

Mayor inaugurates 'Bhandara' at Aap Shambu temple on Mahashivratri



Federation members honouring Mayor Chandar Mohan Gupta.

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JAMMU: Roop Nagar-Durga Nagar-Chinore Traders Association in association with Chamber of Traders Federation (CTF-Jammu) organized a 'Bhandara' on the occasion of Maha Shivratri at holy Aap Shambu temple, Roop Nagar.

The Bhandara was inaugurated by Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Mayor Chandar Mohan Gupta, who was chief guest on the occasion.

CTF-Jammu president Neeraj Anand, Rekha Manhas, Councillor Roop

paid obeisance at the temple and prayed for the well-being of the people. They also expressed hope that Indian students stranded in Ukraine due to ongoing conflict, especially from Jammu and Kashmir, are taken out safely by the Indian government so that they can unite with their families.

Speaking after inaugurating the Bhandara, Mayor Chandar Mohan Gupta appreciated the traders initiative. "It is very heartening to see different social organisations and individuals organizing Bhandaras on the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivratri. JMC has always supported and provided help to such events and will continue to do so", Gupta said.

Mayor appreciated the traders for their contribution for the development of temple city and said that for realizing the dream of Smart City for Jammu, traders have to play an important role.

Immuno-booster medicine distribution camp organised at Ranbireswar temple



Mahant Rishi Ban, Onkar Sharma Nandi and others distributing medicines.

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JAMMU: As per the directions of Director AYUSH Dr.Mohan Singh and under the supervision of Medical Superintendent GAH Jammu Dr. Vandana Dogra and Dy. MS Dr Aruna Bhatt, a free immuno-booster medicine distribution camp on the eve of Mahashivratri was organised at Ranbireswar Mandir Shalimar, Jammu on Tuesday.

The camp was inaugurated by Mahant 108 Rishi ban, Onkar Sharma Nandi (president), Vinay Sharma, Anubhav Sharma, Raj Kumar

GCoE Jammu organises seminar on IPR to celebrate National Science Day

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JAMMU: The IQAC Cell and Bio- Sciences Club of GCOE, Jammu on Tuesday organised a seminar on 'Sustainable Development and Intellectual Property Rights'.

To commemorate National Science Day Dr.Namrata Sharma, Professor Department of Botany, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Dr. Rahul Sharma, HOD, Biotechnology from GCW Gandhi Nagar, was the Resource Person.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal of the College congratulated the Bio- Sciences department for successfully organising seminar on the much needed relevance of IPR. Convener, Bio-Sciences, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, focused on the theme of this years Science Day and how IPR can help in realisation of goals of sustainable by collaborative venture. The students of Bio- Sciences



Faculty along with students during the event.

club also gave presentations on various aspects of IPR.

The program was concluded by Professor Shalini Rana while Prof. Anju Bala, Professor Radhika Mahajan, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. K.K Mangotra, Prof. Satish K. Sharma, Dr. Sushma Bala, Dr. Santanar Kour, Dr. Maansi Sharma, Dr. Deep K.Bangotra, Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof.Vinay Lata were also present on the occasion.

Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Rajinder Kaur, Sakshar Maria, Richu Koul, Rashmi Singh, Priya Chib, Kusum, Ravleen

Kour Sudan Mavneet Kour and Roshali Chalotra of Bio-Sciences also gave presentations volunteers were the student organisers. About eighty students attended the program.

VC SKUAST-J inaugurates 21 days NTC organised by TAJ

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JAMMU: 21 Days National Training Course (NTC) on " Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Allied Sectors for Economic Development of India" was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-JAMMU Dr. J.P. Sharma via virtual mode. This training programme is being organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) in association with Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS) from 01-21 March, 2022 through zoom



video conferencing app.

VC SKUAST-J Dr. J.P. Sharma, who happened to be the Chief Patron of this 21 days NTC sensitized the participants about the challenges for sustainable entrepreneurship & livelihood security. He informed that Agri-Business entrepreneurship is important for national economy as it helps in decreasing food costs and provides high quality diets to the rural and urban poor in the country.

