JU to launch historic 'College on Wheels'

LG to flag-off contingent of 700 students from **Katra Railway Station on Nov 19**

Train journey to be a life changing experience for students: Prof Dinesh

JAMMU: In a groundbreaking move, University of Jammu is all set to launch historic 'College on Wheels' also known as Jammu and Kashmir Gyanodaya Express, a transformative educational journey that sets more than 700 girls on a unique learning adventure.

The historic Gyanodaya Express shall be flagged-off by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, and Chancellor University of Jammu, Manoj Sinha on 19th of November, 2023 from Katra Railway Station, Jammu.

Speaking during a curtain raiser ceremony, Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman Higher Education Council J&K UT and former Vice Chancellor Delhi University and, said that the enlarged definition of education is search of 'inner self'.

"In order to recognize yourself, one need to understand inner self. This journey is largely inspired by the life and examples of Mahatma Gandhi, who used to say, like Rabindranath Tagore, Socrates and Kabir, that education is outside the classroom as much as it is inside the classroom," he said and added that train journey would be a life changing experience for students

He said that Gandhi became Mahatma Gandhi largely due to train journey.

"He had not been Mahatma Gandhi, if he had not been



Vice Chancellor JU, Prof Umesh Rai addressing media persons at Jammu on Friday.

understood India after he undertook a yearlong epic train journey to see every corner of the country and its problems." said Prof Dinesh Singh, adding that even during freedom struggle and mass mobilization, Mahatma Gandhi used to travel through train, so the role of train in the life of Mahatma Gandhi was very i "In this train students are expected to recognize themselves and I am hopeful that other universities of the country would get inspired from this initiative and also make it an important part of their curriculum," Prof Dinesh Singh said and emphasized that one more important feature of this journey is that the students shall be taught about operating Charkha and student who will spin longest thread from Charkha shall be rewarded. He further said that during this journey, students will get a chance to visit Ashrams of Mahatma Gandhi in Sabarmati and Vardha, wherein they will go through the history and significance of these places in free-

dom struggle. "The initiative provides students with firsthand exposure to diverse landscapes, cultures. and communities, enriching their understanding of the world," Prof Dinesh Singh said and added that collaborative projects with local communities contribute to meaningful social impact.He further appreciated and acknowledged the role and

Governor's administration. "This particular initiative is a dream of Lieutenant Governor, Manoi Sinha and Vice Chairman Higher Education Council J&K UT, Dinesh Singh, wherein University of Jammu has been selected as a nodal institute," said Vice Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai while addressing media.

support of the Lieutenant

He said that this innovative educational program will take learning of students to new horizons, quite literally.

"More than 700 students along with 100 faculty members from seven academic instiects and each group of seven to eight students shall be supervised by a mentor.

Giving further details, Prof Umesh Rai said that there is facility of library on the train, so that every student must read at least one book and write review of the same. There would be presentations by every student.

The journey is scheduled to flag-off from Katra Railway Station by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on 19th of November 2023. The route of the train shall be from Jammu to Delhi, Ahmadabad, Mumbai, Goa, Bangalore, Delhi and back to Jammu.

During the course of the journey, students shall visit both the houses of Parliament, President House, IIT Bombay, Shipyards of Bombay and Goa, ISRO and some other relevant places. Earlier, Prof Naresh Padha Coordinator College on Wheels, delivered the formal welcome address, whereas Dr Vinay Thusoo conducted the proceedings of the function.

Others present on the occasion included, Dr Garima Gupta (Head Department of Journalism and Media Studies), Dr Neeraj Sharma (Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor), Dr Daud Igbal Baba (Nodal Officer, College on Wheels), Dr Shalu Sharma (Nodal Officer, College on Wheels), Dr Bindoo Sangra (Department of Law) and Dr Akhilesh Sharma (Liaison



IGP Jammu visits GMC Jammu, enquires about health of injured persons

Inspector General of Police (IGP). Jammu Zone, Anand Jain on Friday paid a visit to Govt. Medical College (GMC), Jammuenquired aboutthe health/welfare of injured who sustained injuries in a road accident at Trungal Assar Doda day before yesterday and were undergoing treatment

During visit to GMC. Jammu, the IGP Jammu



IGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain enquiring about the health/welfare of the injured at GMC Jammu.

and assured all possible help from the Police department. IGP Jammu met some of

the injured individually enquired about their wellbeing and wished for their

Jammu Police recovers 40 tola gold, arrests notorious thief



SSP Jammu, Dr Vinod Kumar addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Jammu Police cracked a theft case and recovered 40 Tola (404.86 grams) of gold ornaments from a notorious thief who had been involved in four different cases.

