

Rangyug launches Summer Internship Program in Performing Arts for female students of Jammu Colleges

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JAMMU: Rangyug, the Performing Arts Foundation of Jammu, has launched a pioneering Summer Internship Program (SIP) in Performing Arts to celebrate its 40 years of existence. This initiative is exclusively designed for students from Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, and Government College for Women, Parade.



Students posing for a photograph with Rangyug and faculty members.

Director of Rangyug, distinguished faculty members, and renowned personalities such as Ashutosh Sharma, Pankaj Pradhan, Amarjeet Singh, RJ Juhie (92.7 Big FM), Ashish Sharma, Shivan Gupta, and Dr. Naveen Sharma, among others. Dr. Tickoo lauded the initiative, encouraging students to seize this unique opportunity. He emphasized the program's comprehensive approach across various disciplines of performing arts, facilitated by sessions led by renowned experts in Music, Dance, and Theatre.

Dr. Tickoo also highlighted the significance of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir, underscoring its role in nurturing a new generation of skilled and confident artists through practical mentorship. Deepak Kumar described the internship as a pivotal initiative aimed at nurturing artistic talent among young women in Jammu. He expressed the foundation's commitment to equipping students with essential skills and mentorship to excel in their chosen fields, fostering both creative and professional growth.

RJ Juhie engaged with the students in subsequent sessions, sharing her personal journey from Theatre to her current role and inspiring students to explore diverse career possibilities beyond conventional paths. Rangyug's Summer Internship Program is set to provide a transformative experience for its participants, promising opportunities for future collaborations and ongoing support for female students in the arts. The foundation looks forward to witnessing the growth and success of these young artists as they embark on this enriching journey.

Seventy students from PSPS, GCW Gandhi Nagar, and GCW Parade are actively participating in this inaugural Summer Internship Program, aimed at nurturing and enhancing their artistic skills.

PGCIL signs MoUs with AIIMS Bilaspur, HSCC



PGCIL, AIIMS Bilaspur and HSCC representatives at MoU signing ceremony.

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) on Thursday signed two MoUs for construction of 250 bedded PGCIL Vishram Sadan at AIIMS Bilaspur under CSR.

The first MoU was signed between PGCIL and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bilaspur whereas the second one was signed between PGCIL and Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation Limited (HSCC). Under Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of PGCIL, MoUs were signed by Vinod P. Baxla, General Manager (HR) on behalf of PGCIL, Lt. Col M. Hariharan, Deputy Director (Administration), on behalf of AIIMS Bilaspur and Pawan Kumar Bhatia, CGM on behalf of HSCC in the presence of Rajesh Kumar, Executive Director, PGCIL (NRTS-II), Ravi Ranjan, Director

(Engineering), HSCC and other senior officers from PGCIL. The initiative will provide suitable shelter/accommodation to the attendants and patients coming from remote places/villages across the State of Himachal Pradesh and its neighbouring States like Punjab and UT J&K for medical treatment. The hospital is serving patients from far flung hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh and adjacent States.

Jammu celebrates International Yoga Day at Press Club



Expert performing Yoga at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Jammu celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm at the Press Club Jammu, organized by Siba Event Management & Innovations Cooperative Ltd. in collaboration with Yogatvam, Press Club Jammu, and Shoppers Stop. The event aimed to promote the ancient practice of yoga and its profound benefits for physical and mental well-being. The yoga session was conducted under the guidance of Sahil Mehra, a dedicated disciple of Yoga Guru Sanjay Asin from Yogatvam. Participants were treated to an inspiring session that included both basic poses and advanced postures, demonstrating the holistic advantages of yoga.

Key members from Yogatvam, including Riya Gupta, Kapil Mehra, Uttam Bogia, and Uma Bogia, actively participated in leading and demonstrating various yoga techniques throughout the event. The success of the event was bolstered by the generous support from sponsors such as Eeto Bakery, Amandeep Hospitals, Sharp Sight Eye Hospitals, DBN Vidya Mandir Jammu, The First Note, Roatry Club, and Inner Wheel Club. Their contributions played a crucial role in making the celebration a resounding success. SIBA's co-founders Sidharth Verma and Baljeet Singh, along with their team members Ishan, Ramneek Kour, Meenakshi Verma, and Jasmeet Kour, efficiently managed the event, ensuring its smooth execution and overall success.

