

Randhawa honours class 12th meritorious student, says education should be qualitative not quantitative

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JAMMU: Educate all to contribute to nation building and that is the true purpose of education. This was stated by Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa while honouring meritorious student Puneet Kour, daughter of Ranjeet Singh.

Puneet has secured 97 per cent marks in commerce stream in the recently declared class 12th result.

Emphasising on educating a child, Randhawa said, "A good education system develops the mind of a child towards progress, nationalism and social development. Children must be allowed to think, analyse, debate, react and come up with their own conclusion."

He further added, "Change is a new constant and it is required for nation building. Students should be nourished with this thought process and



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa honouring meritorious student Puneet Kour.

teachers should adapt to such changes. The wholesome development of a child or a person is very important for nation building and progress. As a nation, we need to create educated and creative personalities."

Former Legislator also congratulated the student and asserted that education should be qualitative not quantitative and for this student should be mentally and physically fit.

He emphasized upon the importance of taking admission in a good college which will

facilitate timely completion of studies. He also appealed to other students to get inspiration from these meritorious students. He said that the Government is making every effort to improve the education scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that various schemes have been launched to achieve improvement in this regard.

Randhawa said that besides studying hard the students should aspire to become responsible citizens imbued with good

moral character. "Puneet Kour has achieved this high rank with her efforts and dedication and others should also follow her", Randhawa said and also appreciated her parents and teachers for providing their full cooperation to the student to achieve this feat.

Former Legislator was accompanied by Naib Sarpanch Bahadur Lal, Pitambar Singh, Davinder Singh, Darshan Singh, Sarabjeet Singh, Vishal Sudan and others.

Mayor lays foundation stone of gymnasium, public library, parking at Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more & better development & civic amenities to the citizens of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor JMC alongwith Advocate Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor, Raj Kumar Chairman Public Health & Sanitation Committee JMC, Hardeep Singh Mankotia Chairman Swachh Bharat Committee JMC, Ajay Gupta Chairman Social Justice Committee JMC, Madam Bhanu Mahajan Councillor of Ward No. 21 on Tuesday laid foundation stone of construction of a Gymnasium, public library as well as parking facility at Municipal land Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Ramesh Kumar Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Rahul Yadav Commissioner JMC, Er. Rajesh Kumar Sumbaria Joint Commissioner (Works) JMC, Er. Firdous Ahmed Qazi



Mayor JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta laying foundation stone of gymnasium.

Executive Engineer Projects Division JMC, Er. Amit Kumar AEE (Project), Er. Irshan Verma Junior Engineer (Project) as well as other supervisory staff of engineering wing & Health wing of JMC & prominent inhabitants of Gandhi Nagar were also accompanied the Mayor during the function.

Mayor told that this much needed project has been started at this prestigious site so that Senior Citizens, Children, females and people

from all walks of life residing at Gandhi Nagar and its adjoining localities can avail full benefit of library, gymnasium and other allied facilities after its completion.

He further told that the municipal store which exists at this land has already been shifted to Transport yard Manda so that this vital project which costs Rupees Five Crore in the 1st phase can be completed within a time frame of one & half years.

Purnima Sharma, while

addressing to media persons, also apprised that there is a provision of parking of about 30 numbers of four wheelers, 40 number of two wheelers at basement & ground floor while a well furnished gymnasium/ library will be commissioned at first floor at this site which will also minimize the traffic problem in the locality.

Besides this, females, children & old persons can also do physical exercise & avail the benefit of library during their busy schedule to fulfill the slogan "Fit India Hit India".

Mayor appealed to the general public to come forward & cooperate with JMC & other allied agencies in all the development activities being undertaken in various parts of the city under Capex as well as under Jammu Smart City Projects so that this city can be made really a neat, clean & green city.

Dr Rohit criticizes JMC for poor infrastructural development in wards



Apni Party Provincial Secretary, Dr Rohit Gupta during meeting with Ward 26 residents.

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JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary and District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta on Tuesday criticized Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for their poor planning in infrastructural development in many wards.

A public meeting was organized at Ward 26 under the chairmanship of Dr Rohit Gupta. In this meeting, the residents of ward highlighted various issues

especially poor basic amenities, lane and drains issues. During the meeting, the locals also complained about the improper drainage system and choked drains during the rainy season.

In his address, Gupta assured them that their issues will be highlighted before the concerned authorities for their early redressal.

Meanwhile, he said that the Corporation was expected to work as per the wishes

of the people by providing them basic amenities without dissemination.

"However, it seems the wards are being discriminated against and selective approach is being adopted by the JMC by ignoring the deserving areas," he added.

