

Babu Jagjiwan Lal calls on Lt Governor, discusses development issues

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JAMMU: Babu Jagjiwan Lal, former Minister and Member District Development Council Reasi, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Thursday. Babu Jagjiwan Lal apprised LG on various development issues of District Reasi which include increase in the Constituency Development Funds of DDCs and Devolution of Powers in Real Sense, supply of power at subsidized rates and amnesty for domestic as well as commercial consumers especially Reasi District and special package for Katra traders, businessmen, etc, full operationalisation of Degree Colleges at Katra, Pouni, Bhamag in light of the ever increasing demand for higher quality education for youth so that local youth doesn't have to rush to Jammu, upgradation



Former Minister and DCC Member Reasi, Babu Jagjiwan Lal calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

of Block Panthal to Tehsil status, employment opportunities for local youth in the world-class railway (USBRL Project), settlement of long pending genuine demands of Baridars- Baridars used to manage the Shree Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine for years and therefore post the constitution of the Shrine

Board, regularisation of the Daily rated workers of Power Development Department /PHE/SPOs and other departments and release of pending ex-gratia in favour of legal heirs of electrocuted workers and general public in case of electrical accidents. He also urged LG a job is being provided to the next of

kin of the deceased worker/person in case of death due to electrical accident. He also sought operationalization of Children and Mother Hospital at Reasi, proper implementation of Forest Right Act, proceeds from Auction of Lithium Reserves With Local people should have first claim over natural resources, resolution of the Reservation in Promotion in order to expedite the filling of large number of vacant positions in the various departments, cable car project from Bheem Fort to Sula Park to attract thousands of tourists and starting of adventure tourism in addition to the pilgrim tourism. Lt. Governor gave patient hearing on the issues and assured that same shall be addressed on top priority and instructions to concerned quarters shall be sensitised to work expeditiously.

DPAP holds workers meet, pays obeisance at Ziyarat Sharief Berigam

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DEV SAR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Thursday organised workers meet at Devsar. Party Provincial president Kashmir Haji Mohammad Amin Bhat along with Block President Devsar Bhat Irshad, Block President Kund Gh Nabi, Block President Pahlloo Reyaz Sheikh, Party senior Leaders Gh Nabi Berigam, Adil Manzoor, Amir Bhat ,Nazir Maskhurd Rashid Jahara were also present in the meeting. People highlighted the grievances of their areas especially electricity problem. Bhat assured them that he will take their issue with concerned authorities and if the PDD will fail to address the issue we will start demonstration on roads . Bhat thanked NC Vice President Omar Abdullah who accepted that DPAP chairman Gh Nabi Azad has



DPAP Provincial president Kashmir Haji Mohammad Amin Bhat talking to reporters.

a broad vision for development and sanctioned Medical colleges vocational colleges and roads during his regime. Party workers told Bhat that the party convection should be held in April as most of the workers had left Kashmir during this cold season. Bhat assured workers that their demand regarding workers convection will be taken into consideration and will be discussed with party chairman Gh Nabi Azad. He requested workers to

start door to door campaign and make DPAP a strong party so that we will form Govt and all problems will be solved with in short span of time. Bhat urged dist administration Kulgam to eradicate the roots of drug from Kulgam and Anantnag so that our youth will be secured. Bhat later paid obeisance at Ziyarat Sharief Hazrat Dawood RA at Berigam and prayed for peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

KK Gandhi judged all India exhibits at Himachal State Museum

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JAMMU: KK Gandhi, a renowned artist, was invited by the Himachal State Museum, Shimla as a member of the jury for the judgment of all India exhibits for the award held at Shimla on November 20, 2023. The museum conducts these exhibitions every year and there were more than 300 entries created by State and National Level Artists from across the entire country. The organizers felt a real honor to include KK Gandhi as an elite member of the jury which consisted of very honorable senior celebrities in the art field. The competitors were from different forms of visual arts like paintings, graphics, sculptures, and miniature paintings. K.K Gandhi played a pivotal role in adjudicating and finalizing the award-deserving entries.



Pakistan sponsored terrorists making attempts to create turmoil in J&K: Ritika

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JAMMU: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan on Thursday said, Pakistan sponsored terrorists are making all efforts to prevent the restoration of normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir. In a scathing attack on Pak sponsored terrorism, Ritika said, efforts made by Pakistan to create turmoil in Jammu & Kashmir reflect its desperation. She said they have been thoroughly exposed and lost face in front of those whom they sold false dreams.



In a handout issued here, Ritika reiterated that safety of people is the most important priority of the Government. However, reasonable restrictions are necessary for peace and protection of life as the right to life is the most important human right.

Strongly condemning martyrdom of four army personnel, including two Captains during an encounter between security forces and terrorists in Rajouri district on Wednesday, she said Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Govt has given full freedom to security forces to give a befitting reply for the any terror attack. She said that the forces behind this act of terrorism and those responsible for it would pay a 'very heavy price' and had made a 'big mistake'.

