

AM Hyundai launches new CRETA



Chairman AM Group Jatinder Gupta and others at launching of CRETA at AM Hyundai Channi Rama, Jammu.

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JAMMU: AM Hyundai, the only Signature Club Hyundai Dealership of Jammu Region, on Tuesday launched the highly awaited new Hyundai CRETA at their Flagship Showroom, AM Hyundai, AM Business Park Narwal Channi Rama, here.

Building on the success and legacy of the CRETA brand, the new Hyundai CRETA, promises a paradigm shift with cutting-edge technology, segment defining safety, exhilarating performance and comfort & convenience features.

The new Hyundai CRETA stands unchallenged, embodying the essence of the Undisputed Ultimate.

Present at the launch were Chairman AM Group Jatinder Gupta, Managing Director AM Hyundai Group Sanjay Mahajan, Directors Ankur Mahajan and Akshay Mahajan. Also present were Raj Mahajan, Sharmila Mahajan, Sakshi Mahajan and Alaya Mahajan. Speaking at the launch of the new Hyundai CRETA, Jatinder Gupta Chairman AM Group, said, "Hyundai CRETA is a

brand beloved by India, captivating over 9 Lakh customers, and counting, it made India 'Live the SUV life'. The new Hyundai CRETA with its commanding road presence, segment leading features including advanced Level 2 ADAS safety suite, powerful 1.5 Litre Turbo GDI engine and a gamut of convenience and active & passive safety features, is set to redefine the SUV landscape in India once again. We are confident that the new Hyundai CRETA will not just uphold but elevate the strong legacy of the CRETA brand, remaining the Undisputed. Ultimate. SUV in the country".

Through an action packed teasers, HMIL announced Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone as the faces of this blockbuster SUV. This exciting partnership, envisions them as a perfect catalyst to bridge the gap between HMIL's cutting-edge automobiles and the aspirations of the young and dynamic demographic.

Jammu Dogra Association Uganda celebrates Lohri festival in Kampala



Jammu Dogra Association Uganda members during Lohri celebration at Kampala.

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JAMMU: Jammu Dogra Association Uganda (JDAU) arranged the Lohri festival in Kampala, Uganda. The event was graced by the Indian High Commissioner in Uganda, Upender Singh Rawat as the Chief Guest.

The Chairman of Indian Association, Uganda along with the representatives of various other Indian Regional Associations also

attended the event.

The total gathering of 180 plus guests of Indian diaspora attended the Lohri celebration.

The event started with bonfire and followed by various cultural activities. The guests enjoyed Dogri songs and participated in dance on Dogri and Punjabi songs and Dhol. Snacks and dinner was arranged on Dogri delicacies.

Declare public holiday on Ram Temple Consecration Ceremony in J&K: Gaurav urges LG

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, has called for the declaration of a public holiday on January 22, 2024, in honour of the historic Ram Temple Consecration Ceremony in Ayodhya, marking a momentous occasion for the people of the country after nearly 500 years.

Recognizing the cultural and religious significance of this auspicious occasion, he emphasized the importance of allowing residents to partake in the celebrations without any hindrances.

In a statement issued here today, Gaurav urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, to consider the sentiments of the people and declare January 22 as a public holiday throughout Jammu and



Kashmir Union Territory.

This gesture, he believed, would not only acknowledge the historical nature of the event but also allow citizens to participate in the festivities with devotion and joy.

Pertinent to mention here that Gaurav Gupta has also sent a representation to the Raj Bhawan in this regard.

Gaurav Gupta further appealed to LG Manoj Sinha to direct the concerned authorities to facili-

itate the closure of meat shops across Jammu and Kashmir on the aforementioned date besides declaring 22 Jan as a dry day.

He mentioned that already several states have declared a dry day on January 22. This step aims to allow the residents to celebrate and participate in the festivities without any cultural or religious inhibitions, he added.

