

## GHSS Kathar Manwal organizes industrial visit for students

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JAMMU: An industrial visit was organized for students from the 6th to 8th grades of Govt Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Kathar Manwal, aimed at providing practical exposure to two essential institutions within their community: The Railway Station Manwal and Punjab National Bank Manwal.

The objectives were to familiarize students with the operations of these institutions, their societal roles, and to promote experiential learning outside the classroom.

The visit commenced under the supervision of Principal Vandana Gupta, along with Vocational Teacher Anil Gagan and other staff members.

Upon arrival at Railway Station Manwal, the students were greeted by station personnel who guided



GHSS Kathar Manwal students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

them through various sections, including ticket counters, waiting areas, and platform facilities.

Students observed the functioning of the station, ticketing procedures, and the significance of punctuality in railway schedules. Furthermore, they learned about safety measures and the pivotal role of railway staff in ensuring passenger welfare.

Subsequently, the group proceeded to Punjab National Bank Manwal where students were intro-

duced to fundamental banking services, encompassing deposit and withdrawal procedures, ATM facilities, and the importance of financial prudence.

Bank staff conducted informative sessions on financial literacy tailored to the students' understanding levels, stressing the importance of maintaining savings accounts and comprehending basic financial transactions.

The visit provided students with a practical understanding of essential institutions

in their locality, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications.

Interactions with railway personnel and bank staff encouraged students to engage with members of their community, fostering a sense of belonging and civic responsibility.

Experiencing firsthand the operations of the railway station and bank facilitated experiential learning, enhancing students' retention and comprehension of concepts beyond the

classroom.

The industrial visit to Railway Station Manwal and Punjab National Bank Manwal proved to be a valuable educational experience for students of.

It provided them with practical insights into the functioning of significant institutions, promoting experiential learning and fostering a deeper connection to their community. Such initiatives contribute to holistic education by supplementing academic curriculum with real-world experiences, preparing students to be informed and responsible citizens.

The school extended gratitude to the management and staff of Railway Station Manwal and Punjab National Bank Manwal for their hospitality and informative sessions, which greatly enriched the learning experience of the students.

## 'Govt should not discriminate Rehbars of Ladakh and JKUT'

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JAMMU: Narinder Chib of All Jammu and Kashmir Rehbar-e-Khel teachers, highlighted several key points and concerns regarding the discrepancy in monthly honorarium between Rehbars of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) and Ladakh Union Territory.

Addressing the press conference, Narinder Chib highlighted the disparity in treatment between Rehbars of the two Union Territories despite being engaged under the same policy. He emphasized that while the UT Administration of Ladakh had significantly increased the monthly honorarium of Rehbars, those in JKUT were left with a much lower increase.



Rehbar-e-Khel teachers addressing a press conference.

Chib stressed the need for equality in monetary benefits for all Rehbars. Harish Choudhary commended the UT Administration of Ladakh for the step taken to enhance the monthly honorarium and urged the JKUT Administration to follow suit.

He questioned why there was a difference in benefits when the policy, recruitment process, and appointment procedures were the same for all Rehbars. Sanjeev Sharma echoed the sentiment, appealing to the government not to discriminate between Rehbars of Ladakh and JKUT. He called for the implementation of the same order that was passed by the Ladakh Administration in JKUT.

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## Once again strengthen hands of Modi Govt in LS elections: Billawaria



Senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria at a workers' meeting in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria on Friday held a series of meetings with the workers and took stock of the political preparations for the Lok Sabha elections at Kunjwani, Jallo Chak, Greater Kailash, Dharap, Sainik Colony in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that BJP workers have always taken the lead in strengthening the party and it is expected that in the Lok Sabha elections also the party cadre will contribute in

strengthening the BJP which will help in forming the BJP government in Jammu and Kashmir.

