

## Raj Bhawan bids farewell to outgoing officers



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha according farewell to Addl Secys Jagdish Singh and Pankaj Bhagotra and Deputy Secretary Ankush Hans.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the staff and officers of the Raj Bhawan on Thursday accorded a warm farewell to the outgoing Additional Secretaries Jagdish Singh

and Pankaj Bhagotra and Deputy Secretary Ankush Hans. In a ceremony at the Raj Bhawan, the Lt Governor felicitated the officers with a memento and expressed his appreciation of the sincere devotion

with which the outgoing officers performed their duties. He wished them good health, prosperity, and success in future. The function was attended by all the officers in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

## DSRS JU participates in G-20 - A Primer Programme

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu participated in the "G20 - A Primer" programme under "University Connect Initiative" organized by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) New Delhi with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on the occasion of India's take over of the year-long G20 presidency officially on Thursday which will continue till 30 November 2023. In the seminar hall of the Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), the program was attended by Dr. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, Prof. Dipankar Sengupta, Director Poonch Campus and eminent professor of economics, Dr. Mohammad Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, and research scholars of the department.



DSRS, JU faculty at 'G20 - A Primer' programme.

crystallized in the ancient Sanskrit ethos as "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." For India, the G20 Presidency marks the beginning of "Amritkaal", the 25-year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence on 15 August 2022, leading up to the centenary of its independence, towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, distinguished by a human-centric approach at its core.

India sees its G20 presidency as a catalyst of change and global transformation, in a world stricken by multi-

dimensional crises such as food and energy security, which has been accentuated by geopolitical tensions. With the world mired in conflicts, jeopardising lives of ordinary people, India will harness its G20 presidency to forge constructive and consensus-based solutions to a host of challenges such as reviving global growth, stronger climate action and robust global health architecture.

Going forward, the G20 is an opportunity to showcase India, the 'Mother of Democracy,' in all its glory and diversity as it scales new heights of excellence in just

## Sarpanch, BJP leader join Shiv Sena

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP leader and Sarpanch from district Anantnag of Kashmir Valley joined Shiv Sena along with dozens of his supporters.

BJP leader and Sarpanch Mohammad Ashraf from Pahalgam, impressed by the policies and ideas of Shiv Sena joined hand with dozens of his supporters. Party State Chief Manish Sahni welcomed new entrants with party sign and Shiv Bandhan.

They were administered an oath to raise their voice on public issues along with serving the nation and society. General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Shashilal were present on the occasion.

## Development works launched to improve overall condition of neglected areas: Randhawa

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Several development works have been launched to improve the overall condition of lanes and drains, link roads and other amenities in neglected areas.

This was informed by former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa while kick-starting the black-topping work of road in Bhour Camp Ward Number 1 of RS Rura Jammu South Assembly segment. On the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Baldev Singh Billawaria, Councillor Dr Youdhvir Singh, Ex Sarpanch and Mandal President Vijay Sharma, Bharat Sharma, Inder Khajuria, Sanhet Sharma, BR Sharma, Amrik Singh, Gurdal Singh, Ramesh



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa starting blacktopping work.

Kumar and many others were present. Speaking on the occasion, the former Legislator said that with the blacktopping of the road, the people will get respite from the problems being faced by them, particularly in the rainy season.

He also interacted with the locals and listened to area's developmental issues. He

asked locals to identify developmental needs of their area so that the works can be enlisted for execution by the concerned departments on priority.

He said that regular monitoring is also being done to ensure no lapses. He also stressed upon locals to avail benefits under various flagship welfare schemes and programmes

launched by the central government.

Former MLC Vikram Randhawa further said that several projects are underway to provide all basic amenities including better connectivity, safe drinking water, better sanitation to the people.

While speaking, Deputy Mayor assured that all pending development works in the area and other development works of the area would be fulfilled in a phase manner.

Councillor Dr Youdhvir Singh exhorted upon the concerned departments for proper utilization of resources and strict adherence to quality norms. He stressed for strict vigil by the inhabitants to cross check the quality of material being used during the execution of developmental works in their area.