Furthermore, he implored Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to instruct the Jammu Power Development Corporation to ensure uninterrupted power supply throughout the region on January 22.

The former General Secretary emphasized the need for a harmonious and inclusive celebration, urging the administration to consider these recommendations to respect the sentiments of general public.

Former Mayor inaugurates 'Virage Creations' studio

Skill development creates self-employed youth which in turn empowers nation: Sharma

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JAMMU: Former Mayor and senior BJP leader, Rajinder Sharma on Tuesday inaugurated photography, animation and videography services outlet under the name of Virage Creations at Janipur.

Earlier Sharma got the two unemployed youths Virage and Anil Kumar trained in photography, videography and animation skills after the completion of which he helped them in getting bank loan to begin a startup to earn a livelihood.

The former Mayor said that task has been accomplished in line with the vision



Former Mayor Rajinder Sharma inaugurating outlet.

of PM Modi to make the youth of the country self-dependent through skill development.

"As employment avenues in government sector are limited the youth should now look

for alternates and must focus on skill development to begin some startup in which they may get others also engaged," he further said.

Sharma informed in the same way he will always be

ready to help more unemployed persons if they visit him with the problem of unemployment.

He claimed that employment plays an essential role in the empowerment of youth and only an empowered youth can think of better conditions in the country.

"The self-employed youths are assets for a nation and the present government at the Centre led by PM Modi is walking an extra mile in empowering the youth through skill development and self-employment for which many schemes have been floated to help the youth," Sharma maintained.

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JAMMU: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, at Jammu has dismissed the petition seeking quashment of election results issued under No ENT/J/2022-23/2180-2195 dated June 27, 2022 and rejection of appeal by appellate authority under his order dated July 22, 2023, in Gurdwara elections held in 2022-23.

The counsel for the petitioner submitted that the election was in violation of the Sikh Gurdwara and Religious Endowment Rule 1975. He stated that under this rule no non-Sikh could vote in Gurdwara elections where-

as 282 non-Sikhs had cast their vote in the elections of 2022-23 as such the results need to be quashed. Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal while going through the case held that before proceeding further in the matter, it would be apt to reproduce Sections 2(e) & 2(f) of the Act of 1973, which defines that A Sikh, who believes in ten Sikh Gurus and Guru Granth Sahib and keep Keshas (or long hair and Sehajdari Sikh" is a person, who believes in Guru Granth Sahib and ten Gurus, but has never kept keshas (or long hair).

He further held that in the instant case, the petitioner having failed to represent before the appro-

priate forum before conduct of the elections and after having participated in the entire election process, has raised an issue at a belated stage with regard to existence of non-Sikh voters without filing of claims and objections at a stage when he was declared unsuccessful in the said elections. Therefore, the contention of the petitioner before the appellate authority was rejected. The petitioner, as such, is stopped under law to question the same at this belated stage. In the aforesaid backdrop, the appeal filed by the petitioner was dismissed being devoid of any merit and substance and the election of the private respondent

was upheld. He held that "I am in agreement and don't find any legal infirmity with the findings recorded by the appellate authority in the impugned order/judgment and the challenge thrown to the same by the petitioner through the medium of instant writ petition by invoking the powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is ill founded and the writ petition as such not maintainable being devoid of any merit and deserves dismissal. As a necessary corollary, the impugned order/judgment passed by the appellate authority is upheld and the writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed in limine.

Rapid development of under-developed colonies necessity to make "Jammu Smart City": Baru



Former Councillor Sanjay Baru speaking at public meeting.

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JAMMU: The rapid development of the under-developed colonies, and early and proper delimitation of Wards before upcoming ULB elections is necessary to make "Jammu Smart City" stated BJP senior leader and former JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru while addressing, prominent residents of JMC Ward-32, Seora, Nandani and adjoining villages at Gol Gojral in Jammu west Assembly Constituency in the presence of former

Sarpanches Raj Kumar Babbi, Sr. Avinash Singh and social leader Ramesh Bakshi.