She said that security forces have been given permission to take decisions about the timing, place and nature of their response. Remembering the martyrs' sacrifice, Ritika said India would forever be grateful of its bravehearts. "I pay homage to the martyrs of Rajouri attack. India will forever be grateful of our bravehearts and their families who made supreme sacrifice for the sovereignty and integrity of our motherland." She also said the country would avenge the dastardly attack carried out by Pak-sponsored terrorists.

SIIEDC JU in collaboration with IIT Bombay organises workshop on e-Yantra

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JAMMU: The SIIEDC, University of Jammu, in collaboration with IIT Bombay, successfully organized a Principals Meet and Workshop on e-Yantra on Thursday in university. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor JU highlighted the significance of Prof. Kavi Arya's visit and the establishment of 25 e-Yantra labs in the Union Territory of J&K. He encouraged the principals and other attendees to actively contribute to the effective implementation of NEP 2020. Prof. Kavi Arya, IIT, Bombay interacted with the principals,



Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor JU posing with others.

emphasizing the importance of establishing e-Yantra labs in various colleges of the UT of J&K. He discussed the transformative impact these labs would have, providing students with entrepreneurial experiences and better job placement opportunities.

Earlier, the inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Alka Sharma, Director of SIIEDC. Dr. Sadaf Shah, Associate Professor in

the Department of English, introduced the principals to the newly launched innovative four-year undergraduate program called "Design Your Degree." It is pertinent to mention here that the team from IIT Bombay will be interacting with the principals of various colleges and faculty members of various Universities during the workshop on November 24th and 25th. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shalu Sehgal. The program was conducted by Dr. Sandeep Arya, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics.

Divyvasu delivers lecture on 'AI and Social Media Analytics' for J&K Officials at IIMC New Delhi



Divyvasu Sharma, Artificial Intelligence Technocrate and others at IIMC New Delhi.

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NEW DELHI: Divyvasu Sharma, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technocrate shared insights on the intersection of AI and Social Media Analytics with officials from the Department of Information and Public Relations, Jammu and Kashmir, at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in

New Delhi. Sharma's lecture focused on practical applications of AI in communication strategies and utilizing social media data for informed decision-making. The event, held at IIMC, aimed to equip professionals with innovative approaches to navigate the evolving landscape of AI and social media.

Sharma's expertise provided a roadmap for officials to understand the intricate relationship between AI technologies and the challenges and opportunities presented by social media platforms. The session emphasized the importance of adapting to technological advancements for effective communication and public engagement. As the Jammu and Kashmir Department of Information and Public Relations integrates insights from this session, it is poised to enhance its capabilities in leveraging AI for more effective communication strategies and data-driven decision-making.

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Jammu Chamber; today met with Administrative Secretary of the Revenue Department, Dr.Piyush Singla, to discuss the pressing issue of land delineation under "Gair Mumkin Khad." During the meeting, Gupta highlighted the need for a prompt and effective resolution to protect the rights of individuals and communities affected by the inaccurate land status. He emphasized the urgency of the matter and the need for a transparent and expeditious process. Giving a patient hearing, the Administrative Secretary Dr. Singla showed a positive approach and provided a



Gaurav Gupta, former Gen Secy CCI Jammu interacting with Admin Secy Revenue Dept, Dr.Piyush Singla.

detailed overview of the ongoing efforts to address this complex issue. He acknowledged the challenges involved and assured the public that the government is committed to resolving the matter under the guidance of LG and CS. Singla emphasized the importance of patience and understanding from the public, stat-

ing that the government's team of employees is working diligently to resolve the issue. He explained that the process is technically intricate and time-consuming, requiring thorough hydrologically mapping and data compilation from all relevant sectors. Reiterating the government's commitment to resolving the issue, Singla stressed that the Divisional Commissioner Jammu is also actively involved in the process and is taking regular meetings to address the issue. The Administrative Secretary assured Gaurav Gupta that the issue of "Gair Mumkin Khad" land will be resolved soon area-wise so that the people having land under the aforesaid category may not face any inconvenience in near future. Additionally, Singla noted that the government is working to further simplify the process of registration process to imbibe best practices of the country and working on mod-

ules like Home Registration/e-Registration. He reaffirmed the government's dedication to providing all services in a transparent and efficient manner. Gaurav Gupta also expressed his appreciation for Singla's initiative in establishing the 'Pukar' Helpline during his tenure as Deputy Commissioner of Anantnag, which continues to benefit the people of the area. Gupta appreciated the efforts of Adm Secretary for giving a detailed overview of government's commitment to addressing the land delineation issue and ensuring the rights of affected individuals and communities.

Shrine Board's Archers Shine again in Asian Para Archery Championships held in Bangkok



Shrine Board archers with other posing for a photograph.

