

Kashmiri politicians never succeed in creating wedge between communities in Jammu: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has castigat-ed the Kashmiri politicians for issuing highly irrespon-sible statements every other day least bothering about the consequences. He stated this while addressing a routine Janata Darbar held every Thursday at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan Kacchi Chawni here.

The J&K BJP Vice President said that these politicians from the Valley have been rendered unem-ployed amid heavy snowfall with no work to do and this



Vice President J&K BJP, Yudhvir Sethi listening to grievances of people at public Darbar.

has resulted in their utter frustration.

Moreover, they find their public space having shrunk to minimum as the people can today see through their game plan to befool them for their petty vote bank

interests.

He said that in such a situ-ation sensing their politi-cal future bleak they are resorting to the cheap tac-tics of coming up with ir-re-sponsible and highly dan-gerous statements with the

sole aim of creating wedge between the communities residing together in absolute peace and harmo-ny in Jammu for decades.

Sethi emphasized that the people of Jammu region never allow such politicians to succeed in their nefarious designs.

Meanwhile, Yudhvir interacted with party cadre and general public during the regular Janata Darbar. The people attending the Darbar brought to his notice various issues and problems faced by them in

their areas. After listening to them patiently Yudhvir got some of the issues resolved by talking to the concerned authorities tele-phonically. He assured to take up the rest of the issues with the concerned authorities and get the same resolved at the earli-est.

Sethi asked party cadre to remain in public 24X7 and address the griev-ances of people especially those pertaining civic amenities on topmost pri-ority.

ASKPC observes Holocaust Day as Black Day

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JAMMU: All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference (ASKPC) observed "Holocaust Day" as Black Day. The pro-gramme was held under the guidance of ASKPC President R.K Wangnoo.

In the programme Shardhanjali was paid to Martyrs on Holocaust Day.

During the programme, the participants said that 32 years have passed when the Kashmiri Pandit com-munity was hounded out of Kashmir of their Mother land in the evening of January 19, 1990.

A great havoc was

wreaked across Kashmir, which forced the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in the wake of harsh threats to the dignity, life and existence of the whole community. Wangnoo requested to Kashmiri Pandit Baradari not to forget this day.

It was unanimously decid-ed that all the members of ASKPC will work for the betterment and unity of the Kashmiri Migrant commu-nity.

The Holocaust Day was attended by the Sanjay Pandita, P.K Bhat, R.L Koul, Ravinder Raina, Sunil Bhat, Veena Gratoo and Sanjay Bakshi.

J&K Bank Ransoo hands-over claim to nominee under PMSBY



JK Bank officials providing claim amount of Government schemes to the wife of deceased Ashok Kumar.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) Ransoo hand over the claim amount of Rs 4 Lakh to

nominee of deceased under Pradhanmantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

(PMJJY). On the occasion, Branch Head Puneet Bali (Manager) Advances, Ajay Kumar Sharma Officer, Rahul Sharma and promi-nent persons of area were present.

Branch Head Puneet Bali delivered the claim amount to Asha Devi, wife of deceased Ashok Kumar.

Meantime branch head aware the participants about such schemes which is very innovative and motivate them to all adopt such prime minister social security schemes on priority basis.

JKAP-7th Bn organises debate competition



Suneel Raj, Commandant JKAP 7th Security Battalion presenting prize to a winner student.

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JAMMU: JKAP-7th Battalion organized debate

competition on the topic

"Awareness on Make in India/Atamnirbhar Bharat'

Two-week online Skill Course culminates at JU's Department of Sociology

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JAMMU: The Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, culminated the two-week Online Skill Course with the thirteenth session which was followed by a valedictory ceremony on Thursday.

The course was organised in collaboration with the University Entrepreneur-ship and Skill Development Centre (UESDC).

The theme of the course was "Fostering Academic and Research Writing in Social Sciences". The session began with a welcome of the resource person Dr Suresh Babu, Faculty at the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences (JNU).

Prof. Vishav Raksha, Head of the Department (Sociology) and Skill Course Coordinator, extended her formal welcome.

Kajal Kalsi, Faculty, Department of Sociology and Deputy Course Coordinator carried on the further pro-ceedings of the session. Dr Suresh deliberated on the "Challenges on doing Critical Research and Writings" and how to create a research space in academia. About fifty research scholars from various Social Science Departments of the University of Jammu partici-pated in this skill course.

The evening valedictory ses-sion was chaired by Prof. Jasbir Singh, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, University of

Jammu. Kajal Kalsi present-ed the brief report of the entire sessions organised during the two weeks. In his valedictory remarks, Prof. Jasbir Singh emphasised the signifi-cance of training research scholars for academic and research writing and appreci-ated the work of the organis-ers. The session was also attended by Prof. Alka Sharma, Convener, UESDC. She reiterated the importance of such skill courses and encouraged the organisation of these courses for all the research scholars of Jammu University.

Prof Vishav Raksha also encouraged the scholars to conduct quality research and not just be degree oriented.

