

IIIM organizes Global Bio India Road Show

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JAMMU: IIIM BioNEST Bio-Incubation Centre under the aegis of CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu alongwith its key ecosystem partner, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), DBT, GoI on Monday organized a one-day Global Bio-India Road Show in which more than 300 students drawn from different colleges of Jammu have participated.

The event was conducted under the patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM Jammu & Chairman BioNEST Bioincubation Centre who also presided over the programme.

Dr. Chhaya Chauhan, Sr. Manager Incubation, BIRAC was special guest while Dr. Shreya Malik Domain Head - Biotech & Cleantech Vertical, SIIC, IIT-Kanpur and Akhileshwar Singh, Chartered Accountant were among the guest speakers for the technical session.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed highlight-



A dignitary lighting ceremonial lamp at a programme.

ed the need of innovation nurturing and entrepreneurship development in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and shared with the audience how CSIR-IIIM is constantly working for the promotion of startup ecosystem in the region.

He said that the institute is doing cutting edge research to discover newer drugs for Cancer, Diabetes mellitus, Rheumatoid arthritis and Alzheimer besides running societal mission programmes and also mentioned few achievements of CSIR-IIIM including purple revolution, phytopharmaceutical drug leads and others technologies produced by the institute.

Here is the unique opportunity that CSIR-IIIM has only BioNEST incubator sanctioned by the Department of Biotechnology in the UT of J&K where the innovators and startup can find incubation support right from lab. to market, he added.

Dr. Chhaya Chauhan, discussed about the major initiatives taken by the BIRAC, Department of Biotechnology by organizing Global Bio-India Road Show in all the 75 BioNEST Incubator across the country as the precursor events of the mega show which is going to be held at Bharat

Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi between 4th-6th December 2023 wherein a large number of startups from pan India will participate including 3000+ delegates, 500+ exhibitors from across the globe to connect the Indian Biotechnology ecosystem with the International ecosystem.

Earlier Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Investigator, IIIM-TBI in his welcome address provided an overview of the road show organized.

The program included a technical session where domain experts, Dr. Shreya Malik, Domain Head - Biotech & Cleantech Vertical, SIIC, IIT-Kanpur; Akhileshwar Singh, Chartered Accountant and Er. Anush Varma, Coordinator, IIIM-TBI delivered detailed presentations on entrepreneurship, startup ecosystem and policies related to startups. The Road Show aimed to empower youth with knowledge and resources, contributing to the startup India initiative in the region.

Over 300 students from

Govt. College for Women Parade Ground, Jammu, Govt. S P M R College of Commerce, Jammu, Govt. College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, Govt. Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu, Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu participated with huge enthusiasm.

Prominent among others who attended Er. Abdul Rahim, Vice Chairman BioNEST Bioincubation Centre, Dr. Sumit G Gandhi, Sr. Pr. Scientist, Vikram Singh, Sr. Controller of Administration, Ajay Kumar, Controller of Finance & Accounts, Er. Anil K Katara, Pr. Scientist, Dilip Kumar Gehlot, Store and Purchase Officer and Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer.

Dr. Gurleen Kour, Scientist, conducted the proceedings while Er. Anush Varma, Coordinator, IIIM-Technology Business Incubator presented formal vote of thanks.

CISF detects medicines worth approximate Rs. 25 lakh at IGI Airport

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NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) detected a huge quantity of medicines worth approximately Rs 25 lakh at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi on Monday.

CISF official informed that at about 11:50 Am, on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff noticed suspicious activities of two foreign passengers at the check-in area of IGI Airport Terminal 3, who were carrying five big trolley bags.

On suspicion, both passengers, later identified as Akobirkhom Sainabiev and Temirlan Buteshov (Kyrgyzstan Nationals), were diverted to the random checking point for thorough checking of their baggage.

On screening their trolley bags through the X-BIS machine, CISF personnel noticed suspicious images inside all five trolley bags.

On physical checking, a huge quantity of medicines (Regapen 300 mg capsules) of an approximate value of Rs 25 lakh was detected.

During the inquiry, the passengers could not produce supporting documents for carrying such a huge quantity of medi-



cines. Later, the matter was reported to senior officers of the CISF and customs officials.

Following the inquiry, both passengers and the detected medicines were handed over to Customs for further action in the matter.

Utilizing J-K Police telecom wing for leveraging CCTNS for better policing: DGP

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir DGP R R Swain on Monday directed that the telecom wing of the police force be revamped and its services utilised for leveraging the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) for better policing.

Interacting with senior officers, he laid stress on leveraging data and technology, a police spokesman said.

The police chief visited the Crime Branch headquarters, the Zonal Police headquarters, the Range DIG Udhampur-Reasi office and the office of the SSP Traffic (Jammu), he said.

