

AIPP Panchayati Raj Campaign-2024 'Grass roots level democracy is vital for national development'

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SAMBHA: 'Grass roots level democracy is vital for National Development,' were the views expressed by the students in a symposium organised in the premises of Bharti Public High School, Bari Brahmina, here on Wednesday.

The program was organised by All India Panchayat Parishad (AIPP), Delhi under its Panchayati Raj Campaign-2024.

The main aim of the campaign is to create awareness about Panchayati Raj Institutes among the masses particularly the student community. They were made aware about the role of students in National Development. The students who expressed their views included Ridhima, Afsha



Principal Bharti Public High School, Kulbir Singh Jamwal presenting certificate to a student.

Malik, Samia and Roshan-all students of class 10th; Sneha, Anjali, Sakashi, Ajay Kumar; Ashish Kumar Thakur and Prince- all students of class 9th. Certificates of Participation were given to all the partici-

pants.

Principal of the school and Chairman, Jamwal Education Trust-Kulbir Singh Jamwal- (Ex) Asstt. Commandant, BSE, highlighted the concept of PRIs and the meaningful role of students in the national development.

Jamwal was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his impressive services in the field.

Gopal Das Sharma-Secretary, & incharge AIPP, Jammu Division duly highlighted the achievements of AIPP in strengthening grass roots level democracy across India.

Vijay Kohli, who has contributed much in the social cause of the society, congratulated the participants in the program and hoped grass roots level democracy shall be strengthened further in the future, by the inspiring efforts of AIPP team, as more and more people are understanding its need and importance.

Jugal Kishore Gupta- Vice

President, and AIPP in charge J&K-Ladakh UTs said that a united, convergent and serious efforts of all are needed to achieve justice, peace, development and prosperity through Grass Root Level institutions like RLBs and ULBs.

He appreciated the zeal and gesture of Ashok Singh Jadoun- President, AIPP; S.S Vijai Mishra- Chief General Secretary AIPP, for their able guidance.

The student community is our future hope. They need to be trained in value- based activities.

He appreciated the co-operation extended by the management, staff and the participating students. He appreciated the performance of Varun Arora- in charge Academics.

KPs participation in ongoing Parliament elections, a remarkable step: Pandita

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JAMMU: It is historical after Exodus of Kashmiri Pandits that they exercised their right of franchise remarkably in the ongoing Parliamentary elections in the union Territory of J&K and outside for the first time in last more than thirty four years.

In a statement issued today, socio Political activist Vinod Pandita has said that with the significant participation of Kashmiri Pandits in first 6 phases of voting in ongoing parliament elections indicates that not only they have realised the importance of casting their votes but also their involvement in making J&K, one of the most pro-

gressive part of the country.

He also appreciated the role of Election Commission of India in facilitating the process of easing certain ways and means for exercising the right of their franchise quite smoothly.

Pandita further added that this will surely have a larger impact on the ensuing Assembly elections of J&K as the vote bank of Kashmiri Pandits will prove a significant and decisive role in various Assembly segments of J&K as well will strengthen the base of democracy.

He also appealed the concerned authorities to ensure that all left out KP voters are registered before coming assembly

Elections so that their en- mass participation is ensured in the coming assembly elections and other elections over all figure of KP voters will surely get increased from one to two lakhs.

Pandita opined that various political parties would be watching this significant development of Kashmiri Pandits participating in the current Parliamentary elections and they may sponsor candidates among KP community in the ensuing Assembly elections for which the community social organizations must get united under one umbrella which has now become the need of the hour for achieving their political objective.

Directorate of Ayush J&K, JIAR host AYUSH Yoga Camp

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JAMMU: The Mega Ayush Yoga Camp, hosted by the Directorate of Ayush, Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research (JIAR), focused on the theme of "Yoga for Women Empowerment."

The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Mohan Singh, Director of Ayush, J&K, and supervised by DAO Dr. Vandana Dogra, with the aim of raising awareness about the benefits of yoga among female students and staff.

The program featured various traditional Asanas and meditation techniques, with female staff and girl students actively participating.

Dr. Himani Bhutyal, a Government Medical Officer and Master Trainer in Yoga for Jammu District, along with Dr. Sakshi Sharma, another Government Medical Officer, led the session.



Dr. Himani Bhutyal, Master Trainer speaking at a yoga camp.

