportunities for these youth so their talent is channelised properly," said Uppal.

He congratulated whole team comprised of Thakur MM Singh, Lamberdar Gharu Ram Kalotra, Kumar Arjun, Bunty Shah and others.

# MJR-47 demands election for nomination of assembly member for POJK DPs of 1947

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government of India has made provisions for the nomination of two assembly seats for Kashmiri migrants and one assembly seat for POJK Displaced Persons (DPs) in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, based on the recommendations of the Delimitation Commission.

However, the Commission allocated two seats for Kashmiri migrants, whose population is merely 1.56 lakh, while offering only one seat for the POJK DPs, who

number around 16 lakh.

This decision is seen as inadequate and merely symbolic, failing to represent the true size and needs of the POJK DP community.

MJR-47 argued that the nomination process undermines the democratic principle of electing representatives. They emphasize that the selection of the representative for POJK DPs should be conducted through an electoral process, as outlined in the Representation of Peoples Act. This approach would ensure that the repre-

sentatives are chosen by the community members themselves, allowing for genuine representation. Furthermore, they propose that the same electoral process should apply to the two assembly seats designated for Kashmiri migrants.

The organization underscores the historical significance of POJK DPs, who played a crucial role in defending Jammu and Kashmir during the 1947 conflict, suffering immense losses and hardships. MJR-47 contends that their contri-

butions have not been properly acknowledged by the government, which has limited their representation to a single nominated seat. They have repeatedly urged the Government of India to grant a more adequate number of assembly seats, suggesting that at least 8 to 10 seats should be allocated to rectify the political imbalance between the provinces of Jammu and Kashmir.

MJR-47 argued that sufficient representation for POJK DPs would contribute to political stability in the

region and has highlighted the lack of engagement from the government on this issue. They call for open elections to determine the representative for the nominated seat, asserting that without this democratic process, even the allocation of one seat will be rendered ineffective.

J.S. Sudan, Convener of MJR-47, emphasized the need for the government to take these concerns seriously and engage in proper deliberation regarding the representation of POJK DPs in the assembly.

# JU organises Gender Sensitization workshop



JU faculty and students posing for a photograph after workshop.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu on Friday organized Gender Sensitization workshop for the Students and scholars of the Department of Botany, University of Jammu.

Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, was the resource person. She spoke

on the theme: "Gender Sensitization and Gender Equality: An overview". Through her presentation she explained the concept of Sex and Gender and further elaborated on the concept of different Gender Roles and Stereotypes. She also explained the concept of Patriarchy and said how patriarchy leads to various issues related to women's issues like: Domestic Violence, Harassment, Dowry Deaths, etc. While interacting with the participants, she also explained the different forms of violence and harassment that women face in their day-to-day life.

Prof. Susheel Verma, Head, Department of Botany, spoke about the importance of such workshop and applauded the efforts of the Centre. While explaining the importance of this workshop, he also shared his personal experiences to make the participants understand the importance of gender socialisation and said how we can bring change in the patriarchal

mindset with a small gesture of work sharing at home. Dr. Saranjit Kaur, faculty, Centre for Women's Studies explained the workings of the Centre. Further, she described the importance of conducting such workshops and threw light on the efforts taken by the Centre to create gender awareness among on-campus students and scholars of the University. Prof. Namrata Sharma, Faculty, Department of Botany, also shared her personal experiences.

Kinznang Angmo conducted the program and Dr. Saranjit Kaur presented the formal vote of thanks. Dr. Skarna Nonzom, faculty, Department of Botany coordinated the program.

A large number of students, scholars and faculty members from the Department of Botany very enthusiastically participated in the workshop. Among others who were present were Prof. Vennu Kaul, Dr. Geeta, Associate Professor and Dr. Skarna Nonzom.

# JU Law School students gain perspectives on Cure, Care and Correction during Jail visit

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Students of The Law School gained first-hand experience of prison administration and issues surrounding crime, punishment and rehabilitation during a visit to District Jail Ambphalla, Jammu.

The contingent, comprising eighty-two eager participants, was accompanied by faculty members Dr. Monica Narang (Coordinator), Dr. Renu Jamwal, Dr. Upasana Sharma, and Dr. Vandita Sharma.

This visit aimed to provide budding lawyers with an authentic understanding of the criminal justice system. The students engaged enthusiastically with both prison officials and inmates for over five hours. Two liaison officers offered valuable insights into the history and significant aspects of prison administration, guiding the stu-



JU Law School students and faculty during visit to District Jail Ambphalla, Jammu.

dents through various facilities, including prison cells, the kitchen, bakery, and more.

A particularly impactful moment was when students visited the gallows, a poignant reminder of the gravity of capital punishment. The visit highlighted the prison's role not just as a place of confinement, but as an institution focused on reformation. The Prison Administrative Authorities

have implemented vocational training programs, offering skills in carpentry, tailoring, book-binding, candle making, and embroidery. Students were also impressed by the artwork created by inmates, which reflected their concerns about the environment and local heritage. Additionally, the group explored the prison hospital and counselling center; observing the healthcare facilities

available to inmates. The prison houses a legal aid clinic that provides free legal assistance to deserving cases. The students assured the authorities of their commitment to contribute to this initiative.

This visit proved to be an invaluable educational experience, igniting the spirits of our students as they recognized the challenges faced by both officers and inmates. A memorable aspect of the day was a recreational program conducted by under trial prisoners, showcasing the prison's rehabilitative approach. The entire visit was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Director, The Law School, with support from Superintendent Harish Kotwal and the dedicated staff of the jail. This initiative not only enriched the students' understanding but also reinforced the importance of compassion and reform in the justice system.