

BVMHS celebrates Swami Vivekananda Jayanti



Students and staff of BVMHS during celebration of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti.

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UDHAMPUR: Students and staff of Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School (BVMHS) celebrated Swami Vivekananda Jayanti under the chairmanship of Principal Renu Sharma at Santeshwar Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School, Nainsu in Udhampur on Friday.

On this occasion Rohit

Malhotra, teacher of Govt Middle School Tikri and Vinod Bhatt, Principal of Rishi Model Vidyaapeeth were special invitees. Programme started with lighting the traditional lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati. Later all the teachers and children of the school paid rich tribute to Swami Vivekananda on the occasion of his birth

anniversary by offering flowers on his portrait. After that the children presented thoughts, poems and slogans on the biography of Swami Vivekananda. While some children came in the costumes of Swami Vivekananda and displayed about his life.

In the end, the Principal of the school, Renu Sharma, while motivating the children, said that Swami Vivekananda ji was a great saint of Hindu religion who inspired people in the world to follow meditation, yoga and spiritual paths.

He always awakened among the people the feelings of welcoming guests, devotion to God, love for everything, devotion to Guru and patriotism. He taught the people of India to live with each other in love and brotherhood.

Police busts drug module in Anantnag; three arrested

Huge consignment of contraband substances recovered



Drug peddlers with recovered contraband in police custody.

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Friday busted a drug module by arresting three members of a family in Anantnag and recovered huge consignment of contraband/ psychotropic substance from their possession.

Anantnag Police received information through reliable sources that a family comprises (Father, Mother and Son) namely Mohd Ramzan Ganai, son of Gh Rasool Ganie, Shahzada Akhter, wife of Mohd Ramzan Ganie and Zubair Ramzan Ganai, son of Mohd Ramzan Ganie, residents of Seer Hamdan Mattan under a well-planned criminal conspiracy

are continuously indulging in illegal trade of illicit alcohol as well as of cannabis charas powder in Seer Hamdan Mattan area. Police also revealed that the trio has concealed huge quantity of illicit alcohol as

well as illicit cannabis Charas powder in specially made hideouts in their residential house, Swift Dzire Car, Baleno car and Motor

Cycle. In this regard, a case FIR No. 04/2024 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Mattan and investigation was initiated, police official said.

Accordingly, a search team comprising of Anantnag Police and Executive Magistrate concerned raided the spot, official said adding that during search of the house, police party recovered about 9.27 Kgs of Charas powder and 867 Bottles of illicit alcohol which was seized on spot.

All three accused persons were arrested besides vehicles Swift Dzire, Baleno car, KTM Motoreycle and

cash amount of Rs. 13,325 (believed to be proceeds of narcotics) was seized and further investigation in the case is going on, official said.

Anantnag Police requested community members to come forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhood.

"Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law. Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace," police official said.

DC Rajouri discusses Action plan at District Level Export Promotion Committee Meeting

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat presided over a crucial meeting of the District Level Export Promotion Committee on Friday. The primary focus was on the approval of the District Export Action Plan (DEAP), meticulously prepared by the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO).

The General Manager DIC, the Convener of the Committee, welcomed all members and outlined the agenda of the meeting.

Discussions centered on formulating a comprehensive and effective district export action plan, with a special emphasis on the dairy and walnut sectors. Committee members shared insights, expertise, and recommendations to align the action plan



DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat presiding over meeting of the District Level Export Promotion Committee.

with the objectives of the district. The Deputy Commissioner underscored the importance of cooperative efforts and coordination among stakeholders in the export sector. He emphasized the need for synergy among government departments, financial institutions, trade organizations, and exporters to create an enabling environment for promoting exports. The

Deputy Commissioner also stressed harnessing the unique resources and capabilities of the district to maximize opportunities in dairy and walnut exports.

In a significant development, the district export plan for dairy and walnut was approved during the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner expressed confidence that this approval would enhance the export

potential of Rajouri district, contributing to its economic progress and prosperity.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner also discussed 59 cases under PMVKSY (Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana). The PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana holds immense significance in preserving and nurturing India's rich cultural heritage of traditional craftsmanship, providing crucial financial support to artisans and enabling them to pass on their age-old skills to future generations.

Under this transformative initiative, eligible artisans are granted financial assistance, technical training, and exposure to modern markets, thus ensuring the preservation of their livelihoods and our cultural heritage.

Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat emphasized the importance of a streamlined application process, transparent fund distribution, and robust monitoring mechanisms. By ensuring effective implementation and monitoring, the Deputy Commissioner aims to ensure that the benefits of the Vishwakarma Yojana reach every eligible artisan in the Rajouri district, contributing to inclusive growth and cultural enrichment.

Officers who attended the meeting were Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Khurshid, Chief Agriculture Officer Sohan Singh, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Khalid Hussain, Chief Horticulture Officer, Madan Lal; Lead District Manager Sanjeev Bhasin, Project Officer DIC Abid Hussain, and other concerned officers.

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LEH: The Administrative Secretary of Disaster Management, Relief, Rescue, and Rehabilitation, UT Ladakh, Amit Sharma visited the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at Upper Tukcha, Leh and undertook a comprehensive evaluation of the Center's capabilities and functionalities.

The highlight of the visit was a live demonstration and performance check of the Quick Deployment Antennas (QDAs) by the adept EOC team and the operations of the Centre wherein the public of the UT connects for help in case of Emergencies of all kinds.

Amit witnessed firsthand the rapid deployment and seamless functionality of the Quick Deployment Antennas. He emphasized the critical role in ensuring communication during emergencies.

Amit also mentioned that in the next phase, the UT Administration shall go for setting up a Comprehensive Command and Control Centre which shall help in detecting occurrences of natural disasters with the help of sensors, and public alert systems and take precautionary measures to minimize loss of precious human lives and property in the UT.



Admin Secy of DMRRR, UT Ladakh, Amit Sharma visiting Emergency Operations Centre at Upper Tukcha, Leh.

ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. The state-of-the-art facilities within the Operation Centre are designed to enhance efficiency, responsiveness, and overall operational capabilities, he added.

As UT Ladakh continues to enhance its disaster management capabilities, the EOC stands as an example of preparedness, ready to respond swiftly and effectively to any emergency that may arise, the Secretary stated.

CUJ commemorates National Youth Day with inspiration



CUJ faculty paying tributes to Swami Vivekananda.

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JAMMU: The Department of Educational Studies, in collaboration with the office of the Dean of Students Welfare, Central University of Jammu (CUJ), celebrated the Yuva Shakti Mahotsav on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda also the National Youth Day.

Under the Yuva Shakti Mahotsav, various cultural and literary activities such as debate, dance, song, fashion show, food stalls, etc. will be conducted in the coming weeks of January. The event was

inaugurated 'Deep Prajvalan' followed by the address of Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh who delved into the profound influence of Swami Vivekananda in shaping the aspirations and values of Indian youth.

Dr. Kiran, Coordinator of the event, gave a brief introduction about the entire activities to be held during the Yuva Shakti Mahotsav and thanked Prof. Ritu Bakshi, DSW, for her support in organizing this grand event. Professor J.N Baliya, by referring to one of the ancient Sanskrit aphorisms

"Buddhirgyanain Shudyati," appealed to the youth that they can achieve the goal with the help of transforming the power of knowledge and purifying wisdom. Head of the Department, Prof. Asit Mantry enlightened the significance of the day on its multiple importance for the nation as well as the department. He also acknowledged the support of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain for providing opportunities to celebrate such events so that the students can develop their all-around personalities with Bhartiya Values.

The gathering also marked the presence of faculty members Dr. Neerendra, Dr. P.K. Singh, Dr. S. Mishra, Dr. Bijendra, Dr. Deepthi Malhotra, Dr. Arvind Selwal, Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Aarushi, Shivali, Dr. Anil, other faculty members, scholars and students witnessed the event. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Yad Ram.

JU signs MoU with Growbyte IT Providers Private Limited Hyderabad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the University of Jammu and M/s Growbyte IT Providers Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, on Friday at University of Jammu (JU). Under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU, the Department of CS & IT, has moved one more step forward in building the industry-academia collaboration in form of MoU which is fourth of its kind in the recent times.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, on behalf of the University of Jammu and Madhu Vadlamni, Director, M/s Growbyte IT Providers Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. The objective of the MoU is to provide technical and developmental opportunities for software development, organization of faculty development programmes, provide project assistance, conduct of



Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, on behalf of the JU and Madhu Vadlamni, Director, Growbyte IT Providers Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad signing MoU.

seminars and workshops on recent trends in the emerging areas of Computer Science, which will mutually benefit the students, scholars, and faculty members of the Department.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu, and former Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu, while congratulating the initiative, appreciated the consistent efforts made by the department, expressed the sincere hope that such interactions with the corporate sector shall not only confine to the fraternity of Computer Science

Department but also such expertise shall be extended in setting up of latest digital facilities like creation of incubation centres at JU.

Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu, and former Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu, while congratulating the initiative, appreciated the consistent efforts made by the department to provide the high end opportunities to the students to learn industrial skills. Prof. Anju Bhasin further added that such initiatives

BJP concludes 'Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan' on Swami Vivekanand's birth anniversary

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of the great son of the soil, Swami Vivekanand, Jammu and Kashmir BJP concluded its two and half month programmes of 'Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan' programmes during the last two and half months from October 24 to January 12, this month.

Ravinder Raina, while paying tributes to Swami Vivekanand, said that he was an institution in himself, who devoted his life to inspire youth to be part of nation building and strengthening the social fabric in society. Raina asked the youth to follow the life of Swami Vivekanand and adopt his principles in life.

Ashok Koul, on this occasion, spoke on the future programmes and stressed that the youth have an important role in reaching the people at their doorsteps and garnering public support for the party. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by BJYM state president Arun Prabhat Singh.

Ashok Koul releases BJP calendar



Senior BJP leaders releasing BJP Calendar at Party Headquarter, Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, along with BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, Publication Department Incharge Rajnish Jain, Literature Department Incharge Pawan Sharma, former MLC Vikram Randhawa and State Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, released party's calendar for the year 2024.

Ashok Koul, while briefing about the salient features of the calendar, said that it will not only have mention of holidays of all the twelve months like other calendars but carry dates in separate column of national holidays and party's six important festivals. He said that the calendar will be distributed among the party cadre upon booth level so that the festivals of the party

remain in their minds and are celebrated.

Ashok Koul said, while the BJP celebrates Republic Day on January 26, it also organizes colourful programmes on another national festival, the Independence Day on August 15. Similarly, the party's six festivals include Samarpan Divas on the martyr day of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay on February 11, BJP Foundation Day on April 06, Samrasta Divas on April 14, on Ambedkar Jayanti, June 23 as Balidan Divas of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday on September 23, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jayanti on September 25, Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti on October 02, Khel Divas on Pt. Premnath Dogra Jayanti on October 24, J&K's Accession Day on October 26

and Good Governance Day on Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Jayanti on September 25, besides other days when supreme sacrifices were made by the Bravehearts to save the society and the nation. Pawan Sharma, on this occasion, said that the BJP comes out with its calendar every year. The main objective of preparing and releasing the calendar is to provide adequate space for the publication of party's festivals and national festivals. He said that this year's calendar has a photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the party's symbol, the Lotus.

Rajnish Jain said that the calendar would keep reminding the party cadre about the important days to be observed and celebrated as festivals in honour of the great legends.

DSRS JU organises lecture on "Different Dimensions of Ongoing Israel-Hamas: Responses and Lessons Learnt"

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu organised a lecture on "Different Dimensions of Ongoing Israel-Hamas: Responses and Lessons Learnt", on 12th January, 2024 in the seminar hall of the DSRS. Lecture was delivered by the Senior Journalist Pradeep Dutta who has recently visited Israel and covered the war related events in the war affected areas. While explaining the reasons of war, Pradeep Dutta argued that Hamas was interested show its existence and also highlighted the Palestine issue as these had become insignificant in international relations in the recent times. Besides, Hamas had become unpopular in Gaza and was losing its influence in the area. Hamas selected strategic timing of 7th October, 2023 for attack to contain the element of surprise as there was holiday in Israel, its intelligence agencies were not focusing on Hamas activities and, hence, were not aware of potential Hamas attack. Moreover, at



Senior Journalist Pradeep Dutta posing with JU faculty and students.

that time, Israel was also suffering from internal problems. However, after the Hamas attack, Israel has responded to the attack the way a state responds to an attack on its territory and citizens by its adversaries.

Dutta talked about the cruelties committed by the Hamas against the innocent people and argued that both sides have faced huge casualties and destruction of the property.

While talking about the gains of the war for Israelis, the Speaker opined that Hamas attack and war resulted from it has united the Israelis as the even the civilians are motivated to fight against the Hamas ter-

rorists' and giving unconditional support to their security forces.

Dutta also discussed China's interests in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

He concluded that in the contemporary international relations "a war of narratives" is also happening. Hence, India should project its narrative in international relations to protect and promote its national interests.

The lecture was attended the faculty members Dr. Mohamad Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra and Dr. Ranjan Sharma alongwith research scholars and students of the Jammu University.

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