

CM Yogi reviews police construction projects

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LUCKNOW: UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has stressed the importance of timely and high-quality completion of police infrastructure projects.

During a review meeting on Thursday, he directed regular assessments of residential and non-residential buildings being developed for police lines, transit hostels, and training institutes under the Home Department.

Weekly reviews by a Secretary-level officer and fortnightly monitoring by the Additional Chief

Secretary have been mandated, along with oversight by district, range, and zonal police officers.

CM Yogi Adityanath emphasized that project designs must remain unchanged after construction begins unless prior government approval is obtained. He also mandated installing lifts in all multi-story buildings and proposed a dedicated fund for their maintenance.

For projects exceeding Rs 50 crore, the Chief Minister ordered monthly third-party audits by technical institutes. These institutes



must provide detailed on-site verification reports, including photographs, to ensure transparency. Highlighting the need for expertise, he suggested hiring retired professionals or experts from reputable

institutions to address the shortage of skilled engineers in construction agencies.

Reviewing the zone-wise budget and construction progress, the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath prioritized adequate residential facilities for police personnel.

Multi-story housing projects are being developed within police lines to address this need. He noted that eight districts, including Sambhal, Hapur, and Amroha, lack permanent police lines, and their ongoing construction will enhance operational efficiency.

Boney Kapoor unveils hair restoration journey at Eugenix Hair Sciences event



Bollywood stalwart Boney Kapoor, Dr. Pradeep Sethi, and Dr. Arika Bansal at a press conference.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

MUMBAI: Eugenix Hair Sciences, India's premier hair restoration clinic, hosted an exclusive event that brought together Bollywood stalwart Boney Kapoor, Dr. Pradeep Sethi, and Dr. Arika Bansal. This glittering occasion celebrated the transformative power of advanced hair restoration techniques, with Boney Kapoor sharing his remarkable hair transplant journey.

In an intimate and captivating session, Boney

Kapoor opened up about his experience with Eugenix, saying, "Self-care and confidence are invaluable. This hair transplant has rejuvenated my appearance and revitalized my spirit. I feel younger and more confident, and that's a gift everyone deserves." His inspiring words resonated deeply with the audience, highlighting the profound impact of hair restoration.

Dr. Arika Bansal, co-founder of Eugenix Hair Sciences, shed light on the

clinic's revolutionary Direct Hair Transplant (DHT) technology.

"At Eugenix, we blend cutting-edge innovation with a personalized approach to deliver natural, enduring results. Our focus is always on enhancing our patients' lives," she remarked.

Adding to the discussion, Dr. Pradeep Sethi, the visionary co-founder of Eugenix, emphasized the clinic's unwavering commitment to excellence. "Our goal is to redefine

global benchmarks in hair restoration. By continuously evolving our techniques, we've helped thousands reclaim their confidence and achieve remarkable transformations," he shared.

The event took a delightful turn with a surprise appearance by celebrated filmmaker Anees Bazmi, who revealed that he too had recently undergone a hair transplant at Eugenix. "Boney's transformation inspired me to take this leap. I'm thrilled to see the results unfold, and I'm already impressed by Eugenix's expertise and care," Anees said, adding a personal touch to the evening.

To learn more about Eugenix Hair Sciences and their cutting-edge solutions, visit www.eugenix-hairsciences.com.

JCMS celebrates 135th Birth Anniversary of Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), celebrated the 135th Birth Anniversary of Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan with solemnity and fervour at the Mahajan Bhawan, Shalamar Road, Jammu.

The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including Shiv Partap Gupta, Senior Vice President of JCMS and Zonal President (J&K Zone), Akhil Bhartiya Mahajan Shiromani Sabha.

Shiv Partap shed light on the extraordinary life and contributions of Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan, describing him as a great patriot whose wisdom played a pivotal role in the integration of Jammu and



JCMS members paying tributes to Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan.

