

ASSOCHAM announces new office bearers for northern regional states

Manik Batra to chair J&K, Gelek Phunchuk for Ladakh

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JAMMU: The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) on Monday announced the appointment of its new office bearers for the Northern Region and various states for the current financial year. These appointments underscore ASSOCHAM's commitment to fostering regional development and enhancing the business environment across the northern states and union territories.

The newly appointed office bearers are distinguished leaders from various industries, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise in their respective domains.

Manik Batra, Director of Batra Group has been reappointed as Chairman of the J&K UT Development Council, along with Bhupesh Gupta,



Managing Partner, Radisson Blu Jammu as Co-Chairman. The leadership will work together to enhance business opportunities and economic development in Jammu & Kashmir.

Similarly, Gelek Phunchuk, heading the organization - Pro Environs, has been appointed as Chairman Ladakh UT Development Council. He will spearhead initiatives in Ladakh to tap into the region's unique potential. The North Regional Council of ASSOCHAM will be chaired by Kulwin Seelra, Executive Director, GNA Axles.



Rakesh Bhalla, CFO, SML ISUZU Limited has been reappointed as Chairman, ASSOCHAM Chandigarh UT Development Council and Drishmeet Singh Buttar, Managing Partner, Healing Hospital - Super Speciality Hospital, Chandigarh as Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM Chandigarh UT Development Council. ASSOCHAM appointed Vijay Sharma, Director, Jindal Stainless as Chairman, ASSOCHAM Haryana State Development Council. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Managing Director, Resurgent



India Limited and P. K. Jain, CEO, TCI Global (A DIV of TCI LTD) & Group IIR & Admn Head, TCIL, both will be Co-Chair, ASSOCHAM Haryana State Development Council. Suresh Garg, Chairman and Managing Director Zeon Lifesciences Ltd has been appointed as Chairman, ASSOCHAM Himachal State Development Council. ASSOCHAM appointed Abhi Bansal, Director, Saraswati Group Of Companies as Chairman, ASSOCHAM Punjab State Development Council and Iqbal

Cheema, Executive Director, Punjab Film City as Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM Punjab State Development Council. These leaders will play a crucial role in driving ASSOCHAM's initiatives in their respective regions, promoting investment, fostering industrial growth, and facilitating dialogue between the government and industry stakeholders.

ASSOCHAM is confident that these appointments will significantly contribute to the economic development of the northern region and states, nurturing a conducive environment for business growth and investment.

Leopard Seen in Rashtrapati Bhavan during Modi 3.0 swearing-in



Mian Dido Welfare Committee pays tributes to Mian Dido on his martyrdom day

Yudhvir commemorates exemplary legacy of Mian Dido & his commitment to humanity

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JAMMU: On the solemn occasion of Balidan Diwas, tributes were reverently offered to the revered warrior, Mian Dido, during a programme held at Mian Dido Chowk, Ambhalla, Jammu. A large gathering, comprising people from diverse backgrounds, congregated at Ambhalla Chowk to honor the memory of Mian Dido and commemorate his valorous deeds. The gathering, united in their admiration for the great warrior, paid floral tributes at the statue erected in his honor. Mian Dido, renowned for his courage and selflessness, continues to command immense respect and affection from the people of Jammu and beyond, transcending barriers of caste and creed.

Prominent personalities including Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President, Senior BJP leader Zorawar Singh, members of Mian Dido Welfare Committee, Sumant Singh Jamwal, Tanantar Singh, Abha Jamwal, Mangal Singh, Rakesh Singh



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President and others paying tributes to Mian Dido.

Jamwal and Rajinder Singh Gilli, Raman Sharma President of Amphalla Mandal BJP, and Nidhi Magotra, former Corporator, were among the dignitaries who paid homage to the iconic Dogra hero at his memorial in Amphalla.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the paramount importance of preserving and promoting the rich Dogra culture and heritage, emphasizing that these values epitomize

the essence of love, compassion, and inclusiveness. "We are the custodians of a glorious legacy, bestowed upon us by warriors like Mian Dido, whose exemplary actions exemplify their profound love for humanity even in the face of adversity," remarked Sethi, while paying homage to the great Dogra warrior.

Sethi urged the people to work towards fostering unity and harmony, citing the diversity as a formidable strength of the land of

warriors. Zorawar Singh Jamwal lauded the life of Mian Dido as a testament to selfless service and sacrifice, which continues to resonate with the ethos of Jammu. He highlighted Jammu's rich history of nurturing warriors and social reformers, who have played pivotal roles in safeguarding the dignity and honor of the people while fostering bonds of camaraderie among different sections of society.

Samant Singh Jamwal also underscored the profound impact of Mian Dido's exemplary life on shaping the ethos of Jammu, serving as an inspiration for future generations to uphold the values of courage, resilience, and compassion. He reiterated the importance of honoring the memory of such noble warriors and vowed to continue the legacy of Mian Dido by actively participating in initiatives aimed at preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and fostering unity among its people.

