

J&K Bank MD Baldev Prakash calls on RBI Governor

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash on Wednesday called upon Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Dr Shaktikanta Das in Mumbai. He also interacted with the Deputy Governor Michael Patra during his visit to the RBI Headquarters.

On the occasion, Governor RBI Dr Shaktikanta Das acknowledged the Bank's systemic significance in J&K, Ladakh and urged the Bank's leadership to redouble its efforts towards meeting the economic goals of both the Union Territories. He emphasized upon being fully compliant with regulatory guidelines and above all meeting stakeholders' expectations.

Earlier, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash briefed the Governor about Bank's leading role and contribution in J&K and Ladakh *in particular and



J&K Bank MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash calling on RBI Governor, Dr Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday.

other parts of the country as well* towards realizing the RBI's vision of a wider; inclusive and sustainable economic growth through greater financial inclusion. He also apprised Governor about corporate governance, succession planning, growth strategy, technology upgrade, NPA recovery, raising of capital besides some recent initiatives taken by the Bank to improve its functioning.

Meanwhile in a separate meeting, Deputy Governor Dr Michael Patra appreciated the

good work done by the Bank. Wishing the Bank best for its future endeavours, he also stressed upon the need to do more to continue doing business as per expectations of the regulator: During the interaction, MD & CEO informed the Deputy Governor that a culture of compliance, transparency and accountability has been instituted firmly at J&K Bank to make it one of the best financial institutions of the country in terms of organisational functioning.

Plantation drive held by NSS GGM Science College



NSS volunteers during plantation drive.

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JAMMU: Plantation drive was held at GGM Science College celebrating Van Mahotsava week 01-07th July 2022 under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tikoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan with the message to love, care, nurture plants. NSS volunteers planted trees in the college campus to create awareness among the students.

NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan applauded the volunteers for active participation bringing back the enthusiasm "let the new generation prosper; plant trees for life."

Eco bricks were also made using the waste plastic bottles. Wrappers collected from the college was added in the bottles to make them as eco bricks and were used as boundary to the plants. The waste management has to be part of our lives.

Vilakshan seeks enhanced pension for women in distress, old-aged & physically challenged

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JAMMU: Vilakshan Singh, President of J&K National Panthers Party has demanded immediate enhancement in pension payable to the women in distress including widows, divorced, old-aged and physically challenged persons. Singh said that pension is being paid to poor people under Integrated Social Security Scheme and National Social Assistance Programme. He said that under various components of these schemes, Rs 1000 per month is being paid to various beneficiaries and aforesaid rate has been fixed w.e.f., April 1, 2016, but it has not been increased till date. He said that cost of living has

increased manifold during last six years and it is impossible for one to survive with just Rs 1,000 for entire month.

Singh said that it is unimaginable to expect a person to survive with a meager amount of Rs 1,000 per month. He said that keeping in view present inflation rate, paying Rs 1,000 as pension to deprived class and expecting them to survive for a month is nothing but a mockery of them.

Singh said that under National Family Benefit Scheme, one-time benefit of Rs. 20,000 is being provided to a family living below poverty line in case of death of primary bread earner of age-group 18 to 64 years. "In

present scenario, an amount of Rs 20,000 is not sufficient to cover even funeral expenses of a person. By paying such a meager amount, practically no benefit is provided to family for its survival after death of its sole bread-earner. Rates of pension payable to the above mentioned categories of people need to be immediately enhanced and Rs 6000 per month should be paid as pension to women in distress, old-aged and physically challenged persons and the rate of pension payable should be revised every year," he said, adding that onetime benefit payable under National Family Benefit Scheme should also be enhanced at least to Rs 1 Lakh.

3-day Tribal Workshop organised by IIT Jammu & TRI, J&K

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JAMMU: The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), IIT Jammu, in collaboration with the Tribal Research Institute (TRI), J&K, organized a three-day workshop on "Tribal Praxis: Understanding Literary, Linguistic and Socio-cultural practices of the tribal communities of J&K".

The welcome address to the inaugural session was delivered by Dr Amitash Ojha, Head of the Department (HSS, IIT Jammu), wherein he highlighted the importance of the collaboration between IIT Jammu, and TRI, J&K and the establishment of a

Tribal Chair with the goals of comprehensively gathering tribal data, transcending, digitizing, disseminating, and studying the tribal culture from a research-oriented perspective through workshops, conferences, field trips, seminars, cultural programmes, and exhibitions.

Dr Quleen Kaur Bijral, Assistant Professor & FIC, Oral Narrative Center (Zubane-e-Kalam) HSS, IIT Jammu, elucidated the theme of the workshop as how to achieve its targets, and provide tangible and satisfactory outcomes. Dr Quleen highlighted that before the initiation of any project, planning should be of primary focus.

