

# Indian Orthopaedic Rheumatology Spine conclave held



Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal/Dean, GMC Jammu posing with other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: 2nd Indian Orthopaedic Rheumatology Spine conclave (IORA) was organized by the Department of Orthopaedics ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra in association with Postgraduate Department of Orthopaedics, Govt. Medical College, Jammu and Jammu & Kashmir Orthopaedics Association (JKOA).

A national event of IORA was held in the City of Temples Jammu which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal/Dean, Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

Dr. Rajesh Gupta Organizing Chairperson of the conclave and President IORA in his welcome address laid stress upon importance of Rheumatology and its association with Spine Disorders.

He thanked the entire faculty who participated in this event especially the out station Faculty who have taken time from their busy schedule to come all the way to attend the scientific deliberations of 2nd IORA Spine Conclave.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS &

Hospital, while speaking on the occasion, congratulated Dr. Rajesh K. Gupta and team for organizing a wonderful scientific event and assured all the support from ASCOMS & Hospital in the future academic ventures as well.

The Chief Guest Dr. Ashutosh Gupta appreciated the efforts of Dr. Rajesh Gupta, his team, all the participants and Faculty for making this event a grand success.

In this one day scientific event approximately 127 participants were registered. The national Faculty from

the field notably were Dr. Ram Chadha, President Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA), Dr. SS Jha, Patron (IORA), Dr. Manish Khanna founder and advisor (IORA), Dr. Amitabh Mukherjee, President elected (IORA), Dr. Chinmoy Das, Secretary General (IORA), Dr. King Sukh Mandal, Dr. PS Sarkar, Dr. Rakesh Rajput from Kolkata, Dr. Sanjay Dhar, Dr. Agnivesh Tickoo from Mumbai, Dr. Sahil Majeed from Srinagar and Dr. MA Basit from Himachal Pradesh. The local faculty who took part in this Scientific deliberation were Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Prof. & Head, Ortho GMC Jammu, Dr. Abdul Gani, Dr. Mohd. Farooq Bhat, Dr. Bias Dev, Dr. Fareed Hussain and Dr. Tarseem Motan.

Dr. Fareed Hussain, organizing Secretary while presenting the vote of thanks appreciated the efforts of one and all for making this scientific event fruitful. He also thanked all the Sponsors and the team of Junior Doctors who had put all efforts day in and day out for making the event a grand success.

# Agriculture Dept organises awareness events themed "Bee Engaged with Youth"

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JAMMU: The Department of Agriculture Jammu on Monday organized a series of awareness events across the Jammu Division to mark celebration of World Bee Day and highlight the vital role of bees and other pollinators in preservation of ecosystem and food security. The main event took place in the Conference Hall, Krishi Bhawan, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu, focusing on this year's theme "Bee Engaged with Youth."

The celebration was presided over by Sanjay Verma, Joint Director Agriculture Inputs Jammu in presence of Satish Sharma, Joint Director Agriculture Extension Jammu and Dr. Ashwani Sharma, Deputy Director (Central)/Liaison Officer Apiculture and Mushroom Development, Jammu. The event commenced with a welcome address by Rajesh Verma, Assistant Entomologist, who elaborated on the significance and history of World Bee Day. A special message from Arvinder Singh Reen, Director Agriculture Jammu, was also shared during the programme. He emphasized



Jt Director Agriculture Inputs Jammu, Sanjay Verma and others at an event.

sized this year's campaign to raise awareness among youth and other stakeholders about the indispensable role of bees and other pollinators in agriculture, ecological balance, and biodiversity preservation. World Bee Day, celebrated annually since 2018 on May 20th to coincide with the birthday of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern beekeeping, focuses on engaging youth in beekeeping and pollinator conservation.

Key speakers included Satish Sharma, Joint Director Agriculture Extension, Dr. Ashwani Sharma, Deputy Director Central/Liaison Officer Apiculture and Mushroom Development

Assistant Entomologist Rajesh Verma, and Dr. Adil Rashid. They were joined by enthusiastic beekeepers and farmers from the Jammu District. Progressive farmers and beekeepers such as Vinod Kumar from village Pali and Tilak Raj Choudhary shared their invaluable experiences, enriching the event with practical insights into beekeeping. The event featured a string of activities aimed at supporting local beekeepers and spreading awareness about the critical role bees play in maintaining a healthy environment. Veena Wazir hosted the programme, ensuring a smooth and engaging event for all

attendees. Farmers, beekeepers, section officers, sectoral heads, and other staff members of the agriculture department also attended the programme.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Department Kashmir also celebrated 'World Bee Day' by organising an event at Bee Gardens Lalmandi Srinagar.

