

Red Cross Home for Handicapped celebrates Lohri Festival

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JAMMU: Red Cross Home for Handicapped Udheywala, celebrated Lohri festival with Handicapped children, teachers & other staff of the home.

This function is being celebrated every year with great fervor and as a result of special efforts taken by PC Kapoor, it's President.

It aims at encouraging a better understanding about people affected by disabled children, learning about their true abilities, and being aware of their rights, dignity and welfare.

Most of the inmates are deaf and dumb, they presented colorful programme at par excellence. Unfortunately, India is far



Red Cross Home for Handicaped Udheywala, President, PC Kapoor presenting gift to a specially abled.

behind in providing various comfortable facilities for the disabled.

Rajat Gupta, a Social Activist, Chairman Unique Outsourcing and main donor of the home was

Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof Lalit Mangotra President Jammu Dogri Sanstha presided over and

Rajinder Gupta Chairman Tagore College and Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain State Yoga Commissioner & State Chairman Indian Yoga Association were Guests of Honour.

Prof Mangotra threw light on the importance of the celebration of Lohri Function.

Dr Jain felicitated Rajat, Rajinder, Mangotra and especially Satish, 1st inmate of the home & President Awardee.

Dr Jain appealed to the participants to provide children with disabilities with a loving environment.

Dr. Jain proposed celebration of children birthdays by Mission Happiness. Children who are shown warmth and love grow up to be loving, warm persons. A child with a disability who is shown warmth and love grew up to be an adult with improved health.

He also requested to celebrate Birthdays/Anniversaries among the disabled inmates and give them more time to make

transitions and follow directions.

Many activities and tasks can be taught for some children with disabilities. You need to keep patience to understand when they are in trouble.

Representatives from Bhartiya Yog Sansthan, Sarv Uthan Trust, Vichar Kranti Manch International, Confederation of Voluntary, social and Charitable Organisation, and others also participated.

Bonfire, on account of Lohri celebration, was lightened by Sh Jai Lal Sharma State Gen Secy BYS.

Nirmal Vikram, a Dogri scholar, conducted the proceedings and presented a vote of thanks.

POWERGRID handsover vehicle mounted road vacuum sweeper machines, ballistic separator, JCB loader to DC Samba

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) handed four Vehicle mounted road Vacuum Sweeper Machines, one (01) Ballistic separator & one (01) JCB loader for Samba District to District Development Commissioner, Samba under CSR on Saturday.

Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of POWERGRID, the equipment was handed over by Abhay Kumar, CGM(AM), POWERGRID and Vinod P. Baxla, General Manager(HR) on behalf of POWERGRID to Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary of J&K-Housing & Urban Development



POWERGRID officials handing over vehicle to Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/ Secretary of J&K-HUDD.

Department and Abhishek Sharma, District Development Commissioner, Samba in the presence of senior officers from POWERGRID and Samba District administration.

The cost of the handed over equipment is approximately Rs 1.42 crores.

On this occasion Mandeep Kour and Abhishek Sharma thanked POWERGRID for taking up this CSR initiative

for providing hygienic infrastructure in the samba district which will benefit the common masses of Samba district.

As a responsible Corporate Citizen, POWERGRID has been extending support for development of various infrastructure activities in the Jammu province through its CSR initiatives amounting to more than Rs 4 crore during last three years.

SKUAST-TAJ holds meet, discuss issues

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JAMMU: The office bearers meet of SKUAST Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) was held under the chairmanship of its President Dr. Vikas at Main Campus Chatha in which several agendas pertaining to the welfare of teaching association and overall development / progress of university were discussed.

The office bearers of teaching association unanimously expressed concern regarding the promotion of teachers who are due for AGP of Rs. 7000, 8000, 9000 and AGP of Rs 10,000 under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) as the screening of applications forms of the eligible teachers/scientists for CAS have already been completed. The house also stressed for the proper implementation of SRO-43 in the



President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma chairing Office bearers Meet at Main Campus Chatha on Saturday.

