

IRC Jammu celebrates World Red Cross Day; holds Raffle Draw- 2023

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JAMMU: As a mark of respect to the founder of Red Cross Movement Sir Jean Henry Dunant, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Region on Monday celebrated World Red Cross Day here in the Teacher Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar.

Theme of World Red Cross Day 2023 is: "Everything we do comes # from the heart" which focuses on foregrounding the volunteers of the Red Cross and their contribution to the society.

The function started with hoisting of Red Cross Flag by the Chief Guest, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Region followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp and floral tributes to Sir Jean Henry Dunant Founder of Red Cross Movement in the presence of Capt. Bana Singh Param Vir Chakra Awardee; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu; Shareesh Sharma, President J&K Bank Ltd; Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu; Sandeep Seiontra, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Adm.) Jammu; Mamta Rajput, District Social Welfare



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar lighting ceremonial lamp.

Officer, Jammu, representatives from CRPF BSE, J&K Police, Educational Institutions Prominent citizens, Former Secretaries, IRCS, Jammu Region, besides Executive Committee Members of IRCS, Former Red Cross Executive Committee Members and Red Cross volunteers. .

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest, Divisional Commissioner (Chairman Indian Red Cross Society) Jammu Region, called for organizing awareness programmes to educate youth about hazards of drug addiction which has assumed alarming dimensions, in addition to ongoing Red Cross Activities. He appreciated the efforts put in by the Red Cross for generating funds through Raffle Draw tickets which were sold by BSE, CRPF, J&K Police, J&K Bank, Educational

Institutions Govt. Departments and Corporate / Business Houses. "Red Cross being the first responder, there is much more scope for diversification of activities through a coordinated and scientific manner so that we reach and cover the maximum number of people who need Red Cross support," the Div Com added.

Earlier, the programme started with taking of Red Cross Pledge by the students of Jain School, Jammu and Red Cross song by Yash Pal Yash Composer followed by a number of Cultural presentations by Carmel Convent Hr Sec School Kunjwani, Jammu, Government Girls High School, Gandhinagar, Jammu, BSE School, Paloura, Jammu, St. Peter Hr. Sec. School, Jammu, Government High School Chal Largan, Jammu Shangrilla Public School, Jammu and SD Memorial

Hr. Sec. School, Jammu.

Sat Pal Sharma, Honorary Secretary, IRCS, Jammu Region, in his address, welcomed the Chairman, IRCS, Jammu Region, distinguished guests, dignitaries and the participants for making the event successful. He also briefed about various programmes/activities carried out by the Red Cross, Jammu Region during the year 2022-23 and defined its role and responsibilities during disasters and first-aid training.

He said due to Covid 19 Pandemic and restrictions thereof imposed by the J&K Govt. from time to time, the Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu Region could not hold Red Cross Raffle Draw in the year 2019-20. "However, this year under the guidance of the Chairman (Divisional Commissioner), IRCS, Jammu Region, Red Cross has been able to generate huge funds which are very high as compared to all previous years and the same shall be utilized to carry out the activities for welfare of poor/needy people suffering from different ailments such as cancer, kidney, Liver, Thalassemia and other' he added.

Later, the Chief Guest along with Executive

Committee Members of IRCS, and other Prominent Dignitaries also announced Red Cross Raffle Draw 2023 Result. The first prize - Wagon R VXI went to ticket number 057285, while the second prize - Alto K10 LXI went to ticket number 309474. Besides, two winners of third prize, won Royal Enfield Bullet 350 CC for ticket numbers 079528 and 051636. Fourth prize, Activa Scooty 6G, was won by two persons with ticket numbers 526902 and 092850, 5th prize (2) HP Laptop (13+8GB was won by two persons with ticket Numbers 468935 and 187612, 6th prize (2) LG Refrigerator (340 Ltr.) was won by two persons with ticket numbers 538457 and 189684, 7th Prize (2) Voltas Window AC (1.5 Ton (2) was won by Two persons with ticket Numbers 318823 and 396978, 8th Prize (3) LG LED 32" was won by three persons with ticket Numbers 347110, 362884 and 370928, 9th Prize (3) Redmi 11 Prime was won by three persons with ticket numbers 047221, 099361 and 116287 and 10th prize (3) LG Microwave (20 Ltr.) was won by three persons with ticket Numbers 488188, 446950 and 284839.

