

## Two-day ‘Gathering on Khunak’ by local futures concludes



Participants of ‘Gathering on Khunak’.

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LEIH: A two-day residential workshop called ‘Gathering on Khunak’ organised by Local Futures concluded at Ladakh Ecological Development Group, Hostel, near Shanti Stupa in Leh on Saturday. Local Futures is an international non-profit organization dedicated to renewing ecological and social well-being by strengthening communities and local economies worldwide. The workshop was organised to create a platform for critical young Ladakhis to vent their distress and concern about the rapid socio-economic and cultural changes happening in Ladakh, to deepen their critique of the problems emerging in

Ladakh, and aimed at making efforts to see what could be done by individuals and communities through different platforms. The workshop was attended by entrepreneurs, journalists, activists, singers, and wildlife enthusiasts & photographers.

Many people in Ladakh often express their concerns on the melting of glaciers, springs being dried up, air getting polluted, roads getting congested, threats being faced by wildlife on account of modern development, rural-urban migration, and so on. However, there are Ladakhis, young Ladakhis, who are taking small little steps in order

to cope with the grief. There are photographers, young agriculturalists, artists, entrepreneurs, earth builders, thinkers, researchers, journalists, environmentalists, and so on who are not only concerned about the changes happening in Ladakh but are also doing small little efforts in order to acknowledge, cope, address, and deal with the eco-cultural destruction happening in Ladakh.

The efforts of such Ladakhis could seem like they are happening in their own individual villages or in their individual efforts. However, whether it is the effort of earth builders, or concerned entrepreneurs or young agriculturalists there is a connecting thread that runs through their efforts. The connecting thread is that there is a concern and love for our homeland, Ladakh.

Local Futures, therefore, has started this series of workshops of such Ladakhis to have discussions on problems and issues emerging in Ladakh in today's fast changing time.

## SRMWC re-constituted, Onkar Sharma retains post of President

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JAMMU: A meeting of Shri Ranbireswar Mandir Welfare Committee (SRMWC) held at Shri Ranbireswar Temple.

The meeting was presided by Mahant of the Temple Shri 108 Rishi Ban



(Chairman). In the meeting Shri Ranbireswar Mandir Welfare Committee was re-constituted and unanimously Onkar Sharma (Nandi Ji) was once again appointed as President whereas Raj Kumar Gupta has been appointed as Senior Vice President.

Other office bearers include Rajinder Gupta (Vice President), Amit Gupta (Vice President), Suresh Sharma (Vice President), Advocate Kapil Sharma (Legal Advisor and General Secretary), Suresh Sharma (Secretary), Aryush Kohli (Secretary),

Nitin Chadha (Secretary), Sunil Gupta (Secretary), Advocate Jyoti Mishra (Senior Legal Advisor and Chief Spokesperson), Dr. Sunny Gupta (Secretary, Health), Mandeep Sharma (Joint Secretary), Ravi Kumar Kakkur (Cashier), Anubhav Suri (Chief Advisor) and Pawan Sharma (Secretary).

Mahant Rishi Ban appealed to all members of the committee to work for upliftment of the committee and to celebrate Maha Shivratri in a big way which is falling on February 18, 2023.

Onkar Sharma thanked all members for giving him one more chance to work as President of the committee and assured all members that he will work as per the expectations of the members and society.

## Newly nominated BJP District Presidents felicitated, assume offices



J&K BJP President, Ravinder Raina with newly nominated BJP District Presidents.

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JAMMU: Newly nominated District Presidents of Bharatiya Janata Party assumed offices, on Sunday and felicitations by the party colleagues.

District Jammu President Parmod Kapahi assumed office in the presence of J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, former President Sat Sharma and party General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta. Newly nominated Vice-President Chander Mohan Gupta, Yudhvir Sethi, former Minister Priya Sethi, Prabhari Rajeev Charak, Ayodhya Gupta, former Presidents Munish Khajuria

& Vinay Gupta and other senior leaders were especially present on the occasion.