University for the appointment on compassionate grounds for the legal heirs of the deceased one. President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma informed the house that the matter has already been discussed in length with Registrar SKUAST-Jammu and he assured to solve these agendas in the upcoming Board of Management (BOM) of SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Vikas announced in the meeting that there is a need to reconstitute Blood Donation Unit of TAJ to create a fresh

database of all the blood donating volunteers that will be readily available at any odd hour. Various other agendas like advertisement for the vacant positions in KVKS, superannuation age of University Professors etc. were also deliberated in the meeting.

Besides, Dr. Vivak M Arya General Secretary, Dr. Devinder Sharma-Publicity Secretary, Dr. Rajeev Bharat-Treasurer, the meeting was attended by Dr. Anil Bhatt and Dr. Poonam Parihaar, executive members of association.

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NEW DELHI: The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized its 1st National Convention of Insolvency Professionals and Registered Valuers, in association with ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals (IIP) and ICSI Registered Valuers Organization (RVO), on Saturday, here.

Organized on the theme, Insolvency, Bankruptcy and Valuation: Achievements, Challenges and Expectations, the Conference provided a platform for discussions on National and International developments in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy arena, along with contemporary topics covering sectoral



Dignitaries during the convention.

issues. Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj, Member (Judicial) NCLT, graced the occasion as the Special Guest. P.K. Malhotra, Chairman, ICSI IIP and Dr. Navrang Saini, Chairman, ICSI RVO, were also present on the occasion.

While appreciating the initiative, Special Guest, Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj, Member (Judicial), NCLT said "The efficiency and commitment of professionals like

Company Secretaries, Registered Valuers, Insolvency Professionals and the like, are guarding our economy and are responsible for drawing the foreign investment into India Inc."

Thought Leaders from the Insolvency and Valuation field, provided their valuable insights on the Quandaries Present under IBC, Fate of Prepacked Insolvency and Insolvency against

Guarantors, Art of Valuation in Insolvency Cases engaging panel discussions held at the conference. Humbled by the acknowledgment, CS Manish Gupta, President, The ICSI, highlighted Institute's various endeav-

ours, not just towards inculcating the art of advocacy in young Company Secretary Professionals, but also in forming robust task forces that are intertwined with the Governments initiatives aimed at building a strong and efficient Corporate Regime in India.

The event witnessed a participation of around 300 delegates, including Insolvency Professionals, Registered Valuers, Industry Experts, Company Secretaries, Advocates, Bankers, Directors and Senior Officials from Regulatory Authorities.

Four drug peddlers held with contraband substances in Baramulla

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs, Baramulla Police on Saturday arrested four drug peddlers from whose possession contraband substances were recovered. A police party of Police Station Chandoosa headed by SHO PS Chandoosa at a checkpoint established at Walraman Chandoosa, intercepted two persons identified as Farooq Ahmad Dar son of Gh Nabi resident of Chakloo A/P Najibhat Kreeri & Mohd Altaf Sofi son of Abdul Aziz resident of Chakloo Baramulla.

During search, 40 grams of Heroin was recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to PS Chandoosa where they remain in custody, a police spokesperson in a statement said. He said similarly, a Police party of Police Station Kunzer headed by SHO PS Kunzer at a checkpoint established at Dhoibivan Barzulla, intercepted a vehicle (Sumo) bearing registration

number JK05B-0134 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Hilal Ahmad Wani & Bilal Ahmad Wani sons of Gh Nabi, both residents of Barzulla Kunzer.

During search, 510 grams of Charas & 11 Syrups of Codeine Phosphate was recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to PS Kunzer where they remain in custody, he said. Cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated, spokesperson added.

Police urged common masses that if they witness drug peddling or any other crime in the society, feel free to contact at your nearest police establishment or dial 112.

They also requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society, and assured community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

Pran Pratishtha Ceremony of Shree Ram Lalla Mandir, Ayodhya

Ajatshatru reviews arrangements at Shree Raghunathji Temple

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JAMMU: The J&K Dharmarth Trust is all set to host a grand celebration at the revered Shree Raghunathji Temple in Jammu, marking the auspicious occasion of the Pran Pratishtha ceremony and the inauguration of Shree Ram Lalla Mandir in Ayodhya on January 21 and 22, 2024.

Trustee Ajatshatru Singh and Dr Ritu Singh on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements at the iconic Raghunathji Temple in Jammu.

