

## Healthy India Stronger India organises Diwali Milan



HISI Chairman, Hira Lal Abrol and students during Annual Diwali Milan programme at Raghunath Pura Jammu.

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JAMMU: Annual Diwali Milan is a special celebration that is regularly arranged by the Head Office of Healthy India Stronger India at Raghunath Pura Jammu.

It was an in house event where Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman, Healthy India Stronger India (HISI) was the Chief Guest.

The celebration started with lighting of traditional lamp, followed by Ganesh Puja and Aarti of Maha Lakshmi.

Chairman distributed sweets, certificates and

suits material to the students of HISI who performed this special Puja and praised Goddess Lakshmi by their Bhajans and dance performances.

While addressing the staff and students of Healthy India Stronger India, Hira Lal Abrol inspired them to celebrate this Diwali by lighting their residences with local hand-made diyas and by bursting eco-friendly crackers.

He encouraged the staff and students to exhibit a moral behaviour in their actions towards others

and to respect all beings, irrespective of their backgrounds.

This year's celebration was done with a limited gathering by following the COVID appropriate behaviour along with the members of the NGO, Dalbir Singh, Shammi Slatia, Rajkumar, Akhil Sharma, Ramneek Sharma, Darbar Singh and Vinay Sagar.

Students of the NGO were distributed sweets, woollen clothes, ladies suits. Healthy India, Stronger India is an NGO founded by its Chairman,

Hira Lal Abrol. This NGO is running a 'Free Training Centre' for skill development of needy and poor children from BPL families. The training center offers 3 months, free courses in Basic Computers; Cutting & Tailoring Classes; Beautician Course, Vocal Music, Dance as well as Free Library for the students. Nearly 3550 students have passed out, after successful completion of courses from this center and have been placed in various organizations.

## Sports play important role in personality development of youth: Team Jammu

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JAMMU: "Sports activities play an important role in personality development of youth," said Chairman Team Jammu while inaugurating a Mega Dangal with theme 'Say No To Drugs' organized at Government Middle School, Nardiwala in Akhnoor Tehsil.

Large number of spectators from different parts of Jammu, Samba, Udhampur and Kathua witnessed the Dangal and appreciated the bouts played and efforts of organizers for holding this mega wrestling event.

About 87 bouts in various categories having total money prizes worth 10 lakh were held. Two heavy bouts having money prizes worth Rs 1.5 lakh were the main show of the event and were respectively won by Wrestlers Sonu from Delhi and Wrestler Ghani from Malerkotla in Punjab.

In his address, Team Jammu chief, Zorawar Singh Jamwal appreciated the Dangal Committee especially



Team Jammu Chief, Zorawar Singh Jamwal introducing wrestlers of main bout.

its Chairman, DySP K D Bhagat, for arranging such mega Dangal.

He said Dangals played an important role in keeping the youth on the right track and away from drug abuse. He further suggested to promote wrestling among females as well, so that girl students can also shine and bring laurels for J&K in wrestling events.

Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal further rued that lack of proper sports policy in J&K due to which youth are unable to exhibit their caliber despite having capacity and talent.

He further said our the government should have a well planned policy for sports so that youth interested in sports can come from the ground level events.

Chairman, Dangal Committee, Nardiwala and DySP, K D Bhagat said such type of events revives our culture and are a beautiful example of communal harmony. Moreover such events also boost the natural talents of the people and keep them fit & healthy.

About 87 bouts were played and total bout money was 10 lakhs.

Prominent among others who witnessed the mega event included retd Head Master Surjeet Singh, Bodh Raj, Kasturi Lal, Suraj Parkash, Kaka Cement Store, Munir Hussain Gas Agency and Ashok Kumar Targah, Sarpanchs Shamsher Singh, Rashpal Sharma, Tarlok Chand Sharma, Ajeet Kumar, Rohit Sharma, Jagdish Sharma, Parshant Sharma, Devinder Singh, BDC Chairpersons, Smt Sushma Sharma, Sarpanch Nisha Malhotra and Naib Sarpanch, K.K Sharma.

## PVS takes out Chetna Yatra of Bhagwan Vishwakarma



District and Session Judge, Yashpal Bourny flagging off Shobha Yatra from Shakti Nagar, Jammu.

