

Awareness programme on 'Psychoactive Substances' organised at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, National Service Scheme and Health Centre SKUAST-J in collaboration with J&K Society for the Promotion of Youth and Mass, organised programme on 'Psychoactive Substances' to make aware the common mass about the growing menace of drug addiction and use of Psychoactive Substances.

Dr Sumati Sharma, former Additional Director, DRDO, New Delhi was the Chief Guest, who advised the students to take proactive steps to eradicate the menace of drug abuse in the society.

Dr. Minu Katoch, Scientist of Indian institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu and Guest of honour, gave brief of biomolecules being investigated for various ailments. In the welcome address



A dignitary speaking at awareness programme on 'Psychoactive Substances' at SKUAST-J.

Dean Student welfare Prof. Rajesh Katoch threw lights on the increasing use of drugs among youth particularly students. Dr Anil Gupta in his introductory address stressed upon the awareness of 'Psychoactive Substances' and said any medicine should be taken with proper consultation and prescription. The expert lecture was delivered by Pallavi Singh, Director JKSPM, which also runs a drug de-addiction and rehab-

ilitation centre in Jammu district. She gave a presentation on the 'Myth and facts about Psychoactive Substance abuse'. She called upon the NSS volunteers to remain vigilant and make aware the family members and society about the ill effects of drug abuse.

Students took a pledge to make a 'Nasha Mukh' SKUAST-J and its surroundings. The programme was also attended by other teaching and non teaching staff of

the faculty.

Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Subhash C Kashyap, NSS Programme Coordinator. Dr. Sushma Gupta Medical Officer, Dr. Arvinder Singh, Dr. Balbir Dhotra, Dr. Nomita Laishram NSS Programme officers, Neeraj Gupta and. Richa supervised the function.

GGHS City Chowk organizes awareness programme

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JAMMU: An awareness programme was organized by social activist and senior citizen, Keval Krishan Wadhwa in Government Girls High School, City Chowk, Jammu on 'Swachh Bharat Mission' and 'Clean and Green India Mission' on Monday.

Wadhwa in his lecture to the students apprised them the ill effects of the plastic and polythene bags and motivated them to use the handmade cloth bags and strictly follow the 'Swachh Bhyarat Mission'. He also guided the staff members and students how to make cloth bags and also distributed bags as well as the prizes to the students.

Wadhwa also delivered lecture on moral and ethical values to the students and inspired the young minds to go with 'Clean and Green India Mission'. Hed also planted various saplings in the premises of the institution and also motivated the students to plant trees wherever and whenever possible.

Dogri Sanstha organizes story telling of veteran Dogri writers

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized story telling of short stories of late veteran Dogri short story writers in an online program in which prominent Dogri short story writers Late Bandhu Sharma and Late Joginder Pal Saraf Chhatrapal's short stories were presented by well-known theatre actress Renu Sharma and eminent writer and actor Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju'. It is a program dedicated to those writers who have carved a niche for them in Dogri literature with their colossal contributions. The program started with Renu Sharma reading Chhatrapal's one of the critically appreciated short story 'Spankaj' from his Sahitya Akademi awarded short story collection 'Chette' and after that Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' presented Bandhu Sharma's very thought provoking and packed with all emotions 'Apna Apna Rasta' from his critically acclaimed collection of short

Shiv Sena leaders call on CEO Shrine Board, discusses arrangements for Charri Yatra on Navratras

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena leaders led by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K on Monday met Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in Jammu and discussed the 40th Holy Charri Yatra being taken out by the Party on the first day of Holy Navratras, seeking better facilities for the devotees.

Sahni said that on September 25, as a Shobha Yatra, he along with senior functionaries of the Party from Mumbai and devotees would leave for Katra from Jammu in the shape of Chhari Yatra along with a



President Shiv Sena J&K, Manish Sahni calling on Anshul Garg, CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

Akhand Jyot.

On September 26, the first day of auspicious Navratra, the Chhari would worship in the holy cave of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi with full rituals.

He hoped that the Shrine Board would be made all

requisite arrangements for visiting devotees.

The CEO Anshul Garg assured the best and all possible facilities for the devotees who would be the part of this Holy Chhari Yatra.

President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber and General Secretary Vikas Bakshi were also present during the meeting.

Development works begin in Mast Garh



Councilor Ward-3, Narotam Sharma starting development works in Mast Garh, Jammu.

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JAMMU: At behest of Narotam Sharma, Councilor Ward-3, Jammu, work for laying new water supply pipes started in Mast Garh area. For last over 5-6 years, locals were complaining regarding supply of contaminated water due to leakage, damaged pipes and Councilor had also promised to replace old pipes, in his election manifesto. On the occasion, people expressed gratitude

towards Councilor Narotam Sharma and PHE Department, especially Executive Engineer Vijay Gupta, AEE Shyam Sharma and JE D K Sharma for fulfilling their long pending demand. Besides Narotam, others who contributed in getting the works sanctioned included Parveen Kerni, Anuradha Sharma, Sudhir Raina, Parveen Sharma, Rajinder, Vijay Dhar and Abhimanyu.

