

UJAA holds first Annual General Body Meeting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: University of Jammu Alumni Association (UJAA) organized its first Annual General Body Meeting at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

Patron UJAA, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor was the Chief Guest, who said that the association should be proactive and involve alumni in programme based certificate and diploma courses.

He was of the view that alumni can transform any institution and JU has a long way to move in this direction.

While complimenting the efforts of the UJAA team, he said that JU has distinguished alumni at position of importance in diverse fields and they can bring about transformational change in the education in line with NEP 2020.

Prof. Prakash Antahal, President UJAA shared that association is now registered society under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

He further said that despite being a young association it has been able to create diverse linkages, make its presence felt



University of Jammu Alumni Association members after first Annual General Body Meeting at JU.

through social media, engage with international alumni and expand the member base.

During the meeting, results of the elections were also announced by Prof. K S Charak, who acted as the Presiding officer and conducted the process of elections impartially and objectively in a structured and time bound manner. Dr. Harish Chander & Dr. Pritam Singh acted as the returning officer.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Dr. Arun Arora, Dr. Vikram Gulati were elected as Executive Members who joined along with the nominated members Indu Kanwal

Chib, Ajay Wali and Manohar Lal. Dr. Sanjeev Rana was elected as Vice-President, Dr. Shailu Sharma was elected as Joint-Secretary and Aman Talla as Publicity Secretary.

Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, President, JUTA and Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Dean Student Placements are the ex-officio members of UJAA.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Secretary, UJAA presented the annual report and shared that the association has grown to over 200 Life Members and has also initiated the Global Mentoring Program with the International Alumni of the University.

Dr. Garima Gupta, Treasurer, UJAA presented the audited financial report for FY 21-22.

Dr. Suvidha Khanna, Life Member & Faculty Coordinator (UJAA) conducted the proceedings of the function. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. A R Manhas, Dr. Hema Gandotra, Dr. Jasbir Singh, Dr. Bindu Sangra, Mansi Mantoo (Nodal Officer, UJAA), Capt. S R Dubey, Sumit Sharma, Ifra Kak, Balwant Sathia, Kulbhushan Thakur, Yash Paul, Sunny Singh Rajput, Pooja Sapra, Iqbal Kour and Naresh Dhingra.

PGCIL bestowed International Award for CSR

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power; Govt. of India has been conferred the "CSR World Leader 2022" Award at a carbon-neutral presentation ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, Palace of Westminster, London on November 21, 2022.

The award was received by V.K. Singh, Director (Personnel).

The honor was bestowed upon PGCIL in appreciation of its commitment to a successful Corporate Social Responsibility programme that has its credentials as a company that cares about its community, colleagues, clients, suppliers and the environment.

PGCIL is the only Indian entity to have been honored with this international recognition competing against 500 Global nominees.

Earlier, on May 30, 2022 PGCIL was honored with International CSR Excellence Award 2022 at The Waldorf, London.

Mayor inaugurates Architectural Expo 'ARCHEX -2022'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Friday inaugurated four-day long Building Material Expo being organised by Minds Media & Management Pvt Ltd & Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) J&K Chapter at JDA Ground Bhagwati Nagar, here.

Commissioner JMC Rahul Yadav was also present as Guest of Honour. Prominent Leading manufacturers across the country are participating.

In this Expo Modern Home Furniture & Furnishing, Modular Kitchens, Building Technology, Bath and Sanitary Fittings, Automation Systems Decorative Glasses, Wall Papers and many more brands in latest technology of Interiors & Exteriors and Building Material are being displayed.

The concerned professionals including Architects, Engineers, Builders, Dealers & Distributors and the Jammuites shall be visiting the show. The Indian Institute of Architects has 24 Chapters in India and our Jammu & Kashmir Chapter is the youngest one which was formed on 9th of March 2021.

B S Rana and Inder Dhirgira from Minds Media & Management Pvt Ltd. told that more than 120 big brands from PAN India have showcased the latest and trendy products for the construction of buildings.

