

Nissan Motor India establishes New Sales & Service Network in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMPL) on Thursday inaugurated a new state-of-the-art dealership and service workshop in Srinagar.

The addition of the new sales and service customer touch points to Nissan's pan-India network demonstrates the company's growing commitment to the Indian market and its valued customers. With the addition of these touch points, Nissan has expanded its network to 272 touch points across India.

The new Kashmir Showroom (Kitab Mobility Pvt. Ltd.) in Srinagar has a total area of 6527 sq. ft. while the state-of-the-art service workshop is spread across a total area of 12200 sq. ft. The new showroom and service workshop are equipped with high quality amenities and are staffed by knowledgeable, well-trained, and passionate sales and service professionals, to ensure that customers enjoy a seamless car-buying and ownership experience.



Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. inaugurating new branch at Srinagar.

Commenting on the opening of the new touch point, Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMPL), said, "Srinagar is a pivotal location and the gateway to our plans in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond. With the inauguration of our new dealership and service workshop in Srinagar, our goal is to create a seamless and enjoyable car-buying journey, dedicated to delivering an ownership experience that exceeds the expectations of our customers. These new touch points enable us to fulfil our customers' automotive needs and enhancing their overall satisfaction, with unmatched dedication and service."

As part of Nissan's steadfast commitment to the Indian market and to meet the evolving customer needs, the company expanded its Nissan Magnite family with two significant additions: the Magnite EZ-Shift and the Magnite KURO Special Edition in October 2023. These latest additions to

the bestselling Nissan Magnite family promise to deliver the highest value to customers in India, offering a range of benefits that cater to diverse needs.

In line with this commitment, Nissan Motor India operates on a PHYGITAL distribution approach, providing a hassle-free, one-stop solution to customers for all their needs. This approach offers a seamless and convenient experience with an integrated offline-online payment option, which can be accessed at the customer's preferred showroom.

Students from Sewa Bharti, Jammu Visits CUJ

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JAMMU: Sewa Bharti, J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with Central University of Jammu (CUJ) on Thursday organized an educational visit to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) laboratories in CUJ.

Thirty five students of Dristi Girls Hostel visited the various labs of ISRO and were briefed about them in detail.



A dignitary lighting a ceremonial lamp at the event.

The girl students from Sewa Bharti performed cultural events with a special programme where they sang the glory of "Bharat Maa" in 16 different languages of

India. Vice Chancellor CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, emphasised that the university will bring out collaborative plans with Sewa Bharti on education so that the expertise of CUJ faculty may be utilised for the education of girls residing in their hostels.

He gave a slogan "Ak Din Sewa Bharti ke Saath" so that university faculty can contribute to their humanitarian works. Prof. Jain facilitated Jaidev Dada, Sewa Bharti Northern region, Organisation Secretary, for his dedication and contributions to the cause.

Earlier Prof. Vinay Kumar, Convener SDCSS, ISRO welcomed all the students. During the program Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh, Deans, Heads and Faculty members of various departments were present.

Dharmarth Trust mourns passing of Rajamata Madhavi Raj Scindia



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JAMMU: J&K Dharmarth Trust extended its deepest

condolences on the passing of Rajamata Madhavi Raj Scindia, mother-in-law of Vikramaditya Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, and mother of Chitranagada Raj Singh (wife of Vikramaditya Singh). In solemn remembrance, a condolence meeting was held at the Central office of Dharmarth Trust in Jammu. Brigadier RS Langhe (Retd), President of the Trust, Ashok Kumar Sharma, IPS (Retd),

Secretary of the Trust, and Trust employees observed a two-minute silence, paying respects to the departed Rajamata Madhavi Raj Scindia. The participants joined in prayer, seeking solace and eternal peace for the departed soul. They also expressed their heartfelt sympathies and solidarity with the grieving family, praying for strength and fortitude during this difficult time.

Nutrition items donated to Blind School Roorp Nagar

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JAMMU: Social Reform & Charitable Organisation (SR&CO) Kishtwar, in collaboration with Vihar Kranti Manch International (VKMI), Confederation of Voluntary, Social & CO. and Indian Yoga Association, embarked on a benevolent mission to support various orphanages.

Their endeavour on Thursday brought them to the National Federation of the Blind, Jammu Chapter Blind School in Roorp Nagar.

Spearheaded by Sanjiv Parihar, Founder Chairman of SR&CO, the initiative saw the distribution of essential nutrition items generously provided by Daber India, including fruit juice packs, tomato puree, toothpaste, glucose, and toothbrushes, among the students and staff.

During the visit, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State



Social Reform & Charitable Organisation members distributing nutrition items among students.

