

Sadhotra emphasises critical role of students in shaping future of nation, J&K

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BISHNAH: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, on Tuesday called upon the students to set high goals, pursue academic excellence, and play a decisive role in enriching India's human resource capital an essential pillar in the country's journey towards global leadership.

Addressing an enthusiastic gathering of students of the Bishnah College, which was organized by Misam Chowdhary, Vansh Kalotra and Akash, Sadhotra highlighted the transformative power of education and the critical role that youth must play in shaping the future of both the nation and Jammu and Kashmir.

"India is being recognized worldwide for the brilliance and impact of its human resource," Sadhotra said, adding that Indian professionals and intellectuals are



Additional General Secretary NC Ajay Sadhotra with NCSU Bishnah, new entrants and office bearers, at Khour Bhau.

leading in every sphere be it technology, healthcare, science, business, or governance.

This global footprint is built on the back of strong academic foundations and a culture of perseverance, he added.

Sadhotra emphasized that while India has made tremendous progress, the students have a sacred responsibility to take it even further. He

urged them to remain focused, work hard, and never compromise on ethics and integrity. "You must dream big," he told the students. "But remember, those dreams must be backed by action, knowledge, and discipline. The world respects nations that invest in and harness the potential of their youth. You are that potential."

Expressing deep faith in the

capabilities of the younger generation, Sadhotra exuded confidence that the youth of India, and especially of Jammu and Kashmir, will take a leading role in national reconstruction.

He expressed full faith that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir will be at the forefront of its resurgence not just as participants, but as pioneers and changemakers.

Arun Pal Singh Provincial Working President urged students to not only excel in academics but to also become socially conscious citizens who understand the importance of unity, peace, and development.

Sadhotra assured that the National Conference dispensation is committed to provide congenial academic atmosphere with focus on resolving all the issues confronting students.

At the outset Ayoub Malik Provincial Secretary introduced all the leaders.

Those who spoke on the occasion included Misam Chowdhary President, Ankit Bhagat General Secretary, Nishant Coordinator, Advocate Mussarat Ahmad Malik, Saqib Kitchoo, Tarun Chowdhary, Sameer Singh, Bobby Atri, Ch Naresh Bittu District President, Aisha Gupta, Harish Thapa Secretary, Akash Chief Spokesperson.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Chandar Mohan Sharma District President, Rakesh Sharma District President YNC, Sham Lal Sharma Block President Bishnah, Ashwani Charak Block President, Gurnam Singh Block President, Ch Aslam Khan, Rakesh Bakshi, Ashok Atri (Retd DIG), Nirmal Singh, Sewak Singh (Retd SP), Veer Jee, Vishaw Dev Singh, Anju Dogra, Priyanka Dogra, Priyanka Sharma, Shailu Sharma, Sandeep Manhas and Madhu.

JKHCBAJ honours its members who have been elected to J&K's Legislative Assembly

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu (JKHCBAJ), organised a felicitation ceremony in the Jammu wing of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to honour its members who have been elected to the J&K's Legislative Assembly, including Advocate Muzaffar Iqbal Khan (MLA Thanamandi), Advocate R.S. Pathania (MLA Udhampur East), and Advocate Arjun Singh Raju (MLA, Ramban).

The event commenced with a welcome by K. Nirmal Kotwal (President, JKHCBAJ), Baldev Singh (Vice President), Pardeep Majotra (General Secretary), Anshu Mahajan (Joint Secretary), Rahul Aggarwal (Treasurer), and a host of senior and young advocates. MLAs were presented with bouquets, shawls, and mementos, symbolizing the Bar's deep respect and admiration.



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In his address, President Kotwal expressed profound pride in the Bar Association's legacy, noting that the election of three of its own to the Legislative Assembly stands as a testament to the Bar's enduring commitment to public service and justice.

A highlight of the event was announcement of funds for development of Bar Halls by the all the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The members, also addressed the gathering,

sharing heartfelt reflections on their journeys and reaffirming their dedication to the cause of justice.

This celebration was not merely an event, but a luminous chapter in the Association's history-a day when the legal fraternity's commitment to public service and the spirit of unity soared to new heights. The evening echoed with the promise that, as the Bar continues to nurture leaders, its legacy will illuminate the path of justice for generations to come.

Diamond Honda workshop wins award for Best Smart Workshop Utilization for 101Ki



Kush Sambyal, Service Manager, Diamond Honda receiving the award for Best Smart Workshop Utilization for 101 Ki from Mohammed Hanif, Zonal Manager Service, Punjab Zone.

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JAMMU: Diamond Honda Workshop, a leading automotive service provider of Honda two wheeler segment, received the award for Best Smart Workshop Utilization for 101 Ki.

The award was presented by Mohammed Hanif, Zonal Manager Service, Punjab

Zone, to Kush Sambyal, Service Manager, Diamond Honda, at the Mohali office of Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI).

This recognition is a testament to the workshop's commitment to innovation, customer satisfaction, and excellence in service delivery. The award highlights Diamond

Honda Workshop's successful implementation of smart workshop solutions, enhancing efficiency, productivity, and customer experience. With a focus on leveraging technology and best practices, the workshop has set a new standard for the industry.

