

LG addresses Amar Ujala's Rising J&K Conclave

J&K growing at unprecedented rate: LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressing the 'Rising Jammu Kashmir' Conclave organized by Amar Ujala Group at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the 'Rising Jammu Kashmir' Conclave organized by Amar Ujala Group at Jammu, on Thursday.

The Lt Governor highlighted the impressive strides in different sectors and the emergence of J&K as a model Union Territory.

He said the UT is growing at an unprecedented rate with steadfast resolve and commitment to ensure welfare of the common man.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are witnessing the rise of a developed Union Territory. This divine land in a true sense has been transformed as a 'Paradise on Earth'," the Lt Governor

said. At the conclave, the Lt Governor shared the key initiatives of the UT Administration to ensure ease of living for citizens.

He said the acceleration of J&K's all-round development and the empowerment of the common man are benefiting all sections of society. Our focus is not just faster but also inclusive and sustainable growth. We are

laying the foundation of industrialization and modern agriculture & allied sectors to create new opportunities for youth, farmers and women, he added.

The Lt Governor said the UT administration is determined to create fear-free and terrorism-free J&K. He said the administration has been successful in dismantling the ecosystem of conflict

profiteers, terrorists, secessionists, and terrorism is now breathing its last breath.

"I am confident this decade will be the golden decade for J&K," he said.

Senior officers of Civil and Police Administration, senior journalists, prominent personalities from different walks of life, and people in large numbers were present.

Transitional Curriculum for Session 2023-2024 begins in JIAR

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JAMMU: Transitional Curriculum "Ayurdiksha", 15 days induction programme for 1st Prof BAMS session 2023-24, was inaugurated on Thursday by Chief Guest, Suman Sharma, Chairperson, Shri Sain Charitable Trust for Higher Education, Jammu along with Ravish Sharma, Managing Director SSCT, CEO's Japna Sharma, Jasudha Sharma and Dr Nitin Mahajan.

Programme started by lamp lighting and Shri Dhanvantri Vandana.

Parents and students of batch 2023-24 were provided with the information regarding course curriculum, institute and its functioning, rules and regulations, Apex bodies, etc.

Senior batch students shared their experiences regarding the college premises and their experiences in the college. Guest Lectures



A resource person speaking at a programme.

by eminent persons are lined up in upcoming days.

Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 66th BoDs meet of JKHPMC

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Thursday chaired the 66th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Produce and Marketing Corporation (JKH-PMC) at Civil Secretariat here. The BoDs meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D Vaidya; Secretary

Planning, Piyush Singla; Secretary in Agriculture Production department, Shabnam Kamili; MD JKHPMC, Imamuddin; Director Horticulture Jammu, Director Horticulture Production and Marketing and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing. Speaking during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar impressed upon the management of the Corporation to optimise its operations and use of assets besides exploring new areas to maximize its potential. He also delved on them to bring technological diversification in the Corporation so that it can compete with present industries of food sector: The Advisor further emphasized on the importance of fostering innovation, enhancing market outreach, and ensuring the welfare of the agricultural community in the region by promoting hi-tech horticulture activities. MD, JKHPMC gave a detailed presentation on the progress of various ongoing projects of the corporation.

KPS highlights important issues of community



M.K. Yogi speaking in a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: A meeting of prominent socio-Political Leaders and activists of Kashmiri Pandit Community was held today under the leadership of M.K.Yogi and Vinod Pandita in which threadbare discussions and confabulations were held on the important and urgent issues of the community facing in exile. It was to Government of India and UT administration to address the genuine problems displaced community of kashmiri pandits on priority basis. The meeting

was attended by Vishal Jotish, Bal Krishan Bhat, M.N. Pandita, Rakesh Bhat, Munish wattal, Maharaj Krishan, Shuban Ji Raina, Ashwani Bhat and many others .

