

JKNPP supports demand of Holiday on birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh

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JAMMU: Vilakshan Singh, President of J&K National Panthers Party along with members of the State Secretariat of the party visited the members of Yuva Rajput Sabha who are sitting on hunger strike demanding the holiday on the eve of birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh.

Vilakshan Singh said that J&K National Panthers party has always supported the demand for a holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh.

He said the Maharaja was a great visionary and he was the first Maharaja to establish the High Court. He was also the first Maharaja to open the



President JKNPP, Vilakshan Singh sitting with YRS activists.

door of temples for the members of schedule caste community. Singh said that BJP does not want to declare holiday on the birth of Maharaja Hari Singh as by doing so it would annoy the Kashmir based political parties with which it is in habit of playing fixed matches.

Singh said that the National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party

are not in favour of declaration of holiday on the eve of Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday and BJP wants to oblige them keeping the false dream of forming coalition government with the said political parties alive.

Singh said that BJP is intentionally hurting the Dogra sentiment by not declaring the holiday on Maharaja's birthday just

to please Kashmir based parties.

He said that Dogras expected that after amendment of Article 370 they would get justice but the condition of Dogras in UT of J&K has become worse due to the love of BJP for Kashmir.

Vilakshan said that J&K National Panthers Party has always fought for the dignity of Dogras and would continue to do so. He said that the government should immediately declare holiday on the eve of Maharaja Hari Singh's Birthday. Naresh Chib and Gunwant Singh, State general secretaries, Jagdish Singh Bhandral State Secretary and others were also part of the delegation.

Fit India Foundation Day-2022 celebrated in Govt Schools of Jammu Division

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JAMMU: Fit India Foundation Day-2022 was celebrated on Monday on National Sports Day in Jammu Division at School, Zone and District levels by holding various fitness activities including indigenous games and sports along with yoga sessions.

Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, in the assessment meeting held on Monday, divulged that lakhs of students and teachers participated in the various fitness and sporting activities covering thousands of schools.

In his congratulatory message to the students, teachers and staff members, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, recognising the efforts put in, thanked everyone for the overwhelming response and asked them to



DSEJ, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma posing with winner students and other officials.

continue working diligently so as to achieve the motto of PM's scheme of Mission Fit India in letter and spirit.

At Divisional level, the Directorate of School Education Jammu organised a grand felicitation ceremony for the students who participated in 7th National Yoga Olympiad 2022 held at NCERT New Delhi from June 18 to 20, 2022 and National Fit India Quiz held at Mumbai on July 23, 2022.

Dr. Ravi Shankar was the

chief guest in the felicitation programme. He congratulated and appreciated the efforts of the participants of Yoga Olympiad and Fit India National Quiz. He further lauded the efforts of Govind Sharma, Nodal Officer Fit India Movement and his Fit India team members for taking great initiative in organising the said event successfully.

Earlier Govind Sharma, Nodal Officer Fit India Movement gave a brief report of the on-going fitness and

sporting events in Schools of Jammu division.

Other dignitaries from Directorate of School Education Jammu present were H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director School Education, Subah Mehta, Joint Director, Jammu, Samba/Kathua, Monika Bhandari, Chief Accounts Officer, Mamta Sharma, Deputy Director Planning, Suresh Raina, Dy. CEO Jammu, Principals/Headmasters/Teachers of different Schools, officers/officials and staff of DSE Jammu.

The participants of both the events were felicitated with mementos and appreciation certificates by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

The votes of thanks was presented by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Personnel Officer of Directorate of School Education Jammu.

J&K Grameen Bank & Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company sign MOU



J&K Grameen Bank & Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company representatives after signing MoU.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A 20-year old existing business relationship between J&K Grameen Bank & Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd. has further been strengthened with the signing of fresh MOU between both the parties for further period of three years. The Relationship between JKGB & BAGICL dates back to 2003 & since then has grown stronger with each passing year.

Both the partners renewed their commitment to further take this relationship to the newer heights.

Sanjay Gupta, Chairman, J&K Grameen Bank was present on the occasion of signing MOU. He applauded that both the parties are very keen to offer best of customer services to the bank clientele aided by more efficient service deliv-

ery systems with the use of latest technology.

Aijaz Khan, Banca National Head, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd., apprised that the Insurance is a social obligation & Company will continue to provide customized insurance solutions to the clients of JKGB & use the intensive branch network of the bank to penetrate the remotest areas of J&K.

Suresh Chander Sharma, General Manager, J&K Grameen Bank, said that since this association is very old and has been fruitful for the Bank as well as for our customers so every possible step must be undertaken to provide a hassle-free & seamless services to the clientele.

Sunil Choudhary, HoD Financial Inclusion & Insurance Department, extended the vote of thanks on the occasion.

GDC Ramnagar organises workshop on 'Water Management'

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RAMNAGAR: Govt Degree College (GDC) Ramnagar in collaboration with J&K Department of Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Udhampur organized workshop on 'Water Management'.

