

JNV Gharota students gain insightful career guidance at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: Students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Gharota village, Jammu were welcomed at the Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu for an enlightening visit focused on career guidance. The students were hosted by the faculty members, including Dr. Barnali Chaudhary, Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Dr. Ashish Kumar, and Arup Bhattacharya, AO Academics, IIM Jammu. The visit aimed at to provide the young minds from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jammu with valuable insights into career options and educational pathways, particularly in the field of management. The students participated in interaction session with IIM faculty. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu reiterated, "Hosting students from Jawahar Navodaya



IIM Jammu faculty member addressing students of JNV Gharota on Friday.

Vidyalaya aligns seamlessly with our commitment to social responsibility and education outreach & guidance to young minds from diverse backgrounds." Dr. Barnali Chaudhary, Faculty, IIM Jammu, during her session, emphasized the importance of pursuing education with passion and purpose. "Your choices today shape your tomorrow. At IIM Jammu, we encourage students to explore their interests and equip themselves with the skills necessary for a successful and fulfilling career."

Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson Admission, IIM Jammu spoke about the diverse opportunities in the field of management and how it opens doors to a wide array of industries and roles." Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu addressed the students, shedding light on the significance of holistic development. "Academic excellence is important, but equally vital is the development of soft skills, critical thinking, and

adaptability." Arup Bhattacharya, AO Academics, IIM Jammu, provided an orientation into the IIM system, giving the students an overview of the academic structure and the unique aspects that set IIMs apart in the realm of management education. The students were also treated to a grand lunch followed by a campus tour, allowing them to witness firsthand the world-class facilities and vibrant academic environment at IIM Jammu.

GCW Parade organises seminar on Viksit Bharat@2047

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JAMMU: A Seminar under the banner of "Viksit Bharat@2047" was organised on Friday in the Department of Music, Government College for Women, Parade Ground Jammu. The event was inaugurated by the Principal of the College, Dr. S.P. Sarswat. Students of the Music Department presented papers on different topics. Dr. Gurpreet Kour (NSS Programme Officer GCW Parade) deliberated about the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra by the Government of India. HoD Music Department, Dr. Jasmeet Kour briefed about the "Viksit Bharat@2047 Abhiyaan." The programme was attended by a large number of students and staff. Dr. Ranjeet Katoch presented the vote of thanks.

ABVP Jammu University condemns Poonch attack



ABVP activists raising anti-Pakistan slogans during a protest at JU.

JAMMU: In a powerful display of solidarity, the Jammu University unit of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) held a peaceful protest today against the recent terrorist attack in Poonch district. The protest took place at the University of Jammu in front of the Dhanvantri Library. ABVP JU President Sahil Choudhary said that we are gathered to pay our respects to the martyred soldiers and denounce the cowardly act of terror. "We stand with our brave Indian Army, forever indebted to their sacrifices for our nation.

Expressing deep condolences to the families of the martyred soldiers, Choudhary also emphasized the need to tackle the root cause of such attacks. "Pakistan's continued support for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir must be met with unwavering resolve," he stated. "The recent revocation of Article 370 is a positive step towards peace and sovereignty in the region, and ABVP JU urges the government and citizens to remain united in prioritizing national security."

ensuring the safety of citizens and thwarting potential threats. The student activists emphasized the importance of unity in the face of adversity, calling upon fellow students to join hands in promoting a spirit of nationalism and resilience against external threats. The protest garnered widespread support from students, faculty, and locals, signifying a collective commitment to safeguarding the nation's interests. ABVP JU Secretary, Ananya Rathore, highlighted the need for educational institutions to play a proactive role in instilling values of patriotism and responsibility among students.

Taiwanese national held at IGI Airport with over 60 Indian SIMs, agencies begin probe

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NEW DELHI: Security agencies are investigating the role of a Taiwanese national who was apprehended by CISF personnel from the Delhi airport with more than 60 activated mobile phone SIM cards. Lai Jihin Ping was apprehended by the central security force on December 18 from Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport before he could board his scheduled Thai Airways flight to Bangkok. "During physical checking, 67 Indian SIM cards were detected in the man's luggage

that were in active condition and were in the name of different Indian persons," a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) spokesperson said. He could not reply satisfactorily as to why he was carrying these SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) cards, the spokesperson added. The force later informed the Intelligence Bureau and the immigration authorities, who questioned the foreigner, he said. The Delhi Police registered a case against the man and took him into custody for further investigation, a senior officer said.

