

# BGSBU organises symposium on ‘Impact of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage’

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RAJOURI: To commemorate world Heritage Day, Centre for Hospitality and Tourism, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri organised a symposium on the topic, 'Impact of Climate change on Cultural Heritage'.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU congratulated the Centre for organising the event. Prof. Akbar said that climate change has become one of the most significant threat to World Heritage . He mentioned that climate change is not only impacting the integrity and authenticity of cultural heritage but also limits its potential for economic and social development at the local and global level. Prof. Akbar highlighted the need for appropriate meas-



A resource person imparting awareness among students.

ures that contribute to climate change mitigation and sustainable development.

Fifteen students from different departments of the University participated in the symposium and presented their views on the topic. Mr. Arsalan wani, MBAHTM 2nd semester bagged the 1st position whereas , Mr. Zahid ,MA Islamic

Studies, 2nd semester student clinched 2nd position. Some participants also presented posters highlighting the significance of the preservence of cultural heritage.

Dr. Danish Iqbal Raina, Deputy Director Centre for Hospitality and Tourism in his remarks highlighted the role of educational institutions and civil societies to mitigate the chal-

lenge of climate change. He stressed upon the students to come forward to manage climate change impacts on World Heritage effectively and sustainably. Mr. Asrar Gaus , coordinator CHT in his opening remarks congratulated the participants and said that these events apart from increasing the awareness also help the students to learn from eachother and become more efficient in their respective fields of study. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed wani , a noted Urdu writer was also present on the occassion. Programme was coordinated by Ms. Priyanka Khajuria Dr. Shah Nawaz and Dr. Shiraz faculty members of the centre. Mehreen Khan and Sehrish Mirza conducted the proceedings of the event.

## Army organises cleanliness drive

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SURANKOTE: An awareness drive organised by Indian Army at Surankote, Poonch as part of the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" initiative. The event aimed at educating the local populace about benefits and importance of maintaining hygiene and sanitation in villages and society.

In addition, methods for disposal of solid and liquid waste and various policies of the government aimed towards improvement of rural sanitation were explained and discussed for the benefit of the audience. All participants appreciated the efforts made by the Indian Army in guiding them towards maintaining clean and healthy surroundings and pledged to imbibe the practices learnt in their daily lives.

# Senior Citizens’ Club constitutes Basantgash unit, listens to public issues

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RAMNAGAR: A meeting of Senior Citizen's Club Ramnagar (Branch of SCCU) was held at Basantgash in which prominent persons of Tehsil Basantgash participated. Being residing in remote area, local residents of Tehsil Basantgash highlighted different Problems facing faced by them.

Keeping their genuine issues in view, Shivdev Singh President of the Club urged upon the concerned authorities to redress their issues on priority basis and also assured all possible help & support at their level. On the occasion rice & blankets were also distributed among widows and needful and physically challenged persons were also encouraged by providing supporting tools etc.

In order to resolve their



Club members during a meeting at Basantgarh.

issues amicably at local level, a unit of Senior Citizen's Club Basantgash was also constituted comprising of Jograj Kirlopa Retd Principal - Patron - in - chief; Baldev Chand Retd Sr. teacher--- Chairman; Sheru Ram Retd Headmaster- President; Abdul Rashid Wani Retd Sr. Teacher-Gen Secretary; Badri Nath Retd Headmaster; Janak Raj Retd Headmaster; Dalip Kumar Retd Sr. Teacher; Suram

Chand Retd Principal; Mohd Ayub Retd Sr. Teacher as - Vice Presidents; Sagar Chand (Sarpanch), Balwant Chand Retd ASI, Ram Nath Retd Medical Assistant, Artish Chander Retd Sr. Teacher; Jaidev Retd Sr. Teacher as Advisors; Subash Chander Retd Master--- Organisr; Ram Lal Goswami Retd Master --- Publicity Secretary; Mohd Mustaq and Mohd Saleem (Naib Sarpanch) as Secretaries.

# Jat women can contribute significantly in achieving targets of OBC status: Manmohan

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KATHUA: Seeking support of womenfolk in getting OBC status, Ch Manmohan Singh, President All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) on Monday emphasized that the women of Jat community can contribute significantly in achieving the targets of the Jat Maha Sabha.

