

JKMEF hails Govt for addressing demand of female multipurpose health workers

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees' Federations and the Jammu Kashmir Female Multipurpose Health Workers Association expressed gratitude towards the Government led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for addressing a longstanding issue concerning the female Multipurpose Health Workers Association.

Addressing a press conference, JKMEF president Sushil Sudan and JKFMHWA president Neelam Kumari said that



JKMEF president Sushil Sudan and JKFMHWA president Neelam Kumari talking to reporters.

after a struggle spanning 40 years, the government finally settled the pending salary demands of these workers, effective from the

year 2211 Head.

Sushil Sudan welcomed the decision of the State Administrative Councils to regularize the salary of

the 2211 Head.

They extended thanks to various officials including Rajeev Bhatnagar (Adviser to LG), Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Dr. Mandeep K. Bhandari (Principal Secretary to LG), Santosh D Vaidya (Principal Secretary Finance), Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed (Administrative Secretary Health and Medical Education), and retired Director Family Welfare Dr. Tabasum Jaheen, along with Madan Lal (Chief Account

Officer, Family Welfare).

The federation expressed hope that with this settlement, both the female Multipurpose Health Workers Association and the employees of 2211 Head would now receive their regular salaries from the government coffers, enabling them to continue their dedicated service to humanity.

They also urged the government to expedite the issuance of final orders and release any pending salaries.

The press conference was also attended by Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, Pawan Singh Jamwal, Anita Bhagat, Suriya Akhter, Madan Lal, Kamlesh Kumari, Satya Devi, Vijay Bharti, Geeta Devi, Veena Devi, Bahadur Singh, Kulwant Singh, Ashwani Gupta, Sunil Chauhan, Rajinder Sharma, Sultan Mohd, Raman Sharma, Anju Kumari, Jeevan Jyoti and R.P. Singh.

SNM organises blood donation camp

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JAMMU: With the blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sukdisha Ji Maharaj, the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation, a social wing of the Sant Nirankari Mission, organized a Voluntarily Blood Donation Camp at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Domana, here on Sunday.

The initiative aimed to propagate the message of Baba Hardev Singh Ji, "Blood Should Flow In Veins, Not In Drains."

Volunteers from Sant Nirankari Mission Branch Gurah Brahmna actively participated in the camp, resulting in a total donation of 100 units of blood. The inauguration of the camp was graced by Sher Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, who commended the Sant Nirankari Mission for their consistent efforts in organizing such camps to meet the blood requirements of the needy.

Speaking at the event, Sher Singh highlighted the uniqueness of blood donation



A volunteer donating blood in a camp.

and acknowledged the Sant Nirankari Mission's continuous service to humanity since 1986. He called upon everyone to unite for this noble cause.

Ajit Singh, Zonal Incharge of Sant Nirankari Mission Jammu, emphasized that the mission is dedicated to establishing universal brotherhood through blood donation, recognizing all humans as members of one global family and reflections of the Almighty Nirankar. He shared that the mission has donated over 13 lakh units of blood to date, organizing nearly 600 camps through-

out the year.

Parshotam Singh Mukhi of Domana extended a warm welcome to the chief guest and donors present at the occasion. Other dignitaries included Dr. Major Sahil Gorka from the Blood Bank GMC Jammu, BR Lachotra, former Director General of Planning J&K, and Gian Chand Khetriya, Sanchalak of Jammu.

The camp was held in collaboration with the Blood & Transfusion Department of Government Medical College Jammu and JKSAACS (Jammu and Kashmir State AIDS Control Society).

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Laadli'

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JAMMU: Natrang, a prominent theatre group, on Sunday staged the Hindi play 'Laadli' at the Natrang Studio Theatre in Jammu as part of their weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'.

Written by Manjul Bhardwaj and directed by Neeraj Kant, 'Laadli' tackles the sensitive issue of gender inequality prevalent in Indian society, specifically addressing the plight of female fetuses and advocating for the celebration of the girl child.

The play opens with the poignant voice of a female fetus pleading with her mother not to abort her, expressing a desire to experience the beauty of the world. It portrays a scene where a woman undergoes pressure to abort her pregnancy upon learning that it's a girl child. The father's concern about dowry and the family's lineage adds to the emotional intensity of the narrative. The play effectively highlights societal attitudes towards girls and



Natrang artists performing in Hindi Play 'Laadli'.

the grim reality of female feticide.

