

BSS J&K unveils Annual Calendar 2024-25, E-inaugurates Science Laboratories

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JAMMU: Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti (BSS) J&K unveiled its annual calendar 2024-25 on Monday in Narayan Bhawan Prant Samiti office in the presence of Vijay Nadda Sangathan Mantri Vidya Bharti Uttar Kshetar, Prof. Dr. Sudhir Singh Director Academics JKBOSE, Ved Bhushan Sharma President of the Samiti, Hari Bhushan General Secretary, Piaray Lal Pandita Treasurer, Ranjna Bajaj Secretary, Hari Saran Lalotra Joint Secretary and all members of the society and Prant Samiti office staff.

E-inauguration of three Science Laboratories was held in the Bau Rao Deoras Auditorium of Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Sr. Sec. School Ambphalla, by Pradeep Kumar, Vidya



BSS J&K members inaugurating Science laboratories.

Bharti Akhil Bhartiya CSR & Abhilekhagar Pramukh, Vijay Nadda, Ved Bhushan Sharma, in the presence of Prof. Sushil Kumar Pandey Cluster Head Jammu University, Sanjay Kulkarni and Manoj Nashirabadkar, members of HUM Trust Dombivli Mumbai, Hari Bhushan General Secretary of the Samiti was present at BVM

H.S. Hiranagar and Dr. Indu Bhushan and Subash Sharma at Dashmesh BVM H.S. Dashmesh Nagar.

HUM Trust Dombivli Mumbai took the initiative and with the support of Rajendra Shikshan Sansthan Mumbai, Omkar Education Society Mumbai and Tilak Nagar Ganesh Utsav Mandal Dombivli Mumbai.

The laboratories have been setup with all modern equipments in physics, chemistry and biology.

The e-inauguration setup was created by two young innovators namely- Ashish Sapolia and Achyut Mahajan students of our Sant Bal Yogeshwar Sr. Sec. School Dadwara, Phinter Billawar. Both the students were honoured by the Samiti on the occasion. Samir Krishan Saproo Off. Secretary highlighted the summary of the program and conducted the proceedings of the program.

Vijay Nadda said the calendar is prepared and managed and after it is unveiled it becomes our master as we have to go by the programs and activities mentioned in the same.

Director academics JKBOSE was overwhelmed

on seeing such initiative by the society he said that the members working on this planned system is highly appreciable and I am also lucky that I joined such occasion first time. He also said that Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti is supporting the education system in all areas.

Pradeep kumar highlighted the achievements of Vidya Bharti JK in recent past. He said that the Vidya Bharti JK is not only providing formal education but it lays thrust on social, cultural moral and technological aspects of the education.

Ved Bhushan Sharma shower his blessings and thanked all the invited guests present in both the programs especially HUM Trust Dombivli Mumbai who provided the material and helped in setup of such innovative Science Laboratories.

Dr Ritu Singh visits Army Public School Damana

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JAMMU: Dr Ritu Singh, daughter-in-law of the Royal family of J&K, founding Chairperson of the Women Wing of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) visited Army Public School Damana on Monday.

Accompanied by her mother, she was accorded a warm welcome by Mrs Pushpinder Kaur Principal APS Damana. Brig Vivek Puri, SM Chairman APS Damana, Ghina Vivek Puri, Chairperson FWO Chenab Bde and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. The visit began with the chanting of Sanskrit Shloka by Dr Ritu Singh for invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati lending an air of divinity.

In the benign ambience, she, along with other dignitaries, took a round of the school campus which included visit to Atal Tinkering Lab, English Language Lab, Sports Room, NDA Room,



Chairperson FICCI, Dr Ritu Singh interacting with students at APS Damana.

Art Room and other specific areas.

She also applauded the artistic manifestation of the students. The foremost idea of the visit is to seek motivation from the journey and vibrant persona of the Chief Guest. It also intended to serve a platform for the promotion of collaborative hubs of learning.