"To turn Jammu into a smart city, ARCHEX Expo is a meeting point where companies are presenting the latest trends in the world of Interiors elaborating technology, innovations, equipment and concepts for the Architect's & Designer's community." India's leading exhibition ARCHEX Expo has been



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma inaugurating four-day long Building Material Expo in Jammu.

designed to make long lasting business connections. The objective of this is to provide the latest trends and technology to our citizens to turn their dreams into reality. ARCHEX-2022 is being held in Jammu so as to provide opportunity to the local manufacturers and dealers also to take utmost benefit by participating and displaying their products.

The event shall be held from Nov. 25 to 28, 2022. Prominent among others present included Vice Chairman Vishal Abrol, Hon. Treasurer Ar. Sanjeev Mahajan and Hon. Secretary Ar. Anil Verma.

J&K Judo C'ship on Dec 1

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold J&K UT Judo (Junior and Cadet) Championship on December one at Judo Hall, Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here.

Selected Judokas out of this event shall J&K at the National Championship slated to be held at Ranchi from December 15 to December 19, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

Those interested eligible Judokas have been advised to submit their entries by fulfilling the formalities to the coaches before November 30.

Udhampur Girl finds berth in J&K U-19 Cricket team

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Promising young cricketer from district Udhampur, Sonali has been selected in the J&K Cricket Association (JKCA) to represent its under-19 team for the upcoming limited overs tournament at Pune in Maharashtra.

It was for the first time that a young female cricketer from district Udhampur has found place in the J&K team. An eighth standard student of Government High School Garhi, Sonali has made the entire district proud.

She trains at Pragalbha Cricket Academy being run by young coaches on the grounds of a Government school. Young cricketers are being trained at the Academy by team of coaches including Pooja Sharma (Head coach), Pavitter Singh and Varinder Singh.

Samoon inaugurates mega job fair; 5,000 candidates registered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, on Friday inaugurated mega Job fair organised by Skill Development Department in collaboration with Desh Bhagat University (DBU), Mandi Gobindgarh Punjab at Government Polytechnic Birkam Chowk, Jammu.

About 5000 candidates registered themselves through online and offline mode while around 25 reputed Multi-National, National and Local companies and Industries participated to hire the candidates.

Director, SDD, Sudershan Kumar, was the guest of honour on the occasion while Leena Padha, Mission Director, Skill Development Mission, Ramesh Chander, ADDC Jammu, Arun Bangotra, Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu, Dr. Sandeep Singh,



Principal Secretary, SDD, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon speaking at job fair in Jammu.

President, Desh Bhagat University, Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice President, Desh Bhagat University and Principals of various Government Polytechnics and ITIs of Jammu and Kashmir were also present.

Dr. Samoon lauded the efforts of the Government Polytechnic Jammu administration for conducting this Job fair. He highlighted various challenges a student faces in seeking job and encouraged them to convert these challenges into fruitful opportunities by continuous hard work

and dedication. He further said that this job fair will adopt an integrated approach in addressing the employment and employability issues by making jobs available to the candidates according to their potential and educational qualification.

Samoon added that amid high unemployment, employers face challenges filling the technical and skilled jobs and such job fairs can help to overcome this talent paradox.

Later, Dr. Samoon inaugurated CIIT Hostel Block constructed by PWD. Speaking on

the occasion, Director Skill Development, briefed about various aspects of skill development department and the latest updates in terms of skill add-on courses being offered by the department along with three-year diploma courses. He said that the job fair will be the platform for students to meet their future sponsors.

Principal of the college briefed about various industries and companies participating in the event. He added that this job fair has been organized with an endeavour to provide employment opportunities to

Dy Mayor dedicates newly constructed lane & drain to people in Ward-45

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Carrying forward its mission to ensure provision best infrastructural facilities to residents of Bahu constituency, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicated newly constructed lane & drain to public in Ward-45, Digiana, which has been completed under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs 9.50 lakh approximately. The locals appreciated Billawaria for getting the work done on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that due to completion of works, a



Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicating newly constructed lane & drain to public in Ward-45.

long-pending demand of residents has been fulfilled. Highlighting other achievements, Billawaria said that several exemplary

measures have been taken to improve standard of living of people in the area and for the purpose, Modi Government has launched several schemes. Deputy Mayor said that people of the region should personal-

ly monitor ongoing development works, so that their participation in development activities could build up the power of cooperation between the Government and public.

