

## Sikh outfits to celebrate Parkash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh on Jan 9



Chairman SUF J&K, S.S. Wazir talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Sikh United Front (JKSUF), an amalgam of various Sikh organizations J&K, is going to celebrate the 355th Parkash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh Ji on 9th of January 2022 at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram Jammu from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM as decided by Shri Akal Takhat Sahib the supreme seat of authority in Sikhism.

This was stated by Sudarshan Singh Wazir, Chairman Sikh United Front J&K in a press conference here on Thursday. He said that the programme will be held under the supervision of

Shriman Mahant Manjeet Singh of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch.

It is pertinent to mention that the renowned Raggi Jathas, Katha Wachak and Pareharak from Punjab will make aware the Sangat about Guru Ji's preaching.

Those who participated in press conference include Mohinder Singh Chief Organizer Bhai Kanaya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K and Ex-Member DGPC Jammu, Darbinder Singh President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Rajinder Singh General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Raja Singh Sarpanch member DGPC Jammu, Ravinder Singh

Sarpanch & General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Kulwant Singh Khajuria Joint Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Gajan Singh President J&K Motor Transport Company Association, Charanjeet Singh retired SDM, Prof. Yodhvir Singh Corporator, Charan Singh Bali Convenor, Kashmir Province Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Surinder Singh Kala President Fruit and Vegetable Association Surjeet Singh Kukoo President Sikh Naujawan Sabha, Harpreet Singh Chhotu President Youth Akali Dal J&K, Kuldeep Kour President Istri Akali Dal J&K, Gurmeet Kour General Secretary Istri Akali Dal J&K, Harpeet Singh Lucky President Sikh Student Federation, Manmohan Singh Chairman Gole Gujral, Rasbir Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Kultar Singh, and Tejpal Singh, Jagmohan Singh President Gurdwara Sec 14 Nanak Nagar and Surinder Singh Dutt.

## SIBA Events organises health check-up camp at Nud

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SAMBA: SIBA Events and Santa Mushroom Producers Co limited, Farmers Producers Organization promoted by NABARD, in collaboration with Amandeep Group of Hospitals and supported by J&K Police and J&K Traffic Police organised 'Ek-Pahal-Free General Health Check-up camp' at Nud Bazar, Samba. A team of doctors from Amandeep Hospital conducted the camp wherein BP, sugar and thyroid tests were done besides providing physio con-

Train Project of Amandeep Hospital was also promoted during the camp by Amandeep Hospital Regional Manager Jammu Vivek, SIBA team and Vikrant Dogra (Head, JKD-CUL), wherein operations Cleft-lip kids are done and all expenses are borne by hospital.

Sudir Singh (Manager) JK Gramen Bank and Shalesh Sharma DDM, NABARD (Samba) were also present at the camp and appreciated organizers for holding the event.

Others present on the occa-



Dignitaries presenting memento to a participant.

sultancy along with medical support to local people, free of cost. During the camp, free medicines were also distributed among needy. The main motive behind organising health camp is to provide health support to farmer community. The Smile

sion included Sidharth Verma, Baljeet Singh, Ramneek Kour, Meenakshi Vermam, Adv Sumit Verma, Jasmeet Kour, Amarjeet Singh, Rajiv Khajjat, Vishal Pangotra, Manmeet Singh, Gaurav, Dr Heena Atri and Ajay Atri.

## Unabated cold wave continues in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The minimum temperature in most places of Kashmir stayed close to the freezing point as the residents continue to experience warmer than expected nights, officials said here on Thursday.

Srinagar recorded the minimum temperature of 0.3 degree Celsius, marginally down from the previous night's 0.8 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Gulmarg, the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 3.5 degrees Celsius – up from previous night's 4.0 degrees Celsius.

The officials said Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius slightly down from minus 0.4 degrees Celsius the previous night. They said Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded the minimum of 0.4 degrees Celsius, while the nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag recorded a low of minus 0.7 degrees Celsius. The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of 0.0 degrees Celsius, same as previous night.

The MeT Office has forecast widespread snow/rain spell of moderate to heavy intensity till January 8. Heavy snow is expected at some places during the period as well, it said.

