# IMC, GMC launch Swachata Campaign

JAMMU: Jammu Corporation Municipal (JMC) in preview Swacch Survekshan 2024 on Saturday launched Champion Swacchta Program in Government Medical College, Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar, in association with the management of the Hospital.

MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa graced the event as chief guest, who formally launched Swacchta Champion Programme along with Commissioner JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav. An awarerally regarding swachata was also organized which was flagged off by the Chief Guest MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa in presence of Commissioner

After the culmination of the rally, the chief guest inspected the stalls displayed by various NGOs demonstrating the waste to wonder technique.

He appreciated the entre-



MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa flagging off awareness rally on Swacchta.

recycling of waste to wonder products.

Sustainable kits were also distributed among the participants at the event. Five Safaisathies were presented certification for their marvellous work in the cleanliness of the city.

Cultural activities related to swacchhta were performed by the renowned local artists, including songs by Sonali Dogra (Dogri Singer), Live Band by Shomanilini, Nukkad Nursing College, Skit performance by Akash & Vivek Sangotra.

The MLA Bahu appreciated the services provided by Jammu Municipal Corporation for the citiof Jammu and appealed Jammuities to cooperate with  $_{
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encouraged the Sanitation staff to spread more awareness among the common masses for not throwing the garbage Natak by Students of in open and water bodies.

Appealing people to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in their surroundings, he encouraged residents to utilize dedicated vehicles for door to door collection saying that it would go a long

way in contributing to the

Swachh Bharat Mission.

JMC Commissioner, along with other officers felicitated MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa. The Commissioner JMC, in his address, explained the core

Survekshan & encouraged the public to cooperate with Jammu Municipal Corporation to Jammu Cleaner & Greener. said community involvement would consequently improve Jammu

city's ranking in upcoming

Swachh Sarvekshan.

Principal & Dean Medical College Jammu Krishan Lal; Commissioner Administration, Rakesh Gupta: Joint Commissioner R&E, Abdul H&S, CommissionerSanjay Badyal; DC North, Sandeep Singh; Chief Accounts Officer, Chand Singh; Secretary JMC, Dr. Vinod Sharma' Health Officer JMC, Dr. Jaswant

MVO

Dharam Vir Singh; CTO

JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma;

In-charge IEC JMC

Rabiya Khan; AFO JMC

were among the others who

joined the event. Event ended with swachhta pledge and vote of

## Transport Dept challans 598 vehicles, recovers Rs. 19.26 lakh fine

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU:To tighten noose around the traffic violators, a series of vigorous enforcement drives were conducted by Motor Vehicle Department across Jammu Division against the instances of overloading of Passenger vehicles and other major violations under the Motor Vehicle Act and Central Motor Vehicle Rules.

The teams of Motor Department Vehicles launched the special enforcement drive under the guidance of Bhawani Rakwal. Transport Commissioner J&K, laying Nakas across Jammu division especially on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. The special focus of today's drive was to check overloading, RC violation, Route Permit violations etc.

During the Enforcement Drive nearly 1240 vehicles, included Buses, Tippers, School Buses, Mini-Buses, Tourist Buses, Goods Carriers, Tractors, Private vehicles etc. were checked for



Motor Vehicles Department team checking vehicles at NH.

various offences viz. Route Permit violations, Overloading, Over speeding, without Seat Belt, without SLD etc.

A total 598 vehicles were echallaned under sections viz a viz 194D-(Without Helmet), 66/192A-(R/P Violations), 190(II)-(Without Pollution), 194A-(Overload Passengers), (Disobedience), 194B-(Without Seat Belt), 177-

(Fitness Violations), 184-

The enforcement was con-(General Offence), 146/196-(Without Insurance), 56/192-

Parking, SLD violations, Unauthorized Alterations. 194 C (Triple Riding), 39/192-(R/c violations) 1941A Overhang, Passenger in Goods Vehicle etc.

