

Govt schools dominate DIPR's visual storytelling competition; sweep all categories

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government schools demonstrated a commanding presence in the ambitious visual storytelling competition organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations under Badalta Jammu Kashmir initiative, sweeping all positions in various categories.



Joint Director Information Jammu Atul Gupta felicitating winners of Badalta Jammu Kashmir Photography and Videography Competition

The Department of Information and Public Relations' visual storytelling competition, conducted as part of 'Badalta Jammu Kashmir', received an overwhelming response, with over 50,000 individuals participating and witnessing the dominance of government schools.

als from diverse backgrounds across Jammu and Kashmir. The competition encouraged citizens to spotlight transformative developments in the Union Territory.

competitions, National Anthem competitions, and related cultural presentations are part of the departmental initiatives in this regard. Winners across various categories were honored in a felicitation ceremony held here under the chairmanship of Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta.

Stop politicizing terror acts, appeals Brig Gupta

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The recent terror incident at Dera Ki Gali (DKG) area near Buzliar in Surankot tehsil of the Poonch district in which four brave hearts of 48 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) attained Veergati has sent shockwaves across the country.

stop politicizing the terror act and help restore peace in the restive region. BJP condemned custodial killings and urges the Muftis and Abdullahs to wait for the report of the inquiry since the Army authorities have also assured full cooperation including a free and fair enquiry.

limitless powers. They provided latent support to anti-national elements & radicals for their survival. Now there is no official support to terrorism/radicalisation," claimed Brig Gupta.

environment but will never condemn terrorism or its aka Pakistan," added the Spokesperson.

Dialogue only way forward to make J&K peaceful: Farooq

MASROOR AHMAD
SRINAGAR: Lok Sabha MP and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday reiterated that dialogue was the only way forward to end the dispute with Pakistan.



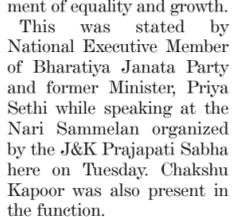
should be resolved through dialogue." He asked, "Where is the dialogue? Nawaz Sharif is about to become the Prime Minister of Pakistan, and they are saying they are ready to hold talks with India. But why we are not ready to talk? If we do not find a solution through dialogue, we will meet the

problem in coming days. Talking about the Poonch incident, he said, it is very unfortunate that innocent people were being harassed and these activities would make people frustrated.

history. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, Cmr Kesavn Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu and Arup Bhattacharya, AO Academics, IIM Jammu, participated in the event to pay tribute to the spirit of Veer Bal Divas.

Priya Sethi lauds Prajapati Sabha for playing pivotal role in enlightening society on social issues

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party at the Centre has empowered the women of the country in general and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in particular by introducing various enormous schemes for their welfare.



Former Minister, Priya Sethi at others at the Nari Sammelan in Jammu on Tuesday.

ment of equality and growth. This was stated by National Executive Member of Bharatiya Janata Party and former Minister, Priya Sethi while speaking at the Nari Sammelan organized by the J&K Prajapati Sabha here on Tuesday.

region, she said, adding that Modi government's focus on rectifying these historical injustices is a step towards ensuring that women in Jammu and Kashmir can avail the same benefits and opportunities as their counterparts in other parts of the country, paving the way for a more equitable and just society.

year with an objective to make aware the women about various schemes launched by the Centre for betterment and up-liftment of their social status.

DB disposed of PIL regarding Development of Patnitop-Mantalai-SudhMahadev for Tourism

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by Adv Sumit Nayyar seeking respondents to develop/improve the tourist infrastructural facilities for the Patnitop-Mantalai-Sudh Mahadev including temples which attract a large number of tourists every year both in summer and winter season and to take effective measures as expeditiously as possible.

the issue raised does not involve settlement or enforcement of any legal right. The appropriate remedy available to the petitioner is to approach the concerned authorities and to seek development of the area, which the petitioner considers to be of vital importance for the tourist purpose.

serviceable, damaged and broke. The store rooms contain mostly rotten and torn bed sheets, yoga suits, undergarments, blood pressure apparatus, dinner/tea sets, telephone apparatus, clothes, telephone belongings of yoga guru, utensils. The big inventory inside the Ashram has been handed over and taken without any inventory.

delivered by the learned Single Bench in SWP No.2564/2016 titled 'Rashpal Ram v. State of J&K and another whereby the learned Single Judge, while allowing the writ petition, quashed the impugned order, bearing No.1270-GAD of 2016 dated 21.11.2016 compulsorily retiring the writ petitioner from service in public interest with effect from 22.11.2016 in exercise of powers under Article 226(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Regulations.

