

Bukhari engages with party colleagues to outline strategy for upcoming Panchayat, ULB Polls

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
URI: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari arrived in Uri on Monday for a three-day visit to his native constituency.

He inaugurated the party office in the Uranbuva Boniyar area of the border town and conducted an important meeting with party leaders and workers.

The discussions in the meeting revolved around certain party affairs and matters related to the forthcoming Urban Local



Apni Party President S.M.A. Bukhari interacting with party workers.

Bodies (ULBs) and Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Bukhari also met with political workers and leaders interested in joining the Apni Party. He apprised them of the party's progressive agenda and policies that are centered around the welfare of the populace.

"We will prioritize infrastructural development and the horticulture industry, considering the region's potential for growing pears and walnuts extensively," he added.

Bukhari advised party cadres to intensify their political activities and public outreach to maintain grassroots-level engagement.

He stated, "In anticipation of the upcoming ULB and Panchayat elections, it is necessary for you to proactively prepare people for their participation in the democratic process. Staying closely connected with the masses will also aid in raising awareness about the party's pro-people agenda and policies."

Congress will become number one party in J&K in upcoming elections: Bhalla

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Congress Party worked for decades to foster social tranquility, brotherhood by uniting people in tried to make people submit to the nation. The top leadership of the party has been trying to provide opportunities to people of all hues, communities and beliefs without any discrimination. This was stated by JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla while addressing hundreds of new entrants who joined Congress under the leadership of well known social and political figure

Maggar Singh in Ward-45 Digiana.

Welcoming the new entrants into Congress family, Bhalla congratulated them over joining Congress saying that it is the Congress Party alone which has served the people to the best of their ability, as that the Party feels duty bound to the wellbeing of the people in J&K.

He said Congress Party has always taken care of urges and aspiration of every section of the State and it will continue to safeguard their interests.

He said everyday people

from every district of Jammu and Kashmir are joining our party. It is a good thing.

"Congress will become number one party in J&K in the upcoming elections. Winds of change are sweeping through J&K. In a big boost to the Congress party's prospects, more and more people are aligning with us to take the message of love and prosperity forward. This is evidence that the voice of the people of the state is in favour of the Congress and that our march is on the right track, towards power," Bhalla said.

Many join DPAP at Jammu



Gourav Chopra, District President Jammu Urban DPAP welcoming newly joined members.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Monday organised a meeting at Ward 32, Bhagwati Nagar, here. Gourav Chopra, District

President Jammu Urban and Ashok Bhagat District President Jammu Rural were present on the occasion. They welcomed many people of ward, who joined the party.

Gourav Chopra said that Chairman DPAP and former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad is the only hope of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that JPDCL have installed smart meters and people are getting hefty bills due to these faulty meters while the government stopped handicapped, widow and old age pensions, which is great injustice with poor masses.

Those who joined DPAP were Girdhari Lal, Mohan Lal, Pala Ram Angral, Hari Krishan, Joginder Singh, Pritam Chand, Manohar Lal, Pushpa Devi, Sharadha Devi and Uttar Kour.

Anil Kohli, Vice President Jammu Urban, Ravinder Sharma and Ajay Bhagat were also present.

Srinagar to face Baramulla in Major Dhyan Chand Hockey final

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Srinagar shall meet Baramulla in the final of the ongoing divisional level (Kashmir) Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Tournament, organised by Indian Army in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the aegis of Hockey J&K at Hockey Stadium Polo View, here on tomorrow at 6:00 PM.

Earlier in semifinals matches played on Monday, Baramulla beat Anantnag by 4-1 and Srinagar trounced Kupwara by 2-1.

For Baramulla, Hardeep Singh scored two goals while Gurpreet Singh (07) and Gurpreet Singh (12) scored one goal each while Sameer scored a lone goal for Anantnag. Shahid from Baramulla was declared as



Chief Guest presenting Man of the Match to a player at Srinagar.

Man of the Match of the first semifinal while Pawan Singh (Goalkeeper) from Srinagar was adjudged the Man of the Match of second semifinal.

In first match, Col. Anil Kumar Mor was the Chief Guest where Naushad

(Director Bureau Civil Aviation Security Srinagar) was the Chief Guest in second match.

Others present were P.B.S Lamba (GOC), Lt. Col P.S Chavan, Lt. Col Keerti Kumar, Major Indermest Singh, Malik

(ICICI Bank), Ashish Pandotra Regional Head Govt. and Institutional Banking ICICI Bank Ltd, Jameel Mustafa (Senior Vice President Hockey J&K), Gurdeep Singh Sangral, Randeep Singh (Vice-President Hockey

J&K), Sameer Ahmed Najar (Executive member Hockey J&K), Avtar Singh Bakshi, Rafiq Munshi (Executive member Hockey J&K), G.S Bakshi, Gurmeet Singh (Executive member Hockey J&K), Talib Hussain, Ranbir Singh, Manjeet Singh, Vinod Singh and Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (General Secretary Hockey J&K).

