

Rotary Club Jammu City appoints Shivangi Gupta as president

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JAMMU: Shivangi Gupta has assumed the role of President of Rotary Club Jammu City, with Prashant Kahlon appointed as Secretary for the year 2024-2025.

The installation ceremony, presided over by District Governor Elect Dr. Rohit Oberoi, featured him as the Chief Guest and Installing Officer.

In his address, Dr. Rohit Oberoi underscored the importance of leadership and community service in advancing the Rotary Club's mission.

He expressed confidence in President Shivangi Gupta's capabilities to lead the club with dedication and vision, ensuring its continued success and growth.

Oberoi also commended the club's commitment to service,



Shivangi Gupta assuming role of President of Rotary Club Jammu City.

highlighting the significant contributions of outgoing President Robin Mehta, who set a high standard of excellence and service during his tenure.

Shivangi Gupta pledged full commitment to her new

responsibilities. She reiterated her dedication to continuing impactful service projects, promoting peace, combatting diseases, raising awareness about the harmful effects of drug and plastic use, supporting education,

and fostering unity and cooperation within the club.

"I am deeply honored to take on this role and am committed to working diligently to uphold the values and mission of the Rotary Club. Together, we will strive to

make a positive difference in our community," said Shivangi Gupta.

The event was attended by all members of Rotary Club Jammu City, including Rtn. Amit Gupta, Rtn. Arvind Kotwal, Rtn. Rajesh Sharma, Rtn. Pawan, Rtn. Sham Sundan, Rtn. Jyoti Gupta, Rtn. Rajni Vaid, Rtn. Arun Ninawat, Rtn. Jyoti Singh, Rtn. Abha Sundan, Rtn. Kamal Sharma, and Rtn. K. K. Sharma.

Also present were Assistant Governor Chaksu, Jyoti Vaid, Davinder Kour, Suresh Bala, Paramjeet Kour, Gurvinder Kour, Adeep Mehta, Atamjit Singh, and D.N. Sharma. The presidents of various Rotary Clubs from the J&K Zone graced the occasion, adding to its significance.

The program was organized and coordinated by Past President Rtn. Sanjeev Vaid.

Rekha distributes Ration, Ayushman Cards, Domicile Certificates to common masses

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, distributed ration cards, domicile certificates, and Ayushman Cards to the general public.

This initiative aims to ensure that the benefits of government schemes, including food security, health insurance, and residency rights, reach the most vulnerable sections of society.

During the event, Rekha Mahajan interacted with the beneficiaries, listened to their concerns, and assured them of the government's support.

She emphasized the BJP government's commitment to the well-being of the general public, stating that the party is dedicated to ensuring the benefits of its schemes reach



BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan distributing domicile certificates to the general public.

every household and will continue to work tirelessly towards this goal.

Mahajan pointed out the unprecedented access to free healthcare provided under Ayushman Bharat, stating that after 70 years, the Modi-led government has ensured free treatment up to

Rs 5 lakh for millions of people. Additionally, she mentioned that the BJP's 2024 manifesto, titled "Modi ki Guarantee," promises to extend the coverage of Ayushman Bharat to include senior citizens above 75 years of age and the transgender community.

JKTJAC elects its Zonal body of zone Gandhi Nagar



JKTJAC newly elected Zonal body posing for a photograph.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A meeting of the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) was held on Sunday under the chairmanship of UT Vice President Surjit Singh Chib.

The meeting was attended by Rajesh Jamwal, Provincial President, Subash Chander, Organizer; Ravinder Manhas, District President Jammu, MP Singh ZP Jourian, and Ranjeet Singh as Guests of Honour.

Numerous teachers from Zone Gandhi Nagar participated and elected the Zonal body, with Rakesh Khajuria as President, Rajinder Singh as Chairman, Jasbir Singh as Senior Vice President, Manzoor Hussain as Vice President,

Dinesh Singh as Chief Organizer; Randhir Singh as Chief Coordinator; Narain Daas as Convener; Sachin as Chief Convener; Deepak Khajuria as Convener (Rural); Shareef Hussain as Cashier; Sukhdev Singh as Chief Spokesperson; Varinder Sharma as General Secretary; Chanderkant as Organizer; D. D. Bhagat as Coordinator; Munish Sharma as Convener (Urban); Karan Singh as Advisor; and Jasbir Singh as Chief Advisor.

The meeting addressed critical issues such as the timely release of salaries and the completion of service books.

Also present were Mohd. Yunas, Vijay Singh, Pawan Kumar, Rohit Sharma, Munir Ahmed, Gulzar Ahmed and Rajinder Singh.