Kashmir valley is currently under the grip of the 40-day harshest winter period known as 'Chilla-i-Kalan' which began on December 21. 'Chilla-i-Kalan' is a period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies including the famous Dal Lake here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the most frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall.

## BJP Mahila Morcha organises 'Maha Mrutyunjaya Jaap' for well-being of PM



BJP Mahila Morcha members performing Maha Mrutyunjaya Jaap.

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JAMMU: BJP Mahila Morcha organized Maha Mrutyunjaya Jaap followed by Hawan at Ram Mandir Purani Mandi Jammu for well being of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The program was organised under leadership of Mahila Morcha President Sanjita Dogra.

Party's Vice Presidents Yudhvir Sethi and

Anuradha Charak, former MoS Priya Sethi, Secretaries Venu Khanna and Anju Dogra, District President Vinay Gupta and other party leaders participated in the Hawan.

The program was managed by Mahila Morcha General Secretary Urvashi Gupta and Neha Mahajan. Yudhvir Sethi said any lapse in the security of the Prime Minister is unacceptable. He accused Congress of plotting against the Nation.

Anuradha in her statement that this is neither desirable nor acceptable in democracy as it destroys the culture, spirit and value of India.

Priya Sethi said it is unfortunate as well as shameful that this incident has happened to the supreme of the country. She further urged all countrymen to condemn this act.

Sanjita Dogra in her statement launched an attack on Congress. The BJP leader said that Congress has failed the Nation.

Calling the entire fiasco a conspiracy against the country, the BJP leader demanded that those who are guilty of the security breach must be punished.

## Production-oriented theatre workshop concludes at Natrang studio



Natrang artists performing in a play on culmination of workshop.

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JAMMU: Production oriented theatre workshop concluded here today at Natrang studio Jammu with the presentation of the play 'Love in the time of Corona'. The play was directed by Aarushi Thakur Rana who is England based Theatre Director, Writer and Actor. She is the first Indian from Jammu and Kashmir whose directorial

debuts have been performed in the most prestigious Nehru Centre, London, Mayfair Zoroastrian Centre, London in 2019, Kala Ghoda Arts festival, Mumbai in 2018, Tagore Hall Chandigarh in 2018 and

Kingdom of Dreams, Delhi in 2017.

Today's play was devised during a 15-day theatre workshop which was attended by 20 artists from and across Jammu.

In its persistent endeavours, Natrang always tries to do these creative initiatives for the youth of Jammu in which we give them the right training in acting, dance, singing, backstage management and stagecraft. Natrang's endeavour is to bring talented people together and give them a positive space to explore their talents.

The artists who participated

in the play included Meenakshi Bhagat, Satyam Mehra, Sanket Bhagat, Asma Gul, Gautam Sharma, Sagar Gupta, Diksha Pandita, Raghav Sharma, Sonali Dub, Vashudha Sawhney, Pratham Sharma, Abhinav Singh Rajput, Toyab Hussain, Rahul Gupta, Aafaque Khan, Palshin Dutta, Aarti Bhagat and Kushal Bhat.

The lights of the play were designed and operated by Shivam Singh where as the sound was rendered by Brijesh Avtar Sharma. The show was coordinated by Neeraj Kant and Mohd. Yaseen.

## J&K suffering under bureaucratic rule: Gupta

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JAMMU: Expressing concern over under-utilisation of developmental funds earmarked for this financial year due to administrative inertia, National Conference Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta today said that Jammu and Kashmir is facing a crisis like situation under the bureaucratic rule.

"There is no accountability in the administration as a result of which the people are suffering on all fronts", Rattan Lal Gupta said in a statement issued from Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan.

He said connect of the bureaucracy with the people is all time low, which has impacted the governance hugely. The administrative and developmental inertia has led to a chaotic situation. In the current spell of the Lieutenant Governor's rule, the people have no access to top echelons of the administration, especially at a time when the entire Jammu region is reeling under acute power crisis and drinking water supply apart from unprecedented inflation. He said all sectors of public service like health, sanitation, power, public health engineering etcetera are in shambles and the people have been left in lurch. Nobody is bothered to take

cognizance and note of the problems faced by the citizens, he added.