In the welcome address, Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana extended heartfelt welcome to the guests on behalf of the school fraternity. Dr Ritu Singh, in her address, con-

gratulated the school for excelling in Academics and Co-curricular fields. She further appreciated the work of the students in the Atal Tinkering Lab of the school and motivated them to stay focused about their aims and goals and always implement their creative ideas in an interesting and experiential way. She appreciated the resplendent array of projects and models prepared by students of APS Damana.

The visit culminated with the singing of National Anthem to mark the patriotic fervour.

Shiv Sena demands exemption of teachers from non-academic work



Shiv Sena Party State Chief Manish Sahni talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded that teachers should be allowed to remain teachers and educated unemployed youth should be given opportunity.

Party State Chief Manish Sahni along with Vice President Sanjeev Kohli met the Atal Dulloo Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir regarding the above demands and submitted a memorandum. Party state chief Manish Sahni said that voices of protest have been continuously raised regarding the posting of teachers on special duty. The Right to Education Act also prohibits teachers from doing any kind of non-academic work. Sahni said that teachers are performing an important responsibility. Those who are being forced to compromise with their real duty by getting entangled in other special duties.

Sahni said that it has been suggested to give such special duty to the educated unemployed youth, which can curb the increasing unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir to some extent.

JU organises two-day XXIII National conference of North West Indian Sociological Association

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JAMMU: The Department of Sociology, University of Jammu (JU) organised a two-day XXIII National conference of North West Indian Sociological Association in collaboration with Reasi and Ramnagar campus, JU on March 18 and 19, 2024 as one of the events to celebrate its 25th anniversary since its establishment in the year 1999.

The programme was inaugurated on Monday with great enthusiasm and anticipation for the insightful discussions and exchange of ideas that lie ahead.

The conference, titled "Marginalised communities in north-west India: emerging trends and challenges", brings together esteemed scholars, researchers, and students from around the nation to engage in thought-provoking deliberations on the evolving landscape of sociology and its impact on



Prof. Vishav Raksha, Head of the Department of Sociology JU with other dignitaries and faculty.

society.

In her welcome address Prof. Vishav Raksha, Head of the Department of Sociology and Convener shared the vision of the department and acquainted the delegates with the two-day programme.

"We are thrilled to mark this significant milestone in our department's history with a platform that fosters intellectual growth, community collaboration, and teaching innovation," she added while addressing the audience.

Prof. SL Sharma, the keynote speaker for the event elaborated on the multifarious dimensions of marginality ranging from dalits, to women to queer issues while emphasising its systemic and systematic nature.

Elucidating the role of state, he emphasised that much needs to be done to demarginalize these communities. Prof. Sukhdev Singh, President NWISA, in his presidential address briefed the audience about the working of North West

Indian Sociological Association and how the association has been working in the areas of contemporary issues and plans to take out the journal.

He dwelled upon the theme of the conference highlighting the works of other sociologists from North West India.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development who was the chief guest of the occasion appreciated the efforts of the Department of Sociology in organising the two day national conference

and also collaborating with Directors of Ramnagar and Reasi Campus and making the conference more inclusive with participation of their faculty members and students. Dr Hema Gandotra, Co-convenor and Associate Professor offered the formal vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

The inaugural session was conducted by Ms Kajal Kalsi, Assistant Professor, Dept of Sociology and the follow up symposium was conducted by Ms Diksha Nargotra, Lecturer, Dept of

Sociology. The symposium session was chaired by Prof. Paramjit Singh Judge, Former Professor, GNDU Amritsar and the speakers of the session were Prof Satish Sharma former Professor, HPU Shimla, Prof. Rekha Chowdhary, former Professor, University of Jammu and Prof. Vijaylakshmi Brara, Royal Global University, Guwahati. Around 200 delegates and students which included delegates from different states and various universities across India.

