

Senior Citizen Services Supports Club Chawadi organises programme for promotion of Dogri Language

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JAMMU: Senior Citizen Services Supports Club Chawadi organized a programme for the promotion of Dogri Language on Wednesday in collaboration with different schools. More than ten schools participated in this programme which include Modern Public High School, ASN Hr. Sec. School, NaveenShiksha Kender, Himmant Learning Field High School, United Public High School, JS Luthra Academy, all are from Channi Himmatt, Jammu Public School Sainik Colony, Tiny Tots Hr. Sec. School

DPAP's Kashmiri Displaced People Wing highlights demands

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JAMMU: In a joint statement issued by the KDP Wing of DPAP through its President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku and Naveen Gosani Youth President have put forth demands regarding displaced people for earliest consideration by the Concerned Authorities as a rightful right as per the Constitutional Rights. They demanded advance Ration and Relief in favour of Kashmiri Migrants on the eve of coming Maha Shiv Ratri with three Kgs of Sugar per family. They requested to concerned Authorities to get the rates, quality of materials required for Shiv Ratri, checked by flying squad of different departments on daily basis, especially in all Migrant Camps with favour of providing Walnut on fair price rates through Horticulture Department before ten days of Shiv Ratri including providing of other essentials as there is no fun to provide these items on the day of such pious festival. "The Concerned Authorities are requested to ensure proper sanitation, cleanliness, regular water and power supply in the Camps as well as in Non camp colonies" they said adding that Police Authorities should deploy adequate police force in Camps for upkeep of security during festive days and many more.

JK SSB aspirants express gratitude to LG administration for restoration of waiting list

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JAMMU: The JKSSB aspirant community, comprising over 2 lakh candidates, extends their heartfelt gratitude to Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha for the momentous decision to revive & restore the waiting list demand of aspiring candidates. This crucial development, announced today, comes as a beacon of hope and relief for countless aspirants eagerly awaiting opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. Led by prominent youth activist Swarnveer Singh Jaral, alongside Muktesh

Fasting for Magha Ratri Purnima on Feb 23, Magha Diva Purnima on February 24th: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: Magha Purnima holds special significance in Sanatan Dharma. Regarding Magha Purnima, Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust's Chairman, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya, explained that the full moon day of the Shukla Paksha of the month of Magha is called Magha Purnima. This year, the full moon day of the Shukla Paksha of the month of Magha will begin on Friday, February 23rd, at 03:34 PM and will end the next day, i.e., Saturday, February 24th, at 06:00 PM. The fasting for Magha Ratri Purnima will be on Friday, February 23rd, and the fasting for Magha Diva Purnima will be on Saturday, February 24th. This year, the observance (Mohk) of Magha Purnima fasting can be done on Saturday, February 24th. On this day, it is highly



Club members along with students during the event at Chawadi, Jammu.

Sainik Colony, Cooperative Public School Marble Market. The students raised the slogans Dogri Hamari Mater Bhasha Hai, it is proud to adopt Dogri language and it should be implemented at all levels so that, we can save dying Dogra culture as well as Dogri language since it is our mother tongue. Ashok Gupta President of the Club, welcomed and thanked themanagement, staff members and especially

the students who took actively participation for the promotion of Dogri language and makes it a successful programme. He dwelled about the significance of this day. Dr. Kasturi Lal Gupta Founder and Chairperson of the Club, took the imitative for organizing this programme and elaborated the main objectives and themeof today's programme for the promotion of Dogri Language.

He encouraged the students and management of Schools to speak Dogri from home itself and all public placeas charity begins at home so that, we can feel proud it. Maj.Gen. S.K.Sharma, AVSM, Gen. Secretary conveyed about the initiatives and activities in detailed took by the club from time to time for the promotion of Dogri language. The Principals and Management of Schools expressed their views and

assured full cooperation and supportfor the promotion of Dogri language since it is our recognition and identity. The club is conducting a series of programmes and organized one ofa mega programme on the day of inter-national mother language day for the implementation of the Dogri language. Prominent citizens and dignitaries from various seg-ments have participated and appreciated the efforts and initiatives taken by manage-ment of this Club to save the Dogra culture and Dogri lan-guage. Prominent dignitaries who attended programme include H. C Vaid (Finance Secretary), Dr. Vijay Sharma (Media Adviser), Sureinsh Jain Yoga Commissioner, Abhinandan Jain, Ashok Khajuria, Suresh Dogra, Vijay Gupta, Ashok Gupta (Bank), Anju Bansal and also prominent citizens of different fields of the society.

