

Little Millennium organizes 'ATHALON 2022' -Fit India Campaign under aegis of J&K Sports Council

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JAMMU: Little Millennium, a leading Pre School chain, on Sunday organized a day long sporting event 'ATHALON 2022' at Green Fields Sports Ground, Gandhi Nagar, here in which the preschoolers from its Roop Nagar, Trikuta Nagar and Gandhi Nagar Branches participated.

Surya Bhanu Partap, an International Sports Icon from Jammu was the Chief Guest and Amardeep Regional Head Radio Nation was the Guest of Honour in the event attended by more than 500 parents and dignitaries.

Surya Bhanu Partap congratulated the Little Millennium management for organizing the Athalon 2022 on such a huge scale though for preschoolers of age 2 to 6 years.

He said that such type of holistic approach to education based on modern curriculum being provided by the Little Millennium Preschool will go a long way in developing responsible, healthy and conscious future citizens.

He added that inculcating outdoor orientation in this impressionable age was paramount to prepare them as better citizens under the Fit India for future campaign of Government of India as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Chief Guest Surya Bhanu Partap inaugurating sports meet.

The initiative, he said, was also in congruence to the UT Governments 'My Youth My Pride' as the children of today are the youth of future and the intent of Little Millennium to immerse them in sports post exponential digital/indoor habits of the children due to pandemic in last 2 years was commendable.

Akhila Magotra, the Chief Learning Officer of the school, presented a brief

resume' of the activities and delved on the importance of sports for the pre-school children for their physical and mental development.

The Preschool, she asserted, was organizing sports activities to inculcate sports culture in the preschoolers in the digital world where the children and parents remain glued to screens post pandemic.

She asserted that by playing sports children develop physical skills, exercise, make new friends, have fun, learn to be a team member, learn about play fair, improve self-esteem, etc.

She also deliberated on the unique teaching methodology adopted by the school to prepare the little angels as creative and confident individuals.

Earlier the ATHALON 2022 was declared open by dignitaries by releasing the balloons and subsequently specially researched and designed races and activities like Drill, Fish Race, hurdle race, Ball race, Bunny Race, Karate etc. were conducted under the guidance of officials of J&K Sports Council and Teachers of Little Millennium.

The eventful day which was anchored by popular RJ Sami, ended with the prize distribution and felicitation of little angels by the Chief Guest.

Home for The Aged and Infirm holds 57th annual general meeting

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JAMMU: The 57th Annual General Body Meeting of Home for the Aged & Infirm, Ambhalla, Jammu (popularly known as Vriddh Ashram), established on 8th June 1964, was held on Sunday under the Chairmanship of its President, I.D Soni, former State Commissioner, J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides.

During the meeting, the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2021-2022 and Budget proposals for the year 2022-2023 presented by the Secretary, Vijay Bhagotra, were adopted by the House.

A well-equipped Physiotherapeutic Care Centre has been working since December 15, 2015.

The services of this Care Centre have been extended at reasonable rates to other Senior Citizens as well. A "Day Care Senior Citizen Centre/Club" (Swabimam Parisar) with all the free requisite facilities, amenities and medical care was setup in this Home on March 1,

2020.

Desirous elders were once again appealed to get themselves registered to avail comfortable, peaceful, reposeful and restful experience during their leisure time at the Club daily from 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. and or 5.00 P.M. to 7.00 P.M. Home also extends its courtesy to provide light refreshment during their stay.

The House expressed satisfaction over efforts put in by the Managing Committee for improvement in overall functioning of the Home and living conditions of its inmates.

Male and female representatives of the inmates also expressed satisfaction with the amenities, facilities and medical care, etc being provided free to them by the Management.

As three years term of the present Managing Committee elected on November 17, 2019 is to expire, so I.D Soni and Vijay Kumar Bhagotra were unanimously re-elected as President and Honorary Secretary respectively for a further term of three years.

