

Uday Chib, Hari Singh emphasize unity to overcome political challenges in J&K

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JAMMU: Uday Bhanu Chib, former NSUI President and President of the Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir, currently serving as the National General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC), along with Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), today addressed a Congress workers' meeting at Pakhian, Panchayat Mishriwala, in the Jammu North Assembly segment.

The meeting was organized by senior Congress leader Parshotam Singh and Mamta Kumari, a Panch of the area. Addressing party workers meeting, Uday Bhanu Chib underscored the critical need for unity within the Congress party to effectively tackle the political challenges facing Jammu



Congress leaders, Uday Bhanu Chib and Hari Singh Chib addressing party workers meeting.

and Kashmir. He called upon party workers to strengthen their resolve and work in unison towards the party's objectives. "Our strength lies in our unity. Together, we can overcome any challenge and ensure a better future for our people," he asserted. Uday Chib also emphasized the importance of increasing youth participation in politics. "The youth are the future of our nation. It is essential that they step forward and take an active role in shaping our

political landscape," he added. Addressing the developmental needs of the Jammu North Assembly segment, Uday Bhanu Chib outlined the pressing issues of inadequate infrastructure, education, and health-care facilities for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He assured the gathering that these concerns would be brought to the attention of higher authorities to ensure prompt action and resolution. "It is time to address the

mental deficits in our region. Congress Party is committed to advocating for better facilities and opportunities for our people," he added. Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of JKPCC, reiterated the Congress party's commitment to the rights and development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He also called for robust grassroots mobilization to connect with the people and address their concerns directly. He urged Congress workers to adopt a

proactive approach and maintain a strong presence in their respective areas. "Our strength comes from the grassroots. It is vital to stay connected with the people, understand their issues, and work tirelessly to resolve them," he stated. Hari Singh asserted that the Congress party has always stood firm for justice and development of people of the country. "Time has come that we must continue to fight for a brighter future for our region. Let us unite and support the Congress Party in the upcoming Assembly polls," he appealed to the gathering.

Prominent party members present at the meeting included Som Nath Sharma, Thoru Ram, Maan Singh, Vijay Kumar, Surinder Kumar, Pummy, Kaka Ram, Neeta Chib, Jung Bahadur Singh Chib, Amit Kumar, Aman Singh, and others.

Monalisa Jammu opens store in Vijaypur

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VIJAYPUR: Monalisa Jammu has opened its latest store in Vijaypur (Samba). Redefining shopping experience for its customers, this store will provide an immersive fashion experience with a wide range of bold and fashionable apparels.

This new store aims at providing shoppers with a great shopping experience & one-stop shop for family fashion and wedding shopping.

The store was inaugurated by Director Usha and Vinod Sachdeva accompanied by, Shashi and Vipan Sachdeva, Syroni and Vimal Sachdeva, Sharnila and Jatinder Gupta.

With this new store Monalisa Group has brought various western wear brands to Vijaypur for men & women. Menswear brands like Levi's Pepe, Being human, Blackberry, Rookies, Crimsoune club, Van heusen, Allen solly, Monte Carlo, Rock



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it, Dxi & many more women's wear brand like Madame, Juelle, Expose, Mafadeny, Secret, Raisin & many more.

Store will also offer Indian wear such as salwar kameez, kurtis from brands like Sabhyata, Libas & Mens Formal / Ethnic wear along with 'Hallmark' which is a testament to Hallmark Suits' commitment to accessibility.

Boasting a diverse collection of ethnic wear, it aims to provide a convenient shopping destination for the residents of

Vijaypur and the surrounding areas.

"At Monalisa we believe in providing a fantastic shopping experience to the customers and setting benchmarks to gain success. Our aim is to transform simple, comfortable accessible products into iconic and inspiring experiences. Our dream is to build a Brand that offers value and inspiration to people who share with us the desire to be aware and responsible," said Director Usha Sachdeva.

Dir Horticulture reviews departmental functioning



Director Horticulture Jammu, C. L Sharma and others launching brochure of HADP.

