

# JU organises talk on G20 Meeting in Kashmir and India's Strategic Advantage



Faculty members of DSRS, JU during a talk on "G-20 Meeting in Kashmir".

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu has organized a talk on "G-20 Meeting in Kashmir" in the seminar hall of the DSRS.

The talk was delivered by faculty members of the DSRS, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra and Dr. Ranjan Sharma, to the Research Scholars and the students of master's programme in the University of Jammu.

Dr. Ganesh Malhotra initiated the talk on India's hosting of the G-20 meeting in Srinagar and its strategic importance particularly for Tourism Working Group (TWG) in Kashmir.

India's this meeting holds importance in light of neu-

tralizing Pakistan's propaganda against India over the Kashmir issue at the regional and international platforms to distract the international community from the key issue, i.e., Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Out of 20 countries, 17 countries have sent their delegates who participated in all the sessions of the G20 TWG meetings.

Participation with such great enthusiasm was a great embarrassment for Pakistan and its strategic ally China who continuously relay full-fledged propaganda against India and tries hard to undercut India's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific and the global arena.

The people of Jammu and

Kashmir welcomed the G20 delegates with full enthusiasm with their cultural numbers. The situation in J&K remained peaceful despite the threats by Pakistani terrorist organisations.

Thereafter, in the second session, Dr. Ranjan Sharma assumed the charge of presenting India's position from India's growing influence at the regional and multilateral forums. His talk emphasised more on the relevance of India's presidential takeover of G20 and how India can use this platform to address relay its viewpoint on national, regional and global interests on the basis of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

According to Dr. Ranjan, the platform of G20 can assist India to reclaim its extra-

regional role in the West and South East Asia to consolidate its position in the Indo-Pacific region.

He underlined the importance of global institutions and multilateral inter-governmental organisations and how India can modify its position to fine tune its approach to influence the Afro-Asian and Indian Ocean Rims smaller littoral states. Coming back to the G20 meeting, he also highlighted the benefits of conducting meet in Srinagar which may strengthen India's position on Kashmir and the international community might endorse India's view henceforth.

The deliberations were followed by question-answer session. In the end, Director DSRS, Prof. Virender Koundal gave his concluding remarks on the topic and underline India rising status might be complimented by this meeting.

This programme was also attended by the Department faculty Dr. Mohammad Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, research scholars and PG students of the department.

# PSPS GCW NSS unit conducts campus cleanliness drive



NSS volunteers of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar with faculty members at a drive.

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JAMMU: As the part of series of activities being conducted under Mission Life Campaign-2023, NSS Volunteers of Unit 1 of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt College for Women Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with Dept of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing on Wednesday conducted a Plastic/ Polythene cleanliness drive on the campus. The activity was conducted prior to World Environment Day falling on 5th June 2023 bearing theme- Beat The Plastic Pollution. The drive was conducted under the guidance of NSS Coordinator CLUJ Prof Mala Bhasin and overall supervision of Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college. The students cleaned the college campus and collected

plastic garbage from every nook and corner of the college premises. They also carried out a campaign on 'Say No to Plastic' and emphasized making the campus plastic free. A total of 50 NSS volunteers of Unit 1 participated in this cleanliness drive.

On this occasion, Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of college said that cleanliness is most important for physical well-being and a conducive environment in the campus. It is essential for everyone to learn about cleanliness, hygiene, sanitation and various diseases that are caused due to poor hygienic conditions. We can maintain cleanliness at home by emptying the trash bin regularly, dusting walls and ceilings periodically, cleaning kitchen countertop and sink after every use to keep it dry and bacteria-free.

Cleanliness ensures a healthy mind and physique.

Prof Mala Bhasin, Coordinator added that "It is not the responsibility of only one person, rather it is the duty of everyone to maintain healthy surroundings. She also told the students not to litter on the roads and go for clean and green environment to nurture it for the future generations.