District Jammu South President Rekha Mahajan assumed her office in the presence of General Secretary BJP J&K Vibodh Gupta, Ex Minister Priya Sethi, Vice President BJP Anuradha Charak, Chief Spokesperson Sunil Sethi, Deputy Mayor JMC Baldev Billowria, Rajni Sethi, Sakina Bano, Rajiv Charak and other senior leaders.

District Jammu North President Omi Khajuria

assumed office in the presence of senior party leaders.

Ravinder Raina congratulated the newly nominated District Presidents and said that the party has high hopes on their capacity to run the affairs of the party in good faith. He said that the former District Presidents of the party have served the party holding party principles in their hearts and minds and now it is the responsibility of new District Presidents to strengthen the party base further in every nook and corner of the region.

## Baru reviews developmental works at Hazuribag



Councilor Sanjay Baru starting development work.

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JAMMU: BJP Senior Leader and JMC Councilor Sanjay Kumar Baru along with BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra and local party leaders today, toured the Ward to review the ongoing development works.

Baru, on the occasion, started the slab work of deep drain at main road Hazuribag, Bohri from Dewan Breweries Bohri Chowk via Hazuri Bagh upto Santra Morh Nallah in Ward-41. While addressing, Sanjay Baru said that the development on the micro level has always been on the agenda of BJP. He said that going by the mission of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas" as advocated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP activists are dedicatedly taking the developmental tasks to the doorsteps of masses.

While giving information about the present work, Baru said that the construction work of deep drain with an estimated cost of 4.5 Crores from Dewan Breweries Bohri Chowk via Hazuri Bagh upto Santra Morh Nallah in Ward-41 has been started to meet the needs of common masses. He said that the total length of the project will be 1365 meters and the project will cover near about half of the Ward 41. The main areas to be covered are Bohri, Colonel Colony, Surya Vihar, old and new Hazuri Bagh.

UEED officials, BJP Ward-41 President Ashok Wazir, Jaideep Singh Sanjyal, Jatin Sethi, Rakesh Sharma, Bubesh Thappa, S.Jangjeet Singh, Naresh Gupta local BJP Leaders and permanent citizens were present on the occasion.

## Azad expresses grief over demise of Mahinder Sharma

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JAMMU: Chairman Democratic Azad Party and former Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday expressed shock over the demise of Mahinder Sharma, younger brother of Jugal Kishore Sharma, ex Minister and Senior DAP Leader.

Azad, while speaking to Jugal Kishore over phone, expressed his heartfelt condolences.

He said the Sharma family with this irreparable loss is going through the toughest times and prayed for the departed soul.

"I express my grief over the untimely demise of Mahinder Sharma. I feel short of words to express my grief on his untimely demise. All we can do is to pray for the departed soul and patience for the bereaved family," he said in a statement issued here.

## Multi Super-speciality Gynaecology & Psychiatry Health camp concludes at Kargil

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KARGIL: AL-REZA HC & RF, the Health wing of Jamaat Ul Ulema Isna Ashriya Kargil successfully conducted two days Multi Super-speciality Gynaecology & Psychiatry Health camp at Kargil.

The Camp was inaugurated by EC Social Welfare Aga Syed Mehdi Fazily in presence of President Jamaat Ul Ulema Isna Ashriya kargil Sheikh Nazir Ul Mehdi Mohammadi, in presence of acting CMO and Medical Superintendent, at 300 bedded New District Hospital Kurbathang Kargil on December 2. The camp was organised by AL-REZA HC & RF in Collaboration with Department of Health Kargil.

Internationally Renowned Gynaecologist from Dubai, Doctor Usha Kiran, Gold Medalist, Expert Scarless Surgeon (V NOTES) and Dr Bhavnas - renowned Psychiatrist from Dubai attended the camp in this chilling winter of sub-zero temperature in Kargil. Around 136 psychiatry patients were examined by Dr Bhavnas and free medicines were distributed among them along with counselling of patients. Dr Fatima Nissa - incharge Mental Health and Rehabilitation Kargil/ executive member and her team assisted Dr Bhavnas in the camp for future follow-up and medications.

In the Surgical camp, 15 major, complicated gynaecological surgeries including Total abdominal hysterectomies, Vaginal



Doctors performing surgery.

Hysterectomies, Cystocele repair, excision of Large Ovarian Cysts/mass, and Uterine Adenomyomas were performed by Dr Usha Kiran - renowned International Gynaecologist who was the leading Gynaecologist at Cardiff University Wales, Britain for 10 years and now Head of Department of Gynaecology, Prime Hospital Dubai. She was assisted by Dr Zohra Banoo and Dr Fatima, (Consultant Gynaecologists), Dr Sajjad Hussain, Dr Mohd Abass (Consultant Surgeons) and Anaesthetists Dr Mohd Asif, Dr Shaziya and Dr Abass Ali, at District Hospital Kargil.

## Dr Jitendra leads high-level Indian delegation to UAE international summit

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh will lead the high-level Indian Government delegation to United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the "Abu Dhabi Space Debate", a 2-day international summit beginning tomorrow. Dr Jitendra will address the Opening Ceremony on India's behalf along with the Israeli President Isaac Herzog. Dr Jitendra will also attend the Ministerial Plenary on the 'Role of Foreign Policy in Enabling Space Diplomacy and International Cooperation' along with the Minister Foreign Affairs of the UAE, Foreign Minister of Bahrain and Minister of Advanced Technologies of Israel. The Minister is also scheduled to hold delegation level talks with Sarah Al Amiri, UAE Minister for Advanced Technology and Chairperson of UAE Space Agency to discuss ways and means for further strengthening bilateral space cooperation. In a statement issued before departure to Abu Dhabi, Dr Jitendra said, India and UAE joint space cooperation is on the verge of taking a big leap in the Arabian Peninsula, as the two sides have prioritised increased bilateral space cooperation. He said, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and UAE Space Agency (UAESA) signed an MoU regarding cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes in 2016. The Minister also informed that UAE's first nanosatellite - 'Nayif-1' meant for collecting environmental space data was launched by PSLV from Sriharikota. The UAE is an emerging



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh talking to media before leaving for Abu Dhabi on a visit to United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Sunday.

space power in the region and has made rapid strides in the last 25 years of its space journey.

In July 2020, UAE launched its Mars mission named Hope Probe which entered into Mars orbit in Feb 2021. This made the UAE the first Arab country and the sixth in the world to achieve this feat. The UAE is planning to launch Rashid Rover or the Emirates Lunar Mission shortly. In Sep 2019, Hanzala Al Mansoori became the first Emirati to go to Space when he went to the International Space Station (ISS) for eight days through a Russian space vehicle from Kazakhstan. This year, another UAE astronaut was selected to travel to the ISS on NASA's crew rotation flight, SpaceX Crew-6 for six-months period. Dr Jitendra said, Space Reforms of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi have opened many new vistas and only last month, India made a new beginning in India's Space journey by launching India's first ever private Rocket.

He said, the reforms have also unleashed the innovative potentials of start-ups and within a short span of time, from a couple of Space Start-ups three -four years back, today we have 105 start-ups working in cutting-edge areas of space debris management, nano-satellite, launch vehicle, ground systems, research etc.

Dr Jitendra Singh is also likely to pitch for joint start-up ventures between India and United Arab Emirates in advanced and emerging space technologies during the delegation level talks with Sarah Al Amiri, UAE Minister of State for Advanced Technology and Chairperson of UAE Space Agency. Given the immense potential both countries have in the Space sector, cooperation in this sector would be a new dimension of strengthening bilateral relations. Dr Jitendra underlined that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, centuries old close bilateral relationship has gained intense momentum as the relationship was elevated to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2017. Both countries signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement earlier this year and they aspire to take the bilateral trade from the existing US\$ 72 billion to US\$ 100 billion in the next five years.