He asked the people to once again strengthen the hands of Modi government in the Lok Sabha elections so that the fifth of 60 years which has not been cleaned in the last ten years, will be completely cleaned in the coming time by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said that people have shown confidence in Modi's guarantee and the slogan of crossing 400 has not been given by BJP, but the people of the country themselves are saying

"Ab Ki Baar 400 Paar".

He also appealed to the BJP activists to work hard to bring the BJP government to the Center in the Lok Sabha elections.

Mandal President Ranjit Singh appealed to everyone to follow the upcoming party programs enthusiastically.

BJP Mandal General Secretary Jyoti Prakash Sharma, Ajay Pratap Singh, Mandal-in-charge Shalu Gupta, Vice President Rajinder Singh Popi, Suriender Singh, Mulkh Raj and all Mandal officers, bearers and Shakti Kendra Pramukh were present.

## 21-day Medical Laboratory Techniques Training Course concludes at JU

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JAMMU: The 21-day intensive training course on "Medical Laboratory Techniques," organized by the Skill Innovation Incubation Centre (SIIEDC) in collaboration with the School of Biotechnology and Health Centre at the University of Jammu (JU), concluded here on Friday with a grand valedictory function and certificate distribution ceremony at the seminar hall of the School of Biotechnology.

Prof. Naresh Padha was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIEDC, Prof. Sanjana Koul, Director School of Biotechnology, Dr. Garima Gupta, Coordinator Skill Development and Career planning, Dr. Bharat Bhushan CMO Health Centre, Dr. Ankit Mahajan, Course Coordinator and Dr. Saloni Mahajan, Course Co-Coordinator besides faculty and students were present on the occasion.



JU faculty and students on the conclusion of training course.

ent on the occasion.

Prof. Naresh Padha commended SIIEDC for organizing such valuable programs and encouraged the continuation of such initiatives in the future. He extended his congratulations to all involved and urged them to persist in offering similar courses.

He said, "There is an urgent need to incorporate skill courses in the curriculum as given in the new National Education Policy and the University of Jammu is committed to make the University a hub of skill courses for contemporary elements and better employability

of the students."

Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIEDC shared the measures which SIIEDC is taking in order to bring more skill courses to the students.

She elaborated on SIIEDC's mandate and its efforts in developing skill development, innovation, incubation, and entrepreneurship.

Earlier, the valedictory function commenced with opening remarks by Dr. Ankit Mahajan, who briefed the audience about

the course's relevance, schedule, and techniques.

He shared that the course was divided in 2 categories, first one in which students were trained in the DNA diagnostics techniques including DNA extraction from blood,

Qualitative and quantitative analysis of DNA, Amplification of Human gene, PCR primers designing using UCSC genome browser; Genotyping using RT PCR, Expression studies using RT PCR, Sanger Sequencing

of DNA. The 2nd part included biochemical and haematological diagnostic techniques in which they were taught how to work on a semi-automated analyser to carry out tests like Lipid profile, Renal Function tests, Liver Function tests, Hb determination, TLC and DLC determination.

Dr. Garima Gupta presented welcome address, highlighting the significance of skill education and SIIEDC's role in promoting it. She talked about the various courses that are being offered by the skill vertical and that the students should enroll in an order to increase the confidence.

Dr. Saloni Mahajan extended a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters for their contributions to the success of the training course.

## One Week Faculty Development Program on Skill Development concludes at CUJ

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JAMMU: The UGC-Malaviya Mission 'Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Central University of Jammu (CUJ) successfully completed a comprehensive Faculty Development Program (FDP), under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

It was designed to offer an in-depth orientation and sensitization on Skill Development, aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's objectives.

During the valedictory session, Chief Guest Prof. Suram Singh, Dean Academics, congratulated the organizing team and highlighted University's commitment to implementation and promoting skill development in contemporary education.

Prof. Rishi Raj Sharma of Guru Nanak Dev University, Gurdaspur, was Guest of Honour and joined virtually in the event. He congratulates the whole team of MMTTC



Prof. Suram Singh, Dean Academic with other faculty.