The elected President shall reconstitute the Committee as per Constitution.

I.D. Soni appealed the general public for liberal donations in cash and in kind on regular basis for day to day needs of the inmates and further improvement in their facilities and amenities as well as maintenance of requisite infrastructure and assets of the Home.

The donations to the Home are exempted from Income Tax under section 80G(V) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 subject to completion of the requisite formalities. He also appealed the public at large to visit the Home at their convenience and interact with the inmates so that they do not feel neglected by the society for whose welfare they had also contributed during their active past life as they are starving for emotional touch of their well wishers at

advanced age of life.

While adhering to the mandated Appropriate COVID Behaviour Restrictions Vijay Bhagotra, Secretary conducted the proceedings and urged the members to pay visit from time to time and favour the management with their valuable suggestions for further overall improvement in living conditions of the inmates as well as functioning of the Home.

Besides large number of Members of its General Body, Prem Gupta IPS Former IGP Patron, H.S. Manhas Vice President, Er. Vijay Gupta Joint Secretary, Members of the Managing Committee Nirmala Zutshi, R.C Vaid, Vinod Kumar, B.B Gupta, Dinesh Gupta, and Sat Pal Sharma were present in the meeting, which concluded with participants having lunch along with the inmates.

Dogri Sanstha releases Calendar for 2023



Dogri Sanstha Jammu members releasing calendar for 2023.

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu released calendar for next year 2023 in function, here on Sunday.

This years' calendar has pictures of six prolific writers like Vishwanath Khajuria, prominent prose writer regarded as father of Dogri one act plays, Thakur Raghunandan Singh Sambyal, a prolific Dogri poet having good hold on Punjabi, Urdu, Persian and Balti languages also, Tara Smailpuri, an eminent satire writer; poet and actor, Praduman Singh Jindrahia, a well-known singer; lyric writer and poet, Prof. Shakti Sharma, famous writer regarding as first woman prose writer in Dogri and Prof. Laxmi Narayana Sharma, eminent essayist and satire writer.

On this occasion, Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu said that Sanstha has been releasing calendar every year with the focal point of making the young generation aware of their elders who have contributed immensely in preserving mother tongue Dogri. He further added that although they are not with us physically but will ever remain in our memories thanks to their colossal contributions in Dogri literature.

Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary of Sanstha while sharing his views on the concept of having the pictures of eminent dogri litterateurs on the calendars said that it is an effort not to recall their contributions only but also paying homage to the stalwarts of Dogri literature by Dogri Sanstha, a pioneer organization working for preserving and promoting mother tongue Dogri and Duggar cultural traditions since it was formed way back in 1944.

The calendar has been designed by Pawan Verma, well known dogri poet and theatre activist.

The function was attended by Prof. Veena Gupta, Inderjeet Kesar, Pawan Verma, Susheel Begana, Chanchal Bhasin, and Vijaya Thakur.

JMC's Transport section celebrates Christmas

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JAMMU: A programme was organised by the Transport section of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at Bhagwati Nagar Transport Yard on Christmas.

Chief Guest, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor Jammu stressed for unity, integrity and brotherhood for deployment of J&K UT.

He insisted on collective celebrations of festivals such as Christmas day, Diwali, Eid and Valmiki Diwas.

Deputy Mayor said that we all are a unit & should work together to keep development moving.

The Deputy Mayor further

said that the Christmas is regarded as a symbol of world peace and the Lord Jesus Christ who after enduring much suffering offered the message of peace to the globe.

Guest of Honour, Rahul Yadav Municipal Commissioner Jammu said that we should follow the path of God and work together to keep Jammu neat & clean.

Others present were Union President Rinku Gill, N.P Singh, Health Officer Vinod Kumar and Chief Transport Officer Nisar Hussain Raza besides officials, Safai Sathi's, drivers and others.



Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor Jammu and others celebrating Christmas.

