

## DSS celebrates Lohri as mark of communal harmony of Dogras



DSS members celebrating Lohri.

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JAMMU: The Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) celebrated Lohri at the DSS Bhawan, Dogra Hall with full gaiety and spirit of traditional inter-communal brotherhood for which the Dogras and their Dogriyat is known. Speaking on the occasion the President DSS and former minister Th. Gulchain Singh Charak narrated the story of the famous folk lore of "Dulla Bhatti" as to how this brave man from Muslim community saved the honour of a Hindu girl and cared for her as his own daughter as a reminder to the young generations, in a climate where the nation is

struggling with the menace of atrocities on women and even minor girls by anti-social criminals.

He said that it is the tradition of Dogra land that the people of all religions, castes and creed live together with trust, mutual respect and as guardian for others.

He further said that all the festivals in our country of huge diversities are related to seasons and agriculture and are celebrated together jointly by all communities without distinction of class, creed or colour.

Sikhs, Muslims and Christian members also joined the celebration around the Bonfire and

shared traditional 'Moongfali & Rewari'.

All the members jointly resolved to uphold the Dulla Bhatti example and be vigilant for protection of women folk and girls in the society as all daughters are common to all "Dheeyan Sab Diyan Sanjiyan" and impressed upon all to stay vigilant of any divisive forces who may try to disturb our communal harmony and peace, so dearly preserved by Dogriyat.

Prominent among those who attended the Lohri celebration include Prem Sagar Gupta, Col. Karan Singh, Lt. Gen. Rakesh Sharma, Brig M S Jamwal, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Janak Khajuria, Madan Rangila, Kulbir Singh, Ch. Kamal Singh, Ravi Singh, Rajinder Gupta, Madan Bhagat, Chhankar Singh, Qadir Hussain, Naresh Gupta, Subash Gupta and Vidya Sagar Sharma.

## NSS GGM Science College distributes warmers among special children



GGM Science College faculty and NSS volunteers distributing warmers among special children.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan donated 25 warmers (13 girls, 12 boys) at Muskan, a charitable home for mentally challenged children on the second day of the two day National Youth workshop. NSS volunteers Sartik,

Anchal, Shubam, Aaghav and Reetika celebrated Lohri festival distributing Mungfalim Gajak, Rewris and sweets to them.

The spirit of performing service is the theme of today's activity as stated by NSS PO.

E-certificates were given to all. The Principal and staff of Muskan appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers and the NSS Program Officer.

## JKMEF organises Lohri Milan at DHS Jammu



Health employees celebrating Lohri at DHS Jammu.

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) under the President ship of Sushil Sudan organized Lohri Milan at Director Health Services Jammu.

Director General Health and Family Welfare MCH Immunization Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman, was Chief Guest while Dr. Deepak Kapoor Asstt. Director RIS and Dr. J.P Singh CMO Jammu also graced the function.

The Lohri Milan is organized to boost the morale of health employees who are fighting with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman appreciated the work of staff of Health and family welfare department specially those dealing with the COVID-19.

He also assured, "I am behind each and every employee. He also urged the employees to work with more zeal and dedication to minimize the suf-

fering of people." Sushil Sudan paid gratitude to the Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman for gracing the function and assured that every employees of Health Department will remain on-toe to serve the peoples.

Other participated in the function are Vinod Kumar Sharma Sec. General JKMEF, Parulal Singh General Sec., Sheikh Miraju din Chairman

Kashmir Division, Ch. Jarnail Singh working President JKOPA, Pawan Singh Jamwal President BHEA, Jasbinder Singh President O.T.A, Bharat Bushan Bhagat Distt. President JKOPA, Kamaljeet Sawhney, Harpal Singh, Mohd Nadeem, Daleep Chodhary, Paviter Singh, Sanjay Dobey, Subash Chodhary, Baldev Singh, Vikaram Singh and Surjeet Singh.

## LG Electronics in association with Radio Mirchi hosts event on Lohri

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JAMMU: With Lohri round the corner marking the passing of the winter solstice, LG Electronics (LG) India's leading consumer electronics brand associated with Radio Mirchi for an event at Ansal Grace at Jammu which was hosted by RJ Swetama.

The event saw product line up display from LG which included the latest range of LG's Home Entertainment and Home Appliances products.

Additionally, the event also saw different fun filled activities and performances by prominent band :- "The beats". The audiences were seen dancing bhangra

and gidda to the beat of the dhol to celebrate food, harvest and joy.

