

14-days long Silk India Expo inaugurated at Kala kendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A 14-day Silk India Exhibition was inaugurated by the handicraftsman at Kala kendra, Bikram Chowk, here on Sunday.

In this exhibition, weavers from all over the country have showcased the clothes woven and decorated by hands. visitors can see the Kanjeevaram silk of Tamil Nadu, Tusar silk of Bhagalpur, Coral silk of Assam, Kani silk of Kashmir, Baluchari silk of Bengal, Jamdani silk of Ikkat in Telangana and many more other silks in the exhibition.

Silk sarees of Patola are the speciality of Gujarat, but they are also produced in Banaras these days, the artists said adding that the waving process of Patola silk sarees is extremely complex and woven just 20 centimeters a day by two artists.

"The reason that the



A women visiting Silk India Exhibition on opening day at Jammu.

waver has to weave threads of seven colour simultaneously. These sarees are very expensive ranging from Rs 50000 to Rs 1 lakh. One sarees takes almost two months to get completely woven," artists added.

In the exhibition, Tanchhhui and Janvar silk sarees have also been showcased.

Viswajeet has brought the entire range of Kanjeevaram silk sarees

from Tamil Nadu. These sarees made of gold and silver Zari and each saree costs Rs 50000 to Rs 3 lakh. Viswajeet said that one Kanjeevaram silk saree is produced in a month.

Bhupendra of Assam has showcased coral silk sarees while Santosh of Bhagalpur has displayed silk dress material including saris and suits. Appan Ramulu of Telangana has brought sarees, suits and dress material from Ikkat,

Kalamkari and Mangalagiri cotton. Additionally, there are a number of handlooms displayed from Kashmir, Ladakh and Gujarat. Block print bed-sheets and quilts from Kutch in Gujarat are special items displayed in the exhibition.

Kalamkari sarees soaked in milk are produced by weavers of Sri Kalahasti in Andhra Pradesh.

The weavers beautifully depict the scenes of Rama's exile, the Ram Darbar and the old temples of South India.

Kalamkari saree can be easily identified from the smell of milk. Weavers from all over country have brought similar traditions and rare fabrics, saris.

T Abhinand said that the exhibition will remain open until September 23. He invited art lovers to see the art of silk weavers in the exhibition from 10 am to 9 pm.

BJP proved its credibility as true secular party: Yudhvir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party Vice President has asserted that BJP has proved its credibility as true secular party in letter and spirit and with the growing popularity of the party as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, more and more people are joining the world's largest political party every other day.

He expressed this during a function at the party headquarters in which PDP General Secretary Jammu East Constituency, Akbar Khan along with his supporters joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), here on Sunday.

Besides others Vinay Gupta, District President BJP, Parveen Kerni East Mandal President, Corporator Narotam Sharma, BJP leaders Arun



J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi posing with newly joined members.

Sethi, Sudhir Anand, Vipin Sharma, Amit Khanna, Sanjay and Anuradha Sharma were present.

Yudhvir Sethi, while welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, said that it is due to the growing popularity of BJP and the Prime Minister Narendra Modi that even the stalwarts from other political parties are joining the Bharatiya Janata Party every other day.

He said that it is the only political party that takes

utmost care of the aspirations of the people belonging to each and every community without indulging in "appeasement politics".

Moreover, it is deadly against the "dynastic politics" which is the trademark of Congress, National Conference and the People's Democratic Party, he added.

Prominent among those who joined the Party include Inderjeet Singh, Sudesh Kumar, Sahil Dogra and Tarun Kumar.

Scrapping Probationer & Fixation of Tenure Rules a big relief for J&K youth: Danish

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir Probationer (Conditions of Service, Pay and Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020 has come as a big relief for the youths of J&K as the same were unjustified and unfair.

This was stated by Danish Mishra, Co-Incharge Social Media Department and Prabhari Jammu Poonch Lok Sabha Seat BJP J&K in a statement issued to media persons here on Sunday.

The BJP leader has welcomed the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir Probationer (Conditions of Service, Pay and Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020, giving major relief to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Describing the aforesaid rules as irrational and arbitrary, Danish said that J&K Government has taken the right decision at right time to rectify the 'error', and provide the much needed succor to the youths of the Union Territory.

