

## Dy Mayor starts development work at Ward 42

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Monday started the construction work of laying of paver tile at Ward 42, Nanak Nagar in Bahu assembly constituency.

This construction work will be executed by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at a cost of around Rs 27 lakhs.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu said that there was a demand for a long time that this development work should be done as the condition of this road was very pathetic.

Deputy Mayor said that with the deteriorated condition of the lane, the passersby were facing great hardship while walking through the area now after the completion of this construction work people will get a lot of relief.

He directed the concerned



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engineers and contractor to complete the work within the stipulated time frame by use of best quality construction material for its long durability and upto the satisfaction of locals.

Billawaria also said that the local people should personally monitor the quality of the ongoing development works in their areas so that pace of

development can be improved.

While interacting with the local people, Billawaria said that all the roads falling under the area have been made blacktopped and the work of the remaining ones will also start soon.

He assured the people of the area that in the coming days also the pace of development would be continued in the

Ward.

Deputy Mayor said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the entire focus of the BJP at the Center is on Jammu and Kashmir and big public welfare schemes are being implemented here.

He asked the senior citizens of the area who do not have any source of income to come

to his office and submit the pension form for their old age and take benefit of public welfare schemes by the Central Government.

He said that BJP is the largest political party in the country and every worker of the party is working hard to strengthen the party at the grass-root level.

Deputy Mayor appealed to the people to do their part in keeping the Jammu city neat and clean.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Ankur Gupta, Bhuta Ram Tagotra, Yashpal Gupta, Gopal Dutta, Parmodh Jain, Nitin Sharma, Rajinder Chib, Tony Dutta, Govardhan Sharma, Ashwani Gupta, Bhishmber Dass Sharma, Amarpal Dogra, Murari Lal Bhalotra, Nitin Mahajan, Ajay Gupta and Munish Gupta.

## Dr Gautam attends workshop at AIIMS Delhi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dr. Gautam Sharma (MDS), dental specialist of the University of Jammu and former President of Indian Dental Association, Jammu, attended a three days high end hands-on practical workshop at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, on 'Microsurgical soft tissue regeneration around natural teeth and dental implants'.

The workshop featured eight lectures, four live surgeries and two hands-on sessions by renowned national and international speakers. Resource person of the event included Prof. Adrian Kasaj from Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany; Prof. Daniel Thoma from University of Zurich, Switzerland and Prof. Farhan Durrani from Banaras Hindu University, India.

Hands-on microsurgical exercise for soft tissue augmentation in edentulous site to



Dr Gautam (centre) receiving certificate from Prof. Kasaj and Prof. Durrani.

increase of soft tissue volume applying autogenous connective and soft tissue substitute, increase of keratinized tissue area using free gingival graft and soft tissue substitute were undertaken. Hands-on was also done for the root coverage using autogenous tissue harvesting (free gingival grafts, connective tissue grafts) with coronally or laterally advanced flaps and tunneling flap, soft tissue substitutes with coronally

advanced and tunneling flaps.

Dr Gautam Sharma is MDS in Periodontics and is regularly attending the practical hands-on workshops at the prestigious AIIMS, New Delhi.

### Ajaz Kazmi concerned over loss of three lives in Dal Lake fire incident Demands investigation into incident

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Expressing deep shock over the loss of three lives, the Apni Trade Union J&K President, Ajaz Kazmi has demanded compensation for the next of kins of the deceased persons and financial support to the owners of several house boats, and residential huts following mysterious blaze at Dale Lake in Srinagar recently. In his statement to the press, Ajaz Kazmi said that the Govt should rehabilitate the families which have been displaced following the burning of their huts and houseboats.

"These families should be provided financial aid and other essential commodities in the wake of the winter season till they're-built their huts and houseboats," he said.

He demanded a proper investigation into the fire incident that has gutted houseboats and huts in Dal Lake.

He said that the houseboat owners have suffered huge losses due to the burning of the house boats and accordingly, the assessment of the losses should be made and they should be compensated by the authorities.

## BSS performs Kali Mata Pujan on Diwali at Panjgrain Ashram

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS), Panjgrain Jammu celebrated Deepavali-the festival of light and performed Kali Mata Pujan-a Puja of the Mother Goddess Shakti at the Ashram premises, near here.

A large number of devotees thronged into the Ashram temple during the Puja. A religious programme was held in the evening where the former Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta and senior BJP leader Rajeev Charak were present as special invitees.

Swami Satyamitranda Ji Maharaj, Secretary of Jammu Branch, Srimat Swami Subhanandaji Maharaj, Srimat Swami Bhaskaranandaji Maharaj, Swami Mrinmayananda and many other senior Swami ji's besides other prominent persons of the area were also present at the function.