Dogri Sanstha releases Jagdish Sharma's book



Ex-HoD Hindi of JU, Prof. Raj Kumar and other dignitaries releasing Jagdish Sharma's collection of Dogri poetry entitled 'Ek Soorat Jehdi Nei Bhuldi'.

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu released Jagdish Sharma's collection of Dogri poetry entitled 'Ek Soorat Jehdi Nei Bhuldi' in a function organized at Dogri Sanstha, Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Ex-Head of Department Hindi at Jammu University and a prominent Hindi writer was Chief Guest, Prof. Devender Sharma was special guest whereas the function was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha.

Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President Dogri Sanstha and an eminent linguistic gave detailed analysis about the creative works of Jagdish Sharma and Ashok Khajuria, a well-known Dogri writer presented a paper on the released book. On this occasion Prof.

Devender Sharma recalled his long association with the poet and said that he will continue prompting him to pen down more creative works as he has the potential to do it.

Prof. Raj Kumar as a chief guest said that it's good that whatever came in the mind of poet he has expressed it in his own way.

The book carries poems on varied subjects including his memories about his wife, whose demise actually came as a turning point in his life and he started giving words to his innermost feel for her in her absence.

Jagdish Sharma also spoke about his growing interest towards literature and shared with all that he started writing at a very late stage but he enjoys it now and hoped that he will come up with another book on the history of Bishnah, his native place. Prof. Lalit

Magotra in his presidential speech complemented the poet for coming up with another book which is his third.

He said that age is no bar in a creative field because when you get instigated from within to express in words whatever you feel, a writer is born.

Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary of Dogri Sanstha and a prolific writer also complemented Jagdish Sharma for the released collection of Dogri poems and expressed that his journey will continue and he will come up with more collections in near future. He also presented vote of thanks.

The programme was conducted by Pawan Verma, a well-known theatre activist and Dogri writer and was attended by galaxy of prominent personalities from all walks of life including family members of poet.

Investiture ceremony held at DPT office

DPT presents DGP's Commendation Certificates & medals to 10 officers/officials of Telecom

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SRINAGAR: An investiture ceremony was held to present DGP's commendation certificates and medals to the officers/officials of the Telecom Wing at Director Police Telecommunication (DPT), J&K office here on Monday.

DPT J&K, Manoj Kumar Pandith presented DGPs commendation certificates and medals to 10 officers and officials who have been awarded with the DGP's Medal for their exemplary services to the department during the year-2021.

DPT J&K applauded the awardees and congratulated them and their families for recognition of the work and conduct. He said that DGP's medal is an appreciation of your good work.



DPT J&K, Manoj Kumar Pandith posing with officers and officials after presenting DGP's Commendation Certificates and medals.

He wished them good luck and hoped that they will continue to work with the same dedication and zeal in future also.

DySP (S) Nassar-ullah-Khan (Pvt. Secretary to DPT J&K), Manzoor

Ahmad Khan DySP (Hqrs) Telecom J&K, Insp.(S) Vinod Kumar, Insp.(M) Abdul Majeed Reshi and Insp.(Tel) Shameem Ahmad were present on the occasion.

Those who were presented DGPs medal include Insp.

(Tel) Adil Shafi Najar, SI (Tel) Gh. Geellani, SI (M) Tariq Ahmad Paul, SI (M) Raj Kumar, HCs (Tel) Mohd Yousaf, Sanjay Kumar Bhat, Sudhir Koul, Maheshwar Sharma, Gurdvir Singh and Tanveer Ahmad.

Oil Conservation programme 'SAKSHAM-2023' concludes

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JAMMU: Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) in flagship programme under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOP&NG) guidelines, celebrated Oil Conservation Programme which started on April 24, 2023 and culminated on Monday.

It was held to sensitize citizens about the need of fuel conservation for health and environmental protection, as well as to help India reduce its reliance on crude oil imports.

This year Saksham 2023 tagline was Energy Conservation towards Net Zero emissions.

