INFOBUG holds felicitation ceremony of biggest competition at Jammu Haat

77th Independence Day, a felicitation ceremony of the biggest competition on the theme of patriotism was organized by INFOBUG ${\bf under\ the\ aegis\ of\ Directorate}$ of Tourism Jammu and Directorate of Industries and Commerce Jammu at Jammu Haat today.

The 15 days long contest sponsored by Kisna Jewelers Jammu and Sukam Jammu HEV Pvt Ltd, in association with State Times Media Partner, Red FM Radio Partner, MNM Hub Designing Partner, Trilok Chef 9 Decor Partner, Dee Dee Reprographics Printing Partners, Female Fashions and Be Classy with Ruhi was the gifting partner, while Ombre, The Fashion Destination and IFIX Computers were the associate sponsors. Param Veer Chakra awardee Captain Bana Singh was the Chief Guest. Highlighting the significance of celebrating Independence Day, he urged the students to celebrate it as a Jan Mahotsav to bring the contribution of every section of society to the fore. The programme started by



Dignitaries felicitating winner students of competition being organized by INFOBUG.

paying homage to the heroes of the Indian freedom struggle, followed by patriotic programmes by all the winners of the FANKAR competition.

As many as 80 students of the different school and colleges participated in the competition and enthralled the audience with their soulful patriotic songs in the praise of the freedom fighter of India.

Raghu Sarmal first, Aayati Sharma second, Vikram Rana and Rinku Kailash secured the third position, while Gaurav Singh was awarded the consolation prize in the singing competition.

Adhiraj Raina, Kimaya Sharma and Aishvi Soni were the winners of Fancy Dress.

Lavanya Gupta, Aishvi Soni, Amyra Gupta, Sanyam Gupta, Yashika Jamwal, Mayuri Choudhary, Jagjeet Kaur, Vikram Rana, Sanjana Kumari and Sahildeep Singh were the winners of poetry in sub-junior, junior and senior categories

Harkirat Singh, Anant

Aadhar and Saatvik Verma were the winners of Quiz Competition.

Anaysha Arora, Aadhya Sharma, Amayra Gupta, Niddha Mahajan, Vishali Mangotra, Anaisha Aggarwal, Reyansh Raina, Kehkesha, Sparsh Singh Chib, Harshita Khajuria and Anshika were the winners of Dance Competition.

Whereas Suryansh Mahajan, Japsimar Singh, Ayaan Mahajan, Vishwas Gupta and Yuvkaran were the winners of Instrumental competition.

Later, the special guests Sunaina Mehta Joint Director Tourism. Virender Kumar Manyal General Manager DIC, Col Devender Anand and Raj Daluja Editor in Chief State Times, also distributed certificates and mementos among the participants of the competition.

Earlier, Managing Director INFOBUG, Amar Chouhan gave a brief summary of the activities being carried out by INFOBUG, especially to celebrate Independence Day.

the During contest Anupama Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Satish Chander, Shashi Gupta, Dr. Gurvinder Singh, Dr. Chanchal Bhasin, Shekhar Cartoonist, Amarjeet Singh and Irfan Choudhary acted as judges.

Singer Sonali Dogra, Tarrot Rader Jasmine Bharatnatyam Expert Nitika Aggarwal, Punnet Anand from Winni Cakes, Nidhi Abrol, Shilpa Chaku, Sandeep Rattan Verma, Mohit Mehra, Pankaj Khajuria, Rajesh Khajuria and a large number of students also attended the

Rajni Sharma anchored the whole programme whereas Mayuri Choudhary presented



JNEG celebrates Independence Day; unfurls Tricolour



JNEG members during 77th Independence Day celebration at Jammu.

CAG audit flags multiple frauds in PMJAY, patients shown dead are still beneficiaries Opposition demands probe, Health Ministry denies frauds

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: PM-JAY was launched by the PM Narendra Modi on September 23, 2018, with aim to provide Rs 5 lakh per family as per the strict criteria defined in the scheme.

The funding of the scheme is shared between Centre and State in the 60:40 and NHA is responsible for scheme implementation.

During the recent Monsoon Session of Parliament the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) tabled audit report in Lok Sabha noted multiple cases of the Ayushmaan Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojna PMJAY providing treatment for patients who had already been declared dead ,as well as for thousands of people using same Aadhaar number or invalid mobile phone number.

CAG report says, almost 7.5 lakh people in the scheme's beneficiary database were linked with a single cell phone number 9999999999. Almost 1.4 lakh were linked to the number 888888888, while

another 96,000 were linked another obviously bogus number. There were some similar cases of multiple beneficiaries being linked to a single Aadhaar number as well.

