

## Inter-generational Bonding Mela organised at JU

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JAMMU: The National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Anugraha organized Inter-generational Bonding Mela in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare and Office of Programme Coordinator, NSS University of Jammu.

Around 150 persons participated which included the elderly citizens, NSS volunteers and faculty members. Prof Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and Prof Rajni Kant was the Guest of Honour of the occasion. Focusing on the various problems of the elderly people, Dr. Aabha Choudhary, the Chairperson of RRTC, Anugraha motivated the younger generation to come forward and contribute towards the social and psychological well-being of the elders.

## WARB meeting held at CRPF GC

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JAMMU: The first quarterly Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB) meeting 2023 was held at GC campus CRPF Jammu, on Saturday. WARB HQR New has appointed DIGP, GC CRPF, Jammu as District Welfare officer for the welfare of retired CAPP personnel, Veer Nari and dependent of paramilitary force who are residing in District-Jammu, Poonch and Rajauri.

In inauguration of the WARB meeting, Rakesh Sethi DIG, said "We all are fortunate to be a part of this elite force and are leading a prosperous life today." He also said that even after retirement we should not leave a organized life style. Retired personnel, Veer Nari and dependents have introduced themselves and submitted their problems and suggestion. Suggestion and personal problems related to GC Jammu has been disposed off on the spot and other complaints related to other offices same forwarded to concerned offices for disposal.

## ABVP CUJ announces executive council for session 2023-24

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University Jammu ( CUJ) announced executive council for the session 2023-24 in the presence of State Secretary Akshil Billovria and National Executive Council Member Mukesh Manhas.

Prabhakar Bhardwaj, PhD Scholar of Hindi Department elected as Unit President and Shagun Sharma, Student of Integrated B.A-B.Ed course of Education Department elected as Unit Secretary.

Mridul Sharma, Abhigya Singh, Meenakshi Devi, Vishal Pathyal and Rahul Singh are elected as Vice-President and Aditya Bhardwaj, Hemakshi Kumari, Akshit Banyal, Swatantra Srivastav and Sumit Gangwar are elected as Joint Secretaries.

Social Media Incharge is Gorav Singh. Girls Working Incharge is Diksha Bagal and Co-Incharge are Nandita Sharma and Nandini Sharma. Students For Development (SFD) Convener is Vishal Thakur and Co-Convener are

## IIM-J hosts Prof Vishanth Weerakkody, University of Bradford for interactive session with students



Director, IIM Jammu, Prof BS Sahay with faculty members and students.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under leadership of Director, IIM Jammu, Prof BS Sahay, hosted an interactive session with Prof Vishanth Weerakkody, Professor and Associate Dean, University of Bradford, UK at its Canal Road Campus on Saturday. The today's session was held for IPM students while a similar session was held yesterday for research scholars.

The Dean of Academics, IIM Jammu welcomed Professor Vishanth and emphasised the importance of



Prof Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, JU and other dignitaries at a Mela.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Associate Dean, DSW highlighted the need for such programmes in the 21st century.

Dr. Hema Gandotra, Programme Coordinator, NSS threw light about the various activities being undertaken by the Ministry and how NSS youth is being made a part of it.

Prof Rajni Kant highlighted the need for elderly care and the sensitization of the youth towards caring of the aged. He stressed upon the role of parents in the life of the children.

Prof Naresh Padha

stressed upon the needs of the elderly and highlighted the interaction among the family members and its impact on the aged.

The programme included the cultural bonanza by the NSS volunteers of DDE Unit and MIER college of Education, University Employees and the Senior Citizens of the various organizations.

The elderly citizens from the All J&K Senior Citizens Welfare Council, Jammu, Old age Home Amphalla, World Women Awakening Organization participated.

## Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation announces 567 scholarships on Annual Day

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JAMMU: Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation have 567 scholarships on their 26th Annual Day. The Chief Guest, Rajinder Sharma, Mayor of Jammu gave certificates of merit to students in presence of Corporator Sucha Singh. 80 per cent of the students were girls from rural areas and financially weak sections of society.