Many distinguished speak-ers from across the country participated in this skill course including Prof. S L Sharma, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Prof. Tulsi Patel, Prof. Vivek Kumar, Prof. Rajesh Gill, Prof. B K Nagla, Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Prof. Satish Sharma, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. R Indira, Dr Asutosh Pradhan and Dr Suresh Babu. The proceed-ings of the session were con-ducted by Kajal Kalsi.

The technical and graphie modalities were supported by Arif Paul. Among others who attended the session included Dr Hema Gandotra, Dr Gopal Krishan Sharma and Diksha Nargotra, Faculty, Department of Sociology.

International Lecturer on 'Printed & Flexible Electronics' held

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JAMMU: GGM Science College organized an International Lecture (online) on 'Printed and Flexible Electronics' deliv-ered by Scientist and Ex-Chief Scientist of NASA, Ames Research Center, California, USA, Dr. Meyya Mayyappan.

Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal of the col-lege, gave the formal wel-come to the speaker.

Dr. Meyyappan spoke about the rapid emergence of the Internet of Things era that has led to increased research activi-ties in the area of printed and flexible electronics.

He emphasized on recent

developments on nanomate-rials based ink development and characterization, print-ing tool and process devel-opment to obtaining desir-able characteristics of printed conductors, semi-conductors, dielectrics and other materials, and demonstration of various printing applications on a wide variety of flexible sub-strates including paper, plastics and textiles.

This talk provided an overview of the above topics and applications including gas sensors, biosensors, UV and other radiation detec-tors, supercapacitors, tribo-electric nanogenerators (TENGs), memory devices and others.

More than 300 partici-pants including college/university faculty and students from Jammu and Kashmir, USA, UK and Australia registered and attended his lecture.

Interacting with students and faculty, Dr. Meyyappan assured to support the young researchers through his vast knowledge and experiences.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Head Department of Electronics moderated the lecture and organized the Q&A session following the lecture, and Meena Gupta, Assistant Professor in Electronics presented the vote of thanks to speakers and partici-pants.

Mayor inaugurates deluxe Sulabh Toilet Complex at Channi Himmat

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide better development & civic ameni-ties to the citizens of Jammu, the Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta alongwith Kavinder Gupta, Former Deputy Chief Minister J&K on Thursday inaugurated a deluxe Sulabh toilet Complex within the premises of Greenland park situated at Sec. 6 Channi Himmat Jammu in Ward No. 50.

Mayor said toilet complex has been constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission with an estimated cost of Rs 10.50 lakh by JMC along-with Sulabh international social service organization (SISSO) on pay & use basis

and will be maintained by SISSO for the next ten years.

Hardeep Singh Mangotia, Chairman, Swachh Bharat Committee, Raj Kumar Chairman Public Health Sanitation Committee, Ajay kumar Gupta Chairman Social justice committee, Madam Neena Gupta councilor of Ward No. 50 and other prominent inhabitants of Channi Himmat as well as Harvinder Singh Executive Engineer alongwith his supervisory staff of division V , Anil Kumar Singh Director, A.K Mishra and other representatives of Sulabh International Social Service organization of J&K were present.

Padma Shri Padma Sachdev GCW Gandhi Nagar organises poster-making competition

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JAMMU: The Department of Computer Applications, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt P.G College for Women, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, in collaboration with IQAC, organized a poster making competition on "Ethical Social Media Use".

The competition was held under the banner of "Cyber Jaagrookta (Awareness) Diwas".

In the competition, the posters were invited online from students in between 14th to 19th January and the result of the competition was declared on 20th January 2022. The pro-

gramme was held under the patronage of worthy Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangita Nagari.

She laid emphasis on organising such pro-grammes for the overall development of the students and also for saving them from cybercrimes. She also appreciated the creative tal-ents of the students who participated in this competi-tion. Rohit Gupta, Nodal Officer Cyber Jaagrookta (Awareness) appreciated the students' efforts.

He further added that these activities will definite-ly keep the students' engaged, help them in exploring their skills and

making them cybercrime aware.

Prof. Ambica Kumari, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Prof. Mamta Kundal acted as the judges for the event. In the competition a total of 17 entries were received from the students. The first position was bagged by Manshi Verma of B.Sc Sem III, sec-ond position by Arti Sharma of Sem V and third position by Purvi Sharma of Sem I.

Rohit Gupta, Nodal Officer and organizing com-mittee members Prof. Ambica Kumari, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Prof. Rajinder Kumar, Prof. Poonam and Prof. Mamta Kundal con-gratulated the winners.

Jalotra Brahmin Biradari congregation on Jan 22

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JAMMU: A meeting of Jalotra Brahmin Biradari held on Thursday under the chair-manship of Kuldeep Raj Sharma and dis-cussed the arrangements to be made on the celebration of annual Congregation which is schedule to be held on 22nd of January 2022 on Saturday.

It was decided that the Pooja and Hawan at Devsthan shall start at 09:00 Am with Puranhoti at 11:00 Am. General house Darbar of Jalotra Brahmin Biradari shall

held at 12:00 Noon to 2:00pm and followed by Community Langar.

In this behalf the Executive body of Biradari has appealed to the community members residing in J&K and outside the state to partici-pate in the annual congregation with enthusiastically and seek blessing of deities.