Yoga Commissioner, State Chairman of Indian Yoga Association, and President VKMI, imparted valuable advice on interacting with visually impaired individuals.

Stressing on respectful communication, he emphasized the

importance of not altering vocabulary, asking instead of grabbing, giving detailed descriptions, adding image descriptions on social media, and respecting a visually impaired person's autonomy when offering assistance.

Dr. Jain also proposed the establishment of a craft center within the home, offering his services, and suggested initiating regular Yoga sessions for the students and inmates of the Blind School. The event witnessed partici-

pation from various individuals, including K.S Sanyal, Advisor VKMI, Narinder Wadhwa, President of Evening Walkers Association Trikuta Nagar Sec 2, and Amarjit Singh, a member of SR&CO.

Nivedita, the School Principal, along with Ram Dass Dubey, Retired Headmaster of DIET Jammu, and Chandni, the School Music Teacher, facilitated the event's organization. Nivedita concluded the event with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the collaborative effort and expressing gratitude for the support extended to the visually impaired community.

Lecture on "Prevention of Lifestyle Diseases" held at Nagrota

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NAGROTA: A health awareness lecture cum interaction was organised at Nagrota Military Station for educating women about 'Prevention of Lifestyle Diseases'.

The lecture was taken by (Dr) Aayush Khajuria, MD (Community Medicine). Dr. Reena G Sachdev, Zonal President, Indian Army was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The event also included unveiling of a Bilingual Handbook titled- "Swasthya Parivar, Sukhi Parivar".

The handbook gives practical tips on dietary modifications, physical activity and lifestyle changes as per latest WHO guidelines.

A copy of the handbook was handed over to each lady for their ready reference. Approx 150 families attended the event.

A "Mobile Swasthya Vaahan" was also displayed on the occasion for creating awareness about the pertinent issue.

The vehicle will be made to move around all RWAs of Nagrota Military Station to educate the families and increase their public health literacy on prevention of lifestyle diseases.

CSIR-IIIM observes Swachhata Pakhwada



Workers being felicitated on culmination of Swachhata Pakhwada at CSIR-IIIM, Jammu on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) has celebrated Swachhata Pakhwada from 1st to 15th May, 2024.

Swachhata Pakhwada is a significant initiative of the government under Swachh Bharat Mission with the objective of bringing a fortnight of intense focus on the issues and practices of Swachhata by engaging GOI Ministries/Departments in their jurisdictions.

The Pakhwada activities were organised by CSIR-IIIM, Jammu as per the Calendar of Swachhata Pakhwada for the year 2024, released by the Department

of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India. As part of the Swachh Bharat Mission mandate, it is imperative for government offices to provide a clean and healthy working environment for its employees/visitors.

In a press handout issued on Thursday, it was stated that to commence the Swachhata Pakhwada on May 1, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu administered the Swachhata pledge to scientific, technical and administrative staff and the research scholars of the institute.

Later, the main activities of Swachhata were then followed like plantation of trees, cleanliness drive in whole

campus, reviewing, recording and weeding out of old Physical Files done by various sections of the institute and the old and obsolete items were earmarked for disposal. Director, CSIR-IIIM, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed expressed happiness and appreciated all HODs, different stakeholders, especially the students, sanitation section and Engineering Department for the pro-active participation in the Swachhata related activities of the institute. He also exhorted the staff to follow the best practices not only to keep the campus, labs, and offices clean but also adopt the cleanliness, in all walks of our lives.

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JAMMU: Dharmarth Trust on Thursday celebrated Bagalamukhi Jayanti with traditional fervour and gaiety here at Natraj Temple inside the premises of historical Shree Raghunathji Temple, Jammu.

In this connection, a Hawan was solemnized by Pujaris of Shri Raghunath Temple followed by Aarti in the temple of Mata Bagalamukhiji. Ashok Kumar Sharma, IPS (Retd), Trust's Secretary participated in the Hawan.

Giving details about the significance of Bagalamukhi Jayanti, the Temple Priest said that Mata Bagalamukhi is one of the ten Mahavidyas (great wisdom Goddesses) in Hinduism. "Mata Bagalamukhi Devi removes the devotees' misconceptions and delusions (or the devotees' enemies) with her cudgel. She is also known as Pitambara," he added.

Ashok Sharma said that Trust has the history of paying focused attention towards religious activities in the region and the people associated with this over hundred year's old institution never fail in fulfilling their responsibility



Dharmarth Trust trustee celebrating Bagalamukhi Jayanti at Shree Raghunathji Temple.

of carrying out conventional religious obligations.

