

4th National Lok Adalat held in Jammu

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JAMMU: The 4th National Lok Adalat, 2024 was organized by District Legal Services Authority Jammu under the patronage of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority.

The zenith of the event was gracious visit of Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Administrative Judge for District Jammu who inaugurated the National Lok Adalat 2024 at District Court Complex Janipur Jammu.

The Pr. District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Y. P. Bourney welcomed the Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar participated in the Lok



Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla presenting compensation cheque to Ananya Gupta at National Lok Adalat at District Court Jammu.

Adalat and persuaded the general public for amicable settlement the cases in the Lok Adalat also distributed

compensation cheques in Motor Vehicle Accident related cases to the tune of Rs. 3,68,31,050 among the

claimants.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar emphasized that the importance of Lok Adalat and he also emphasized that this symbolic gesture symbolizes the essence of Lok Adalat which seeks to alleviate the suffering of deserving and needy. Matrimonial disputes among the parties have taken a shape of monster in the society and the parities should take maximum benefit of Lok Adalats in resolving these disputes which is not only cost effective and affordable but also

ensures quick and amicable settlement of disputes besides saving a family from disintegration.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla also highlighted the judiciary's commitment to amicable dispute resolution and access to Justice.

In National Lok Adalat 30 benches were constituted in different courts to deal with the matters of Civil nature, Bank Recovery, Criminal Compoundable, MACT, Matrimonial, NI Act u/s 138, Revenue Cases, BSNL Cases, Electricity Bills, Other Civil cases and Others Traffic Challans cases were taken up today in the District Court Complex, Janipur Jammu. The total number of 84225 cases pertaining to different nature was taken up, out of which 82502 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered is Rs. 22,74,62,220.

This initiative reflects a dedicated effort to ensure access to justice and holistic dispute resolution, combining legal expertise with psychological support to create a balanced and humane approach to addressing disputes.

Secy J&K Pahari Board reviews hostel facilities in Rajouri, Poonch



Secretary Advisory Board for the Development of Pahari Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal with others at a Girls Pahari Hostel.

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JAMMU: Secretary of the J&K Advisory Board for the Development of Pahari Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal on Saturday conducted an intensive two-day tour of Rajouri and Poonch districts to review the functioning of Boys and Girls Pahari Hostels in the twin districts.

During her visit, Kotwal inaugurated a state-of-the-art computer lab at the Pahari Hostel in Poonch. While inspecting the Boys Pahari Hostel in Rajouri, she expressed satisfaction with its management under the supervision of the Warden.

During her interactions with

the students in all hostels, Kotwal noted their gratitude to the government for providing excellent facilities.

At the Girls Hostel in Poonch, the Secretary engaged with the inmates, who expressed their contentment with the arrangements and services offered by the J&K Pahari Speaking People Board. The hostels in both Rajouri and Poonch were found to be well-maintained, providing a nurturing and educational environment for the students. The facilities include nutritious meals, proper uniforms, and recreational amenities. She observed that the students are not only academical-

ly inclined but are also being encouraged to develop holistically in a dynamic and supportive environment.

She emphasized the importance of using innovative teaching methods to make students more versatile and confident. She also assured the inmates and staff that their genuine demands and concerns would be addressed promptly and taken up with the Administrative Department as a priority.

In addition to her hostel inspections, Kotwal also met with several delegations from the area to discuss their concerns and suggestions for further development.

Smart City project will transform Jammu into a model city: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating development work.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa, asserted that the ongoing Smart City Project will soon transform Jammu into a model city that sets a benchmark for urban development across the nation.

He made these remarks during a tour of Bahu Constituency, where he kick-started various developmental works worth Rs 2.5 crore under the Smart City Mission in presence of JMC Commissioner Devansh Yadav. The projects include significant upgrades to infrastructure, such as improved drainage systems, road development, and installation of smart lighting.

Addressing the gathering, Randhawa said that the works inaugurated today are part of the broader Smart City initiative aimed at the holistic transformation of Jammu. He emphasized that the project reflects the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has consistently prioritized urban development and modernization. Randhawa highlighted that the implementation of the deep drainage network and other related works will resolve long-standing issues faced by the residents, particularly those related to water stagnation and health hazards. He further informed that the Smart City Project encompasses multiple works currently

underway and more in the pipeline, ensuring a comprehensive upliftment of the City of Temples. The MLA expressed gratitude to the officials of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for their cooperation and commitment to ensuring timely and quality execution of these projects. He also interacted with local residents, addressing their concerns and assuring them of further developmental initiatives.

