

## IIT Jammu celebrates Chemical Engineering Day



Dignitaries at IIT Jammu during celebration of Chemical Engineering Day.

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JAMMU: In an unprecedented initiative to bring the giants of the Chemical Engineering academics and industry under one roof, the Chemical Engineering Department of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu celebrated the Chemical Engineering Day.

Dr HJ Pant, Scientist & Head of Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC); Dr Pranab Rakshit, Chief Manager, Research & Development, Bharat Petroleum Corporation

Limited (BPCL); Dr Deepak Kunzru, Dean, Graduate School & Research, Ahmedabad University; and Prof Sunando Dasgupta, Chemical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IITKGP), were the keynote speakers at the event.

The event commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony, followed by the facilitation ceremony of the keynote speakers by the Chief Guest, Dr Manoj Singh Gaur, Director IIT Jammu. Dr Manoj appreciat-

ed the efforts of the Chemical Department for such a ground-breaking initiative.

"Assuming complete ownership of our work has the power to transform the dynamics of any campus," mentioned the Director, before concluding his address.

Dr Yogesh M Nimdeo, Head of the Chemical Engineering Department (IITJMU), while expressing his gratitude to the esteemed gathering, gave an overview of the Department's developmental journey thus far and briefly touched upon the

future roadmap.

Dr HJ Pant shared his insights about production and application of radioactive isotopes for societal benefits like Healthcare, Agriculture & Food industry, and Water Resource Management. Dr Pranab Rakshit spoke about challenges and way-forward with Green Hydrogen Production and Utilisation of Captured Carbon. Dr Deepak Kunzru talked about Heterogeneous Reactions in Monolith Reactors for Process Intensification, and Prof Sunando Dasgupta talked about Interfacial Processes in Microfluidic Application.

The Idea Pitch Competition among students at the end revealed the extent of their entrepreneurial abilities, showcasing the depth of their talent. As a result of its innovative initiatives aimed at nation-building, IITJMU is earning accolades from the academic community in the region.

## PM Modi inspired countrymen to excel in Mann Ki Baat: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta welcoming newly joined members in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been inspiring the countrymen to do extremely well and shine in their respective fields through his regular programme Mann Ki Baat.

Kavinder was addressing an impressive gathering after listening to 99th episode of PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat pro-

gramme here at Ward No 74, Booth No. 44 falling in the Bathindi area.

Member Parliament Ghulam Ali Khatana also shared the dais with the former deputy chief minister during the Mann Ki Baat Programme.

Kavinder said that the Prime Minister has addressed almost all the segments of the society through this programme and today's episode was to encourage the womenfolk of the coun-

try to break all barriers and subjugations, and come forward to win the world with a strong resolve that Indian women are not behind anyone in the world.

Kavinder said that PM Modi has given examples of great Indian women achievers to boost the morale of womenfolk across the country so that more and more braveheart women can make the desired changes in the society.

The gathering was mainly of Muslim brethren living in the vicinity and after listening to the PM's Mann Ki Baat, many youngsters endorsed the idea of providing opportunities to the women to excel in life and become role models for others.

Khatana asked the people to take cue from the suggestions given by the Prime Minister from time to time because these suggestions are gist of the life experience of the premier of the country and are time tested.

He said that India is fortunate enough that it has Narendra Modi as its prime minister because his dynamic personality has steered the country to new heights of success. He said that people should continue to support the BJP for a promising future of the country.

Meanwhile, a large number of people joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jammu.

## Grand cultural Festival 'New Kashmir New Hope - Jashn E Jagti' organized Govt working for betterment of artists: Kavinder



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta along with others at a cultural programme.

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JAMMU: A grand cultural festival was organised in the Govt. Higher Secondary School, Jagti with a huge number of audience.

A grand show of Folk Festival (Hanze), Rouf Dance, Bach-e-Nagmeel, Kashmiri Chakri, Dogri Dance, Punjabi Dance was presented during the programme which enthralled the audience including the digni-

taries. Awards were given to top five talented students of Kashmiri Pandits community, few more awards to participants, information and felicitations were also given away by the Kavinder Gupta, Former Deputy Chief minister J&K.

Kavinder reiterated the importance of art & culture of Kashmir.

He further said that the

government is working for the betterment of all artists.

He assured for the similar cultural programmes in future, so that all artists renowned and new talent will get the chance to perform.

Gulzar Ahmed Bhat said that he is happy that the current government is keen to support the artists of J&K.

He also demanded for a cultural policy so that the artists are benefitted.

## BVP J&K Prant elects office bearers

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), J&K Prant in a meeting of its President, Secretary and Treasurer elected its office bearers for the year 2023-24.

Bharat Bhushan Sharma has been elected as President, Shiv Ram Sharma as General Secretary, Sunita Gupta as Secretary Finance in

presence of Manoj as central observer.

Earlier, outgoing General Secretary read out annual report for the year 2022-23 followed by word of gratitude by outgoing President who in his address laid emphasis on Samparpan.

Regional President North Dev Raj Sharma congratulated the new team.



BVP J&K Prant members during a meeting.