In the meeting, Brig R.S. Langeh (Retd), President of J&K Dharmarth Trust, and SSP Ashok Sharma (Retd), Secretary, Varinder Jamwal,



Trustee Ajatshatru Singh, Dr Ritu Singh and others at Shree Raghunathji Temple in Jammu.

Additional Secretary, along with other members, actively participated in strategizing the event.

At the beginning of the meeting, Secretary Ashok Sharma presented an insightful overview of the preparations.

It is pertinent to mention that Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee, and Trustee Vikramaditya Singh are personally overseeing

and supervising every aspect of this significant event at Shree Raghunathji Temple.

Dr. Ritu Singh emphasised on the significance of the historic event and gave impetus to the programme inviting all women and families and will be doing the decor, and program coordination according to customs and tradition paying reverence to ancestors and all deities.

Ajatshatru Singh provided clear directives for the implementation of comprehensive arrangements during the upcoming grand celebration at Shree Raghunathji Temple. Understanding the significance of the occasion, he emphasized the need for meticulous planning to ensure that every aspect of the event, from the Pran Pratishtha ceremony to the

inauguration of Shree Ram Lalla Mandir, unfolds seamlessly.

The Trustee emphasized on ensuring the success of this event. With a paramount focus on providing a hassle-free experience for devotees, he aimed to streamline arrangements to facilitate smooth visits. Additionally, he also underscored the importance of maintaining the temple's cleanliness throughout the entire event, aligning with the Trust's commitment to offering a spiritually uplifting and organized environment for all attendees.

Trust's President, Brig R.S. Langeh (Retd) assured the Trustee for foolproof arrangements of the upcoming

grand celebration at Shree Raghunathji Temple, making it a memorable and spiritually enriching experience for all participants and devotees.

Later, Ajatshatru Singh, along with Dr. Ritu Singh and other officials, conducted a thorough inspection of the temple complex.

During the walkthrough, they imparted essential directives to ensure the smooth execution of the upcoming gala event.

Ajatshatru appealed to the people of Jammu to actively participate and mark their presence during the event. He sought the collective involvement of the community to make the celebration truly memorable.

Rekha Mahajan greets people on Lohri, wishes happiness and prosperity

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Lohri festival, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, extended greetings to the general public of Jammu South and prayed for everyone's happiness, good health and prosperity. She wished people on Lohri, a popular winter folk festival celebrated in the northern region of the country. In a message, Rekha Mahajan said that the Lohri festival is a tribute to the bounties of nature and marks the change in weather moving towards spring. She prayed for the well-being and happiness of the people, prosperity, peace, and development in the state as well



as in the country.

Rekha Mahajan also extended his greetings on the eve of Makar Sankranti. Also known as the festival of kites, she said that Makar Sankranti is celebrated to commemorate the upcoming harvest season. Makar Sankranti is observed to pay homage and thank the Sun God, Surya for blessing the harvest with useful and

effective resources, Rekha added.

Rekha Mahajan, while extending the greetings of the Lohri festival to everybody, especially to the residents of J&K, prayed for the prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

She said that the festival depicts a profound love of nature, plentiful reap, and humans and also marks the realm of activeness among all living creatures. Rekha said that the auspicious event of Lohri corresponds with the beginning of 'Magh' month, which initiates only a day after Lohri indicating the finish of cruel winter, she added and extended the message of Universal Peace and Love to all.

Birla organises JP Cricket Premier League, promotes 'say no to drugs' initiative

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JAMMU: Inspired by Lt. Governor J&K, Manoj Sinha's, 'Nasha Mukta Abhiyan' initiative, JP Cricket League Season 2, a thrilling sporting event, started on Saturday at Birla Open Minds International School in Jammu with a unique and impactful motive - "Say No to Drugs." The league aims to leverage the popularity of cricket to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a healthier lifestyle. The motive was to showcase the team spirit to fight for the noble cause.

Organized by BOMIS, the JP Cricket Premier League brings together cricket enthusiasts from across the region to not only celebrate the spirit of the sport but also to contribute towards a significant social cause. The event witnessed a



Organisers along with dignitaries and winner team posing for photograph.

grand inauguration ceremony at Birla Open Minds International School, marked by enthusiasm and commitment to the anti-drug message. The Participating teams were HDFC Challengers, JP Panthers, Birla Sunrisers, JK Indians, Legal Stars, Media Cricket Club and Victorian Knights.

