## Summer Camp for children culminated at JU

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Summer Camp for Children organized by the Department of Students Welfare University Jammu culminated here todav at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium with spectacular presentations by children. During the camp, children were imparted training of Theatre & Dance by the experts. Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Planning & Development, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest at the occasion, she appreciated the endeavours Department of Students Welfare in shaping the personalities of children. Resource Persons of the workshop were Mr. Sumeet Sharma (Theatre) Mr. Sunny Mujju (Dance) & Mr. Nikhil Singh (Fine Arts).

In her address, Prof. Sangita Gupta praised the children and their trainers for presenting wonderful presentations. She also



highlighted the importance of such activities which infuse confidence and creativity in children and they may take advantage of this in shaping their personalities. She complemented Dean Students Welfare for making the Campus culturally vibrant.

In her welcome address, Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson Campus Committee Cultural informed the idea behind conducting this workshop which is to chisel the innate capabilities of children and enhance their talent with experienced cultural interdren exploring their creativity rather than sticking their attention to mobile screens. Children presented their acting skills in a confident manner, they also exhibited the fine art works and presented Dance performances. It is pertinent to mention here that under the patronage of the esteemed Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, the Department Welfare, Students University of Jammu has devised a vibrant calendar and literary importance for the stakeholders of the university which are being executed by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare). Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, CCC) Prof. Sarika Manhas Chairperson, CCC) Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Shallu Sharma & Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Chief Proctors), Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar (Assistant Deans, SW), members Campus Cultural Committee Students Cultural Mantoo (Officer Incharge SW) & Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor).

The workshop was coordinated by Sumeet Sharma, Children who participated in the summer camp included Abhaya Sharma, Nitya Sharma, Prajwal Antahal, Rishit Gupta, Khushi Shavotra, Laesha Sharma, Pranya Sharma, Hamza, Aadhya Mahajan, Ridhul, Prisha Verma, Jhanvi Kritya Gupta, Thakur, Ashvika Verma, Meeshita Mahajan, Varun Thakur, Sharma, Arya Vedika Sharma, Harleen Kaur, Ahil Sharma, Aradhya Sharma, Yakshita Singh, Rajshivay Singh, Sargun Sharma, Kavva Jandial, Navra Gandotra, Aadhya Thukral, Shambhavi Rakesh, Bhavyashree Daksh Padha and Iknoor kaur. Sound was looked after by

Arif Paul. The workshop was assisted by Sachin Sharma and R.P. Singh.

## **CGST Department hosts GST** Day 2025 celebration



Officials during event in Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The Central Goods and Services Tax Department, Jammu, marked GST Day with a special event organized at its office in GST Bhawan, Bahu Plaza. The celebration brought together key stakeholders from the legal, business, and tax communities.

The event was hosted by the CGST Department

Balbir meets India's former Ambassador to Belarus

under the leadership of Commissioner Pravin Chandra, who extended invitations to prominent members of the tax fraternity, including Bageshwar Khajuria, Vice President of the Tax Bar Association Jammu, along with other senior tax advo-

As part of the ceremony, the Tax Bar Association presented mementos to

Commissioner Chandra. Assistant Commissioners Pagar, Sunil Lamba, Satendra Pawar, and other senior CGST officers, acknowledging their dedication and service in the administration of GST.

Adding further prestige to the occasion, Arun Gupta Ji, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, was also present, along with other eminent personalities from the business community. Their participation highlighted the collaborative spirit between the CGST Department and the region's trade and industry stakeholders.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a shared commitment to strengthening the GST ecosystem through continued dialogue, transparency, and cooperation.

### Rajendra Prasad Goyal assumes additional charge of NHPC CMD

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Rajendra Prasad Goyal, Director (Finance), has been assigned again the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC Limited.

Goyal has taken over the additional charge from July 1, 2025, the company said in a statement.

He has been assigned the charge on the directions of the power ministry, NHPC said.

Earlier, he had also held the charge of NHPC Chairman and Managing Director between March 1, 2024, and August 7, 2024. Goyal is a member of the Institute of  $\operatorname{Cost}$ Accountants of India and



also holds a Master's Degree in Commerce from University

Rajasthan, Jaipur. He has vast experience of more than 36 years in NHPC in the core areas of finance, coupled with an in-depth understanding of regulatory issues involved in the construction and operation of hydropower

series of events of cultural

projects. Raj Kumar Chaudhary retired as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC upon attaining superannuation Monday. He took over as CMD of NHPC on August

Government headhunter PESB on June 11 recommended the name of Bhupender Gupta for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC Limited.

