

LG attends Christmas event organised by 'All J&K Christian Sabha'



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha felicitating a social worker for his contribution to the society.

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday attended the Christmas event organised by 'All J&K Christian Sabha' at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. The Lt Governor extended his hearty greetings to the people for upcoming auspicious festival of Christmas and urged them to follow the ideals of Jesus Christ, while celebrating the joyous occasion on 25th December. Christmas epitomises spirit of selfless service, forgiveness and peace. The auspicious occasion also provides an opportunity to imbibe the Lord Christ's noble message of sacrifice, love, compassion in our lives and spread joy, share happiness and the spirit of brotherhood to build a peaceful and harmonious society, he said. Responding to the demand

put forth by Most Rev. Ivan Albert Pereira, Bishop Jammu-Srinagar Diocese, the Lt Governor assured appropriate action to redress the issue of extension of lease to St Joseph Higher Education School in Baramulla.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated social workers and prominent citizens for their contribution to the society. Most Rev. Ivan Albert Pereira, Bishop Jammu-Srinagar Diocese; Padma Shri SP Varma, President Gandhi Global Family; Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary JKAACL; Ashu Peter Mattoo, President All J&K Christian Sabha, prominent citizens and people from all walks of life were present.

IIM-J hosts workshop on Women Empowerment Rashmi Singh encourages participants to challenge stereotypes, promote gender equality



Director IIM Jammu, Prof B.S. Sahay presenting memento to Dr. Rashmi Singh, Commissioner, State Taxes Department.

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 JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM), Jammu, on Thursday organized a workshop on Women Empowerment, featuring Dr. Rashmi Singh, Commissioner, State Taxes Department, as the keynote speaker. The workshop focused on addressing gender stereotyping, gender discrimination and promoting the significant role of women in driving development, in line with the vision outlined by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The event was graced by Professor B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, faculty members, officers, staff and students of the institute. Dr. Rashmi Singh, delivered a compelling address on

duty but it is the cornerstone of sustainable progress. At IIM Jammu, we are committed to cultivating leaders who understand the importance of gender equality and actively contribute towards building a future where every individual has equal opportunities to thrive. Dr. Rashmi Singh's words resonated with the audience leaving a lasting impact and inspiring a collective commitment towards fostering a more equitable and inclusive community. She inspired participants to reevaluate societal norms and work towards creating an environment that fosters equal opportunities for all. The workshop provided a platform for meaningful discussions, shedding light on the challenges faced by women in various spheres and exploring strategies to create a more inclusive society. The attendees actively engaged in the dialogue, sharing perspectives and insights on how to contribute towards empowerment of women in their respective roles and fields. This brainstorming workshop exemplifies the institute's dedication towards shaping socially responsible leaders who contribute to betterment of society. By hosting events that tackle important issues like gender equality, IIM Jammu continues to foster a learning environment that goes beyond academics to address the broader challenges and opportunities of the world.

GDC Bhagwati Nagar holds workshop on 'Effective Tax Planning & Strategies for Financial Management'

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Two-day workshop on "Effective Tax Planning and Strategies for Financial Management" under the chief patronage of Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Govt. of J&K UT, Alok Kumar which was inaugurated in Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu concluded on Thursday. The patron and co-patron of the workshop was Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges Higher Education Department, Govt. of J&K UT and Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college respectively. The presidential address was given by the Chief Guest Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal Govt. College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar who talked about how effective tax planning is and its pivotal role in managing the finances. CA Vineet Kohli was the key note speaker in the inaugural session. He discussed about the most relevant saving options in the current scenario and also made the participants aware about the difference between tax evasion and tax planning. He further elaborat-



Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal Govt. College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar with resource person.

ed the Income Tax Act 1961 and talked of various heads under which one can save and plan the tax effectively and efficiently. His key note address culminated in an interactive session wherein the participants raised their queries and were given prompt and satisfying answers. The formal welcome address by Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Coordinator IQAC. The students of the college also presented cultural programme on the occasion. The Principal of various degree colleges namely Dr. Ashu Vashisht, Principal

the taxes. She further elaborated about the various deductions which help to reduce the tax burden of tax payer which includes HRA deduction, Medical/life Insurance, Education loan etc. She also gave hands on training on Income Tax Return filing to the participants and made them file dummy ITRs. The 1st and 2nd technical sessions were coordinated by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali. The session culminated with National Anthem. Second day of the workshop started with the third technical session wherein Daleep Singh Bhutyal, Managing Director ONS Insurance and Investment Consultancy Services was the resource person who in his address deliberated in detail about the financial planning and strategies to be adopted to meet the present and future financial goals. In the fourth technical session, Anshika Gupta and Urvika Gupta, Relationship Executives of J&K Bank Financial Services Ltd. were the resource persons who deliberated on DEMAT Account, Mutual Funds, Share

Market and its benefit to the investors. They also discussed about risk diversification through the portfolio management. The session ended with hands on-training on opening of DEMAT account. The workshop ended with detailed report which was read by Prof. GaganJyoti, Head Dept. of Commerce, highlighting the important events of the workshop. One of the participants of two day workshop, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Asstt. Prof. in Mathematics, GLDM GDC Hiranagar, presented feedback of the workshop in the valedictory session. Dr. Surinder Sharma, Principal SPMR College of Commerce also joined the valedictory function of the workshop. Later on the certificates of participation were awarded to the participants by the Principal of the college, Dr. Meeru Abrol, who lauded the efforts of organizing team for the successful organization of the workshop. The programme ended with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Coordinator Career Counseling Cell.

