

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Red Cross Day



Glimpses of Red Cross Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated Red Cross Day. The celebration highlighted the fundamental principles of Red

Cross Society like humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, volunteer service, unity and universality. Jakiains made beautiful banners and embellished

them whole heartedly. Jakiains exhibited a skit to explain the value of first aid assistance at the right time. Jakiains briefed and gave the tips and ideas to the audi-

ence to protect and save the sufferers from emergency and natural disasters. The skit presented by Jakiains explained the working of Red Cross organisa-

tions. Suman Bala, the Incharge of the Celebration, explained that Red Cross is an organisation that provides ample opportunities to serve people

in need and distress and Red Cross volunteers worldwide are known for their dedication and commitment. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah

conveyed, "It is the duty of every human being to serve humanity and must always do so to extend our contribution to the Red Cross. This day reminds us all to never step

back when it is our turn to show a gesture of kindness." The principal conducted a quiz pertaining to the celebration and the winners were also awarded.

Representation by SOS Int'l on land ownership rights to WPRs; Chuni apprehends it may hit PoJK DP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Apprehending that the Government move on according land ownership rights to 'West Pakistani Refugees' (WPRs) in Jammu and Kashmir may hit the interests of Pak occupied Jammu Kashmir Displaced People, SOS International, an organization for PoJK DPs has submitted a representation to the J&K Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta.

In the representation, forwarded by SOS Chairman Rajiv Chuni, the Government has been urged to ensure that the land being given to West Pak Refugees must not be earlier allotted to any PoJK DPs and further there should be a rider that the beneficiary West Pak Refugees must not be having possession on piece of land allotted to PoJK DPs or a party to any

case of such nature in the court of law. "We the PoJK DPs appreciate the Government decision of conferring land ownership rights to West Pakistan Refugees and believe that only a displaced person can truly understand the pain of displacement from home and hearth, however, at the time, there are some apprehensions which was want to bring into your kind notice as land of hundreds of PoJK DPs is under illegal possession of West Pak refugees who are tillers since decades," reads the representation.

While elaborating, the SOS International has reminded that PoJK DPs after migration from their homes and

hearths following Pakistan backed tribal attack, were temporarily settled here by granting them Agricultural Land to rural settlers or Residential Plots to those who opted for urban category. In a number of such cases where the agricultural land was allotted to PoJK DPs, the tillers were West Pak Refugees. Since these West Pak Refugees were not entitled for ownership rights, this was the reason that the Land to Tiller Act of 70s could not change the status even as a number of WPRs illegally occupied the PoJK DPs' lands they were tilling notwithstanding the High Court order against the same. Pointing out that there

are thousands of such cases pending in the court of law where the land of PoJK DPs is under illegal possession of West Pak Refugees who were the tillers, the SOS International has expressed apprehension that the Government move to accord the ownership rights may lead to formal transfer of the land of PoJK DPs under illegal possession of the West Pak Refugees, to the latter thus rendering the former displaced once again.

"Keeping in view this apprehension, we appeal to kindly use your good office for ensuring that no injustice is done with PoJK DPs while according ownership rights to West Pak Refugees. This

can be done by ensuring that ownership of the land being accorded to West Pak Refugees must not be earlier allotted to any PoJK DP. Besides, there should be a rider that the beneficiary West Pak Refugees must not be having possession on piece of land allotted to PoJK DPs or a case of such nature in the court of law," further reads the representation to the Chief Secretary, hoping that the Government will incorporate such clause in the law to be enacted for land ownership rights to West Pak Refugees so that PoJK DPs are not disturbed and displaced once again from their homes and hearths.

DC asks officials to remain vigilant about drone, drug trafficking in border areas



DC Jammu Avny Lavasa interacting with residents of border area at Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa has asked the officials to remain vigilant about drone, drug trafficking and other suspicious activities in border areas. She also asked them to register complaint and take strict action the violators. The DC also appealed to the local residents to immediately inform the concerned officials regarding any suspicious activities in their respective areas. The Deputy Commissioner on Wednesday convened an extensive tour of Arnia,

Suchetgarh, Mandal, Marh and Pargwal to attend the meeting regarding Standing Committee on Security along India-Pakistan border. The Deputy Commissioner conducted an extensive tour of village Treva in Arnia, Sai Khurd in Suchetgarh, Fallai Mandal in Mandal and Gol Pattan in Marh which are adjoining to border areas. During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the local residents on development issues including construction of bunkers in border areas for public and security forces, data regarding worship places, construction of bridges over Nallahs in border areas, land acquisition cases etc. The local residents apprised the Deputy Commissioner regarding the issues faced by them in day to day life including power and water supply and road connectivity. The Deputy Commissioner also emphasized on better road connectivity, uninterrupted power and water supply in the border areas to avoid inconvenience to the people of border areas.

Coaching camp begins at R S Pura

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: To prepare teams in the disciplines of Kabaddi and Kho-Kho under-14 and under-17 boys and girls for inter-zonal level competitions of district Jammu, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), started today at Zone Miran Sahib at Bana Singh Stadium in district Jammu today.

Veer Pal Singh, PEM Activity, Incharge Zone RS Pura encouraged the students to put their best to prepare for the upcoming competition.

The probable told about the rules and regulations of the event ahead.



NAUP General Secretary Women Wing, Shikha Bandral addressing a press conference at Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: National Awami United Party General Secretary (Women Wing), Shikha Bandral criticized role of LG's administration in starting Pink bus service in Jammu. Even people of Jammu are expecting equitable treatment after abrogation of Article 370 but even under LG's administration,

same is has not been provided as people are waiting for formal order from the top brass to start pink bus service in Jammu.