Billawaria releases devotional song 'Rakhin Apna Bana ke Saaiyan'

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JAMMU: A devotional song titled 'Rakhin Apna Bana ke Saaiyan' was released here on Friday by former Deputy Mayor Jammu & senior BJP leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria. Billawaria was accompanied by renowned singer Sonali Dogra, Director Lucky Verma, Sahil Mahajan, J&K BJP Co-convenor Sanskriti, Art and Culture Cell and others. The song was sung by Neeru Verma, lyrics were given by Surjeet Sufi, Music



Senior BJP leader, B.S. Billawaria and others releasing devotional song at Jammu on Friday.

was composed by Krishna Kumar, video has been directed by Lucky Verma and the song has been released on YouTube channel Sai Neeru Bhakti Channel. Speaking on the occasion,

Billawaria wished all success for Neeru Verma and other young artists for their new devotional song and assured support to promote upcoming artists of J&K. He said that the people of

President KP Sabha pays homage to martyred Army Soldiers

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JAMMU: "The dastardly attack on army vehicles in Rajouri is a highly deplorable act which clearly shows that Pakistan sponsored terrorists are active and will continue with their nefarious designs to breach the peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. The changes in the ground situation in Kashmir valley are not acceptable to them therefore such cowardly attacks are being perpetrated. Our sympathies are with the families of the martyred bravehearts and

we request the government of India to take retaliatory measures to liquidate the attackers. In fact it's high time to repeat operations like Sarp Vinaash In Hill Kaka in Poonch Rajouri areas which will help in cleaning these areas once again. With elections approaching alert by the security establishment has to be of highest level"- K k khosa President Kashmiri Pandit Sabha raised serious concern against terrorist attacks on security forces in the press release issued.

GHSS Kathar Manwal students visit Reliance Smart Bazar Udhampur



GHSS Kathar Manwal students during visit to Reliance Smart Bazar Udhampur.

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JAMMU: The industrial visit organised for GHSS Kathar Manwal students of class 9th and 11th of vocational trade IT/ITES at Reliance Smart Bazar Udhampur under the supervision of Principal Vandana Gupta and Vocational Trainer Anil Gagan with staff members of GHSS Kathar Manwal. During an industrial visit, students learn about the

extensive use of Information Technology (IT) in the retail sector. They gained insights into the implementation of point-of-sale (POS) systems for efficient transactions, inventory management through advanced software, and customer relationship management (CRM) tools to enhance customer experience. Additionally, students may understand how data

analytics and business intelligence are leveraged for decision-making and personalized marketing strategies. This exposure helps students appreciate the integral role of IT in optimizing processes and improving overall efficiency in the retail industry. Rohit Singh, the Manager of Reliance Smart Bazar in Udhampur, played a pivotal role in delivering a com-

prehensive demonstration on the use of Information Technology (IT) in the retail sector during the industrial visit. With expertise and clarity, the manager illustrated how IT systems streamline processes, enhance inventory management, and optimize customer interactions. Their proficiency in explaining the integration of IT tools, such as point-of-sale systems and data analytics, contributes significantly to the students' understanding of the pivotal role technology plays in modern retail operations. The manager's demonstration serves as a valuable learning experience for the students. Overall, the visit provides a holistic understanding of the retail environment, merging theoretical knowledge with practical experiences.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme empowering skilled artisans, craftsmen across India: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: The PM Vishwakarma Scheme holds immense significance by empowering India's traditional artisans and craftspeople with a holistic package of recognition, skill training, financial support, and market access. It aims to revitalize age-old crafts, boost incomes, and preserve cultural heritage, ultimately building a self-reliant community of artisan entrepreneurs. This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President while addressing two separate programmes at Wards No 7 and 11 of Jammu East constituency. On the occasion, Praveen Kerni, Harvinder Singh, Jagjivan Lal, Praveen Kerni, Sanjay Mahey, Neeru Anand, Sudhir Anand, Ranju Sharma, Amit Gupta, Ajesh Gupta, Trilochan



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi and other during a programme.

Dutt, Nisha Bhatia, Kamal Jain, Shiv Kumar, Sharma and others were present. Addressing a gathering of party workers and members of the artisan community, Yudhvir underscored the scheme's potential to unlock a golden age for traditional crafts and uplift the lives of millions of skilled artisans. "The PM Vishwakarma Scheme is not just an initiative, it's a clarion call to rediscover the magic of our indigenous arts. From car-

penters to potters, weavers to goldsmiths, this scheme empowers our Vishwakarmas with recognition, skill upgradation, financial support, and market access. It's time to ensure every beneficiary in [State/Region] unlocks the doors to prosperity and contributes to a vibrant Atmanirbhar Bharat," he said. Sehti urged party workers to become torchbearers, guiding artisans through the registration

process and disseminating crucial information about the scheme's benefits. "Our artisans are not just craftspeople, they are custodians of our cultural heritage. With the PM Vishwakarma Scheme as our compass, we can revitalize age-old traditions, strengthen local economies, and build a thriving ecosystem of artisan entrepreneurs. Let us join hands and empower the hands that weave the tapestry of our nation," he added.

