

JKBREWA Jammu conducts eye check-up camp

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JAMMU: J&K Bank Retired Employees Welfare Association (JKBREWA), Jammu conducted a eye check-up camp for its members along with their spouses at Association office situated at Camp Gole Gujral Road near Jaswant Plaza.

The eye checkup was undertaken with active assistance of Sharp Sight Eye Hospital and took place on February 10 and 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

The competent technical medical team conducted the requisite eye checkup of the members of the association along with the members who consented for their spouses as well. R.K Bhan (General Secretary) said that the initiative is being ventured in a series of successful events as the primordial three events were a resounding hit.

It encompassed all the parameters of eye checkup



JKBREWA members and doctors from Sharp Sight Eye Hospital at eye checkup camp.

treatment whilst being spear-headed by Mohinder Singh (President) and R.K. Bhan (General Secretary), P.P Gupta (Vice President), V.D Dogra (Vice President), Ved Gupta (Treasurer), Arun Kumar Gupta (Secretary),

along with the venerated core committee members of the Sharp Sight Eye Hospital team constituting of Tawheed Shah (Cluster Head), Deepak Sharma, Rahul Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Aman and Diksha Sharma.

The all encompassing eye test was free of cost for all the members and the expenses were borne by the association. The Sharp Sight Eye Hospital's committee members expressed their heartfelt gratitude for making this course drive a resounding success.

This is yet another feather in JKBREWA which leaves no stones unturned in its commitment of retired employees welfare which extends beyond to their families as well.

Priya Sethi chairs meeting to accelerate Shakti Vandana Abhiyan in J&K



Priya Sethi, NEM BJP chairing party workers meeting.

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JAMMU: Priya Sethi, National Executive Member, BJP, and former Minister on Sunday underscored the indispensable role of women workers in ensuring the resounding success of the Shakti Vandana Abhiyan in Jammu and Kashmir.

While chairing a meeting to oversee the progress and strategic planning of the Shakti Vandana Abhiyan in Jammu and Kashmir, Priya Sethi emphasized the significance of the Shakti Vandana Abhiyan, highlighting its focus on empowering women through self-help groups and providing them with necessary financial support in the form of loans

and subsidies. She asserted that the aim of the Party to connect over 1 crore self-help groups operating across the country to ensure comprehensive upliftment of women.

Notably, the Shakti Vandana Abhiyan, a flagship program of the party, is being conducted nationwide on a mission mode to empower women through self-help groups and various schemes aimed at their upliftment. Priya Sethi said that the meeting served as a platform to review ongoing programs and preparations to engage with maximum self-help groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) while acknowledging and honoring the contributions of women functionaries

within these organizations. She informed the Shakti Vandana Abhiyan will be intensified to every district of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT), underscoring the commitment to reach every corner of the region with empowerment initiatives.

Furthermore, it was revealed that a target outreach of 25 crore voters has been set across the country, with Jammu and Kashmir expected to make significant contributions. She urged extensive engagement with self-help groups and NGOs to achieve this goal effectively.

Priya Sethi asked Mahila Morecha activists to intensify the Shakti Vandana Abhiyan in every single district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Recognizing the pivotal role of Mahila Morecha in galvanizing grassroots support and fostering women's empowerment, she urged women activists to extend their reach to every corner of the region, ensuring the Abhiyan's penetration into the most remote and marginalized communities.

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JAMMU: Hailing the significant role being played by the NGOs in dealing with social challenges, BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan said, that these countless public-friendly organizations can complement Government ambitions and fill the gaps impeding social welfare through honest strides.

Rekha Mahajan along with BJP team members, under the Shakti Vandan Programme, also held an interactive session and felicitated self-help group leaders Santosh Kumari and Seema under Shakti Vandan Abhiyan along with ladies of their group who participated in the event.

