

## JKHCBA Jammu celebrates Lohri

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JAMMU: The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu celebrated Lohri Festival in the Court Complex, Jammu in which office bearers namely M.K. Bhardwaj, Sr. Adv. & President, Mohinder Pal Singh Palli, Surjeet Singh Andotra, General Secretary, Aditya Sharma, Jt. Secretary and Amandeep Singh, Treasurer of JKHCBAJ, Rohit Sharma, YLA President, S. Gagandeep Singh (Lucky), YLA Vice President, Yasir Farooq Khan, YLA General Secretary, Naresh Kumar YLA Treasurer besides many other Senior Members, Young Lawyers & Lady Lawyers participated in the function.

The festival of Lohri is celebrated with the traditional bonfire. The members of the Bar Association who participated in the Lohri Celebration Festival have offered Argas in the bonfire. After that the Sweets, Gachak and Groundnuts were distributed among all the members, litigants and general public who were gracing the occasion.

Mohinder Pal Singh Palli, Vice President has performed a traditional Lohri song on this occasion.

M.K. Bhardwaj extended his wishes



Jammu Bar members celebrating Lohri.

on the occasion of Lohri and prayed that this special festival bring joy and good health in everyone's lives. The members of the Bar Association also participated in the Lohri celebration festival namely Vikram Sharma, Sr. Adv., Pardeep Majotra, besides, Ravinder Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Manjeet Sarkaria, Navpreet Singh, Harpreet Singh, Rahul Sharma, Gagan Kohli, Ajay Vaid, Ishwin Kour, Dinesh Jamwal, Vikas Suri, Sachin Sharma, Vikas Magotra, Jyoti Sharma, Ravi Sharma,

Satwant Singh Pardhan, Tara Singh, Rajesh, Smiley Gupta, Mannat Preet Singh, Umesh Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Sukhvinder Singhm, Raghvir Singh, Azhar Usman, Suyash Chandel, Abhimanu Chib, Ajay Bakshi, Parvesh Singh Salaria, Jatinder Tikhen, Kamal Kishore, Mrinal Magotra, Aditya Badyal, Baldev Singh (Jr), Kapil Gandhi, Mohd Akram, Zameer Qureshi, Vijay Sharma (Sr), Himanshu Sharma, Monish Chopra, Abhishek Wazir, Vinod Bakshi, Ajay Abrol, Piyush Gupta, Suresh Chander Sharma, Bindusaar Abrol, Harmit Mehta, Arun Kandroo, Deepak Basak, Bhanu Singh Bandral, Azhar Khan, Mr. Aman Mahajan, Manik Gupta, Amit Manhas, Harmit Mehta, Ajay Kotwal, Rakesh Sharma, Birjesh Badyal, Pardeep Gupta, Rohan Singh, Dharmavir Khajuria, Ajay Kumar Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Sushil Chandel, Amit Sharma, Sahil Anand, Asheesh Kant Sharma, Sushant Samnotra, Virkaran Choudhary, Abhishek Dogra, Anjit Sarkaria, Sachin Dev Singh, Rajiv Chagotra, Kunal Kohli, Arjun Singh Manhas, Vikas, Divya Ishan and Suraj Padha.

## BJP Yuva Morcha pays tribute to Swami Vivekananda

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, J&K President BJYM Jammu Kashmir Arun Prabhat along with Yuva Morcha Karyakarta's on Wednesday paid floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda at Vivekananda Chowk, here.

Prabhat recalled how Swami Vivekananda, in his short life span, with his universal spirituality, practical wisdom and magnetic personality, galvanized the youth of the country with a sense of self-respect and a sense of destiny for Bharat as the world leader.

His call, 'Awake, Arise and Stop not until the Goal is reached' became the inspirational mantra for the youth.

Arun appealed to the youth of J&K to re-dedicate themselves on National Youth Day to build a self-reliant, prosperous and capable India.

## BIG FM's Kudiyan Di Lohri celebrated with Punjabi Singer Mannat Noor

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JAMMU: In its 10th edition of the successful & unique initiative Kudiyan Di Lohri, a special song celebrating the occasion sung by Celebrity Singer Mannat Noor, Lyrics and Music given by Kulshan Sandhu has been released by 92.7 BIG FM.

