

Yudhvir Sethi initiates development works at Swami Vivekananda Hospital

Highlights inspirational legacy of Swami Vivekananda on selfless service, nation-building



MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi inaugurating development work.

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards enhancing infrastructure and providing better amenities, Yudhvir Sethi, MLA East Constituency, inaugurated various development works with an estimated costs of Rs 60.5 lakh at Swami Vivekananda Hospital on Saturday.

The event witnessed the presence of Executive Engineer JMC Division 2, Nawaz Ahmed Bandy, AEE Ravi Kumar, JE Mukesh Gupta, hospital authorities, party workers, and prominent members of society, reflecting a collective commitment to progress.

The development works included the construction of lanes and drains, along with the tiling of pathways within the hospital premises. These projects aim to ensure improved hygiene and ease of access for patients and visitors.

Yudhvir emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in achieving community welfare. "It is our collective responsibility to support institutions like Swami Vivekananda Hospital, which play a crucial role in serving society," he said.

During his address, Sethi highlighted the inspirational legacy of Swami Vivekananda, underlining his teachings on selfless service and nation-building. He urged citizens to draw inspiration from Vivekananda's philosophy and work collectively for the betterment of society.

Yudhvir also lauded the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that the Central Government has laid a strong foundation for holistic development through its people-centric policies.

"The leadership of PM

Modi has transformed the developmental landscape of our nation, bringing prosperity and progress to every corner," he added.

Amar Chand Gupta, Mohan Singh Chouhan, B S Jamwal, Subash Gupta, Dr. Ramesh Gupta, Iqbal Singh, Pawan Sharma, Ex Corporator Nidhi and others were present on the occasion.

The senior BJP leader and MLA took the opportunity to interact with the hospital authorities and staff, discussing their challenges and requirements.

He assured them of his unwavering support in ensuring that the hospital functions smoothly and continues to provide quality healthcare services.

"We will extend all possible assistance to strengthen this institution, as it is integral to the well-being of our community," he added.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrated at St. John's Rehabilitation Centre

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JAMMU: St. John's Rehabilitation Centre, a wing of the Catholic Social Service Society (CSSS), Jammu, celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with great enthusiasm on Saturday.

Established in 2008, the centre has been a beacon of hope and rehabilitation for more than 40 children in and around Mandal, fostering their development and integration into society. The celebration aimed to showcase the talents and abilities of individuals with disabilities while spreading the message of inclusivity. The program began with the lighting of the lamp and a prayer dance performed by special children, creating a serene and inspiring

active Kitchen Orchestra by special children mesmerized the audience. Students from MIER delivered a skit titled "There is ability in every disability," highlighting the potential and strength of persons with disabilities.

Rt. Rev. Ivan Pereira, Bishop of Jammu-Srinagar Diocese, addressed the audience as the Guest of Honour, saying: "Every individual is a masterpiece of God's creation, and our responsibility is to provide them the opportunities they need to shine. This center is a testament to the power of inclusion and love."

Kirandeep Kour, Block Development Officer (BDO) of Phallian Mandal, as the Chief Guest, remarked, "The talent and spirit showcased here



ambiance. Sr. Stani Therese CMC welcomed the gathering with a heartfelt address, setting the stage for a day filled with cultural vibrance and powerful messages of empowerment.

Special children and students from the Participatory Knowledge Centre (PKC), Nagrota, performed captivating dances, including the lively Lungi Dance and Punjabi folk dances. Dogri Couple Dance and Punjabi Bhanga showcased the cultural richness of the region. A unique and cre-

today reflect the true essence of humanity-strength in diversity and unity in purpose. I commend the efforts of St. John's Rehabilitation Centre in empowering these children to dream big and achieve their goals."

Students from the Accelerated Learning Centre (ALC), Nagrota, brought energy to the celebration with their vibrant group dance performances. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr. Senoj Thomas, Director of CSSS.

BVP conducts State Level 'Bharat ko Jano Quiz' competition at IEI

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Jammu Kashmir Prant conducted Bharat ko Jano Quiz Competition on Saturday at Auditorium of Institution of Engineers, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

On this occasion, Padma Shri Prof. Vishwa Murti Sharma was Chief Guest and Dr.(Prof) Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha, Jammu was Guest of Honour. Sushil Sharma, Regional President, BVP (North-1) was Regional Observer of the Computerised Quiz Competition.