Sanjay Baru said that all these Panchayats were included in Jammu West Constituency recently during the delimitation of Assembly Constituencies and adjoining villages were added in Jammu Municipal Corporation in the last JMC elections, but the way the new wards were created by JMC, some of them were very big with population and area wise, so despite the sincere efforts, those areas

could not be developed as per requirements. In order to cope with the situation before the upcoming elections, delimitation of all Wards of Jammu Municipal Corporation has been done. On the occasion, Baru also interacted with the locals and listened to the problems faced by them. Baru assured the local people that he had already taken up the matter with the concerned department officials and added that under the Modi government, the long pending public issues are being addressed as per the aspirations of the people.

Gian Singh, Ashok Sharma, Mushtaq Ahmed, Yog Raj Sharma, Prof. Waqar, Kaku Ram, former Panch Kalu Ram, Lamberdar Sohan Lal, Jaga Jatt permanent residents and others were present on the occasion.

Astro India Automobile Pvt Ltd opens new showroom at Toph Sherkhanian



Chairman Mohinder Gupta and others at opening ceremony of Astro India Automobile Pvt Ltd showroom at Toph Sherkhanian, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Astro India Automobile Private Limited authorized dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra opened new showroom at Toph Sherkhanian, Akhnour Road, here in the presence of Chairman Mohinder Gupta, MD Vikram Mahajan, Director Satyam Gupta and Dr C.D Gupta.

Vikram Mahajan said,

"Astro india has a wide range of Mahindra Vehicles & Network across Jammu province, offering a complete range of Premium & Personal SUVs like New Thar, Scorpio-N, XUV 700, Scorpio Classic, XUV 300, Bolero Neo and e-SUV XUV 400 in their different variants and price Range along with the facility of In-House Finance & Exchange of Used Cars to

Customers".

"Astro India Automobile Pvt Ltd has its state-of-the-art Workshop and Bodyshop with professionally trained manpower and high-tech diagnostic and repair equipment," he said adding that Astro India Automobile Pvt Ltd will strive hard to serve its customers and make all possible efforts to provide the best services at all times it remains.

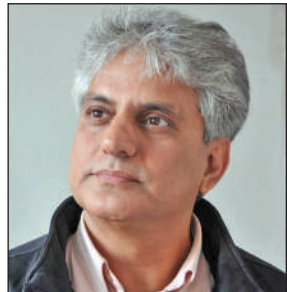
KK Gandhi nominated as Adviser to IIFA Centennial International Art Promotion

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JAMMU: The Indian Academy of Fine Arts (IAFA) Amritsar committee nominated J&K artist K.K Gandhi as an adviser to IIFA Centennial International Art Promotion.

The Indian Academy of Fine Arts - Amritsar intends to spread a message to the nation that IIFA is trying hard to promote art and culture not only in India but worldwide during its five-year-long Centennial Celebration (2023-2028) and has appointed many distinguished personalities to advice this 100 years old academy of fine arts for holding different events some of them are national level and some are international level.

The academy is keeping its prestigious status as the foundation of which was laid



down by no other than the first president of India Late Dr. Rajendra Prasad has selected very judiciously people of high caliber and eminence as their advisers.

Throughout the career of K.K Gandhi, his rich contribution, experience, and exposure through his artistic skills have earned him many titles like a master artist and messenger of peace and other international acknowledgments.

Swachhta Pakhwada-2024 observed at CBC Regional Office Jammu

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JAMMU: A pledge-taking ceremony on Swachhta was held at Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India, Regional Office, Jammu has observed in Swachhta Pakhwada-2024 at the Media Centre, Jammu on Tuesday where the Deputy Director administered the pledge.

This event aimed to raise awareness and encourage people to take responsibility for cleanliness and hygiene in their surroundings.

The Swachhta Pakhwada 2024 will be observed from January 16 to 31, 2024 to promote awareness about Swachhta among the Masses to encourage them to actively participate in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan campaign.

