

World Blood Donor Day celebrated at GGM Science College



Students posing for a photograph with faculty members and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: NSS unit II of GGM Science College in collaboration with Govt. Medical College Jammu under the patronage of Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized an awareness workshop to commemorate World Blood Donor's Day.

About 50 NSS volunteers made posters and wrote slogans on the theme "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."

It focuses on patients requiring life-long transfusion support and underlines the role every single person can play, by giving the valuable gift of blood or plasma. Today's

resource person were Dr. Mitali Sharma Lecturer, blood transfusion and immunohematology and Dr. Rubinakouser Blood transfusion officer.

The event serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood.

Janbhagidari Events to be held in blended mode during vacations

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JAMMU: As summer vacations are announced by Directorate of School Education in District Jammu, still Janbhagidari events are going in continuation where large number of students, teachers, parents, community members participated in activities like quiz, skit, drama, debate in online as well as offline mode.

The society in general is getting involved in this initiative of Government of India which is being rolled out through Samagra Shiksha in UT of J&K and DIET Jammu is taking responsibility of outreach of this programme in every corner of Jammu

District.

All ZNOs are actively engaging and managing activities in their respective zones.

A large number of stakeholders participated and were enriched regarding Janbhagidari events on themes NEP-2020, G-20, FLN and Digital Initiatives also ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy especially in the context of blended learning mode.

Under guidance of Principal DIET Jammu Nand Kishor and faculty members Janbhagidari events are getting appreciated by all stakeholders and even during vacation participation and enthusiasm is very high.



Students during a programme under Janbhagidari events.

DIG IRP Range Jammu visits IRP-15th Battalion



DIG IRP Range Jammu, Sarah Rizvi interacting with women police officials.

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JAMMU: Deputy Inspector General of Police, IRP Range Jammu, Sarah Rizvi on Thursday visited the Battalion Headquarters of IRP-15th Battalion Gulshan Ground, Jammu and took stock of the activities carried out by the Battalion.

On her arrival, the DIG IRP Range Jammu was received by Mubassir Latifi SSP (CO IRP-15th Bn.) along with other officers of the battalion.

After taking the General Salute at Quarter Guard, she conducted the darbar of the nafri. At the outset,

CO. IRP-15th Battalion gave a brief introduction about duties/nafri and major issues related to accommodation/ logistics and welfare of jawans.

A number of officials raised their genuine demands before her for which she assured an affirmative action and also appreciated the efforts put in by the Commandant IRP-15th Battalion for the welfare of the women officials.

On her maiden visit to the IRP-15th Battalion, she inspected the Unit Mess / Creche / Gym / Barracks / Stores / Beauty Parlour /

Knitting & Tailoring section etc.

Later, the DIG IRP Range Jammu chaired a meeting of Gazetted officers of the unit in the office chamber of CO. IRP-15th Bn. and discussed various issues of the Battalion.

Mubassir Latifi expressed gratitude and thanked DIG IRP Range Jammu for sparing her precious time for visiting the IRP-15th Battalion.

Auditions open for cute & couture, kids fashion show by INARA production

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JAMMU: INARA Production announced the commencement of auditions for Cute & Couture, a spectacular kids fashion show to be held at Jammu Sanskriti School.

The jury, consisting of renowned industry experts Sanjana Rana, Pari Jamwal, Saniya Gupta, Sahil and Surya Divyansh, will oversee the audition process and select participants for the highly anticipated round 2 event.

INARA Production extended its gratitude to the Principal-cum-Vice-Chairperson of Jammu Sanskriti School, Rohini Aima, for granting permission to conduct the auditions on their premises.

The support of the Vice Principal, Avneet Kour, the Coordinator, Varuna Mangotra, and the Head of Dance, Monika Wazir, along with Gulshan, Vicky, and Sonu, music teachers, appreciated.

The auditions were held at Jammu Sanskriti School, providing aspiring young fashion enthusiasts with an opportunity to showcase their talent and embark on a promising career in the fashion industry.

Founder Aman Gupta's vision to organize the first-ever kids fashion show in Jammu and Kashmir demonstrates his commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting the growth of the local fashion scene. Selected participants from the auditions will proceed to the highly anticipated round 2 event, scheduled to take place on July 2 at Hari Niwas Palace.

This grand event promises to captivate audiences with its dazzling display of fashion, talent, and creativity, as children take the runway by storm.

"We are excited to witness the incredible talent that Jammu and Kashmir has to offer," said Aman Gupta, the founder of Inara Production.

"Cute & Couture is more than just a fashion show; it's an opportunity for children to showcase their unique styles and dreams. We are dedicated to providing a platform for young fashion enthusiasts to shine," he added.

LEHO organises awareness on Ecotourism, Organic farming



Dr Mohammed Deen addressing on the occasion.

