

28th Chhari Mubarak Yatra moves to Purmandal Shrine



Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister being welcomed by Muslim brethren enroute Chhari Yatra.

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JAMMU: 28th Holy Chhari Yatra was taken to Historic Religious Shrines of Purmandal after performing Pooja at Shri Ranbireswar Mandir and Shri Raghunath Mandir Jammu by the representatives of Purmandal/Utterbeni Shrines Development Committees and Dharamarth Trust, J&K. The Holy Chharis were taken to Shri Lakshmi

Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu by Mahatmas and renowned Pujaris led by Mahant Rishiban, where Grand Pooja was organized which was attended by Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Gandhi Nagar and Chairman Purmandal/ Utterbehni Shrines Development Committee Ajay Gandotra,

NSS volunteers attend 'Plastic Lao Thaila Pao Campaign' at Bahu Plaza

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JAMMU: Students and faculty of Government Degree College Marh and GGM Science college under the guidance of Anjana Chhib, visited Bahu Plaza and participated in the Plastic Lao Thaila/Mask Pao campaign organised by CEE -HDFC bank in collaboration with Jammu Municipal Corporation and Regional and Urban Development Agency.

This campaign was organized as ongoing effort to spread awareness on the need for responsible plastic use and its disposal. A stall has been set up at Bahu Plaza commercial complex

for disseminating the message on sustainable waste management practices.

This campaign was inaugurated by Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor, JMC and Advocate Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor, JMC in presence of Chairman Health and Sanitation Committee JMC, Raj Kumar, Chairman Social Justice JMC, Ajay Gupta, Chairman Swachh Bharat Mission Hardeep Singh Mankotia, Atul Kumar Secretary, JMC, Prabjot Singh Sodhi, Sr Director CEE, Rohit Maskara, Project Manager, CEE and Sanjeev Arora CEO Regional and Urban

President Dharamarth Trust, Jammu large number of Devotees and Saints participated.

After that the Holy Chharis were taken to Purmandal in a profusely decorated Rath via Shri Mahadev Mandir Gandhi Nagar, Shiv Mandir Trikukta Nagar, Shiv Mandir Greater Kailash, Data Ranpat Dev and, Narsingh Dev Ji Mandirs' Birpur, Kharah Madana, Mandal and other places enroute.

A befitting reception was given by the large number of people of all shades. Special reception to the Holy Chharis was organized at Kharah Madana, Mandal,etc under the leadership of Haji Bashir Ahmed, Kulbir Singh, Surjeet Singh and prominent Moulvis of the area.

Development Agency.

NSS Volunteers also apprised the people there by bringing plastic waste from their homes and thereby making them understand how can plastic waste be utilized in wholesome manner. As such, people are given one cloth bag for each set of 10 PET bottles, 10 pieces of mixed plastic products, 20 pieces of multi-layered plastics (of at least 100 grams and above), 20 small mixed plastic products or 15 pieces of plastic bags (of normal size of 1 to 2 kilograms carrying capacity).

NSS volunteers requested residents to support this

Nation Builder Association highlights issues of teachers



NBA Chairman, Pritam Dhiman talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Highlighting a number of issues faced by teachers across Union Territory, J&K UT Nation Builder Association (NBA) led by its Chairman, Pritam Dhiman and Reyaz Ahmed Bhat, Vice Chairman has urged LG Manoj Sinha and Director, School Education Jammu to initiate necessary measures for addressing all genuine issues of teaching fraternity at the earliest.

While addressing a press conference in Jammu on Thursday, the members of J&K UT NBA said that

teaching fraternity in J&K is facing a lot of issues, which have not been redressed since long, despite repeated requests and reminders. Highlighting various such issues, he urged the administration for resolving the same at the earliest. Major issues highlighted on the occasion included implementation of order no.469, framing transfer policy for teachers of different grades, holding DPCs for all cadre at regular intervals, relieving teaching staff from non-teaching assignments, filling up vacant posts of ZEPs and Headmasters, restoring OPS, etc.

JKSAC delegation calls on CS, seeks extension of ex-gratia scheme

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JAMMU: A three-member delegation of DPs of 1947 led by Gurdev Singh, President, Jammu & Kashmir Sharnarathi Action Committee (JKSAC) along with Natar Parkash and Dwarka Nath called on Dr Arun K Mehta, Chief Secretary and highlighted resentment of several DPs of 1947, 65 and 71, left-out of ex-gratia relief scheme due to issuance of order

Govt SPMR College organises UT-level webinar on 'writing research proposals'

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JAMMU: Commerce and Management Research Hub (CMRH) of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu organized one day UT level webinar on the topic 'Writing Research Proposals' on Wednesday.

Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, University of Jammu was the resource person on the occasion.

Prof. Barabara Koul, HOD Commerce, SPMR College motivated the organizing committee for taking the initiative for conducting webinar on the relevant topic.

Dr Pooja, Coordinator, CMRH in her welcome address highlighted the theme of conducting this webinar and also explained that knowledge on the preparation of research proposals will help the researchers in making them more realistic, reasonable, rational and viable. Further, she said that the webinar will not only provide opportunities to researchers to collaborate with reputable researchers on bigger research projects but also in bringing greater possibility of obtaining critical funding and financial support.

The programme was held under the patronage of Principal of the College, Prof. Ranjeet Singh Jamwal, who emphasized on the importance of research in teaching and learning as well as for the growth of an individual. He stressed on making the college an active hub



for research projects.

Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, the resource person on the occasion, detailed the faculty members on the contents of a research proposal, points to emphasize on, do and don'ts in writing proposal, chapter outlining, time framing, etc. She also apprised the audience regarding various funding agencies available for minor/major projects. She further narrated different approaches of doing gap analysis that forms the basis of future research.

The webinar was moderated by Dr Roomi Rani while Prof. Fayza delivered vote of thanks. The entire webinar was planned and coordinated by Dr. Pooja, Dr Shipra, Dr Jagmeet Kaur, Dr Sarabjeet Kour, Dr Roomi Rani, Prof. Shreya, Prof. Fayza, Prof Charandeep, Prof. Rishu and Prof. Rajni.

ICCR showcasing 'Dogri Sangeet' concert under Kala Vishwa

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JAMMU: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Regional Office, Jammu & Kashmir hosted a unique mega concert of local flavour "Dogri Sangeet" by a group of renowned artists Nirbhay Singh & Group under Kala Vishwa and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Thursday at K.L Sehgal Hall, here.

The event began with a lighting of lamp performed by Regional Director, ICCR and Regional Passport Officer, Jammu, N.K. Shil.

In his welcome address, Shil informed that ICCR, a cultural wing of MEA, mainly intends to enhance India's soft diplomatic

power worldwide and boost India's skills of cultural diplomacy as well as to bring the entire nation together through cultural and educational initiatives/exchanges.

Today's performance started with Dogri songs "Taare Tuda Paiyan" followed by "Mere Hikduye Gadbad Ooyi Balo" and "Chatney Timru Di" by Nirbhay Singh, Udhayveer Singh and Sapna Gupta which enthralled everyone.

Those who accompanied the team include Chandan (Keyboard), Rahul (Pad) and Rajiv (Dholak).

The anchoring was done by Yogesh Sharma and a vote of thanks was presented by Reena Salathia, Cultural Officer, ICCR, RO, Jammu.

JJSF announces Govt MAM PG College unit, Gurjinder nominated as President

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JAMMU: Jammu Joint Students' Federation (JJSF) on Thursday constituted its unit for Government MAM PG College and nominated Gurjinder Singh as the College President.

Paras Kolhi, Mahesh, Azad Ahmed and Mohd Azhar were nominated as Vice-President, Mustafeez and Sutkish Jamwal were nominated as General Secretaries, Rishabh Jamwal, Raghubir Singh, Devajeet Singh, Paras Kumar as Secretaries, Abhay Magotra as Joint Secretary, Anubhav Thakur and Manik Dasgotra as Spokespersons.

Ravi Thakur as Treasurer, Aamir Kolhi as Organization Secretary, Vishal Verma as Press Secretary, Shahnwaz, Govinda Verma, Aman



Newly elected JJSF unit of Government MAM PG College.

Sharma, Rahul Saini, Erwin Samotra, Pankaj Choudhary as Executive members.

The unit was constituted during a well attended meeting of students at the college, held under the leadership of Atul Sudan, Vice President JJSF JKUT, who was accompanied by Rahul General Secretary, JJSF, Anshu Sharma, Abhishek Sharma and Rahul Sharma.

Addressing the students, Atul Sudan said that JJSF

is the only non-political student organization which is working on ground for the welfare and upliftment of student community of Jammu region.

He said that it has become the trend of the successive Governments to ignore the Dogras of Jammu in every sphere whether it is in education, in employment, in development, in tourism sector or in any other field.

He said that JJSF led

Mexico Foreign Minister calls on Dr Jitendra, seeks enhanced technology partnership

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NEW DELHI: Mexico Minister of Foreign Affairs, Marcelo Ebrard, currently on a visit to India, called on Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh and sought enhanced technology partnership between the two countries.