Throughout the performance, the actors depict various scenarios that underscore the skewed boy-girl ratio in different Indian states and the societal discrimination faced by girls. The female fetus addresses her parents, grandparents, and even the doctor, questioning why she is denied the right to life when she could contribute positively to society if given the chance.

Ultimately, the play concludes on a hopeful note as the mother finds the courage

to defy societal pressure and gives birth to her daughter.

The actors celebrate with song and dance, symbolizing the joy of welcoming a girl child into the world.

The young actors of Natrang who brought this powerful narrative to life include Priyal Gupta, Payal Khanna, Sanna Devi, Lalita Sharma, Kushal Bhat, Aadesh Dhar, and Mehak Chib. Neeraj Kant handled the lighting, and the coordination was overseen by Mohd. Yaseen, ensuring a cohesive and impactful performance.

Jammu Motors Arena organizes Mass Deliveries event under Dream Series Scheme



Jammu Motors Arena flagging of mass deliveries event drive under Dream Series scheme.

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JAMMU: Jammu Motors Arena on Sunday organized the mass deliveries event

under Dream Series scheme in presence of Sanjay Aggarwal (Managing Director), Kanav Aggarwal

(CEO), Gurtaj Singh (General Manager) and Nitish Boghia (Sales Manager) of Jammu

Motors Private Limited along with other dignitaries from prestigious Banks and NBFCs. Under this scheme customers can get Alto k10 Vxi+, Spresso Vxi & Celerio Lxi at an affordable price @ Rs 4.99 lakh. The event was also attended by a large gathering of bankers, insurance partners, customers, auto enthusiasts, and Jammu Motors staff.

Dream Series Scheme will provide a great opportunity to the customers who are looking for a personal car at an affordable price and can fulfill their dreams.

Ration quota for Kashmiri migrants be released forthwith'

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JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit leaders and representatives including Vinod Pandita, Ashwani Bhat, Vishal Jotshi, and Ashok Kumar Koul expressed concern that the ration quota for the months of May and June has not been released and issued yet.

This delay has led to significant hardships for the migrant relief holders who depend on these supplies, particularly rice and other essential items, for their livelihoods, they said and emphasized that this delay has caused great discomfort and challenges for the affected families.

In response to this situation, the leaders appealed to the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Migrants J&K to urgently address this issue and ensure the immediate release of the ration quota for May and June.

They underscored the critical nature of this matter for the vulnerable migrant population who rely solely on these provisions. Additionally, Pandita and Bhat appealed to the Government of India to consider increasing the monthly cash assistance provided to Kashmiri migrants from the current Rs. 13,000 to Rs. 25,000.

They cited the sharp rise in prices of essential commodities and daily necessities as the rationale behind this appeal. They expressed confidence in the present regime's responsiveness to their genuine demand and hoped that it would be prioritized and addressed promptly.

Billawaria honours Madhavi

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Mayor of Jammu and senior BJP leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria, on Sunday honoured Madhavi Gupta, a student from Jeevan Nagar in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, for achieving an outstanding score of 98 percent in the 10th class examination.

The felicitation took place with great enthusiasm, where Billawaria presented Madhavi Gupta with Mata ki Chunri, a memento, and extended his best wishes for her future endeavours.

Billawaria expressed immense joy and pride in Madhavi Gupta's remarkable academic achievement, emphasizing that her excellent performance has brought glory to Jammu. He congratulated



Former Dy Mayor B.S Billawaria honouring Madhavi Gupta.

Madhavi's parents, acknowledging their pivotal role in her success and describing her achievement as a source of pride for the entire region.

Highlighting Madhavi Gupta's dedication, hard work, and commitment to her studies, Billawaria

praised her concentration and willpower, traits he noted are crucial for achieving top marks and earning recognition from parents, teachers, and the community.

He encouraged other students to emulate Madhavi's example by working dili-

gently and focusing on their educational goals to realize their dreams. In response, Madhavi Gupta shared her aspiration to become an IAS officer, aiming to contribute significantly to Jammu and Kashmir's development.

Billawaria commended her ambition, stressing the importance of nurturing and supporting students like Madhavi who aspire to lead and uplift society.

Acknowledging the crucial role played by Madhavi Gupta's parents in her success, Billawaria expressed gratitude to them for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout her academic journey.

The parents, in turn, thanked Billawaria for recognizing their daughter's achievements and for facilitating the felicitation ceremony.