The representatives from Ecology and Remote Sensing department - Hency Pandita and Dr. Zubair Ahmad also made students aware of the benefits of a plastic free environment and thanked the principal and coordinator for their support in organising such events in the college. Prof Sugandha Mahajan NSS Programme officer (Unit 1) coordinated the event successfully.

# Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, ChandanVihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 25 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power sup-



ply to Nagrota, Bani, Bandhar, Chalog, Dhagger, Billawar, Mandali, Phinter, Parnalla, Baggan, Industry, Chichi Mata, PHE and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 28 from 6 am to 10 am.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Industries under Feeder 2nd shall remain affected on May 25, 26 and 27 from 6 am to 9.30 am.

# Bhalla, senior leaders visit injured Congress Corporator in GMC

Condemns murderous attack, seeks stern action against culprits



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, Yogesh Sawhney, visits GMC Jammu to enquire condition of Rashpal Bhardwaj.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, alongwith Yogesh Sawhney, Hari Singh Chib, Dwarka Choudhary, NSUI President Ajay Lakhotra, Vijay Shastri, Prithvi Singh, Jatini Vashisht visited GMC Hospital Jammu to enquire about the condition of Rashpal Bhardwaj who got severe head and arm injuries in a murderous attack, last

evening.

Bhalla condemning the attack on the Congress leader demanded stern action against the culprits.

He termed the attack as a serious matter and hoped that police shall act swiftly and arrest the culprits.

He wished speedy recovery to the injured Congress corporator.

He said that it was unfortunate to see attack on public

representative on road to silence the voice of public representatives who highlight issues of the common masses.

He said, "The incident has alarmed the members of civil society and elected representatives who represent large population but their voices are being crushed with force which was evident from attack on Congress Corporator. As a public representative, it is imperative for us to raise the voice of the people to highlight their issues. However, it appears the authorities have turned deaf ears towards the issues and it was an attempt to silence the voice of the public representatives."

He strongly condemned the incident and sought a strict action against the culprits who attacked Congress Corporator.

# With G20 new chapter of growth would usher in benefiting all stakeholders across UT: CTF



CTF members during a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Chamber of Traders Federation (CTF) in a meeting held on Wednesday discussed the likely impact of G-20 Summit held in the UT.

Raman Gupta, Shiv Kumar Gupta and other senior trade leaders opined that a new chapter of growth would usher in benefiting all the stake holders across the UT.

Raman Gupta praised the Delhi Government for the G-20 initiative. He said Delhi has

successfully eroded the false narrative set by forces inimical to the peace of the region.

LG Manoj Sinha in tandem with MODI government has written a new chapter in the history of Jammu and Kashmir; he added.

"We welcome such a big international opportunity created by the administration and moreover we are moved by the platform provided to small traders and artisans besides a big window of opportunity has been

provided to the tourism sector," added Raman. "We presume that in days ahead the golden days of tourism would return to our UT and the benefits thus gained would percolate down to all sectors enabling young and old to live a life of dignity enjoying economic independence," added Ajay Gupta.

The way LG Manoj Sinha ensured that all regions are well represented in front of the foreign delegates is really appreciable; a good message has been given that government wants all regions to grow equally, opined Parag Abrol.

The meet demanded that administration should continue such big initiatives so that the union territory catches up with the economic growth rate of other big states and contributes in the Nation building exercise.

Other present during the meet were Davinder Gupta, Dinesh Gupta and Tushar Mahajan.

# G20 event in J&K to propel economy, tourism in a big way: Purnima

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JAMMU: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu said that G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting being held in Srinagar will propel economy and tourism in a big way as the event is getting focused attention all across the world. In a statement issued to media fraternity, BJP Spokesperson said that people of the UT should thank PM Narendra Modi for providing such a lifetime opportunity to the people of J&K to showcase the rich cultural diversity, world class hospitality and warmth for which the region is famous since ages. She said that foreign delegates attending the international event in Valley are likely to spread a word of praise eulogizing the beauty of paradise on earth on their way back home giving a big push to tourism sector as for-

eign tourists are expected to throng Valley after this significant event.