Shiv Ram Sharma, Prant General Secretary welcomed the participants and dignitaries. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Prant President BVP threw light on the objectives and various achievements of BVP. The Chief Guest lauded the role of BVP which work for Sanskars and is running various Sewa Projects selflessly and reciprocated with all words of praise for the participants from different corners of J&K. Magotra also lauded the efforts of BVP and said that youth should stay connected with the motherland and culture.

15 teams from various branches of BVP participated in Senior Category and 15 teams in Junior category.



Padma Shri Prof. Vishwa Murti Sharma with other dignitaries at a competition.

Gopal Gupta Prantiya Sanskar Pramukh narrated the Rules and regulations of the competition.

In the neck to neck Competition of Junior category students, Dogra Higher Secondary School, Jammu bagged first prize whereas ASN Higher Secondary School got second prize and St. Xavier Convent School settled at third prize.

In Senior Category, DBN School, Mubarak Mandi Jammu bagged first prize whereas Maharaja Hari Singh School, Akhnoor bagged second and Maharishi Vidhya Mandir School, Sainik Colony stood third and result was announced by Arun Sharma, National Committee Member NGSC.

Sushil Sharma, Regional Observer in his concluding remarks expressed satisfaction over the Competition.

It was informed that teams

CM Himachal Pradesh felicitates POWERGRID for its CSR initiatives

POWERGRID provides ultraportable handheld x-ray for TB testing to DTC Dharmshala



CM Himachal Pradesh S.S. Sukhu felicitating PGCL officials.

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SHIMLA: During the launch of 100 Day intensified campaign on TB Elimination to fulfill commitment for ensuring TB free India, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu felicitated Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna PSU under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, for its appreciable CSR initiatives in the State of Himachal Pradesh. He specially lauded the CSR contribution of POWERGRID in helping the Himachal administration in their efforts for eradication of TB in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The certificate of appreciation with felicitating shield were received by Arindham Chakraborty, CGM (Projects and Consultancy) and Vinod P Baxla, GM (HR), in an impressive ceremony held at Shimla on Saturday. Dr.(Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil, Health Minister, Himachal Pradesh along with senior officials from the state and POWERGRID were present on the occasion.

Chief minister in his address praised POWERGRID for its CSR initiatives and expressed the hope that POWERGRID shall keep on contributing in vital areas of infrastructure building in the state of Himachal Pradesh. In another CSR program held at Dharamshala, POWERGRID handed over an Ultraportable Handheld X-ray Machine with Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Hemraj Bairwa, Deputy Commissioner of Kangra, in the presence of Netra Meti SDM,

Palampur, Dr. Rajesh Guleri, CMO Kangra and other senior officers from District administration, Health Department, and POWERGRID. The cost of the equipment handed over under this Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative is around Rs 37 lakhs.

This initiative of POWERGRID will provide good health facilities to the needy population of more than sixteen lacs in the district of Dharamshala. The installation of the Ultraportable Handheld X-ray with Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) technology/ Artificial Intelligence (AI) Machine for TB Testing at District Tuberculosis Center, Dharamshala by POWERGRID is a commendable step in supporting the District Administration's efforts to create a TB-free Dharamshala.

This initiative aligns seamlessly with the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, which aims to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) as a public health challenge in India by 2025.

As a responsible Corporate Citizen, POWERGRID has been extending support for the development of various infrastructure activities in the state of Himachal Pradesh through its CSR initiatives.

Under CSR activities, the health sector is the thrust area of POWERGRID, especially in the government hospitals of rural and urban areas across the country with the belief that adequate medical infrastructure is very much important for well well-being of the general masses.

Swachhta Strikers, Tawi Challengers dominate day 4 of BIG Cricket League 2024



Winner team ppsing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: The Swachh Bharat BIG Cricket League 2024 continued to captivate cricket enthusiasts on Day 4 with two exhilarating matches at Jammu Sports Club Kot Tawa. Organized by 92.7 BIG FM in collaboration with the Department of Rural Sanitation, J&K, the tournament blends the excitement of cricket with the mission of cleanliness and sustainability.

In the first match of the day, Swachhta Strikers faced off against District Administration Samba XI. Winning the toss, District Administration opted to bat first but struggled against the formidable bowling attack of Swachhta Strikers' captain, Kapil. His exceptional five-wicket haul dismantled the batting lineup, bundling them out for a meager 70 runs. Kapil's precision and dominance

earned him the well-deserved title of Man of the Match. Swachhta Strikers comfortably chased the target in just 13 overs, securing a comprehensive victory.