Prominent among those who accompanied Dr Rohit Gupta include Provincial Secretary Apni Trade Union, Daljit Singh, Vijay Gurtoo, Devender Singh Jamwal and others.

Course on 'Cyber Forensics' commences at SKPA Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: About 15 police officials of J&K Police are participating in the training programme. An inaugural function was organized in the Academy, where among participants of the course, senior police officers of the Academy were present. In his inaugural address Suraj Singh, Dy. SP, Asstt. Director (Trg/R&D) welcomed all the participating

course shall enable the learners to collect Digital evidence, e-mail tracking, Mobile Forensics, IDPR etc. At the end of the course the learners shall be able to understand, collect, handle and appreciate the digital evidence necessary for investigating Cyber Crime. The course is being conducted by Sh. NayeemAbassHamdani, Jr. Cyber Consultant and



A resource person delivering lecture at SKPA.

officials on behalf of the Director Academy. The

Vikram Singh Choudhary, Insptr. Cyber expert.

Rare Endourological surgery performed successfully at JK Medicity Hospital

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JAMMU: 45-year-old female patient, who was bedridden since birth due to polio and spinal deformity (severe Khyposcoliosis), had developed a large kidney stone about 3.5 cm in size about a year ago and was in excruciating pain since last 3 months.

She consulted many Urologists of Jammu for surgery but most of them refused as surgery in such cases is difficult due to anatomical inaccessibility and was finally referred to PGI Chandigarh for

Surgery.

All of sudden on, somebody's reference they met Dr Ranjeet Singh Rathore, Senior Urologist at ASCOMS Batra at his private clinic at Jammu who took up the challenge of operating such difficult case and after detailed evaluation operated successfully at JK Medicity hospital.

Surgery was assisted by OT technician Dev Raj and Arshad. Anaesthesia was given by Dr Pawan Bhardwaj and his team.

Patient is doing well post operatively and was dis-

charged on second post operative day.

Owner of the hospital, Dr Gagan expressed happiness and lauded the efforts of Dr Ranjeet and his team.

It is pertinent to mention here that, Operation in cases of Spinal deformity (khyphoscoliosis) is extremely difficult due to difficulty in positioning the patient and selecting Calyx for puncture because of danger of injuring surrounding viscera such as colon and lungs as we have to approach in between the ribs due to abnormal high-er position of kidney.

coordinated by Dr. Babita Mahajan, Dr. Deepali Mahajan, Dr. Rashi Gupta and Department of Chemistry.

EPFO J&K, Ladakh to organise outreach programme today at Kupwara

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SRINAGAR: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, (EPFO) Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh under the guidance of Rizwan Uddin, Regional PF Commissioner-I, is organizing an awareness and outreach programme on July 6, 2022 at 10:45 AM in Kupwara under the Aspirational District and Border Area District Outreach Initiative.

The programme is being held in coordination with the District Administration, Kupwara and departments including education, health, agriculture, forest, labour, fisheries, and horticulture among others would be participating in the event.

The focus of the programme would be on expanding the net of Social Security cover to the uncovered workers and labourers especially contract workers engaged with all the government departments, and creating awareness about the benefits available to the PF members under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 and schemes framed thereunder alongside sensitizing the Principal Employers about various services and facilities being provided by EPFO to various stakeholders.

DC Jammu conducts tour of old city area, inspects Amarnath Yatra arrangements



DC Jammu Avny Lavasa during tour of old city.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa on Tuesday conducted an extensive tour of the old city area including Indira Chowk, Raghunath Bazar, City Chowk, Shallam, Aggarwal Sabha etc.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the special arrangements made in view of monsoon season at different locations for the stay of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims.

The arrangements regarding security, Langar, water, power, registration and logging were reviewed in detail

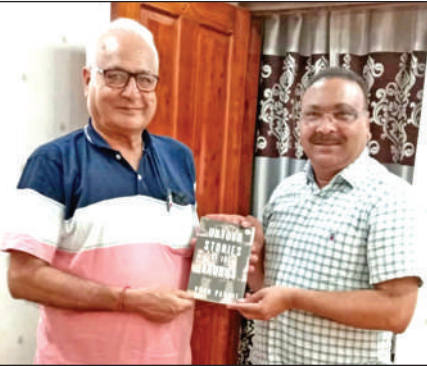
by the DC.

During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner also interacted with the Yatrists and enquired about the facilities being provided by the administration.

