

STATE TIMES and RD & Kishore Fan Club organize Live Music Concert "Kishore Forever"



Founder of RD and Kishore Club and singer, Sunil Sharma performing at the "Kishore Forever" a Live Music Concert at the auditorium of JK Public School, Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: Old musical tracks of the legendary singer of Bollywood Kishore Kumar and musician R.D Burman spread its charm once again in a musical afternoon on Saturday.

The "Kishore Forever" a Live Music Concert was organized by STATE TIMES & RD & Kishore Fan Club even more memorable with the performance by a noted singer and composer Sunil Sharma, whose

voice bears a close resemblance to that of the legendary singer.

A musical concert in the memory of Kishore Kumar was organised at the auditorium of JK Public School, Kunjwani. Notably, Kishore Kumar is known to be one of the most versatile singer and actor of the eighties. During his career, he had created various milestones and sang such tracks which are unforgettable even today.

The Jammu based musical

group, presented some of the melodious tracks of Kishore Kumar leaving the audience enthralled. The famous tracks by Kishore Da made the audience experience the old times once again in a live concert.

While talking about the show, Founder of RD and Kishore Club, Sunil Sharma said, "This is a show in the memory of the legendary playback singer Kishore Kumar to observe his birth anniversary which falls on

4th August."

Elaborating further, he said, "This concert is a tribute to one of the best singers and actors of Bollywood."

Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, was the Chief Guest while Editor-in-Chief State Times Raj Daluja, Raj Daluja Editor-in-Chief State Times, Ajay Anand Managing Director Nindia Mattress, Sr. Adv. Vikram Sharma (Ex. President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu),

were the Special Guests of Honour and Subash Nanda (Regional Market Head, Kamdhenu Paints) and Dr. Rohit Gupta (Sr. Leader Apni Party) were the Guests of Honour.

The programme featured some of the hit tracks of Kishore Kumar from his famous movies.

The Jammu music lovers, students of the school and the fans of Kishore Kumar took the pleasure of his melodious

tracks live on stage.

The singers who mesmerised the jam-packed audience with their melodious voices.

Appreciating efforts of the organisers, Chief Guest and Guests of Honour said that musical concert is a novel concept and the club deserves special appreciation for the efforts.

Congratulating Sunil Sharma and his associates for organising such a memorable programme, Editor-in-

Chief State Times, Raj Daluja said that since the RD and Kishore Fan Club was established, it is working to keep Kishore Kumar alive in the hearts of people.

He also appreciated the efforts of club and hoped that such type of musical concert should also be organised in future.

The performers and the organisers were felicitated by the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour.

The music concert was

concluded with song sung by Sunil Sharma in the memory of freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle.

Organisers also presented mementoes to Chief Guest and Guests of Honour.

The event partners were Kamdhenu Paints Geetanjali Channi Himmat, Oscar Optician, Sun Shade Traders, Rd Agencies Channi Himmat, Aryan Saloon and Garland Gandhi Nagar.

Yudhvir Sethi starts Lane and Drain upgradation works in Ward No 10



MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi inaugurating upgradation works of lane and drain in Ward No. 10.

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JAMMU: MLA of Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, today inaugurated the upgradation works of a lane and drain in Ward No. 10, with an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 12 lakh.

The MLA was accompanied by former corporator and BJP Vice President Anil Masoom, and other community leaders. The MLA expressed his gratitude towards the dedicated officials of the Jammu

Municipal Corporation (JMC) for their cooperation in planning and executing the project.

The project aims to enhance sanitation, improve drainage facilities, and provide much-needed relief to residents of the area.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said, "This initiative is part of our continued commitment to improving civic infrastructure and ensuring that residents have access to basic amenities.

Proper sanitation and efficient drainage are essential for a healthy and hygienic environment, and this development will significantly benefit the local community."

"The success of such initiatives depends on coordination between elected representatives and administration. I am thankful to the JMC officials for their tireless efforts in making this project a reality," Sethi added.

The MLA also highlighted the importance of community involvement in maintaining infrastructure and urged residents to support ongoing civic improvement projects.

The upgradation works are expected to be completed in the coming months, transforming the lane and drain into a modern, efficient, and hygienic facility.

This development reflects the ongoing efforts of Yudhvir Sethi and the Jammu East constituency office to prioritize citizen welfare and sustainable urban infrastructure.

The residents expressed appreciation for the MLA's efforts in addressing long-standing civic issues in the area.

NMC urges release of DA instalment

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JAMMU: Stressing on the need for immediate release of pending instalment of 3 percent DA due since July, president of the National Mazdoor Conference (NMC), Subhash Shastri on Saturday appealed to JKUT LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to take immediate steps to release the same to employees and pensioners well before Diwali festival as the same have already been released by the Central Government as well as the states of Bihar and Rajasthan to its employees and pensioners.

