

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



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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 Pratiush Baboria, Assistant Manager (RS).

During the programme, interaction was held with various customers and IOCL 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 lubricates being sold in the open market.

"I am also a customer of Indian Oil since decades and he 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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Eminent playwright and theatre director Balwant 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, Balwant Thakur who has taken the children theatre of Jammu to the



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

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, Vrinda Gujral, Shranaya Mahajan, Haleema Fatima, Zainab Kubra, Sharvil Mahajan,

Kavya Jandial, Aadhya Thukral, Araiya Shan, Sheikh Hamid, Tanisha, Jeevansh Sharma, Samrat Sharma, Daivansh Singh, Advik Sharma, Kavya Charak, Divyansh Charak, Aarav Vaid, Priya Gupta, Isha Agri, Akshay Sharma, Mehak Chib, Riya Jandial, Kavya Sharma, Noor Abrol, Evana Sawhney, Nitara Sawhney, Sadiya Sharma, Aadhya Thukral, Kavya Jandial, Gaurangi Sharma, Devangi Sharma, Sharvil Mahajan, Sandeep Agri, Vihan Pandotra and Arjav Jain.

Ranvijay visits Raghunath Temple at Suchetgarh, reviews facilities

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SUCHETGARH: Ranvijay Singh, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust along with Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President and Ashok Kumar Sharma, (SSP Retd) Secretary in Monday visited ancient Raghunathji Temple at Zero Line on the Indo Pak border at Suchetgarh and took stock of the infrastructure and facilities besides holding discussions on improving the facilities to make this temple more comfortable and splendid for the visiting devotees.

During the visit, Ranvijay Singh performed Special Pooja and prayed for peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

He laid stress upon the priests to ensure that every devotee who enters this temple returns with complete knowledge of the history,



Ranvijay Singh, Trustee JKDT along with Advocate Ajay Gandotra, 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.

Modi Govt will outreach every voter: Ashok Koul



J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul with other leaders at monthly meeting of BJP District Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government will outreach every single voter ensuring that all the public welfare schemes launched by Modi government reach them. Moreover, this needs to be ensured by every single Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) activist, stated Ashok Koul, J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization).

Ashok Koul was addressing the 1st monthly meeting of BJP's District Jammu at its Kachi Chawni party office. District President Parmod Kapahi, District Prabhari

Rajeev Charak, Organizational General Secretary Parliamentary Constituency Inderjit Sharma, District Office Bearers, District Morcha Presidents and Mandal Presidents participated in the meeting.

"BJP workers must contact every single voter and ensure that all the public welfare schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government reach to the actual needy persons", said Ashok Koul.

Ashok Koul mentioned the landmark schemes of Modi government that have directly

benefitted the masses like Izzatghar, Awas Yojna, Ayushman Bharat and so many others which have earned respect in transforming lives of needy population.

Inquiring about the setting up and working of the new organizational teams at District, Mandal and Booth levels under district Jammu, Ashok Koul asked them to ensure perfect harmony in between the senior party leaders, office bearers, party sympathizers and prominent social personalities of their respective booths.

In his Presidential address, Pramod Kapahi said that they would work sincerely for the extension of party activities into every nook and corner of the District while carrying on with the development and other organizational activities at the ground level. He, on the occasion, expressed full faith in BJP's District team that each member will leave no stone unturned in the service to the society.

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

■ **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 Lakhnapur 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-



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

ing into Lakhnapur (Jammu and Kashmir) on January 20. A big event is planned by J&K Congress for the flag receiving ceremony at Lakhnapur," 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, JKPC 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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Narotam Sharma, Councilor Ward-3 has laid foundation stone of a sump water tank in Pir Kho on Monday. To be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore, the project will be executed through Jal Shakti (Public Health Engineering/Mechanical) Wing department.

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 Paeca Danga, Fattu Chowgan, Jullaka Mohalla,



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

Pacci Dhakki, Jain Bazar, Mast Garh, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Peer Mitha etc. "Earlier due to non-availability of water storage

tank, tube-well water was directly transferred to overhead tank and in this process, many times motor and pumps worth lakhs were

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, Lucky Sharma, Sanjay Abrol, Sanjay Sharma, Subash Sharma and Ramesh Sudan.