

SCRC organizes Health Checkup Camp

Rekha Mahajan stresses for regular health checkups for early disease detection

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JAMMU: In a significant move towards promoting health and well-being among the elderly, the Senior Citizen Rejuvenation Centre (SCRC) organized a comprehensive health checkup camp on Sunday.

The camp was inaugurated by senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan, who emphasized the importance of healthcare accessibility for senior citizens.

The event was organised by KS Samyal, President of the Centre, along with Senior Advisor Shubchander Verma, Vice President TC Puri, General Secretary TC Taggar, and Varinder Gupta, among other team members who played a crucial role in organizing the programme.

In her address, Rekha Mahajan lauded the efforts of the SCRC for their unwavering commitment to the welfare



BJP leader Rekha Mahajan being checked up during the medical camp in Jammu.

of the elderly.

She highlighted the importance of regular health checkups in detecting potential health risks early and ensuring timely intervention.

"Our senior citizens have contributed immensely to society, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure their well-being and health. Initiatives like these set a

remarkable example of community service," she remarked. Rekha also highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the Modi government for the welfare of senior citizens.

She mentioned the expansion of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, which now provides annual medical insurance cov-

erage of Rs 5 lakhs per family for all citizens aged 70 and above, benefiting an additional 60 million people.

She also referenced the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which legally obligates children and heirs to provide maintenance to senior citizens and parents, ensuring their protection and well-being.

Additionally, she noted the Jeevan Pramaan initiative, a digital life certificate program that simplifies the pension disbursement process for retirees by leveraging Aadhaar-based

biometric authentication.

These measures, she asserted, reflect the dedication of Modi government to enhancing the quality of life for the elderly population.

The health camp offered a range of services, including blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar testing, bone density checks, and consultations with specialized doctors. A team of medical experts ensured that each participant received personalized attention and appropriate advice.

The attendees expressed their appreciation for the initiative, acknowledging the efforts of the organizers in making healthcare services accessible at their doorstep.

KS Samyal, President of the Centre, extended his gratitude to Rekha Mahajan for her support and encouragement. He also acknowledged the dedication of the organizing team and the medical professionals who contributed to the success of the camp.

"We are committed to organizing more such health camps in the future to cater to the needs of our senior citizens," he said.

Billawaria highlights public grievances in meeting with JMC Commissioner

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Mayor of Jammu and BJP senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria met Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Commissioner Devansh Yadav to discuss the various problems faced by the general public.

During the meeting, Billawaria emphasized the need for immediate action to address public grievances and ensure better civic amenities for the people of Jammu.

The discussion covered multiple issues, including ongoing development projects, cleaning of lanes and drains, proper functioning of street lights, and other municipal concerns.

Billawaria particularly highlighted the failure of EESL company in maintaining street lights across the city.

He pointed out that numerous market associations have complained about the non-functional street lights and the incomplete beautification project of Jammu Bazar under the Smart City initia-



Former Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria meeting JMC Commissioner Devansh Yadav on Sunday.

He urged the Commissioner to ensure all street lights are repaired before the Holi festival to enhance safety and convenience for residents.

Despite these challenges, Billawaria praised the efforts of Commissioner Devansh Yadav and his team in maintaining cleanliness across Jammu.

He urged the citizens to take responsibility for keeping their surroundings clean, use dustbins for garbage disposal, and avoid throwing waste into deep drains.

He also encouraged people to contribute towards improving Jammu's ranking

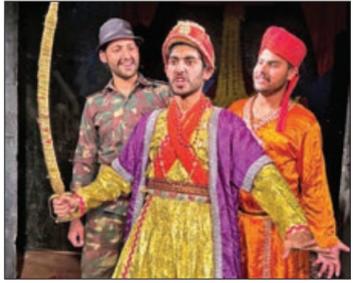
in Swachh Survekshan, emphasizing that collective efforts could lead to a higher ranking compared to previous years.

Billawaria also acknowledged that while the term of elected corporators has ended, they continue to serve the people by coordinating with municipal officials to resolve issues.

He assured the public that their concerns are being actively addressed.

Devansh Yadav listened to the concerns raised by Billawaria and assured that the corporation would prioritize these issues and work towards effective solutions.

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Ajgar Raaj'



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JAMMU: Natrang presented a Hindi play 'Ajgar Raaj' written by Chiranjeev and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre in its weekly Sunday Theatre series.

The play 'Ajgar Raaj' attacks imperialist, expansionist and opportunistic policies of our neighboring country by highlighting its efforts to push mankind across the world towards destructive weapons, bloody wars and the propagation of destruction.

The play begins at the court of Ajgar Raaj, where he is celebrating his 74th birthday with his commander, tells him that his master Shaitaan had given him a boon that if he completes 73 years of his life, he will never die, becoming immortal. Along with this, he also declares his Commander as his crown prince in the absence of his Prime Minister.