Commenting during the event, Surjeet Manhas, Branch Manager, LG Electronics, Jammu said, "As we know, the people of Jammu are gearing up for Lohri, we at LG Electronics are thrilled to be associated with Radio Mirchi.

We have always believed in creating a value proposition for our customers. We are certain that our special offers and product display will enable them to enrich their lifestyle with LG products. We hope these festivals bring prosperity, happiness and joy for all".

## Change name from 'Veer Bal Diwas' to 'Saka Sirhind Diwas': Sikh leaders

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JAMMU: Lauding decision of Modi Government to observe December 26 as 'Veer Bal Diwas' to pay tributes to Sahibzada Baba Fateh Singh and Sahibzad Baba Zorawar Singh, members of Sikh organisations and District Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Jammu said that Narendra Modi is the first Prime Minister who showed concern towards aspirations of Sikh community and paid due regards towards sentiments of community at large by declaring December 26 as 'Veer Bal Diwas' to commemorate the martyrdom of Sahibzade of Guru Gobind Singh.

While speaking during a press conference held here in Jammu on Thursday, Avtar Singh Khalsa said that Sikh Community is upset by the name 'Veer Bal Diwas' as Sikh community

use prefix 'Sahibzade Baba' before the names of Fateh Singh and Zorawar Singh, who at an age of 6 years and 9 years respectively, attained martyrdom for Sikhism by refusing to accept all the luxuries. "All they had to do to get all these luxuries was to abandon their religion but they refused. Moreover they defended themselves in Court of Suba Sirhind and boldly choose to sacrifice their lives for Sikhism," said Khalsa, adding that Sikh community observe the week, in which Sahibzade attained martyrdom as 'Shaheedi Jor Mel/Sabha or Saka Sirhind Shaheedi Diwas'. The Sikh leaders urged the Prime Minister to change the name from 'Veer Bal Diwas' to 'Saka Sirhind Diwas' or any other name approved by Sikh scholars as per Sikh Maryada.

## JKBOSE Retired Employees Association elects office bearers

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JAMMU: Retired Employees Association of J&K Board of School Education Jammu conducted a General Council Meeting wherein new office bearers elected unanimously.

According to a handout, Jugal Kishore Sharma has been elected as president, Rakesh Gupta as General Secretary, Lochan Singh as vice-president, Gulshan Gupta as Secretary, Suraj Mani as treasurer and Bishan Dutt as organizer.

After completion of the election process, J N Sharma, K V Gupta, Satish Kumar and Lokraj Parihar have been nominated as Advisors while Mamohan Bhat, Chuni Lal Bhagat, P K Bhagat, Sham Lal Dogra, Niranjan Singh, Rakesh Gupta, Amrik Singh, Devraj, Jai

Singh Chib, Mahinder Gupta, Nariender Singh and Ashwani Kumar have been nominated as the Executive Members.

After threadbare discussion on various issues the members laid stress upon to provide helping hand to the needy retired employees especially when there may be untoward incident occurring to any of the members.

In this context, it was resolved that an account would be opened at JK Bank Board Complex Rehari Colony, Jammu on the name of Retired Employee Welfare which will be operated upon by Rakesh Gupta and Suraj Mani.

Moreover, it was also resolved that each member be informed to contribute Rs. 200 per month from their account.

## Lohri celebrations held at Om Shanti Meditation Centre



Brahmakumaris celebrating Lohri at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Brahmakumaris organized a programme of Lohri festival in which Gulam Nabi Azad, former Chief Minister J&K was the Chief Guest. He addressed (virtually) on the occasion of Lohri and gave wishes of Lohri to all people of J&K.

He said Brahmakumaris is a worldwide organization that has thousands of its units all over the world. He added that this organization is doing the service of uniting people and

spreading the message of peace and brotherhood. Former Minister; R.S Chib and S.P Verma were the Guests of Honor, who also given their Lohri wishes to all. Rajyogini B.K Sudershan (I/C Brahmakumaris J&K, Ladakh) gave her blessing to all. She said that Lohri is the festival of burning all the evils which are the root cause of all suffering.

B.K Ravinder (Senior brother of Brahmakumaris) was also present in the programme.

## Awareness lacking about Start-Ups outside Govt sector: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday observed that awareness is lacking about new Start-Ups outside the government sector and called for creating mass awareness about emerging avenues of vocation and livelihood outside the government jobs.

He said, Sustainable Start-ups with livelihood linkages have revolutionary potential to change the face of New India.

