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Roll No. 5918863, Class 12th, Year & Session BI-Annual 2018, Registration No: J12MW-JRM02868 and Name Shivam Sharma, Father's Name Sh. Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Mother's Name Smt. Prem Lata. Now the candidate has applied for issuance of Diploma/ Marksheet. Before the case will be process under rules, if somebody is having objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the Joint Secretary Certificates J&K BOSE Rehari Colony Jammu within 7 days. After the expiry of the defined period no objection will be entertained. (Besides, the lost "Qualification Certificates", issued in Session BI-Annual 2018 in favour of candidate namely Shivam Sharma is/are be treated as "CANCELLED".

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STATE TIMES

## Humanity Public School students shine in NHPC Painting Competition



Humanity Public School faculty felicitating winner students in NHPC Painting Competition.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Arpita of Class 7th and Mannat Thapa of Class 9th brought laurels to Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana by securing commendable positions in the prestigious NHPC Painting Competition, marking a proud milestone for the institution. Their outstanding achievements were celebrated during a special morning assembly where the winners were felicitated by Principal Gaurav Charak, Vice

Principal Anku Charak, Admin Incharge Akashdeep Raina, and the In-charges of distinguished wings, amidst loud applause and appreciation. Their mentor, Vikas, Art and Craft Teacher, was also honoured with a trophy for his dedicated guidance and constant encouragement to the students. In Group A, under the theme, Save Energy, Arpita secured the 3rd Consolation Prize for her artistic excellence and her thoughtful representation of the need for energy

conservation. Her artwork stood out for its clarity of message, creativity and visual appeal. She received a cash prize of Rs 7,500, along with an additional Rs 2,000 participation reward, bringing her total prize amount to Rs 9,500. In Group B, Mannat Thapa demonstrated admirable talent and dedication, earning a participation certificate and a cash reward of Rs 2,000. Her artwork received wide appreciation for its neatness, colour sense and thematic relevance.

The school community celebrated the achievements of both students, noting that their success not only highlights individual talent but also reinforces the school's commitment to promoting creativity, confidence and holistic growth among learners. The competition provided a meaningful platform for students to express their thoughts on socially significant themes through the medium of art. Sharing his views on the occasion, Principal Gaurav Charak stated that "Such achievements are a reminder of the incredible potential children possess when encouragement meets opportunity. Humanity Public School will continue to nurture every learner's talent and inspire them to excel in every field of life, academic, artistic and beyond."

## Former Dy CM calls on LG



Former Dy CM, Dr Nirmal Singh-led delegation calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dr Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday.

He was accompanied by Er Bikram Singh, DDC member, Billawar; Neeru Rajput, DDC member Mandli, and Mohit Gupta, Youth Leader, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Moreha.

Speaking on the occasion Director Natrang Padmashree Balwant Thakur said that such intellectual plays written by the top writers of the country carry immense value both for the performers as well as the spectators. Its performance and viewing should be encouraged by all means to create a healthy literary and cultural environment in the city.

The play "Teen Apaahij" set at a crossroad, three characters Kallu, Khallu and Gallu

## BJPMM J&K president leads women-centric initiatives

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP Mahila Moreha J&K President Advocate Neha Mahajan today successfully led two impactful programmes in Vijaypur and Jammu West, focusing on women's empowerment, Swadeshi commitment, and the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. A large number of women from Jammu & Kashmir Mahila Moreha, along with enthusiastic participation from local women of the respective areas, were present throughout both programmes, reflecting the growing strength and unity of the Mahila Moreha.



BJP Mahila Morcha J&K President Advocate Neha Mahajan speaking at a programme.

women in preserving cultural values, strengthening society, and leading community development. She affirmed that women have always been the backbone of India's social fabric, and the BJP government is fully committed to their dignity, safety, and empowerment. She spoke about key welfare schemes such as Ujjwala Yojana, Women's Reservation, Mudra Yojana, Ladli Beti, and other initiatives dedicated to uplifting women in every sphere of life.

Later, in Jammu West, Adv. Mahajan addressed a significant gathering under the theme "Atmanirbhar Bharat - Swadeshi Sankalp", encouraging women to adopt indigenous products, support local

entrepreneurs, and promote the idea of economic self-reliance. She stated that Swadeshi is a spirit of national pride and a step towards a stronger, self-sufficient India, where women's participation is essential. Women showcased various self-help group products and local innovations, demonstrating their capability and

## Awareness-cum-Orientation Programme organized at SRML School

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An Awareness-cum-Orientation Programme was organized on Sunday at SRML School, Parade with the aim of strengthening pedagogical practices and promoting effective methodologies in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). The programme was graced by the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Jammu, Ajeet Sharma, whose presence added immense value to the event. In his detailed and inspiring address, Ajeet Sharma underscored the transformative role of pedagogy in

early childhood learning. He emphasized that ECCE forms the foundation of a child's educational journey and highlighted the district administration's commitment to improve the classroom processes. He urged teachers to adopt play-based, experiential, and activity-oriented learning, ensuring that young learners receive joyful, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate education. He also appreciated the efforts of educators across Jammu district for embracing innovative teaching practices and reiterated the administration's continued



CEO Jammu, Ajeet Sharma and others at a programme.

support for capacity-building programmes aimed at strengthening the ECCE ecosystem. Among other dignitaries present were District

Education Planning Officer Jammu, B. D. Sharma, and the Principal of SRML HSS Parade Jammu, Kishor Sharma, who extended their full

## Duggar Baraadari holds hunger strike, demands compulsory Dogri Education till primary level



Duggar Baraadari members sitting on hunger strike at Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Duggar Baraadari, an offshoot of Team Jammu, on Sunday held a daylong hunger strike near the Maharaja Hari Singh statue on the banks of the Tawi River, urging the government to introduce Dogri as a compulsory subject up to the primary level across the Jammu region from the upcoming academic session beginning March 2026.