The 15-day long programme was concluded today in presence of Irfat Kohli, Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Jammu and Senior Officials from Oil Marketing Companies. Irfat Kohli



Director, FCS&CA Jammu, Irfat Kohli presenting prize to a winner student.

emphasized on conserving oil which can also help saving our environment. She appreciated the efforts of Oil Marketing Companies (IOCL/ HPCL & BPCL) operating in J&K for creating mass awareness about conservation of petroleum products. Kholi also encouraged the young minds to take initiative and inculcate new ideas to promoting the alternative sources of energy which will decrease our dependency from imported fossil fuels and also lead to healthier environment. SAKSHAM 2023 pledge was also administered by the Chief Guest along with Oil Marketing Companies Officials to all present during the Valedictory Function. Anjani Kumar, State Level Coordinator Oil Industry, J&K

and Ladakh UT briefed the audience during the programme about various activities held during 15 days long Fuel Conservation Drive SAKSHAM 2023. Students from different schools & colleges, truck drivers, workshops mechanics and house wives, etc. who were top performers in various competitions and activities held during the 15 days long Fuel Conservation Drive SAKSHAM 2023 were felicitated during the Saksham programme and at the event.

Sandeep Kumar Raina, LPG Head, BPCL, Jammu presented vote of thanks to all present during the valedictory function. Ishu Kumar, Territory Manager BPCL and Prathana Sharma, Manager, HPCL were also present during the Function.

members of the event. About 10 (Ten) students participated in the competition. Ms.Nancy Devi (B.A Sem-2nd), Ms.Abia Gupta (B. A Sem- 2nd), and Ms. Preeti Kalsi (B.Sc Sem-2nd) were adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner respectively. The winners were

awarded with certificates. Prof.Eisha Gohil, Prof. Nesha, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Dr Suraj Mohani Jamwal (Organising committee members) were also present during the event. The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof Paramjeet Singh.

14 officials found unauthorizedly absent, suspended

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray on Monday conducted surprise inspection of various Government offices to check the attendance of the officials including ACD Office, ACP Office, Executive Engineer REW, Tehsildar Office Kupwara, JKEDI, DE&CC and Prosecution Office. During the surprise visit, the DC found 14 officials unauthorizedly absent from their duties and put them under suspension. These officials include 11 of Rural Development Department and 3 of Tehsildar Office Kupwara.

During the visit, the DC also enquired about the work done by the departments. He also stressed upon the officers and employees to remain punctual in their duties.

Arun terms Dr Prabhakaran inclusion in AFC honour for India

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JAMMU: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) secretary general, Dr Shaji Prabhakaran has been elected as an Executive Committee member of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Congress, which met in Dhaka, Bangladesh. "I congratulate Dr Shaji for finding berth in AFC and wish him a success," said AIFF Technical Committee member, Arun Malhotra of J&K.

Bharat Bhushan urges LG for timely assessing, disbursing compensation for damaged crops among farmers

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JAMMU: DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi on Monday urged the Lt Governor Sh Manoj Sinha to provide adequate compensation to the farmers of Jammu who lost their crops in the recent incessant rains and hailstorm that completely damaged the standing crops of farmers.

The DDC Chairman was speaking at the meeting organized by BJP District Kissan Morecha North Jammu here today. The meeting was organized by Raman Singh, President of

BJP District Kissan Morecha North Jammu. Omi Khajuria, District President BJP North Jammu was also present.

In the meeting, the BJP Kissan Morecha leaders apprised the DDC Chairman about the loss of damages to crops due to incessant rains and hailstorm that completely damaged the standing crops of farmers. They demanded adequate compensation of damaged crops.

The DDC Chairman, who was the Chief Guest, informed that the Divisional Administration and District

Administration has already constituted teams and directed the revenue department for assessing the loss of damaged crops. He asked the Kissan Morecha leaders to have faith on the government as the administration under the stewardship of LG Sinha is working day and night to address the problems being faced by people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The DDC Chairman Jammu said that the Central Government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done more work in the last eight years than ever

before for empowering farmers and making them self-reliant. He said the Government at the Centre stands fully committed to the welfare of the farmers who deserve special attention especially in view of their being the food producers of the nation.

The DDC Chairman appealed to the LG Sinha to issue necessary directions to the Revenue Officials for speeding up assessing the damaged crops so that the farmers would get timely compensation of their damaged crops.