

Sukesh Khajuria calls on J&K CM to control dengue outbreak in UT of J&K

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JAMMU: Senior social and health activist Sukesh C. Khajuria has called on the Jammu and Kashmir government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to take immediate and effective action to address the growing dengue outbreak in the Union Territory.

He expressed concern that the municipal and health authorities have been reactive in their approach, only addressing dengue outbreaks after cases are reported, rather than taking preventive measures in advance.

He criticized the authorities for focusing on "fire fighting" efforts, such as fogging, rather than adopting a systematic approach to control the spread of vector-borne diseases like dengue.

According to official data, a total of 6,151 dengue cases have been reported in



Jammu and Kashmir this year, with Jammu district accounting for 3,728 of those cases. Other affected districts include Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, and Reasi.

As of now, 493 people have been hospitalized due to complications from dengue, and 78 are still undergoing treatment. While the situation in the Kashmir Valley remains relatively less severe, with only 22 reported cases, the rising number of

cases in Jammu district has raised alarms. Khajuria stressed that the failure to manage the outbreak effectively, especially for the poorer sections of society who are most vulnerable, has led to unnecessary hardship and strain on the healthcare system.

Khajuria urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to implement the guidelines set by the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), a

comprehensive national framework for controlling and preventing vector-borne diseases.

He emphasized the need for a coordinated and proactive approach, with stronger collaboration between municipal authorities, health departments, and local bodies.

The NVBDCP guidelines include several key strategies, such as identifying and eliminating mosquito breeding sites, particularly in residential areas, rooftops, and other locations where standing water accumulates. Public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about preventing mosquito breeding and using protective measures like mosquito nets are also essential.

In addition to these preventive measures, Khajuria recommended indoor and outdoor mosquito control through the use of insecti-

cide-treated nets and indoor residual spraying in high-risk areas. The use of larvicides in areas with standing water, along with introducing larvivorous fish into water bodies to control mosquito larvae, should also be implemented.

Khajuria emphasized that a coordinated action plan, focused on these strategies, is necessary to reduce the transmission of dengue and lessen the burden on the healthcare system, especially with the dengue season expected to last until December.

Khajuria urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to prioritize the health and well-being of the people and take immediate steps to combat the dengue outbreak.

He called for a comprehensive, long-term approach to prevent further spread of the disease and to protect the vulnerable sections of society from its impact.

Fairdeal Auto Hyundai organizes 'Hyundai Always Around' Camp in Channi Himmat



Ranjeet Kaur, Branch Head J&K Bank Channi Himmat and others at 'Hyundai Always Around' Camp.

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JAMMU: Fairdeal Auto Hyundai is proud to announce the successful organization of Hyundai Always Around Camp, aimed at delivering a holistic customer experience. The event, held at Channi Himmat Sector 2, Jammu, brought together key services for car buyers.

The camp was officially inaugurated by Ranjeet Kaur, Branch Head of JK

Bank Channi Himmat. The event served as a unique opportunity for customers to experience the brand's commitment to convenience, quality, and customer satisfaction. The Hyundai Always Around Camp featured a comprehensive suite of services, including free car evaluations, an 18-point check-up for Hyundai vehicles, and opportunities for test drives of the latest Hyundai models.

The camp was designed to bring together various aspects of car ownership—sales, service, and exchange-into one seamless experience for customers.

Fairdeal Auto Hyundai continues to prioritize customer convenience and satisfaction, and this initiative further strengthens its presence in Jammu and its dedication to serving the needs of Hyundai vehicle owners.

84 Bn CRPF organizes medical camp at Digdol

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RAMBAN: 84 Bn CRPF under the aegis of Jammu Sector CRPF, organized a day long Free Medical Camp at Digdol Ramban.

The Camp was inaugurated by N Ranbir Singh Commandant 84 Bn in the presence of Lakhwinder Asstt Cdt 84 Bn, Indrajit Singh Asstt Cdt and P S Mishra Asstt Cdt 84 Bn, Bhodraj Raj Vice Principal Govt High School Digdol, Bhagwan Singh Panch, Pyar Singh Ex Sarpanch Digdol, Gurjeet Singh Civil Society Member, prominent members of the village, Elders, Women and Children and representatives of print and electronic media.

While speaking during the function, Commandant 84 Bn CRPF stated that CRPF is the largest Paramilitary Force in the country, with nearly 250 Battalions.

Since CRPF is entrusted with the responsibilities of Internal Security of the large and



Commandant 84 Bn CRPF, N Ranbir Singh inaugurating a free medical camp at Digdol Ramban.

diverse country, India, it is deployed across all the 03 major conflict theatres, viz, J&K, LW region and NE. CRPF, since its raising in 1939, has played an instrumental role in Nation building and safeguarding the Unity and Integrity of the Nation.

He also highlighted about the various social outreach programs undertaken CRPF all over the country to establish better connect between the Force and local populace.

Gurjeet Singh Ramban expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the people of Digdol

and adjoining villages, to 84 Bn CRPF, for organizing the Free Medical Camp in Digdol area.

