

Shiksha Niketan School's Orientation Programme enters day 2

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School in Jeevan Nagar hosted an enriching Orientation Programme that brought together participants from various educational wings under its umbrella, including Pushp Vatika, Shiksha Niketan Gandhi Nagar, and different sections of Shiksha Niketan Jeevan Nagar ranging from Primary to Higher Secondary levels.

The Orientation Programme was structured into two distinct segments, each focusing on significant educational themes.

The first part centered on Artificial Intelligence (AI), while the second focused on innovative teaching strategies.

The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, a ceremony attended by dignitaries, guests, and



Shiksha Niketan school management performing Puja.

wing in-charges. Each guest was welcomed with bouquets by the respective wing in-charges.

The entire programme was skillfully anchored by Rashmi and Naresh from the High Wing.

Aasia Shaheen, Product Manager of Communication and Marketing at XLRI Jamshedpur and a Resource Person from KIPS Learning Pvt Ltd, led the first segment

The interactive session engaged participants from various educational wings, fostering a deeper understanding of AI's applications in teaching and learning.

The second session of the Orientation Programme kicked off energetically with Aasia Shaheen's insights on "Besides Teaching Strategies."

She engaged participants in group activities that underscored the importance of diverse teaching methods aimed at actively involving students in learning processes.

The session included a dynamic question-and-answer segment where teachers from all wings actively participated, exchanging ideas and strategies.

The workshop concluded with a plethora of innovative teaching ideas and strategies.

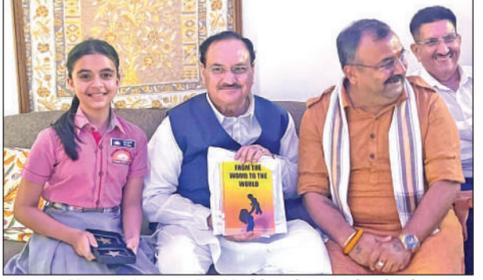
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Jodhamal student's book released by JP Nadda

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: During their recent visit to J&K, J.P. Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers & President, Bhartiya Janata Party and Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, Bhartiya Janata Party unveiled a book titled 'From the Womb to the World', authored by a young Jodhamal student Maanya Vikram Randhawa, under the guidance of her teachers Deepika Ibkankle and Bhawan Rometra.

Maanya Vikram Randhawa is a multifaceted young student of Class VII at the most prestigious school of the city Jodhamal Public School, Jammu.

She is the daughter of Vikram Randhawa (former MLC, J&K) and Neetu Randhawa (Sr. Lecturer in Economics). Her debut book 'From the Womb to the World' is a profound exploration of life's journey, capturing the essence of growth, challenges,



Union Minister, J.P. Nadda releasing book of Maanya Vikram Randhawa.

and the inherent strength of the human spirit.

The book reflects her unique perspective and depth of thought at a young age.

She hopes to encourage others to pursue their dreams, no matter the obstacles they may face showcasing an extreme balance between academic commitments with her passion for storytelling. This is noteworthy that more than 150 students of Jodhamal School have already become the published authors as content creators and book writing picks up as the most coveted hobby with the students of Jodhamal.

Trustee of the School Nandan Kuthiala, Director, Aarti Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumarand Vice Principal Amita Arora applauded her achievement, citing her love of literature and keen observation of life's nuances. "This marks the beginning of what promises to be an exciting literary career for Maanya", they added.

4 J&K Fencers leave for New Zealand

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Outstanding young J&K Fencers, Shreya Gupta, Harshit Kohli, Chavvi Sharma and Sufyan Waheed Sohil today left for Junior and Cadet Commonwealth Fencing Championships starting at Christchurch in New Zealand tomorrow. It was for the first time that four players with J&K registration have been selected for international championship, organised by Commonwealth Fencing Federation. Presently Shriya Gupta trained and practising at NCOE Vijay Bharti Sanskrdham Gujarat; Sufyan Waheed at National Centre of Excellence Patiala while Harshit Kohli and Chavvi Sharma are trained under Ujjwal Gupta, former International fencer. Meanwhile, senior fencing coaches of J&K Sports Council, Rachna Jamwal and Shotu Lal Sharma, who trained these fencers at young, wished them success.