He encouraged and emphasized the children and their parents to make the best use of the opportunity provided by the Foundation.

He lauded the efforts of Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation to promote education of girls, particularly those who live in the rural areas of Jammu Region.

The Chief Guest interacted with children and wished them a bright future ahead. Educational support to children is provided by Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation team by providing online tuition classes, evaluation tests and Counselling sessions for children and their parents.

The Foundation also organizes free medical camps and provides treatment and medicines to children and their families.

Children travelled from distant villages like Hiranagar, Chak, Rattian, Dooni,



Chief Guest, Rajinder Sharma, Jammu Mayor posing with students and Foundation members after distributing scholarships.

Parul, Sanehit and Jai Prakash. Student For Seva (SFS) Convener is Kritika and Co-Convener are Simran Sharma, Pooja and Sahil Manhas. Rashtriya Kala Manch Convener is Prachi Mahajan and Co-Convener are Deepshi Pathania, Rashu Sharma and Palak Singh.

Student for Holistic Development of Humanity (SHODH) Convener is Arun Rajwal and Co-Convener are Manisha Kumari and Sneh Devi.

Think India Convener is Samarth and Co-Convener are Shrawan Goyal, Vivek Yadav and Ansh. Study Circle Incharge is Davinder Singh and Co-Incharge are Kunal Singh, Sheetal Sharma and Dhruv.

Sports Activity Incharge is Akash Mahajan and Co-Incharge are Kusum Verma, Nisha Thapa and Harsh.

Executive Members are Arjun Rana, Shivom Rana, Dipesh, Ketan Kumar, Alok Singh, Kanav, Ashwani, Sudhanshu, Sudheer, Ujjwal Kumawat, Shubham, Rajvansh, Ashish, Kajal Manhas, Anuradha Manhas, Poonam Manhas, Sheetal Manhas and Vikas Nayak.

## Chander Mohan appeals people to immerse Saakh in eco-friendly manner

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma, Senior leader Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K and Convenor of Namami Ganga Campaign of party appealed to the people of Jammu to observe ensuing Navratri festivals with full regards to the environment protection protocol.

Accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, J&K BJP Media Incharge and Veena Bakshi, Incharge Mahila wing, Adv. Sharma was addressing media persons at BJP headquarter, Trikutia Nagar, Jammu.

Sharma said on the culmination of the last Navratri, i.e. 31st of March, local masses would observe the ritual of the immersion of Saakh Mata (Khetri) in running water streams.

He said that after worshipping Matarani with great devotion for nine days, the immersion should be observed in equally pious manner, keeping away the non-biodegradable material such as polythene bags and plastic and iron articles in stranded water.

Sharma, who is also the Chairman of Tawi Green Andolan, said that as far as river Tawi is concerned, Smart City Ltd has diverted the stream and stopped the flow of water in the manner that devotees would not be able to submerge Saakh in the water.

He robustly appealed to the Divisional administration and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to make suitable arrangements for devotees in river Tawi to perform the holy ritual at Tawi Aarti Ghat Bikram Chowk.

Sharma further appealed to JMC and Smart City Ltd. to expedite connecting filthy Nallahs with STPs.

He demanded removal of huge building waste material dumped on the basin of river Tawi by the contractor firm who built Multilayer Parking at Panjirthi. He also stressed for the removal of illegal settlement on the bank of Tawi at Nagrota bypass, before completion of artificial lake work, so that the water in the lake would not be filthy.

## New Hyundai Electric IONIQ 5 unveiled at AM Hyundai

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: AM Hyundai, Signature Club Dealership of Jammu Region on Saturday launched premium electric offering IONIQ 5 at their Flagship Dealership Bye Pass Road Narwal Jammu.

The New Hyundai Electric IONIQ 5 was unveiled by ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh in presence of Chairman AM Group Jatinder Gupta.

