

Randhawa intensifies development push in Bahu Constituency

Starts construction of Community Hall at Qasim Nagar

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JAMMU: In a stride toward fulfilling the BJP's commitment to grassroots development, MLA Vikram Randhawa on Tuesday inaugurated the much-anticipated construction of a community hall at Ward 47, Qasim Nagar in Bahu Constituency. The project, already included in the Jammu Municipal Corporation's development plan, meets a longstanding demand of the residents and aims to provide a dedicated space for community gatherings, cultural events, and social functions.

Joined by former Corporator Sharda Devi and her team, Vikram Randhawa expressed his



MLA Vikram Randhawa inaugurating construction of a community hall at Ward 47, Qasim Nagar.

dedication to advancing Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

He emphasized that the project is a testament to the BJP's focus on inclusive, community-centered development that directly benefits people at the local level.

"This community hall is more than just a building; it's a space for unity, cultural expression, and social support for all sections of society," he said.

He continued, "Today, we're not just laying the foundation for a structure, but for a vision of progress that echoes the aspirations of our community. The long wait for this facility is over, and it stands as a symbol of our commitment to delivering on promises and fostering inclusive growth in Bahu."

Randhawa reassured the public that this is only the beginning of his intensified development drive in Bahu Constituency. He underlined that the community hall aligns with the BJP's developmental mission to uplift every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our efforts will continue to align with the aspirations of every citizen, creating infrastructure that serves their needs and enhances their quality of life," he stated, pledging to uphold the BJP's mission to strengthen community resources across the constituency.

The community members expressed their appreciation for the project's timely initiation, seeing it as a step towards greater community empowerment and unity in Bahu.

KU's DYD students visit JU, engage in knowledge exchange

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To enhance inter-university collaboration, the University of Jammu hosted students and faculty from the Design Your Degree (DYD) program of the University of Kashmir (KU) for a two-day knowledge exchange program. The visit provided a unique platform for KU students to immerse themselves in the academic environment of the University of Jammu and explore collaborative opportunities within the DYD initiatives. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, interacted with the students from KU. In his session, Prof. Rai highlighted the transformative approach of the DYD program at the University of Jammu and encouraged the

visiting students to fully benefit from this academic exchange. His interactive discussion allowed students to ask questions, gain insights, and explore new academic pathways and opportunities available under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Earlier, Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, SIIEDC, presented an overview of DYD activities at the University of Jammu, emphasizing the program's focus on interdisciplinary and practical learning aligned with NEP 2020.

Dr. Sandeep Arya showcased major projects led by the DYD students of the University of Jammu over the past year, sparking great interest among the visiting faculty and stu-

dents.

Faculty members including Prof. K.S. Charak, Prof. Anil Gupta, Prof. Sadaf Shah, and Dr. Jatinder Manhas offered valuable feedback, enriching the academic discussions.

KU's DYD Coordinator, Prof. Syeda Afshana, shared notable achievements and milestones of the DYD program at the University of Kashmir. A highlight of the visit was the dynamic student-led interactive session, where students from both universities discussed their experiences and aspirations within the DYD framework. KU students also attended DYD classes at the University of Jammu, gaining firsthand insight into the unique academic methodologies practiced there.

Balbir gets membership of Begampura Vishav Mahasabha



Begampura Vishav Mahasabha Chairman handing over a letter of membership of organization to Balbir Ram Rattan.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In recognition of his contribution in taking the teachings and message of Guru Ravidass to the masses, Balbir Ram Rattan, has been granted membership of Begampura Vishav Mahasabha.

Balbir Ram Rattan of Jammu and Kashmir has been associated with a number of international and Indian social organizations, which work to make people

sage of Guru Ravidass in India and abroad.

Begampura Vishav Mahasabha is headed by Sant Satnam Singh as Chairman, Sant Shri Mahant Parshotam Lal as President and Sant Gurwinder Singh as General Secretary.

They handed over a letter of the membership of the organization to Balbir Ram Rattan recently in a programme held at Phagwara, Punjab, which was attended by a large number of followers of Guru Ravidass from across the country.

