

## Business leader Rahul Sahai honored in Tbilisi, Georgia

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TBILISI: Rahul Sahai, Chairman of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Jammu Chapter and a prominent business leader from Jammu and Kashmir, was honoured with the Business Leadership Award by the Dainik Jagran Group at a grand ceremony in Tbilisi, Georgia. Accompanying him was his wife, Rupika Sahai, Director of the Sahai Group of Companies, who was also recognized for her contributions to the business landscape.

The award acknowledged Rahul Sahai's exceptional leadership, his transformative impact on the business and industrial sector of J&K, and his role in fostering growth and innovation.

As a stalwart in the region's business community, Sahai has served as Chairman of the Confederation of Indian



Rahul Sahai, Chairman ICC Jammu Chapter being honoured.

Industry (CII) J&K Council, Chairman of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), and now leads the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Jammu Chapter.

In his speech, Rahul Sahai dedicated the award to the memory of his late father, Ram Sahai, and expressed gratitude to his family, especially his wife Rupika and daughters Riddhi

and Akaisha, for their unwavering support.

He acknowledged the sacrifices made by his family due to the demands of his leadership roles and thanked his colleagues, friends, and co-chairs from various organizations for their consistent encouragement.

Rahul Sahai said "I am deeply humbled to receive this recognition. This award is not

just a personal milestone but a testament to the collective efforts of my family, colleagues, and the people of Jammu & Kashmir. My heartfelt thanks go to the Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, for their visionary leadership and unwavering support of the industrial fraternity," Sahai remarked.

Sahai also highlighted the strength of India's growing economy under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and reflected on the success of the G20 meeting held in Kashmir.

He extended an invitation to business leaders from India and Georgia to visit J&K to explore mutually beneficial business opportunities. The ceremony also paid tribute to the 11 Indians who tragically lost their lives in a Georgian ski resort, emphasizing the importance of resilience and community.

Several prominent Indian personalities were recognized for their contributions across various sectors. Notable awardees included Dr. Rupesh K. Singh, Associate Vice President, Adani Group, Acharya Manish, Founder of Jeena Seekho, Life Careers Ltd, and MD of HIMMS, Mrs. Geeta, Geeta University.

The event was attended by dignitaries from the Georgian government, adding an international dimension to the celebration.

The Business Leadership Award is a testament to Rahul Sahai's relentless pursuit of excellence, his leadership of the Sahai Group of Companies, and his dedication to fostering industrial growth and community development in J&K. His recognition highlights the rising global prominence of Indian business leaders and serves as an inspiration for entrepreneurs in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond.

## One week Manyata Diwas Celebration-2024 concludes at MAM College

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JAMMU: The Valedictory Function of the One Week Manyata Diwas Celebration-2024 was held today at Government Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu, marking the successful culmination of the week-long event organized by the Department of Dogri. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof. (Dr.) Bharat Bhushan Anand, Principal of the college, while Prof. Lalit Mangotra served as the Guest of Honour.

The function commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Nazia Choudhary, Head of the Department of Dogri, who presented a detailed report on the celebration, which took place from 16th December to 23rd December 2024.

In his address, Prof. (Dr.) Bharat Bhushan Anand lauded the efforts of the Dogri Department and encouraged them to continue their work



Dignitaries and faculty of MAM College at a programme.

with dedication. He emphasized that such initiatives not only boost confidence but also help in personality development.

Sonakshi, a student of BA Semester 1, delivered a speech on the importance of the Dogri language. This was followed by Rinku and Bhumiika from BA Sem-I, who recited Dogri poems.

Prof. Lalit Mangotra, in his address, stressed the importance of adopting Dogri in daily life. He emphasized promoting the language at home and using

emerging technology to create quality Dogri literature, ensuring the language reaches every household.

A number of various students from different semester and faculty members namely Dr. Manir Husaain, Prof. Sanjay Sambyal, Dr. Munish Kumar, Dr. Harbhajan Singh, Dr. Imran Husain, Dr. Purshotam Dass, Prof. Asha Rani, Dr. Rajveer Singh joined the programme. Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Deepika Mehra, Assistant Professor, Department of Dogri.