They were supported by a team of yoga instructors, including Ishan Mansotra, Jyoti, and Sheetal, who conducted the Yoga Asanas in an engaging manner.

Dr. Bhutyal emphasized the importance of self-care through meditation practices, highlighting the significance of mental well-being along with physical fitness.

Dr. Sharma delivered a lecture on Personal and Menstrual Hygiene, addressing queries from the participants and providing detailed guidance on maintaining hygiene during periods.

Additionally, a poster competition on Yogasanas was organized, followed by the distribution of prizes to the winners. Dr. Sharada, Principal of JIAR, commended the efforts of the Ayush Department team and emphasized the importance of yoga in promoting

BJP led govt gaining popularity across the globe: Rekha

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JAMMU: Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan said that it is under his leadership that the foreign policy of India has given fame to the nation, which has resulted in the BJP-led government gaining popularity across the globe.

While interacting with the senior citizen rejuvenation center in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, Rekha Mahajan, along with other dignitaries on the occasion, also celebrated the 91st birthday of Pran Nath Jalla in the presence of Ashok Gupta, chief patron, Krishen Lal Gupta patron, Narinder Gupta, Baldev Raj Gupta president, Chander Verma, ex-councillor, TC Taggar, and Vinod Gupta, who organized the program in the Senior Citizens rejuvenation center.

Rekha said, "Under the



BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan and others at a meeting.

leadership of PM Modi, the foreign policy of India has given fame to our country, and India is going to play the role of Vishvaguru in the near future."

She elaborated that PM Modi has done an excellent job in the last ten successful years of good governance, and she expressed that in foreign diplomacy, Modi Sarkar has done a splendid job.

Rekha Mahajan highlights that the Modi government has increased the budget for infrastructural development on the China border many-fold, enhancing it from Rs 3000 crore to Rs 15000 crore.

The Modi-led government, with strong willpower, has done this across all districts across all of China's bordering states, building wide and all-weather roads and tunnels to reach the borders.

Rekha asserted that this is

Annual Mindhal Yatra commencing from June 1



Prof. D S Manhas, President of ASDCSS addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: The Aadi Shakti Devi Chandike Sevaks Sanstha (ASDCSS) announced the commencement of the annual Holy Chhari Yatra (Mindhal Yatra) from the Maa Chandi Temple in Blassu, Doda on June 1, 2024. Prof. D S Manhas, President of ASDCSS, shared detailed information about the yatra during a press conference.

The Chhari Mubarik, carried by Mata Chandi Sevaks Pyar Singh and accompanied by thousands of devotees, will begin its sacred journey.

Departure from Maa Chandi Temple, Blassu, Doda on 1st June 2024, with a night stay at Gouri Shankar Temple, Kishtwar; he said adding that on 2nd June 2024, the Yatra will have a night stay at Maha Kali Temple, Sohla, Padder, and will arrive at Mindhal, Pangi, HP on 3rd June 2024.

The Mindhal Mela, including Havan Pooja, Bhaderwali Kud, and Jagran, will be held on 4th June 2024 at Maa Chandi Darbar Mindhal.

The return journey will commence on 5th June 2024, with a night stay at Gouri Shankar Temple, Kishtwar, and the Chhari Mubarik will return to Blassu, Doda on 6th June 2024.

Abhyuthanam: Day 5 concludes on high note, showcasing vision and aims of NEP 2020



Dignitaries at closing ceremony of Abhyuthanam at IIT Jammu.

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JAMMU: The fifth and final day of the Ministry of Education's Academic Leadership Program, Abhyuthanam, concluded with resounding success, marked by insightful discussions and strategic dialogues on the successful realization of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The event, supported by the Government of India, saw enthusiastic participation from academic leaders across the nation. Prof Vinay Nangia, a renowned mentor and guide for education, business, and startups, commenced the day with a comprehensive overview of the formulation of NEP 2020. He emphasized the policy's transformative potential to reshape India's educational landscape through inclusive learning, innovative pedagogies, and decentralized govern-

ance. Prof Nangia underscored the necessity of a collaborative effort among policymakers, educators, and stakeholders for the effective implementation of NEP 2020. Following his address, Prof Nangia chaired an engaging panel discussion featuring distinguished academics: Prof Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice Chancellor of Tripura University; Prof Anand Bhalariao, Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Rajasthan; Prof C C Tripathi, Director of NITTTR Bhopal; and Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University. The panel deliberated on strategies to cultivate leadership across higher education institutions, focusing on fostering a robust leadership pipeline among all stakeholders. The valedictory session, led by Prof Manoj Gaur, Director

