

Yudhvir inaugurates three-day Artificial Limbs Camp organized by Shree Atam Vallabh Jain Clinic

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, BJP leader and MLA of Jammu East, on Friday inaugurated a three-day artificial limbs camp organized by Shree Atam Vallabh Jain Clinic at Brahman Sabha Parade, Jammu.

The MLA was welcomed by Keemti Lal Jain, Chairman of the Clinic; Vinod Jain, President of Shri Atmanand Jain Sabha Jammu; Vishwamitra Jain, Sangrakshak of the Sabha; along with Pritul Jain, Praveen Sethi, Deepak Jain, Dimple Jain, Devinder Jain, Sunil Jain, Kimti Jain, and other dignitaries.

Prominent attendees included Anil Masoom, Vice President District Jammu; Parveen Kerni, Mandal President; Arun Sethi, East Mandal General Secretary; Diya Jain, President BJP



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi inaugurating artificial limbs camp.

South Mahila Morcha; and renowned doctor Dr. Aneeta Gupta, who has been providing free medical services for over 38 years.

During the camp, a total of 212 patients were provided assistance for various issues. Among the aids distributed were 67 lower limbs, 42 callipers, 12 hands, 13 tricycles, 8 wheelchairs, and 38 hear-

ing aids to deserving individuals. Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi lauded the efforts of the organizing committee for conducting monthly artificial limb camps over the past 38 years. He emphasized that these camps have been instrumental in providing Jaipur foot, callipers, and other necessary aids to specially-abled individuals free of

cost.

He praised the Jain community for their exemplary service to humanity through these camps and expressed his best wishes for their future endeavours. He assured the organization of his full cooperation at all times. "This initiative showcases the true spirit of humanity, serving the under-

privileged and differently-abled individuals with compassion. I commend the efforts of Shree Atam Vallabh Jain Clinic and all the organizations involved in this noble cause. I encourage the people of Jammu to support such initiatives, dedicated to the welfare of those in need," Sethi remarked.

Pradeep Jain, General Secretary of the organization, shared that this was the 448th camp organized by the clinic, which has been serving the community from Fattu Chogan, Jammu, for the last 38 years. He reaffirmed the organization's commitment to continuing such efforts in the future.

In the end, Keemti Lal Jain, Chairman of the Clinic, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Yudhvir Sethi and the audience for their support and participation.

Watch O Suno Dogri organizes prize distribution function



Winner students posing for photograph after receiving prizes.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As part of its annual Dogri Maanta Divas celebrations 2024, Watch O Suno Dogri organized a prize distribution function on Friday at Bal/Balika Niketan, Ambphala, here.

The event marked the recognition of winners in the Dogri Letter Writing competition. The prizes were presented by Jagmohan Sharma, the founder of Watch O Suno Dogri, in the presence of

several distinguished guests, including Suresh Chander, President of the Ved Mandir Committee, Vice President Amita Sharma, Aacharya Ved Vidyalaya's Deependra Gautam, and other prominent figures. During the event, the children not only received mementos but also participated in cultural activities, including singing Bhajans and patriotic songs in Dogri. The children took a pledge to incorporate Dogri into their daily lives,

aiming to preserve and promote the language.

This year, Watch O Suno Dogri initiated a Dogri Letter Writing competition, and as part of the celebration, prize distribution ceremonies are being organized daily in various institutions where students are submitting their letters.

This initiative highlights the importance of using Dogri in daily communication and contributes to the promotion of the language within the community.

'Poshan On Wheels' flagged off by Mission Director Poshan



Mission Director Poshan J&K Kishori Lal Sharma flagging off rally under "Poshan on Wheels" on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A mega rally under "Poshan on Wheels" from Bhalwal to Mathwar was flagged off on Friday by Mission Director Poshan J&K Kishori Lal Sharma.

The rally involved participation of hundreds of Anganwadi field functionaries marching on foot and through many vehicles accompanying the decorated bus spreading awareness about importance of nutritious food for healthy life, benefits of various ongoing Poshan schemes.

The program was also attended by Joint Director

Mission POSHAN, J&K Vinod Bhel and District Programme Officer Mission Jammu, Pankaj Anand.

The Poshan On wheel Vehicle moved across various Panchayats, famous local spots upto Mathwar Block and back spreading awareness message.

Later, a new Initiative 24/7 Food Hub in Anganwadi Centre Karoldma and Upper Barnai was inaugurated by Mission Director.

Mohit Bharti, Child Development Project Officer Poshan Kot Bhalwal informed that under this initiative, the National

Cooperative Consumer Federation of India Ltd and The Jammu Tehsil Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd have voluntarily adopted one Anganwadi Centre each where nutrition shall be offered to all the eligible/registered beneficiaries of the local area everyday anytime during day and night.