Balbir Ram Rattan expressed gratitude to Begampura Vishav Mahasabha for entrusting faith in him and encouraging to continue with the work of acting as a medium to familiarise the people about life of Guru Ravidass.

aware about the life, wisdom and message of equality, universal brotherhood of India's great saint, Guru Ravidass.

Begampura Vishav Mahasabha is an organization based on Guru Ravidass's concept of "Begampura", a society free of any pain, with gender equality and social justice. The management of the organization is fully taken care by the prominent sants, who have devoted their life for spreading the mes-

Cultural fest Yuvtarang showcases talent and spirit on day 5

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Under the guidance of Senior Professor K.S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, the fifth day of the Yuvtarang Cultural Fest celebrated student talent and cultural diversity. Organized by the Department of Student Welfare, the festival witnessed energetic participation across multiple venues, with students competing in diverse cultural and academic events.

At SPMR College of Commerce, the Quiz Competition was a highlight, where GGM Science College triumphed with first place, followed by GCW Gandhi Nagar and MAM College. The competition, led by Dr. Chinmoyi Maharana from the



Winner students posing for a photograph with CUJ faculty and other dignitaries.

University of Jammu's Department of Zoology, challenged participants with stimulating questions.

GCW Gandhi Nagar hosted vocal and instrumental performances, with Deepanjali from GCOE taking first place in Classical Vocal Solo, Ayushi from the School of Sciences earning second, and Aruna from GCW Gandhi Nagar third.

In the Indian Group Song category, GCOE claimed victory, while GGM Science College and GCW Gandhi Nagar placed second and third. Mohd Zaigham Salaria of GGM Science College won the Classical Instrumental Solo, followed by Sonakshi Sharma of SPMR College and Seerat of GGM Science College.

Theater events at MAM

College, including skits and mime acts, captivated the audience. The skit competition was won by MAM College, with SPMR College securing second and GCW Gandhi Nagar third. In mime, GCW Gandhi Nagar won first, MAM College second, and GGM Science College third. Individual accolades went to Farhat from MAM College for Best Actress

and Aakash Katoch for Best Actor, with merit certificates awarded to students from various institutions.

Judges for these events included Sumit Sharma, Kamal Razdan, and Ifra Kak at MAM College, and Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Dr. Mukteshi, and Dr. Rishi Shamminotra at GCW Gandhi Nagar.

The fest's organization was overseen by Dr. Monika Sharma, Dean of Student Welfare, alongside a dedicated team of faculty and observers who ensured seamless execution.

Prominent figures like Dr. S.P. Sarsawat, Prof. Rajinder Singh, and Prof. B.B. Anand graced the occasion, emphasizing the event's spirit of unity and artistic excellence.

Maruti Suzuki launches Dazzling New Dzire at NSF Vehicles Satwari

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) has launched the Dazzling New Dzire in an event at NSF Vehicles, Satwari, Jammu, aiming to cater to diverse customer preferences and maintain its stronghold in the domestic market.

The car was unveiled by Sanjay Mahajan, Branch Head of J&K Bank Nai Basti Jammu, alongside NSF Vehicles' senior management, including Rajiv Kotwal (Director), Sumalini Kotwal (Director), and Akash Haryal (GM Sales).

The new Dzire boasts a progressive design and segment-leading features. Key highlights include an electric sunroof, 360-degree HD view camera, and Suzuki Connect. It also features advanced LED Crystal Vision headlamps



Sanjay Mahajan, Branch Head of J&K Bank Nai Basti unveiling New Dzire in an event at NSF Vehicles, Satwari, Jammu.

for improved visibility. Powering the Dzire is a highly efficient Z-Series 1.2L engine, offering 24.79 km/l fuel efficiency for the petrol manual variant and 33.73 km/kg for the S-CNG model. Inside, the sedan offers plush interiors with a 22.86cm (9") SmartPlay Pro+ infotainment system,

enhanced by Surround Sense by ARKAMYS™. Additional features include a wireless charger, TPMS, rear fast-charging USB ports, and rear reading lamps for a premium in-car experience.

Safety is a priority, with over 15 features such as 6 airbags, 3-point ELR seat-

Impressively, the Dzire has earned a 5-star GNCAP safety rating.