Central University Jammu for successfully organizing the FDP.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of UGC-MMTTC, CUJ, in her welcome address, informed that for this FDP we receive 130 registrations from Faculty members of various educational institutions from 63 universities across the country. 60% of the participants were male and 40% were females. 68% of the participants were at Assistant professor Level. About 60% of the participants are teaching in professional programmes. Out of which about 50% are from

Hotel & Tourism Management and 30% from Engineering & Technology background.

Dr. Akshay Kumar, Deputy Director of UGC-MMTTC, CUJ presents a brief background about the theme of FDP. He also informed that the FDP was extended into 16 sessions and 16 esteemed resource persons from various institutes and of various fields deliver their precious talk to the participants.

Formal vote of thanks to all the guests and participants was presented by program coordinator Dr. Amit Gangotia.

## People from disadvantaged sections biggest beneficiaries of govt schemes: Ritika

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JAMMU: The people of India have made up their minds to give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a third term and BJP would win the 2024 Lok Sabha polls with a bumper majority. This was stated by Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan while continuing her door-to-door campaign in favour of Jugal Kishore in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

Ritika said that BJP cadre is working with renewed vigour and confidence to reach out to new voters and win their confidence to ensure the party's return to power in the Lok Sabha elections with a stronger mandate.

She said the nation will now have to dream big and make big resolutions to



Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan with others at a meeting.

make India a developed country by 2047. She slammed the opposition, particularly the Congress, saying it lacked the courage to take on the BJP ideologically or on the basis of principles. She said every country across the world is now keen to forge a deeper relationship with India under the influence of PM Modi Govt. She said fulfilling the

dreams of erases of women, poor and youth is his mission. Ritika claimed, "I have visited various parts of J&K and have realized that BJP will win all five parliamentary seats in J&K and Modi will become the Prime Minister for a third consecutive term". She said when the Modi government came to power for the first time in

2014, 60 crore people had no bank accounts, 10 crore people had no access to toilets and three crore people had no electricity connections. The Modi government has given all of them access to banks, toilets, free food, electricity and gas connections, she said. Not only that, externally, if there is a problem in the world, other leaders look towards Modi

and what he thinks and what he believes, Ritika said. Ritika said the Covid-19 pandemic was handled very efficiently by the Modi government and it successfully inoculated all citizens of the country. She said there is 70 per cent drop in violence in Jammu and Kashmir. Besides these, She said, under the Modi government, Article 370 was scrapped, Ram temple is being built and issues related to the Triple Talaq resolved.

She said people from disadvantaged sections like SCs, STs and OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of his government's welfare schemes as she accused the previous Congress dispensations of neglecting them and never appreciating their role in the country's progress.

## Only BJP can fulfill aspirations of J&K people: Sham Langer

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Langer, Convener of BJP Trade Cell, Jammu and Kashmir, today underscored the unwavering commitment of BJP to the development and progress of the people in the Union Territory.

In a statement issued here today, Sham Langer emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have placed their hopes and aspirations in the BJP, recognizing it as the sole entity capable of realizing their dreams. He reiterated the BJP's dedication to the principle of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas" (Together with All, Development for All), emphasizing the party's pledge to deliver development directly to the doorsteps of the masses. He remarked, "People have realized that only BJP can fulfill their dreams and aspirations," highlighting the trust reposed by the people in the party's vision for the region.

Furthermore, Langer emphasized the BJP's unwavering resolve to safeguard national interests, contrasting it with the perceived opportunism of rival parties. He stated, "BJP is the only party which has the 'will and spine' to protect national interest," condemning the tendency of other parties to compromise principles for electoral gain. Langer underscored the BJP's commitment to providing a "healing touch" to the underprivileged and pledged to continue this legacy. Drawing attention to the transformative initiatives undertaken by the Central Government, particularly those concerning Jammu and Kashmir, Sham Langer outlined the remarkable achievements realized under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Notable accomplishments cited by him included the establishment of premier institutions such as AIIMS, IIT, and IIM, as well as infrastructural developments such as bridges, hydroelectric projects, and the expansion of Jammu Airport.