The camp was attended by approximately 200 needy villagers, including elderly persons, women and children of Digdol Ramban.

The participants were attended by Dr Anu Gorke SMO/DC, 84 Bn and Dr Manish MO 137 Bn.

The locals were provided free Medical Treatment and medicines during the camp. Light refreshments were served to the local participants, during the camp.

10th Edition of Harmony India Awards honours cultural and social icons of J&K

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JAMMU: The Harmony Cultural Foundation celebrated the 10th edition of the Harmony India Awards, a two-day event that honored cultural icons, young talents, and community leaders in Jammu & Kashmir. Supported by the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, the event featured immersive performances, tributes, and a workshop on traditional music, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region. The festivities began at the Writers Club, Jammu, with a Music Workshop on Indian classical music and Kashmiri folk instruments, led by Saurabh Zadoo. Renowned artists like Suraj Singh and Munir Ahmed Mir, alongside skilled accompanists, demonstrated the depth of Kashmir's traditional music.

On the second day at



Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, former Vice Chancellor, JNU being awarded The Harmony India Mata Lalleshwari Lalded Samman in the field of Education and Science at Abhinav Theatre.

Abhinav Theatre, Jammu, the Yuva Suron Ki Goonj initiative showcased emerging talents from the region. Performances included Harshita Pandita's Ghazal by Bashir Badr, Aarna Ambardar's classical dance, and Netra Tikoo's Kashmiri Sufiyana composition. The Harmonies Choir, conducted by Zadoo, captivated the audience with folk-inspired

compositions. A particularly poignant moment was the performance of "Khodaya Pron Hyu Kashmir Kot Gav," a song written by Peer Zahoora, which evoked deep nostalgia for Kashmir. The event culminated in a grand awards ceremony, presided over by dignitaries such as Arvind Karwani, Kuldeep Khoda, and Prof. Sudhir Sopory. The awards recog-

nized individuals who had made significant contributions to the cultural, social, and artistic landscape of Jammu & Kashmir. Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Triloke Koul (Fine Arts) and Makhan Lal Saraf (Theatre and Acting). The Harmony India Mata Lalleshwari Lalded Samman was awarded to Prof. Sudhir K Sopory, while the Pt.

Bhajan Sopori Smriti Samman honored the Saaz Nawaz Group for their contribution to Kashmiri Sufiyana Music.

Other recipients included Dr. Samita Bhat (Medicine), Prem Nath Shad (Kashmiri Poetry), and Yogendra Tikoo (Acting). The National Icon Award went to Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar (Sports), while the Yuva Puraskar was given to Ifra Kak (Theatre) and Sheena Saraf (Sports). Saurabh Zadoo, musician and founder of the Harmony Cultural Foundation, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to showcase new talent and compositions, emphasizing the foundation's commitment to preserving and evolving the cultural legacy of Jammu & Kashmir. The 10th Harmony India Awards underscored the foundation's dedication to fostering cultural exchange, creativity, and community empowerment.

Balwant Thakur's Hindi play 'Jaal' staged by Natrang

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JAMMU: Balwant Thakur's hard hitting Hindi play 'JAAL' staged here today at Rani Park, Jammu under the direction of Neeraj Kant.

In a very effective manner this powerful play innovatively showcases how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the highly energetic human resource of developing nations like India. The youth of India, the most influential and the productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slips into the suicidal trap of drug menace.

The play 'Jaal' was not based on any one story-line but as an experiment Balwant Thakur has woven multiple stories in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a mesh, this taking the toll of



A scene from Balwant Thakur's play 'Jaal' being presented by Natrang at Rani Park, Jammu.

the strongest workforce of the country. Jammu is no exception. We are a witness to lots of youth losing lives. In a sequence a young boy is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of intoxications.

All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age by consuming a variety of intoxications. In another sequence a rural inhabitant particularly the men-

folk are shown drowned in the menace of alcohol. All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and other ailments are attributed to the constant growth of consumption of alcohol in the village.

In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earnings in alcohol. Being drunk completely he has loses his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night this drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for not receiving him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having malicious intentions towards his wife. This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing senses damages his household

belongings as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of the growing drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drugs menace. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon who is extending its constituency day by day.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Aadesh Dhar, Gopi Sharma Vandana Thakur, Kartik Kumar, Aryan Sharma and Vishal Sharma. The show was ably conducted by Brijesh Avtar Sharma and coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

VHP, Samrasta Department to launch Samrasta Rath Yatras

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JAMMU: The Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh executive meeting of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) was held at the organization's headquarters, Shakti Ashram.

This one-day meeting reviewed the upcoming initiatives of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, with a focus on the Samrasta Rath Yatras being organized nationwide by the VHP's Samrasta Department.

In Jammu and Kashmir, these Rath Yatras will also take place, featuring grand processions in honor of revered saints like Lord Valmiki, Saint Ravidas Ji, Saint Ramdas Ji, Kabir Das Ji, and others.