SOS Int'l asks govt to see writing on wall; fulfil our legitimate demands or face agitation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: SOS International, a registered body representing displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), has called upon the Central government to address the long-standing grievances of the PoJK refugees.

The organization criticized the government for neglecting the community over the past decade, leading to increasing frustration among the displaced people. Thousands of PoJK refugees gathered for the 'Rosh Rally' organized by SOS International to draw immediate attention to their issues.

Rajiv Chuni, Chairman of SOS International, highlighted the community's



SOS International Chairman, Rajiv Chuni leading protest at Jammu on Sunday.

struggles and unmet promises, accusing the Central government of systematically destroying the progress made by the PoJK community through decades of struggle.

He outlined four major

demands: a Rs 25 lakh financial package for all displaced families, reservation in professional and technical institutes for educated youth, a job package providing 8500 government jobs, and the reservation of

eight seats in the J&K Legislative Assembly.

Chuni also emphasized the need for political empowerment and criticized the curtailment of property rights following the abrogation of Article

370, which has turned land into a liability for the refugees.

Comparing the treatment of PoJK refugees with Valley Migrants, he highlighted the disparity in representation and support, noting that despite a smaller population, Valley Migrants were allocated an Assembly seat following delimitation. The rally concluded with a warning of a potential mass agitation if the legitimate demands of the PoJK community are not addressed promptly.

Vinod Datta, Prof. N N Sharma, Prof. Suresh, Ved Raj Bali, Jagjeet Singh, D V Gupta, Satinder Gupta, Daleep Sharma, Ravi Kant Dutta, Harbans Sabharwal, and others were also present.

Natrang stages 'Vishaw Guru Bharat' on culmination of Children Theatre Camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Natrang presented a splendid performance of "Vishaw Guru Bharat", a new play by Children at the auditorium of GCW Parade on Sunday. This play was an outcome of month-long Children Theatre Workshop organized by Natrang, which is its annual event. The play has been brilliantly written and directed by Sumeet Sharma, a National Awardee director and seasoned theatre trainer of children and youth.

Natrang's consistent efforts in bringing remarkable creative energy in thousands of Jammu Children is praiseworthy. Director Natrang, Padmashri Balwant Thakur presented



children performing in a play at Natrang Workshop.

the merit certificates to the participating Children. The performance was staged in collaboration with GCW, Parade. In his address, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur expressed gladness on witnessing such a thought-provoking performance by children. He

thanked Dr Ravender Tiekoo Principal GCW, Parade for the venue support. The play "Vishaw Guru Bharat" very beautifully depicts the strength and prowess of India which has all the capabilities to lead the world on the strong basis of its Indian-ness.

The highly dedicated team of Natrang, which made this workshop successful included Mohd. Yaseen, Kananpreet Kaur, Palshin Dutta and Mihir Gajral. The choreography was done by Neetika Aggarwal (Classical) and Sunny Mujoo (Contemporary). Designing by Sh. Chandershekhar and Saujanya Shekhar. Music by

Nitish Sharma. Hall Management was looked after by Aadesh Dhar.

The show was conducted by Riya Jandial. Those who performed in the play included Aarav Gupta, Adeesha Singh, Aaradhya Sharma, Amayra Mahajan, Ayaan Dutt, Dhanak Chandan, Anmol Sharma, Jazz Shah, Nirvana Shah, Raaga Sharma, Ruhaan Chandan, Saisha Malhotra, Sharvya Sharma, Shranaya Mahajan, Vaibhav Mahajan, Viraj Singh, Aahiraj Dharmat, Aaryya Jain, Adhira Gupta, Advik Sharma, Anaadi Abrol, Avni, Daivik Gupta, Jayaditya Singh Jamwal, Mehak Chib, Priyal Gupta, Reeshik, Ryan Gupta, Sharvil Mahajan, Shivaay Mittal, Vaanya Modi, Viraj Gupta and Kamakhya.

NDA delegation heads to Delhi to address J&K issues

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A delegation from the Nations Development Association (NDA), headed by Swarn Singh Charak, Founder cum Chairman, is departing for Delhi on Sunday with the aim of highlighting pressing issues affecting Jammu and Kashmir.

The delegation plans to meet with Union Cabinet Ministers and officials from various departments of the Government of India to address these concerns.

Key areas of focus for the delegation include electricity, agriculture, and women's welfare.

They intend to discuss issues such as frequent power outages, challenges faced by Basmati rice farmers in RS Pura and Bishnah regions, the



NDA delegation members leaving for New Delhi.

plight of daily wage workers across various departments, and high levels of unemployment, particularly concerns related to underpayment of wages.

Deepak Singh, Secretary of NDA, emphasized the difficulties faced by Basmati rice farmers in specific regions of Jammu, highlighting the need for support and solutions to improve their situation.