According to Dr Vinod Kumar, the police teams of PS Janipur, under the supervision of SP North Kulbir Handa and led by SDPO West Vikram Singh and SHO PS Janipur Inspector Sikander Singh, worked tirelessly on the information regarding theft in the area under the juris-

diction of PS Janipur. Briefing media persons on Friday, the SSP informed that the police teams collected CCTV footage, tracked the movement of the suspect and identified his modus

The suspect was identified as Shubam, son of Satish Kumar, resident of Gurah Qasim Nagar, Bakshi Nagar at present near Kali Mata Mandir, Shiv Nagar, Jammu. He was rounded up and interrogated by the police. closed the locations where he had sold the stolen gold orna-

in the theft cases and dis-

The police teams recovered the stolen gold from three Muthoot Finance Ltd. (Janipur, Bahu plaza and Shastri Nagar Jammu), one branch of Manappuram Finance Ltd (Sarwal) and one branch of Canara Bank (Janipur Jammu).

The stolen gold items were seized in four different cases in which the thief was involved, namely case FIR 34/2022457/380/414 IPC and case No.65/2023 u/s 454/380 IPC both registered at PS Janipur and two case FIR Nos. 144/2023 U/s 454/380 IPC and FIR No. 145/2023 registered at PS Bakshi Nagar The thief was arrested and further investigation of the case is going on.

It is pertinent to mention seized u/s 102 Cr.PC.

Preserve, promote Temples as part of our rich Heritage & Culture: Yudhvir, Priya

Participates Sthapna Diwas of Sukrala Mata

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besides Cluster

Innovation Center Delhi, IIT

Bombay and more than 20

affiliated colleges of J&K UT

are participating in this

momentous journey," said Vice

Chancellor, adding that the

seven educational institutions

included Kashmir University,

Cluster University of Srinagar,

Islamic University of Science

and Technology, Cluster

University of Jammu, Baba

University, Mata Vaishno Devi

University and University of

Jammu. He shared that this is

first of its kind educational

journey in the history of

Jammu and Kashmir in which

more than 700 students are

selected on the basis of the

"These projects are interdis-

ciplinary in nature, as students

from different backgrounds are

part of single group, working

under the supervision of a men-

tor," said Vice Chancellor, Prof

Umesh Rai, adding that these

students were selected after

proper screening of their proj-

merit of their projects.

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President has asserted that temples and shrines are a significant part of the rich heritage and culture of Jammu and the people must play a proactive role in preservation and promotion of the temples and the ritualistic functions held there. He said that this will help in easily passing on this essential component of our culture and heritage to the future generations.

He expressed this in his address during a congregation while participating in the function organized on the occasion of Sthapna Diwas of Sukrala Mata at Purani Mandi here today. Priya Sethi, National Executive Member and Former minis-



at Purani Mandi, Jammu.

On the occasion, Ashok ji, President Sukrala Devi Sewa Dal, Purani Mandi, Ajay Sethi, General Secretary, Brij Mohan, Chairman, Amit Jamwal, President, Parveen Sharma Cashier, Rakesh Sharma, Narinder Singh Jawwal Vinod Kumar, Sunil Baru,

Gupta, Manoj Rakesh Sunil Sharma, Dogra, Rajesh Sharma, Suresh ji, Suresh Gupta, Sushant Sharma (Pandit ji), Parveen Kerni, Vipan Sharma, Amit Mahajan and Sanjay Mahe were also present. Amid the enviro

religious fervour and gaiety, Yudhvir Sethi also partici-

pated in the Hawan and Pooja held on the occasion in the premises of the temple. Full of devotion and enthusiasm, he also distributed Langar among the large number of devotees having come to pay obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum of the holy temple.