Sham Langer further highlighted key projects such as the Expressway, Ring Road project, and the development of the Jammu Zoo, underscoring the unprecedented pace of development witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir under BJP leadership. "The sort of development J&K has witnessed in these ten years surpasses anything seen in the last more than 70 years in the country," he remarked, reflecting on the transformative impact of BJP governance in the region.

## Team RTO Jammu inspects Buses fleet of K C Public School



RTO Jammu team inspecting buses fleet of KCPS.

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JAMMU: Motor Vehicle Department Jammu on the directions of Secretary Transport J&K Niraj Kumar conducted safety audit of school buses at K.C. Public School on Friday.

The drive was conducted at K.C. Public School for road safety audit of its buses fleet which are being used for ferrying school children.

The team was constituted by RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra, and comprised of ARTO HQ Rehana Tabassam, along with team of M.V.I.s Vikas Srivats, Surinder Kumar and Jagandeep Singh and

M.V.T.A Tarunjeet conducted safety audit of more than 35 vehicles inside the premises of school which included thorough inspections of each bus and more than 10 vehicles were inspected on road and trial ground Nagrota.

The team conveyed the few deficiencies pertaining to fitness of vehicles, other documents besides mandatory parameters pertaining to safety of school children in each vehicle conveyed to authorities and directed to rectify the deficiencies immediately and submit the compliance within 10 days positively.

K.C. Public School has been selected for the audit

due to its large fleet of buses that transport students to and from school every day.

K.C. Public School is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its students and welcomes the safety audit as an opportunity to strengthen their transportation practices.

The school has a zero-tolerance policy for any violations of safety regulations and cooperated with the RTO officials during the audit process.

Parents and students can rest assured that every precaution is being taken to guarantee a safe and secure transportation experience for all students at K.C. Public School. The school remains dedicated to providing a nurturing and secure learning environment for its students, both in and out of the classroom.

Chairman Raju Chowdhary and Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra appreciated the initiative of the Motor Vehicle Department and assured it for the full and timely necessary compliance.

## Rejuvenate Annual Jammu Festival/Duggar Festival across all districts of Jammu region: Charak



DSS President G S Charak addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Th. Gulchaim Singh Charak, President of Dogra Sadar Sabha and former Cabinet Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, while addressing a press conference, highlighted the importance of Dogra culture, the Dogri language, and the ethos of communal harmony encapsulated in the saying 'lamb and lion, both drinking water from the same pond', attributed to Raja Jambulochan, the founder of the capital city of Jammu.

He emphasized the need for a concerted effort from the government to revive and rejuvenate the Annual Jammu Festival/Duggar Festival across all districts of the Jammu region, particularly in light of the forthcoming Baisakhi celebrations.

Charak stressed the urgency of launching the long-awaited Duggar Satellite Channel by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to promote Dogra culture and language.

He commended the efforts of the Jammu Smart City Project in renovating and restoring the Raja Jambulochan Memorial at the Ranbireswar Temple Chowk, Jammu, and

expressed hope that historical and cultural sensitivities would be respected during the development process.

Charak also reminded the government of the historical significance of the Baisakhi festival for the people of Jammu and urged for its proper organization and participation by various stakeholders.

He criticized the neglect of DD Jammu and advocated for its upgrade to a 24x7 Satellite Channel, emphasizing its importance in countering false propaganda from across the border and promoting local artists and culture.

Furthermore, Charak raised the issue of barricades along the General NC Vj Road near the Civil Secretariat in Jammu, proposing alternative security arrangements within the campus to address concerns while allowing public access.

Other participants at the press conference included prominent figures such as Col. Karan Singh, Prem Sagar Gupta, Col. Dr. Virendra K. Sahi, Ghambir Dev Singh, Amanat Ali Shah, C.M Sharma, Jagdeep Singh, Narinder Singh Janwal, Ravi Singh, and others.