

36th Regional Advisory Committee meeting held

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JAMMU: Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development, Regional Directorate, Jammu on Thursday organized its 36th Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting, here.

The meeting was presided over by Chanan Singh Toor, Chairman, RAC, DTNBWED, Jammu & General Secretary, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh UT of J&K. In his address, he said that Board was renamed in 2016 to honour Late Dattopant Thengadi, who was an eminent Trade Union leader of India and a great visionary from whom Board takes inspiration and accordingly works for the welfare and development of workers across the country.

He also informed the gathering that Board has trained millions of workers since its inception on 16th



Chanan Singh Toor, Chairman, RAC, DTNBWED, Jammu and other at a meeting in Jammu.

September, 1958 and it will continue to play an important role by making workers aware about their rights under different labours laws and welfare schemes from Central and State Governments agencies in all the districts of UT States of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh.

Prior to the above a

healthy discussion was also held among all the RAC Members about better implementation of GoI's Workers Education Scheme in UT of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh.

The RAC Members who have attended the meeting include Chanan Singh Toor besides, Dr. Pankaj Kr. Rastogi, Regional Director

I/c, DTNBWED, Jammu, Dr. Rajinder Peshin Professor, Extension Education, SKUAST, Jammu, Ashok Choudhary, Org. Secretary, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, UT of J&K, Suresh Sharma, AITUC Representative, Lalit Mahajan, President, Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, Jammu, Ajay Langer, Vice President, Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, Jammu, MuzaffarWani, State Senior President, Centre of Indian Trade Unions UT of J&K, Jagdish Raj Sharma, Secretary, J&K State Committee, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Jammu, Ashok Gupta, Ex-Deputy Project Director UT of J&K, R. S. Jamwal, Ex-Regional Director, DTNBWED, Jammu, Rampaul Sharma, Vice President, Northern Railway Mens Union, Jammu, Dr. Kuldeep Sharma, Vice President, National Institute of Public Co-operation & child

Development, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt of India, and Jayant Prasad Behra, Asst. Welfare Commissioner, Office of the Welfare Commissioner (Central), Jammu.

Earlier on the day, Dr. Pankaj Kr. Rastogi, Member Secretary & Regional Director I/c, DTNBWED, Jammu welcomed the Chairman & all the Members of Regional Advisory Committee & then he also presented a brief presentation about the activities of DTNBWED, Jammu.

All the members present in the meeting appreciated the working of Dr. Pankaj Rastogi, Regional Director IC, DTNBWED, Jammu who is working with full dedication, devotion & determination for the benefits of working class in UT States of Jammu, Kashmir &Ladhak since his joining.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Pankaj Rastogi.

Thursday Mind Meet held at CUJ



CUJ faculty and students during a Thursday Mind Meet.

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JAMMU: The weekly Thursday Mind Meet Forum created in the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) to ignite passion for learning and to foster creative and critical abilities by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain was held in the university campus.

The topic of Thursday Mind Meet was 'Professional Research Career-Challenges and Opportunities' and Prof. H.K. Sardana Director IIIT Raichur was the Key Speaker of the panel.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sardana highlighted the

significance of experiment, interpretation of data which is a major challenge for the researchers. He also focused on the different aspects of research like components of experimental designing, research designing and others.

Prof. Vandana Sharma, Convener of Thursday Mind Meet, Prof. Devanand Co-Convener and Dean, School of Basic and Applied Science, Dr. Swarkar Sharma, Head Department of Molecular Biology, Dr. Praveen Associate Professor Department of Nanoscience and Materials participated in

the discussion as panellist.

Despite these panellists Dr. Khushboo Yadava N-PDF, Department of Nanoscience and Materials and Gaurav Awasthi, Ph.D Scholar Department of Nanoscience and Materials were also a part of the discussion panel.

Prof. Devanand addressed the researchers to focus on new or innovative ideas in place of extension of some others work with some modifications.

The session was concluded by Prof. Vinay Kumar, Head Department of Nanoscience and Materials by giving vote of thanks.

Ambulance provided by MP to Shastri Nagar Cremation Ground without RC, Insurance lying idle for 6 months: Balvinder

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JAMMU: Balvinder Singh, Chairman Cremation Ground Shastri Nagar Jammu stated that Jugal Kishore Member Parliament Jammu Poonch Parliamentary Constituency, who donated an Ambulance for Cremation Ground Shastri Nagar without Registration Certificate (RC) and Insurance, is lying idle for the last 6 months.

Balvinder Singh asked CMO Jammu from whom the delivery was taken, about the RC and

insurance who said that registration costs 9 per cent of the cost of vehicle. Upon this the MP Jugal Kishore was contacted who said that why the amount of Registration and Insurance was not included in their original demand by the Department of Motor Garrages.

Balvinder also contacted DC Jammu and explained the whole story. The DC assured that she will try her best to sort out the issue so that the vehicle is put to use.

