

LG administers 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge to officers at Raj Bhawan

Pays tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his Janm-Jayanti

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administered 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' Pledge to the officers at Raj Bhawan, on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Paying tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his Janm-Jayanti, the Lt Governor has called upon the people to dedicate themselves to the



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ideals of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and work towards building a Viksit Bharat.

The Lieutenant Governor posted on X, "Humble tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Ji, Iron Man of India, on his birth anniversary. He dedicated his life for India's freedom & creation of a united India. On the occasion of his Janm-Jayanti, let us dedicate ourselves to his ideals & work towards building a Viksit Bharat".

Indian, Chinese troops exchange sweets at several border points on Diwali



Satish Sharma flags off 3 buses for Reasi, Sunderbani, Pallanwala



Minister for Transport, Satish Sharma flagging off buses from JKRTC Office Rail Head Complex, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Minister for Transport, Satish Sharma, on Thursday flagged off 3 buses (2 AC, 1 non-AC) from JKRTC Office Rail Head Complex, Jammu.

Secretary Transport Department, Neeraj Kumar, MD JKRTC Rakesh Kumar Srangal, Transport Commissioner Bhawani Rakwal, RTO Pankaj Bagotra besides senior officers and staff members of the concerned department were present on the occasion.

The three buses flagged off

by the Minister will cover different routes and will run from Jammu to Reasi via Daskal, Pyan Maira Mandrian, Bus Stand Jammu to Sunderbani and Bawe (Jammu) to Pallanwala, Panjtoot Bus Stand.

While speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasized that J&K government is committed to establish a sustainable public transportation system in state. He added that these buses are introduced for better, safe, comfortable and sustainable trav-

el experience for the commuters.

Satish Sharma emphasized that the Omar Abdullah led government is committed to improve transportation in Jammu, especially far flung and border areas with the aim to enhance mass mobility, providing increased safety and sustainability, along with greater access and convenience for commuters.

Later, the Minister held a meeting with senior officials of the JKRTC, its employees and representatives of Transport Union and listened to the issues being faced by them.

The Minister also assured JKRTC employees that 20% DA will be released within weeks time and will be added to their next salary. He reiterated full support to the JKRTC employees and said that present dispensation is committed to address all their genuine issues/ demands.

Kashmir Valley incomplete without Kashmiri Pandits: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that the Kashmir Valley is incomplete without the Kashmiri Pandit (KP) community. He said their exodus was a loss for the Valley.

Dr Jitendra was speaking after inaugurating "Mata Saraswati Auditorium" in Gandhi Memorial Camp College here today.

The Union Minister said, the composite culture, which was the characteristic of Kashmir, must be restored, adding that the heritage of the Valley was kept alive by KPs living in harmony with other communities.

The Minister asserted that the day is not far when the two communities will live together with peace and harmony.

Dr Jitendra said that things have changed for good in J&K since the abrogation of Article 370. He said in the heart of hearts, the common man even in the Kashmir Muslim community is happy with its re-education.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating "Mata Saraswati Auditorium" in Gandhi Memorial Camp College at Jammu on Thursday.

The Union Minister said, the government has embarked on a noble mission of revamping India's education sector as per the requirements of contemporary India. Enumerating the salient features of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, he emphasised that it has laid the ground for liberating students from being prisoners of the choices made for them by their parents and peers when it comes to choosing educational courses. He stated that with the implementation of the

NEP, students are now free to opt for higher courses, matching their talent.

Dr Jitendra urged teachers to identify the inherent talent of the students and mentor them accordingly so that they can contribute to nation-building. He said these are the best times happening for India, and the country is at par with other countries, especially in Education, Science and Technology and startup ups.

He informed that India is ranked No. 3 in world StartUp ecosystem.

Dr Singh stated that J&K would be among the front runners in India's march towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. He stressed the role of teachers towards the end, saying they have to take up cudgels to fashion students into architects of a Viksit Bharat.

He appealed to the educators to encourage their ward to leverage technology for gaining knowledge, adding that these days, cost effective literature is readily available.

Calling for the tapping of explored Himalayan bioresources, Dr Jitendra Singh, they hold the potential of making value addition to India's economy. He urged the teachers to encourage students to take up StartUp initiatives which have emerged as new avenues of self employment.

The Minister informed that the government has decided to organise StartUp exhibitions across the country to create awareness about them. One such exhibition will be held in Srinagar soon, he further informed.

Dr Jitendra Singh highlighted the success of Purple Revolution which has brought J&K on the world map of StartUps.

