

# IIT Jammu, ESF unite for J&K's Largest Climate Clock Assembly and Display Event

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant collaborative effort, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, in partnership with Energy Swaraj Foundation (ESF), has achieved a remarkable milestone by successfully assembling 40 Climate Clocks. This event marks the largest Climate Clock Assembly and Display in the region, held at the Open Air Theatre at IIT Jammu. A gathering of approximately 200 students from 28 institutions, including local schools and colleges, participated in the assembly of the DIY Climate Clock. Functioning as a real-time reminder of the pressing need to address climate change, the clocks were meticulously assembled by students in teams and will find their place



Chief Guest, Roshan Jaggi, Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director IIT Jammu, Prof Chetan Solanki, Founder ESF, and Prof Anurag Misra, Dean IPM IIT Jammu launching climate clock.

at respective institutions. The aim is to encourage individuals to adopt behaviours that actively reduce their carbon footprint. The event witnessed the presence of Roshan Jaggi, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director IIT Jammu, Prof Chetan

Singh Solanki, Founder ESF, and Prof Anurag Misra, Dean IPM IIT Jammu. Jaggi, in his address, urged students to recognize the dual responsibility - individual and collective - in mitigating the climate crisis. He emphasised the importance of each person's contribution towards environmental preservation. Drawing from his experiences, Jaggi shared inspiring anecdotes to motivate students to translate principles into action. During the welcome address, Prof Manoj Singh Gaur expressed his gratitude to all participants, emphasising that events of this nature underscore the institution's commitment to a sustainable and environmentally conscious future. He conveyed IIT Jammu's pride in contributing to such initiatives and affirmed a commitment to exploring innovative ways to positively impact our planet. Prof Chetan Singh Solanki, a Professor at the Department of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Bombay and the founder of ESF, commended the students for their efforts and provided a strategic action plan to fulfil the vision of Climate Responsiveness. Encouraging a sense of urgency, he stated, "The right time is right now!" Associate Professor, Dr Arun Kumar Verma, from IIT Jammu, presented a sincere vote of thanks to all the participants, the staff and students from IIT Jammu for making the event a huge success. As a tangible outcome of the event, each participating institute received the assembled Climate Clock, which will be prominently displayed at their premises to raise awareness about the critical importance of preserving our climate. This collaborative effort reflects a shared commitment towards fostering environmental consciousness and sustainable practices for a healthier planet.?

# 4 AISATS staff members, Indian passenger held on human trafficking suspicion at IGI

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Four AISATS staff members and an Indian passenger bound for the UK were apprehended at the Delhi airport by CISF personnel for their alleged involvement in a human trafficking racket, a senior officer said Thursday. The incident took place on Wednesday at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport when the activities of a passenger, supposed to fly to Birmingham on an Air India flight, were found suspicious, he said. The security personnel scanned CCTV footage and found that immigration officials first refused to allow the passenger as his travel documents were "doubtful" and they asked

him to come back with airline officials for clarification, a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) spokesperson said. The passenger, however, did not go to the airline staff but approached an AISATS staffer, he said. It was found that efforts were made to onboard the passenger using "wrong or invalid" documents by AISATS staffers from the crew check-in counter, the spokesperson said. AISATS is a 50-50 joint venture between Air India Limited (a part of the TATA Group) and SATS Limited and its staffers render services like ramp handling, load control, flight operations, baggage handling and other aircraft services. Four AISATS staffers identified as Rohan Verma, Mohammad Jahangir, Yash and Akshay Narang along with the passenger named Diljit Singh were handed over to Delhi Police which later booked a case against them, the spokesperson said. This looks to be a suspected case of human trafficking as the AISATS staffers told CISF personnel that an amount of Rs 40,000 per passenger was being charged for letting them board the flight illegally, he said. Early this week, a Nicaragua-bound aircraft carrying 276 passengers, mostly Indians, was grounded in France for four days over suspected human trafficking.

# Congress Seva Dal celebrates its 100th Foundation Day Fight politics of hate, promote communal harmony in society: JK Seva Dal Chief

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Congress Seva Dal shall fight the politics of hate and divisiveness and promote harmony in the society. This was stated by Congress Seva Dal Chief for J&K UT Vijay Sharma while speaking in a Century celebration function of Congress Seva Dal held at PCC HQ Shaheed Chowk, here on Thursday. Others present on the occasion include Treasurer Dara Singh, General Secretary Kuldeep Kumar Lucky, Manzoor Ahmed, Gopal Punia, O.P Bhagat, Tariq Hussain Zargar, Riaz Arfan, Suresh Kumar, Nazoor Ahmed, Koushal Parihar, Javez Ahmed Bhat, Fiaz Ahmed Malik, Riaz Ahmed, Bashir Ahmed Magrey, Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Shah, Altaf Ahmed Dar, Shahir Ahmed Ganai, Harpal Singh, Azad Ahmed Wani, Maqsood Ahmed Bhat, Mohd. Shabir Ahangar, Gowhar Ahmed Dar, Afroz Ahmed Bhat, Tanveer Ahmed Dar,



Congress Seva Dal members cutting a cake at a programme.

multi lingual and multi-cultural society. He said Seva Dal shall play an important role in the party and the society to defeat the communal and fundamentalist forces in Jammu and Kashmir elsewhere in the country. He congratulated the Congress Seva Dal Workers and asked them to carry the message of Congress party and its leadership of Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and AICC Seva Dal Chief Lalji Desai.

