

NYKS Jammu holds awareness programme in Dansal

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JAMMU: Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Jammu, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India organised an awareness programme in collaboration with Rural Development Forum (RDF) Dansal, in which representatives of various Government Departments participated and imparted awareness about various Government schemes. The programme was held at village Korga/ Dabbi, Bhatyari Dansal and was attended by a number of locals especially members of ST communities including youth,

women, children who were sensitized about various welfare schemes. The programme started with welcome address by Ashok Sawhney, President RDF Shamima Begum, DDC Dansal was the Chief Guest on the occasion while S A Nazz, Regional Director, Central Board of Workers; Pritam Singh former Sarpanch, former Sarpanch Mohd Sadiq and Angrej Singh were the Special Guests. The Chief Guest also inaugurated an AYUSH medical stall and handed-over AYUSH medicine-kits among participants totally free of cost. Noor Alam, Bishan Singh,

Farman, Mohd Bashir, Qadir and other senior members of RDF were also present on the occasion. Rampaul Dogra, social activist also participated as Special Invitee. Those who spoke included Vakil Kumar; Ashwani Kumar Verma, Kuldeep Bhagat, Mehmood Chouhan, Nissar Ahmed Bhatt, Dr Anita Kumari, Dushant Singh, Roshan Lal and Rahul Raina. All the dignitaries were honoured with mementos & Shawls as a token of respect. The programme was anchored by Ashok Sawhney who also presented formal vote of thanks.

Ladakh LG launches SVAMITVA scheme

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LEH: Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur on Saturday virtually launched the distribution of property cards under SVAMITVA scheme as part of Good Governance Week here, an official spokesman said. The property cards were distributed to 30 beneficiaries of Phey and Nimoo villages at the event which was held as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, the spokesman said. Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India through the demarcation of rural 'Abadi' (residential) areas using drone surveying technology.

Arrival of MNCs in J&K will bring growth, generate employment: Raman

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said that those who questioned investments in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 must keep their dates with the events wherein several Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) will be signed between the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and various investors including those from hospitality, real estate, food, health and other such sectors. He said, there were times when acclaimed doctors and other investors left Jammu and Kashmir, accusing the ruling elites of asking for a major pie in their ventures, but today the situation is altogether different. Investors are happily and without any hurdle coming to Jammu and Kashmir: Investors like Medanta Hospitals, Apollo hospitals, Haldiram and other such business houses are going to change the fate of J&K and make it a happening place. Raman Suri said, political outfits like Congress, PDP and NC have investment blindness, which is why they can't see the presence of such mega companies in Jammu and Kashmir: This presence, he said, could become possible only because of the abrogation of Article 370, participation of youth in development activities, central government's policies and ease of investment initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Raman Suri, while hailing the arrival of these companies said, the implementation of Tenancy Act, affordable housing, RERA and other laws have won the confidence of investors who are going to bring in a sea change in the economic activities and create a niche for other investors. This is just the beginning, and silence of opposition parties on these investments speaks of their inability to appreciate development, that is intended at making Jammu and Kashmir a prosperous Union Territory.

BJP celebrates Good Governance Day on Atal's birth anniversary



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina and other leaders paying tributes to Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated Good Governance Day on birth Anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP State President Ravinder Raina was the Chief Orator in the programme to pay heartfelt tributes to the former Prime Minister.

Former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan and Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta also addressed on the occasion.

The programme was organized by BJP's Department of Good Governance & Centre State

coordination under the leadership of its State Convenor Arun Gupta. Ravinder Raina while paying warm tributes to the great statesman, party ideologue former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee said that Bharat Mata will always remember his services for the centuries to come. UN's First Hindi speech was delivered by Atal and that too when he was the leader of opposition, that was the flawless personality of Atal, he said and added that Atal was a dedicated politician, poet and social activist.

He said that Atal was friend of everyone and even tried to create friendly relations even with neighboring Nation Pakistan.

BJP holds meet of its departments

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held meeting of its departments at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina chaired the meeting. BJP NEM & BJP Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi and senior leader Chander Mohan Sharma were also present.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, appreciated the works being done by the departments. He discussed the important issues related to the departments individually with their convenors



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina chairing a meeting.

and co-convenors. He sought details from the department convenors about the present status of the district teams and also the further requirements to be provided to improve the functioning of their respective departments.

He further told the Department Convenors to gear up the work so that we will be able to achieve our mission to strengthen the party at grass root level.

All Convenors gave briefing on the work done till date by the departments in

Safar-e-Shahadat taken out to commemorate Shaheedi Diwas of 'Char Sahibzade'

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JAMMU: To commemorate the Shaheedi Diwas of 'Char Sahibzade' of Guru Gobind Singh, Mata Gujjar Kour and all other martyrs, a Safar-e-Shahadat (Sandhya Pheri) was organized on Saturday under the aegis of Shri Guru Granth Sahib from Gurdwara Guru Angad Dev, Preet Nagar, Jammu, which after passing through Guru Nanak Nagar; culminated at Gurdwara Baba Fateh Singh, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu followed by Ardaas.