A total of Rs.19.26 lakh was recovered as fine from the violators.

ducted under the direct supervision of Pankaj Bhagotra, RTO, Jammu, by several enforcement teams headed by ARTO's of respective Districts of Jammu Division along with MVI's,

## Two-day District Pulwama Volleyball Championship begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Two-day Volleyball District Championship for both boys and girls, organized by the Volleyball Association of Pulwama under the banner of the Volleyball Association of J&K and sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, kicked off on Saturday at Noorpora Higher School Pulwama.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Ahmad Bhat, Hamid Qazzi, along with Stadium in Tral, Manzoor, attended as the Guests of Honour.

A total of 16 teams from different areas of District Pulwama participated in the championship, showtheir volleyball

Mudasir Ahmad, the Secretary of the Volleyball Association of Pulwama, welcomed the guests and participants.

During his address, the Principal extended his best wishes to all the players, encouraging them to perform at their best through-

out the championship. the Incharge of the Indoor

He also emphasized the importance of sports for the all-round development of youth. He interacted with the participants after the inauguration and urged them to actively engage in sports to enhance both physical and mental wellbeing

Principal Bhat highlighted that hosting such sports events was a significant step towards providing a platform for emerging talent in the district.

The championship featured a series of exciting matches. Elite Volleyball Club defeated Dangerpora Volleyball Club in a thrilling match by 2-1, with scores of 25-22, 20-25, and 25-21. In another intense Western Volleyball Club triumphed over Star Volleyball Club 2-0, with scores of 25-15 and 25-22.

In the Junior category, Spartan Litter Volleyball Club won against Barsoo Volleyball Club by 2-1, with scores of 25-23, 20-25, and

In the girls' section, Spiker Star Volleyball Club emerged victorious over Valley Public Volleyball Club with a 2-0 win, scoring 25-17 and 27-23.

The matches were officiated by a team of skilled referees, including Haroon Rizwan, Owais Dar, and Basit.

The Secretary of the Volleyball Association of Pulwama, Mudasir Ahmad, along with executive members, was also present to oversee the event and ensure its smooth conduct.

### Slain VDGs given tearful adieu; villagers demand ex gratia for victim families eight hours for the search par-

KISHTWAR/JAMMU: Thelast rites of the two Village Defence Guards killed by terrorists were performed near their village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Saturday, with locals demanding security and adequate relief, including a government job for each of the two families.

The bodies of Nazir Ahmed (42) and Kuldeep Kumar (40) were found near a rivulet deep inside the Kuntwara forest on Friday after a hectic 12-hourlong search operation.

The hunt for the terrorists behind the gruesome incident was underway, with additional forces mobilised from adjoining areas on Saturday to extend the cordon, officials said. The bodies of the two Village Defence Guards reached their homes in Ohli village late Friday night.

Post-mortem examination of the bodies was conducted in the village in the morning which confirmed that they were shot in the head from behind, the officials said, adding that the victims were found blindfolded and their

They said the terrorists used a pistol to kill the unarmed VDGs, who had gone to the forest area to graze their cattle on Thursday. Kumar lost his father Amar Chand over a week ago and this was his first trip to the forest area after the tragedy, otherwise, it was his friend Ahmad who took care of his livestock during the mourning period.

While Ahmad was the first to be laid to rest at the local graveyard, Kumar's cremation took place in the periphery of the village with the participants chanting anti-Pakistan and anti-terrorism slogans.

"This was the second incident of its kind in our village as decades back one of the residents was shot dead by terrorists. The area was subsequently cleared of terrorism more than 15 years ago and the latest incident is a cause of concern for the villagers," former sarpanch Mohammad Faroog told PTL

Nazir is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, besides a handicapped brother, while Kumar left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Farooq said while the village is five kilometres from the last motorable road, it took almost ties to retrieve the bodies from

"Both the deceased belong to poor families and were the sole bread earners, leaving behind their children. We request the government to provide adequate ex gratia relief, including a government job to each family," he said.