Sukhnandan inaugurates Froot Mocktail Kiosks



Former Minister, Sukhnandan Choudhary inaugurating the first Froot in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister and senior J&K BJP leader, inaugurated the first Froot - World's first nana de coco fruit mocktails shop at Darshan Sweets in Nai Basti and Gole Market Gandhinagar, Jammu.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including Kanchan Bala, Deputy Commissioner of the State Taxes Department, J&K, and Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal of Government Polytechnic Jammu, who were Guests of Honour.

During the inauguration,

Sukhnandan Choudhary congratulated Rahul Bassan, Zone Director North, for his entrepreneurial venture in Jammu.

He encouraged the youth to support non-alcoholic beverages like mocktails, emphasizing that such ventures not only promote healthier choices but also boost local employment opportunities.

Rahul Bassan, while addressing the gathering, described Froot mocktails as a revolutionary concept in refreshments, offering exquisite non-alcoholic beverages that blend creativity, flavor, and sophistication.

He announced plans to open 10-15 more such counters in Jammu in the near future, catering to social gatherings, corporate events, and everyday enjoyment.

The Froot brand, founded by Rajat Kumar, has successfully established over 300 outlets in Delhi NCR before launching live kiosks in prime locations across Jammu.

Kumar highlighted their journey since 2022, aiming to provide innovative alternatives to traditional cocktails and meeting the rising demand for sophisticated non-alcoholic options.

Each Froot mocktail is crafted meticulously using premium ingredients, ensuring a perfect balance of taste and quality. Their offerings include a variety of flavors ranging from zesty citrus notes to fruity sweetness and herbal infusions, catering to diverse palates. What distinguishes Froot mocktails is their convenience without compromising on quality, ready-to-serve and designed to elevate any occasion effortlessly.

Former CCI President congratulates Dr. Jitendra on scoring hat trick



Chenani-Nashri Tunnel, Vande Bharat Train, First Industrial Biotech Park, Prime rating in PMGSY, Purple Revolution, Atal Setu Cable-Stayed Bridge, Karta - Delhi Express Road Corridor, Additional Medical Colleges, Ujh Multipurpose Projects revival, Mansar Lake Rejuvenation Project, Mantalai International Yoga Centre cum Wellness Centre, Telemedicine Services, Maharaja Gulab Singh Statue, World's Highest Rail Bridge, North India's First Space Centre, Juthana Bridge, Inclusion of Katra in Inter Model Station, Solar Village at Palli, First Seed Processing Plant at Kathua, 1000 MW

Pakal Dul Hydro Power Project, GI certification for Besholi Paintings, Revival of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project, Banihal - Qazigund Tunnel, and Mata Vaishno Devi Railway Station. He also thanked Dr. Jitendra Singh for his cooperation and sincere follow-up in getting the prestigious AIIMS at Vijaypur, BSF Parade at Suchetgarh, and the revival of Tawi Lake Project in Jammu. He expressed assurance that Dr. Jitendra Singh would continue to achieve much more in the future with his far-sighted vision and immense knowledge. Furthermore, Gupta welcomed the decision of the Prime Minister to include Dr. Jitendra Singh in his Cabinet of Ministers for the third time in a row, highlighting his calibre, achievements, and dedication towards the nation. This decision, he noted, sends a clear and loud message, demolishing the pseudo stand of all critics and negative forces.

JCDA organizes Fun Run at Jammu



Participants of Fun Run posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: To promote healthy living among its members, Jammu Computer Dealers Association, the representative body of IT trade in Jammu province organized a 5 Km Fun Run, here on Sunday.

The Fun Run started from Central Park, Bahu Plaza at 5.30 am and culminated at the same place after running through Jammu University Lane, Bikram Chowk and back through Green Belt Park areas. The Fun Run was joined by the computer dealers, their staff and family members in large num-

bers. While addressing the IT fraternity, Sandeep Malhotra, President, JCDA stressed upon the importance of healthy living. He implored upon the members to adopt a healthy routine and spare some time for personal fitness on daily basis. After the culmination of the Fun Run refreshments were offered to the participants.

JCDA members vowed to adopt a healthy lifestyle by promoting all such initiatives. It was also decided that all members of JCDA, their staff and family members will promote cleanliness in

and around their establishments.

On the occasion, JCDA management has requested public at large, business establishments, and government departments to purchase IT products and services from JCDA Verified Dealers only so that local IT vendors are able to provide them with the best products and services at the most competitive prices.

All the participants of Fun Run thanked JCDA for organizing the event and hoped that such events are organized more frequently in the future.

many schemes of the Modi Government have created job avenues, and added that the enthusiastic youth of Jammu & Kashmir is now moving forward to become job

