Mahakumbh: A opportunity to Explore UP and India-CM Yogi



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GORAKHPUR: Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Prayagraj Mahakumbh is an important opportunity for the people of the country and the world to know Uttar Pradesh and India. In this grand and divine event, one will also get a wonderful experience of knowing and seeing the spiritual heritage of India through the saints. This time the organization of Mahakumbh in Prayagraj is also special because its auspicious time has come after 144 years. CM Yogi was addressing at the ceremony of Gorakhpur Mahotsav 2025 on Sunday. On this occasion, he said that the 45-day grand event from January 13 to February 26 is

starting from Monday. 40 crore population will come to Mahakumbh. There is no population of 40 crore in any country in the world except India and China. You will get the privilege of bathing in the confluence of the triveni of Maa Yamuna

The Chief Minister said that 35 lakh devotees had reached for the Mahakumbh by Friday night itself. He appealed to the people to offer Khichdi to Baba Gorakhnath on Makar Sankranti and then definitely go to Maha Kumbh to understand the cultural and spiritual heritage. He said that on January 29, a special coincidence is being made after 144 years, when Lord Sun will be in

CM Yogi said that it has to be remembered that in the absence of culture, no nation can take its life story forward for a long time. Folk tales, folk traditions are the life-giving force of the nation. Folk traditions, folk tales, folk singing, folk artists get a platform through such programs and festivals. He said that the purpose of the festival is to encourage local youth, artists, artworks, farmers and entrepreneurs and those who have contributed to the society, to provide them a platform, to inspire them to move forward. On this occasion, CM Yogi

honoured five personalities with Gorakhpur Ratna. Senior theatre artist KC Sen in the field of art, progressive farmer and honey producer Raju Singh in the field of agri-entrepreneurship, international tennis player Shagun Kumari in the field of sports, senior orthopedic specialist Dr. B. B. Tripathi in the field of medicine and Dr. Sahil Mahfooz in the field of science received the Gorakhpur Ratna Samman. The Chief Minister appreciated the contribution of these personalities in their

Workshop of JSK Range on e-Sakshya, e-Summons, and MedLEaPR apps conducted at DPL Jammu

JAMMU: A one-day joint workshop for police officers especially Investigating Officers (IOs), CCTNS operators, Tamilies from Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range was successfully conducted at the Conference Hall, DPL Jammu.

It was organized by a team of experts/trainers from Crime Headquarters (CHQ), the workshop focused on the integration of digital tools such as e-Sakshya, e-Summon and MedLEaPR to improve efficiency, transparency and accuracy in police investigations under New Criminal Laws. e-Sakshya developed by

the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to assist police in recording evidence and managing crime scene, such as videography, photography, and recording of statements and ensures secure storage on an e-evidence server with immediate accessibility for courts. e-Summon-a platunderInteroperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) ini-



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain speaking at a workshop in Jammu on Sunday.

tiative by the Supreme e-Committee, Court's which facilitates electronic transmission of summons from courts to police stations and recipients, ensuring swift communication and accountability.

MedLEaPR-A web-based system designed to capture and securely report Medico Legal Reports (MLR) and Post Mortem Reports (PMR).

The objectives of the workshop were to equip police officers especially Investigating officers including SDPOs SHOs, Tamilies as well CCTNS operators with essential knowledge and skills for digital crime scene evidence management; ensure efficient implementation of updated legal procedures

well as Tamilies for electronic summons and legal documentation: JSK Range. and to streamline evidence handling to enhance transparency and operational

efficiency.
ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, formally inaugurated the workshop in presence of IGP Crime Sunil Gupta, DIG JSK Shiv Range Sharma & SSP Jammu Joginder Singh.

More than 250 police officers/officials attended the workshop including Zonal SsP, SDPOs, SHOs, Investigating officers as

CCTNS operators from

ADGP Jammu highlighted the significance of the workshop in modernizing investigative processes.

"The adoption of these digital tools ensures transparency and timely delivery of justice," he stated, emphasizing the critical role of continuous training in adapting to technological advancements under New Criminal Laws.

IGP Crime stressed for in-depth adoption of latest digital/computer technolo-

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gies/training in police working especially investigation to achieve the objecparent investigation.

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As a token of appreciation for their valuable contribution, mementos were presented to the course instructors by senior officers at the conclusion of the workshop.

