

TSUS felicitates 'Shri Champs'



Students posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Shriram Universal School (TSUS), Samba organized the felicitation ceremony for the Shri Champs in its school premises, wherein the students were awarded for their outstanding performances in various events at national level.

Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta was the chief guest who along with

Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman and Rajni Gupta, Director, Apurv Gupta and Shivani Vaid blessed the students.

The programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, followed by a floral welcome of the guests by Vedika Singh and Samarth Mahajan, students of TSUS.

Vaid appreciated the distinguished guests for

boosting the morale of children with their inspiring words.

The meritorious students were given away the gold medals for their meritorious work.

The children also performed various cultural activities like a Classical dance, a welcome song & the school song to make this event memorable.

Chander Mohan congrat-

ulated the school management for the CBSE affiliation for Higher Secondary in short span of time and also appreciated the students for bringing laurels to the institution and the district of Samba.

He also conveyed his best wishes to the school, which has emerged as a model of excellence, imparting quality education to the children.

He appreciated the school teachers for providing holistic education to children so as to ensure that global citizenry passes out from its hallowed portals.

Sanjeev Gupta also lauded the endeavours of parents, students and staff. He wished the champs innumerable milestones and glory ahead.

The event reached its culmination point with the vote of thanks by Sujata Kaul.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj an example of courage, valour: Shiv Sena

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit paid floral tributes to veteran hero and freedom fighter Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on his birth anniversary according to the Hindu calendar here today.

In a function held at Party's Central Office Jammu, party president UT J&K Manish Sahni along with other leaders paid tribute to Shivaji Maharaj.

Shiv Sena leaders also named the Channi Himmat chowk after the "Chhatrapati Shivaji" chowk and installed a statue made of flex board.

Talking to reporters here today, Manish Sahni said that Chhatrapati Shivaji was one of the bravest, most progressive and sensible rulers of India. The founder of the Maratha Kingdom.

He was also a symbol of Hindu-Muslim brother-



Shiv Sena J&K unit paying tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji.

hood along with courage, valor. He adopted humanitarian policies in his administration, which were not based on any religion. His navy was commanded by Muslim general Siddi Sambal, his secretary of intelligence was Maulana Haider Ali and the command of their artillery was in the hands of Ibrahim Khan," Sahni said, adding that Shivaji respected all religions. Religion was not a criterion for appointment in his army and that one-third of his army consisted of Muslim soldiers, he added. During the regime of

Shivaji, a fear-free environment was created for all religions besides protecting places of worship of Christian and Muslim sects along with Hindus.

Manish Sahni laid stress upon people to maintain traditional bond of brotherhood in Jammu & Kashmir and people must contribute to ensure that Jammu & Kashmir with all its religious, cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversities stays together in harmony. He said people of Jammu and Kashmir are peace loving, but certain political groups for their vested interests are push-

ing them to a corner and for their own gains trying to create a divide which is unfortunate. He said those chauvinistic forces, which want to divide the society on basis of region, religion, caste, creed, ethnicity or language have to be fought and need to be defeated. He urged the people of the state to isolate such elements and teach them a lesson.

On this occasion, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Balwant Singh, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Secretary Balveer Singh, Praveen Gupta, President Udhampur Sanjeev Sharma, prabhari Ashwani Prabhakar, Nagina Khan, Sukhwinder Kaur, Sanjeev Sudan, Rajesh Handa, Ashok Kumar, Rajesh Khajuria, Imtihan Hussain, Vishal Verma, Rajish Khajuria, Sumit Kumar and many others were present.

JU Library Officers Association formed

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JAMMU: To discuss issues related to the Assistant Librarians and Deputy Librarians of the University of Jammu (JU), a new organisation with the name Jammu University Library Officers Association (JULOA) was formed. In the first meeting of the members of Association held at Dhanvantri Library, Dr Tarsem Singh was elected un-opposed as the President and Dr Anita Sachar as Vice President. Besides, Dr Bindu Sharma was elected as Secretary, Anuradha Sharma as Finance Secretary and Rakesh Kumar Organising Secretary of the Association. Dr Tarsem said this Association will work as a bridge between library personnel and the administration.

He said it will also work for promotion of library services through different programmes for the benefits of research fraternity and society.

ASSOCHAM discusses roadmap to increase investment in J&K

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Council of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)-one of the apex body of the country on Monday held a webinar to discuss the roadmap to increase investment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Manik Batra, Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Dr. M.A Alim, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council, today called a council meeting to discuss the roadmap for the next financial year.

Manik Batra said, "We held our council meeting today to make the road map for next financial year. Our four priorities for 2022-23 are primarily empowerment, sustainability, entrepreneurship and digitization, we would work around these themes."