The BJP Spokesperson said that promotion of tourism will naturally boost the economy, as it is one of the mainstays of the financial system running the affairs of the UT. She said that increased footfall of tourists from foreign lands will ensure that tourism and hospitality industry gains immensely benefitting the common man.

The senior BJP leader said with conduct of G20 congregation in Srinagar all eyes are on J&K thus giving a chance to people to project its beauty and warmth so that more and more people living across the world get allured and plan visits to the region giving impetus to tourism and in select cases to investments also, which can prove as game changer for the region.

# Ajatshatru lauds PM for successful holding of G20 in Kashmir, says it will boost tourist influx in J&K

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JAMMU: Ajatshatru Singh, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Minister has lauded the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for successful holding of G20 Meeting in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said that the significant G20 meeting is specifically focussed on the promotion of Tourism which is considered to be a substantial booster of economy. He said that the main aim behind holding the meet in Srinagar is not only to boost tourism in Kashmir but across the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory which wit-

nessed a declining trend during the past few decades due to terrorism. He said that first and foremost it is necessary to create a congenial environment for taking tourism to great heights there must be normalcy and above all a positive trust factor. He said the holding of G20 has shown to the whole world the ground realities in J&K with normalcy, security and development ruling the roost.

The former minister said influx of international tourists will go up in Jammu and Kashmir and tourism and hospitality industry will gain immensely benefitting the common man whose income will definitely surge in the coming time. He said that the digni-

ties attending the significant G20 Meet will act as Ambassadors of J&K after their return to home countries will share their experiences of stay in the Paradise on Earth Kashmir possessing mesmerizing charm and beauty with the people there.

"This will ultimately result in multiple progression of the number of aspiring tourists to J&K which will boost the tourism sector and its stakeholders including the hospitality sector. It is undoubtedly going to give a huge thrust to the overall economy of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and its people," he added.

The senior BJP leader reiterated that witnessing the hold-

ing of this significant international event in Kashmir from any perspective is going to benefit the people of J&K on the whole and for this full credit goes to the visionary PM Narendra Modi, the J&K UT Administration led by LG Manoj Sinha and of course last but not the least the people of this sensitive region.

## G20 Meet to boost J&K's tourism: Sham

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JAMMU: Sham Langer, Convener Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade Cell, Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that the ongoing G20 meeting in Srinagar is undoubtedly going to boost tourism, hospitality industry and economy of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said influx of international tourists will go up in Jammu and Kashmir and tourism and hospitality industry will gain immensely benefitting the common man whose income will definitely surge in the coming time. He said that the dignitaries attending the significant G20 Meet will act as Ambassadors of J&K after their return to home countries and share their experiences. This is going to increase the number of aspiring tourists to J&K in multiple progression not only giving a boost to the tourism sector and its stakeholders including the hospitality sector but it is going to give a huge thrust to the overall economy of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and its people.

# Bharat Bhushan kick-start work on WSS Bhalwal worth Rs 11.67 Cr

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JAMMU: The development in rural areas has received massive impetus under the BJP regime which has resulted in tremendously bridging the gap between rural and urban life. The BJP led Government in the Centre is fully sensitive towards the issues of the people and is taking comprehensive measures for redressal of the same at the earliest.

This was stated by Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, DDC Chairman Jammu while starting a development work of Water Supply Scheme (WSS) Bhalwal A& B in presence of BDC Chairman Kuldeep Raj Bhagat, Sarpanch Rajveer Singh

Jamwal, Ex Sarpanch and senior BJP leader Narinder Singh Jamwal, AEE PHE Bhalwal, PRI members and prominent persons of the area.