This workshop reflected the commitment of law enforcement agencies to embrace digital innovations and enhance operational efficiency in line with evolving legal frameworks, leading to conclusion of investigations in a time bound manner, at the same time increasing transparency in investi-

Satish Sharma discusses initiatives with Union Minister to make J&K sports hub

NEW DELHI: Minister for FCS & CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology Science and Technology, ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, on Sunday called on Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, in New Delhi and discussed isdues related to overall development of J&K, especially Youth Services and Sports

The Minister expressed heartfelt gratitude and admiration for the remarkable initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Youth Affairs

Satish Sharma said that proactive efforts, unwavering commitment and consistent support being extended by the Ministry to Jammu and Kashmir has significantly bolstered the sports ecosystem in the region.

The Minister asserted that events/initiatives under vari-



J&K UT Sports Minister Satish Sharma calling on Union Sports Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

ous flagship programs like Khelo India have played a pivotal role in identifying and nurturing young talent. Besides, the projects to upgrade sports infrastructure have brought new hope and enthusiasm to the youth of J&K.

Satish Sharma, further added that, Jammu and Kashmir with its unique geographical and cultural diversity, has immense talent across various sports disciplines. There is a significant sports potential and aspirations of youth of the region to excel in sports, which require enhanced infrastructure and focused developmental initia-

tres and infrastructure support in the rural/border areas of J&K. SAI centres focussing on handball in Border/rural areas like Akhnoor, Rajouri, Poonch, Kupwara, promotion of adventure and winter sports across the famous destinations to utilise J&K's unique geography, augmentation of facilities at Gulmarg and other potential hubs like Sonamarg, Pahalgam and snowfall bound parts of Jammu province for winter sports to attract national and international events.

Satish Sharma also bought attention of Union Minister towards some important measures like high performance coaches to support football, wrestling, table tennis, water sports, hockey, implementation of scheme as given to north east for equipment

ment initiative, special focus on talent identification by conducting Khelo India Talent Identification Camps in remote areas to ensure inclusivity and tap into untapped potential, introducing skill development programs for coaches, trainers and sports administrators to ensure professional management to enhance the sports ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Union Minister listened to all the issues and demands put forth by Satish Sharma and assured to consider them for prompt action. He said that Centre government is committed to provide better sports infrastructure and modern facilities in the UT. He assured unwavering support from the Ministry for brighter future of the youth of J&K

Dignitaries at closing ceremony of Second Module of Life Insurance Professional Program for PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Ltd at IIM Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM Jammu), under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, concluded the Second Module $_{
m Life}$ Professional Insurance Program (Management Development Programme) for PNB MetLife India Limited. The valedictory ceremony, held on 12th January 2024 at the Kautilya Block of IIM Jammu's permanent campus in Jagti, marked the culmination of a transformative journey designed to enhance managerial expertise among life insurance professionals. The event was graced by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu: Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Program Director Chairperson, Executive Education and Dr. Balieet Singh, Program Director, IIM Jammu;Verma, Regional Head, Jammu Kashmir, PNB

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Co. Ltd.; Amit Sharma, Regional Training Manager, PNB MetLife Insurance India Ltd.and other officials of both the organizations.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, emphasized the value of industry engagement on campus and highlighted the valedictory as a starting point for transformative journeys. He encouraged participants to reflect on key takeaways, implement insights for organizational growth, and reconstruct their professional paths. He also thanked the program directors and faculty for co-creating a rich learning experience.

Rajesh Verma, Senior Regional Head, Jammu Kashmir, MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd., emphasized the importance of implementing the learnings gained. Consultancy, IIM Jammu; He acknowledged the achievement of the 32 handpicked participants who stood out among many and expressed gratitude to everyone for their good performances. He also apprecore team driving the BRV initiative forward.

 $\operatorname{Baljeet}$ Program Director, IIM Jammu, provided an overview of the program and presented the program report, emphasizing the importance of convergence and fostering relationships.

Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Program Director and Chairperson, Executive Education Consultancy, IIM Jammu,

highlighted that the program met expectations and emphasized the importance of building lasting relationships. The program, facilitated by IIM Jammu's esteemed faculty, focused on developing core skills in entrepreneurship, finance, strategy, design thinking, innovation, and communication. Participants shared their experiences, highlighting the practical knowledge and strategic insights gained.

with certificate distribution, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Program Director and Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu. The event underscored IIM Jammu's commitment to delivering industry-relevant learning experiences and shaping future leaders The program was meticulously coordinated by the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C) team at IIM Jammu.

The ceremony concluded

Address safety concerns in Mazdoor Basti on priority: MLA Arvind urges JMC Commissioner

200 households in Mazdoor Basti, Ward No. 13, Resham Ghar, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta, today conducted an inspection of the deteriorating Nallah in the locality. The Nallah, which has been in a poor state for over 40 years, poses an imminent threat of collapse, especially

during the monsoon season. During the visit, residents apprised the MLA of the crumbling state of the Nallah, which poses a major hazard during the monsoons, and urged a swift resolution. They highlighted the potential risks posed by the 40-year-old deteriorating structure, which serves as a critical water channel for over 200 households in the area.