"This league goes beyond the

boundaries of the cricket field; it's a platform to amplify the message of saying no to drugs. We believe in the power of sports to influence positive change, and through this league, we aim to engage the community in a collective effort against drug abuse," stated Aparana Kohli, the School's Principal. Ranjeet Kalra, member of J&K Sports Council was

the chief guest for the event. He addressed the gathering and complimented the school for working for such a noble cause. He added that it is important for all of us to come together and eliminate the use of drug from our society.

The teams participating in the JP Cricket League are not only competing for the championship title but also for the large

er cause of building a drug-free community.

The first match was played between HDFC Challengers and JP Panthers where HDFC Challengers won the match. Second match was played between Legal Stars and Victorian Knights wherein Victorian Knights won. Third match was played between JK Indians and Media Cricket Club where JK Indians won the match.

First Semi final was played between HDFC Challengers and Birla Sunrisers wherein HDFC Challengers won the match. The second semi final was played between Victorian Knights and JK Indians where JK Indians won. The final match was played between HDFC Challengers and JK Indians, JK Indians won the match.

YV Sharma says Omar Abdullah 'shaming' ECI unfortunate

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JAMMU: Spokesperson, BJP Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory YV Sharma on Saturday expressed shock at the recent statement of former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, wherein he said that the "Election Commission of India should feel ashamed of not holding elections in J&K which led the Supreme Court of India to issue directions to it for holding elections till September 30, 2024" while passing a judgement on the abrogation of Article 370.

YV Sharma said that it doesn't behove the former Chief Minister to pass such remarks about the constitutional body like the Election Commission of India, which has the reputation of managing and organising elections in the largest democracy of the world in a very fair and fearless manner.

YV Sharma said that it is for Omar Abdullah to introspect and ponder over as to how J&K reached this point in history. He will realize that it is not because of the present government at the Centre or that of the UT of



J&K but because of the intransigent and unrealistic attitude followed by the political leadership of erstwhile State since the division of the subcontinent. Their attitude of imposing their superiority, doublespeak -

rather triple speak; one in Kashmir, the other in Jammu and the third in Delhi, inciting the people for unattainable mirage of freedom and recently praying for "Chinese intervention for resolving the Kashmir problem" and a constant endeavour to pit one people against other in the name of religion and language that resulted in constant bickering between the erstwhile State and central governments that caused ever increasing chasm and distrust between the two impacting the lives of the gullible people of J&K

negatively. It also increased distrust between the people of the two regions of the then state, the people of Ladakh and the people within the Kashmir Valley that resulted in exodus of 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus, he added.

Sharma said that Omar Abdullah had been in the Union Government and behaved very responsibly during his tenure in the Union Cabinet. He must remember that vested interests in the erstwhile state of J&K precipitated the problem manifold, and the abro-

gation of Article 370 and 35A were the results of the misdoings of the powers ruling in the state for the last so many years. Being citizens of the State/UT, nobody has any business to espouse the cause of Pakistan, China, or any other foreign power that creates an adverse atmosphere for the country whose citizens all of us are, he said, adding that Pakistan has been acknowledged as an established nursery of extremism and terrorism throughout the world, and its misadventures of sending

terrorists, arms, and drugs to destabilize the UT must be condemned by one and all. There will be no exaggeration in saying that speaking one word in favor of Pakistan or espousing the cause of talks with them will jeopardize the future of this part of the country. Whatever has happened has to be corrected by everybody unitedly, and the present government at the center is doing everything in this direction, he said.

Sharma said that the ground situation in UT has been transformed a lot; peo-

ple have benefited from the developmental efforts after the abrogation of Article 370. He assured Omar Abdullah that elections will be held, statehood would be revived, and everything will be done for the welfare, benefit, safety, and security of the territory and the people of this paradise on earth.

"Let's all work unitedly for J&K UT and for the country to achieve the aim of welfare for one and all, which is the goal and motto of the Government headed by Narendra Modi", Y. V. Sharma said.