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JAMMU: Director Horticulture Jammu, C. L Sharma on Friday convened a meeting of Field Level officers of all the districts of Jammu Division at Horticulture Complex, Talab Tillo, Jammu to review the progress of various developmental activities being carried out during the current financial year in Jammu Division.

During the course of the

meeting, a threadbare discussion was held at various agenda points and the officers appraised the chair about the status of various works, expenditure incurred, liability, progress made in the implementation of various developmental schemes and progress regarding production of quality planting material in the Departmental Nurseries. Training on implementation of Holistic Agriculture

Development Programme (HADP) was imparted to the participants through Power Point Presentation by Nursery Registration Officer Jammu, Pardeep Gupta.

During the training, detailed deliberations were held on implementing the flagship scheme in the field. Various issues being faced by the officers on operating HADP portal were also raised in the forum, which were addressed

by the Nursery Registration Officer. The Director instructed the officers to ensure better implementation of Departmental schemes for the ultimate benefit of the fruit growers and also asked them to gear up for Revised Modified High Density plantation of different fruit crops during the ensuing rainy season. Further, a folder depicting the schemes under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) was also launched during the programme. This folder will serve as a ready reckoner for the officers to implement the schemes in the field.

Among others, Deputy Director Horticulture (Central), Deputy Director Planning, Assistant Director and other officers were also present in the meeting.

Samvedna Society organises eye check-up camp at Gaushala



Doctor examining patient during a camp.

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JAMMU: Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organized 84th Free Eye Screening/Check Up at Gaushala Amphalla Jammu.

The Camp was inaugurated by General manager DIC Jammu Virender Kumar Manyal (JKAS) along with SHO Paaca Danga Police Station Inspector Rakesh Singh Jamwal.

The Camp was organised in

collaboration with Sood Eye Centre (A unit of Agarwal Hospitals). The camp saw great attendance from the people of the area a total of 108 Patients were provided free of Cost Treatment including Refraction, NCT, AR Check Up, Vision Check Up by a team of experts.

Speaking on the occasion Virender Manyal mentioned the importance of regular check-up camps and said

how this noble initiative is contributing to the betterment of mankind. He also lauded the efforts of the Samvedna team for organizing Free Eye Check Up Camp for the common masses.

Speaking on the occasion Keshav Chopra said that this camp was planned exclusively to benefit the society and to foster a culture that is devoted to the serving of common

man. Cataract Removal surgeries will also be done free of cost on Ayushman Bharat Golden Card and we will continue to organize such camps in future also so that maximum people can take advantage of it keshav further added.

Gaushala Team expressed Gratitude towards Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for organizing the camp at their place.

Dr Amit Singh M.S Eye Surgeon, Rakesh Bali (Marketing Manager), Ashish Sharma, Hiteshwar, Rajesh Sharma, Brijesh, Surinder Slathia, Ramesh Kumar, Pandit Vakalat Ram, Sushil Gupta, Sourav Gupta, Manoj Tandon, Vikas Kumar, Ritesh Peer and others were also present during the camp.

Locals, traders of Kunjwani-Narwal Bye Pass Road protest against NHAI

Randhawa joins protestors, demands construction of flyover on pillars

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JAMMU: Locals and traders of Narwal-Kunjwani Bye Pass Road on Friday staged a protest against National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), here today.

Hundreds of locals and traders assembled today at Kunjwani and raised slogans against authorities of NHAI in Jammu and Kashmir for not listening to the voice of concerned traders of the area.

Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa also joined the protest.

To express their anguish, the protesting people also blocked the Highway and restricted the vehicular movement.

While speaking on the occasion, Randhawa said the con-



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa joining protest with locals.

struction of flyover on blind walls is not acceptable at all.

"The construction of flyover on blind walls will effects the livelihood of around 10 lakh people", he added.

Former Legislator said that the development works launched by the Narendra Modi led Central Government

is appreciable. But, if the development work is making people angry then it should be stopped immediately, he added.

