

## ‘Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi’ programme witnessed by Sages, BJP leaders, prominent persons

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JAMMU: "Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi" programme, organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed at various places by Sages, BJP leaders and prominent persons. BJP Jammu and Kashmir unit saw and heard the praiseworthy works of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at about 118 places, in which 178 scholars of saints, Acharyas and other sections of the dignitaries were present. People at all places saw and heard this program with their families in large numbers through LEDs.

Programmes were also organized in the temples of Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi, in which party workers as well as sages of the area took part. On this occasion, Thakur Narayan Singh,



Saints, Acharyas and BJP workers witnessing 'Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi' programme online.

Coordinator Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi, said that like all over the country, programs have been organized by the Jammu and Kashmir BJP, in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address was heard and Information about the development work done in the temple of Kashi Vishwanath was obtained through him. Thakur Narayan Singh said that this program has been organized in all the mandals of Jammu district.

On this occasion co-con-

vener "Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi" & JMC Mayor Chandra Mohan Gupta and Co-Convenor "Divya Kashi Bhavya Kashi" Sardar Harbhajan Singh Pammi said that there was a lot of enthusiasm among the party workers and saints regarding this program. They said that all the people have got a chance to have darshan of Kashi Vishwanath sitting at home through this program.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul attended the "Divya

Kashi Bhavya Kashi" programme at Nanak Nagar.

General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal attended the programme at Purmandal. Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma attended the programme at Peer Kho.

Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, former MP Shamsheer Singh Manhas attended the programme at Aap Shambhu, Roop Nagar.

Former Minister Sat Sharma attended the programme at Shiv Mandir Talab Tillo. Prof. Gharu Ram attended the programme at RS Pura. CP Ganaga attended the programme at Sarore. Sham Choudhary attended the programme at Suchetgarh.

## KPs delegation returns back from Anandpur Sahib



Delegation of volunteers of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra Jammu, which was on a visit of Anandpur Sahib, returning back on Monday.

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JAMMU: The delegation of volunteers of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra (SSK) Jammu, which was on a visit of Anandpur Sahib, returned back on Monday. The delegation reached Anandpur Sahib on December 11 to participate in celebrations held to commemorate great sacrifice of

Guru Teg Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru. His sacrifice is respected by Kashmiri Pandits, as per the pleadings of Pandit Kripa Ram Dutt, the great Guru confronted Aurangzeb against torture and forced conversion of Hindus in Valley.

The Jatha, comprising of a vast diaspora of Hindu

community, paid their obeisance at Anandpur Sahib. The Kashmiri Pandit community is indebted to Sikh Panth and always feels emotionally connected to it. Responding to the warm & emotional participation of KPs in the programme, Nihang Sants reaffirmed the bond between both communities.

Hriday Nath Pandita, senior trustee of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, on behalf of Kashmiri Pandit community, paid gratitude to ninth Guru Tegh Bahadur at Kirtpur Gurdwara, Baghat Gurdwara, Shaheed Bagh in Anandpur Sahib, Har Gobind Gurdwara, Kesh Garh Gurdwara and Sheeshganj Gurdwara.

Dr Maharaj Krishna Bharat and other community members, who were leading the group, while speaking on behalf of Kashmiri Hindu community, said that the way Pandit Kripa Ram Dutt appealed for protection of entire human race and Sanatan in front of Guru Tegh Bahadur in the same way, Pandit Kripa Ram's descendants kept the appeal before the descendants of Bhai Jaita that there is a need to play a major role even in present times.

## NSS Wing of SKUAST-J organises drug abuse awareness prog

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JAMMU: In continuation to celebration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, NSS wing of SKUAST-Jammu, under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma and Dean Students Welfare Prof. Rajesh Katoch organised a lecture on drug abuse for NSS students of faculty of Agriculture. Pallavi Singh, Director of J&K Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses, was the invited speaker. On the outset Prof. Katoch welcomed the guest and faculty and threw light on the menace of drug abuse which is becoming a major social evil. Medical Officer Dr

Anil Gupta highlighted the significance of the awareness about drug abuse for the young NSS volunteers of SKUAST-Jammu. Pallavi Singh gave an impressive power point presentation on the topic 'Drug a Closure look and Preventive Measures' and made the students aware about various drugs and intoxicants. She told that younger generation is prone to this menace now a days. In the presentation, she stressed upon the students not to purchase over the counter medicine without prescription because that might lead to drug addiction in long run.

