

Govt is committed to address grievances of disabled people: Khatana, Sham

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AKHNOOR: On the eve of International Day for Persons with Disabilities was observed today in Akhnoor by Jammu and Kashmir Disabled Welfare Trust.

The programme was organized under the chairmanship of Sushil Sharma (Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Disabled Welfare Trust).

Member Parliament Gulam Ali Khatana was the Chief Guest during the occasion whereas Ex Cabinet Minister and Vice President BJP Sham Lal Sharma was the Guests of Honour during the occasion.

DDC Bhalwal Brahmana Bhushan Bral, SDM Akhnoor Akhil Sadotra, BMO Dr. Mohd Salim, SHO Harjeet Singh, various Sarpanches and Panches along with hundreds of Disabled People, Widows and Old Age people were present in the event.

Sushil Sharma (Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Disabled Welfare Trust) welcomed the guests during the occasion of International day of persons with disabilities.

Addressing the public he praised the gathering about the achievements of the



MP Gulam Ali Khatana and Vice President BJP Sham Lal Sharma providing wheel chair to needful disable boy.

Trust for the disable people while fighting for their rights for the last many years.

He apprised the guests about the various problems being faced by the Disables peoples.

Sham Lal Sharma, while addressing the gathering, appreciated all those present to celebrate the 'Divyang Divas' in honour of this significant section of the society.

He specially lauded the Trust management for organizing the programme on the day specially dedicated to the disabled persons besides providing basic facilities to the differently-abled people.

Sham Lal Sharma asserted that the BJP Govt led by PM Narendra Modi stands fully committed to provide suc-

cour to all the sections of the society with special focus on ameliorating the poor, needy and disabled persons. He appealed to the people at large to come forward and get involved in multiple philanthropic activities especially focussing on the differently abled persons. He assured that he would leave no stone unturned in resolving all their issues so that there is no hurdle at all in ameliorating the differently-abled persons.

Gulam Ali Khatana, Member Parliament while speaking on the occasion said that disabled people were neglected again and again by the previous governments but the present regime under leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narinder Modi is

committed to resolve all the grievances of Disabled People.

He said he is feeling proud to be part of such an event where he can give his time to the specially-abled people for whom we all need to do a lot of things.

He said the charter of grievances presented by the Chairman of the trust is very genuine which is needed to be addressed at earliest. He assured that their issues regarding their re-verification which is bothering them a lot because of some lengthy documentary procedures will be taken up with the administration and he will try to get it resolved at earliest.

Further he assured that the special rights given to disabled people including their special rights for education, their rights for concession in fare and seat in passenger vehicles etc will be implemented in letter and spirit for which he will take up these issues with UT and District Administration. He said the present government is committed to address all the grievances of disabled people and with each passing day we are fulfilling the genuine demands of disabled people.

Sham Lal (President J&K Disabled Welfare Trust) thanked the various guests and the prominent those who were present during the occasion. He thanked the BMO Akhnoor and Ayush Department, Akhnoor for organising free distribution of medicines and covid vaccination for people during the event. Atul Sudan State Vice President Jammu Joint Students Federation carried out the proceedings of the programme.

Meanwhile on the occasion Jammu and Kashmir Disabled Welfare Trust distributed tri-cycles, wheel chairs, crutches and hearing aid machines to the needful disable people. The others who spoke during the occasion were Dr. BD Sharma Ex Director Health and Vice President Saksham NGO, Umesh Sharma Chairman Disable Care Foundation, Charan Dass Chairman JK Handicap Welfare Forum, Raghuvir Singh Social Activist, Sushant Gupta, SK Sharma, Tarsem Lal Vice President JKDWTF, Shamsheer Singh General Secretary JKDWTF, Vakeel Chand Secretary JKDWTF etc.

BVP conducts Bharat Ko Jano Quiz Competition

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Jammu Kashmir Prant conducted Bharat ko Jano Quiz Competition on Saturday in collaboration with Institution of Engineers, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma was the Chief Guest whereas Dev Raj Sharma, Regional President, BVP (North-1) was Guest of Honour, Er. Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary, Institution of Engineers was Special Guest and Kumud Mehta, Regional Secretary BVP (Sewa) was Regional Observer.

Narinder Misra, Prant General Secretary welcomed the participants and dignitaries.

Ashok Khajuria, Prant President BVP threw light on the objectives of BVP and its achievements.

Chief Guest lauded the role of BVP which work for Sanskars and is running various Sewa Projects selflessly.

Arun Sharma, Regional Jt. General Secretary asked the participants to perform their best in competition.

In all, 12 teams from various branches of BVP partic-



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma and others at a programme.

ipated in Senior Category and 12 teams in Junior category.

Er. Gopal Sharma, Regional Secretary BVP Sanskar(N) narrated the Rules and regulation of the competition.

In the neck to neck Competition of Junior category students, Spring dales Hr. Sec. School, Kathua bagged 1st prize, K.V No.1, Gandhi Nagar got 2nd prize and Dogra Hr. Secondary School, Shastri Nagar settled at 3rd prize.