The second match saw Tawi Challengers go head-to-head with Swachhta Warriors. Batting first, Tawi Challengers posted a massive total of 218 runs, thanks to Captain Munish's outstanding knock of 56 runs and Sukhi's solid contribution of 39 runs. Munish further impressed with his all-round performance, delivering key overs with the ball to restrict the opposition. For his brilliant showing with both bat and ball, Munish was declared Man of the Match.

Swachhta Warriors, despite Suraj's valiant effort of 32 runs off 14 balls, could not withstand the pressure and were bowled out for 92 runs, resulting in a dominant 126-run victory for Tawi Challengers.

The tournament, which carries a message of cleanliness under the theme "Let's Swing for Swachhta," continues to showcase exciting cricketing action while promoting sustainable practices. Stalls set up by organizations like UMEED and SBM(G) further emphasize the significance of recycling and eco-friendly living.

The event is proudly supported by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Directorate of Rural Sanitation J&K, as the title sponsor. Jal Shakti Department presents the tournament, powered by SMVD Narayana Super Speciality Hospital. Associate partners include Shree Bajrang Bali Contract Company, Jammu Hev's, and My Physio, with Aroma Multicuisine Family Restaurant as the refreshment partner.

Ivan Prince nominated as member of ZRUCC

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JAMMU: Ivan Prince Parihar has been nominated as a member of the



Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) of Northern Railways for a period of two years from October this year.

The order to this effect was issued by Deputy General Manager/G & Secretary, ZRUCC, Gunjan Bhardwaj.

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JAMMU: Department of Pediatrics at Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Jammu, in association with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), successfully conducted a Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (NRP).

The training was led by a team of instructors, including Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta (Lead Instructor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, ASCOMS), Dr. Pankaj Gupta (Senior Pediatrician at Sarwal Hospital), Dr. Manoj Sharma (Assistant Professor), and Dr. Sushil Sharma (Assistant Professor).

A total of 24 participants, comprising doctors and nursing staff from ASCOMS and other hospitals, attended the program. The participants were trained in the latest techniques and best practices in neonatal resuscitation, ensur-



ASCOMS Doctors and participating team posing for a photograph.

ing they are well-prepared to handle any emergencies during childbirth. Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical superintendent ASCOMS, who was the Chief Guest inaugurated the occasion and stressed upon the importance of attaining necessary skills in newborn resuscitation. He also appreciated the department of pediatrics in conducting such activities. Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta emphasized the importance of such programs in reducing neonatal mortality and

improving the overall quality of care for newborns. He expressed his gratitude to all the participants and instructors for their active involvement and dedication.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS appreciated Dr. Ravinder K Gupta and his team for successfully conducted the Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (NRP). He also said that conducting such type of program is very useful and important for medical and

paramedical personnel.

The program received positive feedback from all attendees, who found the training to be highly informative and practical. The success of this NRP program highlights ASCOMS' commitment to continuing medical education and improving neonatal care in the region.

Dr. Sanjeev K Digra and Dr. Neeraj Gupta are the state coordinators of NRP and are instrumental in conducting NRP.

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JAMMU: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has taken a significant step towards enhancing aviation security by establishing an Internal Quality Control Unit (IQU) for the Aviation Security Group (ASG) deployed at 68 airports across India.

The IQU will play a crucial role in establishing world class security procedures and technology.

This initiative is in compliance with the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme-2024 (NCASQCP) issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft (Security) Rules-2023.

The IQU shall be part of the Aviation Security Control Center (ASCC) which was inaugurated by

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on July 22, 2023.

The ASCC, with its advanced components like Incident Management Centre, Aviation Research and Data Centre, Centralized Communication Control Centre will work in tandem with the IQU to meet the current security challenges and enhance the overall security posture of Indian airports. This system will also cover the airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAAAN).

The IQU will be led by a senior CISF officer and a team of certified Aviation Security (AVSEC) instructors, national auditors and experienced personnel who will be instrumental in ensuring uniformity in security procedures across all airports through standardized training and evaluation

methods; recommending the adoption of new technologies based on field trials and international best practices; conducting internal inspections and audits based on ICAO/BCAS guidelines to evaluate security operations and implement corrective measures; monitoring, reviewing, updating security protocols to meet established standards, ensuring compliance, technology effectiveness and operational efficiency; and collecting and analyzing feedback from ASGs as per International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), BCAS and NCASQCP standards to identify gaps and improve performance.

CISF is committed to enhance the effectiveness of security operations, mitigate risks and maintain a robust and resilient aviation security system.