The celebrations commenced with the address by the Director Agriculture Kashmir; Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal during which he appreciated the painstaking efforts put in by the Bee Keepers, apiarists, technical experts and other stakeholders who continuously strive for the development of this sector.

# YRS felicitates Padma Shri Romalo Ram, pays tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh



YRS members felicitating Padma Shri Ramalo Ram on Monday.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) felicitated the Padma Shri Ramalo Ram on Monday.

After receiving Padma Shri Award from President of India, Romalo Ram felicitated by Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) led by Vikram Singh Chib President YRS along with former Presidents Surinder Singh Gilli, Rajveer Singh and Rajan Singh and other members.

While reaching the Statue of Maharaja Hari Singh,

Padma Shri Romalo Ram along with his daughter Sars Bharti and son Nikhil Parshad paid floral tribute to Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh along with members of YRS.

YRS President honoured Romalo Ram with a photo of Maharaja Sahab as a symbol of "Proud Dogra".

Singh also said we feel very proud and happy for receiving Padma Shri Award and its very proudly moment for all Dogras as their family highlights Dogri and Dogras.

While briefing media,

Romalo briefed about his journey and thanked Central Govt for awarding him with Padma Shri.

Former presidents Surinder Singh Gilli and Rajan Singh said, "we all have to stay unite for our J&K and we are committed to serve our Nation and being a Dogra we have to work on our Duggar Culture."

By pinning high hopes, Vishal Singh Spokesperson YRS added, "We believe that Govt should keep support and promote nationalist Dogra culture."

# Board of Directors DOGRA to organize Dogri Nibandh Pratijogta

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JAMMU: Dogri Organizations Group for Responsive Actions (DOGRA) met at its headquarters at Chowadi and finalized plan for the novice and much talked off Dogri event 'Dogri Nibandh Pratijogta'.

This event is a competition of children of various schools about the speaking capabilities in Dogri language.

It will be spread over for two months starting from the 1st Sunday of September 2024 till 1st Sunday of Nov 2024. Details of the event were given by Dr. Kasturi Lal, Managing Director DOGRA and Chairman Sr. Citizens SS Club, Chowadi.

Serious deliberations were held in which Kailash Langar, Patron, Ashok Gupta, President and Maj Gen SK Sharma, AVSM, General Secretary, all from



Managing Director DOGRA, Dr. Kasturi Lal and other members at a meeting.

Sr. Citizens SS Club and also members of the Board of Directors DOGRA gave their constructive views.

Top hierarchy of Nami Dogri Sanstha including Advocate Harish Kaila, President, Yash Pal Yash, General Secretary and Sushil Bhola, social activist spelled out elaborate plans

for the schools.

The event will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1st will be in schools whereas Phase 2nd will be conducted at Dogra Hall, Chowadi.

Phase 1st will commence in September 2024 in which in-house competitions will be held at the school level. Top 25 students of each school

will participate out of which the first four winners will be selected. A team of judges under Directors Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, Jayesh Gupta, social activist, Rajneesh Gupta, Director Viraj Kala Kendra will supervise the events in schools.

In Phase 2nd, four selected students from each

school will compete with the winners of other schools centrally at the DOGRA Hall, Chowadi. Special anchors will conduct this event which will run till 1st Sunday of November 2024.

Selection of anchors and media coverage will be done by Directors Dr. Vijay Sharma, former Technical Officer, Doorshan, Surinder Mahajan, former President Raghunath Bazar Shopkeeper Association and Sanjay Rohmetra from Viraj Kala Kendra.

Prominent personalities who participated included Naresh Langer and Ashok Khajuria. The meeting came to an end with a positive note of starting such a remarkable initiative for conducting such an event in the State of J&K for the Dogra student community.

# Rasgotra Brahman Biradari Annual Congregation on May 23

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The meeting of Akhil Bhartiya Rasgotra Brahman Biradari is being held at Devsthan of Kuldati Maa Shilawanti at Giani Chapri Village, Sangwal under the Chairmanship of its President Raj Kumar Sharma.

In the meeting it was decided that Annual Congregation of Rasgotra Brahman Biradari will be held on May 23, 2024 (Thursday) at

Devsthan of Kuldati Maa Shilawanti.

The congregation will start with Jagran on May 22, 2024 (Wednesday) at 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM and May 23, 2024 (Thursday) Hawan at 10:00 AM and Bhandara at 1:00 PM.

All Rasgotra Biradari members have been requested to participate in the congregation and seek blessings of Kuldati Maa Shilawanti.