The celebration underscored the significance of yoga in enhancing overall well-being and encouraged all participants to embrace yoga as a part of their daily routine for a healthier lifestyle. SIBA's co-founders Sidharth Verma and Baljeet Singh, along with their team members Ishan, Ramneek Kour, Meenakshi Verma, and Jasmeet Kour, efficiently managed the event, ensuring its smooth execution and overall success.

Resolving people's issues priority of Congress leadership: Uday, Hari Singh



Congress leaders addressing public meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Uday Bhanu Chib, former President of Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir and currently National General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress (IYC), and Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), criticized the current administration for its failure to meet the expectations of the general public. The senior Congress leaders voiced their concerns during a Nukkad meeting at Taku Chak Panchayat in Domana, part of the Jammu North Assembly segment. The meeting, organized by local leaders Bishan Singh Jasrotia and Chamail Singh Chib, served as a platform for residents to discuss pressing issues directly with their political representatives.

People of the area conveyed their grievances to the senior Congress leaders, emphasizing the lack of basic infrastructure such as roads and drainage systems in ward Taku Chak of Panchayat Domana. Despite repeatedly addressing these issues with the authorities, no action has been taken. Uday Bhanu Chib and Hari Singh Chib criticized the current administration for its failure to meet the expectations of the general public, especially road connectivity and drainage. They assured the residents that their legitimate demands would be taken up with the concerned authorities. He specifically pointed out the irregular power and water supply, stressing that despite timely bill payments, residents are not receiving these essential services consistently. Hari Singh Chib urged the public to support the Congress Party in the upcoming Assembly elections, emphasizing that a change in government is necessary to address and resolve the myriad issues facing the region. They assured the people that a Congress-led government would prioritize their needs and work diligently to improve their living conditions like replacing smart meters by old meter system, Removing property tax and will provide basic amenities to the public. The senior Congress lead-

ers underscored Party's commitment to listening to and addressing the concerns of the people, reaffirming their dedication to bringing about positive change in Jammu and Kashmir. Among the attendees at the meeting were prominent local figures including Som Nath Sharma, Master Jagpal Singh, Shammi, Sansar Chand, Kuldeep Singh Bawa, Bakshi Sudershan, Jaipal Singh, Ashok Kumar, Ranjeet Singh, Jagdish Chander, Surinder Singh, Jaswant Singh, Suresh Singh, Ashok Kumar, Choudhary Saif Ali, Surinder Kumar, Kamal Singh, Jung Bahadur Singh, Kaka Ram Neeta Chib, Pummy Manhas, Tarun Vaid, and Sunil Singh, the Youth Congress Assembly President for Jammu North.

Maximizing gold value with Tanishq's 100 pc gold exchange programme

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JAMMU: In the wake of rising gold prices, Tanishq, India's largest jewellery retail brand from the house of Tata, presents its 'Gold Exchange Policy' to cater to the evolving needs of its customers amidst the volatile gold rates. To offer customers the best value for their gold through zero deduction, this exchange policy provides an opportunity to upgrade old gold with newer and latest designs offered by Tanishq. Tanishq's Gold Exchange Policy stands out as a strategic response to the current market dynamics, particularly the fluctuating gold prices that influence consumer behavior. By introducing a zero deduction policy, Tanishq ensures that customers receive the maximum value for their old gold jewelry, addressing a critical need in the market where maximizing returns on investments is paramount. This customer-centric approach extends further by accepting gold jewelry from any jeweler across India, enhancing convenience and accessibility for a broader customer base.

Moreover, Tanishq's commitment to providing year-round gold exchange services underscores its flexibility and responsiveness to customer demands. This initiative not only caters to customers seeking to upgrade their jewelry designs but also emphasizes Tanishq's dedication to maintaining transparent and trustworthy transactions. By offering meticulously crafted, hand-crafted jewelry pieces, Tanishq reaffirms its reputation for exquisite craftsmanship, appealing to customers who value quality and aesthetic appeal. Further more, Tanishq's wide array of jewelry designs, ranging from traditional to contemporary styles like Gold Plain, Glass Kundan, Kundan Polki, Open Polki, PJWS, and Color Stone, ensures that there's something to suit every taste and occasion. This diversity in offerings, coupled with a strong brand legacy built on trust and transparency, positions Tanishq as a preferred choice for customers looking to exchange their old gold jewelry for new pieces that reflect both timeless elegance and modern sensibilities. Tanishq accepts gold jewellery for exchange, from any jeweller in India and also offers gold exchange services throughout the year; providing customers with flexibility and convenience. Tanishq provides access to intricately designed, handcrafted jewellery pieces that showcase exquisite craftsmanship. The policy is valid across all Tanishq stores and the move comes at a time when people plan to purchase gold for the Wedding season and other occasions.