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JAMMU: On the eve of Vishwakarma Day, a Chetna Yatra of Lord Vishwakarma was taken out by Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha (PVS) in Jammu under the chairmanship of President Shashi Verma on Sunday.

The Shobha Yatra was flagged off by District and Session Judge Yashpal Bourny from Shakti Nagar Head Office.

Yatra passed through Bhagwati Nagar to Gandhi Nagar, Satwari before culminating at oldest and historical Vishwakarma Temple at Digiana.

A number of people from different parts of Jammu including children and women, participated in the Chetna Yatra.

A community Langer was also held after the Yatra by

President Gurumukh Singh. The organizing team included Vijay Kumar General Secretary, Jagdish Verma Joint Secretary, Rakesh Kumar Vice President, Sham Chagotra, besides the cooperation of other members of Sabha.

Prominent among others who walked along the Yatra include Kuldeep Verma Ex-Vice Chairman, Rashpal Venma-Ex-Vice Chairman, Rattan Lal Chagotra-Ex-President, Madan Lal Chalotra, Raj Kumar Tarkhan-Corporator, Charanjeet Singh (Bitta), Vinod Jaral Chief Organizer, Raj Kumar Vice President, Joginder Pal, Adv. Amarjeet Chagotra, Ashwani Angotra, Parshotam Kumar-Vice President and Shakti Nagar Sabha members.

## BJP organises 'Run for Unity' on Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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JAMMU: J&K BJP led by senior leaders organized "Run for Unity" Marathon on Sunday, the Birth Anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K Tarun Chugh along with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, former Minister & General Secretary Dr. Devinder Manyal, Spokesperson RS Pathania, former MLA Devender Rana, former Minister Surjit Salathia and other leaders led the Run from near Dr. Padma Sachdev Women's College, Gandhi Nagar which culminated at Central Park, Bahu Plaza. Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Arvind Gupta, Vinay Gupta, Munish Khajuria, Purnima Sharma, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Dev Jamwal, Sanjay Khanna, Ayodhya Gupta, Prem Gupta and others also participated



BJP leaders participating in Run for Unity.

in the "Run for Unity" programme. Tarun Chugh said that in order to give due respect to the architect of modern India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and recognition to his contribution, BJP celebrates his birthday day every year.

He said that Patel was denied due respect for decades together due to the reasons best known to those at helm of affairs at that time. But PM Modi is very particular about remembering the great contribution of Patel. He said that Sardar Patel could have handled J&K affairs in a better way if allowed by Pt. Nehru. But due to the wrong policies of Pt. Nehru, Jammu, Kashmir

and Ladakh had to suffer for seven decades. Raina stressed that today the dream of great leader has come to life. He said that we are proud to see the moment of complete unification of India and this is due to the dream visualized by Patel and conceptualized and materialized by present Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi.

Jugal Kishore said that today the shackles of the 70 long black years have been removed. He said that we have assembled here, to mark the day of birth of the man who unified the whole Nation with his efforts and we are to tell his soul that we accomplished his remaining task with dignity.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), J&K Regional Branch in partnership with Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad organized a one-day online Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on 'Integrated Sanitation and Waste Management' to provide a comprehensive understanding of the components covered under the SBM 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0.

Avny Lavasa, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation and CEO, Jammu Smart City in her inaugural address said that a combined strategy of creating awareness, sensitization and partnership can only bring in transformational change.

While urbanization is an inevitable reality, she informed that despite various structural and systematic challenges, Jammu Municipal Corporation has taken various innovative initiatives across the waste management supply chain. B R Sharma, Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his presidential remarks said that citizens, as an

important stakeholder, will have to play a pro-active role in ensuring waste reduction at source. He further said that the vision of Prime Minister can only be realized if we as a society believes in the philosophy that "cleanliness begins at home".

Dr. G N Qasba, Ex-Commissioner, SMC and Vice-Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his opening remarks flagged off various concerns like post disaster waste management, handling community level infectious disease waste management, integrated sanitation and waste management in rural and remote areas.