He said that today's celebrations of Mata Bagalamukhi Devi Jayanti and several others in the past are being carried out flawlessly in the temples and shrines of Dharmarth

Trust since decades and every constituent of the Trust gives his or her hundred percent in ensuring success of these religious functions and events. He urged the younger generation to visit the shrines and temples to

have knowledge of rich culture and traditions associated with this great land of seers and saints.

Later, a Langar was also organized for devotees who took part in the celebrations.

Samvedna Society organises Ayushman and Abha Cards preparation Camp



Police personnel preparing Ayushman and Abha Cards.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chairman Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra, on Thursday organized the Ayushman Bharat Sehat and ABHA Cards Preparation Camp for the police personnel.

Inaugurated by Vishal Manhas, Staff Officer to ADGP Jammu, the camp garnered appreciation for its role in providing crucial health insurance benefits to the police force.

Vishal Manhas lauded Samvedna Society's efforts,

recognizing the tangible service rendered to police personnel by organizing such camps directly within their workspaces.

Keshav Chopra expressed admiration for the commendable work of the Jammu & Kashmir Police and reiterated the society's commitment to supporting them.

Private Secretary to ADGP Janardan Sathia, PA to ADGP Rakesh Kapoor, IT Section Head Rajinder Thakur and others were also present during the camp.

Scholarship selections conducted by HRBE foundation

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JAMMU: Harbans Roshan Bhatta Educational (HRBE) Foundation is selecting new students of rural areas for scholarship

between 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Bee Enn General Hospital Complex," he said and added that all eligible children can come on any of these dates.



Girls participating in scholarship test.

from May 16 to 30, 2024.

The selection tests for classes 1st, 2nd & 3rd commenced on Thursday and preference is given to children of economically weak families from Govt. schools," SAID Kunil Bhatta, Managing Trustee. "70 per cent selection will be for girls and the tests will be conducted daily

Families of financially weak girl children of government school from 1st to 3rd classes may come to the Foundation office for selection, he said adding that the Foundation only accepts financially weak students of Government schools or those in special circumstances.

Apni Party deputation calls on Relief Commissioner (M) in Jammu Expresses concern over missing of 1000 displaced KP voter's names

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A deputation of the Apni Party today called on the Relief Commissioner (Migrant), Arvind Karwani to discuss various issues confronted by the migrant Kashmiri Pandits.

As per a press release, the deputation of the Party consisted of Additional General Secretary, Arun Kumar Chibber, senior leader, M.K. Yogi, General Secretary Youth Wing / Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya, Senior Vice President District Jammu, Vaibhav Mattoo, Devansh Sharma, Vishal Jyotski, Pran Ji Pandita, Chand Ji Bhatt, Chand Ji Kher, G.I. Pandita, Virender Sathoo, Ashok Bahvno, Bansil Lal Bhat, Pradyuman Koul, Sumita Raina, Rattan Lal Bhat, Hira Lal Bhat, Rajesh Labroo, and others.



JKAP delegation calling on Relief Commissioner (Migrant), Arvind Karwani.

glaring difficulties which were faced by the displaced voters on May 13, 2024 during the Srinagar Parliamentary seat.

In these above cited polls, the deputation informed that around 1000 displaced Kashmiri Pandits returned back home without casting their votes and hence, the basic purpose of exercising their right was denied because their names were missing from the

voter lists even as they had voter identity cards.

The deputation said that the officials' negligence and incompetence impacted the election process which needs to be worked out so that such things are avoided in coming polls.

"The voting process could have been higher, but due to the incompetence of the officials concerned, the voter's names were not listed in the

voter lists, and hence, they were denied permission to cast their votes," they added.

After listening to the deputation patiently, the Relief Commissioner assured that he would ensure that such things should not happen in the elections.

He informed the deputation that the officials have been directed to add the left out voters in the voting lists, and ensure that the displaced voters could cast their votes.

BJP facing public anger in J&K: Sadhotra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Thursday said the ongoing Lok Sabha Elections across Jammu and Kashmir are sending a terse message to the BJP

about its disconnect with the people and deep rooted anger over snatching their rights and status post August 2019. On his return after three-day campaign in North Kashmir along with the National Conference Vice President and the Party Candidate for Baramulla

Parliamentary Constituency Omar Abdullah, the Additional General Secretary said the BJP has acknowledged that it had no space in the hearts and minds of the people of Valley but not fielding its own candidates for the three important seats. "Perhaps sensing the mood

of voters due to anger over non-performance of its candidates in the two Jammu seats, the BJP decided to avoid direct contest with INDIA bloc for fear of drubbing by the voters", Ajay Sadhotra said, adding that this is admission of the lack of genuine grassroots

presence in the region. Tremendous response of the people to National Conference and its Parliamentary Candidates shows that people are also anxiously waiting for Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections to teach BJP a lesson.