Other key issue exposed by the CAG included private hospital performing procedures reserved for public hospital, hospitals with pending penalties amounting to multiple crores of rupees fraudulent database errors and spending on ineligible beneficiaries, and more systemic issues such as shortage of infrastructure, equipment and doctors at empanelled hospitals, as well as cases of medical malpractice

According to the NHA database,27,649 hospitals have been empanelled across India for providing services under this scheme. An Empanelled Healthcare Provider has to fulfill criteria like the presence of round the clock support system required for services like pharmacy, blood bank, laboratory, dialysis unit, post-operative services ICU care

etc. However in Bihar. Andaman Nicobar Islands, Assam, Chandigarh, Gujrat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry, Tripura, and Utter Pradesh figured in this list of States where hospitals got empanelled and failed to serve the purpose.

The CAG report also said ,that patients earlier shown as "dead" continued to avail treatment under the scheme. The maximum number of such cases were in Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, and Madhya Pradesh. While as the minimum number of such cases were observed in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Assam, Chandigarh, Manipur and Sikkim.

The CAG also noted that penalties amounting to Rs 12.32 crore from 100 hospitals were pending in nine states, and that in Andhra Pradesh and Punjab private hospitals were performing procedures reserved for public hospitals

Meanwhile Health Ministry defended

the scheme and saying that mobile number did not play any role in the verification of scheme beneficiaries.

In a statement, the Health Ministry said that the scheme only used numbers to reach out to the beneficiaries in case of any need."AB-PMJAY identifies the beneficiary $\operatorname{through}$ Aadhaar Identification where the beneficiary undergoes the process of mandatory Aadhaar based e-KYC. The details fetched from the Aadhaar database are matched with the source database and accordingly, the request for Ayushmaan card is approved or rejected based on the beneficiary details", the Ministry said.

On the other side, opposition parties like Congress and AAP questioning the Centre over discrepancies in the database of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, which were highlighted in an audit report prepared by the CAG. Will there be any investigation into these discrepancies, asked opposition leader to government.

CJ hoists National Flag at Srinagar wing of High Court

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (JKL). Srinagar Wing or Tuesday celebrated 77th Independence Day was with full patriotic zeal and fervor here.

The celebrations commenced with the hoisting of National Flag by Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh who took salute at the March Past followed by the playing of the National Anthem and patriotic tunes by the Band. The event was also graced by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice



Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh hoisting Tricolour

Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary and Justice Rajesh Sekhri. Special DGP (CID), R. R. Swain Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Registrar General, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Registrar Vigilance, Director Judicial Academy, Registrar Rules, Registrar Judicial Srinagar Wing, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority, Registrar IT, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, Joint Registrar Judicial/Incharge Protocol Srinagar Wing, all other Judicial Officers of District Court Srinagar, Advocate General, Deputy Solicitor General of India, Senior Additional Advocate Generals, Additional Advocate Generals, Deputy Advocate Generals, Government Advocates and all the officers/ officials of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, were also present on the occasion.

J&K Bank celebrates Independence Day with fervour

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash hoists the national tricolour

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Amid the

Mahotsav festivities, J&K

Bank celebrated 76 years of the

nationwide Azadi Ka

country's independence with national fervour. MD & CEO Baldev Prakash hoisted the national Tricolour on 77th Independence Day here at the Bank's Corporate Headquarters in presence of General Managers, Deputy Managers, General Departmental Heads and other senior officers of the Bank. Colonel Ravi Kumar, Ex-serviceman & District Sainik Welfare Officer (Srinagar) Rashid War were the guests on the occasion. In line with the idea of developing Amrit vatika, MD & CEO Baldey Prakash along with senior management functionaries planted a sapling

protecting the country. As part of paying tribute to heroes of the nation under 'Veeron Ka Vandhan' theme, he also handed over Laptops, Tablets and Biometric Devices to the District Sainik Welfare

in the lawns of CHQ and dedi-

cated the plant as part of

Bank's salutations to the forces



MD & CEO Baldev Prakash planting a sapling at CHQ.

Officer (Srinagar) in the presence of Colonel Ravi Kumar. The gadgets were part of amenities provided by the Bank under its CSR Program to various Sainik Bhawans across J&K that takes care of the welfare of thousands of families of martyrs and ex-service men in J&K. After the flag-hoisting ceremony that concluded with the National Anthem, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash spoke about the importance of the Day. He also touched upon the Bank's legacy of 85 years admiring the vision of Shri Maharaja Hari Singh, he said, "Building upon the great legacy of financial empowerment that was heralded 85 years ago by the visionary Shri Maharaja

Hari Singh, today we are a proud family of over 12000 members, serving over 20 million customers across the country through more than 2500 business touch-points. Reiterating Bank's role in J&K, MD & CEO said that Bank we will continue to work towards saturation of self-employment in the UT by implementing its 'Swarozgar Utsav' campaign aggressively, wherein selfemployment opportunities will be provided to youth through a mix of our banking products and sponsored schemes in partnership with the Union and UT Governments while pursuing glory and prosperity as an incredible institution of the

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Newspapers Editors Guild (JNEG) celebrated 77th Independence Day and the Guild members unfurled the national flag at the premises of hotel Lemon Tree Jammu.