While speaking on the occasion, Chander Mohan Gupta appreciated the social work done by the



BSS members and other dignitaries performing Kali Mata Pujan.

organization. He said that BSS is engaged in hosting social welfare activities all over the country. BSS is contributing in the spheres of health, education and self-employment, he added. He also extended Deepavali greetings to all the participants.

Rajeev Charak gave a brief speech on Bharat Sevashram Sangha and Deepavali festival. He discussed the importance of Deepavali celebration and implication of Goddess Kali Mata.

Langar was distributed among the participating

Sadhu Samaj and other devotees after completion of Puja. More than 1000 devotees were blessed with Kali Mata Prasadam.

Swami Satyamitranda also gave a sermon and a religious discourse to the hundreds of devotees coming from Jammu region at the Ashram. The locals appreciated the gesture of the Sangha.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Vishwakarma Day was celebrated with traditional fervour and enthusiasm at Vishwakarma Sabha, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on Monday. The proceedings of celebration were started with Hawan.

Besides Vishwakarma Community many people hailing from different sections of society also recorded their presence by participating in the day-long celebration of Vishwakarma Pooja Divas and had blessings of Bhagwan Vishwakarma by paying their obeisance.

The program was organized by Sabha at Temple Complex, Vishwakarma Sabha, Vishwakarma Chowk, Bakshi Nagar, here.

Many special guests including MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Ex Mayor Jammu Chander Mohan Gupta, Ex Minister Sat Sharma, Ex Vice Chairman OBC Rashpal Verma, Ex Vice Chairman (OBC) Kuldeep Raj Verma, Gaurav Chopra,



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and others felicitating a girl child.

Corporator Ward 28, Surinder Singh, Corporator Ward 29, Th. Manmohan Singh, President Trader Association, Shakti Nagar, Jammu, Shashi Verma, President Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha, Team Jammu Chairman Zoravar Singh Jamwal and other dignitaries greeted Vishwakarma community.

All the guests spread light on the life of Bhagwan Vishwakarma and appreciated the function organized

by the Sabha and simultaneously assured the community that they will continue their efforts to support the Vishwakarma Community for genuine causes.

Rakesh Chalotra, President and Jagdish Kargotra, General Secretary of Sabha spread light on Lord of Creation and Master Architect of Universe. Both thanked guests and social gathering present at religious function.

Prominent among who participated in this program were Lakhpat Rai (Chairman of Sabha), Inderjeet Dhimani (Vice Chairman), Rajinder Verma, Rattan Lal Changotra, Ashok Kumar, Om Parkash, Sanjay Kumar, Ajay Chalotra, Ramesh Lal, Pawan Salgotra, Vinod Jaral, Naresh Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Neelam Mahotra, Sanjay Sagar and Tarsem Lal.

## Thieves decamp with gold ornaments, cash from jewellery shop



Police visiting jewellery shop for investigation.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Thieves have decamped with gold ornaments and cash from a jewellery shop in Jammu.

According to the information, the thieves stole about 2.5 Kg

gold and 25-30 kg silver and lakh of rupees from the jewellery shop in Gumat area of Jammu city.

Ram Kapoor, a jeweller who owns jewellery shop by the name 'Ram Kapoor Jewellers'

on Gumat road, was shocked to see that his shop had been burgled when he opened it on Monday.

The jewellery items that were on display were missing and there was a hole in the wall towards the back of the shop. The thieves entered the shop by cutting a hole into a wall.

He said the 2.5 Kg gold and 25-30 kg silver has been stolen and some cash that was kept in the drawer of his counter is also missing.

He reported the matter to police which has registered a case under relevant sections of the law and started investigation. Ram Kapoor expressed hope that the police are able to make progress in their investigation and recover the stolen items.

## Handicrafts Deptt realises Rs. 5k as fine from erring

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A special inspection drive of Handicraft dealers was today conducted under the supervision of Mirza Shahid Ali Beg, Deputy Director Quality Control, in the notified tourist area of M A Link road, here. During inspection, the dealers found violating the norms of Jammu and Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act

were penalised. An amount of Rs. 5000 was realised as fine, and a subsequent machine made inventory being sold in the name of Kashmir Art products were confiscated/ seized. The dealers were warned of blacklisting in case of continued violation. They were directed to label the items within fifteen days, afterwards stern action will be initiated by the department.

## LFO-BHF extends helping hand to needies with "Diwali Delights Distribution Drive"



LFO-BHF members with needy children during a drive.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: On the joyous occasion of Diwali, Live For Others-Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) celebrated the spirit of giving by extending a helping hand to those in need under the guidance of Vivek Parihar (Director & CEO).

The team donated thoughtfully curated kits containing essential items to bring joy and comfort to individuals and families in collaboration with Talla Jewellers.