He was speaking at the convention held at Kathua organized by Ch Sat Pal, Tehsil President, Kathua.

Talking about the role of women in uplifting the society, Ch Manmohan Singh said that non-participation of Jat women in public affairs has snarled the community's progress and therefore it is imperative that women should come forward and become decision makers to ensure upliftment of society and its progress. He said that this change in attitude will help the Jat community to move forward with confidence thus ensuring its all round development.

Ch Manmohan Singh said that during the wars of 1947, 1965 and 1971, the member of Jat community was facing



Members of Jat Sabha during a meeting at Kathua.

numerous problems from one pretext to another due to callous attitude of officers sitting at the helm affairs. The Jat Maha Sabha has played a vital role in resolving the problems being faced by the Jat community members residing on the border areas from Kathua to Mendhar.

Expressing resentment against the decision of Delimitation Commission in reserving all the border constituencies having majority of Jat population, the former Mayor said that the entire border belt from Kathua to Mendhar has been reserved without application of mind thus showing extreme levels of prejudice towards the Jat

Community which has a massive presence in these areas.

Ch Manmohan Singh clearly said that the draft report is unacceptable to the community, urging the Delimitation Commission to rectify the mistake by de-reserving Suchetgarh and newly created Ramgarh constituencies in the general interest of Jat community.

"However, it's also quite unfortunate that these Jat community people continue to be deprived of OBC status till date. People of Jat community in 11 states of our country are enjoying the benefit of OBC status while there is no such provision for the people belonging to the

Jat community living in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory," he added.

Ch Manmohan Singh said that earlier the successive governments held Art 370 responsible for denial of OBC status to Jat community of J&K but now after removal of Art 370 still the Jat community is fighting for their due right of OBC Status.

Ch Manmohan Singh also highlighted that there are several Jat families whose land had come under Border fencing and for the last so many years they were unable to cultivate that land thus incurring huge losses for which they are not getting any compensation from gov-

ernment. He termed it unfortunate that despite assurance given by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the issue is still pending and the farmers are still struggling for compensation.

The former Mayor mentioned that since the migration of Jat community from Chhamb in 1965 and 1971 to Samba districts, the then government had allotted custodian land chunks to the displaced families but till date they have deprived of ownership rights. Besides this, the same custodian lands allotted to Jat community have come under various J&K as well as Central government projects.

Ch Manmohan Singh demanded that first government will provide ownership rights to the custodian lands of displaced community in Samba district and the compensation of lands which have come under government projects should be at least four times the market value of their properties as the government has already assured that the quantum of compensation will be four times the

value of property.

Earlier in the meeting, Ch Avtar Krishan, Senior Manager J&K Bank (Retd) unanimously elected as District President of AIJMS Kathua while Sudesh Choudhary was elected Vice President of AIJMS Kathua district.

Among others who were present include Brigadier Pawan Sauntra, Ch. Dewan Singh Panch Kudan Chack, Ex Panch Sat Pal, Panch Sujjan Singh, DySP (Retd) Dewan Singh Vice President AIJMS, Ch Rattan Singh, Ch Rashpal, Ch Sat Salarbi, Sd Davinder Sonu, Ch Satish, Capt. Ajit Lal, Capt Darshan Lal, Capt. Tara Singh, Sub. Darshan Lal, Harbans Lal AAO LIC, Sh. Sat Pal Stage Secretary AIJMS Tehsil Kathua, Ch. Vijay Kumar, Ch. Rakesh Kumar Dour, Ch. Pawan Kumar, Ex Panch Ch Sat Pal, Ex Panch Ch. Kuldeep Raj, Ch. Kashmir Singh, Smt Veena Kumari Ex Panch, Sub Bahadur Singh, Dr. Suram Singh, Ch. Krishan Singh and many other dignitaries.

# GDC Basohli organises Heritage Walk



Faculty along with students during the programme.

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BASOHLI: GDC Basohli under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' organised a Heritage Walk on "World Heritage Day" from College to Mahadera Shiv Temple and to Basohli Fort.

