

## Indian Oil Customers Day celebrated Be vigilant about fake lubricants being sold in open market: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating Indian Oil Customers Day celebrations by cutting the cake.

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JAMMU: Indian Oil Customers Day was celebrated by Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

The event was organized at Indian Oil Petrol Pump M/s Aar Pee Auto Aids.

On the occasion, Former MLC and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa was the chief guest, who inaugurated the celebrations by cutting the cake. Valuable customers of Indian Oil were felicitated by Vikram Randhawa along with Anjani Kumar, Divisional Retail Sales Head, Rakesh

Roshan Senior Manager (RS) and Pratish Baboria, Assistant Manager (RS).

During the programme, interaction was held with various customers and IOC officials briefed about the various initiatives which are being taken by Indian Oil for improving the customer service.

While speaking on the occasion, Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa appreciated the efforts of the M/s Aar Pee Auto Aids for providing best services to the people.

"M/s Aar Pee Auto Aids is serving its customers from the past several decades",

Randhawa said and appreciated the management and staff of the M/s Aar Pee Auto Aids for their services.

He also asked the people to be vigilant of the fake lubricants being sold in the open market.

"I am also a customer of Indian Oil since decades and the appreciate the company for providing best services to the people of the nation", Former Legislator added.

While concluding the celebrations, Rahul Gupta, Proprietor M/s Aar Auto Aids described the initiatives taken by him to improve the customer service at his fuel filling station.

## CISF Inspector saves precious life at Arthla Metro Station

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NEW DELHI: An alert Inspector of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) saved the precious life of a woman at Arthla Metro Station in Delhi by taking swift action, officials said on Monday.

On January 7, 2023 at about 5:46 PM, Inspector Sanjeev Kumar Sharma of CISF noticed a woman passenger who was standing dangerously close to the edge of the Platform after crossing the yellow strip.

In the meantime, a metro train heading towards Rithala was approaching the platform.

Inspector Sanjeev Sharma tried to warn the woman, but due to close proximity to the approaching train and ensuing noise she could not listen to the warning.

Inspector Sanjeev swiftly acted and pulled the woman away from the edge of the tracks towards the platform to save her.

Thereafter, the aforesaid passenger was asked for any assistance upon which she denied and thanked the CISF Inspector for saving her life and boarded the metro.

Due to alertness and prompt action by the CISF personnel a precious life was saved.

## Children exploring new horizons in winter workshop at Natrang



Natrang Director Bawant Thakur during an exclusive session with children in the ongoing Children's winter theatre workshop.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Eminent playwright and theatre director Bawant Thakur conducted an exclusive session with children in the ongoing Children's winter theatre workshop being organized by Natrang Jammu.

Natrang since last 31 years organizes exclusive children theatre training programmes in Summers and Winters in order to give them an opportunity to explore their immense hidden abilities.

This year the workshop was started on December 26, 2022 and braving a severe cold over thirty children are exploring new horizons of innovations and creativity under the mentorship of Neeraj Kant, Sunny Mujoo and Gauri Thakur.

In this year's workshop, a play entitled 'The Wizard of Oz' is also being produced which is scheduled to be staged at Writer's Club Auditorium, Abhinav Theatre on January 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

The training module of Natrang's Children theatre has been devised by Director Natrang, Bawant Thakur who has taken the children theatre of Jammu to the

entire length and breadth of the Country.

He believes that children have immense possibilities and abilities to outshine but at times, these are required to be explored through highly innovative techniques of theatre and Natrang has played a vital role in this subject for Jammu people. As theatre requires a higher degree of confidence, discipline, creativity, spontaneity, team spirit and consistency, those trained in Natrang's theatre workshops imbibe the above qualities where they get a chance to get trained under the

expert supervision of well-trained facilitators. The customized tasks and activities specially devised for children by Sumeet Sharma, who has a considerable experience of working with children and youth, attract the attention of children who get a fertile ground to grow their creativity and soar their imagination effortlessly while performing such tasks.