SCERT J&K conducts workshop on 'Developing DIKSHA Online Courses', E-Content Uploading

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JAMMU: The SCERT J&K Divisional Office Jammu organized a three-day workshop from October 28 to 30, 2024, focused on empowering educators and coordinators from the 10 DIETs of Jammu Division.

This initiative aligns with SCERT's vision of enhancing digital learning resources across Jammu and Kashmir by equipping DIET representatives with the expertise to create high-quality content, structured courses, and engaging quizzes.

The workshop was focussed on developing online courses and uploading of e-content on the DIKSHA platform.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT Divisional Office Jammu, who emphasized



SCERT J&K officials with participants of workshop.

the role of digital education in creating equitable learning opportunities.

She highlighted SCERT's commitment to making high-quality, accessible resources available to students across Jammu and Kashmir, underscoring the transformative potential of digital platforms like DIKSHA. Hands-on sessions were

led by resource persons Vivek Jandial, DIKSHA Technical Coordinator, SCERT Jammu, and Anil Sharma, DIKSHA Academic Coordinator, SCERT Jammu.

They guided participants through the technical and pedagogical aspects of e-content creation and course design. Key objectives of the workshop included develop-

ing structured, high-quality online courses for DIKSHA, streamlining the process of e-content uploading, and fostering a culture of digital content creation that aligns with national standards for digital learning.

A special focus was placed on equipping participants with skills for quiz development and enhancing interactive engagement in learning.

As a significant outcome of the workshop, each of the 10 DIETs successfully crafted and launched a quiz on DIKSHA, guided by the SCERT team.

These quizzes, tailored for students, teachers, and heads of institutions across Jammu Division, were launched by Joint Director Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor during the valedictory function. Focused on local knowledge and history, the quizzes serve as valuable digital

resources, advancing SCERT's mission to leverage technology in promoting regional education and fostering a deeper connection with local culture and heritage.

The workshop was organized and facilitated by the DIKSHA Divisional Team, comprising Vivek Jandial (Academic Officer), Anil Sharma (Academic Officer), Dr. Sandeep (Academic Officer), Dr. Bhuv (Academic Officer), Arsh Kour (Academic Officer), and Dr. Seema Zakir (Teacher), whose efforts ensured the smooth execution of the training sessions.

With their newly acquired skills, participants will return to their respective districts to implement digital learning projects and train other educators, amplifying the reach and impact of this workshop.

CCI delegation meets Commissioner State Taxes Department



CCI delegation calling on Commissioner State Taxes Department on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Arun Gupta President Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer met the Commissioner State Taxes department and discussed with him various issues which are badly affecting the business community.

While speaking on the occasion Sh. Arun Gupta said that the businessmen who are doing their business honestly, paying GST and also are filing their GST return in time are also harassed on one pretext or the other. There is a general practice that even the businessmen who are doing their business honestly are being harassed on technical

grounds, even on minor mistakes they are not being spared by the authorities. Sometimes when our traders import items with proper billing and try to deliver the imported goods to the parties nearby their business premises, they are penalized on the ground that as per GST laws first they have to unload the imported goods at their own business premises and then they can shift the said goods to the premises of the dealer to whom said goods have been sold by using another vehicles. When there is no tax evasion on the part of buyer or seller why these innocent persons are penalized by the authorities.

Arun Gupta also briefed the Commissioner State tax department that there are

some dealers who have purchased taxable goods during Covid-19 period and have claimed the input tax credit.

However they could not make the payment of their purchase bills within prescribed period of 180 days because the financial services and working in the banks remained badly affected during the Covid period.

The department has reversed the Input tax credit and imposed penalty and interest on these dealers. He requested the State Taxes department that the interest and penalty imposed should be waived off.

While replying to the issues raised in the meeting, the Commissioner State Taxes said that I also firmly believe that when there is no tax evasion the parties should not be harassed and penalized by the department. In this regard I have already conveyed my views to my officers.

Regarding the issue pertaining to reversing the Input tax Credit and imposing penalty and interest he said that the government is going to announce an amnesty scheme to resolve this issue.

ACB to hold two mega events at Rajouri, Jammu

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JAMMU: In connection with commemoration of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) is organizing two programmes in Rajouri and Jammu.

The first programme will be held on November 4 at 1100 hrs at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri, which shall also be visualized at DC Office Poonch, Directorate of Health Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, DC Office, Ramban and DC office Budgam through video conference.

The second event would be held at 1500 hrs at MAM College Jammu, which shall also be visualized at DC Offices of Poonch, Rajouri and Udhampur.

