

Dy Mayor starts development works at Ward 56



Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating development work.

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JAMMU: Continuing the campaign to provide better development as well as basic facilities to the people of the Jammu city, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Tuesday started the work of the lane including other allied development works at Sector 2, Ward 56, Gangyal.

This work will be executed under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).

The people have expressed gratitude to Deputy Mayor Jammu for starting the construction work of the lane and

other allied works.

Billawaria further said that the construction of this lane will not only save the people from any untoward but will also help in controlling the soil erosion and will prevent from mesquites and dengue as there will be no water stagnant in the lane by upgradation/constructing of the said lane and will help in conserving the environment of the area. Deputy Mayor said that the Jammu Municipal Corporation is committed to serve the interests of all sections of the society and this is the one more step towards the service to the community.

He said that this work will not only provide protection to the community but will also provide a sense of connectivity and belonging to the community. The Deputy Mayor further said that the JMC is taking all the necessary steps to ensure that the amenities of the citizens are not compromised. He said that the JMC is committed to provide the best possible services to the citizens and this development work is a step forward in that direction.

Ranjit Singh, Harbans Choudhary, Surjeet Kumar, Rakesh Sangral, Mulkh Raj and others were present.

Kissan leader Ch. Mohan Singh joins Congress Congress committed to transparent and principle-based politics: Wani

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Vikar Rasool Wani on Tuesday said that Congress represents the urges and aspirations of people and it will continue to serve them as an instrument of service and safeguard people's rights.

He made these comments in Jammu where Kissan leader Ch. Mohan Singh along with supporters joined Congress and expressed confidence in the pro people policies and programmes of Congress.

Wani expressed confidence that the new entrants will utilize Congress platform to serve people to the best of their ability, besides strengthening Congress

party further in their respective areas, as that, it is the Congress Party alone which represents urges and aspirations of the people in true sense.

"Congress Party is strong enough, it cannot be cowed down by the falsehood and malicious propaganda of BJP," Wani added and urged the Party workers to remain steadfast to serve people and highlight their issues for their resolution.

On this occasion JKPC President declared many more political leaders are coming to join Congress given its pro people policies and exhorted the newly joined entrants to get connected with the people and ensure that Congress Party is strengthened further in their respective areas.



JKPC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani welcoming newly joined member at Jammu.

Dr Rohit criticizes authorities for slow pace of development in Aitham



Apni Party Provincial Secretary, Dr Rohit Gupta speaking at public meeting.

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JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary, Dr Rohit Gupta has criticized authorities for the pace of development in Aitham area. To discuss developmental issues, Dr Rohit accompanied by Provincial Secretary Apni Trade Union, Daljit Singh organized a meeting with the residents of Aitham. During the discussion, people especially women highlighted various issues complaining about under development and lack of basic amenities.

He said that the roads are in the worst condition with no black topping, poor clean drinking water, and development seemed to be a distant dream.

He said that the Aitham village needs policy for women empowerment to uplift the living standard of the women in the villages. "The women need financial upliftment by providing them skilled training and loan facility from the authorities to start their livelihood as a skilled worker in stitching, and other trades," he said.

He said that the social welfare department's involvement in the issue is important to check the number of women willing to get skilled training and accordingly assist them to improve their financial situation.

"To overcome the employment issues, the authorities should frame a policy for the employ-

ment of the youth and especially women from this area," he demanded. He said that "Since the village comes under Jammu East constituency, the authorities must provide benefits of Smart City to the residents in all areas and villages of this constituency."

"Aitham appears to have been neglected with regard to development and the politicians who represented it for years hardly cared about the development or providing of basic facilities to the locals," he said.

He said that the people in Aitham feel that they were exploited for vote bank politics but they were not provided development.

LAMP in collaboration with Dept of Education organizes XVIIth Orientation cum Workshop

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JAMMU: Learner's Ability Management Programme (LAMP) in collaboration with the Department of Education, University of Jammu (JU) organized the XVIIth Orientation Session cum Workshop on the theme "Indigenous Toys of India."

Resource person Prof. C.B Sharma and Vice-Chancellor, JU, Prof. Umesh Rai was the Chief Patron of the conclave.

On the occasion, Prof. C.B Sharma discussed about the Handbook for the teachers proposed by the NCERT on toy-based learning and named it "Jadu Ka Pitara".

He discussed that a set of toys should be created for the children to connect it to their curriculum by giving classic examples of hand-made toys from Andhra Pradesh.