Prominent among those who were present included Prof J.P Singh Joorel, Prof Sangita Gupta, Prof Jasbir Singh, Prof S.K. Pandey, Prof Satnam Kour, Prof Vinod Sharma, Dr Suresh N Rao, faculty from the Department of Sociology, both Ramnagar and Reasi Campus, Psychology and Centre for Women's Studies, JU.

Congress stands as a beacon of hope in present scenario: Bhalla

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JAMMU: To boost its political activities and public outreach campaign, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Monday interacted with prominent persons of Greater Kailash area in Jammu South Assembly segment.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include General Secretary JKPC Satish Sharma, BDC Chairman Dalip Kumar, Block President Sanjeev Katal, Baldev Singh Wazir, Ajay Mahajan, Mohinder Sharma, Rakesh Chopra, JK Sharma, Sardar Sher Singh, Sardar Maneet Singh, Vijay Kundal, Neeraj Kumar and Varinder Mansotra.

Bhalla said, "In the prevailing uncertainty in Jammu and Kashmir,



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

Congress stands as a beacon of hope, with its leadership dedicated to bringing about a positive change here. Unlike other political parties, we do not aspire to attain power just to rule but to serve the people. We stand in support of the people of Jammu and Kashmir like a rock, as our mission is to protect their rights and ensure their prosperity and

well-being."

Bhalla urged people to support Congress so that it can implement its pro-people agenda to ensure a brighter future for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, "Congress Party's primary agenda is to ensure a permanent peace, enduring prosperity, and equivalent development in Jammu and Kashmir, and economic

and political empowerment of its people. We have vision, determination, and potential to bring about positive change in the region. We are committed to elevating J&K to new heights of prosperity and economic well-being."

Bhalla emphasized the importance of intensifying political activities among the cadre to maintain a close connection with the masses in their respective areas.

He said, "As the parliamentary elections draw near, it becomes imperative for us to actively engage with the public, ensuring that they

are well-informed about our agenda and policies. It is our duty to convey that Congress stands as the singular entity with a clear and unambiguous agenda dedicated to the welfare of the masses in Jammu and Kashmir. I strongly urge you to intensify your political and public outreach endeavours, fostering a continuous connection with the people."

Bhalla vowed that they are dedicated to bringing about a positive change in Jammu and Kashmir and will lift this place out of the prevailing uncertainty and miseries.

He said Congress is committed to ensuring the protection of the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and bringing them out of the miseries they have been facing for quite a long time.

Bhalla urged the party workers to remain active in order to strengthen the organisational set-up further.

Kashmir Advocates Association holds Elections Adv Waseem Gul secures second consecutive term as President



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SRINAGAR: Advocate Waseem Gul re-elected as the President of the Kashmir Advocates Association, triumphing over Advocate Mohammad Raffiq Sofi.

The contest also saw Advocate Mubashir Majid Malik re-emerging as the Vice President after prevailing over Adv. Sofi Owais. Similarly, the role of General Secretary was claimed by Adv. Jeetender Singh, who surpassed Advocate Wahid Lone in the election. President Waseem Gul reiterated his unwavering commitment to supporting the legal fraternity, particularly focusing on addressing the challenges encountered by junior lawyers. "I am resolute in my determination to confront the issues faced by our esteemed colleagues," he affirmed.

He pledged to organize comprehensive workshops aimed at enhancing professionalism among association members, thereby fostering a conducive environment for legal practice.

Assuring all members of the Kashmir Advocates Association, Gul expressed optimism that his re-election heralds a transformative phase under the new leadership.

The election process was meticulously overseen by Advocates Basharat Majid Khanday, MuzamilZahoor and Rozy Nabi.

In a parallel election for the post of Joint Secretary, Advocate Syed Adil Muneer Andrabi emerged victorious uncontested, highlighting the unity within the association. Additionally, Advocate Ashaq Hussain Mir clinched the position of Treasurer without facing any opposition. Similarly, Advocate Zahid Qais Noor was elected unopposed as the Coordinator, reflecting a consensus among members.

Waseem Gul expressed gratitude to Election Commissioner Advocate Basharat Majid Khanday and the entire team for their efforts in ensuring a fair, seamless, and transparent electoral process.