The senior BJP leader said that the regime under PM Modi is all set to remove anomalies of all kinds from the Union Territory to ensure good governance with a discrimination free administration.

Altaf Bukhari appeals people to bring change, reject politics of polarization

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to cast their votes in favour of Apni Party for the protection of their future generation's rights by rejecting the politics of polarization which has already damaged the historic State.

Altaf Bukhari was speaking at a joining programme which was organized at Ward Number - 9, Bari Brahmana.

In this programme, Vice Chairman Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana, Tarsem Lal Bhagat alongwith his dozens of supporters joined Apni Party.

Welcoming them into the Party fold, Altaf Bukhari said that the policies and agenda of Apni Party are being widely accepted by the people across Jammu and Kashmir and in particular where BJP has strong fort.

He hoped that the new entrants would strengthen the Party and work for the welfare of the general masses in view of the hopes pinned by the people towards the Apni Party.

"Jammu people had voted for BJP as they spread fear among them against Kashmir and in Kashmir, a similar policy of polarization was adopted by the politicians. Both sides were hands in glove to gain power in any case and the suffering of the people remained unaddressed," he said.

MoS Dr. Munjpara visits AWCs in Durbuk Leh



Union MoS WCD, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai during visit to Anganwadi Center in Leh.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai on Sunday visited Anganwadi Centers of Maan and Spangmik during his tour to Durbuk Block, Leh. The Minister also attended the Poshan Mela organized by these Anganwadi Centers on the occasion of

Poshan Maah. During his visit, the Minister interacted with the Anganwadi workers, helpers and the children.

During interaction, the Minister appreciated various activities conducted by the children of the Anganwadi Centers on the occasion.

Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), ICDS Leh briefed the Minister about

various activities being conducted at different Anganwadi centers during Poshan Maah and about supplementary nutrition served at the AWCs.

CDPO Leh also informed about the Management of Acute Malnutrition (SAM and MAM) and anemia status among the Anganwadi children.

Dr. Avtar honoured with 'Title of Excellence'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon at Amandeep Hospital, received the 'Title of Excellence' for his contribution to Orthopaedics (North India) at the PTC Medical Excellence Awards ceremony held on September 8, 2022, at Hyatt Regency Chandigarh.

The ceremony was attended by prominent personalities from all over the medical domain who came together to honour and recognise medical professionals who have excelled in their field and selflessly served humanity.

The award function was presided over by Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State



Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon at Amandeep Hospital, receiving the 'Title of Excellence' award.

for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Being the Chief Guest of the evening, he conferred the illustrious award to Dr. Avtar Singh.

Dr. Ravi Mahajan, Chief Plastic, Microvascular & Reconstructive Surgeon at

Amandeep Hospital, was also present at the event.

Dr. Avtar and Dr. Mahajan have collaboratively revolutionised the management of trauma patients by combining the latest orthopaedic and plastic surgery skills.

Under the dextrous leadership of Dr. Singh and Dr.

Mahajan, Amandeep Hospital's Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery teams have performed over 1.25 lakh surgeries in the last 26 years.

Dr. Avtar is also the pioneer in bringing the Robotic Knee Replacement technique to North India. Moreover, he is the sole surgeon to perform more than 2000 robotic-assisted knee replacement surgeries in less than two years.

Interestingly, he has performed over 20,000 joint replacement surgeries since 1990.

Speaking to the media, Dr. Ravi Mahajan said, "It is an honour to be here in Chandigarh today with my peer; Dr. Avtar Singh, receiving this award. I am ecstatic that his hard work & dedication are getting acknowledged."

BYS celebrates Yog Utsav at Shiv Mandir Hall Janipur



Bhartiya Yog Sansthan members posing for a photograph during Yog Utsav at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bhartiya Yog Sansthan (BYS) celebrated District Level Yog Utsav at Shiv Mandir Hall Janipur Jammu on Sunday.

The programme was conducted by Tara Chand, President of Baba Jitto District of BYS.

