

Mayor Jammu inaugurates 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign

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JAMMU: Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday inaugurated 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign, paying a heartfelt tribute to the indomitable spirit of martyrs and luminaries who have contributed to the nation's progress.

The campaign, launched with great fervour, aims to encapsulate the profound sacrifices and unwavering dedication that have shaped our nation's journey.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu inaugurated the campaign from Amrit Sarovar Pond, Deeli, Ward 55 that witnessed a gathering of Ward Councillors; families of martyrs, officers of JMC and other eminent personalities, all united by a shared sense of purpose.

Speaking at the event, Mayor Jammu expressed profound gratitude to the martyrs and luminaries who have contributed to the nation's



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma inaugurating 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign on Wednesday.

progress, emphasizing the campaign's significance in preserving their legacy.

"This visionary initiative truly summarizes our collective dedication to the cherished ideals of freedom and progress that have shaped our nation's journey. 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' is poised to ignite a profound sense of belonging among every citizen. It is a call to action that seeks to inspire and empower, fostering a deep connection with our land and heritage while galvanizing individuals to contribute actively to the holistic growth of our great nation," said

Mayor Jammu.

The campaign commenced with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, paying solemn homage to our martyrs and courageous souls. In a remarkable show of unity, the entire gathering wholeheartedly embraced the Panch Pran Pledge. This resolute commitment was further demonstrated through an enthusiastic participation in a plantation drive.

'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign has a range of impactful programs that aim to foster a deeper connection with our roots and instill a sense of responsibility towards the nation's development. Key components of the campaign include the installation of 'Shilaphalakams' dedicated to freedom fighters and security forces, as well as initiatives such as 'Panch Pran Pledge,' 'Vasudha Vandan,' and 'Veeron ka Vandan,' all of which celebrate the courageous sacrifices of our bravehearts.

Narotam starts renovation work for Peer-Kho temple

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JAMMU: Narotam Sharma, Corporator of Ward 3 on Wednesday laid the foundation of the work of main gate-cum-newly modified entrance of the ancient Lord Shiva temple at the holy cave temple of Peer-Kho.

This gate will be constructed as part of the ongoing beautification project of Peer Kho temple and with the inauguration of this gate the ancient Lord Shiva Temple will look more beautiful.

Mahant of Peer Kho, Rajinder Nath Ji along with State Vice President of BJP, Yuvveer Sethi, District Jammu President, Pramod Kapahi, East Mandal President, Parveen Kemi grace the occasion as chief guests.



Corporator Ward 3, Narotam Sharma starting renovation work.

Members from ward including team in which senior leaders Kuldeep Sharma, Anuradha, Sanjay Abrol and other dignitaries were also present. Narotam said that this work will be done at Rs 65 lakh. He said that with the construction of this modern gate, the temple will be more beautiful and the city of Shiva, Peer Kho will look even more beautiful.

Result of CSEET July 2023 Session declared

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The result of Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) held on 30th July, 2023 and 01st August, 2023 has been declared on Wednesday at 4:00 PM.

"The results have been made available on the website of the Institute www.iesi.edu and the candidates may download their e-Result-cum-Marks Statement," stated a handout issued today.

"In CSEET July, 2023, 69.73% of Candidates have been declared successful. The next Examination for CS Executive Entrance Test will be held on 04th November, 2023 and Candidates desirous of appearing in the said CSEET may register upto 15th October, 2023," it added.

Sadhotra hails observations of CJJ on vision of Sher-e-Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Minister and Senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Wednesday in a statement recalled the great role of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in nation building and his vision of tying the destiny of Jammu and Kashmir with secular, socialist and democratic India during most testing times of history by rejecting theocratic Pakistan, which owes its existence to two nation theory.

Hailing the observations of Chief Justice of India Justice D Y Chandrachud about the vision of Sheikh Sahib's vision reflected in his 1951 speech, Sadhotra said this is an

eye opener for all those myopic entities who undermine the political sagacity and farsightedness of one of the tallest leaders of the freedom struggle.

He quoted the reference read out by the Chief Justice in the open court, quoting Sheikh Sahib saying, "The most powerful argument which can be advanced in Pakistan's favour is that Pakistan is a Muslim state and a big majority of our people being Muslim, the state must accede to Pakistan but this claim of being a Muslim state is only a camouflage- it's a screen to dupe the common man so that he cannot see clearly that Pakistan is a feudal state in which a clique is trying by these methods to maintain itself in power".

He said these observations about Pakistan are coming true after over seven decades now.

In a statement, Sadhotra said that some ignorant tend to underestimate role and vision of Sher-i-kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah and his Party Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, which has withstood the test of times during the most difficult times in the past over seventy five years, especially during the horrendous tribal raid in Kashmir.