Dr SEH Rizvi, Dean

Basic Sciences SKUAST-J and patron stressed that the need of the time is to reshape the peasant economy and make the agriculture as a most profitable enterprise vis-a-vis to identify the potential areas to boost the agri entrepreneurship programme. President SKUAST-TAJ and Course Director of the training programme Dr Vikas Sharma informed that 110 participants from various ICAR Institutions, Central and State Agricultural Universities are attending this NTC and 41 lectures along with live videos regarding entrepreneurship development will be delivered by eminent experts during the programme for the first hand knowledge of participants. Dr. Chhatarpal Singh, Organizing Chairman and Md. Nadeem Akhtar Chief Course Coordinator informed that this training will facilitate / aware the participants about skill based, job oriented opportunities in agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry & allied sectors so that they can manage result oriented research projects and self employment in their respective fields. Besides, Heads from Faculty of Agriculture & Basic Sciences of SKUAST-J, Dr. RK Samnotra, Dr Sushil Sharma, Dr Sanjay Guleria, Dr Manish Sharma, Dr RK Gupta, Dr Amrish Vaid, Dr BC Sharma, Dr Vikas Sharma, Dr Anil Sharma, Dr NP Thakur, various Ph.D Scholars attended the inaugural session. Dr Vivak M Arya, General Secretary SKUAST-TAJ presented the vote of thanks.

Mahashivratri celebrated with traditional fervour in Dharmarth Trust temples

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JAMMU: Traditional hustle-bustle returned in the temples and shrines run under the realms of Dharmarth Trust this Mahashivratri as COVID-19 subsided considerably. Mahashivratri was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety in all the temples and shrines of Dharmarth Trust though proper care has been taken to maintain the SOPs in vogue to keep COVID-19 at bay. Various temples falling under the realm of Dharmarth Trust including Ranbireswar Temple Jammu, Purmandal, Utter Behni in Samba, Shankaracharya Temple, Srinagar, Shiv Temple Arnas, Sudhmahadev in Ramnagar, Shiv Temple Ramban, Shiv Temple in Satwari, etc witnessed huge rush of devotees.

Earlier in the day, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust and former MLC, Vikramaditya Singh visited Ranbireswar Temple and inspected arrangements made for the



Devotees paying obeisance in a temple at Jammu.

devotees. He also performed traditional Pooja and later prayed for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Vikramaditya Singh said by the blessings of Lord Shiva, the J&K got rid of disease Corona and this is the time to be grateful to Mahadev for his blessings. He said that Lord Shiva will also bless the UT of J&K with peace, tranquility and prosperity to ensure quality life for the residents of the region. It is pertinent to mention here that the Dharmarth Trust has made elaborate arrangements for the Mahashivratri celebrations in

all the temples as such gatherings were not allowed due to threat perception posed by the pandemic since March 2020. This year, the devotees and common people have shown extraordinary enthusiasm towards Mahashivratri celebrations and that was the reason that people in large numbers thronged temples managed and run under the realms of Dharmarth Trust.

Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust; Dr Gopal Parthasarthy Sharma, Secretary and Varinder Jamwal, Additional Secretary accompanied the

NMC demands release of DA installment

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JAMMU: President of the National Mazdoor Conference Subash Shastri appealed to the Prime Minister to release pending installment of 3% DA due from January this year and 18 months DA arrears in favour of both Central and JKUT governments employees and pensioners before Shivratri festival.

"We demand release of 3 per cent DA in favour of Central and JKUT employees and pensioners. DA is the part of salary and routine financial matter and as such there should be no hitch in releasing it," NMC President Subash Shastri said while addressing the workers here today.

He also demanded exemption of DA from ambit of Income Tax as it is linked with price index.