In another competition in Senior Category, R.S Golden School, Kathua bagged 1st prize whereas Global Convent Higher Secondary School and Dogra Higher Secondary, Shastri Nagar satisfied with 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

It was informed that teams

who stood 1st will be participating at Regional Level Competition to be held in Dalhousie on December 11, 2022.

Others present were Neena Gupta, Corporator; Arun Sharma, Regional Jt. General Secretary, Amita Sharma, Regional Secretary, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, (Finance Secretary), Ashok Gupta (Sanskar Pramukh), Dr. Santosh Gupta, Rajesh Gupta (Prant Organizing Secretary), Vijay Sharma, Trishula Gupta, H.C Vaid and Anju Bansal. All the participants were given Mementoes and certificates. The Competition was jointly conducted by Jyotsna Sharma and Er. Gopal Sharma. The vote of thanks was presented by Rajesh Gupta.

DIPR organises Cultural cum Drug De-addiction awareness program in GHSS Bahu Fort



DIPR artists performing during a programme.

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JAMMU: The Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations on Saturday hosted a Cultural cum Drug De-addiction awareness program here at Government Higher Secondary School Bahu Fort.

Principal of the school, Romesh Chander was the Chief Guest, while Vice Principal, Anju Gupta was

the guest of honour.

The students and Artists of Cultural Wing presented promotional songs on Nasha Mukht Bharat. The program was attended by students and staff.

The School Principal lauded the Information Department for organizing the programme in the school and urged for holding such programmes in future also.

ASCOMS holds CME on 'Foetal Echo Cardiography'

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JAMMU: A CME on " Foetal Echo Cardiography" was organized by the Department of Paediatrics as a part of ongoing Continuing Medical Education Programme of ASCOMS & Hospital.

Dr. Radhika Uppal Sharma, Surgeon Paediatric Cardiologist and Assistant Professor Department of Paediatrics, ASCOMS was the Speaker on the occasion.

She spoke in length the deformities of the Cardiac System in the foetus which manifest after the baby is born. While giving details of various diseases, she informed the gathering that most of the paediatric diseases are treatable if the intervention is done at the proper time.

Dr. Radhika Uppal Sharma also while giving details of the statistics, pointed out that 72% of the patients received proper intervention in the southern part of the country, while as 18% patients receive the treatment in the north-



Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital with resource persons.

ern part of the country, which is attributed to the fact that the development of Paediatric Cardiology Specialty is not there in the northern part of the country as compared to the down south.

Dr. Ravinder Kumar Gupta, Prof. & HOD Paediatrics while describing the paediatric diseases related to heart, was of moderate extent but

due to shortage of Super Specialty, it is not being properly addressed.

The Chief Guest on the occasion, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, described the Specialty of Paediatric Cardiology as the need of the hour.

Appreciating the presentation of Dr. Radhika, he stated that the number quoted by her was eye opener and required immediate attention of the medical fraternity to provide relief to the children suffering from cardiology diseases. Welcoming Dr. Radhika in the Institute, he reminded her of a serious and studious approach during her graduation days which has now shown results by her becoming a Paediatric Cardiologist.

He also presented a memento to Dr. Radhika for the wonderful presentation.

On this occasion, for the first time in the History of J&K, the new Postgraduate students were introduced to the faculty who gave self introduction in front of their peers.

J&K team shines at International dance competition in Nepal



Winner J&K team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: About 24 children and youth of J&K UT brought laurels for India and J&K UT by winning medals at the international event '2nd Mount Everest Singing & Dance Sports Championship 2022' held at Kathmandu, Nepal from November 30 to December 1, 2022.

Around 200 children and youth from various states of India and other countries like Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan participated and exhibited their talent in the field of dance and singing.

The children and youth who participated were selected on the basis of their performance at national level competition organized recently in Kalyan, Mumbai.

Gurvinder Kour, Technical Secretary, Dance Sports Association Bharat and State Secretary, Performing Arts Unit of J&K accompanied the participants as a Team Manager and members of DSC of J&K namely Vaniket Kumar, Vijay Rajput, Chandan Mandal, Vishal Mehra accompanied the J&K UT team for the event in Kathmandu, Nepal.

From J&K UT, Trishisva Proach (freestyle dance) from Magic Star Dance Academy; Ritesh (folk dance)

from V J Dance Academy, Jammu; Hemshikha (classical dance) from Udhampur; Jharna (acting) from Kathua; Reyaz Ahmed (folk singing) from Budgam won gold medals.

Akhshara (contemporary dance) from GDA, Udhampur; Sargun (traditional dance) from Samba district; Muskan, SGSD International School, Domana; Prachi from

People's Academy, Old Satwari; Rupali from district Reasi won silver medals. Satish Bhagat (singing) from Bishnah, Jammu won bronze medal. The management of Harman Cultural And Educational Society, Upper Gadigarh, Jammu extended congratulations on their achievement and wish them good luck for future competitions.