## Balbir honoured for his distinguished social services



Balbir Ram Rattan being honoured with Nation Building Award and Duggar Sanskriti Samman.

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JAMMU: In an impressive function of "Dogra Legacy Excellence Award-2024", held at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu, Balbir Ram Rattan, a distinguished social and political figure of Jammu, was honoured with Nation Building Award and Duggar Sanskriti Samman.

Balbir Ram Rattan was presented Duggar Sanskriti Samman memento by Parmeshwari Care & Cure Charitable Trust (PCOCT) and

Nation Building Award Certificate by American University for Peace, Scientific Research and Sustainable Development (AUPSRSD).

He was selected for this honour for his consistent efforts to educate the people about the life, teachings and message of the great Indian saints, Guru Ravidass in particular, while serving as National General Secretary of Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth and Indian Branch General Secretary of British Ravidassia Heritage

Foundation. His exemplary tenure as vice chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir SC, ST, BC, Development Corporation and contribution in promotion of Dogra Culture, were also a plus point in his profile to be selected for the award.

Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, was the chief guest and Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Sat Sharma presided over the function.

Balbir Ram Rattan, was presented the memento and certificate of appreciation by Prof.(Dr.) Madhu Krishan, Founder Chairman & Chief Reactor of AUPSRSD and Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, President, PCCCT.

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## AM Hyundai Jammu wins national, regional awards

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JAMMU: AM Hyundai Jammu, the leading and most awarded Hyundai dealership in Jammu and Kashmir, has added another feather to its cap by winning three prestigious awards at recent ceremonies held in Delhi and Chandigarh.

At a glittering award ceremony held in Delhi, AM Hyundai Jammu was best awarded with two national awards: "Best Customer Delight North Zone" and "Highest Customer Loyalty North Zone". These awards recognize the dealership's exceptional commitment to customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Additionally, at a regional event held in Chandigarh, AM Hyundai Jammu was honored with the "Best Marketing



AM Hyundai Jammu team receiving awards.

Initiative Award". This award acknowledges the dealership's innovative and effective marketing strategies that have contributed to its success.

The awards were received by Vikram Jamwal, CRM Service, and Adil Umar, GM Sales C Marketing, at their respective events.

AM Hyundai Jammu is part of the esteemed AM Group, a renowned business

conglomerate in Jammu and Kashmir. As the leading Hyundai dealership in the

region, AM Hyundai Jammu has consistently demonstrated its excellence in sales, service, and customer satisfaction. Jatinder Gupta, Chairman, AM Group, said, "We are thrilled to receive these prestigious awards, which recognize our team's hard work and dedication to customer satisfaction. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our valued customers for their unwavering support and loyalty. Your trust in us has enabled us to achieve this

milestone, and we look forward to continuing to serve you with the same commitment and passion."

These awards are a testament to the dealership's unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional customer experiences and its dedication to excellence in all aspects of its operations. AM Hyundai Jammu invites customers to experience its award-winning service and sales expertise first hand.

## Horticulture Deptt celebrates Kissan Diwas

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JAMMU: A grand event was organised on Monday at the Directorate of Horticulture Jammu to celebrate "Kissan Diwas." The event, held under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu C. L Sharma, was graced by the presence of a large number of farmers from different parts of Jammu and Samba district.

Joint Director Horticulture Jammu Vikas Anand, Dy. Director Horticulture Salil Gupta and other officers/ officials were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the farmers, the Director Horticulture laid focus on the importance of "KISAN DIVAS". He said that this day aims to promote awareness of the importance of farmers and their valuable contribution towards the overall social and economic development of the nation. He highlighted the achievements of the Horticulture sector through various developmental programmes aimed at doubling farmers' income.

The Director briefed the farmers about the flagship



Director Horticulture Jammu C. L Sharma honouring a farmer.

scheme "Holistic Agriculture Development Programme". He impressed upon farmers to take benefits of different projects of HADP viz Farm mechanization & Automation, Production of designer plants for promotion of High Density Plants and Rejuvenation of Orchards, Development of rainfed areas, etc.

Later, the Director presented Certificates of Appreciation to progressive farmers for their remarkable achievements in the field of Horticulture.

