

Jammu Mayor inaugurates IBT Institute for Competitive Exams at Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday inaugurated IBT Institute, Gandhi Nagar, here.

Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma was the Chief Guest while Samar Dev Singh Charak, Dr. Anita Sharma and Meenu Mahajan were present as Guests of Honour in the inaugural ceremony. Corporator Gourav Chopra and many other prominent people, students across UT of J&K besides senior members from IBT head office were also present. IITech Education, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu is exclusive franchisee of IBT for Jammu City and there is no other authorized institute of IBT in UT of J&K.

Institute is functional at 20C/C, 1st Floor, Aquaf Market, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and successfully running batches for Banking, SSC, SSB, IELTS, PTE etc.

IBT is providing free study material to all the enrolled stu-



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma inaugurating IBT Institute at Gandhi Nagar on Thursday.

dents. During Navaratri festival, IBT is providing special discounts on all courses all over the India.

IBT is one of the Best Competitive Exam Training Institute in the country for all type of Competitive Exams. It has more than 100 branches all over India.

On the Inaugural ceremony, Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma felicitated the entire Itech-IBT team and said that this would be of great help for the students of entire UT of J&K to get quality guidance and education for preparation

of various Govt. Jobs and to qualify IELTS, PTE etc.

He said that with the opening of premier institutes like IBT in Jammu will help students of UT of J&K to qualify in various competitive exams.

Director, ITECH Education Sharika Sandal apprised media that they are providing best in class training for various Government job preparations like Banking, SSC, SSB, Insurance, Railways, Agniveer, IELTS, PTE and providing free assistance for Study Visa.

Special discounts for students from far flung areas and girl

students was promised by Director, ITECH-IBT Jammu during the occasion.

Samar Dev Singh Charak announced that IBT in Association with Dogra Group of Colleges will be imparting training to the aspiring students for the preparation of various competitive exams.

Mayor Jammu appreciated the efforts of IBT-Itech Education in contribution to the society in the Education Sector and presented memento to Director-IBT-ITECH Jammu Sharika Sandal.

Dr. Anita Sharma and Meenu Mahajan appealed the students to take advantage of best in class coaching of IBT-Itech Gandhi Nagar.

Two batches for Online Classes for all the courses shall also be started from 1st April, 2023 for students from far flung areas and students can enroll themselves by calling at IBT, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu office at 9797917788, 9797927788.

Yudhvir visits Pengali village in Jagti; takes stock of people's problems

Says only BJP can fulfill aspirations of nationalist people



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi taking stock of problems at Pengali Village in Jagti.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Thursday visited Pengali Village in Jagti and took stock of problems being faced by the people of the area.

The local raised serious concern over the shortage of basic amenities like road connectivity, shortage of power and water supply etc. Pardeep Singh, Shiv Sharma, Pritam Thappa, Rattan, Ramesh, Madan Lal, Krishan Chand, Parkash Chand and Kriahsan Singh were present on the occasion.

Sethi said people of Jammu

and Kashmir Union Territory have lots of expectations from BJP and the Party is also committed to the agenda of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas and also to provide development to the masses at their doorsteps.

He said that successive regimes headed by the NC and Congress did nothing for the people of J&K. He asserted that the general public has realized that only BJP can fulfill their dreams and aspirations.

The senior BJP leader said that eight years of Modi rule in the country has shown the

people that it is only BJP which can fulfill aspirations of the nationalist people because the parties which used to rule J&K in last 70 years have compromised the interests of the country and the common masses a number of times.

Sethi said that the Party is fully committed to address the problems being faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He asked people of the area to support the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming polls for overall and equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Tourism Deptt renders all assistance to accident victims

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SRINAGAR: The Department of Tourism rendered all assistance to the group of tourists from West Bengal that was caught in a tragic road accident at Bijbehara the other day.

Two tourists were killed and three others injured after a vehicle they were travelling in met with an accident in Bijbehara area in Anantnag district.