Rajesh Gupta, the Acting President of VHP, remarked that since Jammu and Kashmir became a Union Territory and elections were held, the region has witnessed an increase in terrorist incidents, resulting in the loss of



Acting President VHP J&K, Rajesh Gupta addressing a meeting at Jammu on Sunday.

many innocent lives.

The VHP strongly condemns these incidents and urges the newly formed government to strengthen its intelligence and security apparatus to prevent such occurrences in the future.

The meeting, which spanned one day, was attended by district officials from across the region who provided updates on the activities being carried out by the VHP in their respective areas.

Prominent attendees included Rajendra, Provincial Organization Minister; Abhishek, Provincial Minister;

Shakti Dutt, Provincial Deputy Minister; Karan Singh, Assistant Minister; Balkishan, Provincial Treasurer; Sudarshan Khajuria, Minister of Baba Yatri Nyas; and others such as Naveen Mahajan, Rajan Gupta, Kapil Gupta, Shashant Sharma, Sapten Pawan Sharma, Prabhut Singh, Swaran Singh, Rahul, Bajrang Dal Co-Convenor of the Province, Siddhant, Shrimati Shilpi Verma, Shrimati Sushma Sharma, Monika Sharma, Shrimati Bhavani, Vandana Khajuria, and Ramniwas.

Shiv Sena pays tribute to Balasaheb Thackeray, vows to fulfill unfulfilled dreams



Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K leaders paying tribute to party founder Hindu Hriday Samrat Vandana Balasaheb Thackeray.

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit leaders paid heartfelt tribute to party founder Hindu Hriday Samrat Vandana Balasaheb Thackeray on his Mahanirvan Diwas and vowed to fulfill his dream of safe return of Kashmiri Pandits and end of the era of terrorism from Jammu - Kashmir. In the tribute program organized at the party's state central office, J&K unit chief Manish Sahni along with state lead-

ers paid their heartfelt tribute to Vandana Balasaheb Thackeray and vowed to fulfill his dreams.

Sahni said that Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray, who gave the slogan 'Garv Se Kaho Hum Hindu Hai', had spread consciousness in the subconscious minds of Hindus by awakening the spirit of Hindutva. Balasaheb was in favor of 'one country, one constitution and one flag'.

He used to talk about undivided Jammu and Kashmir

Expresses grief over Jhansi fire incident

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni and state leaders expressed deep grief over the incident at Jhansi Medical College in Uttar Pradesh at the party central office and paid tearful tributes to the children who became victims of the heart-rending incident by Lighting candles and expressed their condolences to the families and prayed to Almighty God to give them the courage to bear this grief and for the speedy recovery of the injured children.

Sahni has advised Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi to spare some time from the election campaign in other states under the divide rule politics and focus on the interests of the people of Uttar Pradesh.

by making POK, Aksai Chin a part of India. Today Jammu and Kashmir has been divided into two parts and the status of the state has been taken away.

The rights of the local people of Jammu and Kashmir are being violated and the participation of outsiders is increasing day by day.

At the same time, the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits

and the end of terrorism have not been achieved. Due to which Balasaheb Thackeray's dream about Jammu and Kashmir is still incomplete.

On this occasion Meenakshi Chhibber, Jai Bharat, Vikas Bakshi, Raj Singh, Bharat Mahajan, Rohan Manwal, Dimple, Sunita Kumari, Jagbir, Ajay and many others were present.

J&K witnessed unprecedented development under Modi Regime: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Highlighting the transformative changes in Jammu and Kashmir under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu Constituency, inaugurated the construction work for lanes and drains in Ward No. 4 of Narwal Panchayat.

The project, undertaken at a cost of Rs 17 lakhs, aims to improve the infrastructure and provide much-needed relief to the local residents.

Addressing the gathering, Randhawa lauded the vision of the Modi-led government, which has prioritized holistic development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The region has witnessed unprecedented growth in every sector since the abrogation of Article 370. From road connectivity to sanitation, every aspect of public infrastructure is being upgraded to ensure better



MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating construction work for lanes and drains in Ward No. 4.

living standards for the citizens," he said.

Randhawa emphasized that the work in Narwal Panchayat is a step towards fulfilling the commitment to modernize and revamp urban and rural infrastructure in the constituency. He assured the locals that all pending developmental works in Bahu Assembly Segment would be expedited to bring

tangible benefits to every resident. The senior BJP leader called on the public to actively participate in the development process, ensuring that government schemes and initiatives reach every household. He also reaffirmed his commitment to resolving public grievances promptly, maintaining an open-door policy for the people of Bahu Constituency.

Randhawa credited the Modi Government for creating an environment conducive to rapid development in Jammu and Kashmir. "The path-breaking initiatives and welfare schemes rolled out by the Central Government have laid a strong foundation for a prosperous future. Let us collectively work towards achieving the vision of a developed and empowered J&K," he added.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals and party workers, who expressed their gratitude to the MLA for addressing their long-pending demands.

On the occasion, Surjeet Singh, Amit Gupta, Girdhari Lal, Ajay, Mohinder Sharma, Manohar Lal, Davinder Singh, Pappu Mallik, and others extended their support and pledged to work in tandem for the constituency's progress.