Hindustani vocalist from Jammu to perform in concert at Thrissur

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: One of the leading youth icons of Hindustani classical music in the Jammu city, Dr. Mukteshi Sharma is off to Kerala to present a full-fledged Hindustani vocal concert in the ongoing month-long "11th Dakshinamurti International Festival of Music and Dance 2023" being held at the famous Sree Vishnumaya Temple in Thrissur being organised in collaboration with Visakhapatnam-based Tarakeshwara Foundation. Dr. Mukteshi will be accompanied by her father, Dr. Ashutosh Mangotra on the harmonium and "Kerala Kalasree" Vidushi Ratnasree Iyer on the tabla. Concert will commence on 23rd December from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon and will also go live on the YouTube channel of Peringottukara Devasthanam that manages the temple and conducts this festival. Mukteshi Sharma and her accompanying artistes



are one of the six teams from all over India, nominated by the Foundation for this festival under its "Remote-Location" collaboration with the principal organizers. Incidentally this will be the 300th presentation of Tarakeshwara Foundation that has so far conducted 168 music concerts, 83 dance recitals and 48 art and photo exhibitions ever since it started its initiative of promoting Indian classical music way back in 2014. The "Jammu Music Akademy," based out of the campus of Sacred Heart Public School in Domana is the North-based parallel initiative of the Foundation. It has already conducted 24 programmes out of the campus of Sacred Heart Public School in Domana, with artistes from different parts of the country participating in them. The initiative has caused a discernible enthusiasm amongst the gurus and the students of classical music in the city. In order to motivate children and young students to pursue classical music, Sacred Heart Public that houses the office of Jammu Music Akademy has made arrangements for the entire school to watch Dr. Mukteshi's concert live from Thrissur on a big LED screen.

VBSY Van reaches Panchayat Muthi

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 JAMMU: As part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a special van reached panchayat Muthi Maira of Bhalwal Brahmana block on Thursday amid high enthusiasm among the members of Swagat Committee, locals and PRI members in presence of officials of line departments. Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Rehana Batul, presided over a VBSY event organised on the occasion. Rehana Batul, after watching video message of the Prime Minister through VBSY van, urged upon the people to work for progress and prosperity of the country. The people present at the event took the pledge and expressed their commitment towards nation building. The event began with the



Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Rehana Batul presenting a cheque to a beneficiary.

national anthem followed by mesmerising cultural performances by the students of Government Higher Secondary School Muthi Maira, who showcased their talent and enthusiasm through songs, dances and skits. The audience appreciated the efforts of the young artists and encouraged them with applause. Representatives of the line departments also presented their stalls and explained various schemes and programmes run by the gov-

Kavinder flags off 34th Annual Charri Yatra to Maa Jwala Ji Temple

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta flagged off the 34th Varshik Vishva Shanti Dharam Yatra (Charri Mubarak Yatra) from Maa Bawe Wali Mandir to Maa Jwala Ji Mandir in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, on Thursday. This annual pilgrimage, supervised by Jagdish Sharma and Dr. Poonam Sharma, sees thousands of devotees participating with profound religious fervor each year. It is pertinent to mention that the Jawala Mata Charri Yatra, a tradition upheld for the last 33 years, commences in Kishtwar and culminates at the Maa Jwala Ji Shrine in Himachal Pradesh. The yatra was warmly received by Tarun Uppal, Chairman of the Nirbhay Bharat Foundation at



Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta flagging off the 34th Varshik Vishva Shanti Dharam Yatra.

Bajalta, where the foundation stone of the Maa Jwala Ji Temple has been laid. The yatra commenced following Kavinder Gupta's act of reverence at the Maa Bawe Wali Temple. Hundreds of devotees joined the Charri Mubarak Yatra from Maa Bawe Wali Temple as it embarked on its journey to the Jwala Mata Temple in Kangra. Expressing his sentiments, Kavinder Gupta hoped that the divine blessings garnered through the yatra would fortify the bonds of amity, ushering in peace and prosperity in the J&K UT. While interacting with the participants, Kavinder

Gupta emphasized that religious events like the Charri Yatra play a crucial role in spreading messages of brotherhood and peace. He expressed his hope that the pilgrimage would bring happiness and prosperity to J&K and offered prayers for the betterment and welfare of the people. Tarun Uppal echoed similar sentiments, expressing his aspiration for the pilgrimage to conclude smoothly and successfully. He urged the public to leverage religious events as platforms for promoting peace, brotherhood, and communal harmony. "Such pilgrimages offer devotees a chance to seek spiritual comfort in a serene environment. I hope this yatra will act as a harbinger of peace and tranquility among various segments of society," he added.

