

Yudhvir inaugurates annual Bhandara at Kali Mata Mandir

Calls for strengthening secular fabric of Jammu region

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Sunday said that Temples are places of historic significance add to the grandeur of Jammu besides connecting people of all faiths.

"People drawn from different sections of society who participated in the religious activities reflect brotherhood and spiritualism that can be showcased around the globe, adding that such programmes strengthens the moral bonding amongst people of different faith and religion," Sethi said while addressing gathering after inaugurating an Annual Bhandara organized at Kali Mata Temple Pacci Dhakki Temple Circular



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi along with other devotees at Kali Mata Temple Pacci Dhakki, Jammu.

Road.

Describing Jammu as a symbol of communal harmony and secularism, Sethi said all efforts must be made to strengthen the secular fabric of the

region, which is pluralistic in nature. He said that it is a result of this attitude that Jammu is well known across the nation for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood amidst

diversities in religion and faiths.

He added that in the current times when the anti national and anti-social elements are hell bent upon disturbing the communal

fabric, it is essential for the people of Jammu not to be led away by the provocative statements of such elements and maintain communal harmony at all costs.

Yudhvir Sethi appealed to one and all to uphold the traditional values of brotherhood and coexistence and together identify, isolate and defeat the elements who are bent upon disturbing peace and harmony in Jammu. He called for collective efforts for steering the Union Territory to the pinnacles of development, progress, peace and prosperity. He said the BJP Government at the Centre is endeavoring for uplift of the people of Jammu and Kashmir irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

'Snyan Tspon Legskeyes' authored by MP Ladakh released



A Poetry book being released by dignitaries.

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LEH: The second edition of poetry book titled 'Snyan tspon legskeyes' meaning 'a gift of poetry' authored by Member Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, was among the three books released on the

occasion of the second day of the 'Seminar and Symposium on Development of Literature in Ladakh' organized by Ladakh Academy of Arts, Cultures & Languages, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in Leh.

The poetry book was appreciated by eminent scholars and intellectuals saying that it contributes to the development of literature of Ladakh in Bhoti language.

Giving a brief review on Jamyang Tsering Namgyal's poetry book, President Ladakh Cultural Forum, Tsering Wangdus Lonpo, said that the book will help develop literary writing skill and language proficiency besides contributing to the preservation of literature in Ladakh. 'Lamayuru Monastery - The Secret Moonland on the Earth' by Dr Khanpo Konchok Rigzin, and 'Tamechos Gonspa Chigpa' by Khanpo Nyima Gyaltsan were also released on the occasion.

May Day observed at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan NC took path-breaking initiatives for welfare, empowerment of work-force: Gupta

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JAMMU: Lauding the resilience and fortitude of work force for their sustained efforts in building Naya Jammu and Kashmir as per the dreams of visionaries, who envisioned a progressive, prosperous and peaceful state, senior National Conference leaders on Sunday said that May Day is reminiscent of the workers' rights and societal response towards their well-being.

"It is a day of introspection for us all to ponder whether we have succeeded in assuaging their aspirations and urges", Addressing the gathering Provincial President Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta said and complimented the relentless campaign of the

Labour Union in fighting for genuine cause of the work force.

Gupta said that National Conference has always fought for the cause of labour-class and said their welfare was an integral part of Naya Jammu and Kashmir Charter. He made a particular mention of interest evinced by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah for the empowerment of weaker sections especially the labour force and said this continues to be a guiding force for the party.

"Labour force are the builders of nation and catalyst of socio-economic transformation", he added.

Gupta castigated the BJP for ignoring the welfare of labour force, saying but for

remaining entangled in divisive politics, the party ditched the people of Jammu, especially weaker sections. He also lashed out at a senior BJP leader for unleashing malicious campaign against National Conference and described it as a sign of frustration due to rejection by the people.

Speaking on the occasion, former minister and Central Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra said that every day is a labour day but observing it on May 1 has a historical significance as hundreds of people sacrificed their lives during the Haymarket Massacre in Chicago nearly two centuries ago while struggling for their rights.

"Commemorating this day should not be a ritual but an

occasion to pledge for well-being of the labour class and strive for dignity and honour of the work force".

He recalled the crucial role played by labourers in shaping the public movement in Jammu and Kashmir as elsewhere in the world decades ago.

Those present on the occasion included Binla Luthra Ex-MLA, Vijay Laxami Dutta, Vijay Lochan P.P SC Cell, Pardeep Bali, Chander Mohan Sharma, Rashida Begum, Rakesh Singh Raka, Jatin Bhat, Karan Singh, Som Raj Taroch, Reyaz Ahmed Hakla, Sardar Tejinder Singh, Nitish Gowsami, Zamir Quersh, Parshotam Lal, Thoru Ram, Bodhi Raj, Parveen Kumar, Anil Kumar and Jeet Raj.

