

J&K branch of ICAI celebrates 74th CA Day

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JAMMU: The J&K Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated its 74th Foundation Day.
The celebrations began with flag hoisting ceremony at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, here which was followed by blood donation camp in collaboration with the Department of Blood Transfusion & Immunohematology, GMC Jammu in which large number of Chartered Accountants members as well as students donated blood.
A free Health Checkup Camp along with a Ayurvedic Medical Checkup was also organized by O-Lab Diagnostic Centre & Path Lab and Ayushkamiya Ayurvediya Panchikarma Chakitsalya respectively.
Thereafter an interaction session followed by lunch with Orphan Age Kids of



ICAI members presenting memento to Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa.

Borderless World Foundation was also organized.
Former Cabinet Minister, Sat Sharma, while attending the function, greeted the participants on CA Day and lauded the role of chartered accountants in nation building. He also applauded the J&K Branch for celebrating a CA Week Day in which various activities were under taken such as Financial Literacy Camp, Yoga Day, Padyatra cum Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Manda, Indoor Games Championship, Blood Donation, Health Checkup and Ayurvedic Camp.
In the evening, a seminar on critical issues in GST by speaker CA Rajinder Arora was organized, followed by the felicitation of newly qualified Chartered Accountants from Jammu Region. The Chief Guest for the event was Deputy Commissioner of Jammu, Avny Lavasa.
Speaking on the occasion, Avny congratulated the CA fraternity and appreciated the role played by CA professionals as pillars of the society which always worked for the upliftment of country.
CA Nakul Saraf, Chairman of J&K Branch of ICAI, in his inaugural address welcomed emphasized on the importance of the CA Day.
He also urged the members to once again pledge their allegiance to the great CA profession and rededicate themselves

to its services as well as the lofty ideals put forth by those who have went before them.
During the program, Late CAR.C. Gupta Memorial award, Late Smt. Sudesh Sawhney Memorial Award, Late Sh. Omesh Gupta Memorial Award, Late Sh. Vinod Gupta Memorial Award, Late Sh. G.D Gupta Memorial Award, and Late Sh. Om Prakash Gupta & Smt. Indu Gupta Memorial Awards were presented to the meritorious students of CA Final examination during 2020 and 2021.
CA Vineet Kohli, Secretary J&K Branch of ICAI, conducted the proceedings.
CA Vikas Purdhani, (Vice Chairman), CA Ayush Sawhney (Treasurer) and CA Sourav Pargal (Executive Member) along with a large number of Chartered Accountants, students and their families took part in the celebrations.



DGPC to celebrate Gurmurab of Guru Hargobind on July 5

Demands holiday for Sikh employees

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JAMMU: Newly elected DGPC Jammu office bearers expressed gratitude to the entire Sikh Sangat of Jammu District for their overwhelming support in electing new members by depositing faith in them and giving them an opportunity to serve the Sikh community by managing the Gurdwara affairs in a transparent manner and as per the aspirations of the Sikh Sangat within the ambit of J&K Sikh Gurdwara and Religious Endowment Act.
DGPC President, Ranjeet Singh along with other office bearers Balvinder Singh Vice President, Suneet Singh Secretary, Singh Joint Secretary, Jagpal Singh Treasurer, Gurmeet Singh, Harjeet Singh Incharge Dharam Parchar Committee, Karon Singh Bali (member DGPC), while addressing the press conference, assured the Sikh Sangat that they will put all best possible efforts to live



DGPC Jammu President Ranjeet Singh talking to reporters.

up to the expectations of Sikh Sangat of Jammu. Further, Balvinder Singh said that DGPC Jammu decided to celebrate Gurmurab celebration on July 5 in connection with the birth anniversary of Guru Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib at Gurdwara Tali Sahib Jammu. "This Gurmurab celebration will be celebrated from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Guru Ka Langar shall be served simultaneously," he said adding that besides local Ragi Jathas of Bhai Davinder Singh and Bhai Rattan Singh Both Hazuri Ragi Jathaas of DGPC Jammu, other prominent Ragi Jathas and Tadi Jathas participating from outside the state are Bhai Davinder Singh Hazuri Ragi Sri Darbar Sahib, Bhai Nachattar Singh Parcharak Gurnat Gyan Missionary College, Ludhiana & Tadi Jatha of Bhai Gurpreet Singh. Others persons present in the press conference include Rajinder Singh Sudan, Janak Singh, Manjit Singh, Sharanjit Singh, Surinder Singh Wazir, Jasbir Singh, Makhan Singh, Kulvinder Singh and Parfulat Singh.

