

## GDC Marh organises events under vision Viksit Bharat@2047

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Government Degree College Marh on Friday joined hands with the launch of Government's biggest Initiative by conducting a series of activities under the Vision Viksit Bharat@2047. The special series of activities is being held under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul.

Addressing the faculty and students, the Principal of the college emphasized the importance of college students in achieving this goal. He exhorted the students to contribute by giving innovative ideas and suggestions and register themselves on MyGov Portal. He urged the faculty to guide and encourage students to come up with recent and inventive ideas to fulfill the dream of our Prime Minister.

To promote, organize, disseminate information, and mobilize the students for the whole event, ensuring the feedback from students on MyGov Portal, the Viksit Bharat Committee was constituted, while an event itinerary was prepared for activities to be conducted under theme "Viksit Bharat @2047". On



GDC Marh faculty and students during activity under the Vision Viksit Bharat@2047.

December 11, 2023 a whatsapp group Viksit Bharat GDC Marh was made, in which all the faculty and students of the college are added to provide the updates regarding the campaign by the convener of Viksit Bharat committee.

Government Degree College Marh, in collaboration with BDO Office, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj and Government Middle School, Dhateryal, organized the reception of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on Dec 13, 2023. The participants received the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Van, which started its journey from Jharkhand, travelling across different parts of the country and reaching Govt. Degree

College Marh. The campaign showcased a significant commitment to rural development and community empowerment. The collaborative effort aimed to promote the Prime Minister's vision to actively involve the youth of the country in formulation of national plans, priorities and goals of the country. Principal of the College Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, welcomed all the dignitaries, local public and officials controlling stalls put up by different government departments and expressed gratitude for this collaborative effort to disseminate the information quickly and for convenient communication among the students "Notice on Notice Boards" activity was conducted ON Dec 13. Small size posters or print outs with QR Code and

web link were displayed on all the notice boards of the colleges by the department of Physical Education.

A poster making competition was organised on Dec 15 under the theme "Goals for Viksit Bharat", while on Dec 18, 2023 a debate competition on the theme Ideas for Developed India @ 2047 was organized by the Department of Sociology. Similarly, a Faculty talk on the ideas for Viksit Bharat with students was also organized by all the faculty members of the college on Dec 19, 2023. In the faculty talks members guided and encouraged the students to give their ideas for nation building.

Likewise a movie was screened for students by NSS PO Sachin Kumar Bhagat On Dec 21, 2023. The movie gave

a detailed view of various challenges such as poverty, GDP, Sustainable Economy, Human Development Index, Poverty; Unemployment India has to face in order to become a developed nation.

A Marathon was also organized in the college by department of Physical Education and Sports on Dec 23, 2023. The Principal flagged off the marathon run witnessing participation of 53 students of the college.

As per the directions of Higher Education Department, a selfie booth point was purchased in the college campus on Dec 26/12/2023 with slogan "I have shared my idea for ViksitBharat@2047. Have You?

A large number of students participated in the event. The Selfie booth point was highly appreciated by the students. The initiative aims to promote the vision of a developed India by the year 2047. The activities were organized by Imitaz Shahid (HOD Zoology), Anjana Chib (HOD EVS), Ravi Kumar (PTI) and Dr. Shakun Sharma (HOD Sociology)

## Bharat-Tibet Samanvay Sangh delegation meets LG Manoj Sinha



Bharat-Tibet Samanvay Sangh delegation calling on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Under the leadership of National General Secretary (Youth) and Jammu and Kashmir in-charge Manvendra Singh Manav, a group of Bharat-Tibet Samanvay Sangh (BTSS) warriors living in Jammu and Kashmir province met the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, here.

State in-charge Manvendra Singh thanked Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on behalf of the Sangh for extending the

duration of Amarnath Yatra. He said that after Manoj Sinha came to Jammu and Kashmir, there was all-round development of the state and the pride of Sanatan culture has been increased. He read all the resolutions passed by BTSS.

LG Sinha praised Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, National President (Youth) Neeraj Singh and Manvendra Singh for their efforts in the national interest.