"The flyover in Bari Brahmana was demolished as it was too constructed on blind walls, which was effecting the livelihood of the people", Randhawa said and demanded

construction of flyover from Kunjwani to Narwal on pillars instead of blind walls.

However, the protesting traders said that as a part of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, NHAI is constructing flyover from Kunjwani to Narwal on binding walls which is not acceptable to the traders of the area as it will result into closure of their trade activities.

"We urged the NHAI to con-

struct the flyover on pillars and in this connection we also met Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi. The Minister also spoke to the NHAI authorities in J&K and directed them to construct the flyover on pillars so that traders of the area do not suffer but the NHAI authorities even did not pay heed to the directions issued by the Minister," they added.

The protesting traders demanded the NHAI to immediately stop the construction work of binding-wall flyover. "We are not against construction of flyover but NHAI should also take care of the concerns of the traders and construct the flyover on pillars instead of binding-walls," Sham Langer, Ex-Vice President Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) said and warned of intensifying the protest by blocking the Highway if NHAI ignore their concern and demand.

Dance Workshop begins at Harman Dance Institute

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JAMMU: To nurture the talents of children and youth in various dance forms, dance workshop inaugurated on Friday at Harman Dance Institute (HDI) in Upper Gadigarh, Jammu.

Around 60-70 participants across different age groups will receive training from expert choreographers of HDI, providing them with the opportunity to showcase their skills at both state and national levels.

Manjit Singh, the President of Sikhs 4 All Foundation, J&K, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, commending the management team for their initiative in organizing such a workshop.

Gurvinder Kour, a renowned choreographer and CEO of Harman Dance Institute, was present as the Guest of Honor, extending gratitude to the parents and presenting votes of thanks.

Parents witnessed the par-



Chief Guest posing with participating students.

ticipants' performances and expressed their delight.

"Successful candidates will advance to the National Dance/Singing/Acting Championship 2024 in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, scheduled for August 31 and September 1, organized by the Performing Arts Association of India," said Gurvinder Kour. The Chief Guest applauded the participants' performances and wished

them success in the upcoming competition. The workshop's conclusion and selection trials for the national competition will be held in Udhampur district shortly. "This initiative not only fosters artistic expression but also provides a platform for young talents to shine on a broader stage, fostering their growth and aspirations in the world of dance," added Gurvinder Kour.

JKEDI, Govt Polytechnic College Jammu sign MoU



Director JKEDI, Rajinder Kumar Sharma and Principal GPC Jammu, Er. Arun Bangotra after signing MoU.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) and Government Polytechnic College Bikram Chowk, Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Friday to work together and help the students enhance their skills and knowledge with regard to entrepreneurship, innovation and startups.

The MoU was signed in a formal ceremony held at JKEDI, Baribrahmana campus and attended by key officials from both the institutions. The signatories were Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Director JKEDI and Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Government Polytechnic College, Jammu in presence of Er. Jasdeep Kour, HOD Instrumentation and Control Department, Er. Ajay Thapa, OIC TP Cell Government Polytechnic Jammu, Er. Sanam Gupta, Lecturer Grade-1 Mechanical Engineering Department, Er.

Amit Kapoor Workshop Instructor Government Polytechnic, Jammu, Zahid Ali Dar, I/c CIIBM, JKEDI and Sorab Mengi, Assistant Manager, F&A, JKEDI.

The purpose of the MoU between the two institutions is to work together for Curriculum Design, by way of providing valuable inputs in teaching/training methodology and suitably customize the curriculum so that the students fit in the entrepreneurial scenario meaningfully, followed by industrial training and visits, Internship for the students, Research and Development, skill development programs and guest lectures.

Speaking on the occasion, Director JKEDI, Rajinder Kumar Sharma said, "JKEDI shall extend support for internships to students of the Government Polytechnic College, Jammu based on recommendations through proper channels subject to suitable positions and criteria fulfillment. Principal, Government

Polytechnic College, Jammu, said that this partnership is a significant stride to help the student community benefit by enhancing their skills and knowledge with regard to entrepreneurship, innovation and startups. He further informed that Government Polytechnic Jammu has established a Center for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) to impart training in latest trends of Manufacturing Technology, Automobile Engineering conforming to Industry 4.0 with the help of Tata Technologies Ltd Pune.