Besides all prominent persons residing adjoining to the area have also been requested to share the community Langar on the annu-al day congregation and observe COVID-19 guidelines which are mandatory.

Scores of youth leaders join IkkJutt Jammu

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JAMMU: Renowned youth political and social activists including former Youth District Reasi President Panthers Party from Jammu, Samba and Reasi Districts of Jammu Province on Thursday joined IkkJutt Jammu Party in presence of

President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma, Party General Secretaries, Secretaries, Treasurer and other office bearers.

Those who joined the party today are Mehul Mahajan, Aman Sharma (Peer Mitha), Rohit Kumar Arjun Lamba, Samba, Harsh Singh, Sourav

Singh Mirza, Ware House, Shubam Kohli, Katra.

President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma expressed hope that with the joining of active youth members in the party, the fight of IkkJutt Jammu for political empower-ment and liberation of Jammu will gain strength.

KVK Ramban of SKUAST-Jammu approved

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) for district Ramban has been approved by Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi under the administra-tive control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu.

The proposal of KVK Ramban was long pending with the ICAR due to non-availability of land in favour of SKUAST-Jammu.

With the intervention of Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and concerted efforts of Prof J.P. Sharma Vice-Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, 117.18 kanals (5.859 ha) of land at Village Dalwas was trans-ferred to SKUAST Jammu for the establishment of new KVK.

Manoj Sinha, LG UT of J&K congratulated SKUAST-Jammu for get-ting new KVK approved for district Ramban.

Expressing his priority for the farming community, he said that KVK will be instrumental in uplifting the socio-economic condi-tion of the farmers of Ramban.

He reiterated that with the establishment of new KVK, farmers will have direct and quick exposure to the latest agricultural technologies. Also, the farmers will have better coverage under welfare schemes and rural youths have better entrepreneur-ship opportunities.

Prof J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu shared that KVK will focus on enhancing farmers' income through

promotion of integrated farming system, value addi-tion and processing of fruits and vegetables and development of innovative market linkages with effective marketing and brand-ing. Prof Sharma thanked Narendra Singh Tomarji, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI, Manoj Sinha, LG UT of J&K and Dr. Jitendra Singh Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space for supporting the approval of KVK Ramban.

With the approval of KVK Ramban, the tally of func-tional KVKs under

SKUAST-Jammu enhance to nine for Jammu region.

The Site Selection com-mittee constituted for screening the application of KVK Ramban include Dr. P.L. Gautam, Pro-Chancellor Career Point University and Former Vice Chancellor GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar (Chairman), Dr. Rajbir Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana, K.K. Sharma, Director Agriculture, Jammu, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. D.M. Makhdoomi, Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir and Dr. Javed Iqbal Mir, Scientist repre-sentative from ICAR-CITH, Srinagar. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension made the virtual presenta-tion before the screening committee.

Dr Jitendra launches Mobile COVID testing laboratory for Northeast

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday launched Mobile COVID testing labora-tory for Northeast, beginning with Mizoram from where the State Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga joined the launching ceremony online.

The first of its kind Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory (I-LAB) is capable of performing both RT-PCR and ELISA.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Lab developed with the support from the Department of Biotechnology, govt of India, is meant to provide COVID test-ing access to rural and remote parts of North Eastern Region of India. He said, the unit has biosafety facility and is capable of performing both RT-PCR and ELISA tests and this facil-ity can also be utilised for test-

ing of other infectious diseases like TB, HIV, and therefore will remain relevant even in post-COVID times.

Exuding confidence that India will emerge triumphant from the current pandemic situation, Dr Jitendra Singh said that PM Narendra Modi is personally monitoring the COVID situation on a daily basis and taking effective steps for pandemic control activities. Dr Jitendra Singh called for linking the I-LAB with tele-consultation facility in accordance with disease profile of the population of the North-Eastern region. He informed that tests like Mammography and Vision-testing can be added with the mobile laboratory and will prove hugely beneficial to the people of the region. Dr Jitendra Singh said, ever

since Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister, he has accorded a special priority to the development of the North Eastern region of India and added that this facility is a tes-timony of that commitment. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that Mobile Lab Technology will be rolled out gradually in other States of North-East as the region has unique climatic and topographical conditions.

Dr Jitendra Singh acknowl-edged the efforts made by AMTZ (Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone) team for building this unique, innova-tive facility through tireless, dedicated and committed efforts. DBT has also estab-lished manufacturing facility in AMTZ for indigenously manufacturing various healthcare technologies which are hugely imported, thereby

helping us realise the vision of our Pradhan Mantriji on Make-in India, Make for India".

Dr Jitendra Singh said, with these collective and coopera-tive efforts, India is now in the process of achieving self-suffi-ciency in healthcare technolo-gies and in effectively catering to ensuring good health of our people in the country. He said, the efforts made towards test-ing and vaccination for Covid-19, under the leadership of Prime Minister has been unprecedented in India's his-tory since Independence. The Minister added, India not only met out huge needs for the large population but also helped many countries who did not have the requisite capabilities for research and manufacturing of healthcare technologies.