ADGP Jammu Zone greets people on Diwali

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, has greeted the public of Jammu province, police personnel, and their families on the joyous occasion of Diwali.

In his message, the ADGP Jammu Zone has said, "The festival of Diwali signifies the triumph of righteousness and celebrates the victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. On this occasion, let us dedicate ourselves to illuminating the lives of all with joy and prosperity and spreading the light of love, affection, and brotherhood. May the festival of lights this year usher in peace, prosperity, and happiness for all."

"Please refrain from using fireworks that cause noise and air pollution, and let us celebrate responsibly and create a harmonious atmosphere for all. In case of any emergencies or concerns, please reach out to us. Our dedicated teams are working round the clock to maintain law and order," he added.

Furthermore, ADGP Jammu Zone urged the public of Jammu Zone to assist the police in ensuring the highest level of security during the celebrations by closely monitoring any suspicious objects, vehicles, or people and reporting them to the closest police personnel or police picket.

Total Maxillectomy performed at ASCOMS Jammu

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JAMMU: Acharaya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) Jammu has performed total Maxillectomy marking a milestone to provide best healthcare and surgical care to the residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

A 64 years old male was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma of right maxilla. The surgical team performed right total maxillectomy for removal of tumour in toto.

The surgery was performed by the Department of ENT and Head and Neck surgery, ASCOMS Jammu by the surgical team led by Dr Padam Singh Jamwal (Professor and Head of Department), Dr Nitika Mehta (Associate Professor), Dr Chandpreet Kour (Assistant Professor), Dr Mohit Goel (Assistant Professor) and Dr Iaichika Sethi (Assistant



ASCOMS doctors team with patient.

Professor). The surgery was demonstrated to the residents Dr Priyanka Mahajan (Senior Resident) and Dr Anju Sharma (Senior Resident) along with post graduates of the Department of ENT and head and neck surgery - Dr Tanish Arora, Dr Hitesh Jasrotia, Dr Obair Baba, Dr Pankhuri Gupta, Dr Ajit Pal Singh Sodi, Dr Munnawar Katoo, Dr Hamid Khan and Dr Sidrat. The procedure was expertly supported by the anaesthetic team headed by Dr Nandita Mehta (Professor and

Head of Department, Anaesthesia), Dr Anshu (Assistant Professor), Dr Bushra (Senior Resident) and their post graduates. Post operatively patient will be subjected to radiotherapy and post-operative care will also include tailored rehabilitation plan to support patients recovery and respiratory function. This achievement is testimony of hard work and perseverance of our entire team. This milestone would not have been achieved without support of our principal Dr Pawan Malhotra.

BJP celebrates Deepawali with fervour



BJP J&K leaders performing Diwali Puja.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Working President Sat Sharma, former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, National Secretary Dr Narinder Singh (MLA), along with senior leaders celebrated "Deepawali Milan" at BJP Headquarters, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, while speaking on the occasion, wished the countrymen and party leaders on the auspicious occasion of Diwali and prayed to God Almighty to bestow peace and happiness upon the

vast lands of the Nation and whole world.

He said that with the gleam of lights and echoes of prayers, this Deepawali finishes all the darkness of evil and hasten the return of light to those who are still in voyage of destiny. He said that the Diwali bestows health, happiness and cleanliness of souls.

Sat Sharma said that on the day of celebration of the God Ram's return to Ayodhya after victory of demons, we must pledge to weed out terrorism and other evils from the society

and return to eternal path of love and brotherhood. He wished for the peace and prosperity in the region and prayed for the health and happiness of all.

BJP leaders performed Pooja, distributed sweets and burst crackers, while wishing happiness, success and health to each other and the mankind.

MLAs Yudhvir Sethi, Arvind Gupta, Ch Vikram Randhawa, Aseem Gupta, Priya Sethi, Adv Sunil Sethi, Munish Sharma, Tilak Raj Gupta, Dr Pardeep Mahotra, Brig Anil Gupta, Rajni Sethi, Dr Tahir Choudhary, Ankit Gupta, Rekha Mahajan, Prem Gupta, Ved Sharma, Ankush Mahajan, Neha Mahajan, and others were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, BJP Working President Sat Sharma, former MP Shamsheer Singh Manhas, MLAs Yudhvir Sethi & Arvind Gupta, Dr Pardeep Mahotra, Sanjita Dogra, Parmod Kapahi celebrated Deepawali at party office, Kachi Chawni Jammu.