While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that the Sukrala Mata Mandir in Kathua as well as this temple in Purani Mandi are ancient temples and people visit not only to pay obeisance but also to achieve peace of mind. He assured the people that on behalf of the BJP as well as individually he will contribute whatever would be required for the promotion of this rich cultural heritage be it the holding of large congrega-

ward and proactively participate in such sacred endeav-Priya Sethi, in her address, asserted that Temples are the identity of Jammu and in order to safeguard one's identity it is necessary for the people to remain connected

tions or other programmes

and projects. He said that while the Temple manage-

ment is also making the contribution in this regard, the

people should also come for-

to their roots. "Temples and spiritual pursuits being inseparable part of our culture, therefore I appeal to the people of Jammu to visit the temples and temple related functions in large numbers to preserve and promote the rich heritage and culture of the City

B2V5: JJM holds 4,464 that out of the recovered gold items, 296 grams were seized activities across J&K in the above mentioned cases and the rest of the items were **STATE TIMES NEWS** He confessed his involvement.

SRINAGAR: As part of fifth phase of ambitious "Back to Village" programme which concluded here yesterday on high note, the Jal Jeevan Mission, J&K conducted 4464 activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

The activities included awareness camps, inauguration of water supply schemes, inspection of works, training of handling and distribution of field testing kits (FTKs), holding of Gram Sabhas, debates, painting competitions, installation of signages, collection and testing of water samples and other related activities.

Among the activities conducted, 1129 special Gram Sabhas were held, 971 women were trained in handling the field testing kits, 576 training sessions were held for handling FTKs. 530 works were inspected by the Visiting Officers, water testing with FTKs was done at 497 villages, FTKs were distributed in 221 villages besides installation of 146 signages, holding of 108 water awareness camps, 87 school rallies and 29 painting competitions.

Similarly, as per district wise data, 504 activities were held in Jammu district, 496 in Kulgam district, 407 in Rajouri district followed by Reasi with 406 activities, Kishtwar with 398 activities, Pulwama with 316 activities and other districts.

Worthwhile to mention here that Jal Jeevan Mission

(JJM) is a flagship proation of a sustainable water assets on a long term and sustainable basis.

Additional Chief Secretary. Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, while appreciating the initiatives being made by the field Engineering teams and the District Jal Jeevan Missions. impressed upon the stakeholders to further intensify the efforts to complete the mission targets in time with accountability, transparency and involvement of local communities. Kabra visited the Sool Panchayat as prabhari officer, where he interacted with the public regarding various schemes of the UT and Central Government with main focus on Jal Jeevan

Mission Director, Jal Shakti, Dr. G N Itoo has thanked all Deputy Commissioners for their active support in making the campaign a huge success He has also expressed gratitude to the visiting officers. PRIs and local communities. line departments, field staff

Official brochure for First J&K **Orthodontic Symposium unveiled**

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The official

brochure for the First J&K Orthodontic Symposium was unveiled on Friday at Department Orthodontics, Government Gandhi Dental College (IGGDC) Jammu.

The unveiling, attended by key members of the committeeorganising including Dr. Akshay Organising Gupta, Chairman and HOD Orthodontics IGGDC, Dr. Rishabh Gupta, Dr Rohit Gupta, Dr. Aseem Sharma, Dr Monika Koul, Dr. Simran Kour, Dr. Tanushree Sharma, and other distinguished members of the Jammu Orthodontic Study Group (JOSG).

This has officially initiated the countdown to the first J&K Orthodontic Symposium scheduled for November 25 and 26 at the Hotel Radisson Blu in Jammu.

Event is exclusive for Orthodontists which is a specialised branch of dentistry addressing the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities.

With a focus on bringing together over 150 specialist orthodontists and PG students from across the country, from more than 20 premier dental institu-

symposium's brochure offers a preview of two days exhaustive and comprehensive scientific program designed for both experienced orthodontists, emerging professionals and post graduate students of orthodontics. Activities include a spectrum of engaging sessions such as guest lectures, research paper presentations, panel discussions, poster sessions, plenary sessions and hands-on courses, promising an intellectually stimulating experience.

This symposium will also provide a vibrant platform for young orthodontists and postgraduate students of the region to showcase their clinical and research work.

