

JKSAC stages protest, demands lifting of ban on transfer of lands

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KATHUA: Despite of imposition of section 144, Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) Unit Distt. Kathua held a massive protest at Bhagat Singh park, led by its President Bhushan Sharma demanding immediate lifting of ban on transfer of lands under govt. order No. 254-C of 1965. The protestors strongly condemned the UT Govt. for its criminal silence and failure in projecting the legitimate DP's issues to the central govt. for full and final settlement. Lateron they also submitted a detailed Memorandum to Lt. Governor Manoj K. Sinha through Deputy Commissioner Kathua.

While addressing the protesting DP's, Bhushan Sharma alongwith other prominent leaders namely Dr. Paramjeet Kumar, Ashok Sharma, Gyani Harjeet Singh, Darshan Kumar, Amarjeet Singh and K.C. Prasher said that Lt. Governor and Secy. Revenue



JKSAC members staging protest at Kathua.

have been appealed many time by JKSAC through letters and personal audience to exclude the quantum of state lands allotted to DP's of 1947 from the negative list before sending the same to the agencies authorized by govt. for registration while marking the entire state land in the negative list. He apprised the protesting DP's that under the govt. rehabilitation policy, besides evacuee lands, the state lands were also allotted to DP's as the quantum of evacuee lands available was insufficient to accommodate all the DP families as per the govt. pre-

scribed scale. He maintained that full proprietary rights were conferred upon DP's as per the Govt. order no 254-C of 1965.

He further said that it is unfortunate that without proper application of mind the govt. ordered the registration authority not to transfer the state land allotted to DP's after its sale and purchase with the argument that land was allotted to them only for cultivation and not for sale. He said that once the proprietary rights has been granted to DP's the govt. has no legal standi to interfere in the matter as

being the owner, the option lies with the DP's to use their land as per the needs of their families. He further informed the govt. that with the passage of seven decades period the original DP families has increased many folds and land allotted also divided accordingly among the legal share holder. He said that one can easily imagine that how a family can survive by cultivating marginal pieces of land. The arguments put forth by govt. in this regard is devoid of justification and logic. He further apprised the protesting DP's that Section-4 of the Agrarian Reform Act

1976 in clear term provides that sub-section (I) of the Act does not apply to the lands mentioned in Schedule - II of the Agrarian Reform Act i.e. State lands as well as Evacuee land allotted to DP's. So the question of self cultivation does not arise and after being granted proprietary rights the option lies with the DP's to use their small pieces of land as per their needs. The matter has been clarified by Revenue Deptt. twice with the observation that the order is very clear and there is no such restriction which can stop the transfer of land allotted to DP's and further referred the matter to Revenue Board for early redressal. He appealed to Hon'ble Lt. Governor Sh. Manoj K. Sinha and Dr. Jatinder Singh to intervene in the matter by issuing advisory to Sh. Shaleen Kabra, Chairman Revenue Board to convene the meeting of members of the board to take decision as per the spirit of the said order to save the DP's from further harassment and humiliation.

SPPND GDC Samba wins first prize in best practices at GOONJ-2024

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SAMBHA: SPPND Government Degree College, Samba has achieved a remarkable feat by clinching the first prize in Best Practices Event under the College Category at Goonj - 2024, a Mega Youth Festival organised by the University of Jammu. The college presented its three best practices among others. The first best practice i.e. Skill India: Koshal Bharat, Kushal Bharat highlighted the innovative initiatives taken by college i.e. training of students in Bamboo Handicrafts and Calico Printing. The said initiatives aimed to promote local art and strengthen employability skills in students. The second best practice, Veerta ki Annol Dhaara: Shaheedon ko Naman, highlighted the initiative wherein 18 families of war martyrs from Samba tehsil were honoured by dedicating a Veeron Ki Vatika in the college premises. The event aimed at paying a respectful homage to those brave



Students of GDC Samba during the festival.