LIC employees observe May Day

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JAMMU: A number of employees of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) under the banner of Northern Zone Insurance Employees' Association Srinagar Division affiliated to All India Insurance Employees' Association observed May Day in Jammu to commemorate Haymarket affair in Chicago in 1886 and struggle for an eight hour working a day. The gathering included representatives of all the units of Jammu region- Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Udhampur, Samba, R S Pura and Jammu. Leadership of NZIEA Srinagar Division - Pawan Gupta, Divisional Secretary, Romesh Chand, Joint Secretary, Rajesh Gupta, Joint Secratar, Dinesh

Kumar Sharma, Vice President, Raj Kumar Sharma, Treasurer, Rajesh Kumar, Auditor, Raj Kumar Office Secretary and Neelam Sharma, Convener women sub-committee was also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Gupta lambasted NDA Government for its anti-workers policies. He said that it was after a long struggle and many sacrifices by the working class that demand of 'Eight-hour working day' was accepted nearly a century ago. "Present Government made amendment in the act changing 43 labour laws into four labour codes thereby snatching right of the workers. Now the amendment has been made as per which any worker now may be asked to work for

twelve hours a day without any over-time. Being LIC employees, we show our strong resentment against the decision of the government going for LIC IPO which is the first step towards privatization," he added.

Every year LIC generates four to five lakh crore investible amount and so there is no need of any capital; and then why this sale of the national wealth, why money earned due to policy-holders' money, should go to the private hands, he asked, adding that LIC employees will fight tooth and nail against proposed IPO. Others who spoke on the occasion included Nanak Chand, R P Singh, Vijay Verma, Sat Pal, Rajesh Sapolia, Vinod Sharma and Raj Kumar.

Atulaya Healthcare organises diabetes detection camp



Atulaya team led by head of lab services, Dr Ram interacting with morning walkers.

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JAMMU: To make people aware of Diabetes, Atulaya Healthcare, a one stop for all diagnostic needs of Jammuites, on Sunday organized a free sugar detection camp at Green Belt Park Channi Himmat. People from all walks of life i.e senior citizens and young ones got their sugar fasting tests and were made aware about the life style and dietary habits that contribute to the disease.

Atulaya team comprised of Dr Ram, head of lab services, Vikas Gupta Head of Marketing and technical staff. Dr Ram and all members interacted with morning walkers answering their queries

The camp was organized in early morning keeping in view that large number of walkers through the path in the early hours which is the ideal time for sugar testing.

J&K situation now like old saying 'Andher Nagari Chaupat Raja': Mula Ram

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JAMMU: Former minister and Vice President J&K Pradesh Congress Committee, Mula Ram, in a state-

ment issued on Friday, has said that situation of J&K at present is just like old saying 'Andher Nagari Chaupat Raja'.

Mula Ram further said that LG's administration has failed on all fronts, whether it is power, water or health sector.

"LG's administration has lost moral right to rule J&K after betrayal after betrayal. During my tenure as Minister for Power, various projects started in J&K with the help of Congress government but now UT is passing through a worst-ever power crisis. J&K produces maximum electricity but at present getting nothing due to which people have to face 15 to 18 hours power-cuts daily," said former Minister.

Urging LG's administration either to give exemption on electricity bills or provide power, Mula Ram warned the UT administration that in case it fails to fulfill its basic duty to provide uninterrupted power supply, then Congress would be forced to adopt path of agitation for getting justice for people.

He further claimed that if Congress would come in power, 24X7 power supply would be provided to J&K.



IAF Station Jammu organises medical camp



Air Force medical team examining patients during a camp.

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JAMMU: A medical camp was organised by SMC Air Force Station (AFS) Jammu, as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration at civil locality Raipur, Satwari.

Air Force medical team conducted total OPD of

134 civilians and all 134 individuals were thoroughly screened for oral cancer. 45 patients were screened for anemia and 64 for diabetes.

Immunisation was conducted for children under 5 years age group and they were also screened for malnutrition.

JKCA issues talent hunt trial schedule for Jammu province

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has announced the Talent Hunt schedule for Jammu Province.

Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations & Development, JKCA, while announcing the schedule stated that as announced earlier, the Jammu Province has been divided in 4 zones.

The venue wise details of Zones of Jammu are Zone 1 Rajouri & Poonch at Sports Stadium, Poonch; Zone 2 Udhampur, Kathua and Reasi at Shree Mata Vaishno devi Sports Complex; Zone 3 Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban at Bhaderwah Degree College Ground, Bhaderwah; and Zone 4 Samba and Jammu at Science College, Hostel Ground, Jammu.