He further opined that innovative startups should be encouraged which can play a vital role in making our cities clean. Prof. V. Srinivas Chary, Director, ASCI while speaking on Urban sanitation explained the salient features of the recently launched SBM 2.0 and Amrut 2. and discussed about the mission objectives, outcomes and funding pattern and highlighted the benefits of fund allocation towards Jammu Kashmir. Dr. Y. Malini Reddy Professor, ASCI while dis-

cussing Urban sanitation in Jammu & Kashmir explained about the status of water sanitation and waste management situation in India briefly and later related it to the context of Jammu Kashmir.

She also spoke about Faecal Sludge and Septage Management and highlighted the national level programs, policies and guidelines talking about the importance of safe and sustainable sanitation in J&K.

Gyan Misra, Senior Advisor, Mosaic Advanced Solutions LLP while speaking on Solid Waste & Plastic Waste Management discussed various approaches for achieving integrated and inclusive sanitation. He highlighted the concepts like decentralized waste management, C&D waste management, social inclusion, capacity building and IEC activities for different stakeholders in the state.

The capacity building program was attended by over 50 senior officers, CEO and EO nominated by JMC and Urban Local Bodies in addition to members of IIPA.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary coordinated the theprogramme while Prof. Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary proposed the formal vote of thanks.

## Director IGCIC Balwant Thakur addresses 25 Nations

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PORT LOUIS: Balwant Thakur, the Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture (IGCIC) High Commission of India Mauritius on Sunday addressed 25 Nations as Chief Guest on a platform of World Hindi Secretariat (an organisation representing India, Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, and Nepal) Central Hindi Directorate,

Government of India and Global Hindi Family (a joint organisation of 25 countries) in the centenary celebrations of a prolific Mauritian Hindi writer Somdutt Bakhori.

Prominent Hindi scholars from across the globe participated in this historic literary symposia.

While addressing 25 nations globally, Balwant said that we all need to take pride in the fact

that Hindi is the 3rd most spoken language of the globe and has contributed immensely in taking India to the world.

Coming to Somdutt Bakhori whose Birth Centenary is being created by the literary world globally has been one of the pioneers of Hindi movement in Mauritius. He had the equal hold over poetry, prose and playwriting. As a writer of both Hindi and English languages

he has always been admitting that he wrote Hindi from the heart and English from the brain.

Striking this balance he published 18 different books in both the languages covering a wide spectrum of subjects ranging from travelogues, criticism, plays, poetry to government and governance.

This is heartening to note that Balwant Thakur within a period of four months has done tremendous diplomatic work aimed at strengthening cultural relations between India and Mauritius.

## Dogri Sanstha Jammu hails Govt's decision to rename college after Padma Sachdev

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu has very warmly and enthusiastically received the news that has appeared in a section of media that Government Degree college for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu will be named after the eminent Dogri poet and writer Padmashri Padma Sachdev. The president of Dogri Sanstha, Prof. Lalit Magotra, in a specially convened meeting of the Sanstha, while expressing his joy over the news, said that Padma Sachdev is an icon of Dogri literature and has made outstanding contribution towards the development, promotion and popularization of Dogri literature, not only in the region, but all over India and the world.

He also said that she has been a path breaker throughout her life and her being the first female

poet of Dogri at the tender age of 15-16 is a testimony to this fact. The other office bearers of the Sanstha remembered her contribution, especially, in getting Dogri songs sung by legendary Lata Mangeshkar, which is prominent milestone in popularizing Dogri poetry and Dogri literature.

Great appreciation was expressed for the efforts which Padma Sachdev made by translating Dogri works into Hindi and other languages. She was always considered an ambassador of Dogri wherever she visited.

Office bearers of Sanstha, on behalf of all members, expressed their thanks and gratitude to the government for giving appropriate and befitting recognition to a Dogri icon which is a matter of pride for Dogri writers in particular and Dogras in general.

## Bhagwan Krishan continues to be inspiration for all irrespective of religious affiliations: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: The 36th Varshik Utsav of Shree Krishna Mandir was held with great enthusiasm and religious fervour and gaiety at Janipur here on Sunday.

Yudhvir Sethi, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir Vice President was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The celebrations at the sanctum sanctorum of Shree Krishna Mandir Janipur commenced with the Pooja of Bhagwan Krishan performed with utmost devotion and sanctity by Shree Jugeshvar Mahatma amidst the large number of devotees present on the occasion.

