

NSS Unit I of GGM Sc College Jammu organises cleanliness drive



NSS volunteers along with faculty members during a drive.

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JAMMU: NSS Unit 1 of GGM Science College Jammu in collaboration with JKPC and NGO Live For Others organized three days Cleanliness Drive on the theme 'Save Tawi (Surya Putri).

This drive was organized under aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under the guidance of Principle Dr. Ravender Tickoo and supervision Dr. Narinder Kumar, NSS PO.

The awareness rally along with NSS Flex and banners began from GGM Science College Jammu and culminated at Raika Park, Bikram Chowk where volunteers put their signature on the wall.

In this connection, NSS PO here today sensitized the students, volunteers and locals to raise awareness about the relevance of plastic free and pollution free J&K particularly Tawi

river and to inspire positive approach towards its importance. Dr. Kumar enlightened the gathering about the drawback of adding of polythene bags, chuni, clay pots, in the water body like holy river Tawi.

He added that stakeholders must use cloth, papers and jute bags as they are biodegradable but do not put them in any water body whereas the plastic material are non-biodegradable and cause environmental hazard in future.

He further apprised the students and public about the cleanliness initiative launched by the Government of India.

The recent Swachhta Bharat Mission, the biggest cleanliness drive of India, aimed at maintaining cleanliness of water bodies, streets, roads and infrastructure of the country, he added. He underlined that the initiative of replacement of

polythene by traditional hand-made cloth and jute bags require more motivation, demonstration, workshops, lectures, oath etc. The participation of Volunteers and youth in Tawi Cleanliness drive is commendable step toward Swachhta Bharat mission and was applauded by Principal of the College, Director and members of Live for others, NGO and officers of JKPC.

The volunteers and students showed their zeal and enthusiasm in cleanliness drive and make it successful event.

More than 40 volunteers of the college took part in the Tawi cleanliness drive for three days event and they took out the waste (polyethylene, chuni, flowers, clothes) from the bed of Tawi river; segregated, put in different bags and handed over them to JKPC for further recycling process.

Pahalwan's franchise outlet inaugurated at Jammu Airport

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JAMMU: On the auspicious day of Ram Navami, Pahalwan's, the most celebrated sweet shop in the Jammu region, inaugurated its airport franchise outlet with RBA Hospitality & Hotels Private Limited.

The franchisee is a reputed name in the airline hospitality industry and a master concessionaire of food and beverages for Jammu civil Airport.

Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Minister, Uttar

Airport Authority of India, and Mahesh Kumar (CISF Assistant Commandant) were also present on the occasion.

The event was jointly hosted by Yash Paul Abrol, Satish Chander Abrol, Sat Paul Abrol, owner of Pahalwan and Binay Kumar Singh, Director, RBA Hospitality.

In line with Pahalwan's long-term commitment to the customers, the outlet will serve the flyers with authentic, hygienic and



Dy CM Uttar Pradesh, Brajesh Pathak inaugurating Pahalwan's outlet at Jammu Airport.

Pradesh, inaugurated the airport outlets.

Airport Director S K Garg, Shyam Sunder Patil (senior Commercial manager) and Vivek Katara (GM, Electrical) from the

consistent quality products, Yash Paul Abrol.

Travellers greatly appreciated the initiative taken by the Airport Authority of India and all the delegates.

Bar President Bhardwaj inaugurates 'Chai Sutta-Cuddle the Kulhad' outlet

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JAMMU: Chai Sutta, Cuddle the Kulhad, a national and global beverage brand, serving its customers aromatic tea and spreading the taste of Kulhad Chai opened another franchise at Janipur, High Court road-Jammu on Sunday.

The store was inaugurated by J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu President & Senior Advocate Mohinder Kumar Bhardwaj along with Chamber of Traders Federation (CTF-Jammu) president Neeraj Anand.