The Department of Horticulture Jammu has started a campaign, with Cycle Man of India Neeraj Prajapati as its ambassador,

to promote departmental schemes especially HADP & MIDH among the farming community. He further stated, "This campaign is a step towards reaching the grass-roots level, enabling farmers to harness the full potential of these schemes, and ensuring sustainable agricultural development in the region." Neeraj Prajapati was also honoured on the occasion by handing over Certificate of Appreciation for travelling on Bicycle in Jammu Province covering distance of more than 1100 km in first phase.

The proceedings of the programme were carried out by Horticulture Development Officer Dr. Nazran Khan.

## National Seminar on "Agriculture Vocabulary in Hindi & Dogri" begins at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: A two-day national seminar on "Agriculture Vocabulary in Hindi & Dogri" was inaugurated on Monday at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Chatha.

The event was organized under the leadership of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J and Patron of the Seminar in collaboration with the Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology (CSTTT), Government of India aims to standardize agricultural terminology and promote agricultural technologies in Hindi and Dogri for the benefit of field functionaries and the farming community.

Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Chairman CSTTT in his mes-



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. B. N. Tripathi and others at a programme.

sage urged the participants to actively engage in discussions and contribute to enriching agricultural terminology in Hindi and Dogri.

The seminar brought together professors from the University of Jammu, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut, SKUAST-J, research scholars and field functionaries from the Department of

Agriculture, Jammu.

Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST-J graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Dr. P stressed for the promotion of regional languages in agriculture as these are vital for bridging the gap between scientific knowledge and grassroots implementation.

This effort will not only preserve linguistic heritage but

also empower farmers with accessible and localized knowledge encouraging inclusive growth and sustainable agricultural practices, he added.

Shalandra Singh, Assistant Director (Subjects) at the Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology gave a brief presentation about the mandate and ongoing activities of the CSTTT.

Other dignitaries present included Dr. S. K. Gupta, Director Research; Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension; and Dr. Anil Kumar, Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. S. K. Gupta delivered an insightful overview of the program's objectives.

During the first day of the seminar, two technical sessions were conducted in which

four presentation were delivered by eminent speakers viz., O.P. Sharma (Vidyarthi), Retired PCCF, J&K Government, spoke on "Terminology in Agriculture," and Dr. Shubhmandan Singh Jamwal University of Jammu highlighting the importance of tools for regional languages.

All the statutory officers of the SKUAST-Jammu, Head of the Divisions and KVKS and faculty were present during the inaugural function.

Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension and Co-Convenor of the programme delivered the formal vote of thanks.

The event proceedings were conducted by Dr. Sachin Gupta, Professor, Plant Pathology with Prof. Vishal Gupta, Co-Organizing Secretary ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

## Sewerage project to transform civic infrastructure in Jammu West: Arvind

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Jammu West MLA, Arvind Gupta, launched the construction of a comprehensive sewerage network in the constituency to improve sanitation and urban infrastructure. The project, led by the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), will extend sewerage connections to areas previously left out, including Rehari, Sarwal, Rajpura, Shakti Nagar, and nearby localities. With an estimated cost of Rs 84 lakhs, the initiative is being executed by the Sewerage & Drainage Division (West) of UEED Jammu. Addressing the gath-



Jammu West MLA, Arvind Gupta launching construction of comprehensive sewerage network.

ing, Gupta highlighted that the project addresses the long-standing demand of Jammu West residents for a better sewerage system, which will significantly

enhance hygiene and quality of life. He emphasized the BJP's commitment to Swachh Bharat and urban development, ensuring cleaner and healthier environ-

ments. The project will lay a comprehensive sewerage network with house connections, replacing open drainage systems, thereby improving waste management and reducing environmental concerns. Gupta appreciated the efforts of the Urban Development Department for expediting the work and assured the public of its timely completion. He also urged citizens to cooperate with officials during construction and adopt sustainable sanitation practices. Gupta committed to prioritizing similar urban development projects, aiming to transform Jammu West into a model constituency with modern infrastructure.