## Government Nursing College Gandhi Nagar observes World AIDS Day



Dignitaries watching posters made by students.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: B Sc Nursing 1st year students of Government Nursing College Gandhi Nagar on Thursday observed World AIDS Day under the guidance of Poonam Paul Assistant Professor with the theme 'Equalize' which means we all have to boldly recognize and address the inequalities which are holding back progress in ending

HIV services particularly for children and key populations and their partners.

The Poster making Competition was organized by students and it was judged by officials of J&K AIDS Control Society, HM&E Department. The first prize was bagged by Priya, second prize by Akarsha and third prize was received by Haramrit of Nursing

College Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Poonam Paul said that Division, Disparity and disregard for human rights are among the failures that allowed HIV to become and remain a global health crisis. She also added that we have to stand together to fight with this major public health issue.

Dr. Samir Mattoo, Project Director, J&K AIDS Control Society, HM&E Department, Dr. Manu Bhatnagar Additional CMO/Incharge CST, Dr. Tabasum Jabeen, Deputy Director (BSD), J&K AIDS Control Society, HM&E Department, Dr. Monika Wali, MO / I/c IEC, J&K AIDS Control Society, HM&E Department and other official members attended the event and appreciate the efforts of students.

## Little Flower School conducts AIDS awareness rally



Students of Little Flower HSS taking out awareness rally.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Emphasizing on the fact that citizens and the youth have a collective responsibility towards increasing awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention, students of Little Flower Higher Secondary School, took out a rally at Sainik Colony on Thursday to mark "World AIDS Day".

Kunsum Rattanpal, Principal of the School, flagged off the rally at the School Sports ground in which participants held placards that called for united struggle to create awareness among people to

prevent AIDS. The participants were wearing red ribbons, the global symbol for solidarity with HIV-positive people and those living with AIDS. The event was organized on the theme "Equalize". The placards stated "Leave love for generations, not AIDS", "Open your eyes, before AIDS closes it" and many more. Kunsum Rattanpal said that organizing rally and events on this eve provides an opportunity for people to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. She also elaborated about various precautionary measures to prevent the dreaded disease from spreading. She also appreciated the efforts of teachers and students for organizing the event.

## BJP moving-ahead with agenda of overall development: Yudhvir

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi along with Advocate Nidhi Mangotra, Councillor Ward 17 on Thursday started development work of a deep drain at Amphalla here. The development was initiated with an estimated cost of Rs 11 lakh in presence of Raman Sharma, Mandal President Amphalla, Ishant Mahajan, District President Yuva Moreha, Davinder, Snarty, Rahul and Rocky, Balwan Singh, Ex. Councillor of Ward No 17, Onkar, Yuva Moreha team and senior citizens of the Ward. While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that moving ahead with the agenda of overall development of every nook and corner across the nation the party cadre is contributing in this direction at the grass roots level to augment the movement started by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led Government to transform the canvass of the world's largest democracy.

## JAC calls on Ghulam Nabi Azad, seeks withdrawal of J&K University Bill

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Joint Action Committee (JAC) constituted against J&K Public University Bill - 2022, comprising Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology - Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ), Jammu University Teachers' Association (JUTA), SSTA SKUAST-Kashmir, Non-Teaching Associations of Jammu University and SKUAST-Jammu called on former Chief Minister J&K & Member of Parliament, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday and submitted a memorandum seeking withdrawal of J&K Public University Bill-2022.

Speaking on the occasion, President SKUAST-TAJ Dr Vikas Sharma said that in provision 13 of Bill, the position of Pro-Chancellor has been removed. In the existing Acts, the Chief-Minister is Pro-Chancellor while Governor is the Chancellor, which maintains a balance between the legislative and the executive in working of



JAC delegation members presenting memorandum to DAP Chairman, Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Universities. He added that such acts of dilution of University governing bodies and interference into academic / research domains of the varsities will affect the overall growth and functioning of apex academic institutions.

President JUTA Professor Pankaj Srivastava informed Azad that the provision 49 of the bill reads that all the teachers will be considered as public servants, which is contrary to the existing rules.