Sadhotra said the nationalist and secular credentials of Sheikh

Sahib have inspired generations to work for strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and amity besides defending the integrity and sovereignty of the nation even at the peril of ones life.

The National Conference cadres are emulating the spirit and vision of Sher-e-Kashmir, the strong votary of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Itedah, he added.

Recalling the legacy of Sher-e-Kashmir, Mr Sadhotra dwelt on various facets of the life, political struggle, sacrifices and role of Baba-e-Quom in laying strong edifice of Jammu and Kashmir with focus on politico-economic empowerment and emancipation of all segments of the society, irrespective of caste, creed, culture and religion.

"We are proud inheritors of this legacy", he said and referred to the landmark and pioneering Land Reforms Act, which empowered the farmers by making them masters of their own destiny overnight. The progressive outlook and vision of Sher-e-Kashmir transformed Jammu and Kashmir as a vibrant state where the people of all the faiths enjoyed equal opportunities of progress and development. His life has been a valiant story of selfless leadership as he fought for the political rights and dignity of his people till his last breath.

CBC, J&K organises Workshop on Hindi Bhasha

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JAMMU: Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Regional office J&K and Ladakh on Wednesday organised a workshop on 'Hindi Bhasha' at Jammu for officers and officials of PIB, CBC and its field offices. The resource person, Santosh Kumar, Assistant Director, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Jammu impressed upon all the government employees that the mandatory proportion of Raj Bhasha usage in official communications must be carried out in effective way. Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director, CBC, J&K and Ladakh, reiterated that Hindi is the official Language and its importance in office communications is need of the hour. Besides others, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Udhampur, Khursheed Yousuf, Accounts Officer, Ashwani Kumar and Administrative Officer, Ram Krishna also attended the workshop.

Ayushi Puri, Dy Director, CBC, J&K and Ladakh posing with other dignitaries at a workshop.

Dy Mayor conducts grievance camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Mayor JMC, Baldev Singh Billawaria conducted grievance camp on Wednesday at party headquarter to listen and address the grievances related to the services provided by JMC.

A representation from Ward 73 stated that there is major problem of sanitation due to the blockage of deep drain with no provision of door-to-door garbage collecting Autos. Complaint regarding cutting of grass around the Nallah was mentioned.

Ward 49 representation stated Sanitation & Street light problem



Deputy Mayor JMC, Baldev Singh Billawaria listening to public grievance at BJP headquarter, Jammu.

around Nallah and urgent need of fixing iron gratings. Ward 45 representation stated need for the repair of street lights and High Mast lights in park and repair of Danga around

representation stated requirement of grass cutting at Shishu Samadhi (Children Graveyard). Ward no 54 representation stated repair of Nalli & problem of street lights. There is need of lifting the damaged garbage trolley at Sec-9. Ward 55 representation stated requirement of Iron Gratings and sanitation problem. Ward 43 representation stated sanitation problem and lane drain blockage, Ward 42 representation stated street light, sanitation problem.

Dy. Mayor sorted out many of their problems on the spot and assured the other visitors that a prompt action would be taken soon for the other issues presented.

While expressing his views on activities and the public interaction programme, Billawaria said that BJP is committed to the welfare of people and Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is very particular to mitigate the sufferings of the masses in every aspect.

BJP District President Rekha Mahajan, Corporator Anil Masoom, Corporator Anil Kumar accompanied Deputy Mayor and coordinated the camp proceedings.

FICCI Chairman calls Commissioner/Secretary I&C Deptt



FICCI Chairman Rajesh Sharma calling on Comm Secy I&C Deptt, Vikramjit Singh.

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SRINAGAR: The Chairman of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) UT Council, Rajesh Sharma, met the Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, J&K Industries & Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh in his office in Srinagar on Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current state of industries and commerce in the UT and to explore collaborative opportunities to boost economic growth. Sharma emphasized on the importance of promoting a conducive business environment in J&K to attract investments and stimulate economic development. He stressed the need for effective policies and infrastructure development to unlock their full potential. Singh acknowledged FICCI's commitment to support the government's efforts to promote industrial growth, entrepreneurship, and skill development in J&K. He expressed interest in organizing joint initiatives, seminars, and skill development programs to help local industries and businesses thrive in the region.

He acknowledged the vast potential and talent available in the UT of J&K and assured his support in creating an enabling environment for businesses, streamlining policies, and promoting investment opportunities.

Yuva Samvad on Panch Pran held at Rajouri



Progressive Youth Club Rajouri members posing with students.

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Progressive Youth Club, Rajouri held a Yuva Samvad - India@2047 at Conference Hall, Dak Bungalow, Rajouri on Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal. The programme was sponsored by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Rajouri, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOL.

Anil Tigga Commandant Adm SHQ Rajouri remained as the Chief Guest while Nitin Hangloo District Youth Officer, NYKS (MoYAS), Rajouri remained as the Guest of Honour. Other senior officials were also present. Panch Pran Pledge was also taken by everyone present in the programme.