hearts who sacrificed their lives in the service of motherland during various gun battles. The third best practice, Atithi Devo Bhava: Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, a spectacular initiative by the institution wherein the college housed Amarnath Pilgrims for a week. Students and staff of the college offered warm hospitality and ensured a comfortable stay to them. As a best practice, the college endeavors to enthuse, engage and empower our fellow men and women towards building a united and inclusive community and serving

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During the competition, the college was allocated a display stall to showcase their best practices in the initial round which was further shortlisted for a power point presentation and finally emerged as the winner. Furthermore, the College demonstrated its versatility and talent by participating in various competitions including Skit, Group Dance, Rangoli and Eloction. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri applauded the hard work and dedication exhibited by the entire team.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Expenditure Observer reviews election preparedness



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RAMBAN: Taking concerted steps to ensure the seamless conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, Expenditure Observer for the 04-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, Satyanarayana Raju Bhupathi, led a crucial meeting today in Ramban.

The meeting provided a platform for extensive interaction among the Nodal Officers responsible for overseeing Election Expenditure monitoring across the district Ramban, an integral part of the 04-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency.

District Election Officer Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, delivered a comprehensive briefing through PowerPoint presentation to the Expenditure Observer, outlining the preparations made and the teams assembled to monitor compliance with the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and expenditure of the candidates/parties.

The Expenditure Observer meticulously reviewed the preparations and the status of teams on an assembly constituency-wise basis. He stressed the paramount importance of maintaining updated

records and adhering strictly to the guidelines outlined by the Election Commission of India for expenditure booking.

Emphasizing the significance of dedication to duty, he highlighted the necessity of seamless coordination among various teams for effective expenditure oversight. He asked the nodal officers to promptly document any instances of MCC violation and inform the election authorities without delay.

Expressing his satisfaction with the election preparations in Ramban district, the Expenditure Observer commended the concerted efforts of all involved.

The meeting was attended by several key officials, including SSP Ramban Amuj Kumar, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ARO Ramban-AC-54 (ACR) S. Harpal Singh, ARO Banihal -AC-55 (SDM) Rizwan Asgar, Deputy District Election Officer Abdul Jabar, ACP Ramban Ashfaq Khanji, DTO Ramban Deepak Gupta, Nodal Officers, among others.

Two-day workshop on 'Drone Technology' commences at JU's Bhadarwah Campus

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BHADARWAH: The Department of Computer Science & IT, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, in collaboration with iHUB Divya Sampark IIT Roorkee (A Joint venture of IIT Roorkee and DST Government of India) and technically supported by the "Jammu and Kashmir ACM Professional Chapter," has launched a Two-Day Workshop on "Drone Technology and its applications."

The workshop commenced today at the Computer and IT Bhaderwah Campus, drawing nearly 200 participants from various educational institutions, departments of Bhaderwah Campus, officials and jawans from the Indian Army, and the teaching and non-teaching staff.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice



Chancellor University of Jammu, extended his commendations to the Bhaderwah Campus for organizing this workshop on a topic of significant importance. He expressed his hope that participants would actively engage, share knowledge, and utilize this platform to enhance their understanding of Drone Technology.

The Chief Guest for the occasion, Harvinder Singh, Deputy Commissioner Doda, extended his con-

gratulations to the Bhaderwah Campus for orchestrating such an event on a topic of paramount importance. He elaborated on the myriad benefits that drone technology offers in the contemporary era, emphasizing its significance in various sectors.

The Rector of Bhaderwah Campus and Patron of the workshop Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel in his message conveyed his appreciation to the Department of

Computer Science & IT for spearheading this workshop. He underscored the workshop's role in equipping participants with valuable insights into drone technology. "This workshop promises to be an enriching experience, providing participants with valuable insights and practical knowledge in the field of drone technology," he added.

