

## BIS conducts helmet awareness drive on 77th Foundation Day

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JAMMU: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), National Standards Body of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office organised 'BIS awareness-cum-helmet distribution drive' for commemorating BIS Foundation Day 2024, at Narwal, here .

The celebration involves BIS offices nationwide, with Jammu and Kashmir Branch actively engaging consumers, students, and industries this year. In collaboration with J&K Traffic Police, the drive aimed to raise consumer awareness about the BIS Care App, ISI Marked products and the BIS Hallmark.

SSP Traffic City Jammu Police, Md. Faisal Qureshi, inaugurated the drive, accompanied by Addl. SP



Students from Shiksha Niketan School assisting the BIS team and Traffic Police.

Traffic Rajpal Singh and his team.

During the event, the two wheeler riders and general consumers were informed about the BIS Care App and its functionalities.

Students from Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School Jeevan Nagar, Jammu participated and distributed pamphlets and assisted the BIS team and

Traffic Police.

Joint Director Pankaj Atri and Assistant Director of BIS Jammu and Kashmir Branch office, Niraj Mishra, emphasized that Non-ISI helmets, Sports helmets, or Miner's helmets should be avoided while driving.

They stressed on the importance of using ISI- Marked helmets as per IS 4151 for enhanced safety in case of

accidents.

Consumers were advised to check the BIS Care App for verification. Instances of misuse of the ISI mark can be reported to the Head, Jammu and Kashmir, Branch office either by mail at jkbo@bis.gov.in or complaints @bis.gov.in or by calling 01923-222690.

In the end, certificates of participation were distributed among the students on a very positive note.

## Ritika distributes 'Akshat rice' to devotees in Ward -20

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JAMMU: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Moreha J&K UT Ritika Trehan on Saturday distributed worshipped 'Akshat' - rice grains mixed with turmeric and ghee, a paper pouch containing the 'Akshat', an image of the Ram temple bearing the trust's logo and a caption in Hindi- 'Under-construction Temple, Ayodhya' - and a pamphlet describing details of the structure in Green Belt Park Ward-20 in Bahu constituency.

She urged people across the country to celebrate the occasion as a festival. She said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already appealed to the people to light special 'diyas' in their homes on January 22 to celebrate the day of 'pran pratishtha' at the Ram temple as 'Diwali'.

While giving the 'Akshat', she requested to gather at



Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Moreha J&K UT Ritika Trehan distributing worshipped 'Akshat'.

temples in their neighbourhood to celebrate it like a festival as is happening in Ayodhya.

Ritika further said that over a lakh devotees are expected to descend on Ayodhya for the consecration ceremony which is likely to see over 7,000 guests from India and abroad in attendance.

Prime Minister Modi will attend the consecration ceremony. The 'pran pratishtha'

will take place at 12:20 pm. After that ceremony, people should perform 'aarti' in their neighbouring colonies and distribute 'prasad'. People should put up screens so that they can gather in groups and watch the ceremony that will be broadcast on TV, Ritika added.

"After sunset, they should light a 'diya' in their homes, which the Prime Minister has also made a call for," she added.

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to DC Office, Industry, Bainglad and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Meanwhile, the Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Kaluchack, Birpur, Old Complex, BB Town, Patli, Gawal and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sarore, Birpur Complex Old-I and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 9 am to 2 pm.

However, the Executive Engineer, Electric Division-III, (JPDCL) Jammu has informed that the power supply to Durga Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 9 am to 12 noon.

## J&K strengthened economically, socio-politically under Modi Govt: Jugal



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir has strengthened both economically as well as socio-politically under the Narendra Modi government. Large number of public welfare steps have been taken for J&K ever since the abrogation of Article 370 and a new era of development initiated in the region,

stated Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha). Jugal and former MLA Ashwani Sharma accompanied by J&K BJP Publicity Secretary Ajay Vaid and Incharge Health & Medical Cell Puneet Mahajan attended the public grievances at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Saturday. Senior BJP leaders listened to

the grievances of a large number of people hailing from different areas of the UT.