The delegates/Youth Representatives who presented their viewpoints on Panch Pran includes Zaigham Abbas Jarfi, Sonika, Nazia Manhas, Saleem Talib, Vikrant Verma and Vishav Preet Singh. During the Samvad National Youth Awardee Vikrant Sharma, Senior Lecturer Abdul Hamid and Social Activist Sumit Kour

Modi Govt for dignified lives of women: Rekha

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, on Wednesday criticised the Mahila Congress J&K, for politicizing the Manipur incident, saying the grand old party should "stop using crime against women as instruments to settle political scores".

Interacting with media persons, Rekha Mahajan appealed to the Congress Party to stop false propaganda against women in India and desist from using crime against women as instruments to settle political scores.

Rekha said Congress is running away from discussion on Manipur as they know they will have to answer on crimes against women in their states." She accused the Congress of repeatedly obstructing parliamentary sessions to avoid discussing the Manipur incident. Rekha highlighted that Modi government is committed to empowering women and secur-



ing the future of children. she listed out numerous achievements of the Modi government in the past nine years, including freeing women from triple talaq and giving them dignified lives, besides making a law against child sexual abuse more stringent.

While congratulating the BJP government over the completion of another "historic step", Rekha said that the government through its policies decisions, and plans has worked to improve the lives of citizens of J&K.

Rekha Mahajan further said that the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019 that provides for the death penalty in cases of aggravated sexual assault on children and greater punishment for other crimes against minors was approved by Parliament under Modi led government. She also said the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 criminalizes talaq-e-biddat or any other similar form of talaq having the effect of instantaneous and irrevocable divorce pronounced by a Muslim husband.

Over 4,000 Indian women performed Haj without 'mehrani' this year; the largest since the reforms in 2018 which did away with the compulsion of a male companion with women on the pilgrimage. Rekha added that government has also slashed the price of its biodegradable sanitary napkins

'Suvidha', which are sold from Jan Aushadhi Kendras, from Rs 2.50 to one rupee per piece, including many public friendly schemes. She also said that Article 370, which prohibited a woman from Jammu and Kashmir, who decides to marry a person from an outside state, from having her rights to her property or purchasing property in J&K. For 70 years, an anti-woman law was in place in J&K and everyone including liberals and Congress was silent about it. It was Prime Minister's strong will and political determination that the Article was removed from the Constitution and equal rights were also given to the women of Jammu and Kashmir." Allocation of Rs 80,000 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, in which most of the houses constructed are in the name of the women of the families, was a step towards women's empowerment.

NABET Rankings 2023: KIIT Polytechnic adjudged Odisha's best for second time in a row

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BHUBANESWAR: KIIT Polytechnic has been ranked as the best polytechnic in Odisha among all the state and private-run polytechnics by National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET), a constituent Board of Quality Council of India (QCI).

The ranking results were declared today by Pritiranjana Gharai, Minister of Rural Development, Skill Development & Technical Education, Govt. of Odisha. KIIT Polytechnic secured the highest score of 581 and topped the ranking, which was based on 7 parameters. Total 100 polytechnics, both Government and Private, participated in the rankings. KIIT Polytechnic has been ranked as the best polytechnic in Odisha consecutively for the second time in a row.

The rankings were carried out by NABET-QCI and State Council for Vocational Education and Training. The announcement was met with jubilation by the students, teachers and staff of KIIT Polytechnic. KIIT Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta lauded the efforts of KIIT Polytechnic Principal, Dr Tammy Mohanty, the teachers and staff, saying, the ranking was a big achievement as the institute was adjudged the best among all government and private Polytechnics.

He especially extended his greeting to the students for their success.

3-day medical camp by LFO-BHF concludes

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MIRAN SAHIB: The three-day free medical camp in Darsapur Village, organized by the Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (NGO) in collaboration with Block Development Office (BDO), Miran Sahib concluded on Wednesday.

On Day 3, the village was brought to life with the enthusiastic participation of students from New Gandhi Memorial Hr. Sec. School, Miran Sahib, and J&K Police Public School, Miran Sahib. Around 300 change-makers joined hands with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan rally, an



LFO-BHF members posing with doctors during medical camp.

event aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene.

The rally, inaugurated by BDO Gurjeet Singh, sending a powerful message about the importance of a cleaner and healthier environment.

On speaking with Vivek Parihar, Director & Founder said "The Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to all partners, supporters, and participants who contributed to the resounding success of this three-day initiative. Through collaborative efforts and the spirited involvement of students, this Free Medical Camp has not only offered essential healthcare services but has also ignited a profound sense of unity, responsibility, and collective action".

The members who were present on this drive are Jyoti, Stuti, Babita, Sachin, Shubam, Sahil, Abhishek Raina, Samar and many more.