Shastri further demanded separate wage head for regular disbursement of monthly salary of daily rated workers till their regularization, enhancement of their wages to Rs 600 per day, regularizing their services under SRO 64, setting up Labour Welfare Board, implementation of all Central laws in the UT besides granting medical allowance of pensioners to Rs 1000 per month at par with Central Government.

Among others who were present were Rajan Babu Khajuria, BS Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh, Mohammad Sadiq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Tarsem Sharma and JP Sharma.

GGM Sc College organises workshop on Ayurvedic system



A section of dignitaries and participants during the workshop.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of Sc. College holds a workshop on 'why Ayurveda is important, a part of winter camp on Tuesday under the aegis of Principal Dr. Ravinder Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Narinder Kumar.

Principal of college Dr.Ravinder Tickoo said that Ayurveda has been around for thousands of years, and was considered as one of the best ways to treat diseases and lead a healthy lifestyle in ancient India. Ayurveda is the oldest system of medicine and holistic in nature, he apprised.

Dr.S. Singh was the resource person who delivered lecture on Ayurveda blends modern lifestyle and health-oriented habits with the ancient wisdom of using

natural substances, medicines and herbs to help us to lead a healthy, happy, stress-free and disease-free life. The cardinal aim of Ayurveda is to restore the individual balance between mind, body and spirit, he added. He emphasized that Ayurveda refers to prevention is better than cure.

NSS PO Dr. Narinder Kumar while speaking on the occasion said that holistic medicine aims to restore health by understanding causes of diseases. Ayurveda strives to attack the root causes and detoxify, cleansing, strengthening body tissues, and balancing body ensuring complete cure, he emphasised. Ayurvedic treatment and medicine involve herbs, honey, milk, ghee, butteroils, minerals etc. he added.

Celebrating festivals must to preserve cultural heritage: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday paid obeisance at several temples on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri and extended greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Accompanied by Chairman Public Health and Sanitation Committee (PHSC), Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Raj Kumar Tarkhan, BJP District President Jammu Vinay Kumar Gupta, District Secretary Narinder Gupta Koki and Ward President Jagdish Raj Proch, Kavinder Gupta inaugurated the special Langar organized on the day of great religious significance to the Hindu community in particular and people in general. Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta said that celebrating these occasions is an essential component of our cultural ethos and identity and people must promote such celebrations as it would go a long way in preserving our rich cultural heritage which is on priority of the BJP Government.

Later the former Dy CM also inaugurated the lane dedicated to the people of Bhagat Pura area at Ward No 51 in the Chhanni Himmat Jammu. The aforesaid developmental works are estimated to be completed at a cost of Rs. 38.00 lakh.

The former Dy CM said that BJP stands committed to overall development of the nation especially Jammu and



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta serving sweets among people.

Kashmir. He said that while overall development of the nation is priority of the Modi led Govt it has created history by abrogating Articles 370 and 35A and post abrogation the whole developmental scenario in this Union Territory has received massive transformation. He said this is evident from the fact that people can witness for themselves the massive developmental works

going on unabated at the ground level at an unprecedented pace for which credit goes to the exceptional synchronization between the Union Govt and the UT Administration led by LG Manoj Sinha. He said that the works done especially in this ward are highly appreciable with full kudos to the representatives and the people of this ward.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Jeevan Singh Charak, Kartar Chand, Babu Ram, Amar Nath, Chaman Lal, Kewal Kumar, Tarsem Lal, Kaka Ram, Bhushan Lal, Rakesh Dhar, Bachan Lal Proch, Meenu Devi, Banso Proch, Shakuntla Devi, Bela Devi, Kamla Proch, Chaman Lal Proch, Dev Raj, Mirza Bhagat, Dinesh Kumar, Ashok Kumar and Balvinder Kumar.

Police facilitates PCPG meeting in Awantipora

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SRINAGAR: In order to bridge the gap between general public and police for better coordination, Police in Awantipora facilitated a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting at Police Post Aripal. The meeting was held while following social distancing norms and other protocols.