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GSI organizes workshop on 'Landslide Disaster Management'

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JAMMU: Geological Survey of India, UT J&K and UT Ladakh organized a one-day workshop on Thursday at Jammu, on the topic of "Landslide Disaster Management" under the theme Landslide Disaster Risk Reduction: Need for Coordination, Cooperation, Skill Enhancement and Implementation Strategy. The objective of this workshop is to provide a platform for the participants to create landslide awareness, landslide disaster management, causes and remedial measures of landslide. The workshop was attended by representatives from different stakeholder institutions like State Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction, J&K, National Institute of Hydrology,



GSI UT J&K and UT Ladakh members at a workshop on Thursday.

Jammu, Central University, Jammu, University of Jammu, University of Kashmir, Cluster University, Jammu, Department of Geology and Mining, Jammu and Centre Ground Water Board, Jammu. The workshop was conducted under the chairmanship of Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Additional Director General and HOD, NR, GSI, Lucknow and convened by P. S. Misra, Dy. DG, UT J&K and UT Ladakh, GSI. Retired senior officers of GSI also participated in the workshop and shared valuable knowledge. The workshop also provided an opportunity for the participants to interact with experts in the field and share their experiences about landslide studies in UT Jammu and Kashmir and UT Ladakh. During the workshop discussion and deliberations were held on the Landslide Disaster Management data generated by the GSI and its use by the different Stakeholders for the societal benefit and sustainable development.

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ABVP MAM College Unit holds tribute ceremony for martyred soldiers, civilians



ABVP members paying tributes to martyrs.

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JAMMU: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Mahanagar's MAM PG College unit today organized a heartfelt tribute ceremony to honor the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in terrorist attacks. The ceremony took place at MAM PG College at 12:45 PM, with special attendance by ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Joint Secretary, Manik Goswami. The event witnessed the presence of numerous students, faculty members, and ABVP activists, all gathered to pay their respects and stand in solidarity with the families of the martyrs. On this occasion ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Joint Secretary Manik Goswami was especially present their at the moment. Manik Goswami while addressing the karyakartas said "We are here today to honor the supreme sacrifices made by our brave soldiers and innocent civilians who have fallen victim to terrorism. Their courage and dedication to our nation shall never be forgotten. We, as students and responsible citizens, must pledge to work towards a peaceful and secure future for our country."

our country." Abhay Pratap Singh, President ABVP MAM PG College said "Today's tribute ceremony is a reminder of the constant threat our nation faces from terrorism. It is essential for us to remember and honor those who have laid down their lives protecting our freedom and security. Their legacy inspires us to remain vigilant and committed to the cause of national integrity." Ishika Mahajan, Secretary ABVP MAM PG College said "The sacrifices of our martyrs serve as a beacon of hope and resilience. It is our duty to ensure that their sacrifices are not in vain. We must strive to uphold the values they fought for and contribute to building a stronger and safer India."

The event concluded with a moment of silence and the lighting of candles in memory of the martyrs. ABVP Jammu Mahanagar's MAM PG College unit reiterates its commitment to fostering patriotism and unity among students and the larger community. The karyakartas present their at the moment were Madhav Raina, Madhav Sharma, Aniket, Keetan, Ria and many more. The main objective of onboarding NIELIT as technical/knowledge partners is to ensure that NSQF-aligned curricula for different job roles are delivered in the colleges. These curriculums will be modular in nature, with students receiving modular certificates upon the successful completion of each semester module. Upon completion of a complete job role training hours, students will be assessed by NIELIT HQ through a proctored mode and will be awarded NSQF aligned STT certificate. The skill courses will also be included in the credit-based system of the University of Ladakh as part of the students degree courses. The MoU was signed by the Commissioner/Secretary

Skill/Vocational Courses in Ladakh to be strengthened; LSDM, NIELIT & UoL sign MoU



Dignitaries at MoU signing ceremony.