# CO IRP 11th Bn holds police Darbar, sanctions welfare loan to tune of Rs. 5 lakhs to deserving officials

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Sandeep Mehta, SSP and Commanding Officer of IRP 11th Battalion, on Thursday conducted a grievance redressal camp of the Jawans/officers of the A/F Coys at the company headquarters near Police Station Anantnag. Attending to the genuine grievances voiced by the personnel, he directed the concerned officers to address their issues on priority. While deliberating on the issue, the commandant stressed upon the participating officials and officers to work with zeal and dedication to achieve the common goal of J&K police i.e maintenance of law & order and bringing peaceful atmosphere for the common masses. He said that measures are being taken for the overall welfare of the jawans and officers.



Sandeep Mehta, SSP and Commanding Officer of IRP 11th Battalion speaking at police Darbar.

He reiterated that all the grievances will be looked into and necessary steps will be taken for their timely redressal. Later in the day, in order to meet the emergent expenses of officers/officials and as a welfare measure, CO IRP XI Bn Anantnag chaired the Welfare Committee meeting and sanctioned Rs 5 lakh welfare loan in favour of the personnel of the Battalion. Out of the total 20 applications, welfare loans were sanctioned in favour of 12 eligible personnel. A loan of Rs. 40,000 each was sanctioned in favour of seven personnel for the treatment of their self /dependents while a loan of Rs. 40,000 each was sanctioned in favour of two personnel to meet out the expenses for Higher education of their wards and Rs. 40,000 was also sanctioned in favour of one person for marriage of his son. In addition to the above, an amount of Rs. 50,000 each was sanctioned in favour of two Class-IV employees for marriage /treatment of their dependents. The CO expressed satisfaction on the timely disbursement of welfare loans as it helps in meeting certain expenses of Jawans without facing any financial difficulty. He also informed the participants about various welfare measures being taken by the Police Department for the welfare of NoK of cops and said that all Police units are committed to provide all possible assistance to police families.

# Congress celebrates 139th Foundation Day Bhalla cautions party workers about challenges of time

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An impressive function was held at PCC HQ, Shaheed Chowk Jammu today to celebrate the 139th Foundation Day of the Congress party. Working President Raman Bhalla hoisted the party flag in the presence of Sr Vice President & former Minister Mula Ram and other Senior leaders. The traditional salute and the National Anthem was sung by all Congress leaders and workers present on the occasion amidst raising of slogans of "INC Zinda Bad", "Bharat Mata Ki Jai". The function was organized by District Congress Committee Jammu Urban led by Th. Manmohan Singh in coordination with Congress Seva Dal led by its Chief Vijay Sharma, which was attended by functionaries of PCC,



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla and others hoisting party flag at Jammu.

DCC, Block, Frontal Wings and others. Prominent among them include PCC Vice Presidents, Vinod Sharma I/C HQ, Hari Singh Chib, Rajnish Sharma (Treasurer), Pranav Shagotra, General Secretaries Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Anayatullah Rathar, Narinder Sharma and others. Addressing the gathering, Raman Bhalla said that Congress has history of struggle and sacrifices of 138 years for the freedom of the country and for the unity, integrity and diversity. "Today, once again the circumstances are similar to those existing before independence. The rights of people are being crushed, there is dictatorship everywhere, democratic and constitutional institutions are being finished. Unemployment is at its peak, farms and fields are being attacked. In such circumstances, it is our responsibility to save the country from such dictatorship and fight it. This is true patriotism," Bhalla said. He marked the occasion by highlighting his party's pledge for "truth and equality" and said that "Congress has been committed from the beginning

to raise the voice of the nation". He said that the Congress Party shall continue its struggle for early restoration of statehood and democracy in Jammu and Kashmir and to safeguard the right to lands and jobs for the youth. He appealed to the party workers to expose the false and malicious propaganda of the opposition parties and strengthen the Congress Party for the better future of youths. Addressing the function, Mula Ram (Ex-Minister) said that The Congress party represents the idea of India which means unity in diversity. During 138 years of its history of service to the nation and the country, congress has always stood for the protection and preservation of this idea of India and continuously fought against the divisive and communal forces in the country which pose a threat to this very idea of India more than before now.