Immediately after learning of the accident, field officers of the Tourism Department, on the instructions of Secretary, Tourism and Director Tourism Kashmir, rushed to the spot and helped in rescue operations alongwith district administration.

Later the bodies of both the killed tourists were airlifted to their native places in West Bengal for their last rites. The injured were evacuated from the site to a nearby hospital for treatment.

CISF nabs ECPL staff, two passengers with 4 gold bars at IGI Airport



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NEW DELHI: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) arrested two staff members of ECPL, an outsourcing company engaged in construction and development activities, at Delhi Airport, and two international passengers arriving from Riyadh with four gold bars weighing 100 grams each at IGI Airport in Delhi.

"On Thursday at about 0513 hrs, on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff of Terminal-3, IGI Airport, noticed suspicious activities of Md. Nasir (ECPL Staff) near arrival reclaim area. He was kept under physical and electronic surveillance," CISF spokesperson said.

During surveillance, he added, it was noticed that the aforesaid staff entered into

arrival reclaim area and met with two arrival passengers.

The passengers were later identified as Md. Kasim and Md. Inayat who arrived from Riyadh by Indigo flight 6E-1841 (STA 0530 hrs).

"Md. Kasim threw gold bars towards the Domestic reclaim area which was further picked up by Md. Nasir (ECPL staff). He was immediately intercepted at the arrival reclaim area by the CISF intelligence staff of Terminal-3 and the Customs officials were informed," spokesperson said.

On tactfully questioning, he said, the ECPL staff accepted that two passengers handed him four Gold bars (100 gms each) near glass partition location which separate Domestic and International arrival reclaim area. Later, total four Gold bars (100 gms each) were recovered from him.

Both International arrival passengers were also kept under physical and electronic surveillance. They were intercepted at M&G area after custom clearance.

Later, Md Nasir (Staff) and both International arrival passengers alongwith 04 Gold bars (100 gms each), were handed over to Delhi Police for further action in the matter.

Rajni Bala starts blacktopping work at Mohalla Dhok



Corporator Rajni Bala starting blacktopping work of lanes in Ward 60.

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JAMMU: Corporator Rajni Bala on Thursday started blacktopping of lanes at Mohallah Dhok, Ward No 60 near Lower Roor Nagar falling in Jammu North Assembly segment.

The aforesaid work was started with an estimated cost of Rs 35 lakhs through the executing agency Jammu Municipal Corporation. Addressing the gathering, Rajni Bala said it was a long pending demand of the people of the area which was fulfilled today. She said that being the people's representative it is her bounden duty to ensure that projects facilitating the life of the people of the Ward are executed whenever needed.

She assured the people that she would leave no stone unturned in transforming Ward No 60, making it a model ward. She assured that every possible initiative which could help in making their lives comfortable will be taken up on priority so that the basic demands of the public could be met.

Sodhi pays tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh

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NEW DELHI: Chairman, J&K Intellectual Civil Society, New Delhi, S.S Sodhi, along with other members of the association, paid a rich tribute to the revolutionary leader Shaheed Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary at New Delhi here on Thursday.

Recalling Bhagat Singh's gusto and courage to stand up against the British rule which inspired India's youth in the struggle for India's freedom, Sodhi said that youth should get inspired by the sacrifices of their country's freedom fighters and be ready to serve their nation with a sacrificing spirit.

Also, educational institutions and parents should educate the children on the lives and struggles of the freedom fighters and inculcate love for their country from an early age so that



children get ready to sacrifice for their nation when they grow up, he said.

Sodhi said, "All members of the J&K Intellectual Civil Society have always been involved in remembering and paying rich homage to all those who have laid their lives for their nation and society."

He further said that great lessons in selfless patriotism are to be learnt from the short but meaningful life span of Shaheed

Bhagat Singh and his close associates- Rajguru and Sukhdev, all of whom were also well educated.