The children who are undergoing training in this process include Riya Jandial, Arvinda Shan, Sheik Hamid, Tanisha, Jeevansh Sharma, Samrat Sharma, Daivansh Singh, Advik Sharma, Kavya Charak, Divyam Charak, Aarav Vaid, Prial Gupta, Ishika Agri, Akshay Sharma, Mehak Chib, Supria Gorka, Kavya Sharma, Noor Abril, Evana Sawhney, Nitara Sawhney, Mehak Chib, Riya Jandial, Sadhya Sharma, Aadhyaa Thukral, Kavya Jandial, Gaurangi Sharma, Devangi Sharma, Sharvil Mahajan, Sandeep Agri, Vihaan Pandotra and Arjav Jain.

## Ranvijay visits Raghunath Temple at Suchetgarh, reviews facilities



Ranvijay Singh, Trustee JKDT along with Advocate Ajay Gondota, President and Ashok Sharma, Secretary during visit to Raghunathji Temple at Suchetgarh.

significance and other details about this temple as it is vital for disseminating information among the masses about the rich cultural heritage of J&K.

Later, the Trustee also interacted with BSF personnel and lauded their efforts

in safeguarding the borders.

He said the country is always indebted to the indomitable courage and outstanding service of the BSF personnel as their phenomenal virtues show confidence in countrymen while the border guarding force is

on duty safeguarding India round the clock.

Ranvijay also visited Shiv Temple Satwari and took stock of the temple premises. Meanwhile, a Special Pooja was performed at Natraj ji Temple located in the premises of Shree Raghunathji Temple Jammu on the eve of birthday of Late Maharani Yasho Rajya Lakshmi.

While paying tributes to the late Maharani, the Trust's President said that though she has left the world, but she has made a permanent place in the hearts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. She will be remembered by the people for centuries together who played a vital role during the transformation of the state from feudalism to democracy. He said that she dedicated her life for the welfare of women folk.

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## Dogri Sanstha Jammu organises online Kahani Goshthi



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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized an online 'Kahani Goshthi' in which three prominent short story writers Krishana Prem, Jagdeep Dubey and Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' presented their short stories. Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha presided over the function.

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tle there. A young Nepali girl Roopa is purchased through a tout to serve the elderly couple, who treat her well. The old lady wishes to solemnize her marriage, keep the couple with them and transfer all their property in her name that bothers the old man. He had accumulated property after all hardships and wished that only his blood relation should own all his belongings after him. In a fit of frustration he rather requests Roopa to go physical with him and give birth to his son so that he may feel content that all his property has gone into the hands of his

heir. 'Palkheru' the 2nd story written by Jagdeep Dubey once again proved that he believes in working on the untouched subjects. The plot of the story revolves around the hardships of those four persons who used to carry Palki of bride to her in-laws. The emotional story tells about slogans raised thus communicating with each other while moving ahead with palki for a smooth journey.

'Ik Malati', the last short story presented by veteran short story writer Krishana Prem was an interesting journey in Uber Taxi wherein the

driver tells different anecdotes which helps the writer to connect with him emotionally. The story is witty and revolves around the emotions of strange people who don't know whether they will meet again or not. While presiding over the function, Prof. Lalit Magotra complemented the short story writers for their amazing plots which were different from each other. He wished that such a start of the New Year would really have creative pursuits in future also.

Pawan Verma, who conducted the proceedings, extended technical support also for smooth conduct of Kahani Goshthi. The program was watched by many on the Facebook page of Sanstha within and outside the country and was well appreciated for the contents of the stories presented by prolific writers.

## Bharat Jodo Yatra to raise demand for restoration of statehood to J&K: Congress



J&K Congress President Vikar Rasool Wani addressing a press conference at Jammu.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra will enter Jammu and Kashmir on January 20, Congress leader Vikar Rasool Wani said on Monday and added the party will raise various issues including the demand for the restoration of its statehood prior to the assembly polls.

A large number of Congress workers will walk alongside Gandhi from Lakhnupur to Srinagar, Wani, the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president, said.

He also thanked Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for granting permission for the yatra and issuing necessary directions to the officers concerned for its smooth conduct.

"After spending 10 days in neighbouring Punjab, the Bharat Jodo Yatra is cross-

ing into Lakhnupur (Jammu and Kashmir) on January 20. A big event is planned by J&K Congress for the flag raising ceremony at Lakhnupur," Wani told reporters at the party headquarters here on the sidelines of a function to welcome new entrants, mostly youth activists, into the party fold.