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LEH: One day awareness programme on Ecotourism and Organic farming was conducted on Thursday at Ladakh Environment and Health Organisation (LEHO) office complex, Leh by LEHO. The programme started with the demonstration of the homestay items to be distributed to the homestay owners of Wanla, Achinathang, Gya and Nyoma villages. Ecotourism website was launched by Secretary,

Tourism Department, UT Ladakh Mehboob Ali, who was the guest of honour and an awareness film on organic farming from Takmachik village was released by Ghulam Mehdi Executive Councillor, Minority & Forest, LAHDC, Leh, who was the chief guest on the occasion.

President, LEHO Dr Mohammed Deen spoke on the concept of ecotourism and proposed that Ladakh be declared as an ecotourism destination. He also mentioned that LEHO is work-

ing on the same concept and that the model can be replicated all across the region to establish sustainable ecotourism model. He elaborated the criteria of selecting homestays under LEHO's ecotourism project such as a kitchen garden, cattle, local infrastructure, etc.

Tashi Thokmat, Dy. Director, LEHO, spoke on the process of adopting the villages and homestays under the project. Then he mentioned about the consequences that are likely to face

if proper villagers' participatory methods are not followed in the implementation of such a model. He also appreciated the vendors of all the homestay items for their premium quality supply of the items. Lastly, he highlighted the importance of the role of village coordinator, village tour operator and village ecotourism development committee in successful functioning of the model.

Executive Councillor, Minority & Forest, LAHDC, Leh Ghulam Mehdi spoke on the importance of branding of homestays under the ecotourism banner. He highlighted the scope of promoting local products with a mention of GI tags of Ladakh's wood craft and Raktsey Karpo apricots as scope to promote a sustainable livelihood within the region.

The programme was a successful event ended by the flag off ceremony of the homestay materials of the four villages.

In absence of ration card, poor people debarred from ration: NAUP



NAUP General Secretary Women Wing Jammu Shikha Bhandral talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: National Awami United Party (NAUP) General Secretary Women Wing Jammu Shikha Bhandral on Thursday criticized the role of administration for the woe of poor people who have ration cards either of BPL or APL but due to technical or deliberately deleted their names and even administration has given orders not to furnish new

ration cards as most of the people are waiting for few corrections in their ration cards.

If a BPL ration card holder not having his ration card he is not eligible to get ration because system has gone digital and one has to furnish his ration card then he will get ration but nobody of the concerned department or even Administration has time to listen their woe of

story, she said.

Shikha appealed to LG administration to increase the quota of ration in both category of BPL and APL ration card holders and given instructions to the concerned department to sort out the issue immediately and start to furnish new ration cards.

Also present in the press conference were Pinki Bhagat, Nisha Kumari, Rajkumar and Devo Devi.

CUJ organizes awareness program on "Information Searching Techniques"

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JAMMU: The Department of School of Teacher Education, Cluster University of Jammu (CUJ) organized a one day awareness program on "Information Searching Techniques in the Online Environment" in offline mode.

Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science & Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Jammu University, Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Sr. Assistant Prof. Library and Information Science, University of Jammu were the resource persons, who delivered lectures. The program started with a welcome address by Dr. Anuradha Seth, Librarian and Organising Secretary of the program, where she introduced the resource persons, highlighting their major accomplishments and gave a brief introduction of the program. The welcome address was followed by a formal welcome address by Prof. Mohd. Zubair Kales Dean Faculty of Education, Cluster University of Jammu.

The resource persons inspired the gathering with their competence and shared treasure of knowledge to enrich the understanding of information searching techniques in the online environment and touched various online sources like DOAR, DOAJ, JSTOR, Google Scholar, N-List, NDLI and DELNET services.

The program was attended by B.Ed/ M. Ed integrated students of School of Teacher Education, M.Ed students of Govt. College of Education and Librarians of Colleges. At the end Dr. Niharika Panda., Assistant Professor, School of Teacher Education, Cluster University extended vote of thanks. The program was coordinated by Sumegha Bakshi.

Prof. Surinder Gupta assumes charge as VC SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Prof. Surinder Kumar Gupta assumed office as acting Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) in compliance to Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Bhawan, Srinagar and shall look after the routine work of the office of the Vice Chancellor till the time new Vice Chancellor joins. After assuming charge, Prof. Gupta pledged efforts to work in unison for the progress of the university.

Pointing out that SKUAST-Jammu has a major role to play in an era of technological advancements, he expressed opti-



mism that he would be able to enable its students, farmers, scientists and stakeholders to achieve progress in this regard.

Such efforts are crucial in the ongoing efforts to attain a knowledge society, he added.

In his meeting after assuming charge, he said that he will assign a high priority to bridge the gap between the farmer and the scientist.

He urged scientists to work together with team spirit to achieve the goals of creating competent human resource for the sustainable development of agriculture and allied sectors.

Prof. Gupta obtained his bachelor degree in Veterinary Sciences from Bihar Veterinary College, Patna, in 1983, followed by a masters in Veterinary Medicine from Rajendra Agricultural University, Bihar, in 1987 with University gold medal.