Different members present in the meeting deliberated and



Resource person Prof. C.B Sharma speaking at orientation workshop at Jammu University.

put forth their suggestions on how these indigenous toys of India can enter into the Indian classrooms and help children to learn from them.

Exposure to a variety of colours to the children, reaching out to the rural areas to understand the importance of local and indigenous toys in the education of the children, teaching the concept from known to unknown, sensitization to the masses about the significance of lost treasures of

indigenous toys in learning etc. are some of the valuable suggestions that were given by the distinguished guests present. Dr. Kajal Devi Manhas, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, University of Jammu presented her formal welcome address.

Earlier, the profile of the eminent speaker was presented by Dyutima Kesar, Research Scholar, Department of Education. The session was

steered into action with the prayer by Seniorita. Dr. Ana Bali conducted the session and briefed the gathering about the previous sessions of LAMP held so far.

Prof. Renu Nanda, Head, Department of Education gave her concluding remarks followed by a vote of thanks proposed by Neha Bandral.

Among others Dr. Monica Narang, Faculty, The Law School, Ashima Kaul, Independent Peace Practitioner, Changemaker and Journalist, Sunil Kumar Sharma, Senior Academic Officer, SCERT, Jammu, Manju Bala, NGO Representative, Avneet Kaur, Alumni, Department of Education and faculty members of the department including Dr. S.K. Panda, Minakshy Choudhary, Dr. Sheetal Sharma and Dr. Anuradha Rani.

India, Israel to enhance partnership in innovation, StartUps: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: India and Israel will enhance partnership in areas like innovation and StartUps, and usher in a new phase of deeper bilateral collaboration.

This was stated here on Tuesday by Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh when a high-level Israeli delegation led by Dr. Daniel Gold, Head of DDR&D, Israeli Ministry of Defence, called on him here.

On the occasion, India and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation with focus on several key technology areas, like Aerospace, Electronics Instrumentation, Civil, Infrastructure &



A high-level Israeli delegation led by Head of DDR&D, Israeli Ministry of Defence, Daniel Gold calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at New Delhi on Tuesday.

Engineering, Ecology, Environment, Earth & Ocean Sciences and Water, Mining, Minerals, Metals & Materials, Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Energy (Conventional & Non-Conventional) and Energy Devices, Agri, Nutrition & Biotech and Healthcare.

The Multi-Sectoral Agreement was signed between CSIR and

Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D), Ministry of Defense of the State of Israel, in the presence of Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh at the CSIR-Science Centre, New Delhi.

Welcoming the signing of the agreement, Dr. Jitendra said that 2023 is a very important year for

the country as India is holding the G20 presidency under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It is also the year when India and Israel are celebrating 30 years of successful diplomatic relations.

The Minister said he is optimistic that this agreement will open a new phase in India-Israel partnership in areas like Innovation, Technology and StartUps.

Brig. Gen. (Ret) Dr. Daniel Gold, Head of DDR&D, Israeli Ministry of Defence said that it is heartening to see that, in 2022-23, India and Israel celebrated 30 years of successful diplomatic relations. India and Israel are very good friends and has lots of potential to collaborate in high technology areas, he said.

J&K ICAI organizes entrepreneurship interactive meet

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Branch of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in collaboration with the Kashmir Chapter of NIRC of ICAI hosted an Entrepreneurship Interactive Meet organised by the Committee for Members in Entrepreneurship and Public

ous MSME Schemes. CA Vineet Kohli, Vice Chairman of the J&K Branch welcomed the guest speakers and members and delivered the inaugural address. CA Khateeb Yousuf, Deputy Convenor of the Kashmir Chapter conducted the proceedings. CA Altaf Hussain, senior member of the valley presented the formal vote of thanks.



Dignitaries lighting ceremonial lamp at Entrepreneurship Interactive Meet.

Service (CMEPS) of ICAI at Srinagar. The Guest Speakers for the events were CA (Dr) Rajkumar S Adulka (Chairman, CMEPS & Council Member) and CA (Dr) Raj Chawla (Council Member).

The first technical session was taken by CA (Dr) Rajkumar S Adulka on the topic "Acquiring Skills to be A Global Professional - as an Entrepreneur - as Practitioner - as CEO". Second Technical Session was presented by CA (Dr) Raj Chawla on vari-

CA Mohd Iqbal Untoo (Convenor of the Kashmir Chapter) along with other Chartered Accountants of the valley were present at the occasion.

