

APS Damana organises Annual Day function 'Sham-e-Ghazal'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Damana organised the Phase-I of Annual Day Function under the theme 'Sham-e-Ghazal'-an evening soaked in the beauty of Ghazals in the school auditorium wherein the school students mesmerized the audience with mellifluous performances.

Brig R.N Tewari, Chairman APS Damana was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Bhavna Tewari, Chairperson FWO Chenab Brigade was the Guest of Honour.

Other dignitaries present were Principals of APSs Cluster- I, COs of Brigade Units and parents who have graced the occasion with their benign presence.

The programme commenced with the welcome of the guests followed by the lighting of the Ceremonial lamp by the



Students presenting a Ghazal during annual day function at APS Damana.

Chief Guest Brig. R N Tewari, Guest of Honour Mrs. Bhavna Tewari and other eminent dignitaries accompanied by Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana and Shailu Kapoor, Vice Principal of the school.

The programme began with the Ghazal by Harkrishan Singh, PRT Music. It was followed by an enthralling performance by Umika Sharma (X).

The young budding artists started exhibiting

their melodious Ghazals.

The niche audience was enthralled by the soulful performance by Jagbhushan Bakshi, TGT Music.

Another limelight of the concert was the 'Instrumental Jugalbandi' presented by Harkrishan Singh accompanied by Tabla artist Master Amitoj Singh (XII), who could adequately catch listeners' imagination during the concert.

The Chief Guest appreci-

ated the students for presenting soulful symphony gleaming with the feelings of pure bliss. Moreover, he also applauded the efforts of the school for organising such events that rejuvenate the soul.

Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana appreciated the students for their meticulous performance and also motivated them to make more conscious efforts to achieve better results in their future endeavours.

International Science Festival to be held in Bhopal, StartUps in focus: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday announced that India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022 will be held in Bhopal in January 2023 and incidentally, it is one of the first major events to be held after India took over G-20 Presidency.

Some of the Indian StartUps with brilliant success stories will also be in focus, he said.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra said, in the last over 8 years under the Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, scientific breakthroughs have reached from the lab to the land, indeed every household while applications of science have been used to bring "Ease of Living" for the common man.

Dr Jitendra also called for more and more Agri-tech Startups and StartUps in newer areas with Indian sci-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a press conference at Media Centre, New Delhi on Monday.

nature. He said, even non-science StartUps with new ideas and innovations are welcome.

Dwelling on the subject of IISF, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is a festival to celebrate the achievements of India's scientific and technological advancements with students, innovators, craftsmen, farmers, scientists and technocrats from India and abroad.

He said, it also provides opportunities to people and

scientific fraternity in the country and abroad to come together, work together and experience the joy of doing science for the wellbeing of India and humanity.

The Minister suggested to the organizers to set up a Mentor's Desk at the IISF to guide the students as well as parents about potential innovative initiatives.

Dr Jitendra informed that there will be fourteen events organized during these four days which will be running

parallel with the participation of more than 8,000 delegates from across the country.

Guinness Book of World Records will remain the part of IISF-2022 to attain newer feats. Young students, our budding scientists, will gather to create Guinness World Records as they gear up for the simultaneous assembly of prototype models and demonstrate workable models, sending a message of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

SKJAVS Trust to hold lecture on Sanskrit today



SKJAVS Trust members addressing a press conference.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A lecture on Devvani Sanskrit will be held on December 13 at Baba Jitto Bhawan, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu, whereon 'Kailakh Sanskrit Ratna Puraskar' will also be distributed along with

launch of Mobile Gurukul, by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Atal Peethadhiswar Acharya Mahamandaleswar Swami Vishwatma Nand Saraswati.

It was stated by informed by Rohit Shastri, Head, Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avem

Vedic Sanathan (SKJAVS) Trust, during a press conference in Jammu.

He further said that main objective of the programme will be to take Sanskrit to every village, town and city for its promotion on the occasion of the birth centenary of Late Dr Uttam Chand Pathak Shastri, a scholar. Deepak Gupta said that a few days back, Jammu Ware House Nehru Market was made a Sanskrit market.

"Such events boost the morale of Sanskrit lovers and encourage them to stay united and work for protection of culture and moral values," he added. Parbodh Sharma was also present on the present.

Parbhari Sandeep holds review meeting regarding B2V-4 at Kotmaira



Parbhari Sandeep Sharma, HDO Panchayat Kotmaira chairing a review meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Parbhari Sandeep Sharma, HDO Panchayat Kotmaira conducted review meeting at Panchayat Ghar Kotmaira Lower.

During the meeting the various issues which were put forward by the villagers of the Panchayat during B2V-4 Programme were discussed.

The Visiting Officer takes feedback from various departments as well as from the local public about the progress of various issues put forward by

the people. He informed the public that the purpose of this programme is to monitor the progress of different works undertaken in the Panchayat and to redress the problems which the villagers are facing.

Members of the village Panchayat including Sarpanch, Panch and representatives of different departments namely, PIIE, Irrigation, Social Welfare, PDD, Revenue, Health etc from Tehsil Khour were present in the programme.