In a Press statement issued here today, M.K. Yogi & Vinod Pandita said that the issues discussed and deliberated upon during the meeting were : formation of concrete rehabilitation Policy for Kashmiri migrants back in valley in a time bound period, Releasing of monthly ration& relief in time, organizing awareness

Programmes on mass level for eradicating drug abuse menace from migrant camps/non camp rehabilitations, creation & advertisement of new ten thousand posts for unemployed educated Migrant Youth, enhancement of monthly cash assistance_ a long pending demand of migrants, ensuring delivery of voter ID cards to all migrants, formation of Apex committee comprising of sincere and dedicated representatives of the community , construction of more residential quarters for migrants in view of increase in population in Jammu, implementation of all central Government sponsored schemes for migrants in camps/non camps, implemtation of immovable migrant property Act, 1997 in letter and spirit and ensuring resolution of migrant grievances by all custodians in valley in a time bound period etc.

Both these leaders appealed Government of India and UT administration to take these important issues with the concerned authorities on priority basis for early resolution.



Newly appointed central body members of J&K Private Schools Association at jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: The President of the J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA) Jammu Ajay Gupta on Thursday expanded the central body with its office bearers and Executive Members.

Earlier on September 23, 2023 election for the three posts President, General Secretary and Treasurer of J & K Private Schools Association (JKPSA), Jammu was held at Amar Singh Club in which the outgoing president Kamal Gupta declared the results and announced Ajay Kumar Gupta for the post President while Sat Paul Mansotra and Sanjeev Luthra for the posts of General Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Before announcement of office bearers and executive members, district presidents of all districts of Jammu division nominated two members from each district for the central body.

With thorough consensus President Ajay Gupta honoured Kamal Gupta as Chairman of JKPSA, Deepak Handa as Sr. Vice President, Kiran Raina as Vice President, Ajay Singh as Vice President, Maitree Jain as Secretary, Gaurav Charak as publicity secretary, Seddheshawar Sadotra as Chief organizer and Dr. Madan Mohan as organizer respectively.

Fifteen members which included Dr Vikram Handa, Arjun Mahajan, Satya Paul

Khajuria, Rajat Kesar, Bindiya Sambyal, Rajni Devi, Deep Dayal, Naresh Kumar, Shabir Malik, Prithvi Raj Khokhar, Om Parkash Chandel, Zahir Ahmed, Kanica Sharma, Vishal Singh, Manoj Sharma, Chaman Lal Chouhan were honoured as Executive members / advisors.

Before the culmination of the function members took an oath collectively to fight against the atrocities of the government fearlessly to save this venture from extinction.

District presidents who witnessed this felicitation ceremony included Racephal Singh (Kathua), Ramparkash Sharma (Udhampur), Subash Chib (Jammu),

Laddi Kumar (Reasi).

Will address concerns of transporters in J&K: Bukhari

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JAMMU: Demanding revival of the declining transport sector, the Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari today said that his Party will address the concerns of the transporters in Jammu and Kashmir. "The transport sector and other business establishments have suffered huge losses in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the concerns of the business community members were not given heed by the Govt," said Altaf Bukhari, addressing a joining program here at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

On this occasion, Balbir Singh Baba (owner of Baba Tour and Travels) and his supporters Amarjeet Singh, Devinder Singh, Ramneek Singh, Guruvrer Singh, Rajinder Singh, and others joined the Apni Party in presence of Altaf Bukhari.

In his speech, he said that, "The transport sector and business establishments have suffered losses in Jammu especially after the Darbar Move practice was stopped. The Darbar Move practice had promoted cultural exchange, better understanding between two regions, and improved trade related activities.

Govt to conduct online classes in all Degree Colleges of Kashmir region from today

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SRINAGAR: With the early onset of winters, Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Department Thursday ordered that it will conduct online classes in all government degree colleges of Kashmir region from tomorrow.

According to the Special Secretary to the government Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma in a communique said, "Due to early onset of winter, students enrolled in Government Degree Colleges of Kashmir Division are facing major challenge in commuting to college and, thereby, attending classes."