She reminded that during PDP government, pink bus service was started for women of Jammu and Srinagar cities in 2016, but unfortunately LG's administration stopped the service

without assigning any reason and is showing no interest for welfare and security of women of J&K. "Every day we hear news of crime against women but Government is not taking stern steps for welfare and security of women. With the start of pink bus services, there will be decline in crime rate against women. It will also help college/school-going girls and working women," she added. NAUP General Secretary also asked LG's administration to start Ola-Uber taxi services in J&K well before G20 meeting as it would be another feather in the crown of UT. Others present on the occasion included Anita Devi, Devo Devi, Neetu Rani, Geeta Devi, Satya Devi, Baby Devi and Ashishu Koul.

JKTA congratulates DSEJ for assuming charge, demands inclusion of ReT under ATD

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Association (JKTA) has congratulated Ashok Kumar Sharma (KAS), for assuming charge as Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ). JKTA leadership under the leadership of its President Bhupinder Singh presented a bouquet and submitted a memorandum of demands to the officer on behalf of teaching fraternity of Jammu region. The association expressed full faith on Director for qualitative educational improvement besides resolving key issues/ demands of the teachers.

The association also focused on bringing about qualitative and quantitative improvement in education by researching the gender parity gaps, organising of enrolment drives and sug-



JKTA President Bhupinder Singh presenting bouquet to Director of School Education Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma at Jammu.

gesting the research oriented areas which need a special focus in school education.

With regard to perennial and non perennial issues of teachers the JKTA leaders briefed, "We are having peculiar problems of the extended teachers fraternity which need to be looked into by DSEJ and governmental level which include Inclusion of teachers appointed under ReT scheme in ATD 2023, School choices be included in the ATD

portal, Adjustment of newly promoted Headmasters and Masters, DPCs from Teachers to Masters, In-Situ Promotion of 2014 promoted Masters, Single female employees, widows and divorcee female officials should be given posting of their choice." JKTA hoped that perennial demands of teachers would be resolved at an earliest so that justice is ensured.

DSEJ gave a patient hearing to the demands and assured

necessary measures to resolve the same. Others present on the occasion included Akhter Abass Naik, Joginder Dingra, Farooq Ahmed Daing, Tirath Singh Balwal, Sadaket Malik, Poonam Thakur, Ray Raj, Dhruv Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Sunil Bhardwaj, Intiaz Ahmed, Madhu Sambyal, Neelam Kotwal, Sanjeet Singh, Mani Ram, Nareesh Kumar and Joginder Radha.

PoJK SIF condemns attack on Mahant Manjit Singh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A meeting was held on Wednesday by PoJK Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum (POJKSIF) under its President Adv Amrik Singh and Secretary Surjit Singh in which the participants expressed their anguish over the criminal attack on Shriman Mahant Manjit Singh of Dera Nagali Sahib, at Digiana Ashram Jammu by some unknown persons in duplicate Nihang dress.

The Forum strongly condemned this murderous attack on the 13th descendant of this Holy Dera of Nagali Sahib and Sikh Religious Chief of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Forum said that the attack was a part of deep rooted conspiracy hatched by the anti-nationality and Gunda elements to create unrest in the JK UT and disturb the peaceful atmosphere and communal harmony here.

The Forum appreciated the timely action of the

Local Police which reached the spot on time, controlled the situation, rounded off the attackers, protected their targets and smashed their nefarious designs.

The Forum requested the Administration to take suo moto notice of this episode and proper investigation be carried out to unearth the conspiracy and conspirators behind this attack on the religious personality and Dera Nagali Sahib which is the epitome of whole Sikh

Sangat of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Forum also invited the attention of L.G Manoj Sinha to take cognizance of this big incident in which efforts were made to create law and order situation in the UT. Forum appealed that a proper inquiry be ordered to bust the conspiracy behind.

Prominent among those present in the meeting include Inder Singh Sooden Corporator, Sucha Singh Corporator, Tirath

Kaur Corporator, Paramjit Singh ex-Corporator, Nasib Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Paramjit Singh Shingari, Nasib Singh, Grp Capt. H.S Sudan, Khazan Singh, Bhajan Singh, Kuldeep Singh Kuku, Manjit Singh, Kultar Singh, Jagjit Singh, Avtar Singh Member DGPC, Dara Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Prehlad Singh, Charanjit Singh, Jiginder Singh, Paramjit Singh Pamm, Pritam Singh and Hardev Singh.

RASC Jindrah's athlete Aditaya participates in NSU's Run at Uttarakhand

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Roller Skating Club Jindrah's national-level Roller Hockey player Aditaya Dev Singh Chib (Puru) has participated in 5 Km Run at Dehradun (Uttarakhand).

The run was organized by the National Students Union of India (NSUI). Aditaya is first ath-

lete of Jindrah club who participated in the run outside J&K UT. Earlier also, he has participated in many 5 & 10 Km Runs and won many medals. The Incharge of Roller Athlete Skating Club Jindrah Gagan Singh Jamwal has lauded the Aditaya's performance and wished him good luck for future endeavours.



Secy Law condoles with Rajesh Talwar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Secretary, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Achal Sethi, on Wednesday expressed grief over the demise of wife of Director Finance, Rajesh Talwar. In this regard, a condolence meeting was held in which the Law Secretary prayed for the bereaved family to bear the loss. He reiterated that the department stands by the officer in this hour of grief. While offering heartfelt sympathies, the officers and the staff prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and patience for the family to bear huge loss.