

MVD Jammu starts month-long road safety awareness campaign

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Road Safety Month, the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Jammu launched a campaign 'Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha' wherein awareness programmes, rallies and other activities to disseminate information about road safety are carried out across the district.



ARTO Jammu Kuldeep Singh at awareness programme on opening day of Road Safety Month on Monday.

Talking to reporter, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Jammu Kuldeep Singh said that to create awareness about traffic rules and to persuade people to follow them, several programmes on the theme 'Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha' were being organised during the ongoing Road Safety Month that started from January 15 and would continue till February 14, 2024.

During this month-long programme, people will be made aware about the road safety measures like putting on seat belts, avoiding overtaking, stopping use of mobile phones while driving, heeding to red signals and shunning unnecessary honking," he said.

Kuldeep said that the aim of the programme was to bring improvement in the traffic system and to prevent road accidents. He urged people to adhere to road safety measures and follow traffic rules in letter and spirit.

ARTO Jammu said that during the month-long programme, people would be encouraged about how to drive on the roads by organising a variety of programmes related to road safety.

Underlining the importance of raising awareness among masses towards traffic rules and regulations to prevent road accidents and to bring improvement in the system of traffic, he urged people who travel in a professional way to use road

Meteorological Department celebrates 150th Foundation Day



Officer-in-charge, Meteorological Office Jammu, S. C Sharma posing with students.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the 150th Foundation Day of the Meteorological Department, Government of India, a grand programme was organized at the local office of the Meteorological Department on Monday and the Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. This program was presided over by local in-charge officer S.C. Sharma.

On this occasion, the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bantalab and May Fair School, Lakshmi Puram, Bantalab were informed about the work being done by the Meteorological Department and various types of weather equipment used by the Department.

Officer-in-charge, Meteorological Office Jammu, S. C Sharma gave information about the remarkable progress in the field of weather in the 150 years of the Meteorological Department. He said that the Meteorological Department will remain dedicated to serving the nation in future also.

The Meteorological Department is providing its services in air, agriculture, marine and many other areas of the country. There has been a significant increase in the accuracy of forecasts made by the Meteorological Department over the last several years.

Sukesh seeks lab testing of "Batnashak Batika" by J&K Drugs Controller

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sr. Social Activist Sukesh.C.Khajuria who had alerted the drug authorities of J&K, on January 1, 2024 has now written a reminder with copies to Union Health Minister and other central and union territory officials pointing towards the dangers of sale of such drugs and medicines seeking chemical examinations of such medicines at the earliest.



has come to his notice that 'Batnashak Batika' reportedly demonstrates swift efficacy in alleviating post-Chikungunya joint pains, contrary to the conventional understanding that Ayurvedic herbal medicines typically facilitate gradual healing and recovery.

"Given the remarkable and expeditious healing attributed to this Ayurvedic medicine, I harbour reservations regarding its composition," he added.

Sukesh, who in the past

three decades, had actively advocated various issues pertaining to the health and well-being of the general populace at state, national, and international platforms, wrote to the Drug Controller of Jammu and Kashmir, stating that they undoubtedly be cognizant of the prevalence of spurious drugs and concoctions in the market, posing risks to unsuspecting patients.

He further said that the quality of drugs is beyond the understanding of common man and it was the responsibility of the Drug Controller, which is mandated by the Constitution and law of the country to ensure the availability of quality drugs to the public and the market is free from counterfeit, spurious and substandard drugs.

He again requested the Drug controller to conduct a thorough chemical examination of the composition of 'Batnashak Batika' to determine whether any steroids or potentially harmful substances have been incorporated to expedite relief, posing potential health risks to consumers. Article 21 of the Constitution bestows upon citizens the right to life, and it is incumbent upon the state to protect the lives of its citizens, as mandated by the statute.

Khajuria urged the authorities for a comprehensive chemical examination of the aforementioned Ayurvedic medicine at the drug laboratory and subsequently, please disseminate the findings to the general public for the collective benefit of society. He expressed hope that earnest action by the authorities in the case would be beneficial for the society and dispel doubts and act as a deterrent if any shortcomings are found.