She emphasised that young NSS volunteers can bring a

change in the society by making aware the society about drug abuse and drug addiction.

A pledge for 'No To Drug' was also taken by students. The programme was organised by Prof. Rajesh Katoch and team of NSS instructors of Faculty of Agriculture and Health Centre.

Those present in the programme include Dr. Akhil Gupta nodal officer DSW FoA, Dr. Subhash C Kashyap NSS Coordinator, Dr. Arvinder Singh, Dr. Nomita, Dr. Sushmita, Dr. Balbir Dhotra and Dr R. Punia. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr Subhash C Kashyap.

## ADGP Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K chairs review meeting



ADGP Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K, Danesh Rana chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: A review meeting of Homeguard/ Civil Defence & SDRF J&K was convened by Danesh Rana, ADGP Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K here on Monday. The meeting was attended by Vikas Gupta, Director Homeguards Jammu, Nisha Nathyal Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu, G.L Sharma SSP Staff Officer to Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K and other gazetted and non-gazetted officers. The Commandant General emphasized upon a joint strategy to be adopted by the officers of three wings to have fruitful results while responding and mitigating disasters in challenging situations. The officers were directed to increase capacity building programmes and devise specialized training programmes to be imparted to police personnel and other stakeholders so that they may also contribute while responding to disasters and other emergency situations. A detailed audit of equipment in the stock of SDRF was also discussed. The HG/CD and SDRF personnel were directed to remain in a state of high alert in view of the impending snow and winter season.

## IMFA, JU organises three-day Kathak Dance Workshop

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JAMMU: The three-day Kathak Dance workshop was on monday inaugurated by Mohd Aziz, CEO Reasi.

The workshop is being organized by Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu (JU) in collaboration with Girls Higher Secondary School Reasi.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEO lauded the efforts of the Institute. IMFA is promoting Music and Fine Arts particularly Kathak Dance in the remote areas like Reasi, describing Kathak part and parcel of Indian culture the CEO assured his full cooperation for organising the event.

Principal IMFA Prof Shohab

Inayat Malik, in his Introductory remarks, discussed the aim and objectives of IMFA and informed that approximately 300 students are getting their education in the different nine professional courses of IMFA.

He further said that a successful workshop was organised recently by the Kathak dance Department under the guidance of HoD Dr Priya Dutta

at Rajouri, which was highly appreciated by the people of border District. In near future more workshops would be organised in various district headquarters of Jammu region to educate the masses about the country's rich cultural heritage.

Earlier the workshop was started by Presenting the Ganesh Vandna by the students and faculty members of Kathak department followed by live

Kathak Dance and Bandish on Shringar Rasa presentation.

Whole workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dr Priya Dutta HoD Kathak Dance IMFA. Rajkumar Behrupia, Vijay Kumar, Shivani Kapoor and students of Kathak Dance Department assisted Dr Priya Dutta in organizing the workshop. Vote of thanks was Presented by Vijay Kumar:

## Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum seeks political reservation for DPs

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JAMMU: A meeting of All J&K 1947 PoJK Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum was held in Jammu on Monday under the leadership of its President Adv Amrik Singh and Secretary, Surjit Singh. During the meeting, attended by a number of core-group members, detailed deliberations were held on numerous topic and it was appealed to the Chairman of Delimitation Commission, Justice (Retired) Ranjana Prakash Desai and other associate member to reserve at least 10 assembly seats and a Parliament seat for the people forcibly displaced from PoJK. The Forum expressed that more than ten decade have been lapsed and it is the matter of regret that a large number of PoJK Sharnarathis, which are more than 15th lakh in number, are living without their having any political representation.