This event is a part of the larger efforts to create a cleaner and healthier environment and make India a better place to live in.

All the officers/officials of CBC & PIB has taken pledge that he/she shall be raise awareness and encourage people to take responsibility for cleanliness and hygiene in their surroundings.

J&K Mahila Congress Sr Vice President felicitates newly appointed office bearers

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Mahila Congress Senior Vice President Bhanu Mahajan on Tuesday felicitated newly appointed office bearers and district presidents of Jammu Province at Jammu party office.

In an extraordinary meeting of newly appointed Mahila Congress team, Bhanu Mahajan laid strong emphasis over rejuvenating the organization at booth level and urged them to get connected with the people at grass root level ensuring that people's problems are highlighted for resolution. Mahajan also urged the new team to work shoulder to shoulder with parent body and other frontal organizations as Mahila Congress is an important part of congress party which has always remained at the forefront to contribute towards serving people and strength-

ening the party.

She also paid gratitude to J&K Pradesh Mahila Congress President Shameema Raina, JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani and JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla for placing confidence over the newly appointed team of J&K Pradesh Mahila Congress.

Bhanu Mahajan confidently ensured that the new team under the leadership of All India Mahila Congress President Alka Lamba will work vigorously to strengthen the organization and will reach every nook and corner of J&K with the party's programmes and pro-people policies and further in the upcoming Parliamentary elections, the members of J&K Pradesh Mahila Congress shall play vital role in the success and victory of the party.

The newly approved J&K Mahila Congress office bearers appoints

Bhanu Mahajan as Senior Vice President, Sushma Choudhary, Santosh Manhas, Anu Sharma as Vice Presidents, Rita, Rajni Sharma, Praveen Akhtar, Kamla Hans, Shilpa Gupta, Sudesh Puri, Sonika Sharma, Rama as General Secretaries, Pushpa, Muni Devi, Diksha, Ruksar, Neelam, Gita, Sunita, Shoba Sharma, Saba as Secretaries, Priya, Madhu, Arti, Ritu Gupta, Faheem, Saleema, Shahmaza, Rehana, Chandni Gupta as Joint Secretaries & coordinators besides District Presidents Harneet Kour (Jammu Urban), Tehsena (Jammu Rural), Bindu Bala(Kathua), Anita Devi(Samba), Manju Sharma(Rajouri), Shakeena (Poonch), Sunita Sharma(Ramban), Parwati (Kishtwar), Parvez (Udhampur), Lalita Devi(Doda), Shoba Sharma(Reasi). Satya Parmar (Reasi-Incharge)

ADGP Jammu inaugurates free medical camp at DPL Jammu



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain inaugurating medical camp at DPL Jammu.

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JAMMU: A free medical camp was organized by district Police Jammu in coordination with team SIBA and Police Hospital Jammu at DPL Jammu.

The medical camp was formally inaugurated by ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain. The camp was organized to provide comprehensive health check-up and medical facilities to

police officers/officials and their families.

The medical facilities which were provided in the camp include doctors and specialists from different departments include orthopaedics, eye specialist, dentist, cancer specialist, gastroenterologist, gynaecologist and general physicians.

The participating hospitals and labs were Amandeep hospital, Shankus Cancer hospital, JK Medcity, Dr Acharya Ayurveda, Path Square Lab, Sehora Dental hospital and Police Hospital Jammu. In the medical camp the free medicines were also provided to the patients. The totals of about 550 patients were provided free medical consultation and treatment in the medical camp.

The other officers who were present include Vinod Kumar SSP Jammu, Rannish Gupta, SP Hqrs Jammu, Smt Meenakshi Kotwal MS Police Hospital Jammu, K D Bhagat, DySP DAR Jammu, Siddharth Verma and Baljeet Singh from team SIBA.



Delegation of Athletes from Kashmir calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday.