

JKPS Kunjwani celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas with zeal



Glimpses of celebration of Kargil Vijay Diwas at JK Public School Kunjwani on Friday.

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS), Kunjwani, observed Kargil Vijay Diwas with great enthusiasm and reverence on July

26, 2024. The special assembly was anchored by JKiiian Heerjyot Kour, whose energy and zeal set a spirited tone for the event. The whole school was

reverberated by the patriotic song "Takat Vatan Ki Hum Se Hai", which was beautifully sung by JKiiians. Adding to the great cele-

bration, students from the Preparatory Wing delivered a moving skit that left the audience deeply touched and ignited great feeling of patriotism. Meanwhile, the

Middle Wing students presented a poignant mime performance, honouring the bravery and sacrifice of our heroes. Director, Shashi Chaudhary addressed the

gathering, expressing her pride in the students' heartfelt participation and reinforcing the significance of remembering and celebrating our national heroes.

She also expressed her deep love for the country. The event was a befitting tribute to the courage and sacrifices made by the bravehearts during the

Kargil war, showcasing the school's commitment to fostering patriotism among its students and to instill the quality of love for the country.

Modi's tenure marked by global recognition and domestic reforms: Khatana

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, launched a scathing attack on the Congress party while praising the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a debate on the Union Budget 2024-25 in the Rajya Sabha. Khatana's remarks emphasized the significant shift in India's political landscape post-2014, asserting that the direct election of Prime Minister Modi marked a departure from the alleged dominance of the Gandhi family in choosing the country's leaders.

after 2014 when the public directly chose their leader and gave him a third consecutive term to serve the country," Khatana stated. His comments were directed at the Congress party, which had previously undermined democratic principles by centralizing power within a single family. Khatana praised Prime Minister Modi's leadership, noting his focus on national interests and his departure from appeasement politics, which he claimed had previously harmed the nation. "From day one, when Narendra Modi took the reins of the nation, he has been making decisions with the nation's best interests in mind," Khatana said. "Modi has rejected the vote bank and the appeasement politics that under



Congress regime ruined the country." Highlighting India's growing global stature under Modi's leadership, Khatana noted the increasing international cooperation with India. "Entire Europe, the Gulf, Asia, Africa... the entire world seeks an opportunity to join hands with India," he said, addressing Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh. "The caliber of Narendra Modi has forced world leaders to extend friendship

hands towards us. This makes us feel proud to have a leader like Shri Narendra Modi. I wish him good health." "All around the world, almost every country has awarded Prime Minister Narendra Modi with their highest civilian honors, which speaks volumes about how tirelessly our leader is working for this great country," Khatana added. Khatana also praised Modi's impact on India's youth and economy. "Our Prime Minister has transformed our youth from job seekers to job givers. This is due to his vision. He himself led a nationwide clean-

liness drive, resulting in a cleaner India. The US recognizes these efforts," he said. Khatana also contrasted the current administration with previous governments, emphasizing the reduction in corruption and scandals. "Prior to 2014, newspapers and news channels were flooded with stories of seams and scandals. But Modi brought significant and much-needed changes in governance," he said. MP Khatana also commended the Union Budget 2024-25, highlighting its provisions for economic growth, job creation, and infrastructure development.

Kargil Vijay Diwas: Gaurav pays tributes to Martyrs at Balidan Stambh

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, paid heartfelt tributes to the Kargil Martyrs on Friday at the Balidan Stambh in Jammu. The solemn event was held in commemoration of Kargil Vijay Diwas, a day that marks India's victory in the Kargil War and honors the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in service to the nation. During his visit, Gaurav Gupta expressed profound respect and admiration for the valor and sacrifice of the Kargil heroes. He laid a wreath at the Balidan Stambh, the memorial dedicated to the martyrs, and observed a moment of silence to honor their memory. In a statement issued today, Gaurav Gupta emphasized the importance of remembering and honoring the sacrifices made by the soldiers who fought in the Kargil War.