Congress protests against terrorist attack on bus at Reasi

Govt's claims don't match overall situation/ normalcy on ground: Bhalla

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JAMMU: Congress on Monday held a strong protest against the rise of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the areas which remains peaceful in the past.

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla accompanied by other senior leaders led a strong protest at Shaheed Chowk Jammu outside PCC HQ Jammu today. They were carrying a card in their hands amidst raising slogans like "Modi Ek Kaam Kro, Kursi Shodo Aaram Kro.", "Modi Sarkar Hai Hai", "Pakistan Murda Bad" etc. They strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a bus en-route Shiv Khori to Katra in Reasi Dist. which resulted into loss of 10 precious lives and injuries to a about 42 people, mostly from UP and Delhi. Raman Bhalla said that the militancy has revived while BJP Govt. is making false claims.

The Govt. should take concrete steps to control militancy and save innocents. He said



Congress leaders staging protest in Jammu.

that such inhuman acts affects the normal lives of those who have nothing to do with these issues. He expressed sympathies with the bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

He further said that the abrupt rise in terrorist attacks in the state is the result of non-consistent defense policy of BJP led NDA government at the Centre. He pointed out that the present government in spite of making tall claims have failed to deter terrorist attack from across the border. The present establishment must adopt a constructive, coherent and consistent policy for dealing with Pakistan.

Bhalla said the incidents of terror attacks continue and our army, security forces and police jawans are laying down their lives. It is not the number of terror incidents but the intensity of incidents and the new strategy/ dimension of resorting to selective and targeted killings including Kashmiri pandits and minorities creating fear amongst minorities and non local workers there, from other states.

Narinder Gupta, General Secretary (Org) has said that the militancy has revived in hitherto peaceful areas like Rajouri- Poonch, Reasi districts of Jammu, which were declared militancy free. Prominent who attended

include PCC Vice Presidents Yogesh Sawhney, Ved Mahajan, Vinod Sharma, Yash Pal Kundal, Hari Singh Chib, General Secretaries Narinder Gupta (Org), Taranjit Singh Tony, Satish Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Shashi Sharma, Uday Bann Chib, Ajay Lakhotra, Zahida Khan (Intellectual Cell, Bhavishya Sudan (RTI) , PCC Secretaries Vijay Shastri, Sahil Sharma, Jatinder Singh Chib, Michael Wazir, Rajvir Singh, Dwarka Choudhary, Badri Nath Sharma, Sandeep Dogra, Ricky Dalotra, DCC Office bearers Satpal Sapolia, Ram Parkash Magotra, Varinder Manhas, Ram Magotra Dewan Chand, Ajay Kumar, Sikunder Khan, Latish Sharma, Nageshwar Narayan, Chander Shekhar, Azab Motton, Sanjeev Kattal, Rakesh Sharma, Parshotam Mehra, Camres David Babloo, Raj Kumar Sodi, Mangat Ram, Chaman Lal, Dinesh Kalotra, Rajinder Singh Pinky, Nek Mohd and others.

IIM Jammu inaugurates Second batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B. S. Sahay lighting the ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu kicked off the second batch of the Nurturing Future Leadership Program under the umbrella of "The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme" with an inaugural session held at its permanent campus in Jagti on Monday. This leadership training initiative aims to develop the leadership skills of educators across various levels and foster a pool of potential lead-

ers for future generations. The program, fully funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, will run from June 10th to 14th, 2024, and will be conducted by the faculty of IIM Jammu.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, the Director of IIM Jammu, presided over the inaugural ceremony, welcoming 29 participants from institutes across India. He highlighted the significant role of IIM Jammu as a premier management institution and stressed the impor-

ance of active engagement in the program. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp and a welcome address by Dr. Apurva, the Program Director at IIM Jammu, who expressed happiness at the launch of the Nurturing Future Leadership Program and its role in developing academic leaders. Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson of Executive Education & Consulting (EE&C) at IIM Jammu, reiterated the institute's commitment to delivering high-quality executive education through such leadership programs.

Dr. Kapil Manohar Ghumte and Dr. Guanguanang Kahmei, Program Directors at IIM Jammu, were also present, emphasizing the program's focus on leadership, communication, skill development, and recent government initiatives. Dr. Naveen Goyal, another Program Director at IIM Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks.

JSS Kathua conducts cyclothon with theme "One Earth, One Future"

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KATHUA: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS) Kathua on Monday conducted a highly successful cyclothon with the theme "One Earth, One Future."

The event was a vibrant manifestation of the school's commitment to promoting environmental awareness and healthy living among students and the local community.

The cyclothon was graced by guests, with Paramjeet Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police Kathua as the chief guest, and Manjeet Singh, DSP Headquarters Kathua as the Guest of Honour. Their presence and support added significant value to the event, inspiring participants and spectators alike.

The event commenced with a ceremonial flag-off by Paramjeet Singh and Manjeet Singh.