Jugal said that the BJP is committed towards the mitigating the problems of the people and whatever is brought into the notice of the party leaders during the public Darbar is looked into very minutely and every efforts is made to ensure that immediate relief is delivered to the affected ones. He said that during the past nine years, development and public welfare works by the Narendra Modi government are visible on the ground.

Puneet Mahajan said that more than 50 deputations had visited the party office to seek the intervention of senior party leaders in resolving their issues.

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Saturday directed Power

Development Department (PDD) to pay compensation to the tune of Rs 59, 75,000 to 11-year-old boy who suffered 100 per cent permanent disability because of sheer negligence of the respondents in maintenance of the High Tension electric wires. The case of the petitioner is that that on August 7, 2017 the petitioner had gone to the house of his uncle situated at Bhadore. At about 10.30 PM, the petitioner went to the roof of the house of his uncle and suddenly came into contact

with the High Tension wire, due to which, the petitioner got electrocuted.

It is stated that the incident of electrocution took place due to negligence and carelessness on part of the respondents in maintaining the electric wires as live electric wire/service line was having short circuit and due to darkness the petitioner came into contact with the live wire due to which the petitioner suffered serious injuries to both of his upper limbs. It is further stated that during the treatment the petitioner developed gangrenous changes in both the upper limbs and other parts and due to severe infection both the upper limbs of the petitioner had

to be amputated.

It is further stated that the petitioner was a school going student and the petitioner has become disabled for the rest of his life at such a tender age of 11-12 years. The petitioner has suffered 100 percent disability which is substantiated by the certificate No. CMO/J/DB/29921 dated April 21, 2018 issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Health and Family Welfare Jammu.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing both the sides, observed that though, the age of the child in the present case is 11 years, whereas in Sham Dev Singh's case (supra), the age of the child was 5 years but the immunity

and the privileges granted to the petitioner shall remain same except in respect of provisions contained in Section 83 of IPC.

As such, taking into consideration the documentary evidence placed on record by the petitioner, this Court has no hesitation to hold that the incident occurred because of the negligence of the respondents in maintaining the electric lines/wires and directed respondents to pay an amount of Rs. 59,75,200 to the petitioner alongwith interest @ 6% per annum, except upon the component of future earnings and attendant's expenses, from the date of filing of the petition till its

realization.

Since the petitioner is minor, the amount of Rs 10,00,000/- would be paid to the father of the petitioner being the natural guardian.

The rest of the amount would be invested in one or more Fixed Deposits Receipts so as to attract the maximum rate of interest. The interest amount shall be payable to the guardian of the petitioner every month.

In the event, the father of the petitioner requires any amount in respect of medical expenses or otherwise for the education of the petitioner, during the minority of the petitioner, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

## PM Vishwakarma Yojana aims to empower artisans across nation: Rekha

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan stated to Promote India's rich heritage of traditional crafts, the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, initiated by the Modi Government, aims to revolutionize the sector by empowering artisans across the nation. While inaugurating the camp at Gorkha Nagar ward no 48 of Bahu Constituency in District Jammu South.

Rekha Mahajan highlights various pubic-friendly schemes. The camp was organized by the District



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan after inaugurating a registration camp.

Vice President and Prabhari Trikuta Nagar Mandal Karuna Chetri. Rekha Mahajan said the dedication of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and his initiatives to bolster

the rural as well as urban micro-economies.

She enlightened that the Modi Government has initiated the policies and the schemes to uplift the socio-economic status of the com-

munities and the segments that were consistently neglected by the earlier Governments.

Rekha highlighted that "PM Vishwakarma Yojana" aims to revitalize India's rich heritage of traditional crafts by empowering artisans across the nation.