He said that the Sangh should rapidly expand the

organization within Jammu and Kashmir, so that everyone can benefit from the values of nationalism.

Rashtriya Mantri of Bal Vibagh, Kumari Ishana Sharma was also present. The delegation included Mukhy Prant Sanrakshak of Jammu and Kashmir Ashok Nehru, Prant Adhyaksh Arvind Sharma, Prant Mahasachiv Vishal Sharma, Prant Mantri Bansi Lal, Prant Adhyaksh (Youth) Karan Pradhan, Prant Mantri (Young) Shivam Bhatt, Satish Singh also participated.

## RTC VRS retired employees protest for release of COLA, arrears



J&K RTC retired employees raising slogans during a protest.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Pressing for their long pending demand of relapsing COLA and Pay Commission arrears, All J&K RTC Volunteer Retired Employees Association held a protest at Hari Singh Park, here on Friday.

A demonstration was under the leadership of Dev Raj Bali President of VRS Union Jammu. Bali strongly criticized behav-

iour of Finance Department and the UT Government of Jammu & Kashmir towards them as they are bent upon to linger their long pending arrears of COLA, Sixth Pay Commissioner and DA.

"We are struggling for the same for the last more than 12 years and in this long struggle 55 employees from Jammu province have breathed their last as they

could not afford proper medical treatment due to paucity of finance," he said appealed to the Central Govt to personally take the cognizance of their long pending legitimate demands and send a package especially for the retired employees of JKRTC, Jammu as they have already suffered a lot and are still struggling for the same.

They demanded release of Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) arrears from June, 1999 to December 31, 2005; 6th Pay Commission Arrears from January 1, 2006 to March, 2012; and DA arrears from April, 2012 to March, 2021.

The demonstration was attended by Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Prem Nath, G.S Tohra, P.P Singh, Rajinder Sawhney, Suraj Singh and others.

## SKUAST-J conducts 10th RIC Meeting under RKVY-RAFTAAR Project

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: SKUAST-Jammu under RKVY-RAFTAAR project conducted tenth R-ABI Incubation Committee (RIC) meeting of Agri-Business Incubator, SKUAST-Jammu under the Chairmanship of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu.

Prof. Tripathi, in his concluding remarks said that special attention needs to be given to the fact that business ideas should be commercially viable and profitable so that they can be sustainable in the long run.

Motivating students to become agri-entrepreneurs; natural farming, infrastructure development, vocational education, brain storming on critical problems and hand holding of start-ups were listed as key action points by him.

He expressed satisfaction that Agri-Business Incubator, SKUAST-J is taking the right steps in this direction and appreciated Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, Head AEABM, PI of the project and her team for



Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu chairing 10th RIC Meeting.

their efforts in nurturing and developing agri start-ups.

It is worth mentioning that one of start-up of SKUAST-Jammu had an interaction with Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to Palli village of Samba district on National Panchayat Raj Day.

Candidates were evaluated for admission to 7th batch of two months agri-entrepreneurship training programmes whereas incubates of 6th batch were evaluated for recommending them to Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, GoI for funding under RKVY-RAFTAAR project.

The funded start-ups of 2nd batch were evaluated for release of second instalment of grant-in-aid in their favour. Certificates were also distributed to candidates of 6th batch for successful completion of their two month agri-entrepreneurship training programmes.

Earlier, Prof. Jyoti Kachroo briefed about all the major activities and progress achieved in the recent past by Agri-Business Incubator, SKUAST-J and also formally welcomed all the esteemed RIC members.

She also outlined that 68

startup in 6 batches of agri-entrepreneurs have already been incubated at SKUAST-Jammu and funding to the tune of Rs. 2.33crores in total has been sanctioned in favor of 21 incubates.