The DGP said officers will be nominated to attend courses in different states to see how CCTNS has made



DGP R R Swain chairing a meeting.

progress and what best practices can be emulated in the Union Territory.

Swain also told officers to "fix the responsibility up to last man, but also give juniors required authority and resources, condone honest mistakes but take action against incorrigible personnel", according to the spokesman.

No one should be afraid of "honest mistakes because

responsibilities up to the last man but simultaneously ensure that before holding responsible the official has the critical minimum authority and resources to be able to do justice to his assigned duties. At ZPHQ the meeting was attended by IGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, DIG JSK Shakti Pathak, DIG Crime Javid Iqbal Matoi, SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar, SSP Crime Jammu Shalinder Singh, SSP Traffic Jammu M Fiesel Qureshi, SO to Spl DG Crime Amarjit Singh and SO to DIG JSK Rajinder Katoch.

At RPHQ Udhampur the meeting was attended by DIG UR range Mohd Sulaiman Choudhary, SSP Udhampur Joginder Singh and ASP Udhampur Anwar ul Haq.

Western Singing mesmerized audience on 5th day of Display Your Talent

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JAMMU: The events of 'Group Song Western', 'Western Vocal Solo' and 'Western Instrumental' were conducted on Monday in the ongoing 'Display Your Talent 2023' organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu.

Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Monika Chadha, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof.

Sarika Manhas, Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), members of Campus Cultural Committee and office bearers of University of Jammu were present during the events. Naresh Sharma, Amarjeet Singh and Yoginder Kumar Sharma were the adjudicators for the events.

In Group Song Western, the team of The Business School, JU stood first, the second position was secured by GDC Kathua. Dr. Farah

Choudhary was the Teacher Incharge of the event.

In Western Vocal Solo, Kunwar Langer from The Law School, JU stood first, Tanuj Kumar from DD & OE stood second and the third position was shared by Prashant Sharma from DD & OE, Andrew from IMFA and Ansh Pawar from Bhaskar Degree College. The Certificates of Merit were awarded to Avleen Kour from Department of Mathematics, JU and Shubham Aryan



Participating students posing for a photograph with dignitaries at JU.

Youth to become job providers instead of job seekers: Billawaria



Former Dy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating showroom at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria on Monday inaugurated the AV Car Accessories and Automobile showroom at Sehora Road in Bishnah constituency.

Billawaria and other guests were welcomed and felicitated by Rajat Sharma, Proprietor of the

Showroom. Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that after the removal of Article 370, companies and brands from all over the country have opened businesses in Jammu and Kashmir, due to which Jammu and Kashmir is moving forward day by day in terms of business.

Billawaria said that it is very good for Jammu and Kashmir that youth will come forward and start

new ventures. It also helps to decrease unemployment and make a drug free society because when youth will be on the right path then the country will definitely be in the safe hands, he said.

Billawaria further said that many schemes of the Modi Government have created job avenues and appealed to the youth to become job providers instead of job seekers.

He appealed to the youth to take inspiration from entrepreneurs like Rajat Sharma and commence their journey towards becoming job providers in their economic interest as well as in the ultimate interest of this Union Territory.

Proprietor Rajat Sharma complimented the Former Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for attending the event.

Koul addresses Shakti Kendra Pramukh meeting in Kulgam



J&K BJP General Secy (Org.) Ashok Koul chairing a meeting.

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KULGAM: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, addressed a Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan of DH Pora, Kulgam and Devsar Assembly constituencies in District Kulgam under R a j o u r i - A n a n t n a g Parliamentary Constituency.

Ashok Koul was also accompanied by Seh-Prabhari BJP Kashmir Rafiq Wani, District Prabhari Kulgam Adv. Wajahat Hussain, District President Zubair Ahmed Ganai, and Parliamentary Constituency Vistarak Veer

Saraf among others.

Ashok Koul, in his address to the Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, deliberated on their prominent role in strengthening the party at the grass root level.

Ashok Koul stressed upon the Shakti Kendra Pramukh to ensure that the programmes launched from time to time to reach the masses, are undertaken with sincerity and completed within the stipulated time. He said that proper ground work is key to success in the elections and there should be no leniency in any task given to the party activists who have to contribute a lot by their work.

Rekha raises public grievances with CAPD Director Jammu

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to mark the "Booth Jan Abhiyan" reaching out to the massive public outreach programme in Jammu South under the leadership of BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan who puts forward public issues with Director FCS & CA Jammu, Rifat Kohli.

Rekha Mahajan was accompanied by District Vice President Shalju Gupta and Narinder Gupta, District Secretaries Rohini Chandan and Pummy Choudhary; Gandhi Nagar Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, and Daljeet Singh.

During the discussion, Rekha Mahajan submitted a memorandum about the dilemmas and problems being faced by the general public of Jammu South to the Director FCS & CA Rifat Kohli.