This workshop is one of the best workshops in North India, located at Gangyal Industrial Area Phase 1, with best-in-class state-of-the-art facilities like an owned paint booth and trained manpower. The workshop also provides a good ambience for customers. "We are proud to receive this recognition, and it reflects our team's dedication to delivering exceptional service," said Sanjay Majajan, Sanjeev Majajan, and Aryan Mahajan, Directors, Diamond Honda.

Retirees Police League District Jammu holds monthly meeting; key issues discussed, tribute paid to Pahalgam victims

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The monthly meeting of the Retirees Police League District Jammu was held today under the chairmanship of Karanjit Singh, President of the League. The meeting witnessed the participation of several distinguished retired police officers and focused on important issues concerning the welfare of ex-police veterans.

Deepak Singh Salathia, DIG (Retd), also attended the meeting and patiently listened to the concerns raised by the retired personnel. He assured the members that he would project these issues to the concerned authorities for appropriate redressal.

At the outset, the members unanimously condemned the "cowardly and



Retirees Police League District Jammu members during monthly meeting on Tuesday.

brutal" killing of innocent tourists in Pahalgam by Pakistani terrorists, allegedly supported by the Pakistan army and ISI. Floral tributes were paid to the departed souls as the gathering observed a moment of silence in their memory. Members strongly demanded stringent action against Pakistan and the perpetrators of terrorism.

The participants urged the Police administration to engage with ex-legendary and experienced police officers to strategize and learn from their expertise in counter-terrorism and military operations.

A key issue raised was the need for availability of free medicines and better medical facilities for both serving and retired police per-

sonnel in all government and police hospitals. Members pointed out that the high cost of medical treatment is beyond the reach of many retired personnel and emphasized that facilities similar to those provided to other defense forces should be extended to police retirees.

The members also proposed that regular meetings of retired police officers should be organized at the zonal and district police headquarters to foster engagement and address welfare concerns.

Prominent police veterans present at the meeting included Sh. Deepak Singh Salathia (DIG Retd), Ch. Chirag Din IPS, Kr. Ranjit Singh IPS, SSP M. L. Mehra, SPS S. R. Datta, Ch. Gulzar, D. D. Sharma,

B. L. Kaul, DSPs Mohinder Singh, P. L. Bali, Daljit Singh, Kamal Sharma, J. S. Chib, Senior Vice President Kr. Yoginder Singh, Shamsheer Singh Parihar, Ch. Vijay Nagyal, Ch. Bhag Ram, Insp. Mohd Sadiq (Vice President), Insp. Taj Mohd, Dhian Singh, Avtar Singh, Balwinder, Kirpal Singh, V. R. Bali, Satpal (Cashier), Manohar Lal Ratta, Ramesh Sharma (Office Secretary), Dhian Singh, Satpal Singh, Ashok Kumar, Ashok Kumar (Office Incharge), N. K. Bali, and others.

The meeting concluded with a vegetarian lunch. Members expressed their gratitude to the Zonal and District Police for providing logistical support to successfully organize the monthly gathering.

Expert lecture on "Marketing of Information Products and Services" organized at JU

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JAMMU: The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu, organized an expert lecture on the theme "Marketing of Information Products and Services" today. The lecture was organized under the guidance of Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head of the Department and Dean, Planning and Development.

The session was delivered by Prof. Joginder Singh from the Department of Library and Information Science, Kurukshetra University, a distinguished



Prof. Joginder Singh from Department of Library and Information Science, Kurukshetra University with JU faculty at students.

academician and expert in the field.

Prof. Singh offered insightful perspectives on contemporary strategies and best practices for effectively marketing informa-

tion products and services in a dynamic and competitive environment. He also addressed critical challenges such as barriers in communicating service value, revenue generation

approaches, and innovative promotional techniques.

The lecture was both informative and engaging and concluded with an interactive Q&A session that encouraged meaning-

ful dialogue between the speaker and participants.

Prof. Sangita Gupta extended her gratitude Prof. Singh for his valuable contribution and for enhancing the academic enrichment of the students and scholars.

The lecture was attended by faculty members including Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Dr. Bindu Sharma, Mr. Ashwin Kushwaha, and Dr. Reenu Atri Thakur, along with research scholars and students.

The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Ashwin Kushwaha.

VHP urges public vigilance and unity against terrorism

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JAMMU: Rajesh Gupta, President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) J&K Ladakh, has urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to remain vigilant and participate in the nationwide mock drills ordered by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the wake of recent terrorist attacks.

Condemning the cowardly act of terrorism in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 innocent Hindu tourists, Gupta said, "This attack is an attempt to break India's unity and integrity, but we will never let it succeed."

He emphasized the impor-



tance of mock drills in assessing the preparedness of security agencies and ensuring public safety.

"People must not panic but understand that these drills are in the national interest," he added.

Gupta reiterated that the nation stands united against terrorism.