Shreya Gupta, Chavvi Sharma, Sufyan Waheed Sohil, Harshit Kohli

CUJ announces commencement of admission process for DBT supported M.Sc Program in Biotechnology

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Centre for Molecular Biology at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) is pleased to announce the commencement of the admission process for its prestigious M.Sc program in Biotechnology for the academic session 2024-26. This program, supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, offers a unique opportunity for aspiring biotechnologists. There are only ten seats available and admission is based on GAT-B 2024 score. Each student admitted for the program will receive a monthly fellowship of Rs 5000 for the entire duration of the two years degree program. This year's admission process for academic session 2024-26 has commenced and the first merit list for admission shall be released on 15 July 2024. This year the Centre has received an overwhelming response with approximately 270 applications from GAT-B qualified aspiring candidates for the ten available seats for admission to the prestigious program.

Fraudsters trying to lure cricketers for selection trials: JKCA

Don't be part of such trials: Brig Gupta to aspirants

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Through a video on social media, a group of fraudsters are trying to lure young cricketers of Jammu and Kashmir to participate in cricket trials on a specific date in the ongoing month at Jammu. This has been informed by Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) through a press statement and a video message issued today.

Brig Gupta said that with an aim to loot budding cricketers and pool money, some so-called organisers are desperate and are leaving no stone unturned to attract aspiring cricketers towards their nefarious purpose of holding selection trials in Jammu. "A video has been circulated on social media wherein it is said that cricket trials will be held in Jammu

in the ongoing month. The so-called organisers of the trials have demanded entry fees to be eligible for the trials. I, on behalf of JKCA want to clear one and all that it is a fraud and no such trials are going to help the cause of cricketers. JKCA is not holding any such trials and will never demand any fees for the same. I advise young cricketers not to fall prey to these fraudsters, who have the sole aim to pool money. The aspirants are advised to take part in JKCA trials only in order to blossom in the future," maintained Brig Gupta. It is pertinent to mention here that it is not the first time that the fraudsters are using social media tools for luring cricketers. Earlier, some fraudsters used the name of National Cricket Academy (NCA) to pool money. "Beware of such looters," added Brig Gupta.

Sham Lal, others listen to public grievances

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sham Lal Sharma, Vice-President, J&K BJP & former Minister listened to the grievances of a large number of people who have visited the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu to share their day to day issues and development concerns.

Sham Lal was also accompanied by Rajni Sethi, Spokesperson, Er. Dil Bahadur Jamwal, Convenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Puneet Mahajan, Convenor Medical & Health Cell, and Prerna Nanda on the occasion.

Sharma, while listening to the grievances of the people, said that the public grievance camp hosted by the BJP on a regular basis is testimonial to the



Vice-President J&K BJP, Sham Lal Sharma listening to public grievances.

fact that the only BJP is concerned to solve the issues of the people at the ground level.

He said that the people of Jammu & Kashmir have full faith in the policies and leadership of BJP, as they have themselves seen the drastic difference between the approaches of BJP versus as of other political parties.

He said that now the people are aware of the development works done by BJP in these 10 years and they know the exact things that matter in their lives.

He said that the BJP has practically benefitted every single individual in Jammu & Kashmir along with the whole of the

gained a massive support among the masses irrespective of region or religion.

Rajni Sethi stressed on the commitment of the party to solve the issues of the public. Dil Bahadur Jamwal, while sharing the information about today's grievances camp, said that more than 50 deputations visited the party headquarter share their personal and development issues. Puneet Mahajan said that many issues were resolved on the spot, while the written and communications were made for the others.

Bijbehara Premier League edition 4 kicks off with enthusiasm

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez, on Thursday inaugurated the fourth edition of Bijbehara Premier League (BPL).

Director YSS, Subash Chander Chibber, Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul and International Cricketer Parveez Rasool were present on the occasion among other officers.

Building on its past success, the BPL has become a major event in professional cricket, attracting both seasoned professionals and emerging talents. This year, 20 top teams



Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez speaking at a programme.

from across Jammu & Kashmir will compete on the lush Nilandrusu Bijbehara ground, being maintained by the J&K Sports Council.

The tournament will be broadcast live, bringing the excitement to cricket fans everywhere. The J&K Sports Council is also engaging youth through 'My Youth My Pride' and Community Sports initiatives to promote sports culture in the region.

Muskan Foundation opens second branch of Udaan Special School in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Muskan Foundation marked a significant milestone with the official opening of its second branch of Udaan Special School in Jammu District, near Heritage School at The Villas Apartment, Sainik Colony. This achievement makes Udaan Special School unique as the only institution with branches in both Samba and Jammu districts.

The initiative came in response to repeated appeals from parents for a dedicated special school for Children With Special Needs (CWSN). Following meticulous site assessments and careful deliberations, a location was identified that ensured optimal safety and facilities. Initially launched as a small setup, the school will offer comprehensive services including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and special education. Future plans include expanding and upgrading these facilities.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary of the Social Welfare Department, Jammu and



Chief Guest, Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary SWD and other at newly opened Udaan Special School branch.