The meeting was held on the directions of SSP Awantipora Shri Mohd Yousuf and was chaired by SDPO Tral along with SHO PS Tral. The meeting was attended by general public residing in far flung areas of Aripal.

During the meeting, participants raised various issues pertaining to Police and other civil departments. The chairing officer

redressed some of the issues pertaining to police on spot and assured them that issues and grievances pertaining to other departments will be taken up with concerned authorities for quick redressal.

The chairing officer requested the participants to highlight the drug menace and its ill effects among youth which will help the youth with regard to understanding the ill effects of drugs. The participants were also requested to follow CAB and educate others as well.

The participants appreciated the Police for conducting such public contact programmes and also assured their full support & cooperation in curbing the menace of social crimes and in maintaining law & order.

BJP leaders swing into action to help stranded students in Ukraine, PM personally monitoring situation: Chugh

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CHANDIGARH: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh while expressing his grief over the death of an Indian student in Ukraine said that the entire BJP party has been galvanized under Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide all possible help to the stranded students in Ukraine.

He said the prime minister was putting all efforts to bring back Indian students in Ukraine. Already 5 flights have landed here with students who could



reach Romanian borders. Facilities are being created in Poland and Slovakia borders too. Union ministers Hardeep Puri, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Krien Rijju, Gen VK Singh are travelling there

to personally supervise evacuation and airlifting process.

The BJP leaders have been told to set up teams at state and concerned district levels with dedicated helpline numbers and publicise them widely.

Chugh said the BJP workers all over the country would contact the families of students to keep up their morale by informing them about the government efforts at evacuation.

He said it's a war zone, there is curfew, students

are moved to safe shelters and whenever the situation gets little calm onward journey to borders is facilitated.

The BJP leaders would also collect addresses of stranded students locally while the state level office bearers and MPs, MLAs would visit their parents to reassure them of the government efforts.

Chugh said the prime minister is personally supervising efforts while a dedicated Twitter handle @opganga has been created for coordination.

J&K BJP launches helpline numbers for stranded Indians in Ukraine All Indian nationals in Ukraine will be brought back safely: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir announced the helpline numbers for the stranded Indian nationals in Ukraine.

J&K BJP will try to provide all possible help and support through these helpline numbers. Students and migrants stranded in Ukraine can contact Arvind Gupta on 9419187131 in Jammu and Manzoor Bhat on 9469000077 in Kashmir.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government at the Centre is making all efforts to bring back people of the country from Ukraine through Operation Ganga, which is yielding positive results.

"So far hundreds of students have been evacuated from the war-torn country, he said. Our honorable PM has formed a spe-

cial task force of ministers to evacuate the Indian national from Ukraine," he said.

Union Minister Hardeep Puri, Jyotiraditya Sindhiya, Kirin Rijju and General V K Singh will visit there to monitor the situation personally.

Koul said information collected from the helpline will be coordinated with the BJP's central team for further action. Not only at the government level, but BJP at the state or UT levels has also issued helpline numbers for the stranded Indian nationals," he said.

He said anyone from Jammu and Kashmir, can contact the given numbers and the party will assure that all the stranded students or laborers of the region will be brought back safely from Ukraine.

"Those students who reached Romania borders are already evacuated and so far, five flights have reached New Delhi. Every

stranded person from Ukraine will be brought back to the country," he said and added that on the borders of Poland and Slovakia, the central government is trying to reach out the Indian nationals on the similar lines.

Koul said they have clear directions from the central government that all stranded Indian nationals will be brought back to the country.

There is Curfew like situation in Ukraine cities and the government has taken all of them to safer places. Once the situation will be improved, they will be evacuated, he said.

"During the Covid-19 crisis, the Indian government launched a special 'Vande Bharat Mission' to evacuate its residents from foreign countries. Similarly, Indian nationals stranded in Ukraine will be brought back," Koul said.