Safar-e-Shahadat was organised by District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu, Sikh Students Federation, Pandth Dardi and Sikh Noutwan Chetna Lehar, Sikh Noutwan Sabha, Sant Pura Danna, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu, Gurdwara Parbandhak Committees, Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha, Gurdwara Sant Pura Danna, Gurdwara Guru Angad Dev, Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha Rani Talab, Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha Digiana Camp,

Jammu and Panthak Talmel Sangathan.

A number of people participated in Sandhya Pheri, while Parcharaks and Ragis Jathas recited poetry and threw light on history of Char Sahibzade. Sikh youth played Ghatka enroute. To greet devotees, Shopkeepers and Associations had made arrangements enroute.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Jathedar Mohinder Singh, Member DGPC Jammu; Jathedar Mammohan Singh, Member DGPC Jammu; Ramneek Singh, Member DGPC Jammu; Avtar Singh Khalsa, Member DGPC Jammu; Rajinder Singh, President Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha; Manjeet Singh, General Secretary Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha; Harmonion Singh, Inder Singh, Jatinder Singh Lucky, Ajmeat Singh, Ravinder Singh, Surjit Singh former Secretary, DGPC Jammu and Balwant Singh Chatha, former Sarpanch.

Awareness programme on 'Health & Nutrition' held



Dignitaries during the programme at Jammu.

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JAMMU: An awareness programme on 'Health and Nutrition' was organised by Right Nutrition Efforts Matter (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. at the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu.

A large number of Engineers and people from civil society participated in the programme. Er. Himesh Manchanda, Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Jammu and Deepak Digra, SP South Jammu were the Guests of Honour. Er. Kanav Gupta, Director

of Right Nutrition Efforts Matter (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. delivered a talk on the kind of nutritional regimen to be followed by all humans to keep themselves fit, healthy and upbeat which left the audience spell-bound.

Pertinently, "Let Food Be Thy Medicine" is the dictum followed and advocated by Er. Kanav Gupta, who despite being an Engineer; has made Nutrition and Health as his profession by being so passionate about the subject and its dire necessity for the humanity in the present times. Interestingly, Er. Gagan

Jyoti, Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Jammu and many persons, who have already been benefited by consulting Er. Kanav Gupta, were also present and shared their experiences and had all the praise for Er. Kanav for his professional acumen.

In the end, each and every participant in this show was presented a pot of Organic Planter to imbibe a sense of Organic Farming in themselves. Also, a small jar containing Protein Ladoos was also gifted to every participant. Noting, these ladoos are made with stevia as a sweetener in them to sensitize the audience about the ill-effects of Conventional Sugars.

Vasudha Samnotra, a marathon runner and follower of Right Nutrition Efforts Matter (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. moderated the whole show and presented vote of thanks to the august gathering as well as media persons present there.

FOIJ seeks ancillarisation policy to protect micro & small scale units in J&K

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JAMMU: Lalit Mahajan, Co-Chairman, Federation of Industries Jammu (FOIJ) & President Bari Brahmana Industries demanded implementation of Ancillarisation policy by the administration of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for providing due share in purchase of raw materials & packaging materials from local Micro & Small Scale units by medium & large scale units. Lalit Mahajan conveyed gratitude towards Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha and Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department for grant of an Industrial package by the Government of India resulting massive industrial investment from domestic as well as foreign investors in near future and hoped that employment graph in

industrial sector may reach to highest level. It is worthwhile to mention here that Ancillarisation process was started in our country simultaneously with the Government set-up. Enterprises almost in all the core sectors. The large Industries and other Public Sector undertaking (PSUs) started subcontracting standard and low technology items to the local Small-Scale Industries which developed a sound base of Ancillarisation, helped proliferations and development of MSME Sector. He urged LG Manoj Sinha and Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department for adoption of ancillarisation policy for development of Micro & Small Scale sectors in J&K.

Implement cow protection rules in letter & spirit: Chandel to JMC



ABGGRF members talking to reporters.

Municipal Corporation should ensure that no bovine animal is subjected to cruelty of any sort. He said that the Foundation will not tolerate any sort of laxity in this matter as cows are sacred animals and cruelty against them will not be tolerated come what may. He also laid stress on implementation of laws pertaining to cow protection in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. He urged the Union Government to take adequate steps for announcing 'Rashtra Mata' status to cow without any further delay.

He also appreciated the efforts of Sunil Sharma, who is also the Incharge Youth Wing of J&K & Punjab, in strengthening the base of the Foundation and also played a vital role in the appointment of Tarun Sharma.

Tarun Sharma assured to strengthen the base of Foundation in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. He demanded that J&K Government should constitute a Separate Board and a big Gaushala should be established for the protection of cows. He also appealed to the people of

J&K OBC holds joint peace rally

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir OBC Backward Classes (OBC) held a joint peace Tricolour rally of all organizations which was taken out from Janipur High Court Road to Akhnour under the leadership of Bansil Lal Choudhary and Kasturi Lal Basutra.