JKRSC's month-long environmental awareness campaign begins at RMPS

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JAMMU: Dy. Mayor, Poornima Sharma declared open one month long environmental awareness campaign dedicated to 75th Platinum Celebration of Independence at RM Public School, Chowdhi, here on Monday.

The campaign has been organized by J&K Rural Sports Club Jammu, in collaboration with RMPS and Shiksha Niketan Educational Group of Institutions, assisted by J&K UT Urban Forestry Department Jammu and District Youth Services and Sports Department Jammu for promotion of a good environment for stronger India.

The inauguration ceremony began with a seminar on the topic "How to create a good environment for a better society wherein students from various educational institutions spoke on the subject.

Narinder Singh President in his welcome addressed

Dr Rohit led delegation meets DC Jammu, submits memorandum

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JAMMU: A deputation led by Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban Apni Party, Dr Rohit Gupta met Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa and submitting a memorandum.

Dr Gupta submitted the memorandum to the DC Jammu demanding release of detainees under preventive measures, fast track recruitment for unemployed youth, restoration of complete statehood and other demands were also highlighted.

Other members of the deputation include District President Rural A, Pushap Dev Kumar Uppal and District President Rural B, Advocate Harpreet Singh.

inform that this campaign is aimed to create awareness through the medium of various educational, cultural and Sports activities to spread the message at grassroot level and our students are our Ambassadors for carry on the mission.

Sunil Singh DFO Urban Forestry Jammu delivered an extensive lecture on the topic and informed that department has achieved the target of 1.5 million planting of trees during this session.

Earlier, Dy Mayor planted 75 trees along with school children and organizers in the premises of the school.

Director R.M School Management Rakshan Mengi presented vote of thanks. Surinder Singh Urban Forestry officers and officials were present on the occasion. Proceedings of the function were conducted by the students under the supervision of Vice Principal Harvinder Kour.

JKPCC employees demand release of pending 4 months' salary



JKPCC employees raising slogans during a protest at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: A strong protest was held by employees of JKPCC under the banner of JKPCC Workers Association Jammu, here.

Similar protest was also held by the employees of Kashmir Province in the office premises

of JKPCC Limited at Srinagar, regarding the immediate release of pending 04 months' salary in favour of employees of this Corporation, in view of miserable condition the employees who have put to distress under financial crunch due to non-release of salary.

The ongoing protest is continue till our pending salary for last 04 months and demand like wages @Rs. 300.00/day to daily wagers and Transport allowance to Permanent employees is not fulfilled, protesters said.

Respectful tributes paid to Shaheed Thakur Dass Sharma

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AKHNOOR: Akhnoor Sports Club organized a function on Monday to pay tributes to martyr Lieutenant Thakur Das Sharma on his 58th Martyrdom Day, as the brave soldier sacrificed his life while defending borders of country during 1965 Indo-Pak war. Rajeev Sharma, former MLA Akhnoor was the Chief Guest on the occasion and paid tributes to valiant officer while social worker; Satya Pal Saraf was the Guest of Honour and also paid homage to the martyr. Mahamandeshwar Mahant Rameshwar Dass of Purni Mandi Jammu was also present on the occasion and paid tributes to the martyr by garlanding bust of the brave son of soil who embraced martyrdom while fighting bravely with Pakistan army. Welcoming the guests, D K Kapoor, President, Akhnoor Sports Club informed that Akhnoor Sports Club is commemorating Martyrdom Day of Lieutenant Thakur Dass Sharma since 1966 and working tirelessly for promotion of sports activities in Akhnoor area by organizing various sports events and tournaments and honouring players, who made their mark at national level. Rajeev Sharma appreciated the sincere efforts of Akhnoor Sports Club for commemorating supreme sacrifice of brave army



Mahant Rameshwar Dass paying tributes to martyr Lt Thakur Dass Sharma.

officer and keeping him alive in the hearts of people. D K Kapoor, President and S K Sharma, Secretary along with all office bearers of Akhnoor Sports Club were also present on the occasion and paid rich floral tributes to brave army officer. Mother of martyr Kanta Devi, Col (Retd) P L Choudhary, Capt (Retd) Jugal Gupta, Ex-President Ex-Servicemen's Cell, Akhnoor and Choudhary Mohd Hanif, father of Aurangzeb, Army Jawan who was martyred by terrorists in Kashmir besides a number of other sportspersons and prominent citizens of town also paid rich floral tributes to martyr. Two minute silence was also observed praying for peace of noble soul. Prof V S Verma, Joint Secretary of Club extended formal vote of thanks.