Amit visits Kalakote mines, addresses workers' issues

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KALAKOTE: Amit Sharma, Secretary to Government, Mining Department and Director J&K Minerals Limited on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of old & traditional Coal Mines located at Moghla and Metka in Kalakote area of district Rajouri in the Union Territory of J&K.
He was accompanied with Additional Deputy Commissioner Kalakote Krishan Lal, Managing Director J&K Minerals Ltd Vikram K Gupta, Manager Projects & Agent Coal Mines Sr Kiran Singh, Manager Coal Mines Moghla Jaymohan, Manager Metka Coal Mines Rajesh Gupta, Police Chowki Officer Teryath Raza Ali and others.
During the historical visit, Amit Sharma took a detailed review of the functioning of these historical coal mines of J&K which have been giving a consistent output of about 35-40 tonnes per day.



Secretary Mining Department, Amit Sharma during visit to coal mines in Kalakote.

Amit also conducted a personal visit inside the actual coal mining areas with concerned mining staff for getting firsthand account of the working conditions inside the mines.
Afterwards, Amit held interactive session with the coal mine workers to

understand their grievances in the presence of BDC Chairperson Moghla Surekha Thakur, ADC Kalakote, MD, J&K Minerals and others wherein spot directions were given to resolve their genuine grievances.
Secretary Mining further advised all local officers to conduct monthly Public Darbar in this area led by ADC Kalakote to redress genuine grievances of coal mine workers who have been working relentlessly for uninterrupted operation of Kalakote Mines which is a real pride of the nation.
Moreover, he directed MD of the Corporation to place all genuine issues of the workers in upcoming Board of Directors Meeting of the Corporation for consideration by the Board.
During the visit, Amit also appreciated the efforts of coal mine workers in Kalakote where Anthracite Coal is being extracted which is comparable with top quality coal being produced globally in Australia globally and locally in Assam at national level.

Explicit directions were given to ensure safely of these workers working in tough conditions throughout the year and he announced qualitative measures for improving living conditions of Surveyors, making common rooms, conduct of recreation activities and workers motivation skills.
Further, Amit assured local coal mine workers and visiting BDC Chairperson that there is sufficient quantity of coal availability in the Kalakote mines as per recent scientific surveys conducted in the area and there is no threat whatsoever to local workers of becoming jobless for at least next two to three decades.
Before leaving, Amit planted a sapling within the campus of Coal Mines wherein he directed MD and the operating team of the Coal Mines to convert this campus into a green field area having maximum green cover, fruit and related plantations in years to come for ensuring total ecological balancing in the years to come.

Only double-engine Govt can fulfill aspirations of Telangana people: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta visiting Bugga Raj Rajeshwara Temple at Bellampalli.

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HYDERABAD: Batting strongly for BJP's double engine government in Telangana, senior party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of erstwhile J&K, Kavinder Gupta asserted that only extension of BJP Government in Telangana can come upto the expectations of the people. He was addressing an impressive gathering after releasing the poster of Vijay Sankalp Rally to be addressed by PM Narendra Modi on July 3, 2022 at Hyderabad, here at BJP District Office Manchiryal. He said that after

getting fed up with KCR Government, the people of the State are looking for a double engine government in Telangana. "People are fed up with Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao-I government and are looking for a change and thus supporting the BJP. People are looking for a double-engine government in the State," Kavinder said, adding that BJP will leave no stone unturned to provide everything which the people in the state are yearning for since last many years under the misrule of TRS government.
"Hundreds of people have

sacrificed their lives for the separate state and BJP played a major role in fulfilling their wish. It's party's responsibility to develop the state. We are in power in the Centre. We are working towards the development of 'Telangana', he said and accused the KCR government of having failed to fulfill the promises made to the people of the state.
Kavinder criticized the KCR Government for not fulfilling the promises made to public. He alleged that the Telangana government indulged in corrupt practices and that is the reason people are fed-up of this dispensation and have started galvanizing towards BJP.
Later, Kavinder visited Bugga Raj Rajeshwara Temple at Bellampalli Vidhan Sabha in Hyderabad and paid obeisance in the most revered Shiv Temple of the area. He also discussed strengthening of the BJP at grassroots level with the Telangana Urban Mandal office bearers and the Morcha Presidents.