The Congress leader said the yatra is primarily aimed

at uniting India by rejecting divisive politics and highlighting the concerns over inflation and unemployment but on reaching Jammu and Kashmir, one more demand will be added which is restoration of its statehood prior to the assembly elections.

"We appeal to all sections of society, social organisations, NGOs and all secular political parties sans those who are directly or

indirectly linked to BJP to come forward and join the yatra," he said.

He said more than 90 organisations have expressed their desire to be part of the yatra. Replying to a question on the likely impact of the yatra on the party's prospects in the upcoming elections, he said given the response of the people, no one can keep the Congress away from forming the government at the Centre in 2024 and in Jammu and Kashmir whenever the elections are held.

"What the BJP has done over the past nine years of its rule both at Centre and in J&K is before everyone to see. Its report card shows a big zero," he said when asked about BJP leaders' claim of forming the next government in J&K on its own strength.

The 3500-kilometre Bharat Jodo Yatra, which started from Kanyakumari

in Tamil Nadu on September 7, will end after reaching Srinagar by January 30 with Gandhi hoisting the national flag there. The march has so far covered Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. It is currently in Haryana.

Later in Srinagar, JKPCC president Wani said the yatra will conclude with a national event in Srinagar. He said they have invited top party leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, chief ministers of Congress-ruled states and members of Parliament to attend the event.

Earlier, several block development council members, sarpanches and panches joined the party at the PCC head office in Srinagar. Rasool welcomed the new entrants into the party fold.

## Narotam lays foundation stone of water tank at Pir Kho



Councilor Ward-3, Narotam Sharma laying foundation stone of a sump water tank in Pir Kho, Jammu.

damaged," said Narotam, assuring people that the sump tank would be completed in a time-bound manner and no compromise would be made on quality of the work. Yudhvir Sethi, Purnima Sharma and other senior leaders of BJP were also present on the occasion and congratulated people.

Others who were present on the occasion included Mahant Keshav Shukla, Saroj Gupta, Anuradha Sharma, Lucky Mehra, Sanjay Abrol, Sanjay Sharma, Subash Sharma and Ramesh Sudan.

## DB grants four-week time for implementing directions regarding removal of encroachments

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by inhabitants of village Hari, seeking directions to the respondents to initiate eviction proceedings against those who have encroached Kanals of forest land falling in Compartment 51-A at village Hari in Surankote Tehsil, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Acting Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Rajesh Sekri granted four weeks to Deputy AG to do the needful in terms of order dated 08.11.2021, where by the Court has directed to file a fresh compliance/status report within a month clearly indicating time-frame within which entire forest land would be made free from encroachments and the steps which the Forest Department intend to take to prevent encroachments in future.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on November 8, 2021 when the PIL came up for hearing, Division Bench observed, "It has come on record that there are 127 encroachers of forest land as have been identified by the Forest Department. Accordingly, directions were issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch to provide requisite support to ensure eviction of these encroachers from the forest land".

"It was further directed that Deputy Commissioner Poonch shall hold joint meeting with the Divisional Forest Officer Poonch and SSP Poonch, so as to draw an action plan to get the land freed from the encroachers. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest was required to provide requisite funds for the removal of such encroachers," the DB observed. On this, Division Bench said, "Report is

completely silent as to the action which may have been taken against the remaining encroachers. It does not even specify area of the land, which has been retrieved from each of the 127 encroachers, who have been evicted.

The report does not even disclose if the 127 encroachers identified are disputing that they are not encroachers rather authorized occupants of land which is not a forest land or if disputes in this regard are pending before any competent authority". Accordingly, DB directed Deputy AG to file a fresh compliance/status report with full details and clear indication regarding time-frame within which the entire forest land would be made free from encroachments and steps which the Forest Department intend to take to ensure that no encroachment takes place in future.

While giving further detail, Narotam informed that water sump tank would provide relief not only to people of ward-3 but it will also cater to the needs of people of Pacc Danga, Fattu Chowgan, Jullaka Mohalla,