The former sarpanch also demanded the strengthening of the VDGs in the village to counter terrorism.

"They (terrorists) want to create a wedge between our communities but we want to tell them that we have lived together for centuries and will thwart their nefarious designs," he said.

such incidents spread disturbance and "we want the government to recruit one VDG from each of the 130 houses." He demanded a massive

Firdous, another villager, said

search operation to wipe out the

"People are frightened by this incident as we are mostly farmers and depend on the forest produce for livelihood," he added.Rajesh Kumar, another villager, said the whole village was grieving. "We want the government to ensure proper rehabilitation of the families," he

Rikhi Raj slammed Pakistan and said killing unarmed and poor persons is no "Jihad".

"We shame the terrorists and Pakistan for this cowardly action. They cannot fight our army and are shedding the blood of innocents," he said. The Kashmir Tigers, an offshoot of the Pakistan-based

Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). has claimed that it killed the VDGs. The group also shared pictures of the bodies.

Kishtwar along with several other districts of Jammu region, including Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Doda and Kathua districts. recorded increased terror

attacks this year. Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat and General Officer Commanding of Jammu-based White Knight Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva visited the area on Friday and later held a joint meeting to review the security situation in the district, the officials said. Meanwhile, former president of J-K BJP Ravinder Raina and the party's Kishtwar MLA Shagun Parihar visited the vil-

lage to convey their condolences

to the bereaved families.

# **Inter-School Roller Skating Competition 2024** organized by Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: JK Public School Inter-School Roller Skating Competition on 8th November 2024, under the banner of the Jammu Sahodava Schools Complex. The event, held at the school's skating rink, attracted students from various schools in the Jammu and Kathua districts, who showcased their remarkable skating skills, agility, and sportsmanship in a series of thrilling races. The competition was graced by Dr. KCS Mehta, Director/Principal International Delhi Public School Akhnoor and Mentor of the Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex, as the Chief Guest. Ramma Raina, a renowned educationist, was the Guest of Honour, and Vivek Arora, Principal of Delhi Public School Kathua, along with Sankalp Kamal, Director of the hosting school, and Dr. MK Bhan, Principal of JK Public School Kathua, were special



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

The event featured an exciting series of competitive races, where students from various CBSE schools in the region displayed their exceptional skating abilities. Their impressive performances highlighted their physical fitness, coordination, balance, and determination, making the competition an electrifying experience for all attendees. The competition not only served as a platform for students to excel in roller skating but also encouraged healthy competition and camaraderie among schools.

In his speech, Principal Dr. MK Bhan expressed pride in hosting such a dynamic event, emphasizing the school's com-

mitment to nurturing the allround development of its stu-"This competition brought out the sporting talent of our students and fostered a spirit of teamwork and healthy competition," he said. He also thanked the Chief Guest, Dr. KCS Mehta, and the other special invitees for gracing the event with their presence

of Honour shared motivational and teachers to strive for excellence in sports and academics. Their speeches encouraged the young athletes to pursue their passions and continue to set new milestones in their sporting journeys.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony, where the winners were honored with medals, certificates of excellence, and trophies. The overall winners were Jodhamal Public School Jammu, first, JK Public School Kathua, second and Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu, third.

IDPS Jammu, DPS Kathua, and APS Janglot were also awarded Consolation Prizes for their participation.

This thrilling competition not only showcased the skating talent in the region but also promoted the importance of physical fitness and the spirit of sportsmanship among the youth of Jammu and Kathua.

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### British Ravidassia Heritage Foundation STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: An UK -based

Balbir appointed Indian Branch Gen Secretary of

social organization, British Ravidassia Heritage Foundation (BRHF), launched its Indian Branch recently and appointed three office bearers from India.