"We must show our enemies

that India is not afraid. Our existence and freedom depend on the strength of our nation. Let's stand by our forces, government, and every citizen working to protect Bharat Mata," he asserted.

He appealed to the public to remain cautious, report suspicious activities, and strengthen the spirit of nationalism. "Together, we will defeat the evil designs of our enemies," he said.

Gupta emphasized that no force in the world can harm a united India and that these challenging times must become a reason for greater national solidarity.

Bioskool Teaching and DIY Kits launched as a Startup Support Initiative of CUJ



Vice Chancellor CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain and other launching Bioskool.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bioskool, an innovative idea dedicated to hands-on biology education, was launched on Tuesday by the Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

With a strong focus on inclusivity, Bioskool aims to provide multilingual educational resources and interactive experiments designed to inspire young minds. Prof. Jain emphasized the importance of fostering scientific curiosity and hands-on experimentation among students.

"Bioskool is a commendable initiative that bridges the gap between traditional learning and practical application, ensuring that students develop a deeper

understanding of life sciences," he stated.

He also shared valuable insights and recommendations for enhancing Bioskool's website and products, offering constructive suggestions to further enrich the platform's educational impact.

The launch was done in the presence of Prof. Rakesh Jha, President Institution Innovation Council, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Head of the Department of Zoology, Dr. Narendra K. Bairwa, Head Centre for Molecular Biology.

In the interaction with the team, led by Prof. Swarnkar Sharma, Department of Zoology and M.Sc Biotechnology students: Md. Tausir Alam, Anushka Dobhal, Yatendra

Pawar, Tripti Kumari, Aman Kant and Aditri Dixit, the team further shared Bioskool's mission of making complex scientific concepts in biology approachable and engaging with their 100 unique biology experiments for classes 2 - 12.

With its unique blend of creativity, inclusivity, and rigorous scientific protocols, Bioskool is set to make a lasting impact in the field of biology education.

The team informed that for wider reachout, after the launch the products will be available online on their portal www.bioskool.in, as well as on various online e-commerce platforms as DIY (Do-IT-Yourself) kits.

Govt extends coverage under PDS Minors, widows, destitute, divorcees to be included in family ration cards: Satish Sharma

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at strengthening food security across Jammu and Kashmir, the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, has enhanced inclusion measures

Government Order No. 47-JK(FCS&CA) of 2024, the new directive mandates the inclusion of children aged six years and above in family ration cards. These children will be incorporated into relevant categories such as Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Priority Household

the PDS framework, adhering to established norms.

"A notable provision of the order addresses the inclusion of widows and divorcees who were not previously covered under the system. Upon notifying the department, such individuals will be eligible for issuance of separate ration



Minister for FCS&CA, Satish Sharma interacting with officials during surprise visit.

under the Public Distribution System (PDS).

The information was given on Tuesday by Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, here while interacting with the media.

"In accordance with the

(PHH), Non-Priority Household (NPHH), or Exclusion, in accordance with existing guidelines", maintains the minister.

The Minister further said that in a bid to ensure no eligible citizen is left behind, the Department of FCS&CA has been directed for undertaking identification and inclusion of previously omitted eligible beneficiaries into

cards based on their financial status and eligibility under the National Food Security Act (NFSA)", the Minister emphasised.

The Minister further said that the initiative reaffirms the government's commitment towards promoting inclusive access to food and essential supplies, especially among vulnerable sections of society.

BTSM celebrates 26th Foundation Day of Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch at Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch (BTSM) celebrated its 26th Foundation Day at Talab Tillo, Jammu on Tuesday. During the event, BTSM activists cut a cake and pledged to fight wholeheartedly for the organisation's cause.

On this occasion, Dr. Vivek Sharma, State president BTSM, addressing the gathering, said that when the forum was established in Dharamshala on May 5, 1999, the independence of Tibet could not even be thought of at that time.

At that time, the talk of Tibet's independence seemed impossible. Still, today I feel very proud to say that the demand for Tibet's independence has spread worldwide after rising from Dharamshala.

The talk of Tibet is being heard all over the world, and Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch has done the work to carry out this work.

He said that the journey of 26 years is a great achievement in itself. Forum workers need to know that Tibet was never a part of China, and China was never a natural friend of India.

He alluded to BTSM plans

to spread awareness of Tibet and promised to continue to work for the Tibetan cause. In conclusion, he stated that Tibet was once a free country and has never been part of China.

Further, he stated that the BTSM's 26-year tenure has been very positive. He expressed confidence that a day will come when Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar will be liberated through the platform's efforts, which will also enhance India's security.

Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Vice President of BTSM (JKUT), stated that the mission, which began in Dharamshala under the guidance of Indresh, will continue to grow. This campaign will be intensified both in India and abroad.

The initiative for Tibet's independence and the liberation of Kailash Mansarovar will reach people directly by forming local units of the forum and engaging in door-to-door outreach.

Among those present on this occasion were Alok Mahajan, General Secretary, Jammu district Unit, Dr. Kuldeep Sharma, Dr. Rohit Sadotra, Rakesh Sangra, Vishal Sharma, and others.