"Situation has got compounded due to disruption to normal class work with inadequate heating arrangements," it reads. The communique further states that with the implementation of admission based on merit and choice, students have to travel distances or stay in Hostel or stay in private accommodations which has put them to

severe hardship due to early onset of harsh winter.

It reads, "In order to ensure unhindered academic delivery in adverse and extreme cold conditions, it is impressed upon all the Principals of Government Degree Colleges of Kashmir Division that classes will be conducted via online mode w.e.f. December-01-2023 till December-31-2023 or till winter vacations are announced, whichever is earlier."

"Further, Principals of Govt. Degree Colleges of Kashmir Division are directed to ensure that the faculty will attend their respective colleges regularly and take their classes online from the colleges in order to complete the syllabus as per academic calendar," the official said.

It also said that all internal examinations and semester-end examinations will be conducted as per notified schedule of universities or institutions.

Ramnagar Majalta, Chenani, Ghordi, Dudu Basantgarh Lawyers' Council formed

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JAMMU: In a momentous gathering today at the Court Complex in Jammu, lawyers hailing from Ramnagar, Majalta, Chenani, Ghordi, and Dudu Basantgarh, who primarily practice in the esteemed Jammu and Kashmir High Court, congregated to address a myriad of issues prevalent in their respective regions.

After in-depth discussions, the legal luminaries unanimously resolved to establish the Ramnagar Majalta, Chenani, Ghordi, Dudu Basantgarh Lawyers' Council. The decision to form this council emanates from a shared sense of duty among lawyers towards addressing the challenges faced by the residents, with a specific focus on road connectivity and the effective functioning of courts in these areas.

The newly formed council

elected the following eminent members to key positions:

Om Prakash Gupta President, P. L. Sharma General Secretary, Mohinder Atri Advocate Vice President, Aman Mahajan Advocate Joint Secretary, Neeraj Verma Advocate Cashier, Rajendra Chanyal, Sheikh Shakeel Advocate & Shri Vinod Abrol Patrons.

The executive body, announced during this gathering, includes Dheeraj Choudhury, Nitin Nand, Raj Sharma, Sahil Banotra, Ranjana Dogra, Renu Sharma, Manali Gupta, Shri Ram Swaroop, Tariq Mujahid, Atul Chanyal ji, Renu Bala, Sudesh Sharma ji and Sakshat Mahajan ji, ML Gupta g and Bansil Lal g were made executive members

In a unanimous decision, the committee pledged to advocate for the issues faced

by the area's residents and effectively represent their cause. Acknowledging the need for swift action, the body will function as an ad-hoc, interim body until elections are announced. A subsequent meeting, bringing together hundreds of lawyers, is imminent to discuss the election of a new president and form an elected body. The committee is dedicated to resolving the myriad issues faced by the region comprehensively.

P. L. Sharma, the newly appointed General Secretary, expressed optimism about the council's potential to make a positive impact on the region while Sh OP Gupta showed his full interest in connecting all the lawyers of the area and assured to involve all the members and office bearers for development of the regions.

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JAMMU: Like every year; this year too the preparations for Shri Kaal Bhairavashtami were started on Thursday in advance which will continue from December 3 to 6, 2023.

This was stated by Temple Priest, Pt. Rumil Sharma in a press conference after inaugurating Bhandara in Pracheen Bhairav Temple, Chowk Chabutra here.

This year, he said, bikers rally, Shiv Vivah, fasting, Bhairav Acharna, Jhankies, huge Bhandara, Jangam Baba puja, Kanya Puja, Brahmin Puja and various types of fireworks will be done.

The market will be decorated with beautiful flowers and twinkling lights, he said adding that business organizations of the market assured of their full support and that they too will participate enthusiastically in this Bhandara.

Apart from this, Sadhu Sant



Temple Priest, Pt. Rumil Sharma serving langar at Pracheen Bhairav Temple, Chowk Chabutra.

Samaj also assured of giving their blessings and support in this Bhandara. Pandit Rumil Sharma told that a special Aarti will be performed at 7:00 PM which is performed only once in a month in the temple.