The workshop was organized with the aim to aware the masses with the right use of water and its management with the title 'Jal Hai Toh Kal Hai'.

The workshop was conducted under the able patronship of Dr Udhey Bhanu, Principal GDC Ramnagar and under the guidance of Prof Ritika Mahajan, NSS Programme Officer of the College.

The workshop included two activities viz Poster making competition and Symposium competition. The Judges of the competitions were Prof



GDC Ramnagar students posing with faculty members.

Suresh Kumar Dogra, HOD Physics, Prof Brinder Kumar, HOD Zoology and Prof Ritika Mahajan, HOD Chemistry. The programme started with the welcome speech by Dr Udhey Bhanu who motivate and addressed the young masses about the worldwide problem of limited resources of natural water and usable water. In first activity students made beautiful posters and

models and presented the various unique methods to conserve and preserve natural water resources. In symposium competition also speakers delivered powerful speeches and emphasises on the judical use of natural water and also suggested the various methods to reuse and purify the waste water. Sunidhi Mahajan bagged first prize, Arun Sharma bagged second

prize and Monalika Sharma bagged third prize while Anish Attri, Semrin Kumari and Vishal Singh got consolation prizes in poster making competition. Suhani Gupta got first prize, Ankush Kalotra got second prize and Sunidhi Mahajan bagged third prize however Renu Sharma, Pritam Kumar, Anish Attri got consolation prizes. All winner got cash prizes and certificates.

Prof Harmeet Kour (HOD Botany), Prof Swarna Devi (HOD Political Science), Dr Om Prakash (HOD Sanskrit) also attended the workshop and felicitated the event. The entire Programme was organized under the guidance of Mrs Shruti Khanna, District Coordinator, Department of Science Technology and Innovation Council, Udhampur.

JSW Paints conducts Contractor Meet

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jindal Steels Group (JSW) Paints on Monday conducted Contractor Meet with their authorised dealer M/S Ajit Enterprises at Namaste India, Sainik Colony, here.

JSW Paints has recently launched its only water based paint range for Interior and Exterior walls, wood and metal surfaces in Jammu and contractors meet-cum-product awareness programme conducted by company officials Shakir Malik

(Area Sales Manager) and Gurpreet Dutta (Customer Relationship Officer), where multiple product benefits and value of 'Any Colour One Price' has been conveyed to participants.

First time in India, Any Colour One Price from JSW Paints offer great value to consumers and usher price transparency, they said adding that JSW Paints build on thoughtful inventions to make painting Simple, Swift and Sure for consumers.



JSW Paints officials during Contractor Meet in Jammu.

Eco Club PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar organises extension lecture on 'Climate Change, Carbon Trading'



Faculty members presenting sapling to a dignitary.

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JAMMU: Eco-club of Padma Shree Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, under the aegis of Paryavaran Samrakshan gatividhi, has initiated a special series of activities under the theme 'One week One Nation'.

Under the series three activities are being conducted by the College to spread awareness about environmental conservation. The event began

with a lecture on 'Climate Change and Carbon trading' delivered by Dr.Harish Chander Dutt, Sr. Assistant professor from the Department of Botany, University of Jammu. In his talk he explained in detail about the consequences of Climate Change and preventive measures which can be taken to cut emissions. He also discussed advantages and disadvantages of Carbon trading. The programme started with

the formal welcome address by Dr.Harjeet Kour Sodhi, Convenor, Eco-club. Chief guest on the occasion was Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College, in her address, encouraged the students to go for conservation and protection of nature on a daily basis as a single day would not be sufficient for it as their consistent smaller efforts can bring major changes. Programme was attended by the students of the Department of Environmental sciences and Botany and faculty members of the college and anchored by Prof.Sugandha Mahajan. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof.Nisha Bhagat.

Members of Eco-club Dr.Rahul Sharma, Prof. Eisha Gohil, Prof.Shivani Sawhney, Dr.Suraj Mohani, Prof Swarn Singh and Dr.Ravinder Kumar coordinated the whole event.

Abrogation of Art 370 half-way decision without one-place settlement of KPs: KPC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) in a meeting held on Monday at New Delhi, said that no doubt abrogation of article 370 has important significance for entire nation, nationalist people and Kashmiri Pandits as well, but it is incomplete and will be considered as a half-way decision without ensuring one place settlement of KPs at Kashyap Bhoomi. While speaking during the meeting, President KPC Kundan Kashmiri said that it is need of the time to get together so that terror perpetrators can be booked under law of land and get punishment for their evil designs. "Efforts should be initiated to reclaim all our properties comprising orchards, paddy lands, commercial establishments in form of shops and other businesses establishments. We also have to

strive to reclaim our houses, our homes built by our sweat and blood and all those localities and areas, which historically belong to us," he added. Recalling past, Kundan Kashmiri said that victim KP community has seen about a dozen major forced displacements and hundreds and thousands of small exodus. "Let us work in unison to make 1990 exodus as the last and final one. Let us all again pledge to get united and struggle for our prime demand of one place settlement at Kashyap Bhoomi and to make that vibrant lines of glorious yore of the great times of great Lalitaditya, Abhinavagupta and others," he asserted. Others who spoke on the occasion included M K Raina, Tej Pandita, Dr H L Saraf, Sushil Bhat, S L Zuthsi and R L Raina.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Powergrid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) handed over two Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) fitted with advanced Tuberculosis diagnostic as well as detection equipments to Health Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