Accompanied by a high level delegation, Marcelo Ebrard stressed on strengthening existing cooperation between India and Mexico and extending cooperation to new areas like vaccines, Information Technology, green revolution, health, biotechnology and space.

"A number of joint projects have been implemented between the two countries in different fields of science & technology to foster collaborative research. This has helped expand networking

between scientific communities of both the countries," Dr. Jitendra Singh said at the meeting today.

He noted that "The Programme of Cooperation (PoC) has been renewed by both countries from time to time, and they have agreed to make a new call for joint proposals in different areas of science & technology.

India is interested in renewing PoC further with a special focus on working in the areas of Health; Human Security; and Energy in the coming years".

Marcelo Ebrard emphasized on the need to strengthen the collaborations that existed between the countries since 1975 and work together so that new areas of collaboration in S&T can pick up momentum with an accelerated mechanism in place.

fare schemes of the Modi Government, so that people can be benefitted. He said that BJP is well aware of the sacrifices made by the Kashmiri Pandit Community.

Chand Ji Bhat earlier welcomed the guests, and appraised the gathering about the various programmes conducted by the KDD. Dolly Raina president district Mahila Moreha and Rahul Koul district president Yuva Moreha presented the

SKUAST-TAJ felicitates Dean Agriculture Dr Bikram Singh on superannuation



President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma and other office bearers felicitating Dean FoA Dr. Bikram Singh on his superannuation on Thursday.

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JAMMU: SKUAST-Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) felicitated Prof Bikram Singh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture SKUAST-J on his superannuation after rendering distinguished services of more than 30 years.

President Teaching Association Dr. Vikas Sharma, while listing Dr Singh's achievements as a teacher, researcher/ contributions in the discipline of Plant Breeding & Genetics, wished him a healthy/prosperous post retired life.

He informed that Dr Singh proved himself, a

also paid homage to the bravehearts at the Balidan Stambh, Jammu.

During a felicitation ceremony in Tiger Division, Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner, was awarded with 'GOC-in-C Western Command Commendation Card' and Anuradha Gupta, DC Samba was awarded with GOC 9 Corps Medallion of Excellence.

GOC Rising Star Corps Lt Gen Ananthanarayanan visits Tiger Division



Lt Gen PN Ananthanarayanan, GOC Rising Star Corps during visit to Tiger Division.

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JAMMU: Lt Gen PN Ananthanarayanan, GOC Rising Star Corps, visited Tiger Division. The Corps Commander reviewed the operational preparedness of the Division.

He interacted with all ranks and complimented them for a high state of preparedness.

The Corps Commander

Mayor starts development works in Ward No 4



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta inaugurating development work.

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide better development amenities to the people of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor JMC alongside Priya Sethi Former Minister J&K, Sunita Koul Councillor of ward no.04 today kick started the construction work of drains & laying of tiles at Chopra Lane opposite Rawalpindi Sweet Shop Jain Bazar Jammu of ward no. 04. Speaking on the occasion, Mayor said that it was the long pending demands of the locals as it is a thorough fare

and the passersby especially Senior citizens & School going children were facing great hardships while passing through the area and after the sincere efforts of the local councillor, this much needed development work has been started today with an allotted amount of Rs. 5 lakh only.

He further told that from the last more than three & half years, all the councillors of JMC are continuously working in their respective wards so that best possible civic & development amenities be made available to the inhabitants in a transparent

manner irrespective of any caste, creed or religion as Govt. has provided sufficient funds for each ward.

Besides this, under Jal Shakti Scheme (Urban) Govt. has already taken the initiatives in a concrete manner to provide potable drinking water to each household within a stipulated time period. Sunita Koul, local councillor while speaking on the occasion also shared various other development activities being undertaken in her ward.

Sanjeev Sawhney Distt. Secretary BJP, Anshu Dogra, Madam Darshna Devi, Chanchla Devi, Meenu Devi, Madam Pooja Devi, Rakesh Kumar & other prominent inhabitants of ward no. 4 as well as concerned Assistant Executive Engineer, Junior Engineer & other supervisory staff of works Div-I were also remained present there during the occasion.

Raina addresses All Morchas' Sammelan of BJP Kashmir Displaced District

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) organized All Morcha's Sammelan at Jagti Township.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He was also accompanied by Chand Ji Bhat District President KDD, Sanjita Dogra president Mahila Moreha, Ajay Bharti Ex.



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina speaking at a programme.

MLC and Prabhari, Arun Dev Singh president Yuva

Moreha, Bramjot Satti president OBC Moreha and Oni