

Anirudh Sawhney meets AICC Secretary Krishna Allavaru

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JAMMU: After recently being appointed as Media Coordinator JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney, along with IYC General Secretary Jagdev Gagga, PYC President Uday Bhanu Chib, IYC Secretaries Navneet Kaur & Aijaaz Choudhary, Jt. Secretary IYC Manpreet Singh Mani and JKPYC General Secretary Divyansh Jamwal met with Krishna Allvaru Secretary InCharge IYC to discuss issues regarding media and youth activity in Jammu Kashmir.

The Youth Congress leaders deliberated upon various burning issues concerning the youth of Jammu Kashmir today including unemployment, inflation, among other issues, and chalk out a strategy for mobilization of the youth with the Congress party against these injustices.

In the meeting, JKPYC leaders discussed that more and more youth should be encouraged for political participation. Youth Congress



Media Coordinator JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney calling on Krishna Allvaru Secretary InCharge IYC.

has geared up to take on the BJP, as a lot of today's problems are a direct consequence of their neglect of Jammu Kashmir, it was stated in the meeting.

The newly appointed Media Coordinator for J&K Anirudh Sawhney said that media is the most important medium to spread awareness on the degrading socio-economic conditions of Jammu and Kashmir because of the incompetency of the BJP government. As directed by IYC and PYC leadership, we will strive

towards more mobilization of youth by strengthening our media campaigns and focussing on mass awareness, he said.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and devise a plan to bolster the Youth Congress's approach and take up more Youth issues at the national podium. In the meeting, it was said that as many issues of the youth are being neglected, Jammu Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress is continually working to throw light on the real picture of the young

people who are suffering due to unprecedented unemployment rates here in Jammu Kashmir.

They are extremely disappointed in the government and government is playing with government jobs as well, despite the fact that there is already a dearth in private jobs. Recruitment seams have also become commonplace in J&K today, and it is becoming very difficult for the young people, they said.

During the meeting, Anirudh Sawhney was welcomed in his new position and directed to work towards these goals. Anirudh Sawhney thanked Krishna Allvaru, Jagdev Gagga, Navneet Kaur and Uday Bhanu Chib for the opportunity. It was also decided in the meeting that the Youth Congress will increase their efforts in bringing light to youth issues and augment youth activity in Jammu Kashmir, through media campaigns, awareness campaigns and outreach programs.

3- Day 30th Annual Conference of AERA concludes at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: The three day regional conference on "Institutional Changes for Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural Development" concluded on Friday at SKUAST-Jammu. The conference was organized by SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with Agricultural Economics Research Association, New Delhi. Speaking during the valedictory session of the conference Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University during his address as Chief Guest stressed that focus should be to transform conventional agriculture into agri-business enterprise with emphasis on value addition and processing to overcome various challenges of Agriculture and allied sectors.

Surplus management through post-harvest processing and value addition with proper branding and marketing is the key for development of the Agriculture sector. Dr Sharma also stressed upon maintaining and uplifting farmers' self pride and dignity. Prof Sharma emphasized that



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma presenting memento to a dignitary.

the recommendation of the conference shall be beneficial for the policy makers for developing a road map of holistic development in Agriculture and allied sectors. Prof. P. K. Joshi, Chaird the Awardee Session wherein Young Agricultural Economist Awardee and Uma Lele Mentorship Awardee made presentations. Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, Director (P&M) and Head AEABM spoke about innovation and role of agri-startups to meet the challenges in agriculture and allied sectors. Dr. Anjani Kumar SRF, IFPRI presented conference proceedings. During the session awards were also distributed for Best Poster Presentations.

Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Organizing Secretary of the conference was also felicitated by the AERA for successfully organizing the conference. At the outset, Dr. Anil Bhat, Assistant Professor, AEABM welcomed all the dignitaries and guests. More than 300 delegates including members of the scientific community and students participated in the conference. Eight technical sessions were held for oral presentation

tations and ninety posters were presented which were critically evaluated by the chairman and Co-chairman of the respective session for selection of best among each session. Delegates experts from NIAP, IFPRI, PAU, Ludhiana, HAU, Hisar, HPKV Palampur, Dr YSPUH&F Solan, IARI, Central Universities, SKUAST Jammu, SKUAST Kashmir and other national institutes participated in the conference.

Statutory officers of the University, Head of the various divisions, Scientist, staff members, students delegates across the country and media personnel were also present during the valedictory session.

Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Organizing Secretary of the conference. Proceedings of the session were conducted by Dr. P. K. Rai, Professor, Soil Science.

Mashia Qawali album 'Wo Kaam Masiha Kar Baithe' released



Dignitaries releasing 'Wo Kaam Masiha Kar Baithe' album.