The program saw the pres-

Three books of Yashpaul Nirmal released in World Book Fair New Delhi

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JAMMU: Three Books of Dogri writer and poet Yashpaul Nirmal released in the world Book fair 2024 at Pregati Maidaan, New Delhi on the stall of Sarv Bhasha Trust, New Delhi. On this occasion Dr. Amita Dubey, chief editor Hindi Sansthan, Lucknow was the Chief Guest and eminent poet and critics Om Nishchal presided over the function while Hare Ram Pathak and editor Bhojpuri Sahitya Sarita, J.P Dwivedi were the special guest. Three Dogri Books of Yashpaul Nirmal namely Tataine (First ever collection of Katouta in Dogri language), Chete Pita De (original - Dr Amita Dubey, Dogri Translation - Yashpaul Nirmal), Maan Hoi Jana (Original by Dr. Amita Dubey Dogri Translation - Yashpaul Nirmal) released. Dogri and Hindi Poet Kewal Kumar Kewal's book of Hindi poetry entitled "Poonchh" also released. Keshav Mohan Pandey, organizer Sarv Bhasha Trust, New Delhi conducted the programme and also presented the vote of thanks.

PT ST Forum expresses gratitude towards GoI for fulfilling pending demand of tribes



Pahari Tribe ST Forum, J&K addressing a press conference on Sunday.

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JAMMU: Pahari Tribe ST Forum, J&K expressed gratitude towards Government of India for fulfilling the long pending demand of rendering ST status to the tribe*

The Forum in one voice hailed Government of (GoI) for fulfilling the promise made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the rampart of Red Fort during 2019 Independence Day celebrations and the assurance reiterated by Home Minister Amit Shah at Jammu, Rajouri and Anantnag while addressing thousands of persons belonging to Pahari Tribe.

The Forum claimed that first time ever in history any Government with serious concern felt the plight of downtrodden, marginalized and squeezed Pahari Ethnic inhabitants, who in past were again and again exploited by false promises by different regimes.

The Forum in one voice stated that other than community leaders, thousands of people from Rajouri, Poonch and various districts of Kashmir Valley made sacrifices and contributed towards the noble cause because of which the dream has now become reality. The Forum remarked that the tribe will never forget those who

turned their dream into reality and will rally behind those who helped the tribe.

The forum also acknowledged that during its outreach programs in the last two years, thousands of people from all the villages and blocks of Rajouri/Poonch and Valley supported them and welcomed them with open arms which shall never be forgotten.

Executive Members of PT ST Forum who addressed the media includes Vikrant Sharma, Sajjad Mirza, Jenghir Alam, Muneer Mirza, Ahmed Khan, Bindu Choudhary and Ritesh Choudhary.

CM Mizoram calls on Dr Jitendra, discusses State related issues

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NEW DELHI: Chief Minister of Mizoram Lalduhawma, currently on a visit to the national capital, called on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday and discussed a wide range of State related issues including placement of Civil Servants and officers in the State.

Dr. Jitendra told the Chief Minister that Prime Minister Narendra Modi accords highest priority to the North Eastern Region and he is keen to ensure equitable development in all the eight States of the region.

Dr. Jitendra recalled that one of the first Centres of Excellence in the entire subcontinent, a specialised 'Citrus Fruit Park' was set up by the Modi government in Mizoram with Israel collaboration. This, he said, will give a boost to horticulture, revenue and employment in the region.

Chief Minister Lalduhawma requested Dr. Jitendra regarding placement of civil servants and officers in the State. The Minister suggested to the Chief Minister that he should send an official communication and, whatever possible and appropriate would be done.

Vinay, Samreen, Shazia among 15 nominated to TAC Jammu

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JAMMU: Ministry of Communications, Govt of India, on the recommendations of MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, has nominated prominent social workers and activists as members to the Jammu Telephone Advisory Committee (TAC) here.

The nomination to Jammu Telephone Advisory Committee shall remain valid upto July 13, 2024 or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

The order further said that the nomination will be governed by the guidelines contained in DoT Circular No. 02-01/2022-PHP dated November 16, 2022.