Sunil Kesar, Superintendent of Police (SP) Operation Doda, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. He delivered a comprehensive discourse on the importance of drone technology, particularly in addressing security concerns. He emphasized the pivotal role drones play in current circumstances and highlighted their significance in ensuring safety and security.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas, the

Convener of the workshop, provided a detailed outline of the workshop's agenda through an insightful presentation. He emphasized that the workshop covers a diverse range of topics, including Introduction to Drone Technology, Drone Hardware and Software, Safety and Regulations, Hands-on Drone Flying Sessions, Applications in Agriculture, Aerial Photography and Videography, Search and Rescue Operations, Infrastructure Inspection, Environmental Monitoring, and Future Trends and Career Opportunities. Dr. Abid Sarwer, Co-Convener of the Workshop, delivered a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, collaborators, and sponsors for their unwavering support and contributions towards making the workshop a success.

Narayana Hospital touches milestone of 50 successful cochlear implant surgeries

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KATRA: As a manifestation of its zeal to reach out to the society through immense clinical acumen, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Superspecialty Hospital, Katra (SMVDNSH) performed Cochlear Implant Surgeries of 6 more children; transiting the broods to world of hearing and listening. The surgeries included a 2.5 year old child who underwent a bilateral surgery (both ear). Dr. Rohan Gupta, Consultant ENT who performed the surgeries, under the guidance of Dr. Sunil Kotwal, shared that sustained awareness campaigns launched by Hospital in various areas of the region were a prelude to the actual performance of cochlear surgeries. He added that 7surgeries performed on the



Teams of doctors along with operated patients.

instant occasion synchronized with World Hearing day (3rd March) and were completely successful in terms of envisaged outcome.

With these surgeries performed in March, 2024, the SMVDNSH

has landed in the elite territory of few selected Hospitals of the Country who have achieved this rare milestone. Sh. Mathwan, Facility Director of Hospital sated that this achievement is a result of

tremendous over the years support of the Shrine Board (29 of the 50 surgeries including 6 instant surgeries in reference have been sponsored by the Board). Besides, these are also an indicative of high level clinical expertise and patient care, for which the Hospital is known in the entire region.

Dr. Rohan Gupta also shared that despite lack of awareness, misconception and other challenges specifically associated with our region, in the last 6 months alone, as many as 4 Bilateral CI surgeries have been performed by him (a few of which posed lot of clinical challenges). The fact that parents have now started approaching in vis-a-vis larger numbers is reflective of a definite improvement in the mindsets

prevalent hitherto before.

The marketing team of Shrine Board's Hospital has been making yeoman efforts for quite some time to sensitize the parents about debilitating effect of hearing loss on overall development of an individual; pleading them to avail treatment at young age of the child.

Dr. Gopal Sharma, CAO, SMVDNSH lauded the valuable role of Shrine Board towards eradication of deafness from the Society and extending hope of a better future to the parents of numerous deaf children of young age. He added that the CEO Shrine Board has always been supportive of any philanthropic proposals projected to him and has directed several new steps in this regard in the recent past.

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A panel discussion was also held on "Industry 4.0: Challenges and Preparedness in India". The experts gave their statements and discussed the challenges being faced in the implementation of Industry 4.0 in India. A number of challenges and opportunities were discussed for its successful implementation. Apart from the six experts, students pursuing MBA program were also the panellists in the panel discussion. Dr Deepak Jain, Organising Secretary presented concluding remarks of the panel discussion.

God is in all, but he is also the most different: Swami Vishwatamanand



Swami Vishwatamanand delivering religious sermons.

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NOWSHERA: A week-long "Shrimad Bhagwat Tatva Gyan Yagya" (Bhagwat Katha) was culminated at Ram Bagh Mandir, Ward no 6, Bishnah with full zeal, religious fervour and gaiety. Scores of devotees from surrounding areas gathered during the seven days programme to listen to the divine acts of lord Krishna and true meaning behinds his divine acts. The programme was commenced on 15th of this month and concluded on 22nd of March under the supervision of His Holiness Atal Pithadishwar Rajguru Maharaj.