Councillor of Ward 37, Sunita Gupta was the Chief Guest. Programme started

with Om Dhawani and Gaytri Mantra by Vinod Kumar followed by different Yog Asanas performed by 53 Yog Sadaks and Sadikas. Ceremonial Lamp was lighted by the Chief Guest, Sunita Gupta, Satya Pal Sharma President, Suresh Gupta Vice-President BYS J&K and Dharamvir Gupta Patron of Baba Jitto

District BYS. A Bhajan was sung by Ishan Koul.

Sunita Gupta appreciated the Yog programme and confirmed that she will also become a part of this Yoga class shortly.

Satya Pal highlighted the benefits of regular Yog Sadhna and its necessity in view of present living style. The vote of thanks was presented by Jatinder Gupta.

Man keeps engrossed in worldly net: Madhu Param Hans

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Showering the bliss of his spiritual discourses at Ranjri on the eve of Poonima, Madhu Param Hans Maharaj, the head of Sahib Bandgi Panth, said that man makes both long term as well as short term plans for future but he doesn't know what is going to happen in the very next moment still he has cherished desires for years together.

"The bodily machinery can stop functioning at anytime. The body can perish due to severe diseases like heart attack, nervous breakdown etc. Sometimes, small ailments also prove fatal. Still we remain absorbed in attaining the short lived pleasures," he said. Four kinds of people live in the world and the nature & thinking of all is different, Madhu Param Hans said adding that firstly, there are those who don't believe in soul & God and their sole aim of life is to eat, drink & enjoy. In the worldly language, such kind of people have been called as Pamar.



Secondly, he said, there are those who are God fearing and neither they tease anyone nor commit any sin but still they remain engrossed in the world. Whenever they get some chance, they attend Satsangs & perform noble tasks as well. Such people are called as the worldly jivas. Anyhow, they are good for the society.

Thirdly, there are those who want salvation and think that the human body is meant for seeking salvation and do every work with prudence.

Then there are great persons who are, indeed, uncommon. But the fact is that the merits of births together remain with them. Very small number of people have knowledge of the soul. Right from the birth, the parents start teaching the child about worldly matters. This is because they themselves are engrossed in the world. That is why man keeps engrossed in the worldly net.

JKEEGA appeals Govt to fill vacancies at all levels



JKEEGA members during a meeting at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) on Sunday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Sachin Tickoo, President welcomed the fulfilling of commitment made by Principal Secretary in the meeting held with JKEEGA and expediting the clearance of the AE to AEE promotion file which had been awaiting approval from competent authorities since

quite some time.

Further JKEEGA also appealed Principal Secretary to convene the meeting of empowered committee on regularization so that regularization process of 1600 engineers is completed.

The members expressed hope that the administration shall resolve all the issues of the Graduate Engineering fraternity at an earliest so that a renewed zeal is infused among the fraternity.

Career Counselling Prog, award function for tribal students held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Tribal Affairs Department (TAD) on Sunday organised one-day convention of students on Career Counselling and emerging opportunities at national and international level. Students selected under various schemes of career development recently launched by the Lieutenant Governor Sh Manoj Sinha were also honoured and provided a range of support material.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary who was chief guest on the occasion, addressed the students highlighting key interventions in tribal education sector by the J&K government over last two years and underscoring various career opportunities for the students supported by the department. He also obtained detailed feedback and suggestions from students about their educational needs.

Secretary in Tribal Affairs Deptt., Harun Malik, Secretary, Advisory Board, Mukhtar Ahmed, Director TAD Mushir Ahmed Mirza, heads of institutions, wardens and other officials attended.



Secretary TAD, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary addressing students.

Dy Director TRI Dr Abdul Khabir conducted the proceedings and supervised career counselling session. Domain experts conducted sessions on various aspects of competitive examinations. Students from various hostels also shared their experiences.

Deptt handed over selection letters to candidates selected for NEET, JEE and UPSC coaching under which 200 students are being provided coaching. Computer Labs with Pre-loaded educational content including CBSE and JKBOSE were also distributed among students. Teams from various hostels were provided sports kits and other material for extra-curricular activities. Mementoes and certificates of merit were also awarded to students excelling in various competitions organized

by the department and TRI.

Dr Shahid highlighted that in order to strengthen the basic education level 100 schools in tribal areas were modernised last year while 120 sanctioned this year. He further shared that 367 schools are being taken up for upgrading under PMAAGY Model Village scheme. Capacity building of students to compete for admission in international universities is being launched by the department next month.