Vishal elected President of Bus Stand Multi Tier Parking Shopkeepers Association

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JAMMU: Vishal Mahajan has been elected as President in the elections held on Sunday of the Bus Stand Multitier Parking Shopkeepers Association. His rival Narendra Bedi withdraw his name on Sunday.

When the election process was to begin on Sunday afternoon, Narendra announced his withdrawal. With which Vishal was declared as President.

All the shopkeepers congratulated him and welcomed him by garlanding him. In a day or two, other office bearers of the association will be elected under the chairmanship of Vishal.

A committee was elected to conduct the elections, which included shopkeepers Ashwani Kumar, Sudesh Suri, Mohammad Shafiq Dar and Narendra Kumar.

While congratulating Vishal, the Election Committee declared him as President for the next two years.

Mahajan Sabha Gandhi Nagar celebrates Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan's 133rd birth anniversary

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JAMMU: Mahajan Sabha Gandhi Nagar on Sunday celebrated Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan's 133rd birth Anniversary at Mehar Chand Mahajan Park Gandhi Nagar with solemnity and fervour.

Former Mayor of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta was the Chief Guest, who called for emulating values and principles of justice, nationalism, simplicity and social reforms which Justice Mahajan pursued through his life. He said Jammu and Kashmir in particular and Indian Nation as a whole cannot forget the services of Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan first as member of the Reddick Boundary Commission and then as Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Princely State that culminated into state's accession with India.

He said in his memory High Court Chowk has been named after him and a Statute also be installed there. Chief Patron of Mahajan Sabha Jugal Mahajan paid rich tributes to Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan



Mahajan Sabha Gandhi Nagar members performing Hawan.

and described him as a great patriot with whose wisdom Jammu and Kashmir became a part of India.

He spoke about his simplicity and social reforms especially in Mahajan Biradari and said that he was against unnecessary extravaganzas in marriages and that should be followed by all Biradaris even now.

Ravi Rohmetra, a noted columnist, spoke about the life history of Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan and recalled his contributions in different capacities like member of Reddick Boundary commission on Punjab and Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

Justice Mahajan was instrumental in getting the state's accession with India.

Justice Mahajan laid foundation stone of the existing Supreme Court Complex in 1954. K.B Jandial Retd. (I.A.S) whole remembering Justice Mahajan said that it was he as a member of Reddick Boundary Commission for Punjab who ensured a road connectivity to Jammu through Gurdaspur without which accession of the State with India could not had been possible later as Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

Justice Mahajan was instrumental in getting the state's accession with India.

Bhamu Mahajan Corporator Gandhi Nagar and Rahul Corporator also spoke on the

occasion and expressed her gratitude for the noble personality. Divya Mahajan the Grand Daughter of Late Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan donated Oxygen Concentrator Machine for use of people to Gandhi Nagar Mahajan Sabha. Earlier, the former Mayor and other dignitaries garlanded the Statue of Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan and participated in the Hawan.

Those present included Jagdish Vaid (President Mahajan Sabha Gandhi Nagar), Prem Gupta (Former I.G.P), Sham Lal Langer, Ram Langer, Ram Saroop Gupta, Om Parkash Mahajan, Raghuvir Gupta, P.C Gupta (General Secretary), Dr. R.K Gupta, Bansilal Gupta (Sr. Vice President), N.K Gupta, Romesh Rohmetra, Raman Mahajan, Rajpal Gupta, Ravi Gupta, Yash Paul Gupta, Mahipal Gupta, Prof. Sameer Gupta.

A large number of prominent persons of Mahajan Biradari participated in the memorative function.

Public Outreach Prog: Former legislator Vikram Randhawa listens to public issues, assures redressal

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa under Public Outreach Programme visited village of Dharap Panchayat of RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly segment.

During his visit, the Former Legislators listened to the grievance of the people and also discussed various issues pertaining to the development of the area.

Randhawa was accompanied by Bharat Bhushan Mandal

President, BJP.