He currently holds the Director of(Technical), THDC India Limited -- a subsidiary financial, contractual and company of NTPC.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Balbir Rattan, National General Secretary of Guru Ravidas Vishwa Mahapeeth, General Secretary of the Indian chapter of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation, and a member of the Begampura Vishwa Mahasabha, met Ramesh Chander, a retired Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer and former Ambassador of India to Belarus, during his visit to Jalandhar. The meeting took place in a warm and cordial atmosphere, marked by an indepth discussion on life of Guru Ravidass and Dr.B.R. Ambedkar.

On this occasion, both of them shared thoughts on key topics such as social harmony, Dalit awareness, and



Balbir Ram Rattan, National General Secy Guru Ravidas Vishwa Mahapeeth along with Ramesh Chander, Retd IFS.

instilling moral values among youth. They agreed to collaborate in the future to further intensify efforts for social upliftment.

Balbir Ram Rattan, during his discussion with the former Ambassador, said that it is indeed a matter of pride for our community

that a person from amongst us has secured higher positions in his life by following Dr. Ambedkar's vision of education.

He said that Dr. Ambedkar was of the view that we can achieve success and prosper in life if our priority remains acquiring edu-

cation. Balbir said that it has been the education through which Ramesh Chander passed Indian Foreign Service examina-He got opportunity to

serve as the Indian Ambassador to Belarus, Consul General of India in Edinburgh (Scotland, UK), Minister at the Embassy of India in Prague (Czech Republic), and Counsellor at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo (Japan). During his diplomatic career, he played a significant role in strengthening India's foreign policy.

After retirement, Ramesh Chander has been actively associated with various social organizations and remains dedicated to serving the poor, underprivileged, and marginalized sections of society. He continues to make people aware about the importance of education and spreading the message of Saint Shiromani Guru Ravidas Ji, centered on humanity, equality, and universal brotherhood. He has also been promoting the vision of social justice and constitutional equality as advocated by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Appreciating Ramesh Chander's service, Balbir Ram Rattan, said that even while holding high-ranking positions, he always prioritized social upliftment and human service. He emphasized that such inspiring personalities provide direction to society and that the younger generation should

## Inner Wheel Club New Gen Jammu celebrates Doctors' Day with honour

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Inner Wheel Club New Gen, Jammu celebrated Doctors' Day with deep appreciation and enthusiasm at Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, to honor the tireless dedication and service of the medical fraternity. The event was organized to recognize the vital role doctors play in safeguarding public health and well-being. In a gracious and heartfelt ceremony, several distinguished doctors from various specialties were felicitated with trophies and tokens of appreciation as a gesture of respect and gratitude. The honored doctors included Dr. Narinder Bhutyal (Medical Superintendent), Dr. Manjusha Bajaj, Amandeep Kour, Dr. Neelu Sharma, Dr. Rajni Gupta, Dr.



Members of Club along with doctors during the event.

Khajuria (all Gynaecologists), Dr. Kanav Padha (Orthopaedic Surgeon), ers, protectors, and warriors, were also served refreshments, and Dr Archdeen Singh (Paediatrician).

Club President Manpreet Gandhi, along with Past President Ambika Samnotra, addressed the gathering and spoke about the pivotal role of

"Doctors are not just healthcare providers; they are heal- phere. The honored guests especially during crises. Their commitment to humanity is unparalleled, and today we celebrate their courage and compassion," said Gandhi.

The ceremony was infused with a spirit of reverence, gratitude, and admiration, creating

club. The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Ritu Sharma, Secretary of the Inner Wheel Club New Gen, Jammu. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the doctors for their selfless service and to all who contributed to making the event a success.

The Inner Wheel Club New Gen, Jammu, continues to remain actively engaged in community welfare initiatives, with special emphasis on healthcare, education, and women's empowerment, demonstrating its unwavering commitment to social

#### appreciation extended by the upliftment. Shree Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra on July 3-4; Vikramaditya urges devotees to join in large numbers

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a warm and memorable atmos-

adding to the hospitality and

Vikramaditya Singh, ex-MLC and Chairman of the Shree Sarthal Devi Ji Trust, has extended warm greetings to devotees ahead of the annual Yatra of Shree Ashtadashbhuja Mata Sarthal Devi Ji, Kishtwar to be held on July 3 and 4, 2025.

The Annual Yatra at Sarthal Devi Temple, Kishtwar is managed by the Shree Sarthal Devi ji Trust, Kishtwar.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, Vikramaditya Singh said that the Sarthal Devi Yatra in Kishtwar is a sacred and spiritually significant event that draws thousands of devotees from across Jammu & Kashmir and beyond.