She urged the party workers to remain proactive at the grassroots level and promote the essential features of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in their respective areas of Jammu South so that a maximum number of people will benefit from this marvellous scheme.

## JKTDC decides to outsource Centaur Lake View Hotel in Srinagar

Invites bids from national and international entities

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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation has decided to outsource Centaur Lake View Hotel located on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar.

According to the sources, in this connection, request for proposals have been sought from national and international entities for undertaking the development, finance, operation and maintenance and transfer of Centaur Lake View hotel for a concession

period of 60 years including construction period as well.

"JKTDC" ("The Authority") intends to Outsource the Development (Design, Refurbishment, Upgradation), Finance, Operation & Maintenance and Transfer of Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar through Public Private Partnership on a DBFOT (Design, Built, Finance, Operate & Transfer) basis," a notification reads. The estimated project cost has been fixed 212.50 crore Indian National Rupees.

have been got published in the calendar. Royal Bengal Tiger by Amit Sharma Warden Jambu Zoo, One painting made by Arya, the winner of Himalaya Avian Painting Competition 2023, have been given a place in this calendar.

Sarvesh Rai congratulated the organisers for making people aware about the wildlife.

He appreciated the efforts made by Himalayan Avian and congratulated wildlife photographers, painter who got space in this valuable calendar.

Warden Anil Attri, Warden central Arun Gupta, Ravinder Thaploo were also presented.

## Divyangjans to get Rs 1 lakh financial assistance for marriage

Ladakh amends State Marriage Assistance Scheme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Department of Social and Tribal Welfare, UT Ladakh notified the amendment to the State Marriage Assistance Scheme of the erstwhile State of J&K which has now been revised to Ladakh State Marriage Assistance Scheme. The scheme was made effective from 1st January 2024 onwards.

Under the scheme, one-time financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 shall be given to female beneficiaries belong-

ing to Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) or PHH (Priority Household) ration cardholder families. This has amended the previous provision of providing 05 grams of gold and an amount of Rs 25,000.

Further, an amount of Rs 1 lakh has been provisioned for Divyangjan beneficiaries, i.e. persons with benchmark disabilities as defined in "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016".

The guidelines specify that the beneficiary bride must be 18 years or above and the

groom 21 years or above and must be a permanent resident of Ladakh. Post determining the eligibility as per guidelines, the committee shall sanction the financial assistance, subject to the availability of funds. The amount of assistance shall be credited to the Aadhar-linked savings bank account of the beneficiary through DBT.

Applications must be sent to the District Social Welfare Officer/ Tehsil Social Welfare Officer/ Social Worker of the Department at Leh/Kargil.

## CWW J&K releases Himalayan Avian Wildlife Calendar 2024

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JAMMU: Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW) J&K Sarvesh Rai, on Saturday released 'The Himalayan Avian's' New year Calendar 2024 based on Wildlife/Nature on Saturday at Mandla, Jammu.

Programme was organised by J&K Wildlife Protection Department Jammu and The Himalayan Avian jointly.

This time works of 8 photographers including one budding painter from J&K including has been showcased in the calendar.

Birds glimpse of Gharana wetland, Ranjeet Sagar Dam, Tawi River, Hokersar, Dal Lake can be



Chief Wildlife Warden J&K Sarvesh Rai and others releasing wildlife calendar 2024.

seen in Calendar, beside this scene of Butterflies of Marmat Doda, award winning painting of Sanasar Lake, Himalayan Goral at Bhairo Ghati, and Royal Bengal Tiger in Jambu Zoo, have been incorporated in the calendar.

Pushpinder Singh Charak, Social Worker, Basant Saini Chairman of

Bishnah Co-operative Society were Guests of Honour and Rajan Gupta was the Special Guest on the occasion.

Drashan Mehra, on the behalf of The Himalayan Avian, welcomed all the Guests.

The photo of the Himalyan goral clicked by Bunt Raj at Bhairo

Ghatti recently, was very unique, and got place in this wildlife calendar.