Describing about this Aarti, he said that this Aarti is done in the same way as it is done in Mahakaleshwar in Ujjain and he said that by participating in

this Aarti, the outer obstacles are destroyed and Lord Bhairavnath Ji gets pleased and gives the desired results to the devotees.

He also told that these days a large number of devotees are likely to participate from different provinces of the state who will perform Bhandara after receiving the blessings of Baba Bhairavnath Ji.

Familial parties run on hatred, self profiteering; can't digest development: Sanjay Baru

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JAMMU: Family based parties like NC, PDP, Congress can't digest the politics of development as they are run only on the principles of hatred and self profiteering, said J&K BJP senior leader and former JMC Councillor, Sanjay Baru while he toured the Ward No. 41 area of Jammu West assembly Constituency and interacted with the different groups of local residents. While interacting with the masses, Baru said that the whole of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed unprecedented development under the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Attacking the opposition parties like National



BJP leader Sanjay Baru alongwith others during a programme.

Conference, People Democratic Party and Indian National Congress, Sanjay said that their establishments were based on the principles of hatred and nati-national sentiments. These parties came into existence with the particular purpose of profiteering and hatred for the other communities and stressed that people are now very well aware of the hypocrisy of their pseudo-lead-

ers. Highlighting the major development works in the Jammu region, he said that the Jammu city has been developed on the line of most marvelous architectural and engineering updates.

He said that whereas enormous funds were allocated under the Smart city projects, Jammu Municipal Corporation has done excellent work through these five years.

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JAMMU: Amid blistering performances, the two-day UT level Kala Utsav 2023 concluded on Thursday at Teacher Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar here. Principal Secretary, Education department, Alok Kumar was the Chief Guest on the valedictory session of the two day event. Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. Tassaduq Hussain; Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma and other officers besides large number of teachers and students were also present on the occasion.

During the two day event, students from various schools showcased extraordinary cultural performances.

Addressing the huge gather-



Principal Secy, Education Deptt, Alok Kumar with winner students and other dignitaries.

ing, Alok Kumar highlighted the need of promoting art in education at all levels. He said that efforts have been made to improve the potential of the students participating in cultural events. He reiterated that there is need to recognise importance of aesthetics and artistic experiences for our students which play major role in creating awareness of rich cultural heritage and vibrant diversity of our UT and the

country. Emphasising on the need of organising such programmes on regular basis at school level, the Principal Secretary shared that the aim of Education is not only to preserve and transmit our diverse cultural integrities to coming generation but its transformation is far more significant. He maintained that school education department (SED) is providing better platforms to children for showcasing their tal-

ent in different fields. He expressed his gratitude to all the participating students for displaying their scintillating performances. He also informed that under the prestigious scheme PM SHRI Schools, Art Studios shall be established to give boost to the Cultural activities. "Such programmes provide platform for our budding youth to judge their aptitude in comparison with the students of other parts of country", he added.

While highlighting the significance of art in the present era, Kumar also praised the efforts of Teachers for their tireless work and Samagra Shiksha team, for making Kala Utsav-2023 a grand success.

Awards were distributed among runners and winning students under various cate-

gories. Aaradhya Sharma, DPS Udhampur; Sahil Mehra, BHSS Udhampur; Amaan Ullah, G. D. Goenka, Dancesha Devi, GHSS Basantgarh, Abeer DPS Athwajan, Rubby, GGHS, Kathua, Ali Shabir, DPS Athwajan, Anshika ?Sharna, APS Janglot, Pragati Mishra APS kathua, Janveer Aryan, HSS Boys Kishtwar; Sohil Javid GBHS Poonch, Anshika Sardalia, Brahmrisbi Bawra, Udhampur; Hyya Mallinson School, Mohd Imran GBHS Poonch Poonch, Simran Verma GBHS Akhnoor; Nutan Syal, Himalayan Education Mission, HSS Rajouri, GMHSS Billawar, Narinder, GHIS Khairi, Syed Qabbad, BHSS Zadibal, Falak Naaz GHSS Magam got first positions in 20 categories.