

## J&K ICAI organizes seminar on GST



ICAI Jammu and Kashmir Branch members during a seminar at Jammu on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Jammu and Kashmir Branch (NIRC) organized a seminar on GST on Monday at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, here which witnessed the active participation of professionals, members and students. The Guest speakers for the seminar were CA Tarun Arora and CA Shalay Razdan. The first session of CA Tarun Arora covered various important aspects of GST & benefits. The second session was started by CA Shalay Razdan who deliberated on Goods & Services Tax. During the seminar, CA

Tarun Arora and CA Shalay Razdan not only shared their in-depth knowledge but also addressed the queries raised by the members in attendance. The seminar commenced with the inaugural address delivered by CA Vikas Purdhani, the Chairman of the J&K Branch. His address set the tone for the informative sessions that followed, inspiring attendees to delve deeper into the subject matter.

The proceedings of the seminar were conducted by CA Sourav Pargal, the Secretary of the J&K Branch. With his remarkable expertise, CA Sourav Pargal ensured smooth execution of the seminar. His

attention to detail and commitment to delivering a fruitful event contributed to the overall success of the seminar.

CA Aayush Sawhney, Treasurer of the Branch, along with senior members and number of Chartered Accountants were also present in the event.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Jammu and Kashmir Branch (NIRC) is committed to enhance the professionalism and expertise of its members through various educational and networking initiatives. The branch fosters growth, excellence, and ethical practices in the field of accounting and auditing.

## CPS celebrates 19th Annual Day with grandeur

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Crescent Public School (CPS) on Monday celebrated Annual Day at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu, showcasing the incredible talents and achievements of the students, faculty, and staff of both its branches; Janipur and Chak Bhalwal.

The first part presented by students of classes 2 to 10 was based on the theme "Aisa Desh Hai Mera".

The evening was lined with a vibrant cultural program featuring dance, music, and drama performances that captivated the audience.

J&K BJP president, Ravinder Raina graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Advocate Monika Kohli, Senior Additional Advocate General, J&K and Ladakh High Court, Jammu was the Guest of Honour. Inaugurating the function by lighting a ceremonial lamp, Raina was all praise for the hardwork and sincere efforts



J&K BJP president, Ravinder Raina and other dignitaries witnessing cultural programme.

put in by students to present a gala cultural event.

Parents, teachers, and students alike revelled in the festive atmosphere, fostering a sense of community and pride. Among the major highlights of the event was the recognition of outstanding teachers who have served for more than ten years in Crescent Public School. Dr. Bhavna Kaushal, the Principal of the School, expressed gratitude towards the entire school community for their unwavering support and commitment. "This Annual Day celebration signifies the culmination of a couple of successful academ-

ie years that were a testament to the collaborative spirit which motivated us to keep imparting quality education even through the Corona pandemic," said Dr. Kaushal.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Director (Academics) Mubeen Syed. The second part presented by students of classes Nursery to Grade 1 and based on the theme "International Dance" brought to fore the incredible hidden talents of the toddlers. While the function was graced by Bharat Bushan Bodhi, Chairman DDC Jammu and former MLA

from Raipur, Domana as Chief Guest, the special guests were Naseeb Singh Langeh, Sarpanch, Seri and Rajdev Singh, Sarpanch, Bhalwal. All the dignitaries praised the great enthusiastic effort put in by the young Crescentians. Director (Academics) Mubeen Syed welcomed the chief guest and the special guests. The main highlights of the ceremony were the international dance forms from across the globe. The vote of thanks was presented by Administrative Coordinator Alpana Dhar. After that the winners of a lucky draw organised on the

occasion were declared. The show's topper was a grand finale dance wherein nearly 180 students performed.

Among others, the twin celebration was attended by Chairman Arshad Choudhary, Vice Chairman Imran Arshad, Managing Director Tasneem Kouser, Director (Academics) Mubeen Syed, Joint Director Dr. Ambreen Choudhary, Director of Ceremony Principal Dr. Bhavna Kaushal, parents and members of the press.

## KU Distance Education faculty presents research at International Conference at University of Jyväskylä

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dr. Habibullah Shah, Faculty of Education, Distance Education and Dr. Mirza Muneeb Manan, Faculty of Education at the Regional Center for Distance Learning, Bathindi Jammu, University of Kashmir (KU), showcased their groundbreaking research at the recent International Conference held on 1st of December 2023 at Finland. The duo's collaborative work, on "Understanding Parental Expectations from Play Schools in the Context of National Education Policy 2020" has received acclamation for its insightful contri-



butions to the field of education by the diverse international collaborators present in the sessions. Dr. Habibullah Shah participated and presented the research outputs in-person as the chief author while as the co-author

in absentia at University of Jyväskylä, Finland. The research had been undertaken by Dr. Shah and Dr. Manan & investigated into the impact of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) on parental expectations from play schools in the Kashmir region. The findings of their qualitative inquiry elucidates

on the evolving roadmap of Early Childhood Education and the crucial role that play schools represent in shaping educational experiences.