# GDC Bhagwati Nagar, SBI organize career counseling session

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Department of Commerce and Career Counselling and placement cell of the Government Degree College, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu organized a career counseling session in collaboration with Reserve Bank of India, under the patronage of Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college. It was an enlightening session aimed at disseminating insights into the intricate recruitment procedures. This lecture aims to foster a deeper understanding of the application procedures, eligibility criteria, and selection process for prospective candidate. The Reserve Bank of India stands as a beacon of excellence in the financial realm, offering diverse career prospects for aspiring individuals. Understanding the intricacies of the RBI recruitment process is pivotal for



Resource person speaking at career counseling session.

those seeking rewarding careers in the banking sector. This informative lecture aims to bridge this knowledge gap and provide attendees with a comprehensive understanding of RBI recruitment. Renowned speakers, including experienced professionals from the banking sector, former RBI officials, and academic experts specializing in finance and economics, shared their invaluable insights and guidance during this session. Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college Dr. Meeru Abrol said that this session aims to

# Secy Health reviews activities under 'Eat Right School' initiative of FSSAI

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, on Thursday reviewed implementation of MoU-Working plan 2023-24 under Eat Right School (ERS) Initiative being implemented through Food and Drug administration, J&K, in collaboration with School Education Department. Secretary had an elaborative discussion on different aspects of the initiative while demonstrating all necessary steps to attain Eat Right certification by all the schools in 25 identified clusters (125 schools). Bhupinder Kumar asked the Directors School Education Jammu and Kashmir to fast track the notification/nomination of two Health and Wellness Ambassadors/coordinators in each School and their subsequent registration, training and certification on Eat Right School (ERS) initiative on the designated portal within weeks time. Subsequently, activities under the applicable ER Matrix shall be conducted in the registered schools, which will be properly uploaded on the

portal. Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration J&K was directed to take a fortnightly review with the directorates involving Divisional level Nodal Officer from Food side as well as from Education side forming a core team of proactive and dedicated human resource. Secretary further directed all the stakeholders to work in close co-ordination and co-operation to attain the desired targets. Bhupinder Kumar laid emphasis that being responsible stakeholder we need to inculcate sustainable dietary habits in children who are agents of change in society. This can be attained through curricular and extracurricular activities on Eat Right theme in schools on regular basis, he added. Among others the meeting was attended by Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, J&K, Director School Education Jammu, Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education, Jammu and Joint Director, School Education Department.

# SPMR College organises brainstorming session on 'Mindfulness Therapy'



Commerce College faculty and students during a programme on Thursday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Manodarpan Psychological and Career Counselling Cell of Government SPMR College of Commerce Jammu on Thursday organised a session on 'Mindfulness Therapy'. The College Principal Dr. Surinder Kumar, the chief guest of the occasion, shared his experience and put forth that many of us, teachers and students, are struggling to manage personal as well as professional demands. So this interactive session will help all of us to nourish our wellbeing and provide us with strategies and approaches to cope up with stress effectively. Prof. Ashu Manhas, Convener Manodarpan Career Counselling Cell of the College, formally welcomed the gathering and encouraged the students to take maximum benefit from the session. Ms Ambica, Clinical Psychologist-Wellbeing Counselling Centre was the resource person of the session. She motivated the students to be mentally healthy as good mental health is a key to countless positive benefits to human life. She introduced various types of therapies to reduce anxiety, stress or depression among the students. In this interactive session, Ms Ambica delved deep into the concept of Mindfulness to deal with stress and the issues related thereof. She discussed therapies such as deep breathing, thought observation, body scan, etc. Prominent among those present were Prof. Pawan Kumar Gupta, HOD Commerce, Dr. Chetna, Prof Binny and Dr. Iesha. About 54 students attended the programme. The whole event was organised and managed by Prof. Ashu Manhas, Convener, Manodarpan Psychological and Career Counselling Cell. The proceeding of the event was conducted by Dr. Fayza and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Jagmeet Kaur.

# 45-year-old man trapped in 35ft deep well rescued after 9 hours in Tangmarg

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A 45-year-old man was rescued on Thursday evening after remaining trapped in a 35ft deep well for nine hours in the Tangmarg area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. The incident unfolded when the individual slipped into the well, with the authorities responding swiftly to the distress call, employing specialized equipment and skilled personnel to rescue the individual from the perilous situation. Officials said that after hours of intense efforts, the rescue team including SDRF, J&K Police, locals in particular managed to rescue the individual identified

as Bashir Ahmed Rather from the well. Rather (45), from Karhama Kunzer reportedly fell into the well in a nearby Dhobiwan locality at around 11 pm. After a tense and challenging operation, the man was finally lifted to the surface in an injured condition, they said. He was rushed to a nearby medical facility for necessary treatment, they added. Meanwhile, locals hailed the efforts of civil administration, hospital authorities, F&ES, CRPF especially the rescue team including the SDRF, J&K Police and the locals who fought the major rescue operation from the morning.