# Govt Polytechnic organizes technical visit for students to Gladni Grid Station



Government Polytechnic College Jammu students of 6th Semester Electrical Engineering visiting Gladni Grid Station.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Government Polytechnic College Jammu on Monday organized a Technical Visit for the Students of 6th Semester Electrical Engineering to Gladni Grid Station.

The visit was flagged off by the Principal Er. Arun Bangotra in presence of Er Raj Kumar HoD Mechanical Engineering Department, Er. Tahir Wani HoD Architecture Department, Er. Devika Bhardwaj, Er. BinandshuBakshi, Er. Itikasharma, Er. Vicky Sharma, Rakesh.

During the Visit, the students were informed that the capacity of the Grid station is 710 MVA. They were also acquainted with different Electrical equipment installed and used in the grid station for Transmission and Protection. The students explored the grid station and its working under the guidance of Er. Sumeet Gupta AEE, JKPTCL, TLMD-II and Er. Bandana Manhas AE, JKPTCL, TLMD-II Gladni grid Jammu.

Students were also acquainted with Working

Principle and applications of each appliance and the steering of electrical Power received at 220 KV Voltage with the help of step down Transformer at various stages and further distribution to consumers with the help of Sub Transmission System.

Er. Bandana Manhas also explained SCADA (Supervisory control and Acquisition Data) and Control & Relay Panel.

Er. Vicky Sharma faculty Electrical Engineering Department was Present with Students during the Technical Visit.

# Neeraj Kundan appointed as AICC Campaign Incharge for Gurdaspur LS



Neeraj Kundan

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has announced the appointment of Neeraj Kundan as the AICC Campaign Incharge for the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha. Recently he also worked in Raebareilly.

With his vast experience as the former President of NSUI (National Students' Union of India), Neeraj Kundan brings a fresh perspective and tremendous energy to this role.

His appointment reflects the party's commitment to empowering young leaders and infusing dynamism into the political

Neeraj Kundan, said, "I am honoured to be given this responsibility by the AICC and Expressed gratitude and Thanks to entire leadership of AICC for entrusting him such responsibility and further said that he is committed to working tirelessly to uphold the values and principles of the Congress party and secure a successful outcome in Gurdaspur.

# SwachhtaPakhwada-2024: Lecture on "Personal Hygiene" organized by CVPPPL



Anand Kumar Tembhare, GM (HR) CVPPPL speaking at a programme.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A lecture session on "Personal Hygiene" was organized at Sarvodaya Middle School, Rajiv Nagar, Narwal, here on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada-2024 at CVPPPL, Corporate Office, Jammu on Monday.

Anand Kumar Tembhare, GM (HR) addressed the school children and high-

lighted the importance of personal hygiene in everyone's life.

Dr. Randeep Kaur from National Hospital, Jammu delivered a lecture on "Personal Hygiene". She explained in detail about the basic techniques of cleaning and sanitation to the students. She also said that one of the most effective ways to

protect ourselves and others from illness is good personal hygiene, proper personal hygiene and regularly washing body parts and hair with soap and water can prevent or control many diseases and conditions.

During this program, hand-wash and health drinks were distributed among 200 students of the school.

# JKTA raises demands of Teaching community Demanded change of school timing from 9 AM to 3 PM in winter areas

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Association (JKTA), under the leadership of its UT President Bhupinder Singh, has advocated for a change in school timings in the winter zones, proposing an adjustment from 9 AM to 3 PM to better cater to the needs of both students and teachers.

Additionally, the association has reiterated its commitment to addressing several long-standing issues faced by the employees of Jammu and Kashmir: One of the primary demands put forth by the JKTA is the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and the abolition of the National Pension System (NPS). The association believes that reinstating the OPS will offer greater financial security to employees.



JKTA UT President Bhupinder Singh talking to reporters.

Moreover, the JKTA has called for the formation of the 8th Pay Commission and the establishment of a Permanent National Commission to regularly review and enhance employee pay, as well as to bring the pay grades of Jammu and Kashmir UT employees in

line with those of other Union Territories.

Furthermore, the JKTA has emphasized the need for a comprehensive transfer policy for Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) teachers to ensure stability and career progression.

The association also stressed

the importance of functional Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir to streamline the promotion process for employees.

Recognizing the unique topography and climatic conditions of Jammu and Kashmir,

the JKTA has proposed the implementation of separate academic sessions to better suit the educational needs of the region.

UT President Bhupinder Singh highlighted the association's dedication to improving the working conditions and welfare of teachers and employees, emphasizing a comprehensive five-point agenda focused on character building, management education, teacher education, environmental awareness, and the promotion of indigenous languages and cross-cultures.

The JKTA urged the relevant authorities to address these demands to create a fair and conducive working environment for all employees, ultimately enhancing the overall educational experience for students in the UT.