Rekha Mahajan stresses that upon mitigating the sufferings



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan led delegation calling on Director FCS & CA Jammu, Rifat Kohli.

of ration card holders, CAPD authorities to adopt a consumer-friendly approach to ration distribution and ensure that genuine complaints of the people are met in a time-bound manner.

She said since the time new ration card tickets were being issued, customers have been facing a lot of problems and a good number of people are coming with complaints of non-issuance of ration cards.

She advised the CAPD authorities should conduct awareness and information dissemination camps before getting the new forms filled out to

minimize errors in the forms.

Rifat Kohli patiently gave attention to the issues and directed the CAPD officials to look into the matter on an important basis personally communicate with the common masses and hold awareness camps for the public.

Outlining the e-transformation in Jammu and Kashmir, Rifat Kohli said the new mode of digital governance has helped in streamlining the center's efforts on the ground level for all segments of society in J&K for holistic transformation and streamlining of the public distribution system.

J&K UT Senior Basketball Championship concludes

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JAMMU: J&K UT Senior Basketball Championship was organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Basketball Association at MA Stadium on the November 18 to 20, 2023.

Various teams, both men and women participated in the championship with players from different districts of J&K.

A total of 20 teams participated in the championship with 13 men and 7 women teams. Among the women, the Championship was won by Warriors, Reasi was placed first runner up and in the Mens section STC Warriors won the Gold whereas STC Terriers won the first runner up.

Bhannu Pratap Singh Assistant Director SAI, Jammu was the Chief Guest for the day. He congratulated all the players and said that the energy of the players on the courts was simply



Dignitaries presenting trophy to winner team.

electrifying and it was a treat to watch such talented players.

Suraj Bhan, Manager Indoor Stadium was the Guest of Honour for the day. He congratulated all the participating teams. He congratulated all the people involved in making this championship a grand success.

Dr Vikram Handa, Secretary, Ashok Singh,

Treasurer were among the notable dignitaries present.

Sushma Jamwal, Chief Coach JK Sports Council, Ranbir Singh Coach from youth Services and Sports, Shubham Sharma Mentor Khelo India, Rohan Kundal, Kunal, Manoj Kumar Solanki, Bandral and Vinit were among others who coached the teams and acted as officials during the Championship.

MP Khatana calls for Cong Mukht Rajasthan for prosperous State

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POKHRAN: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana on Monday gave a clarion call for "Congress Mukht Rajasthan" as a crucial milestone in the quest for a new and prosperous state. He said that this initiative goes beyond being a mere slogan; it reflects the determination of the people to free Rajasthan from corruption and the stronghold of dynastic politics.

Addressing various public meetings in Pokhran assembly constituency in favour of BJP candidate Mahant Pratappuri ji Maharaj, MP Khatana highlighted the exploitation of common people by the Congress party, accusing them of falling short on delivering meaningful development and progress for the state of Rajasthan. He underscored the Bharatiya Janata Party's persistent efforts to revive democracy and ensure the democratic rights of women, SCs/STs.

He asserted the transforma-



BJP MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana speaking at public meeting.

tive impact of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government. He commended the government's historic decision to provide 33 percent reservation for women, a move aimed at empowering women and fostering gender equality. Additionally, he praised the initiative to provide free ration to 80 crore citizens, viewing it as a step that has opened up a plethora of opportunities for the people and con-

tributed to restoring India's cultural and traditional glory.

The BJP MP urged the citizens of Rajasthan to rally behind the vision of a "Congress Mukht Rajasthan" and participate actively in building a corruption-free and progressive state. He emphasized that this movement is not just a political stance but a collective endeavor to usher in an era of good governance, development, and social justice.

SLNMM Trust to organize Srimad Bhagwad Katha from today

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JAMMU: Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, President Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management (SLNMM) Trust Gandhi Nagar, Jammu along with other office bearers and members of the Trust disclosed that Trust to organize Srimad Bhagwad Katha along with Gokul Society to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of Sirla Bhakti Ballabh Tiritha Goswami Maharaj Ji from November 21 to 25, 2023 daily, from 12 noon to 4 pm. It was also decided, to celebrate the Foundation Day of a unique "Shri Yantar Mandir", constructed in the Lakshmi

Narayan Mandir complex at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on November 25. As per programme at 8 am Shri Ganesh and Nav Ghreha Pujan followed by Shri Lakshmi Pujan under the guidance of learned pundits followed by Maha Aarti at 9:30 AM.

The prominent among others who were present during the press conference were SC Rekhi General Secretary, Prof. Rajindra Mishra, Prithivi Raj Vaid, Ramesh Thakur, K.B Mangotra, Prashant Sharma, Jagjit Singh Jamwal, Ved Verma, Harish Malhotra, Krishan, Sandeep Singh, Kulbushan Bali and Sumesh Damral.



President SLNMM Trust, G.S Charak talking to reporters.