PIL seeking preservation, conservation of Wetlands: DB directs Union Environment Ministry to submit ATR

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JAMMU: High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to submit Action Taken Report in six weeks in respect of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking preservation and management of wetlands in J&K covered under Ramsar Convention and Wetland Rules.

Hearing suo-moto public interest litigation, a Division Bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Puneet Gupta granted time for filing the Action Taken Report on behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. When PIL came-up for hearing, DB observed that initially four wetlands of J&K and Ladakh were recognized as Ramsar Sites under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Adv. Nadeem Qadri, Amicus Curiae submitted that recently three more wetlands of J&K and

Ladakh have been added for Ramsar Sites and now the wetlands falling within Ramsar sites are Hokera Wetland, Kashmir, Wular Lake, Kashmir, Tso Moriri, Ladakh, Surinsar-Mansar Lakes, Jammu. Tso Kar, Shalbugh and Haigam. In order to focus first on wetlands of Ramsar Sites, DB directed Government of Union Territory to come clean with regard to their status and to file a complete report regarding all the above sites within six weeks.

The High Court following the directions by the Supreme Court on April 3, 2017, had treated an affidavit filed by the petitioner M K Balakrishnan before the Apex court regarding certain wetlands which were covered under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as PIL. The Supreme Court had asked Chief Justices of the concerned High Courts to treat the affidavit as a suo moto PIL and, if necessary, appoint amicus curiae to assist the court so as to ensure that Ramsar Convention sites within their jurisdiction were

properly maintained.

The High Court of J&K and Ladakh pursuant to the directions of the top court registered the affidavit as Public Interest Litigation on its own motion and appointed lawyer Nadeem Qadri as amicus curiae to assist the Court. "Given the overlap in the rules regarding constitution of the authority between the Central and State governments, manifests that the Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is a proper and necessary party for complete and effective adjudication of the issues raised in this petition," the court said and subsequently made Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi as party respondent in the matter. While court had directed for preservation and maintenance of wetlands covered under Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as directed by SC, it had also directed for conservation of other 1230 wetlands in erstwhile J&K.

The - SARA distributes blankets near LoC



'The-SARA' members distributing blankets at Baramulla.

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BARAMULLA: 'The-SARA' a Registered Non Governmental Organization under its 'Mission Compassion' organized 'Share the Warmth' initiative for the benefit of Border school children at Govt. Primary School Dawarpatti Paranjilla near Line of Control (LoC) in Uri Tehsil of Baramulla district in Kashmir.

Under the initiative Team 'The - SARA' distributed blankets, sweaters and caps among 52 students of Govt.

Primary School Dawarpatti Paranjilla in the presence of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Uri Harvinder Singh. SDM Uri appreciated the humane effort of the members of 'The - SARA' to support the students of the far-flung Border Area.

Zafarullah Khan Sarpanch Paranjilla and other PRI Members were also present.

Headmaster of GPS Dawarpatti Paranjilla Mohd. Mansha thanked members of 'The - SARA' for supporting the Border children.

Court rejects bail plea in attempt to murder case

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JAMMU: Munsiff Jammu Urvashi Raina rejected bail application of one Harish Singh, involved in an attempt to murder case.

While rejecting bail plea, Munsiff Jammu Urvashi Raina observed that after perusal of CD file, it was observed that investigation of the case is at infancy as victim namely Nitesh Kumar is still admitted in an Hospital at Amritsar and another victim namely Happy Singh has been discharged recently, however, he is not in a condition to record his statement as his face has been distorted due to injuries. The statement of victim namely Harish Khullar has been recorded under Section 161 CrPc wherein he has mentioned

names of 6 accused persons including the applicant. The accused namely Harish Singh (applicant herein) and another namely Amit Kumar have been arrested while remaining four accused are still absconding and evading their arrest. The Investigating Officer, who was present in the court, has also stated that investigation is at the infancy stage as the accused persons are still absconding and the victim namely Nitish Kumar is yet to be discharged from the hospital whose condition is still serious. Observing that investigation is at an infancy stage and one of the victims is still under treatment and there are reasonable grounds for detention of accused at this stage, the Court rejected the bail application.

PIL regarding restoration of Day Care Centres: Petitioner directed to file fresh representation to respondent

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation seeking directions for restoration and maintenance of the Day Care Centre for senior citizens established at Chanaporaway back on April 10, 2019 which was inaugurated by the then Chief Justice of J&K High Court, as the petitioner submitted that aforesaid centre has stopped functioning and

respondents are not taking care to restore the same.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Puneet Gupta after hearing both the sides, dispose of the PIL with liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh representation in continuation with his early representation to the writ petition before the respondent within a period of two weeks, highlighting all his griev-

ances. In case, representation is filed by him within a period of two weeks as directed above, the respondent shall call for a report and after due verification of the necessary facts, pass suitable speaking order in accordance with law most expeditiously preferably within a period of two months from the date of filing the representation, the Court directed.