Traditionally, families that have witnessed the birth of a boy child celebrate the little boy's pehli Lohri with an extra dose of enthusiasm and grandeur. 92.7 BIG FM endeavored to engage its listeners and infused a new spirit into the festival by celebrating the birth of a girl child in the family in an equally BIG way. 92.7 BIG FM invited families that have been blessed with a baby girl during the year that has gone by and celebrated their little girl's pehli Lohri with the same enthusiasm and fervour. For a week



92.7 BIG FM members during Lohri celebrations at Jammu.

leading up to Lohri, 92.7 BIG FM turned over their stations to talk about issues related to girl child & women. Special programs broadcasted included - talks with leading women educationist & entrepreneurs of the city, girl achievers, expert talk, Chat with celebs and listeners who have daughters & about how they feel about their little girls.

Jammu youth's favourite "Crazy Desi" RJ Rahul along with "dholis" visited a few of

the blessed families and celebrated it in a traditional way with "chajja" and "lohri ka haar" following all the Covid SOPs. The initiative was Presented by Bonn Group of Industries and supported by SMVD Narayana, Motion Institute, Mahavir Watch Company, A M Hyundai and The Bak-Lol TV. Team Big FM, including Mr. Sidharth Mahajan & RJ Jubie wishes all Jammuites a Happy and safe Lohri.

## Sikh outfits welcome PM's decision of declaring Dec 26 as Veer Bal Diwas

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JAMMU: Chairman Sikh United Front, Sudershan Singh Wazir with various Sikh organizations welcomed the decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for declaring December 26th of every year as Veer Bal Diwas acknowledging the supreme sacrifice of four Sahibzadas of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Maharaj.

"It is PM Narendra Modi gesture to make the world know about the momentous courage shown by Sahibzadas' to the world which none of the government in India's past 325 years of history has done so," said Wazir.

Wazir, while hailing the decision of government, also demanded that Governments to officially declare 26th of December a national holiday, as a token of respect towards the martyrdom of

## Tiger Division, AYUSH organise medical camp



Tiger Division officials and AYUSH Deptt doctors at a camp.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 6th Armed Forces Veteran Day, Tiger Division in collaboration with AYUSH Department Jammu organized a free COVID 19 Awareness and immunity boosting medicines distribution at Government School, Babbiana here.

Under the guidance of Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh, Medical Superintendent Dr. Vandana Dogra, a pro-

gramme was organised by Government Ayush Hospital at Babbiana Jammu.

A team of post graduates doctors led by Dr Jitender Kumar MD camp Incharge along with Dr Sandeep Bhagat, Dr Monika Gupta, Dr Sukhpreet Kour along with yoga expert Neelam Sharma, interns, para medical staff attended the camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Brigadier N.R Pandey along with Colonel

## 355th Prakash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh celebrated at Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha

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JAMMU: 355th Prakash Purab of 10th Guru Sri Gobind Singh Maharaj was celebrated at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Kapoor Singh Nagar Gole Gujral Jammu under the supervision of Mahant Manjeet Singh Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch.

Thousands of devotees participated in the Gurnat Samagam. Various Sikh organization of J&K including Sikh United Front J&K, Shiromani Akali Dal J&K Bhai Kanahya Nishkam Seva Society J&K, Sikh Naujwan Sabha, participated with zeal and enthusiasm. Ragi Jatha Bhai Japneet Singh, Bhai Jawadi Kala Taksal, Ludhiana Punjab, and Ranjit Singh U.P. Team Big Digiana Ashram, Ragi Gian Singh DGPC Jammu, Ragi Jatha Bhai Harpreet Singh Chaullia Jammu, Ragi Jatha



Mahant Manjeet Singh Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch reciting Shabad Kirtan.

Bhai Randhir Singh Gurudwara Kalgidhar Rehari Jammu, Ragi Jatha Bhai Kripal Singh Gurudwara Singh Sabha Gole Gujral Jammu recited Shabd Kirtan.