The research outcomes offer a profound understanding of how (NEP 2020) has influenced parental expectations concerning play schools in Kashmir.

Insights gleaned from parental perspectives provide valuable information to Educational Policymakers and Practitioners, facilitating the association of play school practices with parental aspirations. The study emphasizes the importance of promoting meaningful and constructive early childhood education experiences, contributing to the overall goals of NEP 2020.

## If Azad's DPAP comes in power, Yusmarg will be a tourism hub: Er Yatoo



Er Nazir Ahmad Yatoo General Secretary DPAP, Kashmir Province with Chairman G.N Azad and other leaders.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Er Nazir Ahmad Yatoo General Secretary Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Kashmir Province who is also the party Incharge of Charar Sharief constituency in a statement

said if Ghulam Nabi Azad comes to power Yusmarg Charar e Sharief will be most attractive tourist hub in Jammu & Kashmir. Yatoo said during the tenure as Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad developed Doodpathri into a

tourist hub. In a statement Yatoo said Azad sahib is a man of vision and development who will take J&K towards new heights and make it a great tourism destination.

"This will not only attract tourists but will also generate employment for local people. Ghulam Nabi Azad wants to create new tourist places as in Jammu & Kashmir as there are abundant tourist places which are hidden and need to be explored. The govt should identify these hidden treasures and develop them sustainably for tourism. Chairman DPAP Azad has given me full assurance that Charar Sharief and Yusmarg would be developed into a great tourism hubs," said Er Nazir Yatoo.

## Jugal demands to construct flood embankments at river Chenab in Akhnoor & Khour Sector

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu on Monday raised voice in Lok Sabha and demanded to construct flood embankments at river Chenab in Akhnoor & Khour Sector. He said that river Chenab is flowing through vast areas of Akhnoor & Khour Assembly Constituencies and many villages are situated on its bank. He said that during the flash floods in rainy season and after melting of snow the level of water in river Chenab rises it changes to destructive mode posing a great threat to Akhnoor, Gurgi Dhakki, Makyala, Chajwan, Devipur, Sangrampur, Chak Sikander, Gair, Bakore and many adjoining villages. Many of irrigated land has already been washed away and now the situation had

arisen that water is on the edge of the houses and also on a red mark and the houses likely to get washed away when water level again rises. He said that this rise in water level in river Chenab is posing a great threat to the life and property and we have to take necessary measures at the earliest to save lives and property of the people.

Jugal Kishore also informed the house that a DPR tuned to rupees 55 crores has been prepared to construct the flood embankments and sent to the Ministry for further approval.

Member of Parliament urged Ministry of Jal Shakti department to release the funds at the earliest so that these flood embankments can be constructed on the bank of river Chenab so that the life and property of the many villages can be saved.

## Congress secured 10 lakh votes more than BJP, vote share is intact: Ravinder

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: "Congress has secured ten lakh votes more than BJP in the final vote count of four states and its vote percentage too remained the same as compared to last assembly elections, in the three states where it lost to BJP in the final tally of MLAs," has been stated in a press release issued by congress here.

Quoting the official figures of Assembly results of four states, JKPC Media Incharge & Senior Vice President Ravinder Sharma said "that BJP got 4.80 crore votes whereas Congress secured 4.91 crore votes in the final count of votes in four states;

Similarly the Congress vote percentage has remained intact and has not gone down as being projected, although

BJP won with a marginal edge in vote percentage, in three states of MP, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan."

Reacting to the poll outcome of just concluded Assembly elections in four states, he said that "Congress lost 3 states but ended up getting up more than 10 lakh votes more than BJP.

Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh experienced a marginal defeat by 2% and 4%, respectively. In MP BJP got 48% but remember that Congress also got 40.5%."

He said that in Madhya Pradesh Congress got 1,75,64,353 votes and BJP 2,11,13,278 in this elections, while in Rajasthan Congress got 1,56,66,731 votes and BJP 1,65,23,568. In Telangana Congress got 92,35,792 votes and BJP-

32,57,511. In Chhattisgarh Congress got 66,02,586 votes and BJP 72,34,968," he said quoting figures, which reflect marginal edge for BJP over congress.

Ravinder Sharma has hailed the rank and file of Congress Party for fighting the Assembly elections in four states with great enthusiasm and said Congress cadres of these states fought well and they deserve all applause.