They, and many more defence personnel and freedom fighters are our role models who will continue to inspire citizens throughout ages. All of us should be proud of them and every citizen should come forward and pay tributes to these heroes.

Further, Sodhi, along with the members discussed ways to make history of freedom struggle reach every student and citizen of India.

Lastly, Sodhi thanked the Govt of J&K LG Manoj Sinha and other officials for supporting the youth oriented programs for their employments and skill training and praised the police and defence forces for their role in getting peace back in our border state.

PGCIL wins 6 projects through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding

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GURUGRAM: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, has acquired six project Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) for various transmission system projects after competing with various private sector players and emerging as successful bidder in the Tariff Based

Competitive Bidding process (TBCB) conducted by REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL) as per the guidelines notified by Government of India.

These Project SPVs include Khavda RE Transmission Limited, KPS2 Transmission Limited, KPS3 Transmission Limited, Khavda II-B Transmission Limited,

Khavda II-C Transmission Limited, ERWR Transmission Limited.

The first five project SPVs shall implement transmission system projects in the state of Gujarat. These projects comprise of establishment three 765kV Sub-stations with transformation capacity of 15,000 MVA and 765kV D/C transmission lines of more than 1200 km, along with associated works for evacuation of Green Energy from various Solar Parks in Khavdaregion into the national grid.

The ERWR Transmission Limited SPV shall establish inter-regional link between eastern region grid and western region grid through a 400kV D/C transmission line between Jeyore (Odisha) and Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh).

These transmission system

projects will cater the requirement of transmission of energy to industries, households and businesses thereby boosting economic development of the country. They will augment the transmission infrastructure to evacuate green energy and reduce dependency on fossil fuels, in line with Government of India's vision of achieving 500 GW renewable energy target by 2030.

As on 28th February 2023, POWERGRID commissioned and is operating 271 Substations and more than 173,815 km and 493,863 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability more than 99 per cent.

Rally on World Water Day organised by GCW Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: The NSS units of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar organised an awareness rally at their adopted villages, Jaralan Chak and Kanhal, of tehsil Bishnah on Thursday under the banner of the college's G20 Club.

The rally was flagged off by Principal, Prof Minu Mahajan; Convenor G20 Club, Prof SS Parihar and other faculty members. 51 volunteers participated in this awareness activity under the supervision of NSS Programme Officers, Prof Mala Bhasin and Dr Monika Hans.

The volunteers actively participated in door-to-door campaigns and interacted with villagers about the wise use of various water



NSS volunteers and faculty members during an awareness rally.

resources. Sarpanch Jitendra Singh also participated in the rally and discussed the water resources of Chak Jaralan and Kanhal with the volunteers.

Prof Minu Mahajan applauded the volunteers

for their participation and encouraged them to continue being part of such activities. She emphasised the necessity of taking strict action against the global water crisis and inspired volunteers to take appropriate

steps to control issues like water pollution, water scarcity and sanitation of water resources. She appreciated the efforts of NSS POs for organising this awareness Rally in the adopted villages.

PDP and Mehbooba have lost plot: Jasrotia

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JAMMU: PDP President Mehbooba Mufti seems to be suffering from personality disorders. In one day she behaves as a complete secular human and next day a communal bigot. She seems to have lost the plot of politics. Her statements and vision too seems to have lost track.

This was stated by Ahijit Jasrotia in a statement issued here on Thursday.

"The once powerful People's Democratic Party (PDP) especially known as the electoral leader in the South Kashmir has been fragmented and in any next Assembly election it would be difficult for PDP to even win the Party bastion Bijbehara," Jasrotia said adding that it seems the Party under the leadership of Mehbooba Mufti is running with hare and hunting with hounds.

The PDP needs to take a few steps immediately to remain relevant in Kashmir.