This MoU is aimed at offering the students enhanced opportunities to develop entrepreneurial skills and contribute to the region's economic growth. Both institutions will collaborate on faculty development programs, including workshops, seminars, and training sessions to enhance teaching methodologies and subject expertise.

CRIME REPORT

Police attaches property worth Rs 1.43 crore of drug peddlers involved in multiple cases

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KULGAM: Continuing its action against drug peddlers, Police in Kulgam attached properties (Double storied residential house measuring 1093.50 Sq ft and Cowshed measuring 437.25 Sq ft (both valuing 70 lakhs approx) belonging to notorious drug peddler namely Bashir Ahmad Ganie Son of Mohd Ahsan Ganie a resident of Nassu Badragund, Qazigund presently lodged in central Jail Kot Balwal Jammu under PIT NDPS Act and, newly constructed two storied residential house measuring 941.36 Sq ft (valuing 73 lakhs approx) of Ghulam Nabi Kuttay Son of Abdul Aziz Kuttay resident of Kaladrund, Frisal, presently under Police custody.

The actions were taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of NDPS Act of 1985 & are linked with case FIR no 40/2023 U/S 8/15 of NDPS act of Police Station Qazigund and FIR No. 26/2024 U/S 8/15 NDPS Act of Police Station Yaripora, respectively.

The properties were identified as illegally acquired properties during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Kulgam Police. The properties were prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic drug and Psychotropic substances by the above mentioned drug peddlers.

Notorious drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

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SHOPIAN: Continuing its unwavering efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in Shopian under the supervision of SSP Shopian arrested a notorious drug peddler and recovered Heroin like contraband substance from his possession.

A police party from Police Station Shopian at a checkpoint established at Palpora Rawalpura crossing, intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended. During search, heroin like contraband substance weighing about 312 grams (worth crores in international market) was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Hilal Ahmad Dar son of Gh Ahmad Dar resident of Vehil Shopian. He has been arrested and

shifted to Police Station Shopian where he remains in custody. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 80/2024 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Shopian and investigation was taken up.

15 vehicles seized for illegal mining & transportation of minerals

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HANDWARA/SAMBA: To curb the menace of illegal mining, Police in Handwara have seized 06 vehicles (01 Tipper, 05 Tractors) involved in extraction & transportation of minerals from Mawer Nallah and other Nallahs.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Handwara and investigations have been initiated.

People are requested to come forward or Dial-112 regarding any information about illegal extraction of minerals. Police warns stringent action as per law against those whosoever found involved in such activities.

Samba Police also seized nine vehicles including one excavator across the district Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams under SHO Police Station Samba led by Incharge Police Post RakhAmb/Talli, Incharge Police Post Supwal, Incharge Police Post Mansar and team led by SHO PS Rangarh while performing patrolling duty in their respective jurisdictional areas, have seized one excavator (JCB) without registration No., six dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21B-4911, JK08J-2577, JK08K-8977, JK08P-0170, JK08N-8559, JK21G-7208 and two tractor trolleys without registration Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

Pedestrian killed in road accident

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NOWSHERA: A road accident took place at Dandesar on Rajouri Poonch National Highway, about 11 kilometers from Nowshera. According to the information received, a pedestrian died after being hit by Eco Jake 02DE-8630 going from Jammu to Rajouri on Friday. People and police from the vicinity reached the spot and the deceased was brought to the sub-district hospital Nowshera for postmortem. After the postmortem, the body was handed over to the family members. It is said that the deceased used to support his family by doing hard labour. The deceased has been identified as Parshotam Lal son of Diwan Chand resident of Chakjarala.

Station House Officer Nowshera Inspector Sumit Magotra said that the vehicle has been seized, the driver has been arrested and a case has been registered.