Addressing a meeting of NMC workers here, Shastri stated that in view of the inbuilt provisions in the annual budget, there should not be any hitch for the UT Government in releasing it, more so when others States have already released the 3 percent DA instalment, adding that an early decision in this regard would be genuine measure to provide some relief to the employees and pensioners enabling them to celebrate the Diwali festival with guest and fervour, he added. However Shastri lauded the decision of the central government and the Governments of Bihar and Rajasthan in releasing the pending 3 percent DA.

Recalling recommendations of the Central 7th Pay Commission, Shastri said it also had recommendations that as soon as DA crosses more than 50 percent, the Centre is under an obligation to merge 50 percent DA into basic pay or pension. "As the DA has already touched 58 percent now, we request for early merger of 50 percent DA into basic pay/pension with retrospective effect," he added.

Referring to benefits given to UT Ladakh, he demanded that monthly amount for pensioners in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory be increased to Rs 1000, effective from April 1, 2020. Additional demands highlighted in the meeting including early announcement for the appointment of the chairman and others members of the 8th pay commission, regularization of the services of all daily rated workers under SRO 64, reducing the pension commutation period from 15 to 12 years and granting an additional increase in pension at the rate of 5, 10 and 15 percent after the pensioner complete 65, 70 and 75 years of age, respectively.

These demands, Shastri said, are vital welfare of the employees and retirees who have served the Nation diligently. He urged the government to consider them sympathetically and take prompt action to address the long standing concerns of the working class. Rajan Babu Khajuria, B.S. Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Anil Gupta, Ramesh Sharma, Girdhari Lal Bhagat, Vijay Bhagat, Shail Singh, Tersem Sharma, Sukhdev Singh, Tilak Raj Sharma, Subash Sharma, C.L. Dogra were also present on the occasion.

CCI raises traders' concerns over perishable goods delays with Traffic officials



President CCI, Arun Gupta speaking in a meeting.

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JAMMU: SSP Traffic Jammu Farooq Qaiser and SSP Traffic Rural Girdhari Lal Sharma visited the Chamber House and interacted with the members of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI), Jammu.

Welcoming the dignitaries, President CCI, Arun Gupta, stated that the meeting was convened to discuss the challenges in traffic movement during the recent heavy rains and flash floods.

He expressed concern that the movement of vehicles, especially those carrying perishable goods, was completely halted, resulting in significant losses to the trading community.

He acknowledged that after intervention, perishable item carriers were allowed to proceed, but the initial delays caused hardship to traders.

Gupta also pointed out that despite efforts by the depart-

ment, certain officers and personnel failed to manage the situation effectively, primarily due to a lack of clear directions.

He suggested that in such critical times, the department should consider involving NGOs and civil society members to manage traffic congestion more effectively.

Several members, including Sham Lal Langer, Surinder Singh Kala, Ashwani Sharma, and Deepak Gupta, President Federation Warehouse, echoed concerns regarding non-cooperation by some officials, although they appreciated the cooperation extended by SSP Traffic Jammu and SSP Traffic Rural. Responding to the concerns, both SSPs explained that the situation was unprecedented, and some disruptions were caused due to non-cooperation from drivers. They assured that they made

all efforts to prioritize the movement of vehicles carrying perishable goods, especially from Fruit Mandi, Sabzi Mandi, and Warehouse, and even offered to receive vehicle numbers via message for swift clearance in future emergencies.

Prominent attendees included Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President CCI, Rajeev Gupta Jr. Vice President CCI, Manish Gupta, Secretary General CCI, Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer CCI, Ashish Gupta, President Kanak Mandi Traders Association, Amit Goel, General Secretary Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association, Ravinder Sawhney, Rajinder Parshad, Krishnana Kutty, Varinder Kesar, Ajay Gupta, Sanjay Langer, Surinder Mahajan, Ajay Gupta, Abhinav Anand, Suraj Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Jatinder Wazir, Ajay Kohli and others.

Noor Exhibition-A festival of lights inaugurated at Jammu Women entrepreneurs reflect PM Modi's vision of empowerment: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Noor Exhibition-A Festival of Lights, organized by Ruchi Khare and Tannu Grover, was inaugurated today by Former Minister and Vice President BJP Priya Sethi and Dr. Ritu Singh, along with several other dignitaries.

The two-day exhibition brings together exhibitors from across India, showcasing a wide range of lifestyle, fashion, home décor, and festive collections ahead of the Diwali season. The event aims to promote women entrepreneurs and provide a vibrant platform for creative brands to connect with the people of Jammu.

Speaking at the inauguration Priya Sethi praised the initiative of organizers Ruchi Khare and Tannu Grover for bringing together women



Former Minister and Vice President BJP Priya Sethi with others at exhibition.

entrepreneurs and creative brands under one platform.

She said such exhibitions not only celebrate India's rich craftsmanship and festive spirit but also provide opportunities for local and national entrepreneurs to showcase their talent and connect with the people of Jammu.