## Billawaria reviews condition of GHS Old Satwari



Dy Mayor Jammu, B.S Billawaria inaugurating Ayurvedic Medical Aid Camp.

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, on Sunday visited the Government High School Old Satwari here and took stock of the condition of the school.

He found that there are only five classrooms as compared to the eleven rooms that the school should have, along with a library and classroom teachers room that are all housed in the same room.

The Deputy Mayor expressed his concern over the condition of the school and assured the school authorities

that their genuine demands will be addressed soon.

He stated that the school should be repaired and upgraded as soon as possible so that the students can get a better learning environment.

He also directed the authorities to take necessary steps to ensure that the school is made functional and comfortable for the students.

Billawaria said that the development of educational infrastructure was a priority for the administration, and that the construction of the new building would provide better facilities to the students.

Billawaria is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure that the youth of Jammu have the skills and knowledge that they need to succeed in their chosen fields.

He also promised to provide all possible support to the school authorities for this purpose.

Later, Billawaria and President Nat Manch & Incharge Cultural Cell BJYM J&K Tarun Sharma inaugurated a Free Ayurvedic Medical Aid Camp at Lord Mahavira Playway School, Shiv Nagar, Jammu.

## CO IRP 11th Bn. sanctions welfare loan of Rs 6.5 lakh

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ANANTNAG: In order to meet out the emergent expenses of officers/officials and as welfare measure, Commandant IRP XI Bn. Anantnag on Sunday sanctioned Rs 6.5 lakhs welfare loan in favour of the personnel of the Battalion.

A meeting of the Battalion welfare Committee was held on under the chairmanship of Commandant IRP XI Bn, Sandeep Mehta for sanctioning the welfare loans for the year 2022-2023. A total of 21 applications were received and welfare loans sanctioned in favour of 19 eligible personnel.

A loan of Rs. 40000 each was sanctioned in favour of two personnel for their self marriage and a loan of Rs.40000 each in favour of five personnel for marriage of their dependants.

An amount of Rs 30000 to 40000 each was sanctioned in favour of nine personnel for treatment of their dependants / self treatment. One Case pertaining to higher education of the ward of an employee was also approved with the sanction of Rs 30000.

In addition to the above an amount of Rs 15000 each was sanctioned in favour of two personnel for meeting social obligations.

At the outset, the CO expressed satisfaction on the timely disbursement of the welfare loans as it helps in meeting such expenses of jawans without facing any difficulty.

He also informed participants about various welfare measures that are being taken by the Police Department for the welfare of the NOKs and all the Police units are committed to provide every possible assistance to the police families.

The officer reiterated that all grievances will be duly looked into and necessary steps will be taken for their timely redressal.

## IIPA J&K holds seminar on 'India's recent notice to Pakistan on IWT, its significance and background'



Dignitaries at a seminar held at IIPA J&K.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch (IIPA JKRB) organized a seminar on 'India's recent notice to Pakistan on Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), its significance and background' which was attended by eminent members from the civil society.

In his keynote address, Sant Kumar Sharma, a journalist and co-author of "Indus Waters-Issues, Concerns, Perspectives," discussed the historical development of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) and emphasized India's generosity towards Pakistan.

He explained that India has never invoked "Article 7" and "Article 12" of the IWT, but for the first time in six decades, India has invoked

Article 12(3), which calls for an amendment to the treaty.

Sharma highlighted three scenarios between the contending parties, India and Pakistan: no treaty, modifying the treaty, and the same treaty. The recent notice of modification has forced Pakistan to come to the negotiation table, allowing India to strategically maneuver the treaty in its favour. Therefore, Sharma

believed that modifying the treaty is the best option and scenario for India.

During his address, Dr. J. Jeganaathan, an Assistant Professor in the Department of National Security Studies at the Central University of Jammu, explained the context of the treaty and the various developments that have occurred over the past six decades leading to the issuance of the notice.

Dr. Jeganaathan also touched upon the role of the World Bank in the treaty's development and explained the treaty's dispute resolution mechanism. In conclusion, he stated that it is time to address Pakistan's intransigent behavior and take a closer look at the treaty.

B.R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Former Secretary, GOI & Former Chief Secretary J&K Chairman IIPA JKRB,

discussed the current state of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) and emphasized the need for interaction.

The seminar was attended by Ashok Motwani, Brig. Anil Gupta, Brig. Dhiman, Er. JBS Johar, Dr. C.M Seth, Er. M.M Gupta, Prof. Rekha Choudhary, Prem Gupta, Prof. Ashok Aima, Prof. Alka Sharma, Prof. Virender Koundal and students & scholars working in this area.

The welcome address was given by K.B. Jandial, IAS (Retd), Director Seminars IIPA JKRB and Lt Col (Retd) Karan Singh, the Joint Director of Seminars in Jammu, delivered a formal vote of thanks.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary IIPA JKRB.

## Sure Diagnostic Lab organizes homeopathic checkup camp



Doctor examining a patient during a camp.