He emphasized that the Trust is committed to ensuring a smooth, well-organized, and spiritually enriching experience for all pilgrims attending this revered Yatra. The Chairman appreciated the efforts of Vice Chairman, Sanjeev Parihar, Members of the Trust, District Administration Kishtwar, Police and the local community for organising and making arrangements for the smooth

conduct of the Yatra. The Shobha Yatra will begin from Shree Gori Shanker Mandir, Sarkoot, at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 3rd, following the completion of the Hawan and Puran Ahuti ceremonies. The procession will proceed towards the sacred shrine of Mata Sarthal Devi Ji with traditional fervor and devotion. To facilitate devotees, the Management Council will provide free transportation

## NHAI reviews preparedness for upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: To expedite preparedness and ensure smooth travel experience for the pilgrims of the upcoming 'Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025', a review meeting through Video Conferencing was held on Tuesday by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) with the officials from state administration

Detailed reviews were held of all stretches of 228 km long Jammu - Srinagar section of NH-44 that falls on the Yatra route. The initiative was led by NHAI Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav. Alok Deepankar, Member (Technical) NHAI; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary PWD, Government of J&K, Shokit Mattoo ACR Ramban, R.S. Vaday Regional Officer J&K along with other field officers of NHAI from Jammu and Kashmir also attended the meeting. The meeting aimed to review preparedness related to riding surface, lane markings, approaches to structures like viaduct, bridges and tunnels, installing road safety measures as well as deployment of dedicated Quick Response Teams with sufficient manpower and machines to mitigate situations arising due to adverse weather conditions in the region during Yatra.

Addressing the meeting, NHAI Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav emphasized that the comfort and safety of both devotees and commuters should be the utmost priority.

He also directed NHAI officials to work in close coordination with local administrations and provide prompt support for the yatra preparedness.

Alok Deepankar, Member (Technical), NHAI instructed NHAI field offices to ensure adequate deployment of manpower and machinery to manage any eventuality due to bad weather such as flash floods or landslides. He also directed officials to expedite work on the under-construction sections and ensure proper road surfaces, lane marking for the safety and security of the pilorims and other commuters. As a part of the preparations, NHAI contributed a fleet of ambulances for hospitals in Ramban and Anantnag

Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha flagged off the ambulances for public service.

The preparedness review meeting reflected the spirit of cooperation between various government agencies, showcasing NHAI's commitment to facilitating a smooth, safe and hassle-free Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra for devotees.

## Yuva Rajput Sabha organizes Langar for Shri Amarnath Yatra Pilgrims



Sabha members serving Langar among pilgrims

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A team of Yuva Rajput Sabha, Jammu, led by its President, Bikram Singh, on Tuesday visited the Sankat Mochan Panchmukhi Shree Hanuman Mandir Bhawan of Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust, situated at B.C. Road, here.

The team was impressed by the Langar Seva organized by the trust, which has been catering to the needs of visiting Yatries/pilgrims and needy persons for over a year and a half.

During their visit, the team participated in the distribution of Bhoj Prasad among the visiting Yatries/pilgrims. The team was given a welcome and honour by the trust management, headed by its President. Pawan Kumar Shastri.

The Sabha members also participated in Puja Archana, Aarti, and offered prayers at the Mandir.

Bikram Singh, President of Yuva Rajput Sabha, appealed to the Jammuites to visit Lord Hanuman's Mandir Bhawan and be a part of this noble cause of the trust. He also urged them to seek blessings of Bhagwan Hanuman for the prosperity of their families.

Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust, briefed the Sabha members about the various activities of the trust being conducted in the Mandir Bhawan on a daily basis. Rajan Singh, Vice President of Yuva Rajput Sabha, also spoke

The large gathering of devotees/pilgrims appreciated the move of the trust and praised Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the trust, for initiating this step for the benefit of the visiting devotees/pilgrims. Pawan Shastri informed the Rajput Sabha members about the trust's efforts to revitalize

the ancient Sanatan Dharam. To achieve this, the trust has started special Sunday sessions from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, featuring prominent Sanskrit scholars. These sessions aim to educate the younger generation about their cultural heritage and traditions.

Gurdas Sharma, General Secretary/Treasurer, Kumar Gupta, Vice President of the trust, Sukhdev Sharma, W.C.M., Rashpal Sharma, Engineer, and other staff members of the trust were present during the visit.

Gurdas Sharma, General  ${\bf Secretary/Treasurer,\ expressed}$ thanks to the Yuva Rajput Sabha for their visit to the Mandir Bhawan.

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