Recent initiatives of the govt were discussed and brainstorming sessions held on future roadmap for education of tribal students. Deptt has initiated work on 25 new hostels, completed 8 hostels and handed over 10 hostel projects to PWD which were abandoned

few years back due to lack of codal formalities. Enhancement of scholarship by 125%, 4 times increase in tuition fee, 75% hike in diet charges, hike scholarship budget from 14 Cr to 52 Cr, vehicles and libraries for hostels, coaching and Skilling facilities, among others.

Six Eklavya Model Residential Schools sanctioned between 1997 to 2019 were made operational this year while 10 new EMRS have been recommend. One Model Transit Residential School was inaugurated in Pulwama and two more sanctioned for Shopian and Rajouri as a part of flagship initiative of J&K govt for tribal education.

The Secretary also emphasised on need to strengthen seasonal educational centres to provide quality education to students belonging to migratory families, round the year. Deptt has started multiple studies aimed at improving the educational scenario in tribal villages and laying focus on migratory population. A career counselling cell is being launched by the TRI this month to focus on hostels as well as schools in tribal areas.

All JK Sheep & Wool Workers Assn elects new body



Newly framed All JK Sheep & Wool Workers Association posing for photograph.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: All JK Sheep & Wool Workers Association during a delegate meeting held at Jammu today, has unanimously elected a new body. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Babu Hussain Malik, President JK Employees Joint Action Committee and I.L Bhatti Section Officer and under the control of Dr Ajay Sudan, Dy Director Central SHD Jammu.

The newly elected body includes Mohd Rafiq Malik President of the Association, JK UT, Ab Razak Shah General Secretary, Sunil Sharma Vice President (Jammu Division), Muzaffar Ahmed Ganaie Vice President (Kashmir Division), Muzaffer Nabi and

Abdul Rashid Chief Spokes Persons UT, Secretary Mohd Abid and Mohd Arif and Javed Ahmed Bhat, Joint Secretary Abdul Rashid Sheikh and Vishal Sharma, Additional Spokes Person Vijay Kumar and Bilal Ahmed Shiekh, Publicities Secretaries Faimda Bano and Mohd Rasheed Bhaht, Cashiers Dewan Raj and Peer Azada Gowher, Chief Organizer Punjab Singh and Ali Mohd Kumar, Organizers Vinod Kumar, Shabir Ahmed Bhat, Dheeraj Sharma, Tariq Ahmed Bhat, Meenakshi, Ahmadullah Mir, Surinder Singh, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Ishfaq Ahmed, Mohd Ashraf Wani, Social Media incharge Swati Sharma and Mohd Rafiq Dar, Executive members Itoo

Maazoor, Kartar Singh, Ali Mohd Sheikh, Avinash Sharma, Mushtaq Ahmed Sheikh, Suman Singh, Bilal Lone, Raj Singh, Mushtaq Ahmad Dalal and Sanjeev Singh, Convener Jammu

Iftakhar Layaqit Bhatti, Chief Advisor (Chairman) Kashmir Gulzar Ahmed Rather, Advisors Nazir Mir, K. K Singh, Mohd Aslam Bhat and Mohd Iqbal and Members All District Presidents.

Dr Tahir hails nomination of J&K's first Gujar leader Ghulam Ali to Rajya Sabha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and spokesperson, Dr Tahir Choudhary on Sunday hailed the nomination of Jammu and Kashmir's first Gujar leader Ghulam Ali to Rajya Sabha by President of India Droupadi Murmu.

Dr Tahir also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for the nomination of Ghulam Ali to Rajya Sabha.

Asserting that this is a moment of pride for the people of Union Territory, Dr Tahir said that the move will recognise the community which constitutes around 10 per cent of the Jammu & Kashmir's population.

He added that the as this



community has been patriotic and nationalist to the core and their sacrifices need to be honoured and recognised.

He also said that Narendra Modi is committed to for the welfare of every community of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Narendra Modi laid special focus on Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, which is now visible on the ground," Dr Tahir said.

He further added that the development initiatives will continue and J&K will soon emerge as development model in country.