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JAMMU: Sure Diagnostic specialized Lab organized a free homeopathic checkup in which Dr Shaktidhar Sharma DHMS Hons, Member LIGA, Award Winner Legends of Homeopathy Brilliance, rendered his services free of cost

with the team of doctors comprising of Dr Sunila Raina, Dr Rahat in collaboration with Lords Homeopathic Laboratories, New Delhi.

Around 80 patients were examined in the camp and free medication were distributed.

## Sonia Bhagat bags International Beauty Queen title

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JAMMU: Renowned Model of Jammu, Sonia Bhagat has set a world record by getting record number of Titles, Crowns,



National and International Awards and Certificates in a year. Her name has been registered in Forever Star Book of World Records. Sonia Bhagat also bagged Top Influential Beauty Queen of World and has bagged title 'International Beauty Queen' by Blissful Queens London. The event was organised by Roxanne Philsner, Managing Director of Blissful Queens London. Among 1000 entries, the selection committee selected 100 entries and Sonia Bhagat brought laurels to J&K by getting listed in top 100 Influential Beauty Queens of World. Sonia has won 12 National and International titles, 25 national and international awards and 32 certificates.

## Natrang presents Hindi comedy play 'Tauba-Tauba'



Natrang artists performing in a play.

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JAMMU: To commemorate World Theatre Celebrations, Natrang presented Hindi comedy play 'Tauba-Tauba' written by Rajinder Kumar Sharma and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu.

Coated with humor, the play presented some debatable issues which are faced by many theatre groups because of the lack of commitment of a few artists

which spoil the whole movement but still it was more inclined towards comedy than being didactic.

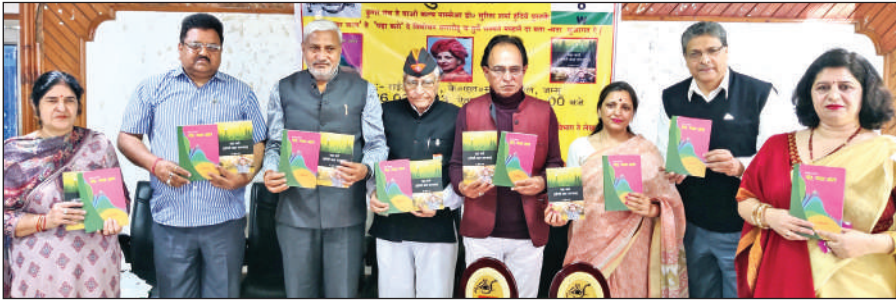
Natrang actors who performed in the play included Sheryaar Salaria, Sumit Bandaral, Palshin Dutta, Mihir Gujral, Amit Brahmi and Aadesh Dhar. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the sound was rendered by Kushal Bhat. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

## Sham for introducing Dogri in schools from elementary level

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JAMMU: Duggar Manch in collaboration with Vow Club inaugurated two Dogri novels of Dr Surita Sharma namely 'Moh-Maya-Jaal' and 'Pada-Karo' in presence former Minister and senior BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Goverdhan Singh Jamwal was the Special Guest and while Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, Incharge Nanaji Deshmukh Library was the Guest of Honour. Mohan Singh, President Duggar Manch and Balwinder Singh Pawar President Vow Club were also present during the function. Dr Surita Sharma has written 'Moh-Maya-Jaal' Dogri novel for youngsters and 'Pada-Karo' for children. She is the first female Dogri novelist to write a children novel. Prominent Dogri writer Shiv Dev Susheel has written preface for Moh Maya Jaal whereas Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra has written preface for Pada-Karo.

Appreciating effort of the author, Sham Sharma said



Senior BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma and other dignitaries releasing books.

that the work of the writer will help Dogri-speaking people of Jammu region to know more about the language besides encourage children and others to remain connected with their roots. He exhorted writers to work hard to promote Dogri language and culture.

Sharma stressed for awareness and unity among Dogras for upliftment of Dogri Language. He advocated inclusion of Dogri language as a compulsory subject in Government as well as private institutions of Jammu region from elementary level. Unless Dogri is included as a compulsory subject in the primary

schools, the sincere efforts of Dogri poets and writers can't be fruitful, he added.

Goverdhan Singh Jamwal called for introspection, saying if Dogri has to be preserved and promoted; the first prerequisite is use of mother tongue in regular interactions.

Padmashri Mohan Singh said that it is very important that females are writing Dogri novels however the number is not satisfactory, but, is adding in progressive manner. We should encourage more and more dogri female writers to write in this field, he added. The programme was conducted by Prof Shalini Ranaji. Others

who spoke on the occasion included Dr Surita Sharma, Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra and Balwinder Singh Pawar.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Pt Kundan Lal, Prof Sushma Sharma, Adv Naresh Salgotra, Adv Naresh Raina, Inderjeet Kesar, Ashok Angurana, Zorawar Singh, Usha Kiran 'Kiran', Dr Surita Khajuria, Rakesh Verma, Dr Sushama Rani, Dr Gharo Choudhary, Prof Raj Kumar Sharma, Dr Ashok Khajuria, T R Magotra, Randhir Singh Raipuria, Satya Pal Gadwalia, M R Jackson, Rajinder Ranjha and Roshan Bral.