He stated, "Kargil Vijay Diwas is a reminder of the indomitable spirit, courage, and dedication of our armed forces. The martyrs of Kargil War are true symbols of bravery, and their sacrifices have ensured the sovereignty and security of our nation. It is our duty to remember their contributions and uphold the values they fought for." He also highlighted the role of the armed forces in safeguarding the nation and urged the youth to draw inspiration from the bravery of the Kargil heroes. He added, "Our armed forces have always stood as the bulwark of our nation, defending us with unmatched courage and dedication. The youth of today should look up to these heroes and imbibe their spirit of patriotism and selflessness."

JKEEGA seeks filling up of vacant positions across all levels, regularization



JKEEGA General Secretary Sachin Tickoo talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA), led by General Secretary Sachin Tickoo, has said Engineers have been awaiting resolution of their long-standing human resource issues, particularly regularization and assured career progression/time-bound promotions within the Gazetted cadre. He was accompanied by Executive Council members Gulshan Bhagat, Rajeshwar Jamwal (Vice Presidents), Vishal Singh Chib, Ankush Sharma, Ankush Gupta (Provincial Secretaries), Rohit Gupta, Vijay Sharma, Rajeev Gupta, Vipul Sharma (Organizing Secretaries), Ravi Karloopia, Sumit Sharma, and Iliyas Haroon (Secretaries).

remains incomplete. "Currently, all engineers, including the Executive Director/Chief Engineer, hold the substantive grade of Assistant Engineer. There is an urgent need to clear impediments and regularize the services of both serving and retired engineers," he said. He said many posts from Junior Engineer to Executive Director level are vacant, including 4 Executive Directors, 10 Chief Engineers, 13 Superintending Engineers, 64 Executive Engineers, and 104 Assistant Executive Engineers. He added that no promotions have occurred within the PDD for over six months, leading to a heavy workload on the existing five Chief Engineers, who are managing responsibilities for 15 Chief Engineers as well as EDS/MDs. Assistant Engineers promoted in January 2024 are still awaiting their higher postings, he added. The JKEEGA urged the Service Selection Board to

expedite recruitment of approximately 292 posts of Junior Engineers to address urgent staffing needs and undertake significant projects worth Rs 5600 crores under RDSS and other centrally sponsored schemes. JKEEGA appealed to Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra and the sub-committee to recommend issuing an SRO for Assured Career Progression (ACP) which was approved in 2018 but has not yet been implemented for engineers in J&K, despite being in place for police and JKAS services and in neighboring states. The association called for the reinstatement of engineers suspended six months ago due to lower billing and collection efficiency. Despite discussions in March 2024, none have been reinstated, causing significant stress. JKEEGA suggested re-bundling the corporations within PDD as the current unbundled structure has not yielded significant benefits for consumers or the workforce. The association points out issues like shortfalls in grant-in-aid for salaries and allowances, deteriorating service conditions, and violations of Section 133 of the Electricity Act 2003. The association appealed to Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary of J&K, and Principal Secretary of PDD to address these pressing issues.

Samvedna Society organises health check up camp at Jammu Haat



GM DIC Jammu Virender Manyal inaugurating a camp.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 25th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra on Friday organized 85th Free Health Screening camp at Jammu Haat. The camp was inaugurated by General Manager DIC Jammu Virender Manyal. A medical team of experts including Dr Arvind Sharma Physician from Medanta Hospital Gurgaon and Dr Adhunik Gupta Physiotherapist examined the employees and the locals visiting the office of DIC Jammu for their routine work, PFT (Pulmonary Function Test), ECG, Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure and other tests were also done. The motive of the camp was to provide the best health care services to the employees who are always busy in performing their duties. Samvedna organised this health camp at their doorstep. More than 94 people were examined by Physician and 48 by Physiotherapist. Virender Manyal said "Health is Wealth" and only with good mental and physical health we can deliver the best and serve the nation in the best way. He also highlighted the importance of routine health check-ups and praised the Samvedna Society's initiative to