Ex-Bar president Advocate Abhinav Sharma, senior BJP leader and Advocate Narayan Singh and owner of the Chai Sutta franchise Abhinav Gandotra were present on the occasion.

Others who graced the occasion included prominent businessman, Shiv Kumar Gupta, Dinesh Gupta, Tushar Mahajan, Parag Abrol, Manohar Singh, Ramesh Khajuria, Rahul Sharma and other prominent people.

Kulhad Chai outlet besides serving flavourful Chai has also been providing employment opportunities.

Speaking after inaugurating the outlet, Bhardwaj appreciated the initiative to open outlet of the acclaimed beverage



Jammu Bar President Sr Adv M.K Bhardwaj inaugurating outlet.

brand.

"It is a good step and would provide a space for the people and lawyers. I was very much impressed by the professional conduct of the staff," he said.

Neeraj Anand lauded the entrepreneur skills of Jammu youth and said that people should visit Chai outlet as it is one of the modern and professionally managed spaces in the city of temples.

"In today's world it is very important that youth should look beyond government jobs and take steps to get self-employed. Besides providing employment opportunities the outlet promotes an eco-friendly environment, enabling it to deliver a strong message about making plastic free business," said Neeraj Anand.

Ex-Bar president Advocate Abhinav Sharma, senior BJP leader and Advocate Narayan

Singh also gave their blessing to the owner for success ahead in the venture.

From adhering to social distancing Chai team follows all the covid-19 protocols. The staff is also trained to deal with the customers while adhering to the existing norms set by the government to run the food serving outlets.

"The brand aims to spread joy by embracing the culture of Jammu known for its hospitality and kindness. This outlet provides. The brand addresses the absolute chai-lovers and alike," said Abinav Gandotra, owner of the outlet.

The company uses thousands of kulhads every day across its branches in India and supports more than 1500 potter families. It also employs more than 500 people from a diverse section of the society with special emphasis on weaker sections.

KS Construction opens its office in Jammu



KS Construction's proprietor Kuldeep Singh and others at new office in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Purnima Sharma on Sunday inaugurated new office for Survey & GIS Mapping Company K.S Construction at 245 B, New Plot, here.

K.S Construction's proprietor Kuldeep Singh (Raja) having 18 years of working experience in the field of survey and GIS mapping in various projects. He has trained the boys of Jammu in other states of India and now established new office with latest technology of survey DGPS (Core Station Setup) first time in J&K can work with 5mm accu-

racy.

At present K.S Construction is working for Jammu Development Authority, Revenue and Land Record and other state government and private organization.

"We have an ambition to develop skilled map power in survey and GIS mapping to serve for J&K. We are fully equipped with latest survey and mapping instrument/software's to give our services for Highways/Railway, Irrigation, Revenue and Land Record, Industry Development, Hydro Power Project, Mining, etc," said Kuldeep.

Scores of Panthers Party, BJP workers join NC

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JAMMU: Scores of workers affiliated with National Panthers Party, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) joined J&K National Conference (NC) on Sunday in presence of Provincial President Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta and Shiekh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary.

The joining programme was organized by District President Udhampur Urban Sunil Verma.

Rattan Lal Gupta while welcoming the new entrants into the party fold hoped that the joining will help strengthen the party at gross root level with a strategy to strengthen the idea of pluralistic progressive, democratic and united Jammu and Kashmir.

He exhorted the workers to work unitedly and defeat the communal forces saying National Conference has a history of fostering brotherhood and foiling the divisive forces.

Gupta while speaking on



Newly joined members posing with NC leaders.

the occasion sought early regularization of the daily rated workers and other categories of casual workers besides other employees working on contractual or adhoc basis in various departments across Jammu and Kashmir. He regretted over delay, saying this has jeopardized career of thousands of youth.

"This will bring respite to thousands of families and those engaged, whose careers have been at stake for long," he said adding

that some of these are waiting for justice for over a decade.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed and Sunil Verma while welcoming the new entrants into NC reiterated that National Conference is deeply rooted in every nook and corner of J&K. They asked the party cadre to reach out to the people and help them seek redressal to their problems.