The prominent social activists and citizens nominated to the Jammu TAC include Vijay K. Gupta "Vinay" Shastri Nagar Jammu, Tilkaj Raj Gupta, Talab Tillo, Rajak Ali Putto Bathindi, Shazia Tabassum, Mehari Gujjaran, Rajouri, Munish Kumar Khajuria, Rajpura, Mangotrain Jammu, Samreen Khan, Tehsil Manjakote district Rajouri, Harbhajan Singh, Ranbir Singhapura Jammu, Er. Mohd. Ashfaq, Teh Mendhar, district Poonch, Rajinder Singh Chib, Gho Manhasan Jammu, Waseem Ahmed Upper Bathindi, Jammu, Ashok Kumar, Gandi, Jammu (Specially abled), Arshad Begum, Sangar, Block & Tehsil Purnamandal, Samba, Mushtaq Inqalabi, Rajouri, Shahid Choudhary Village Kheri, Raipur, Block Bhalwal, Jammu, Sanjita Dogra, Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan Kaechi Chawini, Jammu and Rajan Gandhi, journalist, Purani Mandi, Jammu.

PM Modi has always supported and encouraged women: Rekha



BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan and others at a programme.

ence of State Secretary and District Prabhari Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, District General Secretary and Convenor of the Abhiyan Akash Chopra, Co-Convenor Divya Jain, Mandal President Gadigadh Vijay Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Kissan Morecha District President Pawan Raina, Meetu Sharma, Raju and others.

While interacting with the

group of NGOs, Rekha Mahajan hailed the efforts of Sunita Kumari and Seema along with a group of ladies.

Rekha appealed to groups of women including non-governmental organizations to unite and venture among the public.

She remarked that the Central Government is committed to the economic and social upliftment of women.

PM Modi is consistently working for this and Shakti Vandan is a prime example of this, she added.

She prompted that the BJP has been making efforts for the last three decades to ensure women's participation in democracy through this law. This was PM Narendra Modi's commitment, and today, he fulfilled it for future ages.

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Short Cut'



Artists performing in play at Natrang Studio, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Natrang presented a new Hindi devised and improvised play 'Short Cut' here at Natrang Studio Theatre in its weekly Sunday Theatre series.

The play was devised and directed by Neeraj Kant.

The play is the story of a couple who rob people in an attempt to become rich overnight and are finally caught.

As the play begins, a young couple is seen fighting with each other in their house over dowry. Kajal accuses her husband Akash of lying to her family that their son is a doctor. Actually, Kajal

is very regretful about her husband being an animal doctor. She says that her husband's family had demanded a motorcycle from them as dowry. During their fight, noise of slogans along with drumming is heard from the locality. Just then Vibhu enters with a box of sweets in his hand and tells that he has got the title of best doctor and has bought a new house and a new car. On this, Kajal curses her husband that while treating animals, he has not even bought a scooter with his own money. Vibhu's wife praises Kajal's saree and necklace. On this Kajal

says that due to fear of thieves, she has kept all her jewelry hidden in her husband Akash's clinic. As soon as they come to know about this, Vibhu and his wife leave from there.

After this, since there are no patients in Akash's clinic, his brother-in-law is seen having fun. And then a couple enters who have come to steal the jewelry from Akash's clinic on the pretext of getting treatment. Both of them try to render Akash unconscious by inhaling chloroform, when Akash's brother-in-law catches them. And these two are Akash's neighbours Vibhu and his wife who had become rich by robbing people in the same way. In this way, the short cut method of Vibhu and his wife is exposed and they are handed over to the police.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play include Mehak Singh, Anand Verma, Vishal Sharma, Chaitanaya Shekhar and Vandana Thakur. The lights were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

BJP organizes "Samarpan Diwas" on death anniversary of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay

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JAMMU: Remembering Late Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and his services to the Nation on his death anniversary, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K on Sunday organized "Samarpan Diwas" programmes on Mandal level across Jammu & Kashmir, which were attended by senior party leaders.

Former Dy. Chief minister & Parliamentary Cluster Incharge Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, BJP Vice-President Sham Choudhary, General Secretary Vibodh Gupta, former MLAs Charanjit Singh Khalsa and Vikram Randhawa, Chief Spokesperson Sunil Sethi, District President Rekha Mahajan, participated in a programme on "Samarpan Diwas" organized under the supervision of Abhiyaan Incharge & Additional Treasurer Prem Gupta at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, who paid tributes to Pt. ji in Kulgam,



BJP leader Ashok Koul and others paying tributes to Pandit Deen Dayal at Srinagar.

termed Pt. Deen Dayal as a distinguished Indian philosopher and a devoted patriot.