The residents apprised the former Legislator about the issues being faced by them.

They assured Randhawa of full support to BJP in near future as this is the only party which cares of the general public.

"We have taken the benefit of the Ayushman Health Card", the inhabitants said and expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching this card, which has immensely benefited the masses especially the poor people.

All the schemes launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi are benefit for the people especially living in rural areas, the residents added.



Former Legislator leader Vikram Randhawa and others at public a meeting.

Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa listened to the issues of the inhabitants and assured best possible solution to the genuine problems.

While speaking further, Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa also assured the residents that their issues will also be taken up with the concerned authorities for early

redressal.

"Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the theme of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' and is committed for the overall development of Jammu", Randhawa said, adding that no ward will be deprived of basic amenities and develop-

Retired CPFWWA holds Annual General Body meet

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JAMMU: The Annual General Body meeting of retired Central Armed Police Forces Warrior Welfare Association (CPFWWA) J&K was held, here on Sunday.

The meeting was chaired by Rakesh Sharma Retd. IGP (BSF) Chief Patron and R.L Dogra President of Association and attended by huge numbers of CAPF Retirees, Vir Naris & Widows. Chander Mohan Gupta Vice State President BJP and former Mayor Jammu was present as Chief Guest. Senior leaders of the association highlighted that central armed police forces are armed forces of the Union of India but Govt is treating central armed police forces under Central Civil Service Rules for giving benefits of salary and pension etc which is grave injustice with the CAPFs.

They urged that Govt may recognize the strenuous duties of CAPFs and consider their long pending demands under equal work and equal wage pol-



Retired Central Armed Police personnel paying tributes to Martyrs.

icy, restoration of old pension scheme for appointees after 1-4-2004, removal of disparities with defence forces for pay/perks/pension etc, detachment of CAPFs from Central Civil Service Rules for the purpose of pay/perks/pension etc and framing of CAPFs rules for said purposes, Central Armed Police Forces pay to compensate Military Service Pay (MSP), issue of notification of Ex-servicemen benefits on the line of defence forces pending with Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory

Administration as directed by MHA New Delhi during 2012 and establishment of Central Welfare boards at District level on the pattern of Kendriya Zila Sainik Boards, he Chief Guest also aired that the demands of CAPFs are genuine and will be discussed with the Govt at appropriate platform.

Other who attended the meeting were N. S. Janwal (retd. ADG), Yash Pal Sharma, Sunil Gupta (Retd. DC), Surjeet Singh (Retd. AC), Yash Pal (Retd. AC), Som Nath Sharma.

Sawhney gears up Jammu East for Bharat Jodo Yatra

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JAMMU: Ex-MLA Jammu East and senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney on Sunday held a series of meetings in Jammu East to prepare the constituency for the upcoming Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The meetings were held at three locations, Kolr andoli, Seri Khurd and Simbal Lehar where Sawhney met with the locals and reviewed ongoing preparations.

The locals expressed that they were eager to participate in the Yatra and hence, discussion was held around the necessary arrangements to be made for them to receive the Yatris as it passes through these locations and join the Padyatra. Along with Yogesh Sawhney, senior leaders Varinder Manhas, Vinod Kohli, Pawan Dev Singh, Block President

Vijay Sharma, were present. During the meeting, Sawhney took stock of the preparations for the yatra. The members present at the meeting were also assigned their roles for the yatra.

Sawhney stated that the Yatra would be received at Sidhra, Donthli, Panjirthi, and other locations in Jammu East. The locals also stated that they wished the yatris will visit the holy shrine of Kol Kandoli for Darshan first to seek the blessings and offer their prayers and then be welcomed at Khanpur.

Speaking at the meeting, Sawhney said that people from Jammu East will join the Yatra from various sub-locations as and when Rahul Gandhi Ji's pan-India Bharat Jodo Yatra will enter the UT in January.