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LEH: A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Ladakh Skill Development Mission (LSDM), National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) Leh, and University of Ladakh (UoL) to introduce skill and vocational courses, upgrade laboratory infrastructure, and implement Skill Development Programmes in Government Degree Colleges of the Union Territory of Ladakh. The primary focus of this partnership is to introduce skill courses in the colleges of UT Ladakh under the National Education Policy Framework, in collaboration with NIELIT and UoL. The main objective of onboarding NIELIT as technical/knowledge partners is to ensure that NSQF-aligned curricula for different job roles are delivered in the colleges. These curriculums will be modular in nature, with students receiving modular certificates upon the successful completion of each semester module. Upon completion of a complete job role training hours, students will be assessed by NIELIT HQ through a proctored mode and will be awarded NSQF aligned STT certificate. The skill courses will also be included in the credit-based system of the University of Ladakh as part of the students degree courses. The MoU was signed by the Commissioner/Secretary

Technical Education & Skill Development Department UT Ladakh, Padma Angmo; Director NIELIT, Leh, Phuntsog Toldan; and Dean Academic Affairs, UoL, Dr. Sonam Joldan, in the presence of Under Secretary Technical Education & Skill Development, Rigzin Yangdol, and Abied Hussain, Superintendent ITL. Under this initiative, LSDM, NIELIT, and UoL endeavour to provide training to enhance the employability of the youth of Ladakh, with an emphasis on employability and entrepreneurship training so that the youth of Ladakh are prepared for industry-oriented job roles," stated Commissioner/Secretary Padma Angmo. The Commissioner/Secretary believes that this initiative will further accelerate the various efforts undertaken by LSDM to create an empowered workforce by providing adequate training in market-relevant skills. She further added that similar skill courses have been in progress in various degree colleges since August 2023, in collaboration with various Sector Skill Councils.

PoJK DP's Front urges PM to redress pending demands



PoJK DP's Front raising slogans during a rally.

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JAMMU: The PoJK DP's Front gathered at Maharaja Hari Singh Park on Thursday under the chairmanship of President Captain (Retd.) Yudhvir Singh Chib, along with General Secretary J.P. Sharma and Secretary K.S. Chib. A significant number of PoJK DP's Front members gathered to highlight their long-pending issues. Many carried placards, banners, and flags, and attempted to march towards the Secretariat, led by Captain Yudhvir Singh Chib, J.P. Sharma, and K.S. Chib. However, their progress was halted by a heavy police contingent near Dogra Chowk. During the last rally on April 15, 2024, it was declared that PoJK DP's Front would vote for BJP candidates-Jugal Kishore from Jammu Reasi and Dr. Jitendra Singh from Kathua Udhampur Doda-to support Modi at the center. Following this, PoJK DP's voted significantly for

these candidates, leading to a substantial victory margin over the Congress candidates, Raman Bhalla and Ch. Lal Singh. The PoJK DP's Front thanked all DP's for their support in the elections and urged continued unity. Captain Yudhvir Singh Chib noted that despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's allocation of Rs. 30 lakh per family for PoJK DP's through a JPC recommendation and the release of Rs. 2,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Package, only 80% of the DP's have received Rs. 5.5 lakh per family. Economic constraints persist, and there is a call for the final package to be released promptly. Captain Chib expressed confidence in Modi's continued support during his third term as Prime Minister. He called for the resolution of issues faced by non-camp PoJK DP's, emphasizing the need for immediate action from the authorities. They demanded Land retrieved from illegal occupation should be allotted to non-camp DP's at a minimum of 10 Marlas for housing, Granting ST status to PoJK refugees to provide educational and professional opportunities, Allocation of 4 acres of irrigated or 6 acres of non-irrigated land per family from the land retrieved from illegal possession, as per the 1954 Cabinet Order; Release and allot 12 out of the 24 Assembly seats held in abeyance to PoJK refugees, Expedite the payment of Rs. 5.5 lakh to PoJK DP's, as files have been pending since March 2022, address the eviction of refugees cultivating land along the Chenab River, ensuring ownership rights, Regularize and grant ownership rights to DP's allotted agricultural land but deprived of ownership, enabling them to benefit from the PM package. General Secretary J.P. Sharma and Secretary K.S. Chib urged refugees to remain united and vote strategically in the upcoming J&K Assembly elections, expected in September, to ensure their demands are met. Prominent attendees included J.P. Sharma, Kuldeep Singh Chib, Kulbir Singh Chib, Sakandya Devi (Mahila Wing), Kehar Singh Chib, Master Raghunath Singh, Thoru Ram Chib, Sham Singh Chib, Hoshnaki Ram, and Kamal Sharma.