Balbir Ram Rattan from Jammu and Kashmir, has been appointed General Secretary of the Indian Branch of this organization. He received an official letter of appointment from Om Prakash Bagha, Chairman, BRHF, Sat Pal, General Secretary, in presence of Rajesh Bagha, President Indian Branch of the organisation, in a meeting held at Dera Guru Ravidass Mandir, Chak Hakim, Phagwara, Punjab.

The appointment letter mentioned "that keeping in view dedication and services towards the society and humanity, Balbir Ram Rattan is appointed as General Secretary (Indian Branch) for the upcoming 3 years with immediate effect.

Besides, Balbir, Chairman and General Secretary British Ravidassia Heritage Foundation also handed over letters of appointment to Rajesh Bagha as President and Varinder Sharma as

Treasurer of Indian Branch. Om Prakash Bagha, on this occasion, said that the British Heritage Ravidassia Foundation was established in 2019 with its head office in the UK. Through this organization we have not confined ourselves to the UK but frequently travel to many other countries to organize different programmes highlighting the life of Guru Ravidass as the sole objective of this social organization is to reach the people



Balbir Ram Rattan receiving official letter of appointment from Om Prakash Bagha, Chairman, BRHF.

with the life and message of Guru ji and spread teachings of this great saint. Launching the Indian Branch of the organization will provide a ers of Guruii to know more about this saint and also contribute in taking the message of universal brotherhood to others and strengthen social

# IIIM organizes curtain raiser, outreach event for IISF

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM). Jammu, organized the Curtain Raiser and Outreach Event of the 10th India International Festival Outreach Program 2024 here. The event showcased a series

of inspiring and engaging activities, setting the stage for the 10th IISF-2024, scheduled to take place at IIT-Guwahati.

Prof. Rajni Kant, Patron of VIBHA (J&K) and Former Chancellor Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal was the Chief Guest besides Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, President of VIBHA (J&K) was the Guest of Honour, on



ceremonial lamp. the occasion. Dr Zabeer

Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, presided over the function.

Prof. Rajni Kant emphasizing the role of science and technology in solving societal challenges. He highlighted the need for innovative thinking to address various societal issues through the application of science and technology.

Prof. Kant shared his rich experiences and thought-provoking insights, presenting various interesting ideas to inspire students and enhance their belief systems.

Prof. Rajni Kant, Patron of VIBHA (J&K) lighting

Prof. Pawanesh Abrol introduced the audience to the themes and objectives of different events that are going to take place in IISF-2024 at IIT-

Guwahati in an insightful session. Prof. Abrol encouraged students to visit the IISF website and register for this prestigious annual festival. Dr Zabeer Ahmed welcomed

the dignitaries & participants and expressed hope that their visit to the state-of-the-art laboratories at CSIR-IIIM would ignite curiosity and inspire them to pursue careers in science and technology (S&T). He also appreciated the contributions of VIBHA (Vigyan Bharati) in advancing S&T in the region and fostering a culture of innovation.

Earlier, Dr. Dhiraj Vyas,

Nodal Scientist, IISF, intro-

duced the outreach program

while emphasized the impor-

tance of engaging students and

schools across the Jammu and Kashmir, including APS Miran Sahib, RRL School, BVM Hiranagar, BVM Amphalla, APS Jammu Cantt, JNV Jammu, Govt. Higher Secondary School Megloor Kathua, and KV No.1 Gandhi Nagar, participated in the event. An Outreach Video and Presentation further immersed the audience in the vision and mission of IISF-2024. Prizes were also distributed among the students for their achievements, encouraging their active participation in science-related activities.

Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head, RMBD&IST conducted the proceedings.

### platform to the Indian followfabric, he added. CLUSTER UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

### **JAMMU** Walk-In-Interview

The Cluster University of Jammu invites eligible candidates for Walk-in-Interview for the post of Assistant Professor/Teaching Assistant in Cyber Security & Organic Chemistry for the Academic Session 2024-2025 purely on Contractual basis.

**Date of Interview** : 12-11-2024.

(Organic Chemistry)

For more details: Visit University website www.clujammu.in.

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