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JAMMU: BJP leader and Jammu District Convenor Sanskriti Art and Culture Cell Sahil Mahajan on Friday released a Qawali album titled 'Wo Kaam Masiha Kar Baithe' in a function held here. While launching the album, the BJP leader said that execution of a comprehensive plan to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir is the need of the hour and to realize this dream, the government should rope in distinguished artists and literary personalities to create avenues.

He laid emphasis on promoting Dogri language by inspiring the youth to make use of this language on a day to day basis without letting in the feeling of inferiority complex. Sahil Mahajan congratulated Producer Bittu Khorkra and praised the artists comprising Singer Rishav Khokra for coming up with an album on 'wo Kaam Masiha Kar Baithe'.

He said that languages of the region are guardians of the culture and traditions therefore to preserve the culture and ethos of J&K concerted efforts are needed to promote local dialects including Dogri.

He said that Dogri is the essence of the people and culture of Jammu and likewise other local languages should be given due status to ensure that the rich legacy of J&K is not lost in the hustle-bustle of the modern day world with English ruling the roost.

While the music has been composed by Chandan Jassu, the album was directed by Sonu Tenja.

BJP Jammu East Mandal office bearers nominated

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JAMMU: BJP Jammu East Mandal President Praveen Kerni in consultation with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, J&K- General Secretary Organization Ashok Kaul, District President Parmod Kapahi and other senior leaders nominated office bearers and Morcha Presidents of BJP Jammu East Mandal.

As per handout, Sudhir Anand, Rajesh Dogra, Shashi Kant Sapolia, Anita Gupta, Rajesh Nischal have been nominated as Vice-Presidents; Arun Sethi and Vipan Sharma as General Secretaries; Suresh Bharti, Brij Lal, Neeru Anand, Raj Kumar Gupta and Kumar Kant Sharma as Secretaries; Naresh Abrol as Treasurer and Amit Luthra as Additional Treasurer; Ved Parkash as Office Secretary and Gopal Sanotra as Additional Office

Secretary; Subash Sangra, Kartar Nath Gupta, Arun Mehra, Anil Mahajan and Parul Mehra as Spokespersons; Rahul Mahajan as Publicity Secretary, Pinku Banthotra and Ravinder Singh as Additional Publicity Secretaries; Adv. Arvind Khajuria as Press Secretary and Sunil Gupta as Additional Press Secretary; Priyanka as IT Incharge, Isha Sharma and Subia Bashir as IT Co-Incharges; Sanjeev Singh Jamwal as Social Media Incharge, Satish Kumar and Vaneet Gupta as Social Media Co-Incharges; Anuradha Sharma as President Mahila Morcha, Rohit Kumar Mehra as President BJYM, Chaman Lal Angral as President SC Morcha, Deen Mohammad as President ST Morcha, Tarun Tak as President OBC Morcha and Akbar Ali as Mandal President Minority Morcha.

Dogri Maanta Divas celebrations by Dogri Sanstha conclude



Registrar SMVDU, Nagender Singh Jamwal and DSEJ, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma posing with other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: On closing ceremony of three-day long Dogri Maanta Divas celebrations, Dogri Sanstha Jammu on Friday felicitated Sahitya Akademi Awardess during the period 2019-2022 and students who had topped in Dogri Subject in secondary school examinations at Dogri Bhawan, Dogri Sanstha, Karan Nagar; here.

Nagender Singh Jamwal Registrar, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was Chief Guest whereas Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma Director, School Education Jammu presided over the function. Dogri litterateurs who were

felicitated with a shawl and a memento include Late. Om Sharma Jindradi (2019), Raj Rahi (2021) for Sahitya Akademi's main award, Vijay Sharma (2019), Shivdev Singh 'Sushel' (2020), Narsingh Dev Jamwal (2021), Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju'(2022) who have been awarded with Bal Sahitya Puraskar, Sunita Bhadwal (2020) and Neelam Sareen (2021) for translation award, Sunil Kumar (2019), Ganga Sharma (2020), ArunAksh Dev (2021), Ashu Sharma (2022) for Yuva Puraskar.

Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President Dogri Sanstha read the citations in favour of awardees. Thereafter, the students who had topped in Dogri Subject in Secondary School Examinations were also felicitated.

Nagender Singh Jamwal, Chief Guest, while addressing the gathering said that Dogri Sanstha has been doing commendable effort in promoting mother tongue Dogri and regional cultural heritage since its formation in 1944.

He said that it's the duty of all individuals to contribute in this noble cause as Dogri is facing threat like many other mother tongues all over the world.