of IIT Jammu, provided a fitting conclusion to the five-day program. Prof Gaur urged participants to apply the insights and knowledge gained during the event to enhance their institutions and benefit their communities. He expressed gratitude to all attendees and praised the collaborative spirit that characterized the discussions. Participants lauded Prof Gaur and his team for their diligent efforts in organizing the event and for creating a valuable platform for networking and addressing critical issues affecting education, research, and national progress. The successful conclusion of Abhyuthanam reinforces the commitment of academic leaders to drive the vision of NEP 2020 forward, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future for India's education sector.

Dogri Cultural Club of MIET inaugurated



Dogra Culture Club members and students at MIET.

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JAMMU: To promote and celebrate the rich heritage of the Dogri language and Dogra culture, students at Model Institute of Engineering and Technology formed and inaugurated Dogri Cultural Club within its premises. Its inaugural function showcased the rich Dogri cultural heritage by its traditional performances, mesmerizing dances, melodious songs, Dogri poetry and miscellaneous activities, all by the students of 2nd semester in the college. Prof. Ankur Gupta, Director MIET congratulated the energetic members of the club and assured them of all the help from the college side. He said this club will help the

students showcase their cultural heritage and celebrate the events periodically. Prof. Sahil Sawhney, Senior General Manager, who initiated the idea of the club provided digital support in its formation and bringing the students together.

Jarvi Sharma, student of 2nd semester and head of the club coordinated all the activities. Along with her were Jaskaran, Ritika, Sidhima, Saksham and Daksh, all from 2nd semester who were able to

manage and showcase various forms of the Dogra culture. Dance performance on the song Jagrana was mesmerizing and kept the audience spell bound. One could see the passion with which all of them danced. Aditya choreographed the dance in a professional way. Girls and boys in Dogri attire looked really very charming. A few with Dogri Saffa gave the function a traditional look.

History of Dogras was given by Pallavi. Mithali sang a very

Raghunandan, Manya, Daksh, Astiva, Harshdeep and Nitish. Prof SK Sharma, Advisor to Chairman MIER was the Chief Guest for the function. In her address he congratulated the members for forming this club and desired that all the colleges in Jammu province would take a cue from MIET and form such type of clubs in their own colleges where they can enjoy their cultural heritage.

Arushi Sharma, faculty in charge, guided the students at each step whereas Rohin Sawhney and Punmy Sharma associated themselves from the very beginning and arranged all the help from the college side.

Senior faculty members were present during the function including Prof Dev Anand, Distinguished Professor; Ashwani Padha, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Parul Sharma, Dr. Komila Aggarwal, Bhanu Pratap Singh Samyal, Abhijit Singh and Bhanu Pratap Singh Jamwal.

Training programme on Rejuvenation and Canopy Management held

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Jammu working under the leadership of Prof B N Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu conducted one day training programme on Rejuvenation and Canopy Management for the farmers of Jammu district in collaboration with Department of Horticulture Jammu.

Dr Amrish Vaid Director Extension SKUAST J was the Chief Guest and Dr Vikas Tandon Dean Horticulture and Forestry was the Guest of Honour during the programme.

Dr Amrish briefed that such type of training are useful for increasing the productivity and productivity of old and senile orchards and also helpful in providing awareness about the latest techniques for canopy management in fruit crops.

Dr Vikas Tandon informed about the avail-



Dr Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST J, speaking at a training programme.

ability of quality planting material of fruit plants from SKUAST Jammu.

At the outset Dr Punit Choudhary Chief scientist and Head KVK welcomed the participants and briefed about the importance of conducting such training programme with respect to HADP.

Ashwini Sharma Chief Horticulture Officer

Jammu briefed about the various schemes being run by the department for the benefit of the farming community in the district.

Earlier Dr Akash Sharma, Dr Amit Jasrotia Professors Division of Fruit Science delivered expert lectures on Rejuvenation and Canopy management of fruit crops.

Later a farmers scientist

interaction was also held on the occasion in which Dr Muneeshwar Sharma, Dr Amitesh Sharma, Dr Raju Gupta, Satbir Singh and Dr Poonam Abrol and team of Horticulture Department including Sanjay Khajuria HDO Jammu interacted with the farmers and provided on spot solutions to their problems.