

Billawaria chairs 20th 'Housing for All' Standing Committee meet

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria chaired the 20th "Housing for All" Standing Committee meeting here, on Saturday.
The Deputy Mayor Jammu was accompanied by "Housing For All" committee members Suriender Sharma, Suneet Raina, Sharda Devi.
At the meeting, the committee discussed Allotment of Land to genuine beneficiaries without land ownership & payment issues of Housing for All Scheme, the progress of beneficiaries' homes, and the new household beneficiaries who have applied for the scheme.
Billawaria raised serious questions about the non-release of installments to the beneficiaries, and new



By Mayor, B.S. Billawaria chairing 20th "Housing for All" Standing Committee meeting.

cases still waiting to submit their cases.
Billawaria emphasized that this initiative underscores the administration's commitment to providing shelter and basic amenities to every citizen, ensuring equitable growth and development across the region.
Billawaria also urged the public to actively participate in and support this noble endeavour, contributing to the realization of a prosperous and harmonious society.
In conclusion, the committee noted that it will continue to take necessary action to ensure that all scheme is successful and to ensure that everyone who is eligible for the scheme is served in an equitable manner.
Billawaria revealed plans for a collaborative effort in addressing the housing needs of beneficiaries under the "Housing for All" scheme.
A joint venture program will be initiated to expedite the provision of housing

ing to those in need.
He directed the Managing Director of JK Housing Board to coordinate and schedule a feasible date and time for the program, ensuring that housing opportunities are extended to the maximum number of eligible individuals.
Billawaria issued directives to the concerned officers of JMC to ensure the timely and efficient removal of garbage from the vicinity of the Preet Nagar CRPF unit, located near the petrol pump.
Billawaria acknowledged the significance of preserving and enhancing the environment.
He instructed the Vice Chairman of Jammu Development Authority (JDA) to take necessary actions to improve the environmental conditions of the Belicharana land in Jammu.

PM Modi initiatives improved women's overall health: Rekha



BJP District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan after inaugurating Public AYUSH awareness and promotion cum Medical Health Checkup Camp.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, inaugurated Public AYUSH awareness and promotion cum Medical Health Checkup Camp for women in collaboration with Directorate of Ayush, J&K, "Har Ghar Ayush" at Belicharana area of Gandhi Nagar Mandal, Bahu Assembly Constituency in District Jammu South.
The camp was organized by Mahila Morcha District Jammu South President Divya Jain, the Morcha team, and the Mandal team under the Mahila Outreach Programme starting from August 26 to September 5. Rekha Mahajan accompanied by Narinder Koki District Vice President, District Secretary, Prabhari Mahila Morcha Amit Sharma, District Secretary Purni Choudhary, Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, General Secretary Suraj Raina, Meetu Sharma, Susheela Sharma, Amrica Devi, Anita Shan, Daler devi, Shivali and others were present on the occasion. Rekha Mahajan underscored under the charismatic leadership of PM Narendra Modi women's overall health improved and the benefits of Ayurveda in building immunity and urged people to "have a look" at AYUSH Ministry's initiatives.
Rekha also hails the efforts of the Ayush department which has taken proactive steps in this regard and has planned for various activities on this day by providing free Ayurvedic health care services for the patients especially women of diabetes by organizing health check-up camps, public lectures for creating awareness in public regarding diabetes, etc.

Success story of Chandrayaan-3 celebrated at Botany Department JU



Former VC JU, Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar posing with students and JU faculty.

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JAMMU: The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon made the entire nation's heart swell in pride and patriotism.
Following the tune, the Department of Botany, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the local chapter of National Academy of Sciences India, (NASI) Allahabad, celebrated this momentous occasion along with students and research scholars.
The historical perspective of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Government of India, was presented by Harnish Kour, while Maithili Manhas enthralled the audience with a visual documentary of ISRO, explaining the various aspects of the Lunar mission. The team, consisting of more than 54 women scientists, proved the equal contribution of both men and women scientists in the Chandrayaan-3 mission, a grand success as narrated by Garima Verma.
A poem by Lavanaya Abrol portrayed the hard work and aspirations of ISRO which led to the success of this mission. All the students of MSc II semester sang patriotic songs in Hindi and Dogri, while chanting Bharat Mata Ki Jai. Proceedings of the event were conducted by Janbi Sharma and Azhar.
Earlier, Prof. Veenu Kaul, Head, Department of Botany welcomed the Chief Guest of the event, Prof. R.N. Gohil, former Head and presently Secretary of the local chapter of NASI and

Guest of Honour, Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Director, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu.
Prof. Kaul spoke about the significance of the lunar mission and importance of its successful landing in terms of scientific and technological breakthroughs at the world level. Prof. R.N. Gohil shared his experience of scientific progress made by the nation over the last few decades.
Prominent among those who attended the event included Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Susheel Verma, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Sikander Pal, Dr. Skarma Nanzom Dr. Romica, Dr. Sajjan, Dr. Sapna and Mr. Abhishek along with Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Dr. Madhulika, Dr. Aniket, etc from sister Departments of Life Sciences.