Convenor, Duggar Baraadari & renowned poet Randheer Singh Raipuria, who led the protest, emphasised that the survival of the Dogra identity is deeply tied to the survival of the Dogri language. He said that Dogri is losing its foothold among the youth because children are not being

introduced to their mother tongue during their early learning stages. Raipuria asserted that the primary years are crucial for linguistic retention and cultural grounding, and warned that failing to act now would result in irreversible cultural loss. He added that the demand for compulsory Dogri education is reasonable, aligned with national education goals, and long overdue for the region.

Adding to the call for action, Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal strongly criticised the administration for not implementing the New Education Policy (NEP) in its true spirit. Jamwal pointed out that while the NEP emphasises mother-tongue instruction in foundational years, Dogri

remains missing from the mandatory curriculum in Jammu. He questioned the wastage of funds on Dogri syllabi preparation when the subject is not being taught and alleged that certain vested interests are misleading the government by claiming that parents do not want Dogri instruction. Jamwal urged the Omar Abdullah-led government to act decisively and ensure Dogri's compulsory inclusion across all government and private schools in Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Reasi, and parts of Rajouri and Poonch. Heena Mahajan, Co-Convenor of Duggar Baraadari, also addressed the gathering and highlighted the emotional and cultural disconnect children face when deprived of

their mother tongue. She emphasised that Dogri is not merely a medium of communication but a cultural lifeline connecting generations, traditions, and the unique ethos of the Duggar region. Mahajan called upon policymakers, educators, and civil society stakeholders to recognise the collective responsibility of preserving Dogri. She stressed that empowering children with their mother tongue at the primary level strengthens comprehension, cultural confidence, and overall academic performance.

Several prominent personalities from Jammu joined the hunger strike to show solidarity with the cause. Among them were Padma Shri Mohan Singh Salathia, Sahitya Akademi Awardee Vijay Verma, Culture and Social Activist Urja Salathia, Actor and Artist Janak Khajuria, Poet Pooran Chandra Sharma, Rajeshwar Singh Raju from Dogri Sanstha, Poet and Writer Ashok Gupta ji, Artist and Actor Madan Rangeela, scholars and PhD holders from the University of Jammu, Kamala Singh Jamwal (Pralekhan Pramukh, RSS), and Poet P.S. Choudhary. Participants vowed to continue their outreach efforts until the demand for compulsory Dogri education up to the primary level is fulfilled.

## Natrang presents Hindi play 'Teen Apaahij'



Natrang artists performing in the play.

are shown sitting under a lamp post doing nothing and just passing comments on everything. In a highly symbolic manner, the playwright has tried to expose the directionless system be it political, social or spiritual.

This sickening system has rendered the youth of this country not only helpless but also has turned them handi-

capped. The infection of sadistic corruption has entered into our thoughts and this poison will never allow any new thought, revolution and initiative to occur in our minds. The three characters in the play communicate with each other in an incoherent manner and nothing matters to the audience. Yet, they constantly have the feeling that there is something to what is happening around us. The meaning of freedom, the useless speeches of the leaders, Indianness, our country, language, class, all are debated and it seems to be aimless even though everything is necessary. Passivity, meaninglessness, confusion, fatigue etc. of a large section

of the society are pushing this society and the country towards collective disability. In fact, the author wants to show that in the process of becoming modern, the society today is forgetting its human nature and has reached the era of disability. Natrang experimented this production with a new generation of actors being fresher's, three characters were excellently played by Pawan Verma, Aryan Sharma, and Kartik Kumar. They were supported by Kushal Bhat as Drumbeater and Aadesh Dhar as Cyclewala. The lights of the play were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

## Shiv Sena demands 80% Hindu Quota in SMVD-Run Medical Institutions; Calls for freeing temples from Govt control



Shiv Sena State president Manish Sahni talking to reporters.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (UBT) has intensified its stand on the ongoing controversy surrounding admissions at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board-run medical college. State president Manish Sahni has demanded that all educational institutions under the Shrine Board, including the medical college, be declared Hindu universities with an 80% reservation for Hindu students.

Addressing a press conference at the party's state central office, Sahni expressed strong objection to the current admission structure, pointing out that out of 50 seats, 42 have reportedly been allotted to students from the Muslim

community. He termed the concern and protests from locals "natural," stating that the government's silence is intensifying the unrest. "People are agitated because their religious sentiments are being ignored. The government must intervene immediately and resolve the issue in accordance with our faith. To avoid such controversies in the future, the institutions run by the Shrine Board must be granted Hindu educational status with special provisions," Sahni said.

He further argued that granting minority status is not a viable solution, especially when Jammu and Kashmir does not have a functioning Minority Commission. "Despite Hindus being a minority in J&K, they have not been officially accorded the status. Meanwhile, the majority continues to enjoy all benefits of minority privileges," he said. Sahni reiterated that the institution

should be directly given Hindu university status and 80% Hindu reservation. In a parallel demand, Manish Sahni urged for a nationwide movement to free Hindu temples and monasteries from government oversight. Citing India's secular framework, he said that just as other religious places operate independently, Hindu temples too should be freed from state control. Sahni highlighted that nearly 400,000 Hindu temples, including Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple and Mumbai's Siddhivinayak Temple, are under various government administrations. He asserted that donations to these temples should exclusively support Hindu welfare and religious activities. Urging all Hindu organizations to unite, Sahni said, "It is time for a national-level campaign to liberate Hindu temples and monasteries from government control."