Managing Director Sanjay Mahajan along with Directors Ankur Mahajan and Akshay Mahajan were also present at the Launch. Tarun Malhotra and Sudershan Gupta also graced the occasion.

RJ Shwetima and Super Dancer 4 Finalist Arshiya Sharma along with Auto Vloggers Auto Techworld (Usmaan) Tech Tripper (Amit) were also present.

Lifestyle Influencer Zodie, Harvinkle Singh (Gulistan TV) Amardeep Singh (AS Marketing) along with Social Media Influencers like



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh and others at launching ceremony.

Femina Miss India 2020 Finalist Poonam Koul and Simran Kour, Surashi Sharma, Smahi Kapoor, Supreet Kour, Deyyani, Shreyya Sharma, Mehak Mahajan, Pooja Kahlon and Adharvika Taak were all present and made reels and post on instagram on New Electric IONIQ5.

The exterior of the all-electric crossover has a very distinctive look to it, with a pixel theme across and inside the vehicle. It gets LED square-shaped headlamps with a closed grille up front, flush

door handles, flared-wheel arches with 20-inch alloy wheels, and pixelated rear LED tail lights with a light bar to help this EV to stand out even more.

On the inside, the dashboard is minimal and clean with two 12.3-inch screens up top, one for the touchscreen instrument cluster and the other for the digital drivers display. Meanwhile, the feature list includes ventilated and powered front seats, climate control, vehicle-to-load function (V2L), six airbags, and even a safety suite including Level 2 ADAS.

Powering the Ioniq 5 is a 72.6kWh battery pack providing power to the motor which in turn produces 216bhp and 350Nm of torque. The Ioniq 5 also gets an ARAI-certified range of 631km on a full charge along with charging capabilities of 10-80 per cent in just 18 minutes using a 350kW DC charger.

Hyundai is also promising a three-year or unlimited kilometres warranty, an eight-year or 1,60,000km battery warranty, three-year roadside assistance, and an option to extend the warranty by five years or 1,40,000km (whichever is earlier) with the Ioniq 5 for the Indian customers.

This is the second EV offering from Hyundai in India, and previously Kona Electric was the only one in the EV segment from the Korean carmaker in the country. Meanwhile, Ioniq 5 is available in a single fully-loaded trim option.

## Earlier Govts never explored India's vast ocean resources: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Union Minister Shripad Naik and Goa Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte, who called on him along with a high level State official delegation at New Delhi.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that the earlier governments never cared to explore India's vast ocean resources and it is for the first time, after Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister that there is a serious effort to explore and harness the ocean resources and give priority to the Blue Economy of India.

He recalled that not once but in two of his Independence Day addresses to the nation, PM Modi had referred to the Deep Ocean Mission thus underlining its importance.

Dr Jitendra was talking to a high level Goa official delegation led by Union Minister, Shripad Yesso Naik and Goa State Tourism Minister, Rohan Khaunte.

Dr Jitendra Singh also mentioned the need in creating an Ocean Aquarium for which the Tourism Ministry may be taken into cognisance.

The Union Minister further said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the first time the Government of India has started exploring the ocean resources of India which have

a huge potential under the Blue economy and provide a tremendous value addition to the Indian Economy over the next 25 years. He added that these ocean resources had never been explored before in the past.

The Union Minister said that the objective of the Blue Economy has been to promote smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth and opportunities within the Indian Ocean region's maritime economic activities and initiate appropriate programmes for the sustainable harnessing of ocean resources, research, and development.

## Jugal chairs Telephone Advisory Committee meet

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma, while chairing the Telephone Advisory Committee meeting, expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for providing revival package to BSNL amounting to Rs 1.64 Lakh Crores and informed the House that BSNL should work efficiently to improve the services provided.

BSNL officials should work more harder to get maximum benefit out of the provided Revival Package, to win back the trust of the Consumers and to get BSNL Revenue Figures in positive.