JU to hold 'Protsaahan' under UTSAAH-Ten Days Multi-Arts Festival from today

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JAMMU: UTSAAH, Club Consortium of the University of Jammu is organising 'Protsaahan'- A Ten-day Multi-Arts festival from 16th of January, 2024, in which 12 prominent clubs under different coordinators shall be organising their activities for the various stakeholders of the University and civil society.

In a statement issued by the University of Jammu, the consortium of 12 clubs, including Translation Club, Photography Club, Nature and Wildlife Club, Literary Club, Heritage and Tourism Club, Film Club, Theatre Club, Music Club, Painting Club, Dance Club, Science Club and Community Service and Social Justice Club shall be presenting the culture, heritage and literature of Jammu province under the banner of UTSAAH.

"The inauguration of Protsaahan shall take place with the opening of a five-day

art camp by Painting Club and a Blood Donation camp by Community Service and Social Justice Club," the statement reads, adding that senior functionaries from different government departments shall grace the occasion. During the Blood donation camp over 75 units of blood is expected to be collected, whereas on the next working day, 18th January Community service and social justice club shall also organize a session on Drug De-addiction.

Meanwhile, on 17th of January the photography club shall be conducting 'Heritage and Street Photography Event: A journey through time', wherein participants shall be divided into different groups to capture heritage sites of Jammu city, during different time periods.

Similarly, on 19th and 22nd of January, Film Club is organising two days workshop on techniques on film making, whereas Translation club shall be organizing a symposium of poetry in the major languages of Jammu and its translation and discussions of the same with the popular poets on 19th of January.

"Nature and wildlife club is organising two days wildlife and bird photography workshop in association with Nikon India on 20th January, whereas Science club is also organising two days workshop on beginning on 22nd January," reads the press statement.

Music and Literary club shall organize a function on folk literature and folk songs on 23rd of January.

A grand finale of the festival shall be held on 24th of January, wherein Heritage and Tourism club shall organize Dogra Turban Tying Competition and a street shall be prepared to showcase the food and handicraft of Jammu province. Programmes by Theatre, Film and Dance clubs shall be

Raina starts BJP wall writing campaign in J&K, draws party symbol



BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina draws party symbol at a wall near party headquarters.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir draws party symbol at a wall near party headquarters, Jammu & Kashmir to officially kick started the party's "Deevaar Lekhan Abhiyaan" (Wall writing campaign) in the Union Territory.

The campaign was earlier initiated on the same day by the party's national president JP Nadda in Delhi.

J&K BJP Vice-Presidents Shakti Raj Parihar & Anuradha Charak, Abhiyaan Incharge & Secretary Arvind Gupta, Secretary Venu Khanna, Abhiyaan Co-

Jugal, Randhawa attend VBSY at Sureyachak Block Mandal Phallian

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JAMMU: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) reached Panchayat Sureyachak of Block Mandal Phallian in Marh Assembly Constituency District Jammu in which Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma attended as the Chief Guest.

Modi Ki Guarantee Wali Gadi was welcomed in the Panchayat by Member of Parliament and members of the Swagat Committee and PRI Members of Panchayat Sureyachak.

The message of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was displayed on the Led Screen in the van in the Panchayat followed by the Sankalp Pledge taken by the people to make India a developed Nation by 2047.

The event was also attended by the Ex-MLC Vikram Randhawa and Rahul Sharma Member Special Tribunal.

Representatives of all the line departments were also present at the venue.

"U-Turn" takes audiences on a captivating journey

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: D-DRAMA Theater Company presented play "U-turn" under the Direction of Delight William Kler at the Scottish Hall in Alexander Memorial School, Jammu.

"U-turn", a compelling and thought-provoking play written and devised by the students of age group 10 years to 14 years that promises to captivate audiences of all ages.

Set against the backdrop of Kerala in the contemporary times, "U-turn" delves into the intricacies of relationships of a family with the neglect of the senior citizens at home.

The audience is transported through an emotional rollercoaster ride as they follow the journey of Amma and her relationships with her children in a house where she takes a bold step to follow her passion in her old age.

The Devised play by chil-



Students performing in a play at Jammu on Monday.

dren has skill-fully crafted a narrative that weaves together elements of senior care, love, patriarchy and empowerment in the contemporary times where age is no bar.