Mahant Manjit Singh threw light on the life of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who sacrificed all their family to save the humanity and stress upon Sikh community to adopt the path shown by

Guru Gobind Singh in every field of life to become true and pure Sikh for serving the poor and needy people in the society and who work for the betterment of the country and become Amritdhari and come to the field of education.

Sant Kuldeep Singh Poonch Wale also spoke and threw light on the life of Guru Gobind Singh. He also highlighted that

## Ashok Koul releases new devotional song 'Maiya Bawe Waliye'



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and others releasing devotional song.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and BJP Sanskriti Art & Culture Cell Convenor Bharat Bhushan Sharma launched a new devotional song under the title "Maiya Bawe Waliye". The song Maiya Bawe Waliya has been sung by singer Sheetal Magotra, lyrics by Sonu Raipuria, music by Ash K, Video editing by K. K. Malhotra, Produced by Sahil Mahajan with Special Thanks to Rajveer Manni for direction under the Label: YouTube channel Maa Bawe Wali Records.

Programme was organized by BJP District Jammu Convenor Sanskriti, Art &

Culture Cell Sahil Mahajan. BJYM President Arun Prabhat, BJYM leader Gourav Pargal and others were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul said that in Jammu and Kashmir, the devotional songs of Gods and Goddesses are played everywhere during every religious ritual or function whether it is Jagrata, Langar, Seva, Poja or other religious rituals. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should also support and encourage the local artists of Jammu and Kashmir so that they can also grow and reach new heights in their

respective industries as it will make every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir proud.

Ashok Koul further added that the youth of J&K should also participate more in the religious activities and rituals as it will guide them towards an enlightened future and prevent them from going on the wrong track in life and doing illegal activities like drugs and ruining their own lives.

Bharat Bhushan Sharma said that the Cell is always there to support every artist of Jammu and Kashmir and if they need any help they can approach party for the assistance.

## DSK expresses concern over spike in corona cases; offers services to public, health authorities

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JAMMU: The Dogra Sahayata Kendra (DSK) has expressed concern over the sharp spike in corona cases in recent weeks.

This was stated by Th Gulchah Singh Charak, President Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) in a meeting of the office bearers of Dogra Sahayata Kendra (DSK), a social-charitable unit of DSS, Jammu, held here Wednesday to review the public health situation, following fresh wave of COVID-19 and occurrence of Omicron cases in the region as per a press release issued here today.

He offered the services of the Kendra to the public and the health authorities in dealing with the emerging crises.

In this connection, it was decided to actively involve the staff of Dogra Educational

Trust at Bari Brahmana, Jammu in organizing sensitisation campaign for adoption of anti Covid-19 measures and taking appropriate measures like wearing face masks, frequent hand wash, use of sanitizers, social distancing and consulting and recommending the symptomatic patients for consultation by the Doctors on observing symptoms like high fever, dry cough, weakness, breathlessness, etc.

Charak further said that DSK has offered to provide to concerned health authorities, a complete building of Dogra Educational Trust, at Bari Brahmana, Jammu for use as an Isolation Centre for treatment of Covid-19/ Omicron patients without charges.

As per the release, the DSS/DSK have also offered

to provide appropriate room/ accomodation to concerned health authorities at three locations viz. the Dogra Educational Trust, Bari Brahmana, Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple Complex, Gandhi Nagar and Dogra Sadar Sabha Headquarters, Jammu city to operationalise and facilitate suitable expansion of the Health Department's programme to administer booster dose of Covid-19 vaccine to senior citizens and Covid-19 vaccine to children and teenagers.

It was further decided to keep the services of one Ambulance Van available round the clock for needy patients by the DSK, which can be availed by contacting phone numbers 0191-2543589; 0191-2453451; 7051875492 (mob.) provided by DSK in public interest.

## Dr Jitendra proposes 'Common Single Application' for all Scientific Fellowships, Grants

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh has proposed a "Common Single Application" for all Scientific Fellowships, Grants and Scholarships.