DSS to hold Sarva Dharm Samagam



DSS President G.S Charak addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha to plan the current chapter of national bondage as 'Sarva Dharm Samagam' on 8th of December, 2022 at Teacher Bhawan, Hospital Road, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

"Governor of Kerala State, Arif Mohammad Khan has consented to be the Chief Guest on the occasion and deliver his address on the theme," said

DSS President Gulchain Singh Charak in a press conference at Jammu.

He added that Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha has consented to preside over the conference.

A bouquet of prominent scholars of Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism and Christianity shall enlighten the audience with respective reli-

gious grandeur; he said.

J&K Dogra Sadar Sabha cordially invites all respected citizens to attend the scheduled "Message of Humanity" Conference being organized at the Teacher Bhawan Auditorium, Hospital Road, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on 8th of December, 2022 (Thursday) from 1:00 PM onwards.

All participants are requested to take their seats by 12-30 p.m. sharp for security reasons.

Prominent among those who present in the press conference were Abdul Majid, Col. Karan Singh, Prem Sagar Gupta, G A Khawaja, Brig M S Jamwal, Col. Dr. Virendra K Sahi, Vrc, H A Siddiqui, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Syed Amanat Ali Shah, Chander Mohan Sharma, Ravi Slathia, Janak Khajuria, Ch. R A Inqlabi and Satinder Singh.

J&K witnessing new era of youth entrepreneurship: Priya Sethi



Senior BJP leader, Priya Sethi inaugurating an outlet.

The former minister said that in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir under successive regimes for about seven decades the youth only depended on government jobs and the majority of unemployed waiting for long in the hope of job and ultimately becoming age barred without getting the job.

However, in today's scenario the BJP Government at the Centre has launched

multiple schemes tailored specially for the youth and now youth are coming forward to take benefit of these central sponsored schemes thus setting up their own ventures instead of wasting their precious time in waiting to get government jobs which are quite limited in numbers.

Priya Sethi said that the youth of this Union Territory encouraged and emboldened by the Central Sponsored Schemes have brought a paradigm shift in their mindset and opt for establishing business ventures under these schemes. By doing so they not only generate handsome incomes for themselves but also generate job avenues for others, she added.

The senior BJP women leader Priya Sethi asserted that by establishing the business ventures the youth entrepreneurs play a vital role in proactively contributing in giving a fillip to the economy of this Union Territory. Appealed to the unemployed youth of J&K to get inspired by the new generation of entrepreneurs and establish their own ventures availing the benefits of Centrally Sponsored Schemes thus

becoming job providers instead of job seekers, she added.

Former minister wished all good wishes to Proprietor Seema Sharma.

Among others present included Dinesh Gupta Corporator ward Number 17, Mandal President Raman Sharma, Mandal President Atul Bakshi, Savita Anand, Anita Gandotara, Suman Raina, Ashi Gupta, Anita Gupta, Rajinder Sharma Sapna Sharma, Pritam Sharma, Pawan Gupta (President Hotel Association), Rajinder Gupta, Capt. Anil Gour (President Travel Agents Association of Jammu), Gurbaksh Bakshi, Arjun Bakshi, Atul Bakshi, Darshan Kumar, Kuldeep Sharma, Mandeep Singh, Suresh Kumar and others.

Sawhney prepares District Jammu for Bharat Jodo Yatra

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) held its monthly meeting on Saturday at the Congress office to prepare for the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Former Minister and Incharge District President Jammu (U), Yogesh Sawhney chaired the meeting which was attended by District office bearers from all Assemblies of Jammu District, Ward Presidents, Block Presidents and Councillors.

Sawhney highlighted at the meeting that the Bharat Jodo rally will receive a full-fledged and grand welcome when it reaches Jammu. During the meeting duties were segregated among the office bearers to prepare for Rahul Gandhi's historic rally.



Incharge District President Jammu (U), Yogesh Sawhney speaking in the meeting.

He said that all District Congress members will join the rally in Jammu to march together for the unity and integrity of India.

Speaking at the meeting, former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney said that the Bharat Jodo Yatra is a movement celebrating the spirit of unity and integrity in the country, and put up a fight against the active divisive

forces.

It will go down in history as a memorable and successful event, said Sawhney.

He said that the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi from Kanyakumari to Kashmir will receive a warm welcome in Jammu and District Congress is gearing up in preparation. He issued directions for the district Congress office bear-

ers to prepare for the rally and allotted duties.

The district Congress leaders also discussed important ongoing issues and upcoming programmes during the meeting. Sawhney said that all district office bearers should work towards strengthening the party's foundation in all assemblies and maximise outreach to the people. He also took stock of ongoing issues which will be tackled by the party and outlined the strategy for the implementation of the upcoming party programs, urging the members to ensure their smooth execution. A fullfledged road map as guided by the party leadership will direct the members towards forming a foundation for the elections as well, said Sawhney.