Schedule of the various camps is as follow: (1) U-19 (INCL U-16) OD & Days from May 6 to 8, U-23 OD from May 9 and 10, Seniors OD & Days from May 11 to 13.

The same schedule will be followed for Talent Hunt trials for women also, said Sunil Sethi, Member, Legal Affairs.

He further stated that the trials will be held in whites for men and in coloured clothing for women. The trials will commence everyday at the given venue & time, players are advised to report at the designated venue well before the given time.

As intimated earlier, each player has to bring with him digitized DOB certificate, School leaving certificate/marksheet/other docu-

ments will not be accepted as DOB proof. The cut off dates for the various age groups are U-23 - Born on or after 1 September, 1999, U-19 - Born on or after 1 September, 2003 and U-16 - Born on or after 1 September, 2006.

Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration reiterated that separate trials for U16 category is not planned but each U19 team will have minimum

three players from this category. He also clarified that a player cannot give trials for more than two formats.

JKCA hopes that maximum budding players will avail this opportunity and at the end of it we would have enough new faces available for further camps. Each player is advised to bring the certificate duly signed by their parents/guardians.

Working-class an inseparable part of society: Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari has said that every year the 'International Labour Day' or 'May Day' reminds us of the sacrifices of the working class, and provides us an opportunity to renew our pledge to achieve rights for this inseparable class our society.

He said workers and labours in both organized as well as unorganized sectors are part and parcel of the whole society, and no society can progress until the due rights are given to

these workers. In his message on International Labour Day (May Day), the Apni party president said that his party will always stand with the labour class and will not leave any stone unturned to ensure the welfare of the workers of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, "We ought to protect the rights of workers especially the marginalized ones in both the organized and unorganized sectors. Workers are the backbone of every society and it is the duty of the society to ensure better working con-

ditions, job security, health insurance, and so on for these workers."

Bukhari said, "This day - May Day - reminds us about our duty towards the working class. We ought to fight for the protection of the rights of our working class." He urged the lieutenant governor administration to rollout required measures and welfare programmes for the development of the working class in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure the lives and livelihoods of people belonging to the working class are uplifted.

CUKTA presidium, executive members elected

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SRINAGAR: After Central University of Kashmir Teachers Association (CUKTA) invited nominations for the Election of Presidium and Executive Council, Dr Ishrat Bashir, Assistant Professor, Department of English, CUK, was elected as President of the association by acclamation on 20 April 2022.

The nominations were invited for the posts of association's president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Dr Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, has been elected as Vice President, while Dr Ramjit, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism Studies and Dr Khalid Wasim Hassan, Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Governance, have been elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The election was also conducted for other members of the Executive Council in the 7th General Body meeting of the association on 30 April, and members

including Dr Shahid Rasool, Professor & Dean, School of Media Studies, Dr Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, Professor & Dean, School of Education Dr Mir Insha Farooq, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies Dr Ashaq Ahmad Najar, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism Studies, Dr Shabir Ahmad Ahanger, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Dr Mudasir Bhat, Assistant Professor, Department of Law were elected.

Shri Vishwakarma Library declares result of quiz contest

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JAMMU: Shri Vishwakarma Library New Plot Jammu on Sunday declared result of quiz contest which was organized on Ambedkar Jayanti 2022. The competition was based on the questions asked on the biography of Dr. Ambedkar. On 15 April 2022, the contest was held in the conference hall of Shri Vishwakarma Library in which 17 students participated and one student sent his answer online.

On this occasion, Producer, Trident Film Productions & senior Journalist Tarika Mahajan; Anil Dhiman, Divisional Engineer and Sushil Verma Sub-Divisional Engineer from BSNL were present as



Producer, Trident Film Productions & senior Journalist Tarika Mahajan felicitating a winner.

special guests.

Prize distribution ceremony was held in Vishwakarma Library hall in which Ramesh Angotra, Mohinder Lal, Balwant Kataria, Om Kataria, Joginder Angotra, Raj Kumar Chalotra, Vishal

Karotra etc. were present. The main objective of the competition was to enable the children to gain knowledge about Dr BR Ambedkar, who was a great man of social revolution. The first place in this com-

petition was bagged by Janvi Karotra, a student of class IX. He got 55 marks out of hundred. Harshdev Vishwakarma, a student of class 12th stood second and secured 34 marks. The third position was secured by Kritika Kataria who is a student of class 11th with 30 marks.

The fourth position was secured by Nandita, who is a student of class 11th, with 29.5 marks. The first prize was of 1200 rupees, the second 800, the third 400, and the fourth 200 rupees.

Each other participant was given a pencil box. Ramesh Angotra congratulated the children for achieving the feat about Dr B R Ambedkar.