

## Billawaria starts development works at ward 53



BJP senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria starting work of deep drains at ward 53.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria along with councilor Jyoti Devi kick started the work of deep drain at ward 53 Trikuta Nagar in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

This work will be done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation at a cost of about Rs 35 lakhs.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that the Congress and their allies did not solve the development problems of the people of Jammu and Kashmir but divided them into religion and caste, which has been well rep-

resented recently in the film Kashmir Files which is being applauded not only in India but around the globe.

He said that had there been Modi government, there would have been no genocide of Kashmiri Pandits from Kashmir.

He said that the Modi government is working tirelessly for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits to Kashmir. He further said that the character of Congress and their allies has been exposed and it will be the reason for their downfall in Jammu and Kashmir.

While appreciating council-

lor Jyoti Devi for making ward number 04 a model ward, Billawaria said that she always worries about the development related problems of the people of her ward.

Jyoti Devi said that people were facing problems due to the poor condition of this deep drain. Due to the breach of the boundary wall of the drain the dirty water used to come out which was feared to spread all the infectious diseases, she added.

She said that there was an old demand of the people to construct the drain here which has been fulfilled now and people will get a lot of relief from the construction work of this deep drain.

She thanked Billawaria for always supporting any kind of development related works. Sham Lal, Prema Nanda, SN Kaul, Ganesh Nagar, Jatinder Sharma, KD Sharma, Ramesh Chandra, Ranbir Singh, Sham Gupta, DK Gupta, Goldie and others were present on the occasion.

## NAUP asks PM to grant statehood to J&K



President NAUP, Sandeep Singh talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: President, National Awami United Party, Sandeep Singh urged central government to restore statehood to J&K.

Taking to reporters, He lamented that three years have gone by since J&K state was made UT but still no perceptible change has come in J&K.

He stated that daily wagers, Home guards, SPOs should be regularized immediately as they have faced the apathy of government for years.

BJP had promised to ful-

fill their aspirations but still after the lapse of three years nothing could be achieved, he said.

He stated that in the name of employment and development BJP has only given inflated prices of essential goods and poverty. He appealed to all sections of society to strengthen NAUP which will become the voice of a common man.

Others present in the press conference include Anil Dev Singh, Bhupinder Sharma, Uttam Chand, Nater Pal, Parveen Kumar and Mohit Malhotra.

## J&K Low Paid Employees hold meet, highlight demands

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JAMMU: A meeting of provincial committee of J&K Low Paid Employees Federation was held in Jammu under leadership of Abdul Hafiz Fani, veteran leader of federation and was attended by a number of members from various district headquarters of Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Provincial President Jagdish Raj Sharma highlighted various issues/demands being faced by employees, workers and pensioners etc including enhancement of Medical Allowance from Rs 300 to Rs 1000, which is being paid to Central Government employees. He also urged the UT administration resolving all other issues

including regularization of daily-wagers, release of pending wages, no modification in existing SRO-43 rules etc. The participants further requested UT administration to restore old pension rules instead of New Pension Scheme besides raising remuneration of village guards as per minimum wage act, honorarium of Lumberdars, Anganwari workers, NYC, NYK, ReK, Helpers etc.

He also reiterated demand for extension of leave encashment benefits to teachers, reorganisation of clerical cadre and removal of pay anomalies. Later, the participants paid tributes to Late Avtar Singh, Ex-Provisional President of Teachers Association.

## HC takes serious note in investigation in NDPS Act, directs for ensuring logical conclusion of enquiries

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Mohan Lal, while dismissing acquittal appeal in NDPS Act, observed that it is the duty of Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu to ensure that enquiry ordered by him is taken to a logical conclusion and delinquent officials are made accountable. It will be necessary to send a signal to Investigating Officers, particularly those, investigating cases under NDPS Act to remain vigilant in future and perform their duties diligently, so that people who indulge in drug trafficking can be booked.

This significant judgment has been passed in an applica-

tion by Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir seeking condonation of delay of 327 days in filing leave to appeal application to assail judgment of acquittal dated September 6, 2019 recorded by Court of Principal Sessions Judge, Reasi in file No.12/Sessions titled State vs Partap Singh, whereby Trial Court has acquitted respondent-accused in FIR No.54/2013 of Police Station Katra for offences under Sections 8/20 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 (NDPS Act).