On the occasion of his 74th birthday, 'Ajgar Raaj' announces that today he has become immortal, hence he should be considered as God and celebrating a huge cele-

bration all over the world, his "Lal Kitab" should be considered as the divine book of God. After this, a commentary on the "Lal Kitab" is broadcast on the Radio, after which Ajgar Raaj orders the commander to broadcast it 101 times and to wipe out all religions and sects. Then a voice echoes in which the dragon king is warned that he is the enemy of humanity and world peace and all the dictators who declared themselves God have been killed, so he too will die soon. Ignoring this warning, he cites the teachings of his "Lal Kitab" and says that the whole world is afraid of his destructive weapons. At the same time, the Prime Minister of Ajgar Raaj who has returned from visiting many countries, tells that no one is afraid of him anymore, a civil war has broken out in his own country and people have blackened his pictures. Many countries have expelled their citizens from their countries. Angered by this, the dragon king says that Shahe Jhutistan should now be asked to attack India. On this the Prime Minister says that Shahe Jhutistan wants us to attack them first.

The dragon king directs the commander to order the army to attack. Just then sounds of laughter start coming from all sides and the Prime Minister says that because of his words the whole world along with India is laughing at us and with this everyone starts laughing and the play ends. Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Aryan Sharma, Adaksh Bagal and Krishay Bhatia. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the music of the play was scored by Mehak Chib. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

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JAMMU: SOS International, a prominent organization advocating for the rights of over 12 lakh displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), launched a strong attack on the ruling BJP, accusing it of using the community as a political tool.

Addressing a press conference, SOS International Chairman Rajiv Chuni criticized the BJP for exploiting the emotions of PoJK refugees while failing to address their struggles. He accused the party of shifting the focus to reclaiming PoJK, not for national interest but as a political strategy to win elections. "Since the BJP came to power in 2014, our hopes have been systematically crushed," he stated.



SOS International Chairman Rajiv Chuni briefing media in Jammu on Sunday.

Chuni slammed the government for failing to rehabilitate PoJK displaced persons, despite an earlier promise made in 2015 to implement a relief package within three months. Even after 11 years in power, the BJP has not fulfilled its commitment, while Valley Migrants displaced in 1989 have received relief, housing, and other benefits. "Why are PoJK refugees still deprived of basic

necessities? Why are small landholdings given for agriculture being taken away? This is a conspiracy to weaken our community," he alleged.

He further criticized the government for ignoring the demand for political empowerment of PoJK displaced persons. "Despite

having a constitutional obligation, the government has never allowed us to elect our representatives. The 24 assembly seats meant for PoJK remain vacant, yet two seats were hastily given to Valley Migrants," he pointed out. Mr. Chuni questioned why the government has not granted at least eight assembly seats to PoJK displaced persons, as recommended by the Wadhwa Committee, Parliamentary Committees, and the Delimitation Committee.

He also condemned the BJP for appointing individuals with no real concern for PoJK issues to the single reserved assembly seat. "Even some BJP MLAs from our community remain silent. This nomi-

nation is just another attempt to suppress our voice," he said.

Criticizing the BJP's failure to introduce meaningful rehabilitation schemes, Mr. Chuni highlighted that while the party announced the Tika Lal Taploo scheme for Valley Migrants, it ignored PoJK refugees. "If they truly cared, they would have announced a scheme in the name of Justice R. P. Sethi, but their only concern is securing votes," he asserted.

Prominent figures present at the press conference included Prof. N. N. Sharma, V. K. Datta, Bhai Ram Singh, Ved Raj Bali, Sujan Singh, Dalip Singh Chib, Jagjit Singh, Dalip Sharma, and Dharamvir Gupta.

Stop deceiving 12 lakh displaced people; political drama won't solve our crisis: Chuni

TNWS hosts interaction session on drinking water supply issues

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JAMMU: On the directions of MLA Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, and CE PHE Jammu, Er. Vikas Sharma, a team from PHE, led by SE PHE Er. Gandotra, along with XEn and AEE, visited the TNWS complex to assess the drinking water supply situation in Trikuta Nagar Colony, Jammu, ahead of the summer season.

Rajinder P. Kakkar, President of TNWS, welcomed the guests and introduced the office bearers and executive members.

He highlighted the persistent drinking water scarcity in Ward 54 for the past three years and reminded officials that TNWS had previously approached the then



Rajinder P. Kakkar, President of TNWS and others during the meeting.

Principal Secretary Revenue, Saleem Cabra, for a new tube well due to declining groundwater levels.

While a government sanction of Rs 200 crores for upgrading 65 tube wells and constructing 21 new ones was announced, no action has been visible on the ground so far.