The WSS Bhalwal A&B will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs 11.67 crore under the Central Government's prestigious scheme Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). This project included repair & replacement of old machinery & electrical equipment, stand by machinery, retaining wall, augmentation of distribution system and digging of another tube-well in the area to fulfill the shortage of water scarcity.

The DDC Chairman said that the BJP led Central Government is implementing

the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in partnership with states and union territories to ensure every rural household in the country has functional household tap connection for drinking water in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis leading to improvement in their living standards. For this, the Jammu district alone has got a major share under this scheme to provide household tap connections which will definitely improve the ease of living, he added.

Bharat Bhushan, while interacting with the people of the area, reiterated his commitment to ensure overall development of district Jammu with special empha-

sis on rural and far-off areas. He assured that besides development of the area he will ensure that the benefits of various schemes meant for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor and needy reach the doorsteps of the people. He said only then we can say that the objective of good governance has been achieved.

The senior BJP leader also directed the party workers to take the achievements of the Narendra Modi led Central Government to every house of district Jammu and also asked them to reach out to every single house in the area to highlight the achievements of the Modi Government in the past eight years.

# Tributes paid to Maharani Yasho Rajya Lakshmi on her death anniversary

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JAMMU: Glorious tributes paid to Maharani Yasho Rajya Lakshmi, wife of Maharaja Dr Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust in a programme organised at Karaneshwar Temple in the premises of Raghunath ji Temple Jammu. On the occasion, Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee along with his wife Dr Ritu Singh and Ranvijay Singh, Trustee performed Pooja at Karaneshwar Temple and prayed for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

Ajatshatru Singh said that though she has left the world but she has made a permanent place in the hearts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.



Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee along with his wife Dr Ritu Singh paying tributes to Maharani Yasho Rajya Lakshmi.

"She will be remembered by the people for centuries together for playing a significant role during the transformation of the state from feudalism to democracy. She dedicated her life for the welfare of women folk and contributed a lot for the promotion of Dogra, Kashmiri and Ladakhi

Culture and her noble deeds have remained as a driving force inspiring the women folk of the state", he maintained.

Brig (Retd) R.S Langeh, President of the Trust; Ashok Kumar (SSP Retd) Secretary and other staff members were present and paid tributes to Maharani Yasho Rajya Lakshmi.

# Khandwal residents sensitized about Mission Poshan benefits

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JAMMU: An awareness camp to educate the locals about the benefits provided under Mission Poshan was on Wednesday organized by the Office of the CDPO Satwari here in Panchayat Ghar, Panchayat Khandwal. The event was held in collaboration with the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Institutions. Sonam Aulakh, local Sarpanch, was the Chief Guest. The other dignitaries present in the camp were District Programme Officer, Poshan, Jammu Renu Basin and Block Development Officer, Mandal Kirandeep Kour. The participants were sensitized about the benefits offered under Mission Poshan through different schemes viz; Supplementary Nutrition Programme,



Sarpanch, Sonam Aulakh posing with other dignitaries at a programme in Jammu.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Ladli Beti, besides services provided to the beneficiaries through the Anganwadi Centres like Health & Nutrition Education, Preschool non-formal education, Referral Checkups, Distribution of Supplementary Nutrition, Health Check Ups, Immunization etc. The officials encouraged the participants to take maximum benefit of different

schemes of Mission Poshan and to adopt healthy lifestyle and sustainable food habits. The baby care kits and ECCE material were distributed among the Lactating Mothers and the preschool children respectively. A cultural program was also presented by the field functionaries of Poshan Project, Satwari. The Child Development Project Officer emphasized

the importance of incorporating millets i.e. Shree Ann in the diet being promoted under the aegis of International year of Millets 2023 for overall welfare and wellbeing of the masses. The food stalls offering local/regional recipes along with ECCE material were also demonstrated in the event to promote the theme. The event concluded with the Vote of thanks by Sachin Sharma, CDPO Satwari.