He also thanked the people for voting in favour of Congress Party especially in Telangana who despite the hectic campaign of BJP and BSR exercised their franchise in favour of the secular party, adding that party accepts the peoples' verdict with humility and respect, however Congress shall analyze the result.

## TTJ TRAVMART 2023 series concludes at Ahmedabad



Dignitaries at closing ceremony of TTJ TRAVMART.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AHMEDABAD: TTJ TRAVMART 2023 series concluded successfully at Ahmedabad. The event held on December 2, 2023 at the Pride Plaza Hotel, participated by 20 exhibitors engaged 1000

plus meetings local with agents from Ahmedabad and other parts of Gujarat. Arunachal Tourism was partner state and Sharjah Tourism was gold sponsor. The event was sponsored by all major travel trade associations across India.

## Rekha Mahajan credits women for being BJP's silent voters



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan speaking at a programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Central Government headed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi stand fully committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir this was stated by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan during the ongoing Booth Jan Samvaad in cantonment ward no 1, Narwal Pain near Ice factory, Gandhi Nagar Mandal.

Gupta were present on the occasion.

Rekha Mahajan, while addressing the public on "Booth Jan Abhiyaan" highlights that the BJP is always committed and dedicated to uplifting every individual, primarily those who have been left behind by successive Governments over the decades. Rekha hailed the BJP's victory in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh as the endorsement of the party's policies and programs and congratulated the general public of the three states for reposing trust in the BJP party.

She said people in these states have endorsed Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP national president JP Nadda's performance and made it clear that

people will now support only those who work honestly for development.

She asserted that for the people, the BJP government means development and today's triumph is historic and unprecedented. She indicates this day signifies the success of the vision for a developed India. Rekha Credits women for being BJP's Silent Voters and women across the country are the biggest group of silent supporters that keep voting for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) women centric schemes and programs launched by the NDA government ensured support for them in all elections across the country.

## Expedite implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes on fast track basis: Yudhvir, Nitish

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A delegation of senior leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), led by Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of BJP, J&K, along with Nitish Mahajan, Co-Incharge of the Social Media Department, J&K, and Parveen Kermi, President of East Mandal, BJP, on Monday met Rifat Kohli, Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, regarding number of problematic issues faced by public. The delegation put forth a strong demand for the accelerated implementation of centrally sponsored schemes. Emphasizing the need for efficiency, the delegation urged that camps should be organized at the people's doorstep. This

initiative aims to maximize the outreach and impact of pivotal schemes like the PM Ujjwala Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, among others.

Further discussions were held regarding the upgradation of new ration cards and the bifurcation of old ration cards, which are critical for ensuring that benefits reach the intended beneficiaries. Rifat Kohli provided a patient hearing to the concerns and suggestions raised by the BJP delegation.

He assured them that the department would intensify efforts to implement the central schemes on a fast-track basis. In addition to the discussions, the senior BJP leaders underscored the commitment of the



BJP delegation calling on Rifat Kohli, Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.

Modi Government towards the welfare of the general public. They emphasized that numerous schemes have been initiated under the current government's leadership, aimed at uplifting and supporting various sections of society.

They stressed that it is the responsibility of officers at the

helm of affairs to ensure that these centrally sponsored schemes are not just implemented but also effectively reach the grassroots level. This approach is vital for ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives are felt widely and deeply across the nation, particularly among those in need.

## KC College of Education observes Wildlife Conservation Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A theme based collage making activity was held KC College of Education on the occasion of Wildlife Conservation Day. The activity was planned and executed by the Environmental Club of the college. The theme of the activity was "Conservation



KC College of Education faculty and students at an event.

(students of semester 3rd) participated in the event wherein they highlighted the importance of different forms of wildlife and protection and conservation of the natural ecosystems and their inhabitants. Participants displayed their creativity through posters made by them.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the talent of the participants and lauded the efforts of the College Environmental Club for promoting awareness through such activities. Convener of the Club, Dr. Puja Sharma convened the whole event.

## Bhalla led JKPC senior leaders visit residence of Raghav Jamwal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla accompanied with Senior Vice President JKPC Mula Ram and Vice President JKPC Th. Hari Singh Chib on Monday visited the residence of Raghav Jamwal at Nardani Raipur Bantalab, who was kidnapped and murdered, to condole his killing.

Congress leaders met the bereaved family members and expressed their solidarity with them.

They prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul, and prayed for courage to the family members of bereaved to bear this irreparable loss. They expressed deep sorrow over the brutal incident that has devastated the family and shocked the entire state and demanded exemplary punishment for the culprits involved in the brutal act.

"There is no room for such a barbaric act in our society and as such they urged upon the concerned authorities to investigate thoroughly and book the culprit/s under relevant sections of law and set the record straight that justice is supreme," They said.