Professor Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu talked about the vision of IIT Jammu in trend-setting research and the significance of the MoU with the Tribal Research Institute in taking it a step further. He further emphasized that IIT Jammu's mission has been to meet the diverse demands of various sectors from entrepreneurship, cultural diversity, artisanship,

arts and craft of J&K, including notably the young brigade of students from various locales of the region and to fulfill the responsibility to develop strategies to strengthen the regional diversity of J&K.

Dr Javaid Rahi, Chief Editor, J&K Academy of Art and Culture, painted a vibrant picture of the culture and essence of the indigenous tribes of Jammu and Kashmir through his words.

Dr Abdul Khabir, Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Department and Nodal Officer of the Tribal Research Institute eloquently summarized the very heart of this collaboration in the sense that both IIT Jammu and TRI are premier institutions and share the same spirit of research and service. Dr Khabir emphasized that the faculty and research scholars from IIT Jammu, and research fellows of TRI, J&K comprises a team better equipped to re-discover regional tales, songs, music and indigenous knowledge, and subsequently creating opportunities for techno-enabled societal interventions.

Jamkash Vehicleades launches India's most admired SUV-Brezza

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JAMMU: Jamkash Vehicleades, authorised dealer of Maruti Suzuki, on Wednesday launched an All New feature packed Hot and Techy avatar of the country's most loved compact SUV-Brezza.

The SUV-Brezza was unveiled by D.P Singh, RM RBO-2, State Bank of India and Sumit Malhotra, Chief Sales Officer Group Vehicleades, amidst the presence of patrons, customers and Team Jamkash Vehicleades.

Staying tuned to today's trend, the All New Hot and Techy Brezza is equipped with a bouquet of cutting-edge technologies along with next-gen comfort and convenience features.

Taking a major leap forward, this city-bred SUV offers a stylish & exciting new design, powerful performance and is packed with advanced safety features. The all new avatar



Dignitaries unveiling SUV-Brezza at Jamkash Vehicleades.

gets a hot new exterior design, which makes the SUV stand out even on the busiest of roads and is loaded with hi-tech features that come really handy for all your city adventures.

The All New Brezza with its energetic and stylish new design stand tall with its bold SUV looks in a highly competitive compact SUV Segment. It has been Conceptualized, designed and developed in India and the most loved compact SUV with over 7,50,000

delighted customers across the country.

Sumit Malhotra, CSO, Group Vehicleades, briefed the gathering regarding the new features added to the SUV.

He said, "All New Avtaar of Brezza has an Authentic SUV DNA with bold and tall stance for an unmistakable road presence. Built on Suzuki's signature TECT platform, the All New Brezza uses high tensile steel, offering more torsional rigidity and improved

NYK Jammu organises blood donation camp on Dr Mukherjee's birth anniversary

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JAMMU: To observe the birth anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Jammu, Department Of Youth Affairs And Sports organized a blood donation camp in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu at Government College for Women, Jammu.

NSS Program officer, Parvaiz Ahmed, State Director NYK, Nisar Ahmed Butt; Honorary Secretary-Regional Red Cross Society, Jammu, Satpal, Associate Professor Chemistry, Dr. Avinash K. Gupta; Associate professor, Zoology, Dr. Anuradha Gupta, NSS Program Officer, Dr. Mohd Majeed, NSS Program Officer, Dr. Gurpreet Kaur; Red Cross Society Jammu Region Member, Desraj were amongst the dignitaries present on the occasion. Principal, GCW Parade Jammu, Dr. S P



Doctor taking blood sample of a volunteer during a camp.

Saraswat was the chief guest on the occasion. Assistant professor History, Smt. Jagmeet Kaur threw light on the life, works and achievements of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. She informed the audience about the role of Dr. Mukherjee during the 1943 Bengal Famine by organizing large scale relief works for the famine stricken people. Dr. Mukherjee invited leading politicians like Pandit Jwaharlal Nehru, businessmen and philanthropists to

devise ways and means to provide relief to the needy and distressed, she informed.

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Jammu volunteers along with the students of GCW, Parade, Jammu took part in the blood grouping and sampling procedures. Around 75 volunteers from Nehru Yuva Kendra Jammu became the part of this camp successfully. NSS Program Officer, Dr. Gurpreet Kaur presented the vote of thanks on the occasion.

GDC Kunjwani organises lecture on 'Cyber Crime & Safety'

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JAMMU: Cyber Security Cell of GDC Kunjwani under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organized a lecture on "Cyber Crime & Safety" on Wednesday to celebrate 'Cyber Jagrookta Divas'.

The programme was organized under the patronage of Principal, Prof. Hans Raj. Inspector Manoj Gupta, In charge Fraud Unit, Cyber Police Station, Jammu was the resource person of the programme.

Prof. Hans Raj said that in the digital age our virtual identities are essential elements of everyday life and we are a bundle of identifiers in multiple computer databases owned by governments and corporations.