The event was flagged off by the Principal of the college, Dr. Nidhi Kotwal. The heritage walk was organised to gener-

ate interest and involvement of students in the historical conservation activities. The architecture of the monumental complex of Basohli has gained international fame and earned a title for being 'Wonder of Hills'. Forty students from the college along with faculty members participated in the walk. Dr. Shiv Mangal apprised the students on the

history and architecture of the Mahadera Shiv Temple and the Basohli Fort. The event was organised by Dr. Shiv Mangal Singh, Dr. Jeevan Kumar and Dr. Muzafar Khaudey. The Principal appreciated the efforts of the members of organising committee for the organising the event which will bring students closer to local heritage and culture.

# Varied services provided at Ukhral block Health Mela; people hail Govt's initiative

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RAMBAN: Department of Health and Family Welfare, in Collaboration with District Administration, Ramban on Monday organized a Block Health Mela at Ukhral which was formally inaugurated by the Chairperson, Block Development Council, Karleep Singh. Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ramsoo, Vikar Gari, Dy. CMO, Dr Iqbal Bhat, BMO, Ukhral, Dr Mohammad Iqbal Malik, Tehsildar Ukhral, Nisar Ahmed, Tehsildar Ramsoo, Imran Naik, Nodal Officer, AYUSH Sanjay Chada, Senior Doctors, officers and prominent citizens and a large number of the general public attended the mela. Speaking on the occasion, the BDC Chairperson lauded the efforts of the District Administration especially the team of Health Department for reaching out to people in far flung areas with varied health services and health schemes. The Dy. CMO informed that the public of village Ukhral and adjoining areas are provided with health care facilities which included services of Physician, Surgeon, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Gynae & Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Eye, ENT Surgeons, Dental Surgeon and the diagnostic services , Testing, etc. More Than 2700 persons were screened for different health problems and provided free medicines. People appreciated the initiative of the Health Department for reaching out to the needy people. The Block Health Melas will also be organized at Batote on April 21, Gool on April 25 and Banihal on April 27. The District Administration urged the people to take part in Health Melas as per schedule to take benefit of health care facilities and other schemes of health sectors.

# Annual Yagya performed at Sitti Nag Mandir

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KATHUA: Dr Rameshwar Singh, ZMO Koti Chandayar, Tehsil Bani paid obeisance at the Sitti Naag Mandir where he also participated in the Yagya performed here today. This Yagya is held every year with full religious tradition and sanctity. Dr Rameshwar Singh along with the people participated in the celebrations as the event besides being sacrosanct transforms the environs of the Naag temple into Mela like celebrations. People in large numbers had arrived from different areas to participate in the holy congre-

gation including the Yagya. It is pertinent to mention here that this Naag Mandir is very famous and people especially living in this region have great reverence for this temple and they visit the shrine with utmost devotion to pay their obeisance here and receive the blessings of Naag Devta. Dr Rameshwar Singh also participated in the concluding prayers on the occasion praying for prosperity and good health and peace in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. While addressing the people Dr Rameshwar Singh said that this region has exquisite climate, beautiful topography and this ancient Naag Temple and because of these characteristics the temple along with the surrounding villages qualifies for nurturing it as a tourist destination. He appealed to the administration to take requisite measures in this regard. He said that this would also result in the economic boost of the region and its people.

# District Governor Rtn visits Rotary Club Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: District Governor Rtn Dr. U. S Ghai, R.I Distt. 3070 along with District Secretary had an official visit of Rotary Club Udhampur, Dharmthal & Katra and interacted with all club members. The meeting was organized at the Conference Hall of Rotary Hospital Udhampur.

Thereafter the main function was held at KLSM Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital Udhampur which was attended by all members of Rotary Club Udhampur, Dharmthal & Katra besides eminent citizens of Udhampur town. The function was inaugurated by Chief Guest DG Rtn Dr U. S. Ghai, Mrs Arvinder Ghai (1st lady of district) with Rtn Narinder Pal Singh, Rtn Munish Kapoor, Rtn Chander Goyal.