Those who joined the party include Sanjay Kumar, Kewal Singh, Dr.

Romesh Verma, Madan Lal Bhagat, Raj Singh, Jagdev Singh, Munshi Ram, Charan Dass, Vikas Singh, Jeevan Singh, Rashpal Singh, Sudesh Kumar, Tilak Raj Sharma, Pawan Kumar, Raj Jumar Sharma, Rattan Lal, sunil Verma, Kalu, Sunil Sharma and Vinod Kumar.

Those who were present on this occasion include Anyatullah, Pavitar Singh, Akash Verma, Harjinder Singh, Chena Ram Sethi and others.

BJP first choice of every one across nation: Sham Langar

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Langar, Convener Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade and Industries Cell said that the BJP is the world's largest political organization and has become the first choice of every one across the nation including the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader congratulated the party's veteran leaders on the 42nd Foundation Day for taking the party to new heights. He said during its 40 years of journey the Party has traversed hard and soft situations quite patiently displaying strong will and determination and ultimately come out with flying colours. This stands proved by the fact that the party slowly yet steadily rose from mere 2 seats to 302 seats in the highest temple of Democracy today, he added. Sham Langar asserted that due to unprecedented success of Bharatiya Janata Party besides its ideology impressing the people at large, presently we find senior leaders of various political parties continue to join BJP unabated. He said that they have finally acknowledge that BJP's policies and programmes are pro-people and are being implemented on ground with utmost sincerity in true letter and spirit. Sham Langar asserted that BJP has not earned the trust and confidence of the people overnight but it is the result of an arduous 40 years' journey facing all odds that lotus has fully bloomed across the nation including the Kashmir Valley that was traumatized by terrorism during a period of over three decades. He claimed that in the coming time several tall leaders in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir would join BJP for their better rather secure political future.

Bike rally taken out as part of Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations



BAJCC members leading the bike rally in Jammu.

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JAMMU: A massive bike rally was organised by Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration Committee (BAJCC) in Jammu on Sunday. The rally started from Satwari Chowk and culminated at Dr B R Ambedkar Chowk, after passing through Vikram Chowk, Old Tawi bridge, Dogra Chowk, Jewel Chowk (Shri Guru Ravi Dass Chowk),

Lower Gumat, Vivekanand Chowk, Prem Nagar, University road to Ambedkar Chowk. A large number of bikers participated in the rally and raised slogans praising Dr Ambedkar. The participants were wearing blue turbans and holding blue flags with inscriptions of Jai Bhim. The rally was welcomed by various sections of people on way and arrangements for water and

refreshments were also made. Organizers thanked participants as well as administration for safe conduct of the rally. The members of the celebration committee responsible for smooth conduct of rally included Adv Pawan Kundal, Dr Rakesh Atri, Dr Vijay Shivgotra, Sham Lal Bassan, Amit Chalotra, Pappu, Sham Sarnal, R D Thappa, Sanjeev Bangotra and Kartik Bhagat.

NIT Srinagar to conduct mass COVID-19 testing drive today Wearing of masks mandatory for all persons entering campus: Director

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SRINAGAR: After 24 students were tested Covid-19 positive, the National Institute of Technology

Nine-day long Navratra celebrations end at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram

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JAMMU: To inculcate moral and spiritual values among the masses,

Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust organized a nine-day long spiritual activity at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udhvayal, here during auspicious 'Navratras'.

Hundreds of devotees thronged the Ashram during these days and it was gratifying to watch the devotees participating in the spiritual activities in a spirit of true devotion and humility. The Hawan started in the evening on April 1, 2022 and Purn Ahuti was offered on the April 10, 2022 at 1 PM marking the end of the festival days. A huge gathering of devotees took part in recitation of about fifteen million mantras during these auspicious days for propitiating the blessings of Mother Goddess.