The car's exterior includes refined elements like a shark-fin antenna, aero boot lip spoiler, and two-tone precision-cut alloy wheels. Customers can choose from three new colors-Alluring Blue, Gallant Red, and Nutmeg Brown-alongside existing options like Aretic White and Magma Grey.

This launch underscores Maruti Suzuki's commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction, offering a sedan that seamlessly blends style, performance, and advanced features.

Economics Deptt, CUJ hosts Online Training Session on EBSCO Business Source Elite



Department of Economics, CUJ students and faculty at online training session.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organized an online training session focused on EBSCO Business Source Elite and its associated resources. Such a specialized training provided the faculty, Ph.D scholars and students information about essential tools to enhance their research capabilities.

The session was led by Ritesh Kumar, Senior Training Manager at EBSCO for North India, who guided the participants through key aspects of the EBSCO platform.

Participants gained hands-on experience in locating study materials, refining search strategies, managing personal folders, and setting up publication alerts-key skills for advanced academic research. Additionally, the session provided an in-depth exploration of Harvard Business Review case studies, an invaluable resource for students delving into contemporary economic issues and case-based learning.

The interactive session was designed to ensure that participants are able to navi-

gate and utilize EBSCO's offerings effectively for their research needs.

Following the instructional segment, Kumar conducted a live Q&A session, addressing specific queries and provided further insights to help participants apply their newly learned skills. An interactive quiz tested participants' understanding of the session content, with student Nandini emerging as the winner which allowed the attendees to demonstrate their grasp of the material and added a competitive element to reinforce learning.

By fostering practical skills and promoting efficient research methodologies, this initiative of the Department of Economics supported academic and professional growth among students and faculty which has been a core focus of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, HVC, Central University of Jammu.

at the outset Prof. A K Nanda, Head, Department of Economics gave an overview of the session, Dr. Shaveta Kohli, Associate Professor, conducted the session and Dr. Anooj Bhadu, Assistant Professor, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

BJP set to create history in its membership drive :Sat Sharma



President J&K BJP, Sat Sharma chairing a meeting at Jammu on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The overwhelming response to the ongoing membership drive of the party indicates that BJP will create history this time in Jammu and Kashmir UT.

Sat Sharma, former minister & President Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said this while chairing a series of meetings of party activists at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, which were convened to review the membership drive being undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP National Executive Member and Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, senior leader Daljit Singh, Nanaji Deshmukh Library Incharge Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra and Membership Drive

Convenor Munish Khajuria shared dais with Sat Sharma in the meetings.

Sat Sharma said that the BJP is gaining popularity with each passing day and its wider acceptance can be well judged from the rise in vote percent and number of seats in the recently held assembly elections in the UT.

"Ours is a cadre based party and the role of every activist is important in the successful conduct of any campaign, programme of BJP", Sat said, adding that each one of us is always on ground, unlike other parties which appear in public only during elections.

BJP President asked the party activists to devote more time to reach every household and motivate maximum peo-

ple to be members of the party.

Meanwhile, listening to the grievances of the party activists from Doda West, Doda East and Bhaderwah, Sat assured them to take effective steps to mitigate the same.

They included Sarpanches Rajinder Rakwal, Sandeep Manhas, Joginder and Raj Kumar, District Secretary, Mandal Presidents Kashmir Singh, Dhananter and Manjeet Pathania, Sanjay Sharma State Vice-President BJYM, Gagan Rana Yuva Morcha, Arjun Rana, Yograj Singh, Vijay Sharma, Lalit Raina, Akash Manhas, Rajesh Parihar, Hakam, Vicky Bhau Abhimanyu Kotwal and Parvinder.

Bharat Sevashram Sangha's mobile Medical Camp serves remote villages in Jammu district



Bharat Sevashram Sangha member and doctors at a medical camp.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Since 2019, the Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) has been making a profound impact in the remote areas of Jammu district by organizing weekly Mobile Medical Camps. These camps aim to provide essential healthcare services to villages that lack proper medical facilities, including Katal Batal, Nadore, Chhurta, and Seri, among others. For residents of these underserved areas, the camps have become a vital lifeline, offering basic health check-ups, free medicines, health

(Gynaecologist), and Dr. Deepak De (General Medicine), volunteer their expertise, ensuring that people receive quality healthcare close to home.