DB after hearing AAG Ravinder Gupta for UT, while dismissing appeal filed by UT, observed that before we part with this judgment, we deem it appropriate to notice that this Court vide order dated

December 9, 2020 had directed the applicant to apprise the Court as to whether action has been taken or proposed to be taken against Investigating Officer; who did not appear as a witness in case as also Public Prosecutor; who failed to take requisite steps for examination of Investigating Officer and other relevant witnesses.

DB further observed that in response to aforesaid interim order passed by this Court, SSP Reasi has filed a status report and has also placed on record a copy of order No.164 of 2021 dated February 10, 2021, perusal of which indicates that the IGP Jammu Zone has ordered an enquiry to be conducted by Intiyaz Ahmed, DySP, SO to DIG, UR Range, Udhampur against Inspector Sanjeev

## JKBOA declares newly elected office bearers

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JAMMU: The results of elections for various posts of office bearers of Jammu Kashmir Bank Officers Association (JKBOA), Jammu, held on December 11, 2021, which were kept in abeyance as per directions of the Court, in the suit filed by the AIJKBOO, were declared here on Monday after dismissal of the suit by Court. Anil Sharma was elected as President while Sunil Bhau was elected General Secretary.

It is for the first time that representation to all zones of Jammu province were given at the Secretary level. Moreover, it will be the first time that JKBOA Jammu unit will be represented by two female office bearers as one post of Secretary was already reserved while another was won by Satinder Kour.



JKBOA office bearers during a meeting at Jammu.

Other office bearers elected during the election included Rahul Dev Singh Sambyal (Senior Vice President), Kanwaljeet Singh Azad (Vice President), Abhishek Baru (Vice President), Sunil Bhau (General Secretary), Kapil Nanda (Secretary), Nikhil Grover (Secretary), Har Dutt (Organising Secretary), Pushpraj Nagra (Secretary Finance), Sudesh Sharma (Secretary Kathua), Sanjeev Mangotra (Secretary Udhampur), Anil Manhas (Secretary Doda)

and Ashok Rotra (Secretary Rajouri)

Speaking on the occasion, Anil Sharma thanked members of Jammu unit who imposed confidence in his leadership by electing the most suitable team having a well-balanced combination of youth and experience.

He assured members of JKBOA Jammu unit that he along with entire elected team of office-bearers will always remain available to address issues of officer's fraternity.

## Court denies bail to four in abetment to suicide case of Seoj Dhar

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Udhampur Yash Pal Bourney rejected the bail applications of four accused in a much-publicized abetment to suicide case occurred in hilly Seoj Dhar area of Basantgarh Tehsil in Udhampur, however granted bail to one.

Senior PP Koshal Kotwal for the State resisted the application on the grounds that all accused persons, with a common criminal intention, wrongfully restrained and made a murderous assault on one Shiv Raj, who has not been traced dead or alive thereafter. He further said that accused are charged with the commission of offences

under sections 306, 382, 147 of IPC, however, taking stock of evidence on record and conduct of accused persons, they don't deserve to be enlarged to bail at this stage of proceedings.

After hearing both the sides, Court observed that Shiv Raj has not been traced so far dead or alive and their release at this stage could certainly effect adversely the trial, however, accused Hassan Din is admitted to interim bail after taking into account nature of evidence against him. However, Court rejected bail pleas of other four accused namely Din Mohd, Sadeeq, Ashiq Ali, Mohd Hassan.

## 3-day Youth & FDP begins at CSU



CSU faculty and students during a programme.

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JAMMU: The 3-day Youth and Faculty Development Programme (FDP) was inaugurated on Monday under the aegis of the Department of Modern Subjects of Central Sanskrit University (CSU) Shri Ranvir Campus. The theme of the Faculty Development Program is "Skill Development, Startup Environment and Entrepreneurship among the Youth of Jammu and Kashmir".