Dy Mayor visits GMC Jammu, takes stock of working

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria visited Government Medical College Jammu (GMCJ) on Thursday and interacted with faculty, nursing staff, students and other persons. He also visited various departments of the institution and was briefed about the working of the hospital. He was accompanied by Chairman Public Health and Sanitation Raj Kumar Tarkhan, Deputy Superintendent Bharat Bhushan and other medical staff of GMC. Deputy Mayor Jammu said that it was his first visit to GMC and he was impressed with facilities and services being provided to the patients. He lauded the efforts of medical staff and the students for their hard work and dedication. He also appreciated the efforts of the faculty and staff in providing quality healthcare services to the



Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria during visit to GMC Jammu.

patients. Deputy Mayor Jammu said that he will ensure that the college receives all the necessary facilities and resources to ensure that it provides the best medical care to the people of Jammu. He further assured the college authorities of his full support in all their endeavors. Deputy Mayor also listened to problems of hospital administration, including requirement of cleanliness outside GMC. Billawaria assured that sanitation drive would be conducted twice a month in outer premises of Hospital.

Deputy Mayor also told administration that JMC will make arrangements for the stay of the patients who come without any attendant and recover after treatment in their shelter home, so that other patients can get beds. Deputy Mayor Jammu also assured that he will work with administration to ensure that public gets best possible service.

EPFO to organise 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's (EPFO) regional office has taken an initiative for all EPFO members to resolve all pending issues. The initiative, named 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' and 'Pension Adalat' will be organised on December 13 from 10.30 AM onwards at EPFO Regional Office, Railway Road, Jammu. Rizwan Uddin, Regional PF Commissioner-I will personally hear the grievances/issues of all stakeholders. All the stakeholders are invited to attend the aforesaid programme for quick disposal of their grievances and/or to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO.

VAC Modules Workshop initiated at JU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai has started a series of five-day workshop modules of Value Added Courses. The first module 'Employability Skills for Being Future Ready' began on Monday with over 50 participating students from the Department of Zoology and that of Statistics. In the inaugural session, Prof. Seema Langer, Dean Faculty of Science and Head, Department of Zoology emphasized the need for such workshops for University students under immense academic and competitive pressure.

Prof. Alka Sharma Convener, UESDC spoke of the initiative to run these modules throughout the year to ensure that these sessions benefit all the students of Jammu University.

She appraised the gathering that such value added courses give an edge to the students in their employability profile. Dr. Garima Gupta, Coordinator (Module I) presented the vote of thanks and Dr. Sarabjit Kour, teacher-in-charge, Department of Zoology conducted the proceedings. Dr. Anil Gupta Associate Professor SHTM, conducted the first session with the students. Swati Basotra, a freelance consultant at IIT Jammu was the resource person for the day.

Hastashilpi 'Silk India-2022' expo begins at Kala Kendra

Displays top Indian bridal wears this wedding season

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 'Silk India-2022' expo, organised by Hastashilpi at Kala Kendra, BIKRAM CHOWK, JAMMU, is open to the public between 10.30 AM and 8.30 PM from December 11, 2022 till January 1, 2023. "Various Silk Saree Weavers, Handloom Clusters and Silk Co-operative Societies will be showcasing their products in the exposition. The intention of organising this exhibition is to make accessible the products directly to customers, without the mediator to the weavers and artisans," said Hastashilpi Organiser T. Abhinand. "Jaipur Handblock print, Modal silk hand block print, Mashru silk, Ajrak hand block print, Malkotan, Kota Doria, Maheshwari silk, Kashmir woolen stall, bed cover



Customers visiting silk exhibition at Jammu.

and Jaipuri quilt, Kanjiwarum silk Saree for bridal, Bengal handloom item, Kantha, Baluchari, hand printed Saree, pure silk besides many more products from across the country will be available in this silk expo," he said adding that Kanjiwarum silk sarees of price approx Rupees 2 lakh for bridal are the main attraction for the

customers in the exhibition during wedding season. "Organic Tassar Silk Sarees, Suit & Stoles of Bihar, Crepe Silk,orgette Silk, Arini Silk of Karnataka, Kanjeevaram Silk Sarees Andhra Pradesh of Tamil Nadu, Dharmavara, Uppada, Gadwal, Mangalagiri & Pochampalli Sarees of Andhra Pradesh, Lucknowi

Chikan, Mulbari Silk, Jamdani, Jamawar & Chiffon Silk of Uttar Pradesh, Paithani Sarees & Designer Dress materials of Maharashtra, Patiala Dress materials of Punjab, Sambalpuri, Ikkat, Bomkai Sarees, Handloom Silk Cotton of Orissa, exclusive Raw Silk Saris, Kosa Silk, Tassar Suit & Dupatta of Chhattisgarh, Maheswari, Chanderi Silk Sarees & Suit of Madhya Pradesh, Baluchari, Gicha Sarees, Boutique Saris, Kantha Sarees, Zordoshi of West Bengal, Muga & Eri Silk Sarees of Assam, Chimon Silk, Tady Silk, Printed Sarees & Pashmina Shawls & Suit of Jammu & Kashmir will also be available in expo," T. Abhinand said adding that small amusement for kids also attracting the customers.