Presiding over a high level meeting of all Secretaries of the Science Ministries and Science Departments, Dr Jitendra said, the streamlining of the Fellowships and Research Grants will not only save cost and time, but will provide a level playing field to all the students and help achieve "Ease of Science Education" for students and scholars.

Dr Jitendra observed all departments have separate advertisements and interview/selection processes and thus students/researchers have to apply at different portals in different formats and

face multiple exams or interviews which lead to hardship among students. This situation is not only time consuming for students but also lot of time and resources are deployed in process of selection to disbursement of grants by the funding agencies.

Recognising the hardship faced by students, Dr Jitendra Singh has mooted the idea of creating a single web interface to facilitate for all scholarships and fellowships under MoST and MoES. The aim is to make the schemes student-centric and simplify the processes.

He said, once implemented, the students need not to submit multiple applications and different portals as all four departments will converge all scholarship/ fellowship schemes at a single portal.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that steps like simplification of

Processes and bringing Uniformity, providing single point of Contact to Students/Researchers, adopting the fast process and timely release of fellowships, eliminating the Duplicity, synergizing the process and schemes and reducing the Transaction Costs will be the main components of Single Window Opportunity for Scholarships and Fellowships. He said, the ministries have also been asked to explore the possibility of merging some of the ongoing schemes and direct transfer of fellowship grants to researchers based on NOC received from the sponsoring institutes.

Dr Jitendra said that the step was taken as a number of grievances are being received regarding delays in sanction and release of fellowships/research grants to

## AKWS celebrates 159th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

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JAMMU: Asha Kirna Welfare Society (AKWS) celebrated 159th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in its office cum Library at Janipur Colony, here under the chairmanship of Dr. J.P Gupta, Chairman in presence of office bearers and prominent residents of the area. Dr. J.P Gupta, while highlighting the teachings of Swami Ji and its slogan Nar Seva Naryan Seva, said that the society was established in 2009 on this motto.

"The aim of our society is to help poor and downtrodden people of the society in the shape of financial assistance," he said.

He paid gratitude to the Swami Vivekananda and appealed to all the members and others to follow the teachings of Swami Ji in their life to help the poor and needy and deserving persons.

Guru Gobind Singh made five things essential to wear for a Sikh who shares Amrit, starting with the word 'K' Kaish, Kanga, Kara, Kirpan and Kacha each having its own meaning and function.

Manmohan Singh Chairman Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gole Gujral Jammu, thanks all the devotees and other personalities especially Mahant Manjit Singh and Sant Kuldeep Singh Poonch Wale by presenting them Saropa.

Other who participated in the Gurnat Smagam were Sudhrashan Singh Wazir Chairman Sikh United Front J&K, Darbinder Singh President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Mohinder chief Organizer Bhai Kanahya Nishkam Seva Society J&K and Ex. Member DGPC Jammu, Rajinder Singh General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K.

## Pipping ceremony held at SKPA Udhampur



V. K Jamwal, Dy Director (Outdoor) and Vinay Kumar, Dy Director (Administration) SKPA Udhampur posing with newly promoted Sub Inspectors and others.

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UDHAMPUR: A pipping ceremony of the newly promoted Sub Inspectors of Ministerial Executive Cadre was held at Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur in which V. K Jamwal, Dy Director (Outdoor) and Vinay Kumar, Dy Director (Administration) SKPA Udhampur pinned the ranks to newly promoted officers. The newly promoted officers included SI

Kuldeep Kumar and SI Ajay Kumar of the Academy.

The Dy. Director (Outdoor) and Dy Director (Admn.) congratulated the newly promoted officers and advised them to work with enthusiasm and highest degree of dedication. They emphasized that the promotion not only upgrades working status in the police department, but also adds more responsibility

ties and challenges in their respective working field. They wished good luck to the newly promoted officers and bright future service career. K. K. Sharma, Asstt. Director (Outdoor), Ramesh Kataria, PS to Director, Zahid Saif Wani, Sunmati Gupta, DySP, Asstt. Director (Q), Sh. Tahir Hussain, Asstt. Director (Indoor) and other officers of SKPA were present on the occasion.