The photo of butterflies taken by Tahir from Doda Marmat was greatly appreciated by the people.

Apart from this, photographs of birds clicked by Guldev Raj, Vanshika from Jammu, Irfan Jilani and Reyan Sofi from Kashmir

## Vomedh begins second season of 'Terrace Theatre' with 'Nanhi Kali'

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JAMMU: Continuing its efforts to take theatre to peoples' doorsteps, Vomedh Rangmanch, the prominent theatre group of J&K today began 2nd season of Terrace Theatre by staging the 1st episode of its much talked about Terrace Theatre Series at House No 8, Lane No 7, Surya Vihar, Bohri where it's short play "Nanhi Kali" written by Rajni Bhatti and directed by Rohit Bhat was performed.

Senior Journalist, Social Activist and Theatre Artist King C Bharati was the Chief Guest on the occa-



Artists performing in a play Nanhi Kali.

sion.

Today's episode was hosted by Anita Sharma on the terrace of her house at Surya Vihar, Bohri.

The neighbours and theatre lovers assembled on the terrace and watched the engrossing short play enacted beautifully by artists of Vomedh.

The theatre series is yet another step in promoting regular theatre activities by Vomedh group which has carved a niche in the theatre circles of Jammu and Kashmir and presented various theatrical presentations in J&K and outside getting huge appreciation from one and all which include Ek Aur Birbal, Ateeth Ke Sakshi, Khoya Bachpan, Gadeh Bateh, Rovmut Bhatta, Mujrim Mein Nahi Par Mein Hi

Hoos etc.

This is a path breaking concept to revive the old cultural neighbourhood bonding on the terrace and at the same time promoting art and culture, says Rohit Bhat, director Vomedh.

He added that Vomedh will go to other places and the Terrace of other people to perform such short plays to involve the community at large in theatre and social upliftment.

Rakesh Roshan Bhat, playwright feels that this concept would go a long way in promoting theatre in Jammu and also appreciated the artists of Vomedh who make all efforts to take the terrace series to different areas with dedication.

Speaking on the occasion

King C Bharati said that "Terrace Theatre" will involve youngsters and new entrants in theatre to give them as well as the theatre lovers an opportunity to watch performances on a regular basis.

He appreciated the fact that Vomedh was also initiating a regular workshop series for the fresh aspirants and theatre lovers which will be conducted by Vomedh groups senior artists to keep the flame of meaningful and quality theatre alive.

It is worth mentioning here that this theatre series helps people to watch live theatre in their vicinity and bond with each other like the good old days to free themselves from the whirlpool of social media.

The artists who performed in the play include Bharati Kaul, Himagini Moza, Ishu Bharati Pandit, Suman Bhat, Priya Khar and Aarohi Moza Balgotra.

Vomedh has received a lot of offers from different areas by theatre lovers to perform on their terrace where neighbours can join to watch the plays.

Vomedh can be contacted for any such performances to promote theatre and cultural activities on 9796899219.

## JKSSB aspirants seek revival of waiting list

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amidst rising concerns over unemployment, JKSSB aspirants held a protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu, urging the revival of the waiting list.

With the recent absence of this crucial provision, candidates securing multiple selections are left with the choice to opt for one post, leaving numerous positions vacant.

The revocation order issued on 26th September 2023 has left over thousands of aspirants in turmoil, facing uncertainties in securing employment due to the absence of waiting lists for previously advertised posts.

This dire situation has sparked fears that the



JKSSB aspirants sitting on protest at Jammu.

unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir could soar, with meritorious candidates next in line being deprived of opportunities.

Aspirants emphasized that the restoration of waiting lists is crucial to ensure fair and transpar-

ent recruitment processes, preventing wastage of seats and securing opportunities for deserving candidates.

They have firmly warned that they will continue their protest at the site until their demands are met.