Kashmir into India. He also highlighted Justice Mahajan's simple lifestyle and his significant role in promoting social reforms within the Mahajan Biradari, particularly focusing on simplicity and integrity. Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI), also partici-

pated in the event along with his team. He spoke about Justice Mahajan's strong opposition to extravagance in marriages and emphasized that such practices should be curtailed, especially within the Mahajan community.

Sanjay Mahajan, General Secretary of JCMS, while pay-

ing tribute to the great leader, elaborated on his instrumental role as a member of the Radcliffe

Boundary Commission for Punjab, where he played a vital role in ensuring the integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India.

Subash Gupta also spoke at the occasion, urging the com-

munity to follow the values and principles set by Justice Mahajan for the betterment of the Biradari.

The dignitaries present on the occasion garlanded the photograph of Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan, remembering his legacy and contributions. Other prominent attendees included Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary), Atul Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Subash Chander Gupta (Vice Presidents), Balbir Gupta, Ram Sarup Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Satish Gupta, Bharat Bhushan Gupta, Varun Gupta, Rajeev Gupta (Vice President CCI), Rajesh Gupta (Secretary CCI), Vijay Gupta, Kamal Gupta, Vinod Gupta, and Vijay Gupta.

Art Exhibition on Basohli Art inaugurated

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Indian Art Centre, renowned as the promoter of the esteemed Basohli Art, organized a vibrant art exhibition today at Rainbow Public School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 15 schools across the region, showcasing the creative prowess of young artists.

Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of BJP's Social Media Department, J&K, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event also saw the presence of notable guests of honor, including Ved Verma and Prof. Sharad Sharma, both prominent social activists and Principal of Rainbow Public School, Krishan Kishore Khajuria. M.K. Wadhra,



Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of BJP's Social Media Department, J&K and others at a programme.

Chairman of the Indian Art Centre, spearheaded the initiative, emphasizing the significance of fostering artistic talent among the youth. Addressing the gathering, Nitish Mahajan applauded the remarkable talent displayed by the students and personally felicitated them with trophies to recognize their artistic

achievements. He expressed his admiration for the budding artists and highlighted the immense talent that exists in Jammu & Kashmir, urging for more platforms to nurture and showcase their potential.

The senior BJP leader also commended the relentless efforts of M.K. Wadhra and the Indian Art Centre in pro-

moting Basohli Art and encouraging young talent. "Art is not just a medium of expression but a reflection of our culture and heritage. Initiatives like these ensure that our rich traditions are preserved while inspiring the youth to pursue their creative passions," he remarked. Rainbow Public School's Principal, Krishan Kishore Khajuria, expressed his gratitude to the Indian Art Centre for choosing their school as the venue for such a meaningful event, emphasizing the role of art in holistic education. The programme concluded with a renewed commitment to promoting Basohli Art and creating opportunities for the youth of J&K to excel on platforms that celebrate their talent and creativity.

ECCE right of every child: Director School Education

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Ashok Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, while addressing a workshop at Jammu, said that Early Childhood Care & Education is the Right of every child in Jammu & Kashmir, and the J&K Government is committed to strengthening this component in the School Education system. He was the Chief Guest at the Workshop organized by the National Development Foundation Jammu in collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu and UNICEF India. Around 100 HOIs participated in the workshop. The workshop aimed at inculcating leadership among Education Officers and HOIs in the field of Early Childhood



Care & Education.

Subha Mehta, Joint Director School Education, Dr. Bilal Rashid Mir, Deputy Director Planning, M. Rameez Khan CAO, Kishore Sharma, Coordinator Quality from Samagra Shiksha J&K, sensitized the participants to the initiatives of School Education and the role of HOIs on ECCE.

Rajiv Khajuria, President National Development Foundation, said that Early

Childhood Care & Education is the Right of all children, and NDF is committed to facilitating this. He highlighted the ECCE component as envisioned in National Education Policy 2020.

The Resource Persons of the workshop were Jaswinder Kour, Coordinator Pre-Primary SRML HSS Parade, Monika Dogra from SCERT, and Sarita Sharma Asst. Coordinator Pre-Primary SRML HSS Parade. Sunny

Kumar, Programme Manager NDF gave a welcome address while Nisha Pandita, Addl. Programme Officer NDF, acted as stage secretary.