The production features an incredibly talented cast, led by Amaira Gupta, Medhansh Sharma, Shanaya Kaur Wazir, Pratham Vipul Gulati, Aadya Mahajan, Sehresh Singh, Soham Chouhan, Jiniya Gupta, Daayvik Gupta, Amyra Mahajan, Vedant Jain, Yalvi Gupta and Anikait Bansal.

Mentored and Directed by Delight William Kler, the play promises to be an immersive experience, drawing the audience into a world filled with emotions and sensitivity towards our senior citizens.

There were three shows organised for which Dr. Ritu Singh, Manu Bhatnagar and DIG Sarah Rizvi IPS were the chief guest separately for each show.

The show was appreciated and loved by the audience and the guests.

Three-storey residential building damaged in fire incident

STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADARWAH: Property worth lakhs reduced to ashes as a three-storey residential building got damaged after a massive fire broke out in Nalthi area of Bhaderwah on Monday evening. However swift action by Police and Fire and emergency service prevent the fire to spread other adjoining structures.

ADC Bhaderwah Dilmir Chowdhary and SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma immediately rushed to the spot.

ADC Bhaderwah Dilmir Chowdhary, who was on the spot to supervise the operation along with SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, said that the fire erupted in a three-storey residential house in the area at 6:30 PM, following which fire tenders were rushed to the spot. "Two stories worth lakhs damaged in the incident, while the exact cause of fire is not known yet as could be a short circuit," ADC added, saying that all possible help will be extended to the effected family.

SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma said that with hectic efforts, police along with Fire tenders control the flames and prevent the fire from spreading to other structures, as the area is congested.

"The fire is under control and fortunately there is no casualties reported in the incident," SP informed.

The house belongs to Aman Kumar Manhas and Subash Kumar Manhas resident of Nalthi Bhaderwah.

Adv Meenakshi, Adv Mandeep appointed Legal counsels of SGPC Amritsar



Adv Meenakshi and Adv Mandeep with SGPC Amritsar members.

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JAMMU: Ragi Jagtar Singh (Ragi Golden Temple, Amritsar and International Ragi), organised a function at Gurudwara Digiana Ashram under the spiritual leadership of Mahant Manjeet Singh where Singh Sahab Giani Raghbir Singh Jathedar, Akal Takhat Amritsar (highest temporal seat of Sikhs) was specially invited by Ragi Jagtar Singh. While addressing the Sangat,

he highlighted the history of Dera Nangali Sahib and Sant Bhai Pheru Singh Ji and laid emphasis on unity on Sikh community in Jammu. He further declared formally that Advocate Meenakshi Slathia Kaur, daughter of B.S Slathia, Senior Advocate, Ex-President JK High Court Bar Association Jammu and Advocate Mandeep Singh Bijral, son of Rannik Singh Bijral Ex DGPC Member as

JKPSA Jammu members meet Advisor Bhatnagar, discuss issue of tagging of private schools



JKPSA members calling on Advisor R.R Bhatnagar.

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JAMMU: Authorized members including Deepak Handa (Senior Vice President), Gaurav Charak (Publicity Secretary) of Central Executive Body of the J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA), Jammu on Monday met with Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar to discuss the problem of tagging of the private schools which are constructed on own/proprietary land. While briefing to the Advisor, members said that although Chairman JKBOSE in presence of Dr. Piyush Singla Secretary School Education are going to hold a special

affiliation committee meeting on January 29, 2024 for those schools which will submit the required NOCs needed for the affiliation/recognition even through offline mode on or before January 28, 2024.

Owners/sponsors of tagged schools which are constructed on owners / proprietors land may not be able to provide all types of NOCs before January 28, 2024 due to the absence of time bound and single window clearance system, till then accommodate all such schools so that they should be allowed to fill RR and examination forms of all board classes on the basis of an affidavit duly authenticated by the first class magistrate and with suitable late fee, they added.

Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor gave a patient hearing and said to the members that he will discuss issue of 110 schools which are constructed on own/proprietary land with the Secretary School Education. Moreover he has already given a proposal to department of education to channelize a mechanism so that the validity of all NOCs which are needed for affiliation/ recognition should be for three years instead of one year.