With a new political contour emerging in Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 and the Delimitation Commission starting its work in recent weeks, both the National Conference (NC) and the PDP have lost almost all their key faces in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

PDP as a party and Mehbooba Mufti are hit hard, the discourse from Mehbooba Mufti has to be oriented towards peace and progress if



she wants to achieve a way ahead, he added. As the expert view is that with agendas that are poles apart the divided opposition in Jammu and Kashmir cannot regain its lost ground as tie-ups between small groups will boomerang rather than giving any political edge to parties like NC, PDP and Congress.

PDP as party and Mehbooba Mufti as leader are struggling hard for their political survival as they have confined themselves to few small pockets of Kashmir only, which proved beyond doubt that they have now turned out to be non steadily non relevant, Jasrotia said adding that Mehbooba Mufti should understand that hypocrisy in politics leads one nowhere and do reform to stay relevant.

Voters on ground want to listen to talk of progress not destruction and Mehbooba Mufti can't take them to further ride, he said.

One day visiting a temple, and on another day criticizing the majority community of this country type politics won't take Mehbooba Mufti much long.

The larger reality is that gone are the days when NC and PDP used to claim themselves as regional parties, representing all the three regions of the erstwhile State. The sooner Mehbooba Mufti understands reality better for her, Jasrotia said.

Varsha Pratipadha festival organised by Dr Hedgewar Memorial Trust



Dr. Hedgewar Smriti Nyas members performing Hawan.

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JAMMU: Varsha Pratipada festival was organized by Dr. Hedgewar Smriti Nyas at Keshav Bhavan, Ambphala, here on Thursday.

On this occasion, a Hawan was performed with the beginning of the Hindu New Year Vikrami Samvat 2080.

Along with this, the newly constructed second and third floors of Keshav Bhavan were also inaugurated by the top officials of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Jammu and Kashmir in the presence of the office bearers of Dr. Hedgewar Smriti Nyas.

On this occasion, Prant Sanghalak Dr. Gautam Mangi, Prant Karyawah Dr.

Vikrant Sharma, Prant Pracharak Rupesh Kumar, Prant Vabystha Pramukh Nagarmal Gupta and others were present.

The programme was inaugurated with Hawan and Puja Archana by Dr. Gautam Mangi, Prant Karyawah Dr. Vikrant Sharma, Prant Pracharak Rupesh Kumar, Prant Vabystha Pramukh Nagarmal Gupta etc.

A large number of eminent citizens and volunteers were also present on the occasion.

In their brief address, the office bearers of the Sangh gave good wishes to the entire society on the occasion of Hindu New Year Vikrami Samvat 2080 and wished for the bright future of the society, the UT and the country.

LFO-BHF organises Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Campaign



LFO-BHF members during awareness campaign in Julakha Mohalla, Jammu.

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JAMMU: LFO-BH Foundation (NGO) on Thursday organised a demonstrated awareness on "Menstruation - A Taboo In Society at a slum in Julakha Mohalla, Circular Road.

The main motive of this project is to create awareness on Menstrual Hygiene and to focus on the taboo related to it. Members of LFO-BHF (NGO) tried to clear the myths related to periods and focused on the facts related to it so that girls and women would feel free, mentally strong and proud of

their menstruation.

Navya, Vice President of Jammu Province, LFO-BHF, emphasised that "Women would have been the worst hit, as menstrual hygiene is very important to prevent infections. So, it is very important to maintain menstrual hygiene to avoid infections and most important is to spread maximum awareness about the importance of Sanitary Napkins. At any given time, girls across India cannot afford sanitary napkins. Instead they use cloth, other unhygienic materials that

increase their risk of contracting infections".

Babita (Volunteer of LFO-BHF) while showing concern said that in India, menstrual health is still considered a taboo subject, leaving women exposed to misinformation and myths associated with menstruation and we should do our best in clearing the myths and doubts related to this very topic.

Other volunteers present during the programme were Sahil, Shruti, Abhishek, Shubam, Samar, Neha, Tanya and Stuti.