Ashok Sharma, in his detailed address, stressed the main features of ECCE and called upon the HOIs to work on developing good habits in children, developing social behaviour, developing basic life skills and imparting Age and Development appropriate education.

Biotechnology, Innovation Converge at GCW Gandhi Nagar's collaborative workshop with JKSTIC



GCW Gandhi Nagar faculty and JKSTIC Udhampur members at an event.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Department of Biotechnology, Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Science Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC) Udhampur, on Friday hosted a soft activity focused on Biotechnology, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

The event brought together students, faculty, and experts to explore the potential of biotechnology in driving innovation and fostering entrepreneurial ventures.

The workshop featured insightful sessions by distinguished resource persons. Prof. Dr. Manmohan Sharma from SKUAST focused on the crucial role of crop biotechnology in

promoting entrepreneurship. He also highlighted the opportunities presented by biotechnology parks for students seeking to venture into this field.

Dr. Shelly Sehgal from the Central University Jammu further enriched the discussion by elaborating on the intersection of innovation and entrepreneurship, with a specific focus on the role of the biotechnology park in Kathua.

Dr. Divya Bakshi skilfully anchored the function, ensuring its smooth flow and facilitating engaging interactions. The organizing committee, comprising Dr. Urvika, Dr. Ruqiah, Dr. Vikas Bhagat and Dr. Ashok Kumar, worked diligently to ensure the event's success.

District Coordinator of JKSTIC Udhampur Shruti Khanna played a pivotal role in organizing the event.

Earlier, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), extended a warm welcome to all attendees on behalf of the college Principal. He encouraged the students to be active in these types of events to have a better understanding of recent trends in the field.

Dr. Rahul Sharma delivered the vote of thanks. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration between academic institutions and organizations like JKSTIC in promoting scientific advancement and fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among young minds.

Sikh Sangat to take out Vishal Nagar Kirtan on Dec 29

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Sikh Sangat of Block Bhalwal, Marh, and the surrounding rural areas of Jammu, along with adjoining regions, is preparing to celebrate the 358th birthday of the 10th

Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. This significant occasion will be commemorated with a "Vishal Nagar Kirtan" (grand procession) on 29th December 2024 (Sunday). The entire Sangat is invited to participate and seek the blessings of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji during this auspicious event. The Nagar Kirtan will commence at 10:30 AM from Gurdwara Singh Sabha Batehra (Bhalwal) and will conclude at Gurdwara Dashmesh Darbar Dyaran (Bhalwal), Jammu, around 2:30 PM. Throughout the procession, Shabad Gurbani will be sung by Ragis and religious preachers, offering a sacred atmosphere for all participants. This event is an opportunity for the Sangat of Jammu District to come together in devotion and unity, while celebrating the life and teachings of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. In addition to the procession, every year, the Sangat pays obeisance on this pious



Sikh Sangat of Block Bhalwal Marh talking to reporters.

occasion, singing hymns and expressing their reverence to the Guru. This year, the Sangat is warmly invited to join in this religious celebration, which promotes unity in diversity and strengthens the bonds of the community.

The pre-conference for this event was attended by several dignitaries and members of the Nagar Kirtan Committee, including Mohinder Singh, Kulwant Singh, Mohinder Singh, Gurparshad Singh,

Tajinder Singh, and President Sukhyal Singh Retal, the AEE Nagar Kirtan Committee.

The Sangat is encouraged to join in the Nagar Kirtan to experience the spiritual atmosphere, receive Guru Ji's blessings, and contribute to the unity and collective faith of the community.

All J&K Electric Department Lineman and Workers Union holds meeting

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A meeting of the All J&K Electric Department Lineman and Workers Union, Jammu, was held under the chairmanship of Aishaq Hussain, the President of the union. The meeting was attended by all the office bearers and workers of the union.