BJP is committed to service, good governance, welfare of poor: Sham Sharma

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in its thoughts and actions has remained committed to the service, good governance and the welfare of the poor and the needy, said Sham Lal Sharma, Former Minister & J&K BJP Vice-President, while emphasizing that the party worker always puts oneself at the last while dedicatedly serving the society and the nation. Sham Lal Sharma and former JMC Mayor & J&K BJP Vice-President Chandher Mohan Gupta, accompanied by party secretary Vikas Choudhary and Swaahh Bharat Abhiyaan BJP Incharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal were listening to the grievances put forth by visiting individuals and deputations at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Sham Lal Sharma, while



J&K BJP Vice-President, Sham Lal Sharma and other leaders listening to public issues.

interacting with the dozens of deputations listening to their grievances, said that the commitment of the cadre of Bharatiya Janata Party is unmatched when it comes to serving the needy. He said that BJP worker in its thoughts and actions has remained committed to the service, good governance and the welfare of the poor and the needy, while he/she always puts oneself at the last while dedicatedly serving the society and the nation. Individuals and deputations of people from Billawar, Bishnah, RS Pura, Majeen, Bhaderwah, Poonch, Lankhanpur, Kathua, Rajouri, Anantnag, Talab Tillo, Janipur Housing Colony, Baramulla, Akhnoor, Nowshera, Sarwal, Kulgam, Bajalta, Subbah Nagar and other places had reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their griev-

ances. Issues related to the Police Department, construction of lane/drains, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, upgradation of road, installation of transformer, health department, drug liscence, security, mark2 handpumps, repair of tube well, PHE manhole, encroachment, old age pension, electric poles etc. were presented before the senior party leaders. Chandher Mohan Gupta said that Modi government has proved that the common person is the most important person in democracy and BJP while developing the nation has worked with the good governance model to ease the living of common masses. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal said that BJP attends to every single issue presented by the deputations and makes genuine efforts to sort the most of the issues in short time.

Altaf Bukhari seeks restoration of Statehood to J&K

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 JAMMU: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Thursday demanded restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. "It is one of our core agendas to restore the Statehood of Jammu and Kashmir and for this mission, we would continue our struggle," said Altaf Bukhari while addressing a joining program. The program was organized by State President ST Wing, Saleem Alam. In this program, Naib Sarnach Ashwani Kumar of Seora in Bishnah, District Jammu along with dozens of his supporters joined the Party. "It was due to our efforts that we were able to get protection of land and jobs for the local population," he said, questioning the silence of the traditional



JKAP President, S.M.A Bukhari with newly joined member and party leaders.

political parties. He further stated that these political parties create regional division, advocate self-rule and autonomy to gain votes whereas the BJP bank on the religious politics to create wedge among the people of different segments. He said that the Apni Party believes in the politics of development and equal rights to all the people in J&K. Notice added that taking serious note of statement and in view of fact that it is self-explanatory, the matter was discussed by Disciplinary Committee and it decided to expel Aman Dabar, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Yuva Moreha (BJYM), from Primary Membership of Party for 6 years to instill confidence of public in High moral principles of party.

BJYM leader Aman Dabar expelled from party

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 JAMMU: Taking serious note of gross indiscipline and use of unparliamentarily words in a press conference by Aman Dabar on December 20 at Poonch, Chairman BJP Disciplinary Committee, Senior Advocate Sunil Sethi expelled Aman from the party. "Aman Dabar is removed from all the positions of the party he was holding and his membership in the party is withdrawn," said Sethi, who after having consultation with the senior Party leaders, expelled Aman Dabar from the BJP. In an order issued by the Advocate Sunil Sethi said Indiscipline cannot be tolerated in the party and more over unparliamentarily language cannot be accepted at all. The notice read, "The Disciplinary Committee came in receipt of a video of Aman Dabar, Spokesperson BJYM in which he is seen making reckless and baseless allegations against administration. The Senior Party leaders including Spokespersons are expected to be conscious that their statements are having direct bearing on perception of party in public mind. If reckless statement like this is to be tolerated, it will not only affect image of party in public perception but also of administration and potentially can be for blackmailing administration." Notice added that taking serious note of statement and in view of fact that it is self-explanatory, the matter was discussed by Disciplinary Committee and it decided to expel Aman Dabar, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Yuva Moreha (BJYM), from Primary Membership of Party for 6 years to instill confidence of public in High moral principles of party.