ADGP Jammu reviews progress on newly constructed drug de-addiction centre, Channi

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu, Anand Jain , conducted a compre-hensive review on Wednesday of the on-going construction work at the newly established Drug De-Addiction Centre in the Jammu distriect at Channi Himmatt . Expressing his keen interest in expediting the project, ADGP Jammu inspected the construction site and assessed the progress made thus far. During the review, he emphasized the critical importance of completing the facility at the earliest to address the pressing issue of drug addiction in the area effectively. ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain issued clear and decisive directives to the concerned authorities to expedite the construction process and ensure that all



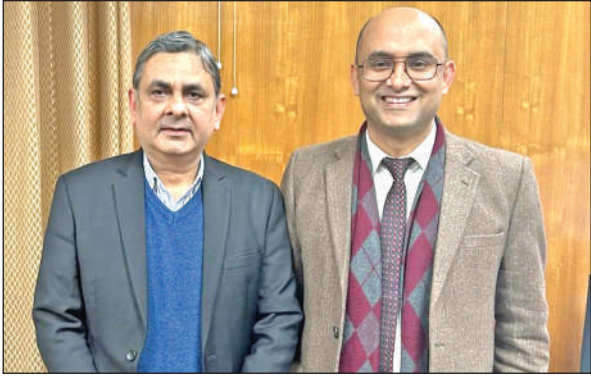
ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain during visit to newly established Drug De-Addiction Centre at Channi Himmatt.

necessary resources are allocated promptly. He stressed the significance of timely completion, under-scoring the center's vital role in providing rehabili-tation services to individu-als struggling with sub-stance abuse. ADGP reiterated the commitment of the J&K Police Department to com-bating the menace of drug addiction and affirmed that the establishment of

this centre aligns with their overarching goal of creating a healthier and safer community. The newly Drug De-Addiction Centre, once completed, will be shifted and serve as a beacon of hope for those in need of assistance, providing com-prehensive support and rehabilitation programs to help individuals reclaim their lives from the grips of addiction.

FICCI Chairman calls on R&B Secretary Bhupinder Kumar

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JAMMU: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Jammu & Kashmir Chapter Chairman, Rajesh Sharma, convened a pivotal meeting with the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir, Bhupinder Kumar on Wednesday. The meeting aimed to explore collaborative strategies for advancing infra-structure development in the region. The meeting, held in Jammu, brought together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors to deliber-ate on pressing issues concern-ing the enhancement of infra-structure in Jammu & Kashmir; FICCI, as a promi-nent voice representing the business community, reiterated its commitment to fostering economic growth and develop-ment in the region. During the discussion, Sharma emphasized the sig-nificance of robust infrastruc-ture for facilitating trade, com-merce, and overall socio-econ-omic progress in Jammu & Kashmir. He highlighted the pivotal role that collaborative efforts between the govern-



FICCI J&K Chapter Chairman, Rajesh Sharma, calling on R&B Secretary Bhupinder Kumar.

ment and industry players can play in accelerating infrastruc-ture projects and overcoming challenges. Bhupinder Kumar (IAS), R&B Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir, extended his appreciation for FICCI's proactive engagement and constructive inputs. He under-scored the government's com-mitment to prioritizing infra-

structure development as a cornerstone of its agenda for the region's prosperity. The meeting witnessed fruitful exchanges of ideas and identi-fied key areas of focus for col-laboration, including but not limited to accelerating the pace of ongoing infrastructure proj-ects; exploring innovative financ-ing mechanisms for

infrastructure development; addressing regulatory bottle-necks and streamlining approval processes; leveraging technology for efficient project management and monitoring. Both FICCI and the R&B Department affirmed their shared commitment to work-ing closely to realize the vision of a modern and resilient infrastructure landscape in Jammu & Kashmir. Sharma expressed gratitude to Bhupinder Kumar and the R&B Department for their openness to collaboration and assured FICCI's unwavering support in facilitating the real-ization of shared goals. As a result of this meeting, FICCI and the R&B Department are poised to embark on a collabor-ative journey aimed at cat-alyzing infrastructure develop-ment and fostering sustainable economic growth in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sankalp Diwas Commemorated at CUJ

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) commemorated Sankalp Divas at Brig. Rajinder singh Auditorium on Wednesday. The program aimed at advocating for the return of Pak Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK). A day dedicated to reaffirming our commitment to social causes and community welfare, was marked by enlightening and inspiring events. The program was organized in collaboration with the Office of Dean Students Welfare, Jammu Kashmir Adhyan Kendra, and the Department of National Securities and witnessed a gathering of passionate indi-viduals committed to the cause of reclaiming the region. The events served as a plat-form for discourse and action regarding the critical issue of POJK. Participants were engaged in discussions, pre-sentations, and heartfelt dia-logues emphasizing the importance of reclaiming the territory for the welfare and security of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, UT.



Dignitaries during the event at CUJ.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor Central University Jammu, honored the event as the Chief Patron, underlining the univer-sity's commitment to encouraging meaningful dia-logue on critical issues affect-ing the region and its people. Sh. Rupesh Kumar, a dis-tinguished social worker, graced the occasion as the special guest. In his address he highlighted the emotional and sensitive aspects of the struggle to regain POJK. Earlier Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Student's Welfare welcomed esteemed guests. She also introduced the Annual Fest of Central University of Jammu UDAAN -2024 before the detailed presence.