During the meeting, Aishaq Hussain addressed the gathering and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Managing Director of Jammu Power Development Corporation (JPDC), Jammu for fulfilling a long-pending demand of the union by providing Tool Kits to the linemen working in the J&K UT. He also appreciated the provision of Ex-gratia relief to linemen who sustained injuries or lost their lives while carrying out their duties. This gesture, according to Hussain, was a significant step toward recognizing the sacrifices made by the workers.

In his address, Aishaq Hussain expressed optimism about the newly elected government headed by Sh. Omar Abdullah. On behalf of the union, he extended his best wishes to the new government and hoped that it would fulfill the union's long-standing demands. Specifically, he hoped that the government would approve a 3% Dearness Allowance (DA) for the linemen of JPDC Ltd. and take steps to regularize daily-rated workers who have completed more than 7 years of service in the department.

Other notable attendees of the meeting included Anil Singh Salathia, Vijay Gupta, Kartar Nath, and several other union members. The meeting concluded with a collective hope for positive changes under the new government's leadership.

'RBI90Quiz' national finals on Doordarshan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: To mark the 90th year of its service to the nation, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), hosted a nationwide quiz i.e., RBI90Quiz for undergraduate college students. Quiz was launched on August 20, 2024. The quiz attracted widespread interest with participation of 1,58,206 students from 13,961 colleges, spread across 734 districts of the country.

The multi-level team-based competition, which commenced with an online selection round in September 2024, followed by State and Zonal level rounds, culminated in the National Final, which was held on December 6, 2024, at Mumbai.

The edited event of National Finals of the RBI90Quiz shall be telecast on Doordarshan on December 29, 2024, from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

All J&K POJK 1947 SIF thanks PM for declaring Safar-e-Shahadat Week as a National Week

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The All J&K POJK 1947 Sharnarhi Intellectual Forum convened an emergency meeting of its core committee under the leadership of President Advocate Amrik Singh. The meeting was joined by S. Surjit Singh, Secretary of the Forum, along with other prominent members.

At the outset, the Forum extended its gratitude to the Union Government and, in particular, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for declaring the Safar-e-Shahadat Week as a National Week. This week honors the unparalleled martyrdom of the Chhote Sahibzade of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who, at a juvenile age, made the ultimate sacrifice against cruelty and forcible religious conversion. The Forum highlighted that this historic act of shaheedi set a world record in the annals of history.

Forum President Advocate Amrik Singh expressed his appreciation

for Prime Minister Modi's initiative, stating that it reflects a positive and empathetic approach toward the Sikh community, which has always stood for the unity and integrity of the nation.

Advocate Singh also criticized the Congress-led governments of the past 75 years, alleging that they deliberately ignored the extraordinary martyrdom of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's family and the Chhote Sahibzade. He described this neglect as a sign of misplaced sympathy for foreign invaders.

The Forum further elaborated on the pivotal role played by the Sikh Gurus and their blessings in resisting mass religious conversions during the Mughal era.

Their sacrifices ensured the preservation of Hinduism and upheld the nation's cultural and spiritual integrity.

The Forum also expressed its gratitude to the BJP Government for including historical accounts of Sikh Gurus in

the school and college curriculum, describing this as an appreciable and fact-based step toward educating future generations.

Prominent members who attended and spoke during the meeting included Kuldeep Singh (Vice President), Paramjit Singh (Ex-Corporator), Sucha Singh (Corporator), Avtar Singh (Member, DGPC Jammu), Paramjit Singh Shingari, Kuldeep Singh Kuku, Harbhajan Singh, Nasib Singh, Prof. K.D. Singh, Jagjit Singh, Khazan Singh, Manjit Singh, Gurdeep Singh Ripal, Bhajan Singh, Amandeep Singh, Avtar Singh (Ex-Pilot), Surjit Singh Kud, Prehlad Singh, H.S. Sudan (Retd. Group Captain), Bhupinder Singh and Jasbir Singh.

The Forum reaffirmed its commitment to upholding the legacy of the Sikh Gurus and pledged to continue advocating for initiatives that preserve and promote the community's rich heritage and contributions to the nation.