The RIC members from different fields viz. Prof. Ashok Aima, former Vice Chancellor, CUJ; Prof. Dileep Kachroo, Ex-Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. S.K. Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu, Mahesh Verma, Jt. Director Marketing, Department of Agriculture, Urnil Lata, DGM, NABARD, Annil Suri, MD, AB Industries, Jammu and Dr. Manisha Mani, ICAR-IARI nominee, New Delhi attended the meeting and evaluated the business ideas of the participants. Co PIs of the project namely Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean, Students Welfare, Dr. S.P Singh, Assoc. Prof. and Dr. Anil Bhat, Asst. Prof. Division of AEABM were also present during the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Dr. Yamini Raut & Tarunjeet Singh from A.B.I SKUAST-J ably supported by Dr. Malika Sharma, Asst. Prof; AEABM.

At the end, vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi thanking all the distinguished dignitaries for their valuable time & participation.

## Megh Sabha of Ward 29 announces adhoc body

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In the presence of all members of Megh Sabha of Ward No 29, Rajpura Mangotrain Jammu on Friday selected the adhoc body of Ward No. 29 Rajpura Mangotrain Jammu. Mohal Lal as Chairman, Bachan Ram as President, Dev Raj as Sr. Vice President, Nariender Kumar as Secretary, Surinder Kumar as Advisor, Rattan Lal as Joint Setary, Banarsi Lal as Organizer and Shakti Kumar Baghat as Cashier.

## Nina Singh takes over charge of DG, CISF

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Nina Singh, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of 1989 batch, Rajasthan Cadre, on Friday assumed the charge of Director General (DG), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at CISF HQrs, New Delhi.

She is the first woman officer to hold this post in CISF. Prior to her appointment as DG, CISF, she was serving as Special Director General, CISF She has Master of Arts Degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University, USA.

She is also trained in the evaluation of social programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. She co-authored research papers with Nobel Prize winners in Economics, Prof. Abhijit Banerjee and Prof. Esther Duflo, both from MIT, USA on evidence-based Police reforms initiatives.

Nina Singh is a trailblazer, holding the distinction of being the first woman IPS officer of Rajasthan.



Nina Singh, an IPS officer assuming charge of Director General, Central Industrial Security Force at CISF HQrs.

With a distinguished career spanning 34 years, she has worked on various assignments across the state of Rajasthan and acquired in-depth knowledge of the police administration, training, criminal investigation and maintenance of public order.

She was the Member-Secretary of Rajasthan State Commission for Women, an autonomous and quasi-judicial institution that acts as a watchdog to protect the rights and interests of women. She has also served as Joint Director in CBI, New Delhi, where she supervised many high profile crime cases having national and international ramifications in addition to cases pertain-

ing to anti-corruption, economic offences, bank frauds and sports integrity. Nina Singh is recipient of President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service in the year 2005, the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 2014 and the 'Ati Utkrisht Seva Medal' in the year 2020. She has also been honored with the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for outstanding contributions and

the Nari Shakti Samman. Furthermore, she earned the title of "Champion of Evidence-Based Policing" from the Cambridge University Police Executive Programme, U.K.

Upon her arrival at the CISF Headquarter, New Delhi, Nina Singh, IPS, DG CISF was received by Piyush Anand, ADG (North) and other senior officers of CISF. A Ceremonial Guard of Honour was presented to her.

Interacting with the Senior Officers of CISF, Nina Singh has reiterated her priorities for enhancing professionalism and welfare measures in CISF.

Nina Singh is the 30th Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to lead the force into its next chapter of service and excellence.

## PHDCCI Jammu hails LG Sinha on decision of amnesty to settle tax arrears of pre GST regime

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Rahul Sahai Chairman of PHDCCI Jammu Chapter has hailed the decision of the Administrative Council (AC) which met under the chairmanship of Manoj Sinha Lieutenant Governor of J&K in presence to Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar Advisor to LG , Atal Dulloo Chief Secretary J&K , Mandeep Bhandari Principal Secretary to LG for approving the proposal of the Finance Department for granting amnesty for settlement of Tax arrears pertaining to pre GST regime.

Sahai said this step is going to provide relief to the tax payers in the form of waiver of interest and penalty besides recovery of the blocked revenue to the Government. Sahai also urged beneficiaries to avail the amnesty scheme this time as this could be the



last chance of getting this amnesty. Sahai also suggested Banks to fund for the requirement. Sahai said earlier all dealers could not take benefit of previous amnesty schemes issued by Govt. due to various reasons including Covid-19 pandemic but this would help them also as the new amnesty scheme provides relief to dealers on the following terms:100% waiver of penalty and interest under J&K General Sales Tax Act, 1962, and Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, for assessment/ re-assessment up to 2017-18 for liquor dealers.