He said that the ideals and immense in-depth knowledge, sensitivity to public issues of Pt. Deen Dayal paved way for a new vision for the development and future of nation.

He said that identifying flaws in the existing political approaches at that time, he proposed Integral Humanism Theory to achieve harmony between extremes and a broader perspective, which has guided every BJP worker to work selflessly for the welfare of society.

"Modi government has

ensured the welfare of every neglected and the oppressed person following the ideals of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay ji. Every BJP activist must imbibe their teachings to understand the working of organization for the nation and society", said Raina.

Ashok Koul, while paying floral tributes to Pandit Deen Dayal at Srinagar, said that Samarpan Diwas is observed on Feb 11 to mark the death anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, a leader and man beyond words and achievements. On this day, the memory of the great leader is remembered not just by his followers but millions of people who believe in his ideologies.

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J&K AYUSH celebrates World Unani Day

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SRINAGAR: Directorate of Indian System of Medicine (AYUSH), on Sunday organized a grand seminar to celebrate World Unani Day at SKICC here.

World Unani Day is a global event taking place every year on 11th of February which marks the birthday of great Unani scholar and social reformer "Hakim Ajmal Khan". The main objective of the celebration is to pay tribute to the legendary Hakim Ajmal Khan for his wonderful contribution in sustained development of Unani system of medicine in the country and rest of the world.

Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, presided over the celebration.

While speaking on the occasion, the Secretary maintained that the Indian Systems of Medicine is an integral part of Health and Medical Education fraternity and finds a very important place in the scheme of things. He said that Unani is perceived as one of the most ancient and well documented system of medicine equally relevant in modern times. The holistic approach of this system, whether for healthy individuals or for diseased ones, remains unparalleled, he asserted.

Stressing on importance of integration between the mainstream and ISM, Dr Abid Rasheed said that there is no need of any comparison among the different systems as both are complimentary



Secretary H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Director AYUSH, Dr Mohan Singh and others at a programme.

arms of the health structure.

He said that there is no need for any system to supplant other system but to work in a complimentary manner drawing on the strengths of our system based on rationale, regulations, drug efficacy. He said that it is critical that we have interdisciplinary train-

ing programmes with the mainstream medicine.

The Secretary appreciated the work done by Directorate of Ayush J&K and emphasised upon them to remain true to the ethics and engage in research and development so that people will have more faith. He said that a lot will

depend upon the practitioners on how would they upheld the highest standards of ethics and indulge in research and evidence based practices to validate the safety and mechanism of action of Ayush therapy.

Dr Abid Rasheed said that Ayush Systems have a history of providing cure for thousands of years and the need of the hour is to augment modern research methodologies in Ayush so that an integrated approach is evolved for providing best health care facilities to the patients.

He emphasised on more capacity building programs for Ayush Medical and Paramedical staff for better skill development. He stressed on need for further Research & Development programs in

Ayush to make it popular across the globe.

Director AYUSH, while speaking on the occasion, informed that this day is celebrated with an attempt to further promote Unani into mainstream and focus on strengths of Unani and its unique treatment principles. He stressed on reducing the burden of disease and related morbidity and mortality by utilizing the potential of Unani and exploring the potential of Unani to contribute towards National health policy and National Health programmes.

He highlighted the transformative achievements of Ayush at primary, secondary and tertiary level. He informed that under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, 483 Standalone

Government Ayush Dispensaries have been upgraded to Ayush Health & Wellness Centres. He further added that Directorate of Ayush, J&K was awarded for NABH Accreditation in favour of 5 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres

Principal GMC Srinagar, Professor Tanveer Masood, Director AYUSH, Dr Mohan Singh, Administrator Associated Hospitals Srinagar, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Deputy Director Ayush Jammu, Dr Suresh Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director Kashmir, Dr Nuzhat Bashir Shah, A Grade Specialist Dr Showket Hussain Yattoo, District Officers, Nodal Officers and others participated in the event.