Besides, he also informed that around 50 Anganwadi Centres have already been adopted by officials, NGO and community members where periodic nutritious diet is being provided to the beneficiaries.

IIIM wins CSIR Jigyasa Epic Hackathon-2024

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu won the Final Round for Solar Mech works on Solar Thermal Technology as a standalone system that works on CHP (Concentrated Heat & Power), an innovation model mentored by the scientists of CSIR-IIIM, Jammu under CSIR Jigyasa Epic Hackathon-2024.

Giving the detail of the contest, a spokesperson said that a total of 960 submissions were received by CSIR from all the CSIR institutions throughout the country, and later on, 64 ideas/models were shortlisted which were mentored by CSIR institutions.

The award was presented in an event under CSIR-Jigyasa Hackathon- 2024, held on Friday at CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi.

Pertinently, CSIR-IIIM Developed Technology called as Solar Mech works on Solar Thermal Technology as a stand-



CSIR-IIIM Jammu winning Final Round for Solar Mech works.

alone system works on CHP and proves to be an efficient Solar Energy Technology which works on principal of cyclic air expansion and contraction by Temperature difference converting Heat Energy into Mechanical Energy.

It features a low resistance generator that uses electromagnetic induction for Direct Mechanical to electrical energy conversion. The USP of demonstrated Technology is it's functionality as Reversible Heat Pump.

The student Japteg Singh was mentored by Dr Nasir ul Rasheed, Senior Scientist and coordinated by Dr Asha Chaubey Nodal Scientist Jigyasa

and Head, Fermentation and Microbiology Division. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed,

Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, appreciated and congratulated Dr.

Fourth Batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program concludes at IIM Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu concluded the fourth batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program, under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program, Ministry of Education, Govt of India, with a grand valedictory ceremony held at Bharat Classroom, Jagti Campus on Friday. The program, held from December 16 to 20, 2024, aimed to equip educators with essential leadership skills.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by the online presence of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

Prof. Sahay invited feedback and suggestions regarding the five-day, "Nurturing Future Leadership Programme" at IIM Jammu. The participants shared their experiences and offered their suggestions.

Present on the occasion were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu (Online Mode) Dr. Muqbil



IIM Jammu faculty during a programme.

Burhan, Program Director, IIM Jammu, Dr. Niti Shekhar, Program Director, IIM Jammu, Dr. Baljeet Singh, Co-Chairperson Placement, IIM Jammu, Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu.

This was followed by the distribution of certificates to all the participants, recognizing their successful completion of the Nurturing Future Leadership Program. The certificates serve as a testament to their dedication and hard work throughout the program. Dr. Niti Shekhar, Program Director, IIM

Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks. The event culminated with the national anthem, marking the end of a transformative journey for the participants.

The Nurturing Future Leadership Program reaffirms IIM Jammu's commitment to developing future leaders in education. Through such initiatives, the institute continues to empower educators with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a meaningful impact on society. The program was coordinated by Executive Education and Consultancy, (EE & C), IIM Jammu.

JKBOSE authorities should restrain from tagging of students: JKPSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To discuss the teething problems of small private schools, a joint high level meeting of executive members of the JKPSA Jammu with their counterpart from JK-unaided PSA Kashmir was held here on Friday. Executive members from both the associations showed their dismay for tagging the students of class 10th, 11th and 12th who are going to appear in board exam in session and year, Annual 2025 with the near-by government. A new precedent which JKBOSE has now initiated since 2022 of tagging along with CID verification of the members of management committee, delay in obtaining NOCs and



JKPSA and JK-unaided PSA Kashmir members during a meeting.

problems in the regulation of fee from FFRC were the key points which both the associations discussed.

Surprisingly members also highlighted that on the one hand JKBOSE has released the board related facilities to the 24 private schools whose recognition / affiliation was

pending since 2022 due to the non availability of NOCs from the different departments as one time exemption for the academic session 2023-24 and 2024-25 vide order no.: F (Acad-C) ISM/eligibility/R R/E -file.7589077/2024 dated October 14, 2024 and on the

other hand JKBOSE is forcing the schools whose recognition / affiliation has lapsed due to the non availability of NOCs from the different departments to deposit Rs.7000 as tagging fee.

Members unanimously appealed Sakeena Masood (Itoo), Minister School

Education Department for her intervention and directions to JKBOSE authorities to restrain from the practice of tagging of the students till the delivery of all NOCs from all departments is not done in accordance to the Jammu and Kashmir Public Services Guarantee Act, of 2011.

Those who were present included Kanak Gupta, Ajay Gupta, M. Showkat Chowdhary, Deepak Handa, Sat Paul Mansotra, Iqbal Beg, M.Y. Manzar, Ajay Singh, Siddheshwar Sadotra, Dr. M.M. Sharma, Gaurav Charak, R P Sharma, Rachhpal Singh, Pardeepak Sambyal, Lal Chand, Vineet Gupta, Arvinder Kotwal.