IIM Jammu to host G20 University Connect Session on August 28

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu will be hosting the G20 University Connect Session-Engaging Young Minds as part of the Lecture Series on August 28, 2023 at IIM Jammu Jagti Campus.
This is an initiative of Research and Innovation System (RIS) for Developing Countries and Ministry of External Affairs (MoEA) which is being organized across the country. The purpose of the University connect is to foster insightful discussions on global economic challenges and opportunities while facilitating a fruitful exchange of knowledge to guide the national youth.
The event is expected to bring together distinguished personalities from various fields to discuss the themes, opportuni-

ties, and goals of India's G20 Presidency.
The Institute is also organizing events in the form of Debate Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Poster making competition, all of which is aimed at engaging the youth in activities surrounding the upcoming G20 University Connect. The University Connect Session will begin with the premier of the official G20 Presidency 2023 video announcing the Indian Presidency. The event will be graced with the presence of some esteemed speakers, who will enlighten the students with their views on the Indian presidency of the G20 nations. The programme will feature a Special Lecture on G20 Indian Presidency by Ambassador J.K. Tripathi, Former Ambassador, Ministry of External Affairs, India moderated by Dr. Sneha Sinha, RIS, New Delhi. The IIM Jammu G20 University connect will feature a welcome address by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and address about the programme by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu.
A panel of diverse experts, featuring Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu, Prof. Anurag Mishra, IIT Jammu, Prof. R.K. Samotra, Director Research, SKUAST Jammu to be moderated by Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, will be engaging in thoughtful discussions regarding the participation of youthful minds in the G20 Presidency and its broader implications.
Dr. Bijooy Rakshit, Co-Chairperson, Corporate Communication and Program Co-ordinator, IIM Jammu will be facilitating a comprehensive report on pre-event activities and will be distributing certificates on this occasion. Dr. Archana Sharma, Chairperson, EMBA will be delivering the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the day's events, recognizing the collective effort that led to the successful implementation of the programme.

ICCR holds Kashmiri Folk Music concert under "Horizon Series"



Rajesh Kumar, Director ICCR and Regional Passport Officer, Jammu and others at a programme.

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JAMMU: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Regional Office, Jammu conducted Kashmiri Folk Music programme on Saturday under "Horizon Series" in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) at K.L. Saigal Hall, here.
Rajesh Kumar, Director ICCR and Regional Passport Officer, Jammu and Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, JKAACL were present besides other dignitaries.
ICCR's empanelled artist Abdul Hamid Bhat, from Kashmir valley alongwith his team was invited for exclusive performance.
While welcoming the guests and audience present in the hall, Rajesh Kumar, conveyed the importance of cultural wing of MEA that plays crucial role to enhance India's soft diplomatic power worldwide and boost India's skills of cultural diplomacy as well as to

bring the whole nation closer through cultural and educational initiatives/exchanges.
Today's programme was based on the Rabab or Rubab, one of the oldest musical instruments in Kashmir, it is believed that this traditional music was invented by Afghanistan and later made its way to India. It is commonly used to create all forms of music in Kashmir.
The Kashmiri folk songs played today on the Rabab were "Bhambroo Bhambroo", "Ae Mere Zohra Jabeen" and others.
The artists who performed were Abdul Hamid Bhat & Ishfaq Hamid Bhat, Rabab Instrumentalists Joginder Pal on tabla, Vijay Anand, Dholki. The programme was arranged by Reena Slathia, Cultural Officer, ICCR Regional office Jammu & anchored by Rajni. The vote of thanks was presented by Rajesh Kumar.