She directed the concerned officials and nodal officers to ensure all the basic facilities to the pilgrims save them from any kind of inconvenience.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADC L&O Sherpa Minga; ADC ADM Satish Sharma, Tehsildar and other senior officers deputed on Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2022.

Retired SP presents his book to DGP J&K



Retired SP Pran Pandit presenting his book to DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh.

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SRINAGAR: Director General of Police (DGP)

J&K Dilbag Singh was presented a book titled "Untold Stories of the Exodus" by the author of the book Pran Pandit SP (retired) at Jammu on Tuesday. DGP J&K congratulated the author and wished him good luck for future assignments.

Written by Pran Pandit the book narrates the stories of mass exodus of more than three hundred thousand Kashmiri Hindus, the minuscule religious minority of Kashmir, in the year 1990. It seeks to acquaint the readers with the machinations and manoeuvres of the villains of peace, for causing destruction of human life and property in the peaceful valley of Kashmir, and coercing en masse departure of the locals from the land of their forebears.

Pertinent to mention that Pran Pandit has served at various staff and field positions during his service with J&K Police.

the region visited BJP headquarter and discussed their issues with the senior party leadership.

People presented various issues related to the day-to-

day issues like construction of lanes, drains, PHE, PDD and other specific issues of development nature.

Certain individuals and deputations also shared their

Regularise daily-wage guards, gardeners of Kashmir: AJKPC Holds protest at RDD Directorate Kashmir

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JAMMU: Seeking redressal of all demands of daily-wager guards and gardeners in Kashmir, All Jammu & Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) held a symbolic protest here at Directorate of Rural Development Department Kashmir in Srinagar on Tuesday. On the occasion, a number of guards and gardeners raised slogans against the government for carrying out continued injustice with them.

Led by Anil Sharma, President AJKPC, the protestors entered office of Director RDD Kashmir and asked offi-

cer to take up the issue with senior functionaries of J&K government. The AJKPC President condemned the incumbent government led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for its failure on all fronts besides depriving youth of J&K of their due right to have a dignified source of livelihood. "Except giving hollow, fake and false promises, the LG administration has not given anything to either of the two regions, thereby causing anger and discontent in minds of youth, who are not getting any source of earning despite having degrees and diplomas," he added. Sharma also presented a memorandum

to Imam Din, Director, RDD Kashmir who assured AJKPC President for conveying all their genuine demands to Government authorities. Pertinent to mention here that protesting guards & gardeners were demanding regularisation, release of regular monthly salary besides ensuring biometric attendance system for them.

Others present on the occasion included Shahnawaz, Mehjur AhmAd, Fiyaz Ahmed, Mashtiq, Ahamdullah, Mohd Yousf, Bashir Ahmad, Amir, Sadiq, Ahmad, Gh Hassan, Mohd Ayub, Mashtiq Ahmed and Sher Mohd.

Jal Jeevan Mission: DC Kathua discusses modalities for implementation of District Action Plan

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey on Tuesday chaired a meeting to discuss modalities for effective implementation of District Action Plan (DAP) of Jal Jeevan Mission here at a meeting held in the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Sanjeev Malhotra apprised the Deputy

Commissioner that 515 villages of 257 Panchayats of the district would be covered under District Action Plan for which 299 Water Supply schemes have been proposed.

The DC took component wise review of Water Supply Schemes and laid emphasis on ensuring inclusion of all the villages and seeking ground reports before finalizing the District Action Plan.

The Chief Education Officer was asked to share

data of schools without tap water connections and directed XEN Jal Shakti to include the left out schools in the Plan.

The DC asked for making district level water testing labs functional to ensure supply of safe drinking water through close monitoring and surveillance.

While discussing the engagement of Implementation of Support Agencies (ISAs), the DC

called for ensuring active involvement of ASHAs, AWWs, staff of RDD and Revenue departments for monitoring the performance and developing an institutional mechanism.

The DC called upon the officers to expedite the process to provide safe water supply to left out households at an earliest. He said that the objective of the scheme was to provide safe and adequate water to all households

which require coordinated efforts among all stakeholders right from planning to its execution on the ground.

The ADDC and DFO Kathua were asked to ensure that identified locations for developing JJM schemes are free from any encumbrances and are dispute free.

It was given out in the meeting that the final DAP should be comprehensive in nature, ground-truthed and with a built in mechanism to

take every stakeholder on board as per the JJM guidelines.

The DC also called for taking up aggressive IEC campaigns on JJM at all levels to bring a behavioural change regarding water conservation and management amongst the masses.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Ankur Mahajan; CPO Uttam Singh; ACD, DFO, DWSO, XENs and other concerned officers.