## Arun elected President Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg

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JAMMU: Under the administration of Arun Chaudhary, President, Arya Pratinidhi Sabha J&K, the Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg, City Chowk, Jammu conducted elections under the supervision of Dr Kulbushan Mahotra in Jammu on Sunday wherein the members unanimously elected Arun Kumar Gupta as President. He was also authorized to choose



cabinet accordingly, after which Balwan Singh was elected as

General Secretary, Divakar Chauhan and Vijay Mahajan as Vice President, Rakesh Chauhan as Treasurer, Dr Kulbushan Mahotra as Chief Patron, Vivek Gupta as Joint Secretary, Ashok Chaturvedi (Manager - Arya Girls Pathshala Kacchi Chawani), Mukesh Shastri (Pustakalya Adyakash) and Rishi Pal (Adyakash - Bathera School Committee). On the occasion,

newly elected President Arun Kumar Gupta expressed gratitude towards all members for their contributions in electoral process. He impressed upon all the members to put in their efforts for the betterment of society by spreading teachings of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati. The event culminated with distribution of light refreshments among all participants.

## CIC directs for providing updated information on registered migrants

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JAMMU: In a RTI application by Girdhari Lal Raina, former MLC seeking information about actual number of displaced families registered as 'Kashmiri Migrants' in J&K, NCR Delhi and other states in India, it was informed that 44,167 families have been registered as Kashmiri Migrants. Pertinent to mention here that Information was sought after a statement by Home Minister Amit Shah in reply to debate on Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Amendment Bill 2021 on February 13. The same was repeated by G Krishna Reddy, Union MoS Home on March 17 2021. However, annual reports of MHA and other Government records show that the number of

He informed people that pathogenic and virulent bacteria, which cause dental infections, can transport and spread via blood to cause infections in vital organs through inflammation.

"A common reason for occurrence of gum disease is infection due to bacteria which, if left untreated, may progress to periodontitis causing destruction of the supporting structures of a tooth.

The human body responds to these bacteria by activating an immune response leading to

inflammation which is a protective response against the harmful stimulus.

But when this inflammation is excessive then it may cause damage to the normal body tissues," he informed.

Dr Gautam further stressed that periodontitis, which is a disease of supporting tissues of teeth, may act as a risk factor in heart problems, complications during pregnancy, COVID-19 complications, lung and kidney problems etc. He further advised participants that brushing twice daily with a soft bristle toothbrush is basic requirement to keep good dental health. "Bleeding during tooth-brushing or after biting on hard surfaces like an apple, recession of gingiva, swollen gums and loosening or

mobility of teeth may be the features of periodontitis. The margins of gum are red, puffy and swollen due to the adherence of a film known as plaque on the tooth surface.

The film contains a lot of bacteria in its structure and if remains uncleaned changes into a hard structure called calculus which is visible as yellowish-white deposits on the tooth," said Dr Gautam, adding that in case, these symptoms are observed, then patient must immediately report to a specialist doctor.

Dr Gautam thanked Yash Bansal, Founder & CEO of DE9TO, Mohit Kapoor, Co-Founder and CFO, Dr Pankhudi Dixit, Dr Saanika Bali and Dr Jaspreet, senior dentists from DE9TO team for organizing live talk show for general public.

## MD Dairy Development JK visits Handwara, reviews implementation of various CSS

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KUPWARA: Mission Director, Dairy Development J&K, Er Narinder Singh Bali on Sunday visited Handwara Subdivision of Kupwara district.

He convened a review meeting regarding implementation of various Centrally sponsored schemes at Handwara and took stock of various works/ schemes undertaken by the Animal Husbandry Department.

He directed officers to work with dedication so that people can get maximum benefit of Centrally sponsored schemes especially Dairy Development in the district, so that rural people, especially educated youth in particular set up their income generating units, Dairy units/farms, milk cooperative societies etc.

The meeting was attended by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kupwara, Dr M Ashraf, Officer incharge ABS DR. Intisar Amin Makhdoomi, Dr. Firdous Ah Baba VAS Handwara and other officers/officials.