Gupta asked the administration to wake up from its deep slumber and attend to the problems of the people as entire Jammu and Kashmir is reeling under the harsh winter conditions specially snow bound areas.

The Provincial President also exhorted the cadre to intensify their public outreach by reaching out to the people, identifying their grievances and submitting these to the provincial headquarters so that these are raised in Parliament as there is no mechanism for grievance redressal here.

He expressed anguish that the J&K bureaucracy is showing scant regard to the issues being raised by the elected representatives. He said chosen representatives to Panchayats and other grass roots level democratic institutions have been rendered ineffective. Referring to the problems faced by the people, Gupta said unemployment is witnessing unprecedented surge, crime rate is rising and the implementation of various schemes is pitiable.

He said the wages to rural labour under MGNAREGA are unpaid for months together that have pushed the rural population to wall.

## DIC Jammu clears 14 cases at 7th Single Window Committee Meeting



GM DIC Jammu Subah Mehta chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: The 7th Single Window Committee Meeting was on Thursday held to clear the projects for expansion of units, additional lines, change of line of activities etc bases in Jammu District. General Manager, District Industries Centre, Jammu Subah Mehta chaired the meeting attended by the representatives of other related departments.

While welcoming the participants, the convener of

the meeting Malvika Sharma, Project Manager presented the agenda for the 7th Single Window Meeting and thereby threadbare discussion was held on the proposals of 14 units.

After discussion, the committee approved all the 14 cases for the different subjects. The cases approved in the meeting are viz. M/s Classic Packers; M/s Hi Tech Printers; M/s BSAS Industries; M/s Kalsee

Precisions Machines; M/s Modern Propack Pvt. Ltd., M/s Kashmir Chemicals; M/s Aleop Industries; M/s HBR Industries; M/s Creative paper Products; M/s QE Electronics Pvt. Ltd.; M/s Fair Deal Associates; M/s Kalsee Batteries; M/s Udaan Printers and M/s Chenab Bottling Industries.

The other members present in the meeting were Pawan Sethi from SIDCO, Angrez Sharma and Pardeep Kumar from SICOP; Nitin Mahajan and Rohan Slathia from PDD, Naveed Chowdhary and Chandan Kotwal from Pollution Control Board.

The other members of DIC including Parteek Panjathia, Varun Bhasin, Sandeep Dubey, Shorab Gupta and Rohit Sangral were also present in the meeting.

## Dr Jitendra inaugurates India's first 'Rock' Museum at Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD: On the first day of his two-day visit, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday inaugurated India's first "Rock" Museum here, which is unique and first of its kind.

The Open Rock Museum, set up with the aim to educate and enlighten the masses about several lesser known facts, displays different types of rocks from different parts of India with ages ranging from 3.3 Billion years to around 55 Million years of the Earth's history.

These rocks also represent the deepest part of the earth upto 175 kms of dis-

tance from the surface of the earth.

Each rock has a story of its own to tell, said Dr Jitendra, while going around and spending considerable time inquiring about each of the rock pieces displayed in the open museum.

Later, addressing a galaxy of eminent scientists at CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Dr Jitendra Singh said that "Big Earth data" occupies the strategic high ground in the era of knowledge economies and India is fully exploiting this new frontier contributing to the advancement of Earth science. He said, geosciences

is contributing significantly towards the self-reliance and national priorities in New India.

The Minister said, Science blended with creative innovation brings "ease of living" for the common man and Scientists should adopt out of box thinking to address the problems of the common public.

He said, the expectations of society from scientists are ever growing and scientists should continuously be involved in providing the best S&T solutions.

Dr Jitendra Singh also released Earthquake Risk maps of Lucknow and Dehradun Cities and handed over the maps to the

Chairpersons or nominees of UPSDMA and UKSDMA on the occasion.

Both the maps were shared with Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management authorities who are the main stakeholders. They agreed to use the outcome for revising land use maps with revised hazard components and revise building bye-laws to outlaw unsafe and vulnerable typologies of houses in both the cities.

Director, CSIR-NGRI Hyderabad, Dr V.M. Tiwari gave a resume of the activities of the institute while Director General CSIR Dr Shekhar C. Mande also spoke.