BJYM celebrates Dogri Manyata Diwas under theme "Duggar Da Maan", honours Para Archer Sheetal Devi

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Jammu Kashmir hosted the "Duggar Da Maan" programme at Bahu Plaza, Jammu, showcasing the vibrant Dogri culture on Dogri Manyata Diwas. The event featured captivating performances by various artists dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region. Programme was started with the two minutes silence for the martyrdom of the Soldiers in Poonch Sector and floral tributes to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee who introduced Dogri in 8th Schedule in 2003



BJYM leaders honouring dignitaries at a programme.

A poignant moment unfolded as Sheetal Devi, the First Para Women Archer from Kishtwar, was honoured in absentia for bringing glory to the nation. In a heartfelt gesture, her parents and brother were also recognized during the event, acknowledging the collective pride of Kishtwar. In his welcome speech, BJYM Jammu Kashmir President, Arun Prabhakar, extended gratitude to all the writers, artists, performers and participants for their significant contributions to the promotion of culture. The event served as a testament to the commitment of the community

in preserving and celebrating their cultural identity. Arun also thanked the BJP government for giving Dogri Language its deserved recognition and honour by introducing Dogri in every University, Colleges of the Jammu region. Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy CM, was the chief guest and other senior functionaries including D K Manyal, Vibodh Gupta General Secretaries JKBJP, Yudhvir Sethi, Balwant Mankotia, Rajinder Sharma, former Mayor, Rekha Mahajan, Anuradha Charak, Pramod Kapahi, Chander Mohan Sharma were present. Kavinder Gupta encouraged the youth to positively and actively participate in social work activities as well and stressed on the importance of Atmanirbhartha. Other prominent personalities such as Padma Shri

Two-day "Fashion Fest - A Fashion & Lifestyle Exhibition" gets underway at Hotel Zone by The Park

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JAMMU: Two days "Fashion Fest-A Fashion & Lifestyle Exhibition" got underway at Hotel Zone by The Park, here on Friday. Pro Vice Chairperson - DPS Jammu, Ritu Singh inaugurated the show and congratulated Ruchi Khare Sharma-CEO Rangoli by Ruchi & Tannu's exhibitors to curate such a beautiful show to uplift the young entrepreneurs and provide them a platform to follow their passion. Heavy rush was witnessed since the opening on the day-1 of this Fashion & Lifestyle

am to 9 pm. Lot of exhibitors from Jammu and other cities are displaying their collection to style up Jammuites with new fashion trends. Ruchi & Tannu gives them an opportunity to interact with the customers face to face and reach out to maximum people. The exhibition showcases the vibrant collection of handcrafted designer apparels, home-decor, couture accessories, stylish jewelry, accessories and much more. This one fashion and lifestyle exhibition in Jammu is a must-go. It is unique because it fea-



Pro VC DPS Jammu, Ritu Singh and others at an exhibition.

Exhibition organised by Ruchi Khare. After super successful events in Jammu Fashion Fest this time is presenting a group of extremely talented exhibitors showcasing their collection. The exhibition will remain open for the customers from 11

tures the best designers and brands from all across the country. She encouraged organizers to continue organising more such unique events to bring positivity in the society by giving a platform to many others.

Azad lauds IDPS Jammu for its contribution in education sector



DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad and other at lamp lighting ceremony.

JAMMU: The former Chief Minister and DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday lauded the efforts of International Delhi Public School (IDPS) Jammu for offering free education to needy students besides substantially contributing in education sector in the Union Territory. "The contribution of IDPS Jammu brought new paradigms in education sector", Azad said while addressing at the Annual Day function of the school, adding that the contribution of the school can't be forgotten since it has elevated the quality of education and produced students with immense

exposure. He said the school has produced students of international exposure who have proven their mettle at international forums and brought fame and name to our country especially the Jammu region. "Without compromising the quality of education, this school is offering equal opportunities to those bright students who hail from the poor sections of society. Irrespective of social strata, the school is providing equal opportunities to all," he said. Azad said the facilities in schools are nowadays of high level though during our times, the facilities were minimal. But entirely the focus was on quality

of education. He also praised Jammu for its cosmopolitan culture where people from all faiths and sections of society grow together with equal opportunities. He said if we have to uplift the UT socio-economically, it is only possible through education. Azad said that due to modern facilities and new innovations in education sector, the sports is given an equal importance due to which many of the students here have brought laurels to Jammu and the country, both at national and international level. Among those present on the occasion included Vice Chairman G.M.Saroori, Gen Secretary R.S.Chib, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Manisha Choudhary IDPS Chairperson, Suminder Singh MD, Swarn Choudhary MD, Randeep Wazir Principal, Vishal Chopra GS Province, Anoop Khajuria media coordinator and others.