

Sprawling Buds students participate in trekking

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JAMMU: As part of their one-day trekking programme, third group of , Tawi Trekkers J&K involving 125 students of Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, Jammu successfully trek from Kattal Batal (Nagrota) to Aitham (seven kms short of Surinsar) via Bhaid Devta.

Six teachers of the school including, Shalhu Bhat, Neha Sharma, Geetanjali Gupta, Palak Lakhanpal, Deepati Abrol and Nikpas Singh also accompanied the group besides the president of the Club, Ram Khajuria, international climber Shilpa Charak and senior members Sonam Sidharth and Sumil Chakharia.

"After a good breakfast at Kattal Batal the budding young trekkers who were on their maiden trek enjoyed the soft three kms trek from Kattal Batal to Bhaid Devta and then were enchanted to witness the spectacular beauty of the further four kms gentle ascent amidst the charming pines leading to Aitham village. During the trek the trekkers whose average age was 13 years were also thrilled to see peacocks in their natural habitat in the jungle," informed Ram



Trekkers posing for a group photo at mid-point of the trek from Bhaid Devta to Aitham.

Khajuria. The trekkers after having Lunch at Aitham View point proceeded to Surinsar lake and had a round of the beautiful lake to see the aquatic life. It is pertinent to mention here that students taking part in this programme besides being explained the benefits of such treks are also taught to respect the environment and not create a clutter of left over in the jungles enroute. Accordingly, they are advised to keep the trekking trail neat and clean by not throwing any wrappers of toffees, biscuits, Juice etc, which are issued to them as 'enroute pack' during the trek. "Participants are

required to keep all such waste material with them and deposit the same with the leader at the conclusion of the trek. The results have been excellent. Even after about 250 persons undertaking the trek so far the trail from Kattal Batal to Aitham has become more beautiful than before. It is devoid of any wrappers or other waste material," informed Khajuria. Meanwhile, the next group of about 100 students is ready to undertake the trek on 13 th December, 2022.

AKWS organises medical camp at Trimurti Mandir

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Modi Govt combating terrorism with iron hands, KPs' security top priority: Danish

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JAMMU: The BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi is fighting terrorism with iron hands and ensuring security to Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) and all others in the Valley is top on agenda.

This was stated by Danish Mishra, BJP leader countering the statement of PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti, who accused the BJP Government of exploiting the pain and suffering of KPs and alleged that the Government had failed to protect the minority community in Kashmir.

In a retort to former chief minister, Danish Mishra said that the Government at the Centre is very much serious about safety and security of KPs and the time is not far when it would ensure safe and dignified return of all the aboriginals to their homeland as already much has been done in this direction. He said that the Modi Government is com-

bating terrorism with iron hands and that is the reason the terrorism is on its last leg in Valley.

The BJP functionary categorically said that government is not only taking care of security of KPs but all the residents of J&K have been given protection from the residual terrorism which is about to vanish from the soil of UT as already much has been achieved in this direction.

Danish however alleged that terrorism in Kashmir is the gift of Kashmiri politicians and what the KPs and other people are facing today is the result of so-called Kashmir based parties soft corner towards those who acted against the interests of country in one form or the other. He made it clear that BJP Government is resolute and sooner than later the last man involved in terrorism will either be eliminated or put behind bars as terrorism is about to die.

AIPRUF, NOPRUF demand restoration of Old Pension Scheme

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JAMMU: All India Pension Restoration United Front (AIPRUF) and National old pension Restoration United front (NOPRUF) in a joint press conference showed their unity to fight jointly for restoration of Old Pension Scheme in favour of teachers, employees and officers of UT J&K appointed after 1-1 2010 .

While talking with media persons National Convenor AIPRUF/UT President JKTA, Bhupinder Singh and UT President NOPRUF Gulzabir Daing said, "We all are one on the issue of OPS and will fight for it till the restoration of the Old pension scheme."

The leaders of AIPRUF and NOPRUF announced Joint protest on January 1, 2023 at Press Club Jammu and on 26th and 27th of December, there will be social media campaign from the offices and home to inform the employees about restoration of OPS.