"We will be doing various



Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council, Manik Batra and other officials during a meeting.

events in the future in collaboration with the Government and our members to promote start ups, entrepreneurship to promote more investment in J&K," he added.

During the open discussion about Trade and Industry in Jammu and Kashmir, various issues related to rising prices of Steel, Glass, Aluminum were also discussed. Members also raised their concern over delay in GST refunds, which is affecting the business community of

Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr M A Alim, Co Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council said, "Despite of the tough times in recent past due to covid, ASSOCHAM has worked actively with the government to attract investment in J&K. As number of covid cases are coming down and we can meet physically, ASSOCHAM will now work more actively to bring more investment and make the J&K council more stronger."

21 days national training course organised by TAJ, AEDS concludes

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JAMMU: 21-day National Training Course (NTC) on 'Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Allied Sectors for Economic Development of India' concluded on Monday.

This training programme was 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 March 1, 2022 through zoom video conferencing app under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. J.P. Sharma who happened to be the Chief Patron of this 21 days NTC. Dr Rakesh Nanda, Director Education SKUAST-J and patron of this course in his valedictory address sensitized the participants about the challenges for sustainable entrepreneurship & livelihood security.

Dr SEH Rizvi, Dean Basic Sciences SKUAST-J stressed that the need of the time is to reshape the peasant economy and make the agriculture as a most profitable enterprise. Earlier, President SKUAST-TAJ and Course Director Dr Vikas Sharma informed that 130 participants from various ICAR Institutions, Central/ State Agricultural Universities joined this NTC where 41 lectures along with live videos regarding entrepreneurship development were delivered by eminent experts.

Dr Chhatrapal Singh, Organizing Chairman and Md. Nadeem Akhtar Chief Course Coordinator of the programme informed that this training will create an awareness among the participants so that they can manage skill based result oriented research projects and self employment in their respective fields.

Many participants namely Dr. Shivaji Bhonsle, Neha Pandita, Abeeda Mushtaq and Proloy Shanker shared their



experience/feedback of this continuous on line training programme of 21 days.

Dr Vivak M Arya, General Secretary SKUAST-TAJ and Course Coordinator presented the vote of thanks.

Dr Jitendra addresses book launch at JNU, calls for standard publications

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NEW DELHI: Addressing the book launch event at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) on Monday, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh called for standard publications and high quality scientific literature in Indian languages which can attract the world to India and its potential in the field of Science & Technology.

JNU's newly appointed Vice Chancellor, Prof Santhishree Pandit and other faculty members were present on the occasion.

Speaking as Guest of Honour while formally releasing the book titled "A Brief History of Science in India", written by Sabareesh, a JNU scholar, the Minister said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, science has not only entered every

sphere of human life but has also become a tool for bringing ease of living.

Dr. Jitendra noted that India is an imperishable idea which has a great potential to create and generate sub-ideas. He said that India does not have to be educated about what Science is, as Indians have a natural scientific temper which exists even without having sufficient means and resources.

Noting that our resources are out of proportion to our potential, Dr. Jitendra said that we have always provided research resources to the world. Even before the independence, western researchers, particularly medical researchers, were regularly coming to India looking for oriental subjects and some of the great discoveries were made here.

BYDC hails conferring 'Vijay Awasthi Memorial Award' to Sourav Sandhu

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JAMMU: The Batwal Youth Development Committee (BYDC) Jammu at its special meet held at Jammu city on Monday, hailed the 'Vijay Awasthi Memorial Award' presented to dancing star Sourav Sandhu by Sahityak and Samajik Manch Jammu in the KL Sehgal Hall of Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

BYDC members said, "Sourav had never let his confidence down. We like his spirit keep moving and keep achieving this type of different new awards".

It may be mentioned here that earlier Sourav had won the gold medal in International Dancing Competition at Himachal Pradesh in 2021.

Among those who attended the meet include Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, R.L.Kaith, Bawa Ram Kaith, Tilak Raj Bassa, Ghara Ram Mandi, Joginder Kumar Lakhotra, Arjun Kumar Tugga, Sohan Lal Targotra, Surinder Kumar Lakhotra, Gourav Kumar Nandan and Sunny Kumar Bassa.

Aditi Seva Pratishthan holds conference on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava

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JAMMU: A one day conference aimed at Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava was organised by Aditi Seva Pratishthan led by Rashtra Sevika Samiti at Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Anbphalla, here on Monday.

The conference was organised under the chairmanship of Shashi Sudan, Principal Government Medical College, Jammu. Rama welcomed all the guests and audiences. Anita Sharma and Sangeeta introduced and assisted in honouring distinguished guests.

