

14-days long Silk India Expo inaugurated at Kala kendra

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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 Bhagpalpur, Coral silk of Assam, Kani silk of Kashmir, Baluchari silk of Bengal, Jamdani silk to 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 weaving 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 wove 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, Tanchhui and Jamvar 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 Bhagpalpur has displayed silk dress material including saris and suits. Appan Ramulu of Telangana has brought sarees, suits and dress material from Ikkat.

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.

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.

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BJP proved its credibility as true secular party: Yudhvir

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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 Kurni 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.

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 succour to the youths of Jammu and Kashmir.

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

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SAMBAL: 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 Brahma.

In this programme, Vice Chairman Municipal Committee, Bari Brahma, Tarsem Lal Bhagat along with 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.

JKEEGA appeals Govt to fill vacancies at all levels



JKEEGA members during a meeting at Jammu.

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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 to the 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.

All JK Sheep & Wool Workers Assn elects new body



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

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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), Muzaffar Nabi, 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, Convenor (Chairman) Jammu

Iftakhar Layeqat 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 Gujjar leader Ghulam Ali to Rajya Sabha

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and spokesperson, Dr Tahir Choudhary on Sunday hailed the nomination of Jammu and

Kashmir's first Gujjar 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 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 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.

Career Counselling Prog, award function for tribal students held

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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.

The programme was conducted by Tara Chand, President of Baba Jitto District of BYS. Counsellor of Ward 37, Sunita Gupta was the Chief Guest. Programme started

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

Deputy 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.

Dept handed over selection letters to candidates selected for NEET, JEE and UPSC

coaching under which 200 students are being provided coaching. Computer Tabs 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 organ-

ised by the department and TRI.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary 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.

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