On the occasion Dr Rakesh Chib President



President JKTA, Bhupinder Singh talking to reporters.

JUNTEU also said that the New Pension Scheme (NPS) is full of demerits and flaws.

NPS introduced in JKUT in January 2010 which is not at par with the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in terms of post retirement benefits, he said adding that it is not beneficial for the post retirement life of an employee. Dr Rakesh chib said that the campaign for restoration of the old pension scheme will continue until the Government scraps NPS and restores employees friendly old pension scheme. The leaders of

A I P R U F / N O P R U F appealed the employees to unite under the umbrella of AIPRUF and NOPRUF so that we can get back our right and justice with all can be delivered and asked to join the protest on 1st Jan 2023 at press Club Jammu

Those who were present in the press conference included, UT Convenor AIPRUF Tirth Singh Balwal ,Rajesh Kumar Sharma Gen.Secretary NOPRUF, Ompkar Singh Parihar Chief organisor NOPRUF, and many others.

Govt needs to focus on road safety, bloodshed on roads unacceptable: Sham Langer

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Langer, Convenor BJP Trade and Industries Cell today expressed grave concern over the loss of lives in road mishaps in J&K and sought government's active intervention to stop this bloodshed on roads.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior BJP leader said that the UT administration should come up with a comprehensive strategy to stop bloodshed on roads as already many lives have been perished in road mishaps. He complimented LG Manoj Sinha for taking the initiative in this regard asking the officers to come up with SOPs and also to streamline the process of issuing driving licenses beside enforcement of traffic laws in a strict manner.

Sham Langer said that roads in J&K have turned 'killers' as day in day out fatal accidents are reported from different

places especially the hilly terrains. He said that no alibi should be accepted by the traffic law defaulters as their little mistake can cause death and destruction. He however appreciated the LG Sinha's stance on the issue to conduct proper audit of road safety issues to get rid of this problem once and for all. He said that people should also cooperate with cops in the management of traffic and by following the rule in letter and spirit.

The senior BJP leader said that road accidents are the major cause of agony for the people in J&K because hardly there is an individual who has not felt the pain of losing a near or dear one in a road mishap. He said that the government should focus on this vital issue as deaths on roads due to negligence of drivers or commuters is unacceptable as the same are avoidable and therefore should be avoided at all costs.

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MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma inaugurating medical camp.

Dr. Ritu Sharma, Gynaecologist, Dr Roshi, Child Specialist, ENT Specialist, Dr Vikrant Sharma, Ortho Surgeon, Dr Surinder Sharma, Ortho Specialist, Dr. Rajeev Sangral and Dr. Akriti Mahajan, Dental Surgeon extended their free services in the camp and examined more than 200 patients.

Free medicines were also provided to the patients on the advice of doctors pre-

scriptions.

In the last, the President extended his thanks to the Member Parliament, doctors fraternity, executive members and other personalities of the area facilitating the society for arranging free medical camp in the vicinity of Janipur Colony.

The society further assured that it would organize more such medical camps in the surrounding areas in future.

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JAMMU: A joint meeting of various employees associations was held on Sunday at Directorate of Agriculture Jammu under the banner of Agriculture Graduate Promotee Officers Coordination Committee (AGPOCC), wherein participants urged the administration to first settle seniority and DPC of employees before proceeding for ACP. The AGPOCC is an amalgam of Promotee Agriculture Officers (Retired Promotee Agriculture Officers, In-service Promotee Agriculture Officers, NAGAGA (Association of JAEOs) and JKATA (Association of AEAs)

Speaking on the occasion, Raghuvir Singh (Ex-SMS-III) President Retiree Forum of Promotee Agriculture Officers said that we served department for welfare of farming community for last 38 years in different capacities/cadre in own pay and grade and since last two and a half decades, no DPC has been conducted which is great injustice with all Graduate Promotee Agriculture Officers. Parveen Kumar Nagar (Ex Project Officer CAD) Vice President said that a committee was constituted for settlement of seniority for Agriculture Officers by Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department in 2020 under the chairmanship of Smita Sethi, but due to transfer of officer no action has been taken on ground level.