Dr. Yogendra Dixit, the coordinator of the Faculty Development Programme, told that the programme was conceptualized by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Srinivas Varkhedi and campus director Prof. Madan Mohan Jha. The chief guest and keynote speaker of the programme was Sudarshan Kumar, Director, Skill Development Department, Government of J&K. Special guest Naresh Majotra, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Principal, Forest Guard Training School, Dhumi, said that there are many new types of startups in forest and environment which are definitely beneficial for the youth. The programme was presided over by Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, who said that the youth of Sanskrit region are

skilled from the very beginning. The inaugural session started with the invocation done by Dr. Deepak Sharma of the Department of Vedas. Welcoming the guests, by Head of Jyotish Department Prof. Prabhat Kumar Mohapatra Dr. Yogendra Dixit, the coordinator of the programme, gave introduction related to the Faculty Development Programme. The vote of thanks was presented by the Dean of Modern Subjects, Sharat Chandra Sharma. The session was conducted by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra.

After the inaugural session, three sessions were organized in the afternoon, in which Dr. Vikram Singh Jamwal of Government Degree College, Hira Nagar, Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Dean of Modern Subjects- Shri Sharat Chandra Sharma imparted training to the youth coming from different regions of Jammu and Kashmir on topics related to skill development. Youth from different regions of Jammu and Kashmir participated in various sessions.

## CISF organises promotion-cum-pipping ceremony



DG, CISF Sheel Vardhan Singh chairing a meeting.

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NEW DELHI: Under the directions of DG, CISF, an unprecedented welfare initiative was taken to commemorate the 53rd CISF Raising Day-2022 in a grand manner wherein 1104 Asstt. Sub-Inspectors have been promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspectors.

This promotion has been given to them immediately after completion of six year of service in the rank of Asstt. Sub Inspector. A promotion-cum-pipping ceremony was organised at CISF HQrs, New Delhi on Monday wherein Sheel Vardhan Singh, DG, CISF put ranks to the effected Sub Officers. Nina Singh, ADG (HQr), Arvind Deep, ADG (North), P S Phalnikar, ADG (APS), Prateek Mohanty, IG (Pers) and other Senior Officers of

CISF were present during the ceremony. DG, CISF and other Senior Officers of CISF present during the function, put ranks to these Sub-Officers by maintaining due social distancing norms and all safety precautions. Sheel Vardhan congratulated all the promoted Sub-Inspectors & their family members. He said that regular promotions to the personnel go a long way in enhancing our capabilities and also motivates other personnel to improve in their tasks and aspire for similar promotion. He advised the newly promoted sub-officers to acquire required knowledge & skills to shoulder their new assignments in a befitting manner.

## Debate cum seminar held on 'Conservation & Protection of Endangered Species'

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JAMMU: To pay tributes to martyrs/freedom fighters, a debate competition cum seminar was organized by IRP-14th Bn. on topic 'Conservation & Protection of Endangered Species' under its Civic Action Programme-2021-22 at Govt Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat on Monday, which was attended by a number of boys and girls participated. A plantation drive was also organized in the school premises in which saplings of medicinal plants such as Amla, Neem, Tulsi, etc were planted. The event was held under the aegis of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and close supervision of PH Q/APH Q/ZAPH Q-Jammu. The participants were adjudged by Jury members and under each category, the 1st, 2nd and



SSP Anita Sharma, Commandant IRP-14th Bn presenting prize to a winner student.

3rd winners were awarded cash prizes of Rs 5,000, Rs 3,000 & Rs 1,000 respectively while all participants were presented 'Certificate of Participation'.

Speaking on the occasion, Anita Sharma-SSP Commandant IRP-14th Bn advised the officers/officials as well as School management to take part in social activities apart from their routine curriculum to make

their surroundings and living areas clean & pollution-free. She also thanked Shahnaz Choudhary, Principal Govt Higher Secondary School Channi Himmat, for smooth conduct of the event, which culminated with formal vote of thanks by Raja Adil Hamid Ganaie-SP Dy Comdt. IRP-14th Bn. Later, two minutes silence was also observed for paying homage to martyrs.

## DGP sanctions over Rs 75 lakh welfare relief to NoKs of martyrs

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JAMMU: Director General of Police (SGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned over Rs 75 lakh welfare relief in favour of NoKs of martyr/deceased police personnel / SPOs.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased Police personnel ASI Chankar Singh, Follower Manpreet Singh and Follower Haseena Akhtar. Rs 1 lakh each was already paid to NoKs of these deceased police personnel for performing last rites through their concerned units.