During the session, SE PHE Jammu patiently lis-

tened to residents' concerns and immediately directed the Xen to collect a D.O. letter from MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa for a new tube well. Land identification for the project is scheduled for Monday, with a report to be submitted within a week. Meanwhile, AEE PHE has been instructed to ensure water supply for 45 minutes each in the morning and evening

and to coordinate with TNWS for revenue collection. Additionally, SE PHE announced the launch of an online portal for subsidized water supply, effective January 2025, with small tankers available for Rs 300 and big tankers for Rs 600.

To combat the declining groundwater levels, the PHE department is increasing the number of

water tankers across Jammu. Furthermore, directions were issued for interconnecting all water supply lines within Trikuta Nagar Colony.

The XEn assured uninterrupted water supply during the summer. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Er Ashok Kumar Arora, Patron TNWS, extending special gratitude to the media.

The event saw the participation of a large number of residents, including Er. Varinder Kumar Suri, Kewal Sher, Roop Krishna Kakroo, Vijay Gupta, Krishan Lal Gupta, K.K. Mahajan, Advocate Harshvardhan Gupta, S. Amarjeet Singh, Anil Sharma, Opendar Zadoo, Ashok Gupta, and Deepak Daftari.

JKMEF holds first meeting of new leadership



Federation members after the meeting in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF), Jammu Province, held its first official meeting under the newly appointed leadership at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, here.

The meeting was chaired by Sushil Sudan, Chairman, and Jaswinder Singh, the newly elevated President of JKMEF.

The gathering saw participation from all presidents of sister organizations

under the JKMEF umbrella and district presidents, with over 40 representatives engaging in discussions focused on strengthening the federation and improving welfare initiatives for healthcare employees.

A key resolution passed in the meeting emphasized raising government-level demands through MLAs to ensure swift resolution for public benefit.

Additionally, other urgent concerns of healthcare employees will be submitted

to relevant authorities for early redressal.

Several prominent JKMEF representatives attended the meeting, including Bahadur Singh, Parfulat Singh, Dheeraj Sharma, Onkar Singh, Mohd Nadeem, Bharat Bhushan, Neeraj Kumar, Sunil Chauhan, Anita Kumari, Gagan Singh, Kartar Singh, Arti Devi, Vikas Sabharwal, Sorab Bakshi, Sanjay Choudhary, Harpal Singh, Shaffket Hussain, Tejinder Singh, and others.

VC BGSBU visits Shahdara Sharief, explores collaborative initiatives with shrine authorities



VC BGSBU Prof. Jawaid Iqbal during visit to revered Shahdara Sharief Shrine.

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RAJOURI: The Vice Chancellor (VC) of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, visited the revered Shahdara Sharief Shrine, a site of profound

spiritual and historical significance in the region.

During the visit, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal met with Abdul Qayoom Mir, Administrator of Anuqf Rajouri, to discuss fostering stronger collaboration

between BGSBU and the Anuqf authorities in areas of mutual interest.

The discussions focused on potential partnerships aimed at promoting academic, cultural, and community-oriented initiatives that align with the University's mission of contributing to societal progress.

Prof. Jawaid Iqbal offered prayers for the continued growth, academic excellence, and overall development of BGSBU.

Accompanying the Vice Chancellor was Prof. M. J. Warsi, Dean of Academic Affairs at BGSBU.

Prof. Warsi stated that the Vice Chancellor's visit underscored BGSBU's dedication to fostering meaningful institutional linkages that contribute to the academic and socio-cultural enrichment of the region.

PM Modi's Schemes & policies focussed on welfare of needy, underprivileged, downtrodden: Sat

Sat, Sham Lal address public meeting at Thathar



Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP and others during the public meeting at Thathar.

were present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma was overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of the general masses. He termed it as the endorsement of public welfare works done by the Modi government. He said that the schemes and policies envisaged by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi have gained the trust of the masses as

they are focussed on the welfare of the needy, underprivileged and the downtrodden.

Sat Sharma also lauded the efforts of the hardcore BJP activists, who dedicated themselves in the societal service to the extent that they compromised their personal health, family, and socio-economic conditions, but continued the ground

implementation of the public welfare schemes and the welfare of the needy.

Expressing grief over the deaths of youths in Kathua, he said, "The bodies of three innocent youths found under suspicious circumstances in Bani area of district Kathua is extremely saddening. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and pray to God Almighty to give the families strength to bear this loss". He added that the culprits behind the terrible incident would not be spared at any cost.

Sham Lal Sharma enumerated various development works being initiated in the Assembly Constituency. He also spoke about the implementation of the schemes of the Modi government at the

ground level for the benefit of the actual needy. He said that although BJP is not a part of the present government in Jammu & Kashmir, but the BJP MLAs are steadfast to develop their Constituencies in line with the growth pattern initiated by the Narendra Modi government in Jammu & Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370. He also said that the BJP's MLAs are forcefully resisting the divisive agenda of the NC government in J&K Assembly.

Nand Kishore earlier welcomed the dignitaries and the general masses and said that the BJP activists are actively engaged in approaching the masses, knowing their needs and assisting them in availing various welfare schemes.