Sushil Singh Charak, Founder cum General Secretary of NDA, affirmed the delegation's commitment to advocating

for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He stated, "In the days ahead, we will work tirelessly to ensure that the issues facing our region are brought to the attention of Union Cabinet Ministers. It is crucial that the voices of our people are heard and addressed."

The delegation is determined to drive positive change in the region and hopes to secure the support of the Union Cabinet Ministers in addressing the ongoing challenges in Jammu and Kashmir.

20 days translation skill internship workshop concludes at Dogri Sanstha Jammu



Participants of 20 days translation skill internship workshop posing with dignitaries.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 20-day Translation Skill Internship Workshop concluded at Dogri Sanstha, Jammu. The closing function was organized at Dogri Bhawan with Dr. S.P. Saraswat, Principal of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, as the Chief Guest.

This workshop, spanning 60 hours over 20 days with sessions lasting 3 hours each day, covered a range of subjects essential for developing translation skills.

About 36 students from Government Women College Parade and Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar participated.

The workshop featured a dis-

tinguished faculty, including Prof. Lalit Magotra, Prof. Veena Gupta, Prof. Shashi Pathania, Prof. Archana Kesar, Dr. Nirmal Vinod, Dr. Bansilal Sharma, Dr. Chanchal Bhasin, Dr. Sandeep Dubey, and Jagdeep Dubey.

Prof. Lalit Magotra, President of Dogri Sanstha Jammu, emphasized the importance of such workshops under the New Education Policy.

He highlighted that regular organization of these workshops would not only develop participants' skills but also connect them with their mother tongue and cultural heritage.

He praised the participants for their eagerness to learn and hoped their enthusiasm would continue beyond the

workshop, enabling them to meet the government's expectations.

He noted that many participants displayed promising writing skills and encouraged them to pursue writing, contributing to Dogri literature.

Dr. Saraswat stressed the importance of skill development workshops, which provide students with the confidence to generate income and shape their futures.

During the concluding function, participants recited Dogri poems by poets of the region. They were awarded participation certificates, Dogri books, and a brief biography of Padma Sachdev.

The event was anchored by Pawan Verma, with Prof. Shashi Pathania extending the vote of thanks.

Purnima initiates plantation drive under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, took the lead in a plantation drive under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. This initiative, organized in collaboration with the Parade Ground Walkers Association, aimed to promote environmental sustainability by planting trees in honor of mothers.

Sharma, addressing the gathering, emphasized the pivotal role of such initiatives in cultivating a green and healthy environment for future generations.

She stressed that planting trees serves as a straightforward yet impactful way to contribute towards the planet's well-being.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for his visionary leadership in environmental conservation, Sharma highlighted, "Prime Minister Modi's commitment to a greener India is evident through initiatives like 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'. By planting



Spokesperson BJP J&K, Advocate Purnima Sharma and others planting saplings.

trees in our mothers' names, we not only honor them but also combat climate change and preserve our natural resources."

During the plantation drive at Parade Ground, various indigenous saplings including fruit-bearing and shade-providing trees were planted.

Members of the Parade Ground Morning Walkers Association participated, showcasing their dedication to environmental caus-

es and community welfare.

The event concluded with a pledge from all participants to continue supporting plantation drives and other activities focused on environmental conservation.

Notable attendees included Rajesh Gupta, Rajendra Gupta, Surendra Anand, Anil Gupta, Jaidev Singh Kaku, Munna, Bittu, Ashok, Sushant Gupta, Balkrishna, Surjit Singh, and Rajesh Kapoor.

Include uncovered areas under JJM, RSY Schemes: Khatana

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Member of Parliament, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana has urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to extend the coverage of two crucial welfare schemes to the remaining remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The MP emphasized the need to bring the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and the Rooftop Solar Yojana (RSY) schemes to all citizens of the Union Territory, regardless of geographical barriers.

"The scheme aims to provide 300 units of free electricity every month to light up one crore households. The objective of this scheme is to reduce the electricity costs of the house by installing rooftop solar panels and using solar energy", the MP said.

However, Khatana pointed out that several remote areas remain uncovered by these schemes.

He specifically mentioned Gulabgarh in Reasi district, Marwah Sub Division of Kishtwar district, and various areas in Ramban, Doda, Rajouri, and Poonch districts.

Khatana commended Lt. Governor Sinha's public outreach program, which has provided a platform for citizens to voice their concerns directly to the administration.

He stressed that immediate attention is required in areas still lacking basic amenities like potable water and electricity.

The MP expressed hope that the administration would achieve 100% coverage by providing drinking water and electricity to the remaining population.