Party delegation led by Rathore meets Bukhari to discuss issues related to youth

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SRINAGAR: A team led by Provincial President Youth Wing Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party Khalid Rathore on Thursday met Party Chief Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari to discuss various issues related to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The team members besides Rathore included; Provincial Secretary Youth Wing Inuran Bhat, Provincial Secretary Youth Wing Manzoor Ahmad

Ganie, Provincial Convener Youth Wing Shoaib Dar, District President Pulwama Youth Wing Tajjalah Ahmad, District President Ganderbal Youth Wing Tashooq Ahmad, District President Kulgam Youth Wing Riyaz Ahmad, District President Baramulla Youth Wing Irfan Ahmad, District Vice President Youth Wing Srinagar Muzaffar Ahmad and Senior Youth Leader Budgam Basair Khanday.

The team members appraised the Party Chief Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari about the various impending issues related to youth.

During the meeting, it was decided to take certain measures at the party level in order to highlight some pressing issues related to the youth in Jammu and Kashmir. Party's General Secretary Rafi Ahmad Mir was also present on the occasion.

Jammu Sahodaya workshop on 'Competency-based learning' hosted by BOMIS Jammu

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JAMMU: A Skill Development Workshop on Competency-Based Learning & Goal Setting was conducted at Birla Open Minds International School (BOMIS) Jammu under the aegis of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex, Jammu to empower educators and Students.

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, it is crucial to equip teachers and students with the necessary skills to adapt to the demands of the 21st century. Competency-based learning and goal setting are two powerful tools that promote a student-centered approach, fostering individual growth, intrinsic motivation, and higher achievement. This workshop aimed to empower educators and students alike by providing practical strategies and insights into these essential practices.

Sandeep Sethi, Former



BOMIS Jammu faculty presenting memento to Sandeep Sethi, Former Director Academics, CBSE, New Delhi and Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK Public School Kunjwani.

Director Academics, CBSE, New Delhi, was the resource person who conducted this workshop. Rajesh Rathore Principal JK Public School Kunjwani and President of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex Jammu; Randeep Wazir, Principal IDPS Jammu and Joint Secretary JSSC, Rohini Aima, Principal Jammu

Sanskriti School Jammu were also present on the said occasion.

This skill development workshop offered an invaluable opportunity for teachers and students to enhance their understanding and implementation of competency-based learning and goal setting practices. By embracing a student-centered approach, partici-

pants will be equipped to unlock the potential of every individual, fostering a lifelong love for learning, and preparing students for success in the 21st century.

The welcome speech was given by the school Principal Aparana Kohli who enlightened the audience with her thoughts on the topic. Her speech was followed by the address of

Rajesh Rathore, Principal JKPS Kunjwani & President, Jammu Sahodaya. He also highlighted the importance of Competency-based learning and encouraged the students and the teachers to follow the goals.

Its main objectives were to familiarize participants with the concept of competency-based learning, provide practical guidance on designing competency-based curriculum and assessments, explore effective strategies for goal setting and tracking progress, foster a collaborative environment to share experiences and best practices and to equip participants with tools and resources to implement competency-based learning and goal setting in their educational setting.

Nexa Hyderpora launches Maruti Suzuki's INVICTO

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SRINAGAR: Unleashing a new era of Luxury, Nexa Hyderpora (Jamkash Vehicleleades Kashmir Pvt. Ltd.) launched Maruti Suzuki's INVICTO, a premium three row UV with the bold impressions of an SUV. The chief guest on the occasion was Riaz Ahmad Wani (Assistant General Manager/Marketing Head J&K Bank). CEO Jamkash Vehicleleades Kashmir Pvt Ltd, Aawan Ahmad Narwaroo, Erfaan Gul (General Manager Nexa) and the dignitaries from State Bank of India, Mahindra Finance, HDFC Bank, Cholamandulam Finance and J&K Bank were also present.

Managing Director of Jamkash Vehicleleades (Kashmir) Pvt. Ltd., Irfan Ahmad Narwaroo unveiled the car virtually while senior management of Jamkash Vehicleleades Kashmir were present during the occasion.

Narwaroo said that with its SUV-like character, the new INVICTO delivers a combination of premium design, intelligent packaging, and an abundance of safety features and



MD Jamkash Vehicleleades (Kashmir) Pvt. Ltd., Irfan Ahmad Narwaroo virtually unveiling the INVICTO in presence of other officials.

innovation. With its revolutionary Intelligent Electric Hybrid System. The INVICTO's impeccable craftsmanship and versatility will indeed set a new benchmark.

The strong presence is further amplified by its striking front fascia featuring distinctive NEXA signature elements including the NEXWave front grille with a sweeping cross bar that seamlessly connects the twin LED headlamps, which are integrated with NEXTre' LED DRLs. Further, the

NEXTre' LED tail lamps in the rear make a bold statement of NEXA's design identity. The commanding road presence and the SUV-inspired stance is enhanced by its squared wheel arches housing 43.18cm (17-inch) precision cut alloy wheels. INVICTO features the revolutionary 'Intelligent Electric Hybrid' system with a 2.0L engine coupled with an e-CVT transmission. The instant torque from the self-charging Intelligent Electric Hybrid system offers superior responsive-

ness and acceleration while delivering an exceptional fuel-efficiency of 23.24km/l*.