Member Parliament expressed his dissatisfaction with the Signal issued being faced at the National Highway near IIT Jammu. MP, other TAC Members Ayodhya Gupta, Jai Ram Sharma, Jangbir Singh and Dev Raj Sharma also attended the meeting.

From BSNL side, detail report regarding the services being provided by BSNL and actions taken by BSNL to

improve the services was presented by Principal General Manager Business Area Jammu, Ashok Kumar Angural. BSNL Signal issue at Purnamandal was also discussed, swift action was requested regarding the Purnamandal Signal issue to cater the demand of the pilgrims visiting the holy shrine at Purnamandal in connection with upcoming Mela at the Shrine.

Moreover, signal issue of Nitco Lane area was also discussed by the Members TAC. PGMT, BA Jammu informed the house that under the 500 days mission of Government of India, all the uncovered villages to be covered with 4G connectivity. Moreover, FTTH and Air Fiber services have been



Senior BJP leader and Convenor Namami Ganga Campaign, Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma talking to reporters at Jammu.

launched by the BSNL to provide high speed internet as per the Digital India Mission. In Phase-1, in selected Gram Panchayats Bharat Udhyan Scheme has been launched, by which customers in rural areas can get Free Modem for FTTH connection. In next Phase more Gram Panchayats to be covered for providing FTTH connections under Bharat Udhyan Scheme.

Other BSNL officials present in the meeting were Sunita Chandra PGM (S&M), Kush Kumar PGM (CM), Narsh Bhatti, Rajesh Khanna, S.M. Kale, Pran Nath Raina, Vijay Kumar Sharma, Bhavuk Anand, Chandan Singh Panwar, Sanjeev Kumar, Satyajit Sharma and Rajneesh Kumar Salgotra.

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## Two-day Jammu Kashmir Folk Festival concludes

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAAACL), under the guidance of Bharat Singh, Secretary (JKAAACL), has successfully concluded with two-day Jammu Kashmir Folk Festival, here. The Festival was inaugurated yesterday by the Chief Guest, Prof B.S Sahai, Director IIM. On the Inaugural day prime highlight of the event was the musical presentations by the renowned singers / artists of the Jammu and Kashmir like Kabuli Bukhari (pahari and Gojri medley), Waqar Khan, Yaseen Gundpuri, Chakri, Saras Bhatti & Party, Sonali Dogra, Vanshika Jaral, Naina Sapuro (Kashmiri Singer), Dilsher Singh & party (Punjabi Folk), Khajoor Singh & Party (Gertrude), Parveena Bano & party (Gojri Folk), Chinmaye Sharma, Kushi Sharma, Nishu, Nirbhay Singh, Raman Slathia, Pawanesh Singh and Vishal Gupta, Asha Kesar, Bakh, Rakesh Malhotra, Zahida Taranum, Nisar Ahmed Dhoowali. They were supported by Darbari Lal, Dholak, Amit Anand, Tabla, Rakesh Anand, Flute, Krishan Kumar, Synth, Sanjay Kumar, Guitar, Rohit Kumar, Octopad. The proceedings of the first day were conducted by Bindiya Raina Tikoo. On the Concluding day renowned artists gave their presentations included Vishal Pandita, Pooja Pandita, Neelam Langhe, Suresh Chouhan, Sham Manyal, Surinder Manhas, Dr. Deepali Watal, Naseem U Haq, Vishakhia Bardwaj, Jasmeet Kour, Parvez Malik, Rajouri, Master Kartar Chand & party, Mohinder Soni, Harkrishan Singh Sanam, Bishan Das & Group, Ramesh Chander, Vibha Bhatti, Pallavi Koul, Tsewang Dorjee, Zahida Taranum, Chaman Maitto & Party, Rumalo Ram & Party, Geetru, Shahida Parveen, Ajaz Bhatt, Muzamil Shah, Razia Ashraf, Gulam Hassan Tabsum & party and Waheed Jhillani.

Rajni Sharma conducted the proceedings of the event on second day.

MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing TAC meeting.