In 1995, he was awarded a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine for his pioneering research on field vaccination against bovine tropical theileriosis and immune response monitoring by HAU, Hisar.

Train Accident: KIIT to provide job & education to victims' families of Odisha

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BHUBANESWAR: The KIIT Deemed-to-be University will provide employment to one of the family members of the deceased of Odisha in the Balasore rail tragedy and free education to the children.

Announcing this to the media in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday, the Founder of KIIT & KISS, Dr. Adhyuta Samanta said, "We can't reduce the sorrow of the family members of those who died in the train accident, but we will try our level best to support them. We will try to support the victims' families by offering a job to one member from each family at KIIT and KISS as per their eligibility, and provide free education to their kids at KIIT and KISS as per their eligibility from standard one up to higher



level. We will inform them how to apply for the job as well as free education".

KIIT has always come forward and extended humanitarian services during any stressful events. During COVID-19 well, KIIT came forward to support hundreds of students who had lost their parents in the pandemic, giving free education, jobs to the family members of the Covid diseased, and helped common people through various means.

Continuing with this humanitarian gesture, KIIT has come forward to help and support the victims of the train accident.

The Odisha train accident in Bahanaga, Balasore District on June 2 was the deadliest train crash in India in decades, claiming 288 lives, 39 of whom are from Odisha.

"We thank and praise the effort of the local people for their immediate response in saving the lives of the people. The effort of the Govt. of Odisha under the leadership of Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, saved the lives of thousands of people in the accident. KIIT & KISS pray for the departed souls who died in the accident and convey sympathies to the family members. This support will provide assistance to the families of the victims and ensure a brighter future for their children", Dr. Samanta said.

Mamata Govt involved in neck-deep corruption: Kavinder

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HOOGHLY: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, J&K, Kavinder Gupta on Thursday accused the West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee Government of being involved in neck deep corruption claiming that number of ministers of the aforesaid state government are facing serious charges of corruption.

The BJP stalwart leader from Jammu said this while addressing a press conference along with local MP Locket Chatterji, District President Tushar Kumar, Mazoom Dar and Cluster Incharge Debatanu Bhattacharjee at District party office in Hooghly.

Kavinder said that people here are troubled with the rampant corruption in the system with the Mamata



Senior BJP J&K leader Kavinder Gupta addressing a press conference.

Banerjee government doing nothing to contain this menace. "Instead of taking steps to combat corruption, several ministers of the West Bengal Government have been indulging in deep-rooted corruption and many are facing charges with central probing agencies investigating their evil deeds to unravel the truth and expose their misdeeds. He named three ministers of the

Mamata Government namely Ayan Seal, Kuntal Gyosh Shantanu Banerjee, who have been lodged in dungeons on corruption charges showing the pathetic situation created by the West Bengal dispensation. The senior BJP functionary from J&K also pointed out that Chinsurah from Hooghly Municipality is also on CBI radar as a raid has been carried on this man to

reveal the truth behind corruption committed on ground. Kavinder said that on one side, there is a most corrupt dispensation in Bengal and on the other the Centre-led by PM Narendra Modi has transformed the country in the last nine years with colossal development taking place in every nook and corner of the country. He said that there is no doubt in the line 'Nau Saal Bemisaal' because the BJP government has accomplished so many things in the last nine years which the successive governments cannot accomplish even in ninety years.

Thereafter, Kavinder visited Kendriya Vidyalaya at Bandel which was constructed by the Modi Govt. Kavinder Gupta along with MP Locket Chatterji and others visited Bandel Railway Station which

has Asia's largest interlocking system. This railway station has been constructed by Modi Govt by spending massive Rs 600 crore. Bandel Junction is one of the important stations of Howrah division handling a large number of trains

Kavinder said that to overcome limitations of the old signaling system of this railway station, the centre has come up with a modern state of art technology system of signaling. He said that the aforesaid signaling system is the largest signalling system in the world.

Subsequently, Kavinder addressed Morecha Sanjukta Sammelan at Party's District Office Hooghly. He asked the party workers to be in touch with the public and counter the anti-people policies of WB Govt headed by Mamata Banerjee.

JMC Mayor elected as General Secretary of AIC of Mayors

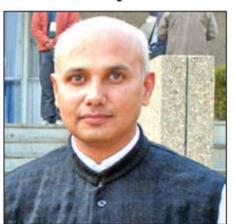
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JAMMU: All India Council of Mayors, in a meeting, has unanimously elected Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Mayor, Rajinder Sharma as its General Secretary.

This was announced in a press conference by Arun Khanna, Chairman of Public Health and Sanitation Committee in Jammu on Thursday.

He also hailed the early release of funds by JMC, which will impact the development activities in a big way.

He hailed the working of Rajinder Sharma as Mayor of JMC and hoped that he will contribute his sincere



efforts in taking the Council to new heights with prosperity.

Jammu Mayor pledged to work honestly and with full dedication for the welfare of general masses and in making all the Municipal Corporations of India clean and green. He also resolved to make entire society polythene free.