INVICTO prioritizes customer safety by incorporating a comprehensive range of active and passive safety features as part of the NEXA Safety Shield.

6 Airbags as standard, Suzuki Connect, Front and Rear Disc brakes, Electronic Parking Brake with Auto Hold, ABS with EBD, 360 view camera & Tyre pressure monitoring system.

Sadhotra pays obeisance at Bhagwan Shiv Mandir Karwanda, prays for universal peace

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JAMMU: Senior National Conference leader and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Thursday paid obeisance at Bhagwan Shiv Mandir Karwanda and prayed for universal peace, brotherhood and amity, the core of Sanatan Dharma.

Speaking to devotees, who had assembled in large number to offer special Pujas during the ongoing Shravan Month, Sadhotra said devotion to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati brings peace and leads society to highest pinnacles of spiritual bliss. Sadhotra exhorted people to imbibe the spirit of humanism, which is core of every religion, saying this will guide society to overcome hate, animosity and bitterness that is pivotal for making this world a better place to live in.

He said the glorious heritage and legacy of our Country



Senior Leader National Conference and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra seeking blessings from Bhagwan Shiv Ji and Sangat at Shiv Bhagwan Temple of Pt. Ajay Sharma at Karwanda.

has to be sustained, strengthened and bequeathed to the posterity by spreading the divine message of love, compassion and righteousness.

He also urged the devotees, present in the congregation, to spread the message of love, peace and

compassion, which, he said is imperative for national integration and promoting inclusiveness across the country and in Jammu and Kashmir. He hoped that everyone will play a role towards growth of classless society based on social justice.

He also called for promoting and sustaining the spirit of togetherness, saying the need for this has never been so important ever before than now when the society is gripped by hate, anger and tension. To overcome all these negative energies, one should submit before the Almighty and work for promoting the spirit of brotherhood. Pandit Sonu Sharma Shastri also addressed the congregation and emphasized upon the devotees to seek blessings of Bholenath and Maa Parvati, for peace and prosperity.

Other present on the occasion included Chander Mohan Sharma, Pt Rakesh Sharma, Ghar Singh Corporator, Ch Subash Chander, Gourav Jamwal, Pt Sat Pal Sharma.

Around 6 centuries back there were only Hindus in Kashmir; Kavinder endorses Azad's statement Mehbooba's allegations all lies; result of frustration, losing relevance

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister; Kavinder Gupta on Thursday said that the timeline given by former J&K Chief Minister and DPAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad about the inception of Islam in India is true to the hilt as this religion was introduced in the sub-continent around 1500 years ago as aboriginals used to practice Hinduism before advent of invaders who brought in other religions.

The BJP stalwart leader cited the statement made by Azad in Doda's Chiralla area that before the invasion of the country by people of different religions, there prevailed only Hinduism, which is the oldest religion known in the history.

Kavinder, endorsing Azad, said that unveiling the history of Kashmir would also tell that not more than 600 years ago, there was no Muslim in



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta starting development work.

Kashmir as all used to be Hindus. He said that it was invaders, who converted aboriginals to Islam and those who refused were killed brutally. He cited the case of ninth Guru of Sikhs, who was martyred for shouldering the cause of Kashmiri Hindus, who approached to save them from the wrath of Mughal rulers.

The senior BJP leader asserted that almost all the Muslims living across J&K are

all offspring of Hindus as also endorsed by NC Patron Dr Farooq Abdullah on many occasions. He however made a point that certain political entities are misusing the situation to divide the society for political gains creating fissures among the people.

He asked the people to remain cautious against such entities as there is no basis for division of society because all belonged to same society with

same ancestors.

Meanwhile, responding to a question raised by a scribe over allegation of PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti that India's situation has worsened and it is standing along with Pakistan and Syria, the BJP leader said that India is making unprecedented progress and soon it will become third top economy of the world rather the situation of Mehbooba is in tatters because those who used to support her including Hurriyat and Jamaat are nowhere and she has lost relevance in politics because the party in the centre has stopped giving importance to her tantrums, which the successive governments used to give.

Kavinder said that whatever Mehbooba is saying or doing is out of frustration and desperation to regain the lost ground which is next to impossible because the PM Modi-led government could not be black-

mailed like the previous governments in the centre. He said that whatever Mehbooba is saying about the government's failure in bringing peace are all lies as people are there to judge the situation and they are all convinced looking into the ground situation that peace and progress are the new norm in the Valley.

"No one cares anymore about what Mehbooba wants to say as every Kashmiri knows well that she wants to spread bogus narratives which suit her party and her career prospects and not the common Kashmiri", he maintained.

Kavinder was speaking after inaugurating development works here at Ward No 68 of Greater Kailash's Langer area. The Lain and drain works worth Rs 1 crore were started besides in Ward No 1 in Cantonment area, work on Bathing Ghat worth Rs 12 lakh was started.