During the rally, over a thousand people joined hands and greeted the rally with warm garlands and opined the fact that even today in the 21st century there are pictures of open injustices against this section of the population.

The attitude of the government towards the OBC section is totally unacceptable, Bansil Lal said adding that the political reservation to this section of population within Jammu and Kashmir is still pending and we are called OSC instead of OBC which the government is not rectifying. "Unemployed youth, including National



JK OBC members taking out rally at Jammu.

Scholarships and fellowships holders international theatre artists, unemployed postgraduate engineers, postgraduate masters, telecommunication law graduates and other postgraduate youth are still striving hard for their bread and butter," he said.

Further, giving this section of the population its share in the State Backward Classes Commission in the C-seats, he said, another narrow conspiracy has been adopted by making a column of this section of the population in the census form without making a column of this section of the population even today. Prominent among those who attended the rally included Mansa Ram, Rajendra Kumar; Mohan Lal Pawar; Rajendra Kumar Sakka, Mohd Shabir; Balwant Raj Kataria, Amit Mehra, Ashok Kumar and others.

DSS welcomes Admn's declaration regarding doing away with Darbar Move tradition



DSS members during a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Complimenting UT administration's declaration by Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta setting aside all speculations about finality of doing away with the 149-year old Darbar Move tradition, President, Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), Th Gulchain Singh Charak complimented executive committee and working committee members of DSS for their untiring efforts for persistent projections and voicing for cancellation of Darbar move.

While speaking during a core committee meeting of DSS, Charak also expressed gratitude towards other organisations,

societies and parties who favoured this logical cause bringing relief to both Jammu & Kashmir divisions and said that the decision has brought relief to thousands of Secretariat employees, their families and children who were missing job opportunities and continuity of education.

Charak further said that there are some sections who oppose every decision of Government just for seeking media space. He suggested that first year's savings from Darbar Move can be best utilised to restore and develop Mubarak Mandi complex as a tourism hub on priority, as the move would attract more visitors and

tourists thereby boosting commercial activity in entire region.

He further suggested for utilizing saved amount to provide some relief to war widows and gallantry awardees of J&K who are presently paid at paltry rates.

Others present on the occasion included Karan Singh Jamwal, Brig M S Jamwal, Col Virindra K Sahi, Samar Dev Singh Charak, Amanat Ali Shah, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Rajesh Gupta, Kuldeep Wahi, Chander Mohan Sharma, Balwinder Singh Bhatia, Kulbir Singh, Chatter Singh, Chhankar Singh, Janak Khajuria, Madan Rangila, Swaran Singh and Rakesh Singh.

MIER College of Education organises Alumni meet

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JAMMU: The Alumni Meet of MIER College of Education was organised here to celebrate four decades of excellence in the field of teacher education.

The event was attended by over 150 Alumni who had registered for the event. The theme of the alumni meet was "Reconnect, Revive and Rejoice".

The alumni had travelled from far and wide to attend the alumni meet. The event commenced with paying of tributes to Dr. Arun Gupta, former Chairperson of MIER Group of Institution. Prof Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education welcomed the guests and alumni and said

that alumni are our ambassadors and collectively can take the institution to greater heights. He also thanked them for their valuable contributions in the growth and development of the nation.

twelve prominent alumni were presented with the 'Distinguished Alumni Awards' namely Dr. Rajesh Bhardwaj, Managing Director, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Group of Institutions, Punjab; Prof. J.N. Balia, HOD, Department of Educational Studies, Central University, Jammu; Dr. Suman Charak, Associate Professor, HoD, English Dept., Padam Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar; Dr. Vikram Gulati,

Principal, Shivalik College of Education, Udhampur; Prof. Kuldeep Singh Katech, Department of Education (ICDEOL), HP University, Shimla; Lt. Col Devender Anand, Public Relations Unit, Ministry of Defence, Jammu; Prof. Ajay Kumar Attri, Department of Education, HP University, Shimla; Raj Pawan, Principal, Aatmsukh Bhagat Singh Group of Institutions, Punjab; Prof. J.N. Balia, HOD, Department of Educational Studies, Central University, Jammu; Dr. Suman Charak, Associate Professor, HoD, English Dept., Padam Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar; Dr. Vikram Gulati,

Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson, MIER Group of Institutions. The awardees also released the College Newsletter-Prerna and launched the Alumni Association of the college.

The sponsorship for the mega event was provided by HDFC Bank, Avaya and Peoplink, Print & Copy Centre, Fortofino - De Beers Forevermark Diamonds, Pallavi Global, Airtel, Bhatiasons, Barista and Pans & Pots.

The event was streamed live on Social media to cater to a larger audience and alumni who could not attend the event. The programme was compered by Manju Vali, Incharge of the Co-curricular Committee, Model Academy.