Pradeep Sharma Ex President Gazetted Forum detailed about classification of both Direct

Recruits (DRs) and Promotee Officers(PRs) who are governed under same rules.

Rahul Sawhney President NGAGA expressed surprise that Government is considering to accord/grant of ACP (Assured Career Progression) for DRs (Direct Recruits) only without posting the ACP draft in public domain without finalizing the seniority list and depriving of ACP to Promotee Officers on the basis of misrepresentation of the facts by the vested interests which tantamount to misleading the Finance and the Administrative Department.

The officials urged the administration for finalizing of seniority and conducting long pending DPCs before granting of ACP to a handful of DRs, as ignoring scores of Promotee Officers, who are inevitable part of department, will trigger dissatisfaction among cadre.

Surinder Radotra President JKATA requested to the Govt to defer granting ACP to Direct Recruits till DPC and Seniority get finalized. He further said that the demands have been submitted to the Chief Secretary, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Agriculture Production Department, Principal Secretary GAD, and Principal Secretary Law for further necessary actions.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Bibu Ji Zutshi, Vijay Johar, R S Janwal, Vinod Kapoor, Virender Ambardar, Sanjay Dhar, Jagdeep Singh, Des Raj Barua and Virender Mansotra.

Deputy Mayor inaugurates development works at Ward-53

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria along with Swachh Bharat Committee Chairman Hardeep Mankotia, Corporator Jyoti Devi and other eminent citizens inaugurated development works at Ward-53 Trikuta Nagar on Sunday. The development works, including walking path, open gym and lights, were completed under supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation, at an estimated cost of Rs 18 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that it is Mantra of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the government should go to the doorsteps to provide basic facilities to people. "It is a pleasure to inaugurate a gym at the park. Physical fitness is essential for a healthy lifestyle, and the gym will provide people with the opportunity to stay active and healthy," said Billawaria, adding that construction of footpath is beginning of beautification of City and many



Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating development works.

such developmental works will be undertaken to make Jammu a world-class City. He also congratulated citizens of the area and hoped that they would be benefitted from such development works. He further asked people of Jammu to cooperate with JMC for making city clean and green.

Hardeep Mankotia said that development works completed due to strenuous efforts of Councilor Jyoti Devi, as she worked hard to provide all benefits to people of area. He

further said that Swachh Bharat Mission has been successful in providing a clean and hygienic environment to people and recently completed works will further help in making area cleaner and healthier.

Corporator Jyoti Devi expressed gratitude towards Deputy Mayor and Chairman SBM for attending the inauguration ceremony and said that with inauguration of the same, a long pending demand of the people has been ful-

filled. Asking people to take care of park for proper maintenance, she said that if case of any inconvenience, they can contact her. Others present on the occasion included Sham Lal, Ganesh Nagar, Jatinder Sharma, K D Sharma, Ramesh Chander, Sham Gupta, Rajinder Sharma, Gopal Krishan and R K Kokkroo.

SKJAVS Trust members present book 'Glory of Nag Devta' to Dr Sushil

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JAMMU: Head of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan (SKJAVS) Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri and Trustee of the Trust, Deepak Gupta, presented the book of glory of Nag Devta to Dr. Sushil Sharma, HOD, Department of Cardiology, Super Specialty Hospital, Jammu.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Dr. Sushil Sharma not only working to provide better health facilities to the poor people through free medical services, but also playing a big role in the expansion of health services of the J&K by making excellent contribution in the medical service.

He has been and is continuously contributing in the welfare of the society. Doctor is the form of God, Dr. Sushil is making this proverb true, he said .



SKJAVS Trust members presenting a book to Dr Sushil Sharma in Jammu.

Deepak Gupta said that the dynamics of the health sector in the country is changing rapidly and under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister, the government is working with all the stakeholders to maintain the affordability, availability, accessibility and quality of health services by building long

term synergy working towards creating a holistic health ecosystem.

"We salute the selfless service of Dr. Sushil Sharma," he said.

Dr Vivak M Arya said that Dr Sharma is carrying the legacy of his family and he is proving himself to be a messiah for the needful.

'Aracot Construction' showroom inaugurated at Bari Brahmana



Former Minister, Mian Altaf Ahmed inaugurating an outlet.