We have to realize that our mother tongue and cultural traditions are in fact our existence and we have to preserve it all

Fill vacant posts at Administrative level: JKMEF

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) Jammu President Sushil Sudan urged upon the Government to fill the vacant post which has been lying vacant at the Administrative level for a long time. Now it is demanded of the Government to fill the vacant posts in the health department at the earliest so that administrative decisions can be taken in the interest of the public as well as for employees.

Sudan highlighted the demand to fill the vacant posts



JKMEF Jammu President Sushil Sudan talking to reporters.

in the department of health immediately and also discussed various other issues pertaining to employees of the health department.

Administrative Secretary Bhupinder Kumar listened to their demands patiently and assured that the posts will be filled very shortly and gave

immediate instructions to the under secretary to look and fulfill their demands on priority. Again I draw kind attention of the government toward the following posts that are still lying vacant are Dy. Director Health Services (Schemes) Jammu post vacant for the last 3 months 2. Assistant Director, Health Education Bureau Jammu post vacant for last 8 months; Assistant Director Rehbar e Sehat Jammu Post vacant for more than two years; State Veneriologist Jammu post vacant for last 6 months;

State Malariologist post vacant for last 2 months; Medical Superintendent SDH Jagti Nagrota Jammu post vacant for last 4 months; and Block Medical Officer Nowshera, Rajouri post vacant for last 1 month.

Those who participate in press conference include Kamaljit Sawhney, Madan Sharma, Parfulat Singh, R.P Singh, Darminder Singh, Govind Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Sanjay Choudhary, Bharat Bushan Bhagat, Jasvinder Singh, Shafkat Hussain and Bahadur Singh.

Five-day workshop on Urdu teachers concludes

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JAMMU: Five-day workshop on 'Content Enrichment and innovative pedagogical approaches for secondary school Teachers/Masters teaching Urdu' organised by JKSCERT, Divisional Office Jammu, concluded on Friday.

The workshop was organised by the Department of Education in Languages Wing, under the overall supervision of H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director State Council of Educational Research and Training, Divisional Office Jammu.

In this programme, 60 participants from all 10 districts of Jammu Division participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Pakhroo highlighted on the need of making education holistic, activity based and experiential as envisaged in NEP 2020. The morning session of the program included use of innovative pedagogical approaches for teaching different skills of the language.

The fruitful sessions on the use of new techniques while teaching different skills of language including listening, speaking, reading and writing generated a great interest and sparked the ideas of the participants.



H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director SCERT posing with participating teachers.

The sessions on linguistic games and other important aspects of learning and assessment were presented in very innovative manner employing activity based approach.

Post lunch session included presentations by the groups constituted by the resource persons. The workshop included sessions on recommendations of National education policy 2020, learning outcomes for secondary level with regard to teaching of Urdu at secondary level, grammatical concepts, creative writing, key terms in teaching of Urdu, listening and speaking, poetry, prose and drama besides vocabulary development. The session was graced by the presence of the members of the faculty of SCERT including Associate Professors Kishore Kumar,



Students and faculty members posing for a photograph during a programme.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Rajesh Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized an event 'Tree of

Happiness' sharing smiles in the college campus. The NSS volunteers decorated the tree with gifts and decorations and distributed the gifts for the children to the daily wage employees of the college. The theme of

the event 'not Me But You' reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for self-less service.

BJP Rehari-Bakshi Nagar Mandal team announced

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JAMMU: BJP Rehari Bakshi Nagar Mandal President Atul Bakshi in consultation with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, J&K- General Secretary Organization Ashok Kaul, District President Parmod Kapahi nominated office bearers and Morcha Presidents of BJP Rehari Bakshi Nagar Mandal. As per handout BJP Rehari Bakshi Nagar Mandal team include Bhunesh Gupta, Tripta Janwal, Mangal Singh Chib, S. Hardev Singh and Rohit Gupta have been nominated as Vice-Presidents; Vikas Bali and Kushant Daffara as General Secretaries; Indresh Gupta, Renu Choudhary, Ravi Khajuria, Jatin Gupta and Kuldeep Singh (Bunty) as Secretaries; Suresh Gupta as Treasurer; Sudershan Sharma as Office Secretary; Parveen Kumar as Addl. Office Secretary; Daljeet Singh Choudhary as Spokesperson; Kiran Sharma as Media Secretary; Bhanu Pratap Singh as Addl. Media Secretary; Daler Singh Manhas as IT Incharge; Rekha Sharma as Addl. IT Incharge; Madan Pandey as Social Media Incharge, Rajan Bhan as Publicity Secretary and Kishore as Addl. Publicity Secretary.