Shri Gou Gopal Paryavaran Sammelan Rana calls for spreading awareness about ecological balance, drug abuse

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BHALWAL: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Saturday underscored the need for reaching out to people and spreading awareness about maintaining ecological balance and substance abuse to achieve the objective of Nasha Mukht Vishawa.
"The need for such a mass campaign assumes significance now than ever before because of the depleting green gold, growing population and vulnerability to drugs by the most precious component of the society", Rana said while addressing Shri Gou Gopal Paryavaran Sammelan at Seri Paanditan in Bhalwal here this afternoon in the august presence of His Holiness Shri Gangadhar Ji Shastri.
Devender Rana lauded the relentless efforts of His Holiness Shri Gangadhar Shastri in generating environmental awareness through religious awakening



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana speaking at a Sammelan.

discourses, saying this is bound to have a lasting impact on the people and motivate them to be part of this noble mission for the greater good of humanity. The youth in particular should be thrust into such discourses to make them understand the crucial importance of a healthy and fit body for having a calm mind. Taking care of health is imperative before it is too late and to make it achievable, the awakening campaigns are of immense importance, he added.
The Senior BJP leader

complimented Shastri Ji for blessing Jammu with such environmental-friendly and educative Sammelans, saying these will help in generating mass awareness about the evils encountered by the society, especially on account of depleting forest resources and growing tendencies among youth towards drugs.
"Shastri Ji has made a niche for himself for his selfless services to mankind and people of Jammu are blessed to have him here for carrying forward his noble mission", he added.

In his enlightening discourse at the Sammelan, Shri Gangadhar Ji Shastri said the religious discourses and recitation of Vedic hymns will energise the atmosphere, which will lead to protection of environment and bring positive change in the minds of people. He stressed the need for taking good care of the earth and environment, which stand guarantee for a healthy human race.
"Even for worshipping God, healthy body and healthy mind is imperative, Shri Gangadhar Ji Shastri observed.
Urging the people, especially the youth for adopting a healthy lifestyle, Shastri said health is the first and foremost prerequisite for a healthy society. He sought carving out of an enabling environment so that the vulnerable section of youth desists from drugs that is the biggest challenge to the world.

The Sammelan is marked by religious discourses Sant-kirtans by renowned saints and scholars.
Prominent among others who were present on the occasion include B.D Sharma, Shree Kermi, Darshan, Surjeet Chagotra, Sashi Pal, Ajay Sharma, Kuldeep Kermi, Pankaj Kermi, Prab Dayal Sharma, Sohan Lal, Munish Kermi, Kamal Sharma, Anil Chagotra, Sunil Sharma, Ved Parkash, Bandu Sharma, Vijay Bhagat, Kuldeep Sapolia, Capt. (retd) Vijay Sharma and others. Those accompanying Devender Rana included Pt Rameshwar Dutt, Pt. Krishan Gopal, Pt. Kishori Lal, Pt. Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, Ashok Kumar Kermi, Kuldeep Kumar.

NHPC warns public not to move near river Chenab on Jul 5

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KISTHWAR: The management of Dulhasti Power Station, NHPC Limited has cautioned general public of District Doda and Kishtwar and Public of village Dul, Benzwar, Cherhar, Bhandarkot, Hasti, Kandani, Prem Nagar & Pul Doda to not to move near river Chenab on July 5 (Tuesday) as the gates of Dulhasti Power Station Dam shall be opened for reservoir flushing during this period. The dam gates of Dulhasti Power Station will be opened for reservoir flushing on July 5 (Tuesday) from 22:30 hours to 18:00 hours of July 6. During this period the water level of River Chenab may rise to 2 to 3 meters in the downstream areas of the river. Therefore, the public residing near and in the downstream areas of River Chenab are being cautioned to refrain from moving themselves/their cattle/ Trucks & Tipper near the banks of River Chenab to avoid any mishap and to co-operate for the safety of their lives.
Anybody violating the request shall be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility and NHPC/Management of Dulhasti Power Station shall not be responsible for consequences thereof.