The JAC members further stated that if cleared, the bill will erase the individual identities of the existing Universities of J&K as many provisions of the

bill are retrogressive in nature and against academic freedom of Universities.

Ghulam Nabi Azad, after giving a patient hearing to delegation, assured that he will make every necessary effort for withdrawal of this anti-varsity bill. Others present on the occasion included Dr Ravinder Singh General Secretary JUTA, Dr Rakesh Chib President JUNTEU, Abhinav Sharma, Amit Raina, Ram Singh and Varun Dubey.

## Jammu Editors Guild expresses grief over demise of Syed Shabir Hussain Shah



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu Editor Guilds has expressed profound grief and sorrow over the demise of prominent social figure Syed Shabir Hussain Shah, resident of Gonthal, Surankote in Poonch.

In condolence message, speakers said that they were deeply saddened at the demise of Syed Shabir Hussain Shah, father of Syed Iqbal Hussain Kazmi, Chief Editor Daily Udaan, Urdu News Paper. They expressed sympathy with Syed Iqbal Hussain Kazmi and his family members and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul of Syed Shabir Hussain Shah and courage to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Meanwhile, all the office bearers and members of Editor Guild Jammu have expressed their sympathy with the bereaved family members. Shah passed away at the residence of his son Syed Iqbal Hussain Kazmi in Bathindi in Jammu on November 30, 2022 following prolonged illness and his funeral prayer held at native graveyard Pamrore.

## GCW Bhagwati Nagar signs MoU for adoption of SOS Village, Gole Gujral



GCW Bhagwati Nagar faculty and students at SOS Village.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: GCW Bhagwati Nagar on Thursday organised a visit to SOS Village located in Gole Gujral. This activity was organised by the Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with the

NSS Unit of the college under the guidance of Principal of the college, Dr. Meeru Abrol. Students and faculty members of GCW Bhagwati Nagar distributed stationary, eatables etc. to the stu-

dents of the SOS Village.

An MOU/Agreement was signed between SOS Village Gole Gujral, Jammu and GCW Bhagwati Nagar, whereby, the SOS Village has been adopted by the college. The Agreement was signed by Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol and Mohd Ali Jinnu, Village Director in the presence of Dr. Pavanjeet Bali and Prof. Anju Bala from GCW Bhagwati Nagar and Kamala Kanta Tripathy from SOS Village.

This collaboration will provide support for Education and holistic development of the children from the SOS Village.

## 'ABVP passed five resolutions in recently concluded National Conference'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The National Conference of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) is an annual programme, which provides vision and mission for working of ABVP in the upcoming year. The 68th National Conference was held at Jaipur, Rajasthan from November 25 - 27.

As per a press statement issued here, "About 1,485 students from across length and breadth of India and delegates from neighboring countries and 32 delegates from J&K participated in the National Conference and took part in discussion on various current social, security and educational issues."

ABVP National Secretary Ghulam Mustafa



ABVP J&K members talking to reporters.

Ali informed that five resolutions were passed in the conference. In the first resolution, ABVP demanded that as required for implementation of the National Education Policy, special drives must be undertaken for training, recruitment and creation of new posts of teachers. In second resolution ABVP welcomed initiative of launching med-

ical science textbook in Hindi & engineering textbook in Marathi, Oriya, Gujarati, Kannada to fulfill vision of 'India-Centric education to Indians'. In third resolution ABVP demand that UGC and CSIR must streamline its process of conducting NET exams twice a year. In fourth resolution ABVP welcomed ban on PFI and

urged that there is an urgent need to keep an eye out for activities of individuals associated with PFI to prevent reconstitution of any such organisation in future. In fifth resolution ABVP welcomed India's taking over Presidency of G20 and appealed for significant and effective participation of Indians in G20. The ABVP also condemned Govt's decision enhance service duration of university professors from 62 to 65 years, as same is totally unacceptable and demanded immediate withdrawal of decision. ABVP State Secretary Akshi Billowria, State Joint Secretary Chahat Anand and Jammu Mahanagar Secretary, Hari Om Sharma were also present on the occasion.