Kashmir UT. She commended Muskan Foundation for its unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in empowering and supporting CWSN and Persons With Disabilities (PWDs). Nanda pledged her full support to the cause.

The event was further honored by the presence of esteemed guests including Harvinder Kour, Mission Director, and Pallavi Sharma, Assistant Director of the Social Welfare Department, among others. They acknowledged Muskan Foundation's dedication and assured their ongoing support.

Parveen Sangral, President of Muskan Foundation, expressed gratitude to the dignitaries for their presence and support. She pledged to provide the best possible facilities and services, reaffirming

J&K transporters' delegation meets Rana; highlights issues for redressal

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday highlighted the important role of the private transport industry in easing the lives of people by ensuring transport facilities, saying there has to be a fool-proof mechanism with regard to enforcing regulations and redressing grievances.

Interacting with a delegation of over 300 members of the All J&K Transport Welfare Association, led Ajit Singh and Vijay Singh Chib, along with the Presidents of all the Transport Unions of J&K UT, Rana assured while their genuine demands would be taken up at appropriate forum for earnest con-



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana meeting with delegation members.

sideration, they too should cooperate the administration in adhering the norms for the general interest of the travelling and commuting public, vehicle pliers and smooth traffic management.

The delegation, inter-alia, raised the issues pertaining to the obtaining practice of

e-challenging by the Traffic Department, saying this should not be just to meet targets at the cost of vehicle commuters.

They said while the e-challenging system seems to be of international standards, the road infrastructure, chowks, and crossings are of very low standard. If such systems are to be applied, there must be the best infrastructure in place as well, they argued.

The delegation called for streamlining the policies of the government and the Traffic Department to make these transport operators friendly. They sought

amends in the current regulations and enforcement practices, saying due care should be taken for the needs and rights of the citizens.

The delegation expressed serious apprehensions about the inconsistent implementation of traffic laws and regulations, saying these could lead to unequal treatment of individuals. They stressed the need for strengthening the public trust in the system.

The delegation sought a dialogue between the transporters and the departments concerned for resolving the issues at the earliest.

Rana assured that this will be taken up with all the concerned.

LG Admin playing pivotal role in preserving the cultural heritage of J&K: Martand Singh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Martand Singh, Trustee of Amar Mahal Museum and the Hari Tara Charitable Trust and Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, said that the J&K Administration under the leadership of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha is playing a pivotal role in preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the government's initiatives aimed at preserving and promoting historical sites, monuments, festivals and traditions that hold significant cultural and heritage value.

In a statement issued today, Martand Singh commended the

Tourism Department headed by Commissioner Secretary, Yasha Mudgal, for its steadfast support towards various cultural and socio-religious events across the region.

He highlighted the role of Deputy Director Sunaina Sharma in bolstering community festivities such as Sudh Mahadev Mela in Udhampur, Shri Sarthal Devi Yatra in Kishtwar, Mela Patt in Bhaderwah, and the development of Temples at Purmandal and Utter Behni in District Samba. These events and festivals not only celebrate local culture but also contribute to the socio-economic growth of the communities involved, he

added.

Singh has also recently visited the Sir Pratap Singh Museum in Srinagar and was impressed by its excellent maintenance, highlighting a strong commitment to preserving the rich cultural heritage of J&K. The SPS Museum's upkeep reflects dedication to showcasing cultural treasures, fostering appreciation among visitors.

Martand also met with Additional District Development Commissioner, Jammu, Sher Singh to discuss the upgradation, restoration and renovation plans for the Amar Mahal Palace Museum complex. During the meeting, the ADDC assured full support

from the administration for the initiative, emphasizing its cultural and historical significance for the region.

Martand Singh also met with Sangeeta Sharma, Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Govt. of J&K at Mubarak Mandi, Jammu and conveyed his appreciation for the department's diligent efforts in conserving archaeological sites and artifacts. He also expressed admiration for Sangeeta Sharma for her passion and dedication towards the preservation and restoration of Dogra heritage and monuments across Jammu.

He emphasized the importance of preserving these historical treasures for future generations, acknowledging the dedication and expertise of the archaeologists and preservationists involved.

"As custodians of our cultural heritage, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that these invaluable assets are safeguarded and celebrated," remarked Martand Singh. "The government's support and collaborative efforts with organizations like ours are crucial in achieving this goal."

Martand Singh reaffirmed his commitment to continue working closely with government bodies and local communities to further enrich the cultural tapestry of Jammu and Kashmir.