Akhnoor Road Project: 'Flyover from Canal Head to Ganesh Vihar likely to complete by July end'

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Saturday inspected the progress of work on Jammu-Akhnoor Road widening Project.
The Div Com took a round of the entire stretch and inspected the work progress on all the packages at several sites including Canal Head, Patel Nagar, Paloura, Muthi and other locations.
He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa; General Manager (P), NHIDCL, Col. S P S Samgwan; Chief Engineer Irrigation, concerned SDM, besides senior officers of JPDC, Jal Shakti, site Engineers of NHIDCL and other concerned officers.
The NHIDCL officials apprised the Div Com about the current status of work on the prestigious road project, besides progress achieved so far and the future work plan.
While giving details, the GM NHIDCL informed that



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inspecting progress of work on Jammu-Akhnoor road widening Project.

Detailed Project Report (DPR) for package 1 from 4th Tawi Bridge to Canal Head rotary has been prepared and submitted for approval and the project is likely to be awarded by July 30, 2022.
The Div Com stressed on early start of work on package 1 and instructed the DC Jammu to expedite the land acquisition process and disbursement of compensation besides relocation of Government buildings coming in its alignment. The Div Com also directed NHIDCL and concerned officers to

ensure safe utility shifting. It was informed that 94 percent work on 4.6 KM package 2 from Canal Head to Ganesh Vihar has been completed, while the flyover was at final stage and it would be thrown open for traffic by July end.
The Div Com instructed GM NHIDCL to expedite the pace of work on approach and ramp of elevated road from both the ends. He also emphasized on installation of signages, besides beautification and landscaping of the area under the elevated road por-

tion with proper drainage network.
The Div Com directed GM NHIDCL to expedite the final works of package 2 and ensure its completion by August 15.
It was further given out that 56 percent work on 20.61 KM package 3 from Ganesh vihar to Khati Chowk has been completed and the rest of the work was in progress. The concerned officers further informed that the land acquisition process has been completed and the same has been provided to executing agencies for smooth execution of work.
The Div Com directed NHIDCL to be in regular touch with concerned officers of district administration for every logistic support and share the requirement of construction material.
He further asked the Corporation to set weekly, monthly targets and expedite the progress of work to complete the project within the stipulated time frame.

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI
SRINAGAR: From its manufacturing to ban, history of plastic bag has impacted world to a great extent. In 1933, polyethylene, the most commonly used plastic was created accidentally at a chemical plant in Northwich, England. It wasn't in minds of people until 1997, when a researcher Charles Moore found that accumulated plastic wastes are threatening marine life. Plastic bags are also notorious for killing sea turtles, which mistakenly eat them presuming them as jellyfish. Single-use plastic and polythene pollution is becoming dangerous and creating health hazard issues across the world, including Kashmir valley. Divisional Administration has urged authorities to do more for eradicating plastic pollution from Valley. Although, a bit improvement is there in overall scenario in comparison to past, but a lot more needs to be done for curbing plastic pollution to save water-bodies and other sites.

International Plastic Bag Free Day inspire for adopting safer alternatives to demonstrate that a world, without plastic, is quite possible.
It is really an encouraging step that India has banned all type of single-use plastics from July 1, while juice & dairy products manufacturing companies have also been directed to use paper-straw instead of single-use plastic straws.
Recently, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha asked all Municipal Corporations of J&K to develop Smart Cities as Climate Smart Cities and launch yearlong campaign 'City with Nature' with public participation to prevent water, air and plastic pollution. He advised all Government departments to achieve the goals of bringing an end to use of single-use plastics besides strengthening Waste Management System.
As per the official data, there are no polythene producing units in Kashmir and

I&C department has established 25 plastic alternative manufacturing units besides 150 of such units already exist. Notably, in Jammu & Kashmir use of polythene carry bags under SRO-122 under Section 17 of Jammu and Kashmir Non-Biodegradable Material (Management, Handling and Disposal) Act, 2007 is totally banned. Srinagar & Jammu Municipal Corporations had also implemented Non Bio-degradable Material (Management Handling and Disposal) Act 2007 regarding ban on polythene carry-bags. Last year in July, J&K administration set-up a Special Task Force to eliminate single-use plastic pollution, chaired by Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and asked it to prepare an action plan for implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016 and enforcement of ban on single-use plastic items and elimination of 'Single-use Plastic & addressing issue of plastic pollution' in J&K.