Devotees prayed to Bhagawaanji for the well being of mankind.

This activity was held after a gap of two years due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Bhagawaanji's Murti was installed on 'Ram Navmi' the Sunday at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Pune.

Prasad was distributed among the devotees.

(NIT) Srinagar decided to organize a mass testing drive for all employees and students on Monday.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said in view of recent COVID-19 positive cases in campus, Institutes' Health Centre in collaboration with the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir will conduct a mass testing drive on Monday.

"We have decided to conduct mass testing as a precautionary measure for the safety of all employees and students on the campus," he said.

Prof. Sehgal said they will ensure that all COVID-19 SOPs would be adhered to, so that there will be no risk of further spread of infection.

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He said it has been also decided that wearing 3-ply reusable or disposable masks is mandatory for all persons entering the NIT campus.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said they have already issued a circular for conducting a mass testing drive of students, and employees.

"The Health Centre of the Institute in consultation with local medical authorities of J&K Government has finalized the testing to be conducted on 11.04.2022," he said.

"We have finalized all the arrangements for the mass testing. Drive will continue for some days on the campus," he added.

Temple vandalised in Sidhra Baba Kaliveer devotees ask Govt to give strict punishment to culprits

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JAMMU: All the devotees of Baba Kaliveer Ji Maharaj in a huge gathering at Kaliveer Bhawan, Sunjwan strongly condemned the unpardonable act by a few miscreants, who vandalised the idols of Baba Ji, Ganesh Ji and damaged the sanctity of the Baba Kaliveer at Laxmi Narayan Temple near Sidhra, Jammu.

The temple was ransacked and the idols of Baba Kaliveer Ji and various

other deities have been damaged. There has been strong resentment and anger amongst all the devotees and persons who profess faith in the Hindu Religion throughout the UT and other parts of the Country.

"We, therefore, strongly condemn this evil act of sacrilege and urge the local administration and Govt of UT of Jammu & Kashmir to thoroughly investigate this heinous act and ensure that the culprits are given

strict possible punishment so that nobody dares to do it again and communal harmony is maintained," said devotees and Management of Kaliveer Bhawan Sunjwan.

Such an act in Jammu has disturbed the peaceful atmosphere in and around, and to avoid any further such incidence the devotees urged the administration that an exemplary punishment should be given to such criminals, involved in creating hatred in the society.

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NEW DELHI: Indian origin Switzerland Member of Parliament, Niklaus Samuel Gugger called on Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh here on Sunday.

Later, the two leaders, accompanied by their aides, discussed possibilities of extensive collaboration in fields like healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Clean Energy etc.

The visiting dignitary showed great interest in India's New Education Policy and expressed his willingness in knowing about more aspects of the

Policy. He also expressed interest in technological collaboration in various sectors and 25 technology hubs created by the Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI for sustainable development goals.

Dr Jitendra noted that since India and Switzerland traditionally share cordial mutually trusted relations, it is easy for both the countries to engage with each other on ground of comfort already existing.

It is expected that a high-level delegation from Switzerland will visit India in October this year and there will be efforts to

take the bilateral ties to a new height on issues concerning both sides which are mutually beneficial.

On this occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh recalled his visit to Davos in 2018 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the World Economic Forum world conference. The Union Minister recalled the warm hospitality offered by the people of Switzerland.

Dr Jitendra Singh also made a mention of over 25,000 Indians living in Switzerland, which he said is a sizable number considering that the coun-

try's total population is just over 8 million. He said, Indians living in Switzerland are appreciably contributing to the growth of that country.

After one-on-one discussion between the two leaders, the two sides met with their representatives. During the course of discussion, the Indian side informed the visiting side about the extensive work being done by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI in the field of glaciers, to which Swiss representatives showed keen interest as this subject is equally important to Switzerland, as well.