On this occasion PP Rtn. Puran Lal Sharma, Rotary

Club Udhampur delivered a welcome address and presented the activities report, Rtn D. N. Sharma, Chairman Rotary Eye Hospital presented the project of Rotary Club, Bio-data of Distt. Governor was read by Rtn Kamal K. Gupta, and vote of thanks was presented by Rtn Col. Hargovind Singh. Rtn Gulzar Ahmed Khan was master of ceremony who compared the programme.

Rtn Raj Kumar Dubey presented the details of activities carried out in the previous year. Rotary Club Katra felicitated Dr U. S. Ghai.

All the members of Rotary Club Udhampur, Dharmthal & Katra pledge themselves to work for prevention of avoidable blindness till the Distt. Udhampur & Reasi becomes avoidable blindness free. Rotary club Udhampur is also working for treating the budding

kids suffering with congenital heart disease.

Members of Rotary Club Udhampur who attended the function were Rtn Rajendra Sanson, Rtn. Surjeet Singh, Rtn Satish Gandotra, Rtn S. S. Keri, Rtn P. L. Suri, Rtn Sanjeev K. Magotra, Rtn Manju Sharma, Rtn Mrinalini Nehra Inner Wheel Club Members Anuradha Sanson. Manju Baru, Anu Gandotra, Rotary Club members of Dharmthal Rtn Ashok. K. Sharma, Rtn Sanjay Sharma, Rtn Neeraj Sharma, Rtn. Anjana Kumar, Rtn Anil Gupta, Rtn Aditya Sharma, Rtn Lovendit Manhas, Rtn Nitish Sharma, Rtn Parshotam Singh, Rtn Shailu Kumari, Rotary Club members of Katra, Rtn. Munish Kapoor, Rtn Raj Kumar, Rtn Anil Verma, Rtn Ramnik Sharma & Rtn Sanjay Sharma were present on the occasion.

# AYUSH Kishtwar hosts Block Health Mela at Gulabgarh

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KISHTWAR: Department of AYUSH Kishtwar provided varied health services at Health Mela organised at Gulabgarh Padder under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

District Nodal Officer AYUSH Dr Taraq Hussain, had made necessary arrangements for the smooth and successful conduct of the Health mela. The Health mela shall continue in other blocks of the district up to April 22, 2022.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Paddar, Varunjeet Singh Charak, addressed the staff of different health sectors and the general public and applauded the services of the AYUSH.

On the direction of Union Health Ministry including Youth Services and Sports, AYUSH, School Education, Women and Child Development, Culture, Information and Broadcasting, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Development, State Health Authority, Food and Drug Administration besides other departments coordinated with each other in conducting

young audience to channelize their energies to achieve greater heights. He motivated students by quoting scores of examples of young minds who are today renowned personalities in their respective fields and emphasized the need of setting goals and priorities in life with a need of tracking the same after recurrent intervals.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector Kathua Campus, University of Jammu acknowledged the resource person for such a vibrant presentation on a topic that holds relevance in the present scenario. She said that organizing such events often facilitates the upliftment of the young minds who need to be motivated and dazzled. She also emphasized the signifi-

cance of such webinars for the students in particular and faculty in general. Further, she stressed that such activities should be a regular feature in the academic schedule of the higher institutions.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Organizing Secretary of the Webinar and Incharge Head, MCA Department thanked the resource person for broadening the vision of the audience as regards their capabilities to surmount any difficulties in life by enumerating real-time examples and situations.

Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Amit Sharma, Pranav Ratta, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Ritika Goyal and other faculty members of Kathua Campus were also present during the webinar.

# DIPR's Cultural Wing hosts symposium on environment conservation at GBHSS Bhadarwah

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BHADARWAH: A Symposium on environmental conservation was today organised by Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu here at Boys higher Secondary School under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah, Dilmir Choudhary was the Chief Guest, while Principal of the School Dr Anees Ahmed was guest of honour.

Sr. Lecturers, Vineet Kumar, Shaheen Bano and Aneeta Kotwal acted as the jury members.

Program was hosted by Teacher Arif Rana.

A total 10 students spoke on the subject, while Mujeeb ur Rehman, Owaise Khurshid and Swaim Kotwal bagged first, second and third prizes, respectively.

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