Ritika led delegation meets DC Jammu to address public grievances

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A proactive women's delegation, spearheaded by Chief Spokesperson of BJP Mahila Moreha in Jammu & Kashmir UT, Ritika Trehan, held a constructive meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, in his office chamber.



Chief Spokesperson J&K BJP Mahila Moreha, Ritika Trehan during meeting with DC Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya.

The primary agenda of this collaborative session was to highlight and discuss the prevailing public grievances within the region. The delegation aptly presented a comprehensive overview of these concerns, emphasizing the urgent need to resolve them for the benefit of the community.

grassroots level. In response to the delegation's impassioned appeal, DC Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, assured his personal involvement in actively addressing the grievances raised by the public.

This positive and proactive engagement between the delegation led by Ritika Trehan and the DC Jammu signifies a collaborative effort towards fostering a more responsive and citizen-centric administration.

SSP Jammu tours city for domination, deterrence of crime activities

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To keep in check the security concerns of the area in Jammu District, SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar, alongwith SDPO North Sunil Kumar Kesar and other police officials made the foot tour of Jammu city on Tuesday.



SSP Jammu, Dr Vinod Kumar touring Jammu city to review security on Tuesday.

Moreover, he congratulated them for the upcoming New Year 2024. He also ensured

them that police is always there to help people in every matter.

IIM Jammu commemorates Veer Bal Diwas with patriotic fervour

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu on Tuesday observed the Veer Bal Diwas at its Jagti Campus and paid homage to the sacrifices made by Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh.



Director IIM Jammu Prof. B.S. Sahay speaking at a programme.

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, Cmr Kesavn Baskaran, and Arup Bhattacharya, emphasized the significance of preserving and passing on the rich heritage of sacrifice to the younger generation.

Two foreign passengers apprehended for illegally carrying medicines at IGI Airport

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) apprehended two foreign passengers illegally carrying huge quantity of medicines worth approximately Rs 80 lakhs at IGI Airport, New Delhi

diverted to the random checking point for thorough checking of their four big size trolley bags.



"On December 24, 2023 at about 1810 hrs, on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff noticed suspicious activities of two International passengers at Check-in area, Terminal-3 of IGI Airport," Asstt. Inspector General Apoorv Pandey, PRO CISF said.

On screening of their four trolley bags through X-BIS machine, Pandey said, CISF personnel noticed suspicious images.

On physical checking, Pandey added, huge quantity of medicines of approximate value Rs 80 lakh were detected. On enquiry, Pandey said,

Mere recommendation of committee for premature retirement does not suffice: DB

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Rajesh Sekhri, held that compulsory retirement of Government servant cannot be ordered merely because the committee has made recommendations for retirement of petitioner. He cannot be compulsorily retired unless the competent authority comes to a conclusion after forming a bona fide opinion of its own that the writ petitioner can be subjected to compulsory retirement in the interest of the institution.

the impugned order of compulsory retirement, the State has applied this principle in the reverse and has exhibited its spineless, DB said.

With these observations, DB upheld the judgment of Single Judge and dismissed the appeal of U'I.

While dismissing the appeal, DB observed that however, as regards the allegations leveled by the writ respondent against the writ petitioner, the State and its officers at the helm of affairs if are fair enough and have a will, and do not intend to provide a safe passage to writ petitioner, are free to go ahead with inquiry, if they deem fit, and complete the same in a time bound manner without any excuse on the part of officers holding such inquiry.