

# Youth festival 'Sangam - 2022' concludes JU lifts winner's trophy: GDC Doda bagged runners-up trophy

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BHADARWAH: The five-day Youth Festival 'Sangam 2022' organised by Bhaderwah Campus in collaboration with the Indian Army concluded today with the multi dimensional cultural bonanza and distribution of prizes among the winners and participants on the final day of the mega event, here at Bhaderwah Campus.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, the Chief Guest on the occasion said that he is mesmerized to be the part of the closing ceremony of Youth Festival 'Sangam 2022' Prof. Rai in his address announced that state of the art Computer lab will be established with the financial assistance from College Development Council and University will also support girls education in erstwhile Chenab valley for which the financial assistance and resource persons if required shall also be provided by



Winner students receiving trophy from the Chief Guest.

Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated and acknowledged the efforts made by the Rector Prof Rahul Gupta and Col. Rajat Parmar; Commanding Officer 4 Rashtryia Rifles for ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of this popular annual event.

It is pertinent to mention here that Sangam-2022 attracted over 1200 participants from 34 colleges from

different parts of Jammu province. The Closing Ceremony ended with prize distribution to all the students, including winners and runners-up teams, beside all participating players by the chief guest Prof Umesh Rai along with other dignitaries.

The overall runners-up trophy was bagged by Govt Degree College Doda while Jammu University lifted the coveted trophy "Sangam-2022."

During the valedictory

function students showcased their skills in dancing and singing. Earlier, Col Rajat Parmar, Commanding Officer, 4 Rashtryia Rifles read the detailed report of the events held during the five day long youth festival. Dr Jatinder Manhas, Dr Neeraj Sharma and Dr Ambish Malik conducted the proceedings of the valedictory function. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector Bhaderwah Campus, Prof Neelu Rometra, Director, Directorate of

Distance Education, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof Rajeev Rattan, Director, College Development Council, Prof Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof Vishav Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof Vinay Chauhan, Dean, Students Placement, Dr Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports and Physical Education, SP Bhaderwah Mir Aftab, SDPO Bhaderwah Mir Gafoor, Dr Neeraj Sharma, Dr Imran Farooq, Dr Sumita Sharma Sheikh Mujeeb and other accompanying officers from the University of Jammu, officers of Indian army and paramilitary forces, officers from civil administration, Principals of different degree Colleges, members of the civil society, accompanying teachers, participating students, teaching and non-teaching staff from Bhaderwah Campus were present on the occasion.

# APS Nagrota celebrates Annual Day



Students of APS Nagrota presenting cultural programme during Annual Day celebration.

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JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Nagrota celebrated its Annual Day amidst mirth and zest.

Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, GOC-HQ 16 Corps, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Maj. Gen. J.S Bindra, COS HQ 16 Corps, Patron APS Nagrota and Brig Rajiv Sharma, Chairman APS Nagrota were among other dignitaries were present.

The evening commenced with the welcome of guests followed by the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest accompanied by Ruchi Bahl, Principal

APS Nagrota and other dignitaries.

The Principal shared the school's achievements through the Annual Report.

Meritorious students were given prizes for excellence in Academics, Sports and CCA. Thereafter the Chief Guest unveiled new edition of the School Magazine "Reflections".

The Cultural Programme based on the theme "Perspectives India @75" comprised multiple acts and dance performances highlighting India's struggle for a Free and Independent nation.

Students of both Junior and Senior Wing portrayed a great show with their mesmerizing performances.

The Chief Guest said that it is commendable to note APS Nagrota is excelling in all fields like sports and cultural aspects apart from academics.

He opined that APS Nagrota is a school imparting excellent education and the Principal as well as teachers are constantly working towards its development.

The vote of thanks was presented by Avinash Mahajan, Vice Principal APS Nagrota.

# Vidya Bharati welcomes launching of National Curriculum Frame work

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JAMMU: Vidya Bharati welcomed launching of National Curriculum Frame work for foundation stage, which is the crucial stage, but also challenging and base for all other stages. It is definitely transformatory as it is thinking of holistic development of the child along with building competencies and value base. We believe that this curriculum unambiguously leads for high quality care and education which spreads positive consequences of all individuals and ultimately the nation.

Play based learning continuum highlighting different levels of teachers involvement in play, that can support children learning in a children centered and play environment. Indian vision of education has been very broad and deep, which was highlighted by this curriculum frame work. We welcome this effort.