## JU organises workshop on Basic Life Support and Lifestyle Awareness

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JAMMU: The Law School, University of Jammu (JU), organized a workshop on Basic Life Support (BLS) and Lifestyle Awareness, in collaboration with Maximum Clinics, a unit of Maximum Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. The session was led by Dr. Manish Manocha, a renowned Orthopaedic, Trauma, and Joint Replacement Surgeon from the Ortho and Spine Centre. The workshop included practical demonstrations on essential first aid techniques, such as managing airway obstructions, ensuring proper breathing, maintaining circulation, and administering CPR. Participants learned how to



assess responses, manage fractures, apply pain relief, and safely shift patients in both simple and compound fracture cases. Dr. Manocha also covered specialized topics like digital

microvascular replantation for amputations, the basic management of heart attacks, brain hemorrhages, electrical shocks, heat exhaustion, and epileptic seizures. The importance of

regular exercise and healthier living practices was also emphasized as preventive measures. The session saw active participation from seventy students and was coordinated by Dr. Monica Narang and Dr. Nitan Sharma, with support from students Palak and Janvi Sharma. The success of the event was made possible with the contributions of several medical professionals, including Dr. Shubha Vats, Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, and others, who ensured the workshop's interactive nature.

## JCDA concludes IT EXPO 2024

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JAMMU: Jammu Computer Dealer Association (JCDA) concluded IT EXPO 2024 organized by the association at Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu from December 20 to 22, 2024. The expo was concluded with the felicitation ceremony in which Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce and Industries was the Chief Guest.

The IT EXPO attracted an unprecedented participation from IT OEMs from across the country as more than forty five exhibitors showcased latest technologies. This included drone technology, smart education technologies, CCTVs, Computers, Laptops, Printers, Power Solutions, Softwares, Accounting Solutions, Display Boards and a lot other IT gadgets. The IT EXPO attracted a large audience as students, common people, government officials, defence experts and other IT enthusiasts visited the three day event and were amazed at the range of new products and services on display. While the IT EXPO 2024 was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary it was concluded

with felicitation ceremony on Sunday with Arun Gupta, CCI President. He was accompanied by other office bearers of the Chamber. The dignitaries were appreciative of the organizers for bringing latest technologies to the Expo and hoped that such events will attract youth towards technology. Arun stressed the need for spreading awareness among masses, especially, youth as they can be game changers in promoting entrepreneurship. Sandeep Malhotra, President JCDA, promised to bring more such mega events to Jammu. He emphasized that there should have been a greater participation from the government departments as most of the technologies on display were "Made in India" and were available on GeM through JCDA members. Dr. Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma, General Secretary, JCDA highlighted the need for buying from the local vendors instead of buying from online sites.

The function concluded with distribution of participation certificates to the participating companies. Naveen Gupta presented vote of thanks.

## Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association urges Govt to redress long-standing issues

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JAMMU: The Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association (J&K UT) held a press conference led by General Secretary D.K. Chauhan to highlight the ongoing challenges faced by paramilitary personnel and ex-servicemen.

The conference was attended by key association members, including Ashok Kumar Verma (Chairman), Kuldeep Singh (President), Harbans Lal (Vice President), Noor Mohammad (President, District Samba), Yash Pal, Gurdeep Singh, Bachan Lal Bhagat, Kamlesh



Ex-CPFWA members talking to reporters.

Kumari, Warem and others. The association raised concerns over systemic discrimina-

tion faced by paramilitary forces since 2014, with their demands largely unaddressed.

Chauhan criticized the government for not extending One Rank One Pension (OROP) to paramilitary personnel, unlike the Indian Army, creating disparities in post-retirement benefits. He also highlighted the lack of medical benefits on par with Army personnel, despite paramilitary forces enduring similar risks. Additionally, Chauhan lamented that martyrs in the line of duty are not granted "martyr status", depriving them and their families of respect and benefits. The association accused the government of treating paramilitary

forces with "step-motherly indifference". The association also criticized Director Generals (DGs) of paramilitary forces for failing to advocate for personnel welfare. They appealed to J&K MPs Jugal Kishore Sharma and Dr. Jitendra Singh to raise the issue in Parliament, but have received no response. In solidarity with farmers fighting for their rights, the association vowed to continue advocating for equal treatment and demanded immediate government action for the welfare of paramilitary forces.