DGPC pays homage to Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Sahibzadas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a heartfelt tribute to the supreme sacrifices of the four Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and to celebrate the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the District Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu organized a program at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. The event drew a large, eager audience, ready to listen to distinguished speakers and witness the emotionally charged Natak "Zafarnama."

The program was thoughtfully divided into two sessions. The morning session began with a warm welcome by Harvinder Kour, Secretary of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages. This was followed by an introductory address by Balvinder Singh, Vice President DGPC, who not only introduced the speakers but also passionately voiced his concerns about the neglect of the Punjabi language in various fields. He earnestly urged the Commissioner Secretary of



DGPC Jammu members during a programme.

Culture, present as the Chief Guest, to take proactive steps in promoting Punjabi through national seminars and Mushairas.

The keynote address by Dr. Harshinder Kour of Patiala, a celebrated Punjabi writer, was a poignant recounting of the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas. Her powerful words deeply moved the audience, who repeatedly resonated with spirited cries of "Bole So Nihal."

The Chief Guest, Suresh Kumar Gupta IFS, Commissioner Secretary Education with additional charge of Culture, illuminated the unparalleled sacrifices of Baba Fateh Singh, aged 6,

and Baba Zorawar Singh, aged 9, who were martyred at Sirhind by being bricked alive.

He also addressed the issues raised by Balvinder Singh regarding the neglect of the Punjabi language, expressing his readiness to collaborate with DGPC in organizing future programs and seminars.

He assured the audience that he had already been directed by the Honble LG and Chief Minister to fill the vacant positions of Punjabi faculties in schools and colleges. Following him, Dr. Harsinran Singh, a research scholar from the Punjabi Department, delivered an insightful presentation based

on his meticulous research.

The Presidential address was given by Dr. Jaspal Singh, former Vice Chancellor of Punjabi University Patiala and ex-Indian High Commissioner to Mozambique and Swaziland, whose words resonated deeply with all present.

The highlight of the event was the soul-stirring Natak "Zafarnama," presented by the Punjabi Lok Maitani of California, USA. Written and directed by Surinder Singh Dhanoa, the play vividly depicted the harrowing story of the martyrdom of the Chaar Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the brutal tyranny of the

Mughal era. The performance left a profound impact on the audience, bringing tears to many eyes.

The entire event was a fitting tribute to the unparalleled sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's beloved sons and a celebration of his enduring legacy. The stage was gracefully conducted by S. Surjeet Singh, General Secretary DGPC Jammu. Ranjeet Singh Tohra President DGPC Jammu, in his address, thanked Chief Guest Suresh Kumar Gupta, Harvinder Kour, Bhupinder Singh Paras, and other staff and officers of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages for their cooperation.

He extended heartfelt congratulations to the team of Surinder Singh Dhanoa for presenting the Natak "Zafarnama" and expressed gratitude to the Sikh Sangat, who participated in large numbers, many standing as all seats were fully occupied. All DGPC members were present at the program.

MLA Arvind takes stock of people's issues at Ward 28 Says Modi Govt committed to infrastructure development, accessible basic services



MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta during visit to Ward 28.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Arvind Gupta, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, today visited Ward 28 to take a firsthand look at the issues faced by the general public. During the visit, he interacted with the people and listened to their concerns regarding sanitation, lanes and drains and other essential services.

Accompanied by key officials like Inran Bandey, Executive Engineer JMC, AEE JMC Wani, and Sameer Bali, Sanitation Officer, the MLA toured various parts of the ward and interacted with the residents. He assured them that the issues they raised would be addressed at the earliest. Also present during the tour were BJP leaders Atul Bakshi (Mandal President Jammu West),

Dr. Deepak Kapoor, Amit Gupta, Yash Kapoor, Parveen Vij, Kadam Kapoor, Vohra Ji, and Bubble. They actively supported Gupta in his efforts to engage with the people and ensure that their voices were heard.

Arvind Gupta, while speaking to the residents, emphasized that the BJP government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is dedicated to solving the problems of the common man and improving their quality of life. He stressed that the Modi government's focus is on infrastructure development and ensuring basic services are accessible to everyone. "We are working tirelessly to ensure that Jammu West gets the attention it deserves. The con-

cerns raised by the people today will be prioritized, and we will make sure that they are resolved quickly," he added.

The senior BJP leader assured the people of Ward 28 that he would continue to work with the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to address the issues of sanitation and infrastructure in the area. He also praised the efforts of JMC officials for their support and coordinating in resolving the problems being faced by the people of the area.

Arvind also reaffirmed his commitment to the development of Jammu West, stressing that under the BJP, the focus will always be on serving the people and bringing real change to their lives.