Cyber crime highlights



Students and faculty members during a programme.

the centrality of networked computers in our lives as well as the fragility of such seemingly solid facts as individual identity. He stressed upon taking the safety measures to either avoid or combat it.

Resource person Manoj Gupta emphasised on not sharing Bank Account Number, Aadhaar No. etc in contact list. He mentioned social media related frauds and shared tips on cyber security.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Rohini Jamwal. The technical support was provided by Prof. Deepa Sharma and Narinder Paul Sharma. The event was anchored by Dr. Neeru Sharma. Dr. Manjeet Singh presented formal vote of thanks. Prof. P.K. Amla, Prof. Baljinder Kour, Dr. Bhavana Sharma, Prof. Bushra Nizami, Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Prof. Shafquat were present during the lecture.

BJP commences 3-days training workshop at Patnitop

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PATNITOP: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) commenced its 3 days training workshop at Patnitop.

BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, former Minister Sat Sharma, Training department Incharge Dr. Parneesh Mahajan and others inaugurated the training workshop by lighting the traditional lamp.

Tarun Chugh addressed the first session which was chaired by Ravinder Raina. Ashok Koul addressed the



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina lighting ceremonial lamp.

second session which was chaired by Sat Sharma.

Kavinder Gupta addressed the second session which was chaired by General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal.

Tarun Chugh while addressing spoke in detail on the specific policies of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Government which are focussed on the welfare of poor and farmers.

He said that during in these 8 years, Modi government has continuously strived to work for the neglected and the downtrodden. He discussed numerous

schemes, policies and landmark development works like Mudra Yojana, Insurance, Ayushman Card, Jana Aushadhi Kendra, free Ration to 80 crore persons, 200 crore vaccine doses, Medical Colleges etc.

Ashok Koul delivered his address on Cultural Nationalism, in which he explained the concept of Bharat as a Nation. Visualising Bharat as a living entity and just not a piece of land, he said that Nation is a soul and a spiritual principle. He explained the vision and ideas of stalwarts like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay. He also explained the implementation of Cultural

Nationalism into present sociopolitical scenario.

Kavinder Gupta spoke on the working system of party since the inception of Jana Sangha. He insisted that progressing with the concept of Nationalism, BJP has carried out intensive Nation building process. He thoroughly explained the working of party and its activists while carrying out organizational duties.

General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta delivered the welcome address. He spoke on the importance of these training programmes.

Dr. Parneesh Mahajan accompanied by Anil Bhagat conducted workshop proceedings. Dr. Pardeep Mahotra recited Vande Mataram.

Dr Mukherjee sacrificed life to save Kashmir: Shiv Dev



BJP Kissan Morcha holding medical camp on Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's birth anniversary celebration.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Kissan Morcha representatives under leadership of its President Omi Khajuria organised various programmes to pay tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. Ex MLA and senior BJP leader, Shiv Dev Singh besides Corporator Surinder Sharma and other BJP Kissan Morcha members were present on the occasion.

While paying tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Shiv Dev Singh said Dr Mukherjee was a source of inspiration for all, as he sacrificed his life to save the crown of India-Kashmir. It was he, who first gave slogan of 'one country, one legislation, one flag', Shiv Dev added.

"Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was born on 6th July, 1901 in an aristocratic family. He had inherited all the qualities

of greatness. Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee participated in politics from 1939 and remained engaged in it for life. He started efforts for complete unification of Kashmir with India. For this, he started a movement with Praja Parishad. Today, we all bow down to him and take a pledge to follow path shown by him, which will be real tributes to him," he added. "It is a matter of pride for the country that vision of Dr Mukherjee was materialized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by removing Articles 370 and 35A from Jammu & Kashmir," he asserted.

After paying floral tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, BJP Kisan Morcha also held AYUSH medical camp for people of the areas wherein people were provided Ayurvedic medicines and consultancy. BJP Kisan Morcha members also carried out plantation drive and planted saplings of various plants in the area.

VC SMVDU unveils book 'The outsiders Within'



VC SMVDU, Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha and other dignitaries releasing a book.

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KATRA: Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) unveiled the book, titled "The Outsiders Within: A Dalit Feminist Standpoint in the Life Narratives of Dalit Women" published by Dr. Bhushan Sharma from Authors press.

Dr. Sharma is an alumnus of SMVDU, who pursued her doctorate under the supervision of Dr. Anurag Kumar, Faculty, School of Languages and Literature.

"The Outsiders Within" is a conversion and publication of her PhD thesis, which

explores the life narratives, lived experiences, and perspectives of Dalit women, and also documents the interlocations with women of the Dalit community in India.

Above all, the book concludes with the change that has been brought about owing to the standpoint of the Dalit women writers.

The book negotiates the social and economic value of the domestic, mother-care, and survival labour of the Dalit women.

During the ceremony, Vinod Sharma, the Administrative Officer, SMVDU was also present.

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