Vipin Singh Parmar, Speaker Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly received these two MMUs from Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, POWERGRID, Northern Region-II in presence of Anil Sharma, Chief General Manager (Projects), POW-

ERGRID, Dev Kumar Sr. General Manager (HP), POWERGRID, Vinod P Baxla, General Manager(IHR) besides other senior officials. The vehicles were flagged-off jointly by Vipin Singh Parmar and Kailash Rathore.

POWERGRID had sanctioned funds amounting approximately Rs 75 lakhs for providing two Mobile Medical units (MMU) to CMO, Kangra in Himachal Pradesh. These mobile medical units can prove as a

game-changer in the remote areas in respect of health-care, particularly in treatment of TB, as medical facilities. Under CSR activities, health sector is one of the trusted areas of POWERGRID especially in government hospitals of rural and urban areas across the country with a belief that creation of medical facilities is important for ensuring that Government is able to cater to the medical requirements of the general masses.



Vipin Singh Parmar, Speaker LA Himachal Pradesh receiving MMUs from Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, POWERGRID, Northern Region-II.

Baru assures proper drainage system, early solution of water crisis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru ensured the residents of Ward No. 41 of Talab Tillo area for the early construction of proper drainage system and solution of water crisis in their locality.

Baru was told that the water supply crisis in the Anand Nagar and Bank Colony Anand Nagar(Ext.) occurs time and again. Taking note of the problem, Sanjay Baru today tours the area along with BJP leader Surinder Kour, Booth President Jangeet Singh and officials from JMC and PHE departments.

While interacting with the local Residents Sanjay Baru said that the issue will be resolved for once with the proper solution. He said that the Jal Shakti Vibhaag is running an Abhiyaan to ensure water supply to every

home in a short span of time. He linked this to the mission given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure the potable water to every household.

Sanjay Kumar Baru said that main reason for the irregular supply is due to ongoing daily wagger's strike and the lack of coordination between various departments PHE mechanical, maintenance and the electrical wing, but he said that with the 74th amendment there will be improved coordination in between these departments as the domain of some of these is being given under the JMC onwards.

He ensured that soon the issue will be resolved to the satisfaction of the local residents. On the occasion, Sanjay Kumar Baru also inspected the deep drain cum irrigation channel of Anand Nagar, Bohri for the required Desilting Work.

JMC seals 'House of Cuisine'



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JAMMU: The Revenue Staff alongwith Enforcement Staff led by the Assistant Commissioner (Rev.) Manisha on direction of Commissioner of Jammu Municipal Corporation sealed the restaurant running in the name 'House of Cuisine' at Panjthirthi, Jammu. The restaurant was running without obtaining NOC from Jammu Municipal Corporation under Section 328 of Municipal Act 2000.

Further, Asstt. Commissioner (Rev.) Jammu Municipal Corporation has appealed to the General Public to obtain prior NOC from Jammu Municipal Corporation as mandated under the provision of Section 324 and Section 328 of Municipal Corporation Act 2000 for any Business/Commercial activity within the Jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corporation otherwise action as warranted under Act will be taken.

'Azadi Quest' an effort to engage youth in nation-building through infotainment: ADG PIB

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Additional Director General, Press Information Bureau, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajinder Chaudhary on Monday said that the 'Azadi Quest', a series of online educational mobile games is an effort of the government to engage youth in nation building through infotainment. He said this while addressing a press briefing at Jammu about the launch of 'Azadi Quest', a series of online educational mobile games developed by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in collaboration with Zynga India.

Chaudhary said that the



ADG PIB J&K, Rajinder Chaudhary briefing media.

launch of 'Azadi Quest' by the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Anurag Thakur is another step in a series of efforts by the government to acknowledge the contribution of freedom fighters and unsung heroes during the freedom struggle of India.

Chaudhary emphasized that GOI through its various armshas collected information about the unsung freedom fighters across the country & 'Azadi Quest' is an effort to make learning of this knowledge engaging and interactive". Chaudhary informed that the first two

games in the 'Azadi Quest' series tell the story of India's freedom struggle, highlighting key milestones and heroes, interwoven with gameplay. The games' content is simple yet comprehensive, having been specially curated by the Publications Division and vetted by experts of the Indian Council of Historical Research, he added. The press conference was also attended by Ghulam Abbas, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication, J&K, Ladakh Region, Deputy Director and RNU Head, DD and AIR Jammu, R K Raina and Assistant Director, AIR Jammu, Sh. Gulshan Raina.