Swami started the katha by saying that by listening the Bhagwat Katha, one can change his way of life to large extent. Swami further said that our expressions only give birth to falsehood and makes the world untrue ultimately. To carry forward the story, Swamiji said that God is in all, but he is also the most different, he is with us every moment. During the entire function, Swami, the main orator of the katha, explained each and

every aspect of the life history of Lord Krishna with the help of various characters who played different roles like Vaman, Sudama, Kansa, Raasleela accordingly.

Various incidents like description of curse to King Parikshit, arrival of Guru Sukhdevji, description of origin of Brahmaji, description of Lord's pastimes and description of Sukhdevji's solution to free King Parikshit from the curse, pastimes of Shri Krishna and the purification of the conscience, including giving the darshan of Krishna's form to mother Yashoda and Vasudevji, and the killing of Putana, Kansa were described. The pride of the Gopis and God's inner meditation and again Krishna Bhava was generated in the hearts of the Gopis and incidents like Maharaaslika, description of Sudama Ji Maharaj, King Parikshit being freed from the curse, message by Shri Krishna to the Gopis were also described by Shri Swami ji during the week long Katha. On the concluded day, a Langer was organised at the premises in which large numbers of devotees took parshad and also paid their full obeisance towards Swami.

World Forestry Day celebrated

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REASI/POONCH: 21 March is observed as International day of Forests. To increase awareness about the importance of forest and trees in our lives and considering the manifold benefits of trees, an awareness lecture and tree plantation drive was organized by Indian Army on 'World Forestry Day' at Chassana & Sangiot. The tree plantation drive encouraged the residents to plant trees and prevent deforestation and understand the importance of trees in our lives.

Management Conclave organised at School of Business SMVDU

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KATRA: The Management Conclave 2024 entitled, "Sambandh" themed 'Growth with Sustainability' organised by the School of Business, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The Chief Guest of the inaugural function Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU highlighted the importance of linking the academic programs with corporate in today's world. He emphasized on inbibing entrepreneurial traits within students for economic growth and corporate development. Prof. Ashutosh Vashistha, Dean, Faculty of Management highlighted the relevance of Indian ethos in working environment and corporates. Prof. Supran Kumar Sharma, Coordinator of the program described the different management principles to be followed to enhance teamwork. Prof. Jyoti Sharma, Head, School of Business laid down emphasis on how such programs help



Members of management during conclave at Katra.

in transition of students from classroom learning to experiential learning.

The six plenary sessions were conducted in which experts delivered talks on diverse aspects of the requisite theme. The different experts include Mr. Ashutosh Bajaj, State Head at Reliance Jio, who talked about sustainable growth in the field of corporate sector and further discussed the involvement of technology and AI in the current business scenario that contributes to societal upliftment. The next expert, Mr. Vidya Bhushan, Co-founder and COO, Dalchini

Technologies, Delhi, pointed towards critical thinking that may lead to design innovations and reiterated that questioning anything and everything will help to survive in the market for long. Mrs. Kanika Nag, Digital Marketer, IBM, Bangalore, highlighted the requirement to maintain individual life philosophy with a suggestion to be kind towards the environment and the people around. Mr. Vinod Prakash Baxla, GM, HR, PowerGrid Jammu, highlighted the contribution of the power sector in the economic development with an

emphasis on India becoming a carbon neutral power generator by 2050. Mr. Naren Karunakaran, Consultant, SBBID, IIM Jammu enlightened students on circular economy, mitigation and adaptation. The sixth expert, Mr. Ankush Gupta, HR, Business Partner, Ernst and Young, pointed towards the role of analytics in problem solving and shared his experience with respect to growth, sustainability and contribution of management graduates in economic development. Dr. Syeda Shazia Bukhari, Co-organising Secretary, SMVDU, deliv-

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