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JAMMU: A showroom of tiles, Hardware, Kitchen Appliances and sanitary products under the name and style of "Aracot Construction" was opened on Sunday at NH-44, Sarore Adda, Bari Brahmana, here.

The opening ceremony was done by Mian Altaf Ahmed, former Minister and prominent among others present include Vikram Randhawa (former MLC), Saleem Alam, Amit Sharma (Mining Secretary, J&K Govt). Aracot

Construction deals in the products of reputed Companies Viz Sanitary Kohler, Hindware, Tiles Simpulo, Somany, bronze7 and In Hardware - Hettich, KMI, In Hindware appliances, Dorset and Berger. Owners of the showroom, Mehboob Alam and Moovin Alam have the passion of delivering quality products at affordable price.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by thousands of people and Aracot is also running some exclusive offers for the new customers. It's believed that Aracot Construction is going to be the game changer in the aforesaid category.

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RAJOURI: District Rajouri Athletics Association on Sunday organised the District Rajouri Championship at Sports Stadium, here under the aegis of Athletics Association of J&K. In this day-long event, president District Rajouri Athletics Association, Prof. A R Choudhary was the chief guest and Physical Director, GDC Rajouri, Tanwir Choudhary was guest of honour.

The technical panel for the championship was led by Sahil Raina and comprised Mohd Maqbool Lone, Ketan Bakshi, Rohina Akhter, Mohd Mustafa, Mohd Showket and Gorav Sharma.



Medal winners posing for a photograph with officials.

The Results (open category): 100 mts: Fayaz Ali, Ist; Chenu Heer, 2nd and Sahil Kumar, 3rd. 200 mts: Madhav Sharma, Ist; Sajid Iqbal, 2nd and Wasat Khan, 3rd. 400 mts: Madhav Sharma, Ist; Fayaz Ali, 2nd and Sarfraz Ahmad, 3rd. 1500 mts: Parvaiz Musharaf,

Ist; Mohd Yaseen, 2nd and Sajjad Hussain, 3rd.

UNDER-16: BOYS: 80 mts: Aditya Sharma, Ist; Akshay Kumar, 2nd and Anubhav Sharma, 3rd. 600 mts: Mohd Shaqil, Ist; Mohd Asif, 2nd and Mohd Sagir, 3rd. GIRLS: 80 mts: Udit Singh, Ist; Kermica Saraf,

2nd and Palvi Sharma, 3rd.

UNDER-14: BOYS: 60 kg: Piyush Kumar, Ist; Mohd Irfan, 2nd and Mubashir Ali, 3rd. 600 mts: Partap Singh, Ist; Rohit Kumar, 2nd and Sobit Khajuria, 3rd. GIRLS: 60 mts: Janvi Partap Singh, Ist; Ultra Singh, 2nd and Akshara Sharma, 3rd.

Revival of Old Pension Scheme, release of DPC list & District Body reconstituted: RSM

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JAMMU: Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh on Sunday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Rattan Sharma, General Secretary, J&K UT. The meeting was presided over by Pawan Sharma, Media Seh Prabhari, J&K UT RSM.

Threadbare discussions were held on the functioning of overall education scenario prevailing where despite the lapse of years together no DPC is being held and only assurances on this pretext was made by DSE Jammu which was highly condemnable. Secondly revival of Old Pension Scheme is taken vigorously and thirdly discussions regarding the District Jammu Body convention on 29th December was thoroughly examined and later on a new body for District Jammu of Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh was reconstituted.

Jasmeet Singh Madaan has been nominated as President, whereas Naresh Manhas has been designated as Senior Vice President, Ved Sharma and Rajinder Singh Jamwal as Vice Presidents, Rahul Sharma as General Secretary, Tarseem Lal, Vikrant and Hardeep Singh as Secretaries, Hans Raj as Executive Advisor, Purshotam as Media Prabhari, Rakesh Sharma as Joint Secretary, Kuldeep Chander, Rajesh Kumar and Amrik Choudhary as Executive Members.

Others who were present in the meeting included Rakesh Sharma as State Executive Member.