Arvind Gupta personally inspected the dilapidated condition of the Nallah running through the locality, which is on the brink of collapse. He expressed concern that the condition of the Nallah has been ignored for decades, endangering the lives and properties of residents. He urged the JMC Commissioner to prioritize the reconstruction of the Nallah to avert a potential disaster. "The lives and properties of hundreds of families are at risk due to the prolonged neglect of this vital structure. The JMC Commissioner must initiate immediate action for its reconstruction," he said.

Reassuring the residents of Mazdoor Basti, Arvind Gupta assured them that the reconstruction of the Nallah would be prioritized and taken up with the relevant authorities without delay. "No stone will be left

unturned to safeguard the JAMMU: Highlighting the lives of the people in urgent safety concerns of Mazdoor Basti. I will ensure that the necessary funds and resources are allocated to complete this project at the earliest," he added.

Arvind Gunta reiterated the BJP's commitment to ensuring safe and sustainable infrastructure for all citizens.

He assured that he would personally monitor the progress of this critical project and ensure its timely completion. He also called upon the JMC authorities to adopt a proactive approach to addressing such longstanding issues across the

tives. He emphasised the pressing need for state-ofthe-art sports infrastructure and implementation of central schemes to nurture the talent effectively. The Minister urged for establishing Khelo India cen- under peace and develop-

Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi conducts HPV vaccination drive Davinder Kaur, worked



Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi, District 307 members during HPV vaccination drive.

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JAMMU: The Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi, District 307, organized an HPV vaccination drive, providing the first dose of the cervical cancer vaccine to five underprivileged girls. This initiative, held at Celebration, demonstrates the club's commitment to

promoting women's health and wellbeing.

The club extends its gratitude to District Chairman Manmohan Suri for sponsoring three doses of the vaccine. IWC Jammu Tawi and Rotary Elite Club generously sponsored the remaining two doses.

Project Director Dr.

tirelessly to ensure the success. President Paramjit Kaur and Club Secretary played key roles in organizing the event. Dignitaries present at the

event included District Chairman Manmohan Suri, Senior Member Dr. Surjit Kaur, PDC Dr. Santosh Gupta.

The Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi is proud to have made a positive impact on the lives of these young girls. The club remains dedicated to continuing its community service initiatives and promoting the health and empowerment of women.

National Conference rejected two-nation theory in 1947: Sadhotra



Additional General Secretary JKNC Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing convention of District National Conference Jammu Rural-A at Ghrota in Nagrota Assembly

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Observing that the religion based politics is against the idea of India, National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Sunday recalled the conscious and sagacious decision of the people of Jammu and Kashmir aligning with Mahatma Gandhi's secular India by rejecting the two nation theory during the partition in 1947. Addressing a day long Convention at Gharota in Nagrota Assembly Constituency, organised by District President National Conference Jammu Rural-A Raghubir Singh Manhas and

Joginder Singh (Kaku), Sadhotra said that his party remains committed to Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a "National secular India. Conference has always stood for unity, harmony, and safeguarding the rights of all communities", Sadhotra said and referred to the legacy of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, saying that in 1947, when communal violence engulfed the subcontinent, the towering leader of the time stood like a rock to protect the minorities in Jammu and Kashmir. His leadership and vision ensured the safety and

dignity of all communities,

showcasing the essence of plu-

ralism and harmony that the National Conference represents, he added.

Sadhotra lambasted the attempts to tag the National Conference with any specific religion or region, calling such efforts a disservice to the rich pluralistic fabric of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that the party has always represented the collective aspirations of all communities, transcending religious and regional divides. Former Minister asserted that the National Conference firmly rejects divisive politics and believes that the country's progress and prosperity depend on taking all sections of society along. This is the hallmark of the party's policies that have always been rooted in the principles of democracy, equality, and fraternity, he added.

Sadhotra further urged the cadre to generate awareness about the policies of the National Conference, which remains steadfast in its mission for the welfare and peace of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He also asked them to fan out in their areas and carry the message of peace, unity and amity, which forms bedrock of the National Conference philosophy.

Others who address the convention are Mohd Ayoub Malik Provincial Secretary, Chander Mohan Sharma District President, Raghubir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural-A, Ram Parshotam District President Udhampur, All the Block Presidents of all the Assembly Constituencies of Jammu District, Ch Mohd Aslam, Ch Razak, Ranjit Singh Manhas, Ch Rehmat Ex-Chairman BDC.