Power Shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Bishnah, Sarore, Deoli, Kotli, Kheri, Rehal, Pandorian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 3 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Trenchia, Reasi Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 3 from 10 am to 4 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Siraj, Sanasar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 3 from 9 am to 5 pm.

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JAMMU: In an open letter to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Ch. Rashid Azam Inqlabi has taken up the issue of unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir arose particularly after COVID epidemic. Ch. Inqlabi, in a letter, said that Govt have recently abolished many posts which are not been filled for the lost two to three years, and also frozen the vacancies of the Education Department up to 2028 which became available due to retirement.

The unemployed educated youths mainly belonging to rural areas and poor families were severely

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar organises guest lecture on Gas Chromatography



Resource person posing for a photograph with faculty members and students.

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JAMMU: Department of Food Science and Technology of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women on Tuesday organised a one day guest lecture on the working of Gas chromatography, High Pressure Liquid Chromatography.

Dr. Ajai Prakash Gupta, Principal Technical Officer, Quality Management and Instrumentation Department, CSIR- IIIM Jammu was the resource person for the event.

The event was held under the guidance of Professor Minu Mahajan, the College

Principal.

The Principal extended a warm welcome to the expert invited for the lecture and applauded the initiatives taken by the department of Food Science for organizing the event. Dr. Ajai Prakash Gupta elaborated on various lab techniques used in detection and isolation of flavor compounds from food samples.

As many as 34 students of PG Food Science of Sem I and Sem III attended the lecture. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Anuradha Gandotra, HOD Food

Science. The event was organised and attended by the staff of PG Food Science.

Bhandari Biradari congregation today

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JAMMU: The Bi-Annual congregation of Bhandari Biradari will be held on May 3 (Wednesday) at temple premises in Subash Nagar, Jammu. The Bhog will be held at 11 AM. All the Biradari members have been requested to attend the congregation to seek the blessings of Kuldevi Maa Sajawati.

Giving land rights to West Pak refugees is historic step: Kavinder

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JAMMU: A historic step which shall be written in letters of gold in history of JK attributed Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, while interacting with a delegation of WPRs at BJP headquarters. This speaks of conviction and commitment of government which is committed towards welfare and well being of the people, especially flagging issues which have been left unredressed since decades and decades.

Ranbir Singh Pathania, former MLA & J&K BJP Spokesperson, was particularly about timely and fair compensation for acquired lands.

He was canvassing for a land compensation of people affected by 4th Bavi bridge. Award was passed in 2011 but people are still bereft of compensation. He was further dealing with land compensation cases of far flung areas where lands have been acquired since decades and a penny worth received by people as yet.

He further focussed on new techniques and best practices as to how we could redress the public issues in a more efficacious way.

He was critical of non start of work on Kirchi to Seoj Dhar: A multi crore road from Dudu-Kirchi to Dhar Seoj was proposed and sanctioned under PMGSY. Work on the same was also started

almost five years back but same could not be taken up due to some ecological concerns raised by the department of forests.

Now, the department of PMGSY in liaison with the department of Forests have identified an alternative location which lessens the length of the road by as many as five kilometers and as many as 500 trees also could be saved. But project still hangs midway. Amongst other general issues pertaining to land encroachments, compassionate appointments, verifications, ex-gratia to accident victims, relief to cross-firing victims, proper convening of Gram Sabhas in Pulwama, drinking water, building permissions, staff shortage, proper voltage electricity, were projected by a number of deputations who called on in the BJP office with references and telephone calls to concerned officials.

Selected Junior Statistical Assistants (JSAs), SRTC employees, canvassed their issues. Rehbar E Janglats, called for a time bound regularisation and against a post having higher pay scale than that of a Forest Guard.

NYCs called for rolling out a comprehensive regularisation policy as well as honorarium.

Anuradha Charak, Vice President, remained present and piloted the proceedings.

All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari congregation held



All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari members visiting Data Dahi at Purmandal during congregation.

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JAMMU: Bi-Annual Congregation of All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari was held on Tuesday at Data Dahi Mandir, Purmandal.

All the Jamwal Pandit Biradari members participated in congregation along with their families to seek blessings of Data Dahi at Purmandal.

The Congregation was celebrated with the traditions and customs of the Biradari. The Hawan was performed in which devotees

gave Aahuti amid chanting of religious mantras. Organizers prayed for the welfare and prosperity of the Jamwal Pandit Biradari as well as the peace and progress for the whole world. Organizers thanked Biradari members for their participation in the congregation and said that it is the great faith and favour of the people who spared time to visit here.

Community Langar was also organized by the Biradari members on the occasion.