First of its kind, a dedicated and advanced trade area is planned as part of the symposium, providing sponsors and traders with a platform to showcase latest developments in the field of orthodontics.

The symposium boasts an impressive lineup of various distinguished speakers from the most prestigious institutions of the country.

Figures such as Dr. Ritu Duggal, Chief of CDER at AIIMS New Delhi, Dr. S. P. Singh, Professor of at PGI Dentistry Chandigarh, Dr. G. K. Singh, HOD Orthodontics at KGMC Lucknow and

Javesh President of IOS, Dr Sanjay Labh Honorary secretary IOS will significantly contribute to the academic dialogue.

National guest speakers, including Dr. Sreedevi from Chennai and Dr. Survakanta Das from Orissa, will further enrich the symposium's diverse knowledge exchange. institutions. Premier including PGI, AIIMS Delhi, KGMC Lucknow, and PG department GDC Cuttack, contribute to the symposium's importance.

The participation of delegates from AIIMS Jammu and AIIMS Kalyani, West Bengal, adds a pan-India touch, emphasizing the symposium's broad reach.

Dr. Akshay Gupta. Organising Chairman of the event informed that with the theme of "Science, Serenity and Devotion-Widening the horizons for Orthodontics" Brochure also highlights about the City Of Diversity (Jammu) and vibrancy of various unsung and developing tourist spots of Jammu province with their importance of tourism potential in the region . Beyond a gathering of professionals, the J&K Orthodontic Symposium signifies a commitment to advancing dental practice and education in Jammu & Kashmir.

Cyber crimes surging in India, 50 pc cases related to UPI, Internet Banking

JKP organises cyber crime awareness programmes in Kulgam

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SRINAGAR: Cyber crimes are on the rise in India, Rajasthan's Bharatpur and Utter Pradesh's Mathura have replaced Jharkhand's Jamtara and Haryana's Nuh as the infamous hotspot of cyber crime.

In India Financial frauds accounted for over 75 percent of cyber crimes, from January 2020 till June 2023 with nearly 50 per cent cases related to UPI and internet banking according to a new study by an HT Kanpur -incubated Start-

Social media-related crimes such as cheating by impersonation, cyber-bullying and email phishing accounted for 12 percent of the online offences during the period, the study said.

In view of the surge in cybercrime related incidents Jammu and Kashmir Police is organising awareness programmes across the valley enlightened the young generation and other people about the trending online financial scams carried out by the cyber criminals.

On November 16, two different programmes were organised by Kashmir police in Kulgam at Police Station Qaimoh and Police Station Behibagh.

These programmes were chaired by respective jurisdictional officers besides, other officers and officials of Police were also present. The events were attended by respectable citizens and youth of Behibagh, Qaimoh and other adjacent areas.

During these programmes, the chairing officers briefed the participants about various types of cyber threats and crimes such as identity theft, credit card fraud, data stealing, cyber stalking, OTP frauds etc and advised the participants to adopt safe browsing habits to avoid suspicious websites while surfing the Internet.

Officers also appealed the participants to not share OTPs or bank account details and passwords with anyone and officers also explained the ways to adopt precautionary measures while conducting internet banking and online transactions. Moreover, the participants were also cautioned against accepting friend requests from unknown persons or chatting with unauthenticated persons on social media.

According to various experts, it can be attributed to a complex interplay of various factors such as low technical barriers allowing individual with limited expertise to engage in such activities using readily available hacking tools and mal-

Inadequate Know Your Customer (KYC) and verification processes on online platforms enable criminals to create fake identities ,making it challenging for law enforcement to trace them, while easy access to fake accounts and rented SIM cards on the black market allow thugs to operate anonymously , complicating the efforts to track and prosecute them, he said.

appreciated the efforts of Police for organising cyber awareness programmes and spreading awareness about various cyber-crimes among the common masses but the local residents expressed concern that unemployment or underemployed individuals are recruited and trained by cybercrime syndicates, creating a growing pool of potential criminals.

Meanwhile, participants

gramme of national importance which aims at to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to 18.67 lakh rural households in the UT of J&K, at an estimated cost of Rs. 14000 crore. This will not only involve creinfrastructure but will build the capacities of local communities and involve them in management of water supply

and other agencies for their

cooperation in the campaign.