Satya Mitranandaji Maharaj expressed his satisfaction with the initiative, emphasizing the importance of reaching unserved populations and making a difference in their lives. He also extended gratitude to SBI Life Insurance for its sponsorship and to the dedicated doctors who contribute their time. The success of these camps, which have steadily grown over the years, reflects the BSS's commitment to improving healthcare accessibility in Jammu.

In addition to its healthcare efforts, BSS also honored the late Devender Singh Rana, acknowledging his significant contributions to society. The tribute highlighted his leadership and dedication to public welfare, and BSS members paid their respects to his legacy. The initiative continues to evolve, strengthening the quality of life in Jammu district, one village at a time.

awareness programs, and emergency ambulance services.

Under the leadership of Swami Satyantranandaji Maharaj, Secretary of BSS Jammu Branch, the initiative has grown significantly, benefiting thousands of villagers.

It is supported by SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd., which sponsors the program as part of its corporate social responsibility efforts.

Experienced medical professionals, such as Dr. B. B. Sharma (MBBS, Retd.), Dr. Debkalyan Maji

Biradari Congregation on Nov 15

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Annual Congregation of Raipuria Janwal Biradari shall be held on November 15 at Bua Sajavati Devsthan at Machine Domana. All the members of Raipuria Janwal Biradari are requested to attend the congregation along with family to take the blessings of Bua Ji.

The Annual Congregation of All India Mahajan Jandiyal (Sansah) Biradari will take place on Friday, 15th November 2024, at Baba Sehaj Nath Ji Dev Asthan Mandir, Sohail Tanda, Tehsil Akhnoor. All Biradari members are invited to attend with their families and seek the blessings of Baba Sehaj Nath Ji. The program will begin with a Hawan at 8:30 AM, followed by a Bhandara at 11:00 AM. A transport facility will be available from Bus Stand Akhnoor starting from 8:00 AM.

The Bi-Annual Congregation of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari will be held on 15th Nov 2024, Friday at Devsthan Temple, Sector 14 Behind Power House, Shiva Ji Chowk, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. The Meeting of Akhil Bhartiya Rohmetra Mahajan Bradari held under the Chairmanship of the President Parbhakar Rohmetra. All members of Biradari are requested to attend the congregation and seek blessings of Kuldevta Baba Pargan Nath Ji. Among others present in the meeting were Prabhakar Rohmetra, Yogesh Rohmetra, Satpal Rohmetra, Yashpal Rohmetra, Moolraj

Rohmetra, Ravi Rohmetra, Ajay Rohmetra, Neeraj Rohmetra, Vinay Rohmetra, Abhishek Rometra and others.

A meeting of All India Maglooria Mahajan Biradari was held at their office Opposite Industrial Estate Digiana Jammu, under the Chairmanship of Harinder Gupta (Chairman) and was attended by Lalit Gupta (President), Kush Kumar Gupta, Dev Kumar Gupta, Ashok Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Kuldeep Gupta and Sudesh Gupta wherein the arrangements for congregation on November 15, 2024 (Friday) were finalized. Hawan & Puja will start at 9.30 AM follow by Langar Parshad at 11.30 AM, they said.

The annual congregation of the Puri Biradari will take place on Friday, November 15, at Village Suketar, near Sula Park in District Reasi. All families of the Puri Biradari are invited to participate and seek the blessings of Datti Maa. The event will commence with a Pooja Path at 10 AM and conclude with the distribution of Parshad and a community Langar.

Annual mail of All India Vaid Mahajan Biradari is being celebrated on 15th November, 2024 at Kul Devi Devsthan, Sheeta Wanti, Mill Area, R S Pura, Jammu. All Vaid Biradari members have been requested to participate in the mail and obtain blessing of "Kuldevi" and have a Parshad/Langar. Suitable accommodation arrangement for the devotees from outside the J&K has been made.