This curriculum frame work promotes medium of instruction at foundation stage in home language, which is path breaking and more scientific. To ensure local relevance and to keep alive rich range of Indian diverse and vibrant ECCE tradition developed over millennia, it is suggested that these are to be appropriately incorporated in the

curricular and pedagogical frame work of ECCE, for enjoyment, excitement, local culture, a sense of Identity and community.

Learning by doing: Activities planned with illustration for developing regard for natural environment, mathematical understanding and abilities to recognize the world through quantities, shapes and measures, develop effective communication skills for day to day in two languages and ultimately acquires fluency in reading and writing is very much scientific and experiential learning.

Principle to practice & Practice to principles: For teachers it is a very good guide as some of the principles are derived. A detailed useful information is given to teachers for classroom management and learning process. Guidance for technology usage: Audio will enhance listening skills and an aid for language acquisition. It is also suggested to have technology based Teaching Learning Material. Really encouragement for digital infotainment for children is suggested. Evidence suggests moderate& controlled use of digital technology can be very much beneficial to children's mental well being.

Teachers empowerment and upskilling is a big challenge which is to be judiciously planned.

# KIMS doctors give new life to patient, remove 5-ft long Bamboo pole that pierced him

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BHUBANESWAR: Doctors at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) have brought a 40-year-old from the jaws of death after he suffered a fatal injury, inflicted by a fall that caused a bamboo pole piercing him through his chest.

The patient-Tapan Parida (40) of Talajanga under Chandanpur block in Puri district-was rushed to the hospital around midnight on October 28 and was immediately attended to by the doctors.

His life hung in the balance as the 5-foot-long bamboo pole went through his chest and emerged from the back side above his neck. He was unable to move one of his hands.

An expert six-member surgical team led by Dr



KIMS doctors along with patient after performing surgery.

Pran Singh Pujari of the Department of Surgery, which included anesthesia expert Dr Sanjay Kumar Behera, operated on him for nearly four hours using state-of-art procedures and complex methods in modern surgery to remove the object.

Family members said the incident with Tapan hap-

pened on October 28 at around 9.30 PM.

When the bamboo fencing gave in, he was inspecting the water level near the siphon along his paddy field.

He suddenly fell on a bamboo underneath, about 15 feet down his field. The bamboo piece pierced through his chest. The

locals brought him to the KIMS emergency immediately. Though the surgery was complex, they took it up as a challenge. The patient is out of danger and is recovering well.

He has, however, been advised 21 days rest.

Dr Pujari said the entire process for Tapan to get cured would take around

three to six months as he was in a critical condition. Tapan, who got a new lease on life due to the efforts of the team of KIMS experts, has expressed thanks to the doctors and the hospital authorities.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT, KISS & KIMS thanked Dr Pujari and the team involved in the operation, while he also wished the patient's speedy recovery.

While the name and fame of KIMS have created a niche among the people of Odisha and neighboring West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Andhra Pradesh, it is constantly setting up new benchmarks in successful procedures and quality medical services with affordable cost a quality patient care.

# Balvinder among other civil society members lambast SCPL for using sub-standard material, demand CBI probe

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JAMMU: Renowned RTI Activist along with members of Resident Welfare Association Gandhi Nagar (Regd) & other Civil Society members while addressing a Press Conference lambasted officers of Jammu Smart City Pvt Ltd (SCPL) and those are responsible for maintaining quality of works, for using sub-standard tiles & other material in various projects under taken by them in Jammu. While speaking on the occasion, Balvinder Singh said that sub-standard quality of tiles, dumped in park of Gole Market, are being



RTI Activist, Balvinder Singh addressing a press conference at Jammu.

used over footpaths. Singh further stated colorful tiles used by SCPL lose its colour within a small span of time. He also displayed some tiles, among the stock of tiles dumped in the park. He also demonstrated that similar tiles of good quality were used at Cremation ground Shastri Nagar and

their color remains life-long same. "We are surprised as to why Smart City Projects Ltd are not using quality material including tiles and thus wasting tax payers money," said Balvinder, criticizing SCPL Jammu for encroaching roads by constructing footpaths on the roads who have already

less width, thereby hampering smooth flow of traffic.