The Chairman JNEG Raj Daluja (Editor State Times), A K Sawhney (Chief Patron Journey Line) alongwith Ram Dubey Sr Vice President (Editor Kattu Satya), Vishal Chopra Joint Secretary/ Spokesperson (Editor Jammu Metro), Vinod Kumar (Editor Truly Times), Amit Sawhney (Editor Journey Line) amongst others participated in the func-

Raj Daluja and A K Sawhney congratulated all the citizens in general and the members of the Guild in par-

ticular on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day. Speaking on the occasion

Raj Daluja, Chairman JNEG said that the Guild is a national-spirited organisation of Editors fraternity of J&K and its all constituents are united on the issues related to national interest and are bound to fair reporting and promote whatever is in the national interest.

Paying rich tributes to the freedom fighters, Daluja said that the Nation owes gratitude to the great leaders who sacrificed their lives to secure freedom from foreign rule.

Speaking on the occasion. A K Sawhney President JNEG congratulated the people, participants on the occasion of 77th Independence Day, spoke about the need to rededicate ourselves to work

with sincerity and devotion to the welfare of society. Sawhney said that on this

important day we should take special pride in saluting our beloved Tricolor. He added on this beautiful occasion we need to recall with pride and gratification the great sacrifice of our freedom fighters, whose undving love for our beloved country secured us our freedom.

Sawhney further said that on this important day we should bow our head in memory of all those brave jawans and all our brave citizens who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of unity, integrity and progress of our great

On this occasion the national flag was unfurled and the national anthem was also sung by the members.

Justice Tashi Rabstan hoists National Flag at Jammu Wing of HC

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Independence Day was on Tuesday celebrated in Jammu Wing of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh wherein Justice Tashi Rabstan hoisted National Flag.

Justice Atul Sreedharan,

Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal were present on the occasion.

Besides, the Registrar Judicial, Jammu Wing, Jt. Registrar Judicial, other Registry officers, the officers/officials of the Jammu Wing of the High Court, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu, Government Advocates, Vikram Sharma, President, Bar Association Jammu along with Executive Members also participated

Advisor Bhatnagar hoists Tricolour; highlights developmental initiatives

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To mark the 77th Independence Day celebrations, Advisor to Lieutenant Rajeev Rai Governor, Bhatnagar hoisted the Tricolour at Maulana Azad (MA) Stadium here on Tuesday.

The Advisor inspected the parade and took salute of the marching contingents of Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indian Reserve Police (IRP), Jammu district police,

Jammu and Kashmir Armed (JKAP), Disaster Response (SDRF), Fire and Emergency Services, Forest Protection Force and Police and BSF Brass Bands marched past the chief guest. School students from various schools also marched past and presented patriotic and cultural performances.

In his Independence Day speech, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that Government of Jammu and Kashmir has unveiled an array of develop-



mental initiatives aimed at

all quality of life. The Advisor bolstering the region's underscored the pivotal role growth, prosperity and over- of tourism and heritage preservation in the region and said that the holding of G20 Tourism Working Group meet in the UT signifies a renewed focus on promoting the rich cultural tapestry and tourism potential of the region. Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that J&K has progressed immensely in the recent years and graduated from 'performers' to 'forerunners' category Sustainable Development Goals Index of India,

He highlighted that 350 health projects worth around

Also distributes prizes among winners of DIPR's contests Rs 7,000 crore are currently under construction and the AIIMS Jammu will be completed by end of 2023 while as AIIMS Kashmir will be completed by 2025, with an estimated cost of around 4,000 crore rupees each. He added that special emphasis is being placed on Mother and Child Health, with apparent phenomenal results in reducing Infant Mortality Rate, The Advisor underlined that seven new medical colleges have been established at a cost of Rs 1,595 crore while as 8

Nursing colleges are already operational and 2 (in Rajouri and Pulwama) are set to commence soon besides two cancer institutes are being made operational with an expenditure of Rs 212 crore.

On the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar also distributed prizes among the winners of various online contests conducted by Department of Information & Relations (DIPR).

Judges of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, Mayor, Jammu

Municipal Corporation, DDC Chairman Jammu, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha. Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha. State Election Commissioner, Deputy Mayor, JMC, Administrative Secretaries ofvarious Departments; ADGP Divisional Jammu, Commissioner Jammu. Commissioner Deputy Jammu, HoDs; PRI members, eminent citizens, locals and large number of students were also present on the occasion.