Randhawa reiterated that the B-JP remains steadfast in its commitment to the welfare and progress of the people, with a focus on delivering results on the ground through flagship schemes like the Smart City Mission.

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MAHANPUR: Women Empowerment Committee and NSS unit in joint collaboration Department of Physical Education and Sports, Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur, on Saturday organized Invited lecture-cum-Debate competition on the theme "Education of female child and sports participation".

The program was organized by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director, Dr. Sapna Devi, Convenor Women Empowerment Committee and Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS PO under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College.

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan was the Chief Guest of the event and the Resource person and Guest of Honour of the programme was Anna

GDC Mahanpur organizes Invited lecture-cum-Debate competition



Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan and Physical Director, Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan presenting memento to Resource person, Anna Jamwal, Tehsildar Nagri Parole.

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The dignitaries lighted the traditional lamp and were also welcomed with a bouquet by the Organising Secretary and the faculty members.

Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia commenced the programme and Dr. J.S. Soodan gave the welcome address.

In his address, he welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members and the students.

The resource person in her

lecture highlighted how education empowers women and helps them to make decisions about their careers, marriages, and families.

She also highlighted not only the importance of sports for girls that promotes physical fitness, strength and overall health but also how it plays a significant role in enhancing self-esteem, confidence, and leadership skills. Through sports, girls learn valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and goal-setting, she added.

The Principal thanked the Resource Person and also congratulated the Organising committee for organising such an informative programme.

A total number of seven students namely Ruchika, Monika, Anjali, Ajay, Dimple, Mohit and Bhumesht participated in the debate competition, which was adjudged by Dr Anju Bala and Dr. Babli. Monika Sharma (Semester

3rd) stood first while second and third prizes were bagged by Anjali (Semester 1st) and Ajay (Semester 1st).

Moreover, Anna Jamwal was also honoured with a token of appreciation by the Principal of the College and the faculty members. The programme ended with a Cultural Punjabi Dance performance by the girls of 1st semester.

The faculty members present were Dr. Hilal Ahmad Bhat, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Suhail Ahmad Dar, Dr. Babli, Namita Trogia, Divya Rajput and Samiksha. The Non-Teaching staff present were Romesh, Mango Ram, Kuldeep, Anuradha, Surinder, Sunny, Shibu Din and Anuradha.

The entire programme was hosted by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan.

Students of HSS Kathar Manwal explore IT/ITES Integration during industrial visit

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JAMMU: Students from the IT/ITES vocational trade of HSS Kathar Manwal, Zone Dansal, District Jammu, had the opportunity to embark on an enlightening industrial visit to Wave Mall, Jammu.

The visit, organized under the supervision of Principal Vandana Gupta, Vocational Trainer Anil Gagan, and accompanying staff members, aimed to provide practical exposure to the role of IT and IT-enabled services (ITES) in modern business operations.

The visit offered students a comprehensive understanding of how IT/ITES is integrated into various business functions across cinema operations, retail management, and digital mar-



Students from IT/ITES vocational trade of HSS Kathar Manwal visiting Wave Mall.

keting platforms within the mall.

Students explored the advanced IT systems employed in multiplex cinemas, such as digital ticketing, online booking, and high-tech projection equipment. Experts explained how these technologies

enhance customer experiences through seamless transactions, personalized marketing, and show management. Students learned about Point-of-Sale (POS) systems, digital payments, and automated inventory tracking used in retail outlets at

the mall. These IT solutions streamline operations and improve business efficiency. The students gained insights into how businesses in Wave Mall leverage IT-enabled services for social media campaigns, loyalty programs, and data analytics to attract and retain cus-

tomers. The role of IT in mall security was also emphasized, with a focus on advanced surveillance systems, real-time monitoring, and automated access control.

Principal Vandana Gupta expressed her enthusiasm, noting, "This visit provided our students with practical exposure to the role of IT/ITES in modern industries, enhancing their career readiness." Vocational Trainer Anil Gagan also appreciated the hands-on experience, saying, "The students could relate classroom learning to real-world IT applications."

The visit concluded with a detailed demonstration by Arjun Pandit, Manager at Wave Mall, who explained the significance of IT in business operations and customer management.