In their brief but impactful addresses, both dignitaries emphasized the



Faculty members along with students during the event at Kathua.

importance of such initiatives in fostering a sense of responsibility towards environmental conservation and personal health.

They lauded the efforts of Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua for organizing the cyclothon, highlighting how such activities can cultivate a spirit of community and environmental stewardship.

Participants, including students and faculty members cycled through a predetermined route from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park-- stadium-- Women College--Shaheed Chowk--Gde Kathua--back to Sheheed Bhagat Singh Park.

At the culmination of the event, all participants were

felicitated with certificates by the dignitaries, Paramjeet Singh and Manjeet Singh.

This gesture was a token of appreciation for their enthusiastic participation and commitment to the cause.

Towards the culmination, the dignitaries were presented with a token of grat-

itude. Principal, Mili R Sumbria lauded the efforts of the young and dynamic Sanskritians for having so enthusiastically participated in the Cyclothon 2024 making it a successful endeavour and sensitizing the masses to not only plant saplings but to draw their attention towards a more sustainable and greener future ahead.

Lastly, she thanked each one who has contributed in making Cyclothon-2024 a grand success. She also extended a heartfelt gratitude to the District Administration, Police Department and Traffic Department for their unwavering support and cooperation.

Lastly In fields of green, our dreams take flight, With hands joined tight, we'll set things right.

Generation Restoration, our pledge to the earth, For our land, our future, a priceless rebirth.

AIIMS Jammu hosts Diabetic Retinopathy Skill Transfer Workshop for Comprehensive Ophthalmologists

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JAMMU: All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu organized a one-day workshop aimed at the transfer of skills in the management of Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) to comprehensive ophthalmologists.

The disease is one of the common entities causing severe vision loss, worldwide and is affecting a large population in our country, also. "Diabetic Retinopathy Skill Transfer Workshop" was organised under the aegis of the Vitreo-Retinal Society of India (VRSI). This prestigious workshop, the first of its kind hosted at Jammu, brought together eminent ophthalmic surgeons from across the Jammu province. The event was held at the Convention Center, AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu. In his welcome address, Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta emphasised about the expertise and skills required for the early diagnosis and management of patients with DR.

Prof (Dr) Shakti Gupta also highlighted that AIIMS Jammu is committed to foster a culture of excellence, innovation, and inclusivity in Ophthalmology. The delegates were also addressed by Prof (Dr) Meeta Gupta, Dean Academics, AIIMS Jammu, and Lt. Col Prabhath Sharma, Deputy Director, AIIMS Jammu. An introductory address was made by Dr. Nitin Kumar, organizing secretary for the workshop. The resource faculty for the



AIIMS Jammu faculty along with students posing for photograph.

workshop were Dr. Manisha Agarwal from Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi, and Dr Padmaja K Rani from LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. The Department of Ophthalmology at AIIMS Jammu welcomed all delegates, speakers, and participants with a goal aiming at academic excellence, learning, and professional growth among young oph-

thalmic surgeons through knowledge exchange, collaboration, and innovation in Diabetic Retinopathy (DR). The program was meticulously curated to address critical topics relevant to the management of Diabetic Retinopathy. Comprehensive sessions included pathophysiology and classification of DR, clinical examination techniques to identify signs of

diabetic retinopathy, understanding the technique and interpretation of various imaging modalities for DR, learning the medical management strategies for diabetic retinopathy and diagnosing masquerades of diabetic retinopathy and diabetic macular edema. Expert-led sessions provided evidence-based guidelines and best practices for managing DR,

including investigations in DR, Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy management guidelines, lasers, intravitreal injections, and surgeries, complemented by case examples and exploring the co-management of cataract and diabetic retinopathy in patients. The prominent group of expert faculties included Prof Ashok Sharma, HOD Ophthalmology, GMC Jammu; Prof Renu Hashia

Dhar, HOD Ophthalmology at ASCOMS Jammu; and Prof Sanjay Kai, from the Department of Ophthalmology, GMC Jammu. In a First, expert endocrinologists, Dr. Kushdev Jarial (AIIMS Jammu) and Dr. Atul Sharma (GMC Jammu) delivered talks in a special session highlighting the importance of systemic management of patients with DR. The organising team at AIIMS Jammu included Dr Bhavani Raina, organising chairman, while members included Dr Nitin Kumar, Dr Nazia Anjum, Dr Ridham Nanda and Dr Asma Jabeen. The sessions equipped attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to deliver high-quality care to their patients. Participants were also engaged in a highly informative hands-on training

session focused on intravitreal injections using a model eye. This practical exercise aimed to enhance the skills and confidence of attendees in administering these critical injections, which are essential for treating various retinal conditions. The session offered an invaluable opportunity for medical professionals to practice and refine their techniques in a controlled and educational setting, ensuring improved patient outcomes and safety.

The workshop also facilitated networking opportunities, enabling participants to interact with faculty members and mentors, further enriching the learning experience.

The meeting ended with an address by Dr Bhavani Raina, who thanked all the participants and faculty for attending the workshop.