provide quality healthcare services to the employees at their doorstep. Keshav Chopra said that the objective for organizing such free health camps are to serve the society and mankind. This camp is dedicated to the martyrs of Kargil who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Keshav Chopra assured that he along with his team will continue to conduct free medical camps in the future also so that maximum people can take advantage of it. Kuldeep Dubey, Manoj Gandotra, Tarun Gupta, Saksham Mahajan, Rupinder Kour, Sunaina Sharma, Govind Sharma, Rishi Khajuria, Ankur Kalotra, Sandeep Singh (Asst Marketing Manager), Anju, Vikas Kumar, Muneet Kour, Manshu skolia, Ishrat, Priyanka, Akash, Manoj, Abhishek Gupta and others were also present.

FANS J&K Chapter remembers Kargil Heroes

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JAMMU: Forum for National Security (FANS) J&K Chapter celebrated Silver Jubilee to commemorate the successful evictions of Pakistani intrusion in Kargil sector in May 1999 at Jammu Club on Friday. Approximately, 300 people attended the function. "In April-May 1999, Pakistan

Param Vir Chakras (PVCs), eight Maha Vir Chakras (MVCs), and 67 Vir Chakras (VrCs)," said Inderesh Kumar, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr Nirmal Singh Ex Dy CM, Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, Ex MLC and Lt Gen K J Singh, Ex GOC-in-C Western Command were the Guests of Honour. On the occa-

on of Indian Army. Maj Gen Govardhan Singh Jamwal, presided over the function. Dr Nirmal Singh emphasized the importance of the war and congratulated the families of the war heroes. Inderesh Kumar said that Pakistan has been backstabbing India since the independence. "In 1947, India was partitioned for the seventh



Chief Guest, Inderesh Kumar speaking in a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

attempted to avenge its defeat in the Siachen Glacier in 1984 by occupying the Kargil heights in the Drass-Mushkoh-Kargil-Kaksar-Batalik-Turtuk sector, which overlooks the national highway from Srinagar to Leh. The aim was to cut off the only route to Ladakh and capture the Siachen Glacier and Ladakh area. Pakistani Army, disguised as Mujahideen, occupied the area, which was later recaptured by the Indian Armed Forces, demonstrating extraordinary valor and bravery. During the battle, Indian forces were awarded four

sion at Jammu Club, 25 families of martyrs of the Kargil war were honoured. The welcome address was given by Maj Gen S.K Sharma, President FANS. The commemoration started with a brief presentation of Brigadier (Dr) Vijay Sagar Dheman, Vice President FANS, who apprised the gathering about the operational details of the war. It was followed by facilitating the family members of the martyr of the Kargil war. Lt Gen K J Singh, Ex. GOC -in-C Western Command spoke about the war and highlighted the achieve-

ments of the Kargil war, for some strange reason, never called the bluff of Pakistan and China," he said. He impressed on the audience that we must resolve to integrate POJK, Mansarover and other lost areas back into India. The function was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Prof K L Bhatia, Patron, FANS. He brought out that commemoration of the Kargil war, while remembering the sacrifices of our heroes, inspires us to unite under one banner to protect the sovereignty of our motherland.

Yogi calls on Relief Commissioner Migrants, discusses migrant problems

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JAMMU: M.K.Yogi, Senior KP Leader on Friday called on Relief and Rehabilitation commissioner Migrants J&K in his office chamber to discuss and deliberate upon the important problems of migrants being faced by them. Yogi discussed with him the pertinent issues of migrants like bifurcation cases, domicile issues, addition and deletions issues, functioning of those defunct tube

wells in Jagti who are non functional for want of immediate repairment for better provisions of pure drinking water to the migrants of Jagti, internal repairment of all quarters in Camps and daily sanitation and cleanliness in all camps, repairment of defunct street lights in Jagti and other camps, renewal of weaker section certificate issues, correction issues, efficiency and effective promptness in official working system in RC office and