Ex-Mayor expresses serious concern over cow mafia-police nexus

Posting of same inspectors as SHOs in selected police stations backbone of malpractice

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Mayor of Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday expressed serious concern over the criminal activities in Jammu region and flayed the nexus between some police personnel and mafia lifting bovine animals even from cattle sheds within the premises of residential houses.

After meeting a delegation of Jagti people at his home, who had visited Sharma with complaint regarding lifting of their cows from their homes at night by a group of 15-20 men armed with rods and sharp edged weapons.

Sharma said that the mafia involved in the lifting of cows and other animals at night is very much active



in Jammu and they even steal the animals from cattle sheds in residential houses where these animals are tied.

"The mafia has spread its activities across Jammu and the recent incident where in three cows were stolen from a home in Nagrota area is shocking," he maintained.

The visiting people informed the BJP leader that when the concerned

Higher officer warned the SHO of the area to trace the cows or face action, the cows were recovered within 24 hours else.

"This raises eyebrows as there is a nexus between certain Police personnel and mafia lifting cows," Sharma further said.

He also said that the number of cows lifted so far is not clear and questioned why some Police Inspectors are repeatedly posted as SHOs in certain police stations while there are many efficient officers with the police department.

Sharma said that if the practise of posting certain inspectors as SHOs in certain police stations is not stopped, the mafia-cops nexus will not be smashed. He urged the J&K LG Manoj Sinha to intervene.

NAUP highlights concern over zero vacancies for Hindi, Sanskrit in JKPCS Lecturer Recruitment



President NAUP, Sandeep Singh addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Sandeep Singh, President of the National Awami United Party (NAUP), voiced strong objections to the exclusion of Hindi and Sanskrit posts in the recent JKPCS lecturer recruitment for the school education department. Addressing a press conference, Singh emphasized the critical role of Indian languages in preserving the region's linguistic and cultural heritage. Singh criticized the

decision, noting that despite Hindi being India's most widely spoken language and Sanskrit's importance as a classical language, both have been sidelined in recruitment. He termed this oversight a violation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which advocates for education in regional and Indian languages to promote cultural roots and ensure inclusivity.

The NAUP President also referred to a recent seminar titled "Contemplation on Indian Languages and Their Future Prospective Direction", where scholars and students raised concerns about the lack of recruitment opportunities for Hindi, Sanskrit, and regional languages. He underscored that this neglect not only undermines the growth of Indian languages but also contradicts the NEP's principles of equality and mother-tongue-based education.

Despite their cultural and academic significance, no posts were advertised for Hindi or Sanskrit in the latest recruitment cycle, he said adding that the exclusion contradicts NEP 2020's focus on strengthening Indian languages through education.

Singh urged the government to immediately create academic posts for Hindi and Sanskrit to promote linguistic diversity in education. Singh also expressed concern over the neglect of Dogri, highlighting the uncertainty surrounding the future of regional languages.

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JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated Energy Conservation Day at Institutional Complex, here on Saturday.

The function was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEL, Jammu Local Centre. Er. Jagmohan Sharma, Chairman, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Power Development Department, was the Chief Guest where Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEL Jammu Centre presided over the function. Er. Anil Verma, Chairman presented the welcome address and laid emphasis on this year's theme "Powering sustain-



Dignitaries at Energy Conservation Day programme being organized by IEL Jammu Centre.

ability - Every Watt Counts".

He requested everyone to use power judiciously and take advantage of smart meters in budgeting and planning the daily power usage. It was followed by keynote address by Er. Sanjeev Rohmetra, Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd, who incidentally is the Nodal Officer for PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijlee Yojana for JPDCL. He presented a

detailed scenario of India's energy demand and continuous growth in contribution of renewable energy resources in meeting the energy needs of the country. Pertinently, pamphlets of PM Surya Ghar MBY were also got distributed by him amongst the audience. Er. Jagmohan Sharma, Chief Guest touched the vital points regarding energy conservation and highlighted the importance of saving every watt of energy for a secure

future. He also advocated for solar power and requested the house to spread this word for improving energy security of the country. He also spoke about power generation scenario of J&K vis-à-vis energy consumption patterns & highlighted the significance of every small effort by citizens in conserving energy.

Er. Aneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary, while presenting vote of thanks.