100% waiver of penalty and interest under J&K Value Added Tax Act, 2005, and Central Sales Tax Act, 1956,

for assessments up to 2017-18. Waiver of interest and penalty in both is subjected to 100% payment of principal Tax in the manner and within the prescribed time as per the scheme to be notified by the Government. Settlement of demands for Industrial Units under repealed J&K Value Added Tax Act, 2005 J&K and Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, in respect of assessed/ re-assessed demands including yet to be assessed cases with certain conditions to be notified in the scheme.

Sahai said this decision on the part of government will result into minimizing of tax dispute cases and winding up of pre-GST cases etc. The time limit for receiving the applications for this amnesty will not be more than six months from the date an order is issued in this regard.

## DGPC Jammu pays tribute to Sahibzadas, organizes Screening of "Chaar Sahibzade" at Abhinav theatre

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a poignant tribute to the martyrdom week of the four Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh, the District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu, in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages Jammu, organized a special screening of the animated film "Chaar Sahibzade" at Abhinav Theatre Jammu.

Balvinder Singh, Vice President of DGPC Jammu expressed gratitude to Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary of J&K Arts, Culture, and Languages, for providing the space for the screening of movie.

Balvinder Singh further praised the significant contributions of Popinder Singh, Senior Editor of



People witnessing a "Chaar Sahibzade" at Abhinav theatre, Jammu on Friday.

Sheeraza, bimonthly Punjabi magazine, recognizing the influential role the editor played in promoting Punjabi culture.

Surjit Singh, Secretary of DGPC Jammu, conveyed a vote of thanks.

The screening of "Chaar Sahibzadas" served as a meaningful way to honor and

remember the sacrifice of the Sahibzadas during the martyrdom week, fostering a sense of unity and cultural remembrance within the community. Harjit Singh and Balvinder Singh both member DGPC Jammu were also present.

Sukhnanadan Choudary ex Minister, Vikram Randhawa

Ex MLC, SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar, Surinder Singh Ex President DGPC Jammu, Ravinder Singh Ex Director School Education, Dr Arvinder Singh Amn retd Additional Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Harjit Singh Tehsildar South were also present.

## Heritageans exceptional triumph at 61st National Roller Skating Championship

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Heritageans, Puneesh Puri of Class 7th D and Kumar Vanishree N Verma of Class 6th A, exhibited remarkable prowess at the 61st National Roller Skating Championship held at Chennai and Sec-10 Skating Rink Chandigarh. Organized by the Roller Skating Federation of India from December 11 to 25, 2023, the event drew participation from over 20 States and UTs across the nation. Puneesh Puri clinched the gold medal in the 11-14 Years Boys 1500m Road Race at Chennai. His consistent excellence has made him a standout skater, amassing numerous medals not only in this championship but also at various levels, bringing pride and acclaim to Heritage School. Additionally, Kumar Vanishree N Verma secured the Gold Medal in the Sub Junior Mix Roller Hockey category, showcasing commendable skill and determina-



Heritage School faculty feliciating winner students.

tion at the Sector 10 Skating Rink Chandigarh. Recognizing Puneesh's unparalleled achievements, he has been honored as the First Brand Ambassador of the Quads Category, representing the prestigious international brand, Simmons Rana Racing. This sponsorship stands as a

testament to his skill and promise in Inline and Quads Speed Skating. The entire School Management and Staff extend their warmest congratulations to Puneesh Puri and Kumar Vanishree N Verma for their outstanding achievements at the 61st National Roller-Skating Championship.

## Former Minister, Sukhnandan President AMEAK call on LG



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

The former Minister was

accompanied by the youth selected for the post of Lab Assistant and Compiler. Sanjay Koul, President All Minority Employees Association of Kashmir also called on the Lt Governor.