The Pooja was followed by Dwaj Aarohan ceremony which was performed by the BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi along with Shree Jugeshvar Mahatma amidst devotees chanting Bhajans and slogans in praise of Lord Shree Krishna.

The main attraction of today's programme was the



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi being welcomed in Varshik Utsav.

renowned singer Rajiv Kumar joined by the temple committee members in performing the Kirtan that mesmerized the whole audience including the devotees who had come to pay obeisance at the feet of Lord Krishna at the sanctum sanctorum of this temple.

While addressing the gathering on the occasion Yudhvir Sethi impressed upon the need for following the teachings propagated by the religious scriptures so as to make the globe a peaceful place to live.

He said that Lord Krishna has been and shall continue to be an inspiration for the people across the globe irrespective of

their religious affiliations especially in view of the fact that he fought for the righteousness and the rights of the common people of his times.

He also stressed upon the people especially the youth to leave no stone unturned in maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood in the society at large. He also spoke on the rich culture and heritage of India that continues to attract people from across the world.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Ravish Mengi, Mandal President, Corporator Sunita Gupta besides many BJP workers.

## Dr Thappa expresses concern over miserable condition of Red Cross Sarai, urges LG to replace Honorary Secretary

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JAMMU: Expressing grave concern on deteriorated condition of Red Cross Sarai located at Resham Ghar Chowk Jammu, Dr Rajinder Thappa, a leader of Aam Aadmi Party urged the LG to intervene into the matter for improving condition of the facility at the earliest besides changing the Honorary Secretary of Red Cross Society, Jammu.

In a press statement issued here after visiting the Sarai, Dr Thappa said that the facility was built to provide necessary support and accommodation facility to attendants of patients, belonging to far off areas, whose loved-ones are under-treatment at GMC Jammu or other hospitals, but it is really a matter of concern that the facility is not meeting the



objective, for which it was constructed, due to callous attitude to Red Cross authorities. Highlighting the miserable state of Sahai, Dr Rajinder Thappa said that attendants were forced to live in unhygienic conditions in Sarai as there is no cleanliness. "Walls and others areas are dirty, fans are lying defunct, bed-sheets are damaged and lift is not operational for last more than one

& half year. The condition of bathrooms is so pathetic that it has become a source of spreading infections," he asserted. Dr Thappa further said that attendants and patients, residing in Sarai, are being served only once in 24 hours and even the quality of food is not upto the mark, thereby causing a number of hardships to poor people. The 2nd and 3rd floors are being used as stores by the

Government Medical College administration causing shortage in accommodation for patients and attendants, further adding to woes of suffering people, as the people who reside in Sarai are mostly from poor sections of society and not able to afford costly accommodations in Hotels or lodges for their stay. Looking at the present condition of the Sarai, Dr Thappa urged LG to direct concerned authorities for changing the Honorary Secretary of Red Cross Society, Jammu, as he has failed to perform his duties efficiently.

He further requested for initiating necessary measures to improve the condition of the facility at the earliest, for the overall welfare of patients and their attendants, especially from remote and far-off areas of Jammu.

## Counterfeiting, circulation of fake currency severely detrimental to economy: Court

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JAMMU: The Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class (Sub-Judge), Jammu, Renu Dogra Gupta on Saturday rejected the bail application of an accused accused in a case FIR No: 237/2021 registered at Police Station (PS) Satwari for the commission of offence U/s 489-A/489-C/IPC.

The application filed in the Court to grant bail to accused Amarpreet Singh son of Joginder Singh resident of Sector - 2, Upper Gadi Garh, Jammu through Advocate Pawan K Kundal rejected by the Court by stating, 'Counterfeiting fake currency and its circulation is severely detrimental to the economy and hampers the financial regulations of the country. The accused seems to be part of a well organized syndicate involved in printing, procuring, circulating fake Indian currency notes.'

The Court order reads, the offences alleged against the accused are very serious and heinous in nature and investigation is still at its infancy stage. Prima facie accused is involved in dealing in fake Indian currency notes and in view of the gravity of the offence accused is not entitled for bail.