All present on the occasion urged authorities at the helm of affairs to take serious note of the issue raised & direct the concerned to take remedial measures for maintaining quality of works undertaken under Smart City Projects Ltd. They also demanded CBI probe in matter for tracing erring officers. Those present on the occasion included Lalman Khajuria President Resident Welfare Association, C U Sharma Secretary General, Bharat Sharma, Suresh Sethi, Manjit Singh, Rajinder Singh Sudan, S C Khajuria, M L Vaid, G D Gupta and Krishan Lal Gupta.

# Sainik Welfare Deptt holds workshop on career in Armed Forces for Women



A dignitary presenting certificate to a faculty member.

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JAMMU: The Sainik Welfare Department J&K organized an awareness campaign in the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, R.S Pura, the other day. The students and staff were informed about various career options open to the girl students with special focus on the career in the Indian Armed Forces for the women. Director Sainik Welfare Department, Brigadier Gurmeet Singh Shan, in his elaborate address exhorted the girl students to study hard and exploit the power of internet to the optimum to learn details of various career avenues, eligibility criteria, scholarships and government schemes. He informed the gathering that the

focus of the visit was towards creating awareness amongst the citizens and avenues for women empowerment.

The Director also presented a certificate to the school management for their efforts towards raising the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund which is used for the welfare of ex-servicemen and widows. The students listened with rapt attention and keenly participated in an interaction session that followed. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal, Manmeet Bali.

The Principal thanked the Director, Sainik Welfare Department for his efforts towards spreading awareness about Armed Forces and for women empowerment.

# Two-day national seminar begins at JU

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JAMMU: A two day National Seminar on 'Plant and Microbial Sciences: Achievements and Way forward' under aegis of UGC-SAP DRS-II program sanctioned to the Department of Botany and funded by DST (SERB) and DBT, Government of India was inaugurated at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. On the occasion, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology, Palampur was the Chief Guest while Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu was the Guest of Honour and Prof. Absar Ahmed, a renowned nano-technologist from Aligarh Muslim University was the special guest. Presenting his keynote address Dr. Sanjay Kumar highlighted the importance of applied research and

need for the technology to be farmer friendly. Dr Kumar said that there is a need for bio-prospection of plant and microbial resources of Himalayan region for boosting bio-economy. He emphasized on the tapping of the microbe and plant resources of Himalaya and understanding their physiology for the economic upliftment of farmers. Earlier, Prof Venu Kaul, Head of the Department extended a formal welcome to all the delegates, invited speakers, guests of the seminar and said that this is the 5th consecutive seminar under SAP (DRS-II) being organized by Department of Botany, wherein the delegates from across country and invited speakers from ICGEB, New Delhi; BSI, Kolkata; Aligarh Muslim University; CSIR-IIIM and University of Jammu are participating. Prof Namrata Sharma, Deputy Coordinator of SAP (DRS -II), introduced the details of Special Assistance Programme to the delegates. She appraised audience, about the various research activities carried out on the specific areas of

therefore every worker should do his or her best to satiate the aspirations of the people. He said that the need of time is to make people aware about the achievements of BJP at grass roots level and its future plans to pace-up development in Himachal Pradesh.

The former Deputy Chief Minister reiterated that it is the solemn duty of every party worker to ensure that the Sundernagar Rally of PM Modi receives record number of people and no party worker should miss this significant event as this rally has potential to change the course

of poll in Himachal Pradesh.

Kavinder appealed to the people to give wholehearted support to the BJP candidate from Joginder Nagar Constituency and rest assured that development spree will further pace up and the Party will get all the facilities and amenities at their doorsteps. Among others who were present include Jaideep Samyal, Pankaj Jamwal, Suresh Rathore, Rahul Kumar, Ajay Saklani, Sanjeev, Shanti Sawroop, Pawan, Mahinder Singh, Rajiv Sood, Sunil Sharma and Pankaj Thakur.



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# Kavinder asks party cadre to make PM Modi's Sundernagar Rally a great success

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JOGINDER NAGAR: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K, Kavinder Gupta on Friday asked the party cadre to ensure maximum participation of people in PM Narendra Modi's November 5 rally at Sunder Nagar.

He was chairing a meeting of Election Management Committee of Joginder Nagar Constituency Himachal Pradesh here.

The senior BJP leader reviewed the working of booths and Panna Parmukhs. He said that time is crucial as only a week is there to put in maximum efforts to convince people to vote for the party and therefore every single party man should dedicate his time to cover each and every voter of the constituency because every vote counts and at times a single vote can bring victory or vice versa.

Kavinder said that people have high hopes and therefore they are looking at BJP with hope and lots of expectations



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta addressing a public meeting.