In addition to advocating for the return of POJK, the event also marked the inau-guration of CUJ's annual fest, UDAAN-2024, by the Office of Dean Students Welfare. This fusion of activism and celebration underscores the university's dedication to holistic develop-ment and societal engage-ment. The event also witnessed a book release written by Kuljeet and Dr. Shashank Kulkarni.

NLP State Youth President affirms holistic agenda

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JAMMU: "National Loktantrik party is seasoned player in politics and will use it's 28 years experience for the development of Jammu and Kashmir", said National Loktantrik Party State Youth President Mohammad Yaqoob Dunoo adding that NLP will heal miseries of people of Jammu and Kashmir: As a grassroots leader, he vowed that he would become voice of Voiceless People. He also vowed to highlight the genuine griev-ances of people of Jammu and Kashmir: Mohammad Yaqoob Dunoo has affirmed also to fight for the Right and Injustice of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said "It is the need of times to raise the voice for the traders, highlight the infra-structure needs of common masses and get their day to day issues especially related to Electricity, Water, Roads addressed swiftly . He also assured unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir that their job needs would be taken with the Central Government".

of Prime Minister Modi, the BJP government has prioritized infrastructure development, and numer-ous projects initiated dur-ing its tenure have been completed in record time. This commitment to effi-cient execution has set a precedent for other states in the country and has par-ticularly brought progress to Jammu and Kashmir, he added. Kavinder asked the oppo-sition parties to acknowl-edge the reality of the BJP's achievements rather than resorting to baseless claims. He further empha-sized that the BJP govern-ment's dedication to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir speaks for itself through its tangible results and the trust it has garnered from the masses. The former deputy Chief Minister asserted that the BJP will undoubtedly form the next government at the Centre by winning more than 400 plus seats with an aim to make India a more prosperous and devel-oped nation.



gible development projects, he added. He raised questions about the inability of National Conference and Congress in establishing crucial development proj-ects in Jammu and Kashmir. Why the oppo-sition leaders had failed to establish AIIMS, Expressway, IIM, IIT, ring road projects, expansion of Jammu Airport, holding of G20 Summit in J&K and many more during their tenure? He asked. Counteraacting the oppo-sition's narrative, Kavinder proudly declared that the incumbent BJP government is the best gov-ernment since independ-ence. Under the leadership

briefed the media about the challenges faced by the youth of J&K and request-ed administration not to take such decisions in haste and hurry which prove fatal to the youth of Jnk. He further appealed that more posts should be advertised so that unem-ployment can be reduced and the matter of fire and emergency should also be resolved at the earliest. Yogi and fellow activists urged the LG Government to announce a mass job package for Jammu and Kashmir's youth as unem-ployment among educated youth in Jammu and Kashmir is on the rise and there is brewing great dis-lective action and the educated youth which needs to be addressed on

priority. The collective efforts of aspirants, activists, and community leaders have culminated in this pivotal moment of celebration and gratitude. Their unwavering determi-nation and advocacy have played a crucial role in amplifying the voices of the aspirant community and advocating for their right-ful opportunities. As the aspirant community looks forward to the implementa-tion of the revived waiting list, they remain commit-ted to contributing posi-tively to the development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir. This historic decision reaffirms the belief in the power of col-lective action and the promise of a brighter future for all.

VC SKUAST-Jammu flags off undergraduate students for educational tour

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JAMMU: SKUAST Jammu Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.N.Tripathi flagged off final year batch of 100 undergraduate students along with 4 scientists and 2 assistant staff from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST)-Jammu from Main campus Chatha for educational tour in presence of Director Education Prof. Rajinder Pehsin, Director Research & Registrar Prof. S.K.Gupta, Dean FoA Prof. Anil Kumar, Dean Student Welfare Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, tour incharges Prof. L.K.Sharma, Prof. P.K.Rai and Dr. Manpreet Kour. The Vice-Chancellor extends his best wishes to all students for a safe, enrich-ing, and memorable educa-



VC SKUAST J Prof. B.N.Tripathi flagging-off batch of 100 undergraduate students.

tional tour. The educational tour promises to be an immersive journey, giving students a chance to broaden their horizons, explore new vistas of knowledge. Guided by experienced educators and supported by diligent helpers, the students will be engaging in a variety of educa-tional and cultural activi-ties. The flag-off ceremony, presided over by the Vice

Chancellor, symbolizes the university's commitment to providing comprehensive educational experiences that transcend traditional boundaries. With a blend of academic rigor, cultural immersion, and hands-on learning, the tour is poised to leave a lasting impact on the students. As a part of educational tour programme, the stu-dents from Agriculture University SKUAST

Jammu, will be visiting Jaipur, Udaipur, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur from 21st February to 3rd March 2024. The tem of 100 stu-dents along with accompa-nying professors will be vis-iting various institute facili-ties such as NIAM Jaipur, Rajasthan Agriculture research institute, Jaipur, MPUAT Udaipur, CAZRI Jodhpur apart from seeing pristine beauty of desert in super splendid Jasailmer.