LSAC elects executive body, unveils vision for cultural promotion



LSAC members talking to reporters at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Lagan Society for Art and Culture (LSAC) held its executive body meeting and unveiled its memorandum during a special event organized by the society.

The Lagan Society for Art and Culture operating from the past six years, has been steadfastly dedicated to promoting the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the Jammu & Kashmir region.

With a mission to preserve and celebrate the artistic traditions of the state, the society has been actively engaged in various cultural initiatives.

Speaking to the media, Adv. Sandeep Gupta (Patron, LSAC) expressed profound gratitude and pride on behalf of the executive members.

He highlighted the momentous occasion of the society's registration under the Society Registration Act of Jammu & Kashmir.

This official recognition signifies a new chapter for the society, empowering it to pursue its cultural objectives with greater vigor and legitimacy, Adv. Sandeep said.

The elected executive body comprises dedicated individuals committed to advancing

the society's mission. Looking ahead, the Lagan Society for Art and Culture pledges to intensify its efforts in promoting and preserving the diverse cultural heritage of Jammu & Kashmir.

Through collaborative projects, cultural events and community engagement initiatives, the society aims to enrich the cultural fabric of the region and foster a deeper appreciation for its artistic traditions.

On the occasion, Rajesh Kumar Verma (President, LSAC), Suresh Dogra (Vice-President, LSAC), Girdhari Lal (General Secretary), Sonia Dogra (Treasurer), Rohit Bains (Publicity Secretary), Dr. Atyant Shobna Sharma (Advisor), Sunil Mahajan (Advisor), Suresh Kumar (Joint Secretary), Shubham Mannar (Media Incharge), Anil Kumar (Advisor), Yash Paul Yash (Renowned Writer & Composer), Vikas Khajuria (Media Incharge) were present.

Job oriented skill development programmes inaugurated at IIM

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JAMMU: As part of CSIR Integrated Skill Initiatives, two job-oriented skill development programmes under the theme "Industrial Microbiology" and "Cloning and Protein Expression" commenced at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu, here today, in which, 50 participants drawn from all over India, including states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Bihar, Goa, Ladakh and U/T of Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. Kuldeep Krishan Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Himalayan University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, was the chief guest at the inaugural event. While addressing the participants on the occasion, Prof.



A dignitary lighting ceremonial lamp at IIM Jammu.

Sharma appreciated the efforts of the organization for conducting such types of hands-on training for youngsters, which would indeed have a significant impact on their career and job opportunities. Highlighting the initiatives of skilling laid down in the New Education Policy 2020,

he underscored the need of imparting practical viz-a-viz hands-on-training so that, the trainees obtain the real skill which will immensely benefit them. He also advised the young participants to work hard to excel in their lives, irrespective of the area or field they adopt to make their career.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIM in his address to the participants, spoke about the legacy of IIM and the present-day major R&D and Societal Mission Programmes being implemented here. He also informed that the team of scientists at CSIR-IIM besides having focus on core research on various disease areas, has been executing societal mission programmes such as the CSIR Aroma Mission, Floriculture Mission, Sickle Cell Anaemia Mission, which have a direct relation with the local economy.

Er. Abdul Rahim, Head, RMBD&IST division gave insights into the CSIR Integrated Skill Initiative. Dr. Asha Chaubey, Head of Fermentation Technology Division and Dr. Kuljit

Singh, Scientist, Infectious Diseases Division, who are the coordinators of these programmes, shared the workshop modules, being conducted back-to-back. Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. Sumit Gandhi, Head, Infectious Diseases Division, introduced the chief guest to the participants and presented an outline of the three days programmes.

The workshops are being organized under the patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIM and the supervision of Er Abdul Rahim. Dr. Nasir-ul-Rasheed, senior scientist assisted in the coordination. Arushe Tickoo conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session and Dr. Nasir ul Rasheed presented a formal vote-of-thanks.