Welcoming the proposal to give representation to Kashmiri Pandit community, the members

said that the people who laid down their lives while fighting Pakistan army and are still suffering also deserve due share. The Forum further said that as the delimitation commission is reportedly ready with 1st paper on allocation and resizing of constituencies including that of reserved seats and has called a meeting on December 20 at New Delhi, it is once again requested that due political representation may be granted in favour of displaced persons from PoJK.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Inder Singh Corporator, Paramjit Singh ex-corporator, Sucha Singh Corporator, Kuldeep Singh, H S Sudan, Prof K D Singh, Nasib Singh ex-AGM J&K Bank, Avtar Singh President Gurdawara Digiana camp, Gursinran Singh, Jagjit Singh Publicity Secretary, Kuldeep Singh Kuku, Khazan Singh, Manjit Singh and Amandeep Singh.

## Amandeep wins Kathua Open Chess title



Chess matches in progress at Kathua.

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KATHUA: Amandeep Singh bagged the title trophy of the day-long cash prize money under-15 chess tournament which was organised by Kathua District Chess Association, here on Monday.

Second place went to Shivang Gupta while Karam Sambyal remained third. The girls title trophy secured by Harshleen Kour. In other age group of under-10 boys, Paras Sharma was first

while Sutishen Bharat and Dakas Dev remained second and third respectively. Devansh was winner in under-eight age group event.

In the prize distribution, Harpreet Singh was the Chief Guest and Sohan Lal Gupta the Guest of Honour. Among others present were district Kathua Chess Association president, Ravi Sharma.

The special guests presented cash prizes and title trophies to the winners.

## BGSBU organises tennis ball cricket match

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RAJOURI: The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) on Monday organized tennis ball cricket match between Vice Chancellor's XI and Dean's XI on the eve of 18th Foundation Day celebration of the university. Vice Chancellor's XI won the match by four wickets.

Dean's XI won the toss and elected to bat first and secured 40 runs in stipulated overs and in reply while chasing the target VC's XI completed it by four wickets.

On this occasion, Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor BGSBU was Chief Guest, who appreciated both the teams for their active participation in



Participating teams posing with faculty members.

the sports and highlighted the importance of games and sports in developing personality of the youth and shaping their future.

Those who were present on the occasion, Prof. Iqbal Pervaz Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. G. M Malik Dean Education, Prof. Asif Hussain Dean SoET, Mohd Ishaq Registrar,

Mohammed Rashid Chowdhary OSD Sports, Suneet Gupta Joint Registrar and Special Secretary to HVC, Mohammad Din Deputy Director Physical Education and Sports.

A good Number of Officers/Officials and Students of the university witnessed the match.

## Center, UT Govts to work on making Tribal Research Institute as Centre of Excellence

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NEW DELHI: The Center government and the Jammu and Kashmir administration will work vigorously towards making Tribal Research Institute (TRI), J&K, as center of excellence. Officer on Special Duty, Mission Youth, Dr. Abdul Khabir, stated this here on Monday during his exhaustive deliberation with the officials of Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs regarding functioning of J&K TRI and implementation of tribal welfare schemes in the UT. During the interaction, it was informed that TRI shall focus on core responsibility as body of knowledge and research for tribal development. OSD informed that Department of Tribal Affairs is in the process of finalizing proposal for recognition of contribution made by

the Tribals with particular focus on Youth of J&K. Union Joint Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Dr. Navaljit Kapoor, while stressing need for making TRI J&K as Centre of Excellence, assured complete support to the UT in this regard. It was informed that in order to support the research studies on regular basis, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is focusing on involvement of TRI J&K for working out a long term and policy oriented research studies for development of tribals. OSD also interacted with the officials of National Tribal Research Institute, New Delhi. He informed that NTRI is planning to collaborate with TRI

J&K for various capacity building workshops. It is in this context that a two day capacity building workshop was organized for elected representatives of Tribal areas at Panchayat Bhawan Jammu in the month of November this year.

Also, UNDP chapter of India is in the process of documentation of dances of J&K and the same shall be done in natural setting of the tribal communities of J&K. Under support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI), MoTA is focusing on building infrastructure, research and documentation, training and capacity building apart from organizing exchange visits for tribals.

## Natrang to start theatre-workshop from December 15

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JAMMU: Natrang is going to start a theatre-workshop from December 15, 2021 in Jammu and UK-based Theatre Director, writer and actor Aarushi Thakur Rana will be the Workshop Director. It was informed by Director Natrang, Balwant Thakur while inviting young theatre enthusiasts of Jammu to avail this golden opportunity to get trained from internationally trained and experienced mentor. He further said that due to COVID outbreak, all the training/practice opportunities were stalled which caused an adverse effect on performing arts, as such endeavours like this workshop would definitely play an important role in rejuvenating the theatre in Jammu and Kashmir.