Later, Billawaria also visited Ward-73 Gadigarh and inaugurated black-topping works. He said that development is the Mantra of Modi Government and we are committed for every development for implementing the same at grass root level. Mandal President Vijay Sharma, Bharat Bhushan, Sat Pal Choudhary, Vinod Sharma, Vikram Choudhary, Inderjeet Khajuria and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

NCC cadets of Govt SPMR College of Commerce visit Blind School



NCC cadets and faculty of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce at Blind School.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To celebrate NCC day, a week-long activities were organized by NCC cadets of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu.

The cadets of 2nd J&K Boy's Battalion under command of Col. R.S. Jasrotia visited boys and girls school for Blind at Roop Nagar Jammu.

The programme was organized to motivate and encourage the blind children. A cultural pro-

gramme was organized by the cadets to make them feel happy.

The faculty members of the college contributed the distribution of items like daily essentials, eatables fruit etc.. The children also presented cultural items to show their respect for the faculty and Cadets of SPMR College.

The programme was organized under the supervision of Prof.(Lt) Savita Jamwal ANO of the College. The faculty mem-

bers of the college, Dr. Monika Malhotra, Dr. Nazia Rasool, Prof. Apfan Ali, Prof. Rajni Bala, Dr. Deepak Pathania, Dr. Rita and Raman Kumar Sharma also visited and distributed various items to the children of the Blind School.

The Principal of the college Dr. Surinder Kumar and the authorities of the Blind School appreciated the efforts of NCC cadets and the faculty members to organize the whole programme.

Narotam inaugurates development works in Ward-3

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Narotam Sharma, JMC Councilor, Ward-3, Jammu inaugurated developmental works of lanes and drains on Friday to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 11 lakh. Many senior BJP leaders were also present on the occasion and congratulated Narotam and locals for continuation of development activities in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Narotam expressed gratitude towards Mayor

Rajinder Sharma and Commissioner JMC for their coordination in execution of these works. He further asked the concerned executing agency and contractor to ensure quality work.

Others present on the occasion included Parveen Kerni East Mandal President BJP, Yash Abrol, Ram Lubhaya, Vidya Devi, Anuradha Sharma, Sanjay Abrol, Sanjay Sharma, Sunil Khajuria and Manmohan Singh.



Councilor Ward-3, Narotam Sharma inaugurating developmental works.

Rich tributes paid to martyrs of Mirpur



Management of Arya Samaj Balidan Bhawan during Shradhanjali Samaroh.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In order to pay floral tributes to the martyrs of Mirpur, now in PoJK, who were brutally murdered by tribals and Pakistan Army on November 25, 1947, a Shardanjli Sabha was organized by management of Arya Samaj Balidan Bhawan Bakshi Nagar, Jammu in collaboration with Mirpur Shaheedi Samarak Committee. Earlier, a number of residents of Mirpur, who

migrated to this side, living in various parts of Jammu city and its peripheral colonies conducted Prabhat Pheries in their local areas including Sarwal, Rehari, Bakshi Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Trikuta Nagar and Chhani Himmatt and finally assemblies at 'Mirpur Shaheedi Samarak' at Maheshpura Chowk.

The Shardanjli samaroh started with Vedic Hawan followed by Sabha wherein many speakers presented

poems and songs, which brought tears in eyes of participants. Thereafter, all observed two-minute silence to pay homage to the martyrs of Mirpur. Shardanjli Sabha culminated with Shanti Path in midst of highly pitched slogans 'Sheedan Mirpur Amar Rehain'. Vote of thanks was presented by Ravi Kant Gupta, President, Arya Samaj Bakshi Nagar. At the end, light refreshment was served to all.