The Diwali care packages included a range of hygiene products such as toothpaste,

toothbrushes, soap, hair oil, and shampoo, etc ensuring that basic personal care needs are met.

Additionally, the packages featured nourishing eatables like banana, biscuits and sweets providing a delightful treat to accompany the festive celebrations.

In a commitment to eco-friendly practices, Team LFO BHF went the extra mile by incorporating sustainable elements into their contributions.

Around 300 packages were distributed to needy ones with each care package was adorned with eco-friendly

earthen lamps (diyas), complemented by cotton and Til oil for a traditional yet environmentally conscious Diwali celebration.

On speaking with Sahil Kumar, Vice President and Domain Incharge of Relief of Jammu Province said this initiative reflects dedication to spreading joy, promoting hygiene, and embracing sustainability during the festive season. He also thanked Kashish Gupta (CEO Talla Jewellers) for their support in organising this activity.

The members who were present are Ritik, Shubam, Navya and more.

## HMPA children make Diwali colourful with Rangoli



HMPA Poonch students and faculty at an event.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy (HMPA), Poonch organized Diwali celebration in the school auditorium.

The hall was decorated with flowers, balloons and light with Diyas.

The cultural program was started with beautiful classical dramatic dance by the kindergarten students which demonstrated the story of Diwali as and how Bhagwan Ram defeated Ravana and saved Mata Sita.

Various other activities such dance, speech and poem recitation were organized in all the classes.

Diwali celebration were made Colourful with a Rangoli competition organized on the school campus.

The competition held was house-wise for grades 6 onwards. During the competition the children and the incharges created attractive Rangoli patterns and also decorated them with Diwali diyas.

## JSS Jammu excels in Inter-School Football Championship Season-2



JSS Jammu faculty felicitating winner team of the school.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu Under-17 girls exhibited their talent and clinched the runner-up trophy in the BOIMS Inter-School Football Championship Season-2 held in collaboration with Pegasus Sports Academy & Football Club at Birla Open Minds International

School from October 30 to 31

The School Management, Principal and Staff extend heartfelt congratulations to the students and expressed gratitude to their mentor Akash Angral, Football Coach in shaping our Sanskritians into skilled and proficient & sports personalities.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Poonch Link Up Day Taekwondo Championship organised by 93 Infantry Brigade of Indian Army concluded on Saturday at Indoor Complex of Sports Stadium Poonch.

Around 200 budding boys and girls of district Poonch in Sub Junior, Cadet and Junior Age group took part in the Championship.

The closing ceremony was attended by Deputy Commander 93 Infantry Brigade Poonch Manish Rana along with other distinguished guests including Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch Vinay Kumar Sharma, CO 5 Jakli Rohit Badhwar, 2IC 5 Jakli Gaurav Thapa, DYSSO Poonch Mohd Qasim, Chairman Sir Syed Education Mission Soch India Dr Sarfraz Mir, Prof



Taekwondo players posing for a photograph with army officers and other dignitaries.

Fateh Mohd Abassi, Prem Prakash Luthra Senior Vice President PDTA, Narinder Singh Pardhan DGPC Poonch, Khater Paul Sharma Pradhan Sanathan Dharam Sabha Poonch and Nirdosh Kumar IC Manager Sports Stadium Poonch.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Rajinder

Singh, Taekwondo Coach and Technical Director of the Championship from Department of Youth services and Sports. He highlighted the achievements of taekwondo players at national and international levels and thanked Indian army for providing the excellent platform to the taekwondo players of

Poonch by organising this championship.

Manish Rana interacted with the budding taekwondo participants and congratulated all the medals winners.

He also assured every possible help for the development of taekwondo in Poonch through Indian Army. Rohit Badhwar also

congratulated all the winners and gave his best wishes to all the players for future events of taekwondo.

All participants show their combative skills featured a captivating showcase of combative skills, during the closing ceremony. All bouts held under the technical supervision of Rajinder Singh Taekwondo

Coach and his team comprised of Jatinderpaul PET, Sandeep Kumar ReK, Ashaq Hussain District Referee

Later all the dignitaries distributed medals, Certificates, trophies and cash prizes among winners..

Tahzeem Akhter Of GMS Khorinar Adjudged as best Player in Sub Junior female Category while Garvin Gupta of Poonch Taekwondo Club, Rutba Khanam of Poonch Taekwondo Club and Vishnu Raina adjudged as best players in Cadet, and junior categories.

Prominent persons present were Rajinder Singh ZPEO Mandi, Retd ZPEO Poonch Tarlochan Singh, Sanjeev Kapoor Senior Pharmacist, Amit Sharma Joint Secretary PDTA, Tarlochan Singh PET and Sanjay Raina PET.