Comprehensive arrangements made for Digital Week celebration in Rajouri



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: To further strengthen the digital system of working and foster efficient service delivery, District Administration Rajouri is going to organise varied activities during t upcoming Digital Week.
In this regard, Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting of key officers to solidify the arrangements for the highly anticipated Digital Week celebrations. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Programme Officer ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Sheraz Chowhan and other eminent officers.
Set to commence on August 31, 2023, the Digital Week festivities are poised to be a groundbreaking event aimed at championing online services and digital innovations across all the departments.
The overarching goal of this event is to fortify accessibility, amplify efficiency, and augment convenience for the citizens through the judicious utilization of digital technology.
During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal underscored the paramount significance of meticulous preparation to ensure the triumphant execution of the forthcoming Digital Week celebrations.
Directing the participating departments to actively advocate for their online services, Kundal emphasized the necessity of sensitizing the public to the diverse digital initiatives at their disposal.
He said that the forthcoming Digital Week celebrations shall serve as a cornerstone in the journey towards establishing Rajouri District as a bastion of digital empowerment. This would, in turn, facilitate streamlined service delivery mechanisms while concurrently nurturing a culture of transparency in governance.

remained unattended under the BJP regime.
He said during last four and half years of him being representative of the ward he has executed developmental works crores of rupees in Ward 3 and always assured transparency and quality of works which is evident from the fact that not even an allegation of corruption or malpractice is leveled against him.
The prominent people present included Jammu district BJP president Parmood Kapahi, East Mandal President Parveen Korni, Sarooj Gupta, Anuradha Sharma, Sanjay Abrol Booth president.
Narotam Sharma, Councillor Ward 3 Old city Jammu, on Saturday inaugurated developmental works amounting Rs 27 lakh in his ward.
While laying foundation stone of lanes and drains works in Durga Chowk, Lower Mast Garh area in presence of prominent workers and leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party besides local residents of the area, Narotam assured the people that all genuine demands of the people regarding construction of lanes, drains and water pipes shall be taken up in due time and no corner of the old city Jammu would



Narotam Sharma, Councillor Ward 3 inaugurating developmental works.

KCPS Entrepreneurs Club hosts inspiring talk

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JAMMU: KCPS Entrepreneurs Club organised an insightful talk by Shubham Dogra, a distinguished freelance artist and art educator. The event aimed at motivating aspiring entrepreneurs with Shubham's remarkable journey of success in the creative industry.
Shubham is the founder of the renowned Artist Shubham Dogra Academy. His online art school offers a comprehensive platform for individuals interested in exploring various forms of Fine Arts.
The academy with a dedicated website and mobile app caters to a diverse audience, making art education accessible to all.
With an impressive subscriber base of over 2 million, Shubham is not only an



Shubham Dogra, a freelance artist posing with faculty and students of KCPS.

accomplished artist but also an influential art content creator.
The entrepreneurship talk served as an avenue for participants to gain insights into and knowledge about essential skills required for success in their future ventures. This interaction included discussions on creativity, entrepreneurship, artistic skills, online presence and effective strategies to navigate the challenges of starting and growing a business.
Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhury, MD Arti Chowdhary, Principal A K Mishra, and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey lauded the Club for taking the initiative and praised KCPS students for their enthusiastic participation.

Young Syrah in U-11, U-15 girls Jammu TT final

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JAMMU: Syrah Dewan on Saturday sailed into under-11 and under-15 year girls final of the District Jammu Table Tennis Championship underway at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here.
Taking the centre stage by storm, Syrah, the youngest participant in the championships sailed qualified for finals in two age groups. In the under-11 year category, Syrah outclassed Ridhimee 3-1 in the semifinals contest whereas the under-15 semifinal contest, Syrah defeated sister Myrah.
Now, Syrah shall meet Eleena in the under-11 final. Earlier, Eleena cruised her way into the under 11-girls final defeating Bhavin 3-1. Similarly, in under-11 boys, what will be a repeat of last year's final, Samar will take on Saiyam for the title.
Today's matches were officiated by Meenu Rajesh and Asad Sharma.
A Table Tennis match in progress at Jammu.

DPS Udhampur organizes Inter House Roller Skating Competition



Participating students posing for photograph with faculty members of DPS Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Inter house Skating Competition was organized at Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur. Students from classes 6 to 8 participated in the competition. Nearly 120 skaters displayed their talent.
Rig Veda House emerged as an overall champion. Nakul of class 7 D and Arav Pratap Singh of class 8 B from Rig Veda secured first position, second position was bagged by Atharv Sardalia of class 7 C from Sam Veda House. Third position was bagged by Madhvaan Sharma of class 7 B from Atharva Veda House.
Pro Vice Chairman, Dr. J.C Gupta was the Chief Guest, who congratulated the winners and their coach Udhay Singh for training the students well.
Principal, Dr. Kunal Anand enlightened the DPITES about how skating contributes towards their cardiovascular fitness, along with courage & grit. Bhanvi Sharma Sr HM of the school and Sangeeta Nargota Chief Coordinator were also present on the occasion.