Addressing the 1st Foundation Day of CSIR-NIScPR (National institute of Science Communication and policy Research), Dr Jitendra Singh quoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi as saying, "India is entering a golden age when it comes to start-ups and innovation". The Minister said that PM Modi is a great communicator of Science and has great scientific temper in promoting start-up culture in a new transformative India.

The Minister asked CSIR-NIScPR to come out with innovative ways of science communication in a country like India which is characterised by the diversity of language, religion, caste and creed. He said, the main aim of CSIR-NIScPR is to bring policy research and science communication together, which has happened from the merger of two well recognized institutes, CSIR-NISCAIR and CSIR-NISTADS.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that our policy direction is towards building a knowledge based economy with development of a robust STI ecosystem that can create a new synergy in the country. The Minister lauded CSIR for helping and promoting Start-ups particularly rural development oriented ones providing huge income avenues to the youth. He expressed satisfaction that India is now the third country in the world with most unicorn Start-ups after the United States and China and hoped

that soon India will be at the top slot, the way the innovation culture has caught the imagination of youth in the country. Any Start-up with a valuation of \$1 billion or more is called a unicorn, he added.

Referring to Prime Minister's announcement of Digital Health Mission from the ramparts of Red Fort on 15th August, 2021, Dr Jitendra Singh said, focus is also on making our health ecosystem holistic and enabling it to bring our traditional knowledge as part of the health and wellness. He said, the new institute NIScPR is very important in the time of such a transformative change and the Vision and Mission of the institute will help in bridging the gap between science-technology- innovation, policy research and communication.

Dr Jitendra Singh happily noted that the rich legacy of the two institutes which together account for more than 100 years of existence, the new insti-

tute NIScPR stands on solid foundations. This was visible in the successful conduct of the 6th India International Science Festival 2020 covering 41 events online during COVID times. This international festival was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India and the Valedictory speech was given by the Vice President of India. It created 5 Guinness World Records, among them the largest attendance for a virtual science conference.

Dr Jitendra Singh launched the new website of CSIR-NIScPR, CSIR Compendium of Technologies 2021, Technology Readiness Level 6 Compendium and CSIR Technologies for Rural Livelihood Building Atmanirbharta on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DG, CSIR, Dr Shekhar C Mande commended the stellar role played by NIScPR in dissemination of Science Communication. He said, the new entity is march-

ing ahead pursuing its aims and objectives with enormous devotion.

Professor Ranjana Aggarwal, Director, CSIR-NIScPR gave a brief outline of activities of the Institute in the last one year. She informed that the institute is developing programs through networking with different institutes in the country which are leading to activities such as joint projects, discussion papers etc. Creating Livelihood Opportunities in Rural Areas through CSIR Technologies is a Joint Venture between CSIR, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (IIT Delhi) and VIBHA. CSIR-NIScPR is working as a Nodal Lab in this initiative.

The Science Reporter, Vigyan Pragati and Science Ki Duniya are 3 popular science magazines of NISCAIR which have helped students, researchers, and general public to understand science in a simple way.

## Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani organise inter-school poetry recitation & storytelling competitions



Tiny tots of Toddlers' World, a unit of JK Public School Kunjwani participating in Inter-School Poetry Recitation and Storytelling Competitions through online mode.

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JAMMU: The Toddlers' World, a Unit of JK Public School (JKPS) Kunjwani, conducted Inter-School Poetry Recitation and Storytelling Competition in an online mode.

The competition was held in two slots. A total of 11 top notched CBSE schools participated in this competition.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK

Public School Kunjwani.

The Judges for the Poetry Recitation were Anuradha Dar, alumni of Modern Public School New Delhi and Gurmeet Kour whereas, the judges for Storytelling competition

were Puneet Kour, Principal APS Jammu Cantt and Santosh Dogra.

The competition inspired the little buds; hence they came up with different poems on the "Nature" and recited them with great

fondness and zeal for the nature.

They enjoyed the perfection of expression, thoughts, emotions, rhythm and music of words. All the students were dressed up as characters and presented

their poems with facial expressions and voice modulation.

The little kids used props with different background scenes to captivate the audience attention. The rhythm and presentation

skills of kids were outstanding.

The aim of this competition was to give students an opportunity to unleash their inner potential. It helped students to showcase their skills, enhance vocab-

ulary, public speaking skills and confidence.

Shashi Chaudhary congratulated the participants and applauded the Wing Coordinator Shivangani Pandotra for organizing this great event.