Today's matches were officiated by Ranjit Singh, Karanjit Singh, Iqbal Singh and Gurjit Singh. Charanjit Singh acted as Match observer while Gurjit Singh, Iqbal Singh and Ali Mohd maintained Technical table.

Reserve officials include Karanjit Singh, Balbir Singh, Mohd Hussain, Hardeep Singh and Adil Ashraf.

Water Sports activities organised in Dal Lake to mark celebrations

Sarmad Hafeez flags off Kayaking, Canoeing events

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) organized a series of exhilarating sports activities this past week across the union territory of J&K, driving everyone to the festivities and embrace the spirit of healthy sports competitions.

On the penultimate day of the National Sports Day Week celebrations, JKSC's Water Sports Centre organized multiple events in scintillating waters of Dal Lake.

Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez flagged off marathon events in Kayaking and Canoeing at the Water Sports centre.

Director YSS, Subash C. Chibber; Secretary, JKSC, Nuzhat Gull; Divisional Sports Officer, Muzaffar Hussain Wani; Director of Water Sports Centre, Bilquis Mir and other officers of the



YSS department were also present on the occasion.

More than a hundred participants from Water Sports Centre and Khelo India Water Sports Centre of Excellence participated in the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarmad Hafeez stressed for the active participation of youth in sports activities for the holistic development of the youth. He added that water sports activities offer thrilling and refreshing escape from the daily grind and the rush of adrenaline

combined with the serene beauty of the Dal Lake is an unforgettable experience for anyone taking to the paddle.

"I am sure there are many who are desperate to grab the gear and dive into the excitement that water sports have to offer and I can assure all those enthusiasts that the Sports department shall provide an opportunity to all of them, enabling the realization of their potential", the Secretary remarked.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary JKSC said that

National Sports Day week is a time to celebrate power of sports and countless benefits they bring to individuals and communities. "From promoting physical fitness to fostering teamwork and discipline, sports have a profound impact on our lives, adding that during this special week we all came together to honour our sporting heroes, encourage active participation to inspire the next generation of athletes", she said.

She further said, "Let's unite, celebrate, and make

this National Sports Day memorable and impactful."

During the celebrations, the participants had drawn lot of crowds to the Dal Lake. Pertinently, many sporting events were organized in the union territory during this week to pay glowing tributes to the sporting hero and Hockey legend, Major Dhyan Chand.

Meanwhile, the grand final of the Hockey League being organized at Astro turf Polo ground Srinagar shall be played tomorrow.

JU unveils various missions of Chandrayaan through Photo gallery

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Office of Dean Research Studies, in association with Department of Physics, University of Jammu, on Monday organized a Photo/Poster Gallery of all the three missions of Chandrayaan under the theme "Chandrayaan Yatra".

This event was organized to celebrate the successful landing of the Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Umesh Rai, VC JU while lauding the entire team behind this achievement, emphasized the significance of this achievement in pushing the boundaries of exploration and knowledge, marking a new era for India's space endeavours.

He further said the University of Jammu is going to collaborate with ISRO in the area of extensive research and in this regard, ISRO has given their



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai visiting Photo/Poster Gallery of all three missions of Chandrayaan.

consent and allowed students to visit their work stations.

Prof. Rajni Kant, Dean Research Studies, JU said that the purpose of this photo-gallery was to provide an opportunity to the students and the members of the civil society to understand through photos/posters about various aspects of various missions being organized by the ISRO.

He further said that the

photo/poster gallery shall remain open for two days.

Among others, Prof Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Director, DDOE, Prof Meena Sharma, Dean Planning, Deans of various faculties, Prof. Naresh Padha, Heads of Departments, Staff of Physics Department, Officers, members of the civil society, scholars and students were also present on the occasion.

JU's Commerce Deptt organises lecture on GST

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In continuation with previous three lectures, an Expert Lecture on GST (Goods and Services Tax) was organised by Department of Commerce, University of Jammu on Monday during Industry Academia Linkage Series for the students of M.Com.

Speaker for the session was Sachin Gupta, State Taxes Officer (IT, DA & EI), Jammu. Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Head of the Department,

felicitated Sachin Gupta with the planter as memento. The coordinator for the lecture was Dr. Vishal Gupta.