Vide different PHQ orders welfare relief ranging between Rs 25000 to Rs 50000 have been sanctioned in favour of legal heirs of eleven martyred Police personnel/ SPOs who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The welfare relief has been sanctioned out of the Police Parivar Fund.

Similarly Welfare Relief ranging between Rs 15000 to Rs 50000 has been sanctioned out of J&K Policemen Welfare Fund in favour of retired/ NoKs of deceased police personnel to ease up their financial distress.

## Mayor inaugurates protection wall at Bandhurakh

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JAMMU: Mayor, Jammu Chander Mohan Gupta along with Raj Kumar Chairman Health & Sanitation Committee JMC, Hardeep Singh Mankotia Chairman Swachh Bharat Committee JMC, Ajay Gupta Chairman Social Justice committee, Baldev Singh Balloria Ex Chairman Public Health Sanitation committee JMC & Pritam Singh Councillor of Ward No. 55 on Monday inaugurated the much needed boundary wall at Municipal Land situated at Bandhurakh near Kunjwani Jammu.

Satish Kumar Langer Executive Engineer, Janak Singh Assistant Executive Engineer alongwith other supervisory staff of works Division IV JMC, Harvinder Singh chief Transport Officer JMC alongwith supervisory staff of Transport section, Rajinder



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta and others during inauguration of protection wall at Bandhurakh.

Kumar alongwith concerned sanitation staff I/c Sanitation Officer of JMC, Sanjeev Arora, representative of UNDP and prominent inhabitants of the locality were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor said that various Municipal projects of UNDP for plastic waste segregation as well as cow shed and other allied activities are operating within site & it is dire need of a protection wall so that no antisocial elements can enter

in this precious Municipal Land.

He further appealed to the general public to come forward & cooperate with JMC & other allied agencies in all the development activities being undertaken in various parts of the city, do not encroach public drains (Nallahs), adopt the habit of segregation of dry/wet waste at their own level, do not use single used plastics so that Jammu can be made neat, clean & green city.

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JAMMU: One-day Research Facility Training Programme for Researchers on 'Diversity Assessment in Plants using Cytological and Molecular Techniques' under SERB Scientific Social Responsibility Policy (SSRP) was conducted at the Department of Botany, University of Jammu (JU) for the researchers.

This policy is associated with SERB project on 'Assessment of cytological, biochemical and molecular variability in Viola species from Jammu and Kashmir' funded to Dr. Geeta, Organizing Secretary and Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, JU.

Dr. Geeta informed that 18 researchers have registered for this programme as per the mandate of SERB. In brief, five experiments will be performed by the participants in the laboratory dur-



Faculty member presenting a flower pot to VC JU, Prof Manoj Dhar.

ing the programme.

Dr. Geeta further informed that participants from different Departments of the JU and sister universities viz. SMVDU, SKUAST-J and Central University of Jammu will be attending the training programme.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, JU, was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function, who said that research training programmes will provide a golden opportunity to the participants to learn practical aspects of the latest

Cytological and Molecular techniques for Diversity Assessment and Analysis of Plants.

Prof. Geeta Sumbali, former Dean Faculty of Life Sciences and Former Head, Department of Botany, JU was the special invitee, who highlighted the importance of understanding different technologies and their significance in optimizing and improving the existing research systems and self-reliance in compliance with the National Education Policy.

Earlier, Prof. Venu Kaul, Head, Department Botany, welcomed the participants.

Prof. Kaul also congratulated the team of gardeners led by Hari Chand for securing second prize in the botanical garden contest organized by the SKUAST-J recently.

Vice-Chancellor also congratulated the gardeners and emphasized their role in this important achievement. He announced a cash prize of Rs. 1000 to each of the gardeners as a token of his appreciation for their efforts.

Dr. Madhu Raina conducted the proceedings of the function, while Dr. Sikander Pal proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Among the others who attended the function included, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Susheel Verma, Dr. Harish, Dr. Skarna, Dr. Harpreet, research scholars and garden staff.