Ashu Janwal, Assistant Prof. Paediatric section was the Chief



Members of Aditi Seva Pratishthan and Rashtra Sevika Samiti at a programme.

Guest on the occasion.

Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Dean Faculty of Social Science Cluster University of Jammu was the main speaker of the event, who laid emphasis on the

"gender equality" & revealed the fact that gender equality & respect for women was part of our civilization right from evolution of Vedas.

Later, Dipti Akash Singh was

honoured by Pratishthan. Her husband late Akash Singh Sambyal, Ex Major of Indian Army bravely fought with infiltrators in Mendhar and while neutralizing three terrorists he was gunned down and martyred. A well known artist from Jammu Santosh Sangra was also honoured for her contribution in the field of acting and writing. Also wife of late Krishan Lal Khajuria, Ex. ASI SOG was honoured. Krishan Lai Khajuria was martyred in Kupwara Sector during fight with terrorists. Krishan Lal was also honoured with President Police Medal by then President of India Abdul Kalam Azad in 2003.

In the end, Prem Lata and Vanetta thanked all the guests.

Kavinder for awareness on Govt's public welfare schemes

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday asked the party cadre to spread awareness about the government welfare schemes by initiating door-to-door campaigning so that people can invariably avail maximum benefit.

He said this while addressing a number of public meetings in Gandhi Nagar Constituency under Block Level Meetings of the party.

A huge number of Sikhs and Muslims joined embraced the party fold during the aforesaid meeting expressing faith in the progressive policies adopted by the party and the government led by PM Narendra Modi at Centre. Kavinder, while welcoming the new entrants to the party fold, said that unlike other parties, BJP firmly believes in Sabka Saath and Sabka Vikas and this reason is more than enough to embrace the party because no other party is free from discrimination on one basis or the other.



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta interacting with people.

He said that the BJP Government at the Centre has envisaged many public welfare schemes which comprehensively ensure welfare of all the segments of the society and the party cadre should ensure that no eligible beneficiary remains aloof of the bounty meant for him or her by remaining ignorant about his or her right.

The public meetings were held in various areas falling under the Gandhi Nagar Constituency including Belicharana, Model Town, Cantonment wards, Raipur, Satwari, Channi Himmat and Sainik Colony wherein District President Vinay Gupta, Baldev Baloria,

Vikram Randhawa, and Bharat Bhushan Mandal President also accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister. Kavinder said that the biggest political party of the world-BJP has members from all the religions of the country and already many Sikhs and Muslims are holding responsible posts in the party.

He said that unlike dynastic parties, BJP has a very different style of functioning because in this party anyone or one can say everyone can attain top positions by dint of hard work as the case of many leaders including the incumbent PM Narendra Modi.

Congress promoted terrorist Yasin Malik as an ambassador of Kashmir: Vibodh

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JAMMU: BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta visited Jagti and addressed the party workers of Tika Lal Taploo Mandal along with District President of Kashmir Displaced District Chand Ji Bhat.

Reacting to former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's statement on the genocide of Kashmiri Hindus, Vibodh stated that the genocide was a conspiracy hatched and dwelled under the Farooq Abdullah led National Conference government from the 1980s when he had secret meetings with JKLF terrorists. The order to release 70 ISI trained terrorists by Farooq Abdullah was part of the same conspiracy and he strategically resigned on January 18, 1990, just

a day before the genocide was unleashed on innocent Kashmiri Hindus. Vibodh hailed Vivek Agnihotri for bringing out the truth and agony of Kashmiri Hindus before the world through his film 'The Kashmir Files'.

"The homes of Kashmiri Hindus were set ablaze, men were butchered while women were raped. But unfortunately, even today leftists and Congress are trying to whitewash their sufferings by criticising the reality portrayed in the film.

The fact is terrorists like Yasin Malik were patronised by National Conference and Congress. They honoured and promoted them as youth icons and ambassadors of Kashmir. It is only after the Modi government that these terrorists have been booked under UAPA", he said. Vibodh further

demanding that Yasin Malik should face the similar fate that of Afzal Guru and this will be a true and honest tribute to the Kashmiri Hindus who lost everything- lives, livelihood and homes to this terrorist. Addressing the workers,

District President KDD Chand Ji Bhat said that BJP has always recognised the pain of Kashmiri Hindus and has booked all the conspirators behind the genocide. He further stated that soon Kashmiri Hindus will go back to their homes with dignity under the Modi government.

Others who were present on the occasion were Sanjay Bhat, Roop Krishan Koul, Vimal Ji Raina, Sanjay Tickoo, Veer, Dolly Raina, All Booth Presidents (Tika Lal Taploo Mandal) and many prominent citizens of Jagti township.