Sachin Gupta gave a profound view of GST which is considered as a major reform in the Indian Taxation System. He discussed at length the challenge to the implementation of GST in the current economic scenario of the country.

He explicated the salient features of GST, such as it

being a destination based taxation scheme, with a holistic view, embracing pros and cons of each. Taking real life situations as examples, he explained the problems related to the collection of GST from various traders.

He simplified the multifarious procedure proposed under GST and explained it sequentially to the audience.

The Lecture was inspirational for the students and it ended up with question and answer session.

NGO, BPCL unite to prioritize health of Construction Workers, Staff

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a concerted effort towards social welfare, NGO SUPPORT and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) recently orchestrated a Medical Health Check-Up Camp, in collaboration with the Common User Facility (CUF) constructed by BPCL.

The event, tailored for the betterment of Construction Site Workers and BPCL Staff, marked a pivotal stride in addressing the healthcare needs of these



NGO SUPPORT and BPCL members an doctors at a medical lamp.

often underserved individuals.

Dr. Navneet Kour, the

driving force behind the camp and the founder Chairperson of NGO SUP-

PORT, emphasized the fundamental role of awareness and care. The initiative aimed not only to offer medical check-ups encompassing oral dental health and eye care but also to raise awareness about hygiene and cleanliness practices.

Dr. Kour underscored the sincerity required in such undertakings, shedding light on the pressing health challenges that workers and staff face at construction sites. These individuals often grapple with limited access to quality healthcare

due to cost constraints and inadequate medical facilities.

Dr. Kour's call for respectful and nondiscriminatory treatment reflects the essence of the camp's approach.

The collaboration between NGO SUPPORT and BPCL showcased a shared commitment to social responsibility. Adeep Mehta, Chairman of North Rotary International, graced the event as the Guest of Honor, further underlining the significance of this collective endeavor.

BSF XI wins Handball event on Sports Day



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Border Security Force (BSF) Jammu Frontier clinched the thriller 30-29 against Arun Sharma Sports Club in the invitational Handball match which was organised by Arun Sports and Social Welfare Trust in association with Kreedha Bharati J&K to celebrate the National Sports Day at S D Sabha ground, here on Monday.

National joint secretary of Kreedha Bharati, Madhumay Nath was chief guest in the special event. On a three-day visit to J&K, Madhumay encouraged the young trainees and both the participating teams to take part in sports in a big way to achieve higher results with hardwork and dedication. He advised the young boys and girls to make sports part of their life so as to

build India a sporting Nation.

He appreciated the Arun Trust, especially Ashutosh Sharma, for their efforts to involve youngsters in sports through the medium of Handball training centre. The visiting guest was all praise for international players from J&K, Akshay Khajuria, Dheeraj Nagpal and Sahil Padha for being inspiration for those youngsters.

The event was also joined by and Assistant Commandant of BSF, Prem Kumar as guest of honour, who also encouraged the players.

Among other prominent guests present were R C Vaid, Vikas Sharma, Rahul Sharma and O P Kesar. Senior players, who were part of the event included Gourav Sharma, Chandan Singh Chouhan, Bachan Dogra, Vinay Sharma (Handball coach), Mamta Sharma, Sonia Jain, Neeti Kour and Atula Rajput.

Vishwa Bharatiyans excel in rope skipping competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Students of Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School, Akalpur Morh Jammu brought laurels by participating in 13th District Jammu Rope-Skipping Championship 2023-24 organised by Rope-Skipping Association of Jammu and Kashmir under the affiliation of J&K Olympic Association/Rope Skipping Federation of India.

In all, 44 skippers of Vishwa Bharati School participated in the championship in categories and above and won 23 gold, 12 silver and 17 bronze medals along with overall championship trophy.

The medal winners were



Medal winner students posing with faculty members at Vishwa Bharati HSS.

Krish Mehra, Amarjeet, Navdeep, Kartik Saini, Kritesh Khajuria, Vaibav, Santanu Nagotra, Arihant Saini, Antriksh Singh, Aman Manwal, Vansh Lal, Sushant Sharma, Abhinandan Sharma, Akshar Manwal, Kunal Surya, Viraj

Lakhotra, Naveen Singh, Shivraj Rajput, Vasu Dogra, Pranav Sharma, Tannay Targotra, Arnab Pandita, Aarna Bhat, Himani Rajput, Rishika Koul, Mehak Mehra, Jaya Sharma, Sunakshi Thakur, Jeevika, Nitika Devi, Arti Devi and Mavi.

The school principal, Annapurna Koul, congratulated the students for their tremendous victory in this championship. She also eulogized the coach, Joginder Singh, for his diligent efforts to prepare the students for this grand achievement.