She encouraged women to come forward in business and entrepreneurship, adding that events like this strengthen cultural bonds and contribute to economic empowerment.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his strong commitment to women empowerment, citing initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Stand Up India, Mudra Yojana, and Lakshmi Didi that have transformed the lives of women across the nation, she said adding that such platforms reflect Modi ji's vision of making women self-reliant and equal contributors to the economy.

She urged women entrepreneurs to take full benefit of

these schemes and continue their journey of growth, confidence, and leadership in society.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guests appreciated the efforts of the organizers for curating such a festive and colorful exhibition that celebrates craftsmanship, culture, and entrepreneurship.

The exhibition will remain open for visitors from 11 AM to 9 PM at Zone by The Park, Jammu, with free entry for all.

Inter-Dist Kho-Kho Tournament begins at Doda

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DODA: The much-awaited Inter-District Divisional Level Kho-Kho Tournament for Boys (All Age Groups) began on Saturday with zeal and sporting spirit at the Indoor Sports Stadium Doda. The event is being organized as per the approved annual sports calendar under the banner of the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K.

As many as 150 budding players from across Jammu Division districts have assembled to showcase their discipline, agility and competitive spirit.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Subedar Major Chain Singh, (International Shooter) who inspired the athletes with the mantra "Jeetega aur Seekhega" (One will win, the other will learn).

Sharing his journey from a humble village background to representing India at the



Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Sandeep Mehta starting tournament.

Olympics, he urged players to stay dedicated and focused. Addressing the gathering, Special Guest Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh appreciated the arrangements made for the event and encouraged the players to compete in true sportsmanship. He also commended the DYSSO Doda for excellent organization and hospitality for participants. Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Mehta, Guest of honour, also motivated the athletes, urging them to maintain discipline on and off the field.

The event began with the "Nasha Mukht Bharat" pledge affirming commitment to a drug-free society followed by the formal declaration of the opening of the tournament marking the start of an exciting sporting extravaganza. This mega sports festival is being held under the visionary leadership of Anuradha Gupta, Director General YSS J&K, whose dynamic guidance continues to inspire and empower the youth of the Union Territory.

The tournament has further gained momentum with the active support and Guidance

of Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director and the encouragement of District Development Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, a consistent promoter of youth-oriented activities in the district.

At the district level, the championship is being smoothly conducted under the supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Doda, Jaffar Haider Sheikh, whose tireless efforts for nurturing young talent have been widely lauded. Mr. Sheikh welcomed the dignitaries and extended best wishes to all participating teams.

Inter Dist Div level Kho-Kho tournament for Girls inaugurated

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KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua on Saturday organized a grand inaugural ceremony to kick off the Inter-District Divisional Level Kho-Kho Tournament for All Age Group Girls here at the Sports Stadium.

The event commenced with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship spirit, bringing together teams from across the districts of the Jammu Division to compete for top honours.



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Surinder Mohan Sharma was the Chief Guest, while District Project Officer, Kavita Kumar was the Guest of Honour.

Declaring the tournament open, the ADDC extended best wishes to all participating teams and encouraged them to play the game with full dedication and fair spirit. He remarked that "a

sportsperson is exceptionally different from others because sports build both physical strength and mental resilience," adding that "winning or losing doesn't matter, what matters is to play the game well and

with true spirit."

Earlier, District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Sunil Singh Sambyal, welcomed the guests, participants and officials. He briefed about the achievements and ongoing initiatives of the department aimed at promoting sports culture and nurturing young talent across the district.

The tournament will witness spirited matches over the coming days, culminating in a grand finale where the best-performing teams will be felicitated.

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DODA: In a powerful stride towards youth empowerment and community engagement, the Indian Army's 10 Rashtriya Rifles inaugurated a Girls Archery and Shooting Competition on Saturday at Doda under the banner of Operation Sadbhavana. The initiative aims to foster sportsmanship, discipline and confidence among young girls and boys in the region, while strengthening the bond between the Army and local communities. The opening ceremony was graced by Sub Major Chain Singh, the International Shooter and Olympian. His presence inspired the young participants and added prestige to the event. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm, pride and a shared commitment to nurturing future champions.

A total of 25 girls and 27 boys showcased their

talent and determination in the 10-meter Air Rifle shooting events. Speaking at the ceremony, Sub Major Chain Singh emphasized the transformative power of sports in shaping character and building unity. He lauded the Indian Army's 10 Rashtriya Rifles for creating inclusive platforms for youth development, especially for girls in remote areas. Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh also attended the event and appreciated the Army's efforts, thanking the 10 Rashtriya Rifles for this remarkable initiative.

This competition is part of the broader vision under Operation Sadbhavana to promote peace, progress and participation through constructive engagement. The Indian Army remains committed to uplifting local talent and providing opportunities that resonate with cultural pride and national spirit.