Introducing the workshop director, he informed that Aarushi Thakur Rana is a professional Theatre Director, Writer and Actor based in United Kingdom. She is the first Indian from Jammu and Kashmir whose directorial debuts have been performed in the most prestigious Nehru Centre, London, Mayfair; Zoroastrian Centre London in 2019 and various places in country. Since January 2020, she joined productions team of Birmingham Repertory Theatre, UK and is presently working with them. She has also translated major works by William Shakespeare like A Midsummer Night's dream, Twelfth Night and Romeo and Juliet in Hindi which have had various shows across India. Interested candidate of the age-group 18 to 25 years may send an email at natrang83@gmail.com or can contact coordinator of workshop, Mohd Yaseen at 9419106669 or 9906048670.

## Open Kashmir Rope Skipping Championship concludes

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SRINAGAR: Open Kashmir Rope Skipping Championship organized by Rope Skipping Association of J&K (RSAJK) under the aegis of Indian Rope Skipping Federation (IRSF), concluded on Monday at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Nowhatta here.

Participants from different schools, colleges and clubs took part in the Championship. In the closing ceremony, Dr. Altaf-Ur-Rehman (Ex Physical Director, ICSC Hawal) was the Chief Guest while Sr. Staff of GGHSS Nowhatta Shugufta, Abdul Rashid,

Kousar Jabeen, Vice President (RSAJK) Ahmad Rauf, Secretary (RSAJK) Mukhtar Bhat and Physical Educator Nusrat Wani were Guests of Honour.

the Chief Guest congratulated all medal winners in particular and participants in general and also appreciated organizers for organizing such a wonderful event in the Kashmir Valley.

Medal winners will represent J&K at the IRSF National Championship which is scheduled to be held at Naital Uttarakhand this month, said Mukhtar Ahmad Secretary RSAJK while presenting vote of thanks.

## BMW brings electric SUV iX to India

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NEW DELHI: BMW on Monday launched its technology flagship all-electric SUV iX in India at an introductory price of Rs 1.16 crore, the first of the three electric vehicles that it plans to drive in the country in the next 6 months. The car will be imported to India as a completely built-up unit (CBU) and can be booked through BMW dealerships across major metropolitan cities in the country as well as shop.bmw.in, BMW Group India said in a statement.

Deliveries will start by the beginning of April 2022, it added. Commenting on the launch, BMW Group India

President Vikram Pawah said, "Born Electric, the BMW iX imbibes the principles of sustainability throughout its lifecycle, right from production to usage to end-of-life, making comprehensive use of natural and recyclable materials. It is so much more than a car - it's a modern way of life..." The iX is the first BMW without any numerals in its designation with 'iX' standing for the first BMW electric all-wheel-drive vehicle (SAV - Sports Activity Vehicle), the company said.

It is powered by two electric motors for the front and rear axles and is capable of accelerating from 0-100 kmph in 6.1 seconds with an

output of 326 hp.

As an introductory offer, the BMW iX will come with a complimentary smart BMW Wallbox charger. It can be integrated at home to enable safe and convenient charging up to 11kW. The 11kW AC charger can charge 100 per cent in about 7 hrs and add 100 kms range in 2.5 hrs, it added.

Through a 150 kW DC Charger, it can charge up to 80 per cent in 31 min and 95 km added range in 10 minutes, while with a 50 kW DC Charger, 80 per cent can be charged in 73 minutes with 100 km added range in 21 minutes.

The company said it will

also install fast chargers at all touchpoints at the dealer network in 35 cities in India.

BMW said its iX comes with a standard two-year warranty for unlimited kilometers. The batteries are covered by a warranty valid for eight years or up to 1.6 lakh kilometers.

Last month, the company had announced that it would launch three electric vehicles in the next six months in India to accelerate its electric mobility journey in the country.

The iX will be followed by an all-electric MINI luxury hatchback in 3 months and the all-electric sedan BMW i4 in six months.