JKSAC seeks de-freezing of DPs' eight assembly seats

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to consider de-freezing of DPs share of eight assembly seats in the ensuing Parliament session to allow them to represent aspirations of people besides ending subjugation of Jammu region. Terming it as most appropriate time for the same, participants also appealed to Union MoS Dr Jitendra Singh, LG Manoj K Sinha, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and other senior high profile leaders of BJP to impress upon the Union Government to present a bill in this regard.

While addressing DPs, Gurdev Singh President along with Capt Puran Singh, Bhagwan Singh, Joginder Lal and Dwarka Nath Khajuria said that as appearing in print media, the Union Government is likely to present a bill in parliament to provide nomination

to Kashmiri migrants as per recommendations of Delimitation Commission. He apprised the members that it is also expected that Central Government may also consider nomination of two seats for DPs of 1947 from PoJK as per suggestions made by Delimitation Commission. He said that it is the appropriate time for Government to present a bill in the Parliament to deliver long awaited justice to DPs, who are claiming since decades for their legitimate rights to represent their people's aspirations. He further apprised participants that JKSAC has been struggling for these legitimate constitutional rights since 1967, but unfortunately having no political support; DPs' voice was always crushed. He further urged Union Government to consider their legitimate constitutional right of representation as the same has already been recommended by JPC on Home affairs in Report No. 183 besides other issues.

'Mayor JMC setting example for Councilors by dedicated working'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Chairman Social Justice Committee and Councilor Ward-12 Jeet Kumar Angral and Councilor Ward-69 Gurmeet Kour Randhawa held a joint press conference in Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Angral said that Mayor has laid a red carpet in his office for common people including councilors and presidents of different organizations and it is the result of far sightedness approach that so far around 250 delegations have met him. "Mayor is available in his office from 9 AM to 11 PM setting an example for other Councilors and officials," he added. He directed the officials of JMC to work with Councilors and take cognizance of any public grievances related to sanitation, enforcement etc and same should be resolved within fixed time frame. "Mayor achieved many accomplishments in this small time like regularization of 600 casual labourers of JMC, Removal of paid parking

at Super Specialty Hospital. Under 'Mera Sheher Sundar Banega', Mayor, Chairman Swachh Bharat Committee and councilors visited Bhubaneswar City to learn and understand Solid waste management system to implement it in our own Jammu city to get rid of waste and make it more beautiful and work on this project has been started. He also took out a march to spread awareness regarding corruption under 'Brashtachar Mukh Bharat' slogan, which was attended by more than 6000 people including Chairmen of Standing committees, Councilors, Chamber of Commerce, Trade organizations, Market associations, students of universities, colleges, schools and people from different communities. He also listened to the demand of street vendors and have given directions to Commissioner, JMC that a roster be made and licenses is to be issued to the street vendors within their wards so that they don't face any issues when Rehri zones

are established under smart city and there is no interference in their livelihood. On the behest of Mayor, General House meeting Hall is being renovated by the directions. Also the date and time of general house meeting has been fixed twice a month for two days and this month it will be held on December 16 & 17. Gurmeet Kour expressed gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Central Government and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, for organizing the programmes like Jan Abhiyan, My Town My Pride. "In these programs clusters were formed in wards of Officers/officials from different departments. In these camps birth certificates and adhaar card registrations were done on the spot. Meetings of main executive body were held involving general public in which issues were heard and discussed. Cycles were distributed through Social Welfare Department and Cheques, keys were distributed to beneficiaries under PMAY scheme.

Strengthening grassroot democracy will fetch political empowerment to J&K people: Bukhari

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Monday said that only a strong democratic system at the grassroots level will fetch political and economic empowerment to J&K people.

He was addressing a largely attended public rally in the Hajin area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district, wherein he received a warm welcome from the people and his party workers on his arrival at the venue.

According to a press note issued here, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari extended his gratitude to the Hajin people for electing Apni Party backed candidate Naza Begum in recently held DDC polls. He also greeted Naza Begum for her win.

While addressing the gathering, Apni Party President emphasized on strengthening the grassroots democracy and said, "Democracy entitles people to choose their own representative to place them at the helm of affairs. Apni Party will keep striving to ensure that

J&K has a strong democratic system required for the people's political and economic empowerment."

He added, "During the past 75 years, J&K has mostly been ruled by political families, who weakened our democratic system and disempowered people for their political gains. These political families have always exploited the masses through emotional slogans and fake promises."

"But need sustained peace, social justice, and strong democratic institutions here so that we can explore our potential fully," He added.

On this occasion, Intiyaz Paray and Noor Mohammad Bhat also addressed the rally. The other top leaders and prominent workers who were present at the venue included DDC Naza Begum, Sona Ullah Niyaz, Noor Mohammad Bhat, Gul Mohammad, Abdul Ahad Lone, DDC Ghulam Mohiuddin, Abdul Ahad Mallah, Khurshid Ahmad Ganaie, Ghulam Hassan Lone, Wasif Mir, and others.