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KATRA: Trained and groomed at SMVD Sports Complex, the Shrine Board's Para-archers, Rakesh Kumar, Sheetal Devi and Sarita have once again held country's flag high as India top the medals standings with nine medals at the Asian Para Archery Championships held at Bangkok, Thailand. India bagged four gold, four silver and one bronze in which Shrine Para-archers contributed six medals by pocketing four gold, one silver and bronze in the total tally of nine medals won by Team India to top Asian Para Archery Championships.

with Sheetal Devi defeating Indonesia. Fourth gold for Team India was contributed by the phenomenal Shrine Para archer Sheetal Devi alongwith Jyoti in women's compound open team event against Korea. However, she had to settle for silver in the tiebreaker against Singapore. Sarita had won a bronze in the women's individual compound category. Chief Executive Officer Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Shri Anshul Garg expressed immense pride in the accomplishments of Shrine Para-archers at international arena and congratulated them for bringing laurels to the country, the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and the Shrine Board with blessings of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji. He underlined that glory earned in the games is giving new impetus to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex and to budding sports-persons as new sporting icons are emerging

from the Sports Complex. Pertinent to mention here that besides securing five medals in the recent held Para Asian Games, the Shrine Para-Archers bagged three medals at Czech Republic Para Archery World Championship in the month of July-2023 and along with the medals, also won quota places for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. Incidentally, the Shrine's Archers had been felicitated by Lt. Governor, JK-UT who is also Chairman of the Shrine Board at a ceremony held at Raj Bhawan on November 8, 2023. He expressed satisfaction and pride that the Sports Complex is being developed as a center of excellence by the Board that has been successful in providing state of the art infrastructure, facilities, coaching and opportunities to the young sportspersons to prove their mettle which is being witnessed in the international events represented by our sports persons.

Landmark Achievement for IIT Jammu: Fulbright Scholar emerges from Deptt of Humanities and Social Sciences

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JAMMU: In a groundbreaking feat for the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu), Sayari Misra, a doctoral scholar, has secured the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship for the academic year 2024-25. This achievement marks a historic moment as Sayari becomes the first scholar from IIT Jammu to receive this esteemed scholarship. Guided by her supervisor, Dr Sayantan Mandal, Sayari's outstanding academic performance and unwavering commitment to research have garnered attention. She has received invitation letters from esteemed universities, including Northwestern University (ranked 47 globally), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (ranked 132 globally), and Michigan State University (ranked 137 globally). She is set to conduct nine months of research activities at these prestigious institutions. Sayari's accomplishments bring immense pride to IIT Jammu, emphasizing the

institution's commitment to high-quality research. Dr. Sayantan Mandal, Sayari's mentor, expressed his joy at her remarkable achievement, stating, "Sayari has consistently shown exceptional dedication to her research. The Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship is a recognition of her hard work and intellectual capabilities, overcoming various challenges. I am confident that she will make significant contributions to the academic community during her time abroad and excel in her academic career." The IIT Jammu community is also buzzing with pride, celebrating this milestone in the institution's history. Sayari's selection for the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship not only highlights her academic excellence but also signifies her potential to make substantial contributions to her field. As she prepares for this academic journey, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Jammu wishes her ongoing success and hopes that her achievements inspire future scholars from the institution to reach new heights.



Jubilant Poonch boxing team receiving overall AAG Boys Trophy of inter district division level boxing competition at Poonch.

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POONCH: Inter district division level boxing Competition organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports District Poonch under the guidance of Director Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K Subash Chander Chibber, Deputy Director Central Jatinder Mishra and Joint Director YSS Suram Chand Sharma concluded at JKSC Boxing Indoor Complex of Sports Stadium, here on Thursday. A total of 130 boys and girls in under 14 ,17 and 19 age group from six districts of Jammu Division took part in the competition held under the supervision of Mohd Qasim District Youth Services and Sports Officer Poonch. The Chief Guest of the closing ceremony was Vishaldeep Chandan, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Society District Poonch, while Prem Prakash Luthra Senior Vice President PDITA was the Guest of Honour. Other distinguished guests present were Narinder Singh ZPEO Poonch, Manjeet Singh ZPEO Sathura, Rajinder Singh ZPEO Mandi, Jatinder Singh Tandon ZPEO Nangali and Amresh Sharma ZPEO Kuniyan zone. Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by DYSSO Poonch Mohd Qasim.

The chief guest interacted with all the boxing players from different districts of Jammu Division and gave his best wishes to them. He also congratulated Department of Youth Services and Sports for giving excellent platform to the youth by organising such these events/ Later all the dignitaries distributed medals, trophies and certificates to all the winners. Poonch district remained overall winner in AAG boys 14, 17 and 19 year age group while Jammu and Udhampur shared second position. In AAG Girls, District Ramban remained overall winner while District Jammu remained runner up. All bouts were held under the technical supervision of Musthaq Ahmed Boxing Coach, William Kapoor PET, Dalbir Singh PET, Rajinder Singh PET, Sandeep Singh ReK, Parampreet Singh Teacher, Gourav Sharma Teacher, Rohit Sharma Khelo India Boxing Mentor. Prominent others present were Nirdosh Kumar I/c Manager Sports Stadium Poonch, Ramesh Kumar PEM, activities Incharge in DYSS Office Poonch, Vijay Kumar PEM Stage Secretary and I/c Press and Publicity, Harjeet Kour PEM, all PEMs , PETs and ReKs of the department.