

Shiv Sena Hindustan frames new unit for Arnika Block Curse of drugs afflicting youth matter of grave concern: Kesri



Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President, Rajesh Kesari along with newly framed body.

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Hindustan under the chairmanship of J&K President Rajesh Kesari framed new unit of Arnika Block in which Vijay Kumar Luthra was made the President, Raj Kumar Vice President, Meva Ram Chairman, Balwant Singh General Secretary and Bua Dutta Treasurer.

Addressing the new office bearers, Kesri urged them to make social service their hobby and make every possible effort to listen to public grievances and highlight the same on the concerned platforms.

Kesri said curse of drugs afflicting the youth is a matter of great concern and both government and civil society should play their roles in this regard. Unfortunately, the

menace is on increase in J&K. He urged government to make strenuous efforts for opening avenues of employment for youth or providing skills to enable them to earn their living, addiction to drugs is not under control.

He said, the campaign against drugs has to be an inclusive effort. Government, civil society and religious leaders have to combine their

efforts to overcome the social evil. As such some sort of coordination should emerge among the three components with a clear roadmap of how to approach the youth with strong persuasion to distance from drug addiction. Parents, too, have a major role.

The Government has to frame anti-drug policy not only on paper but actually on the ground. Drug mafia has international links and these links have to be unearthed and terminated once for all. Enforcement organization has to be upgraded and drug networks have to be unearthed and dismantled, added Kesri.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include State Chairman Sheeshpal Salathia, State Vice President Balveer Kumar, Deshraj Shringar Singh Surendra Singh, Darshana Devi, Suman Kumari and Geeta Devi.

Retired police pensioners hold protest against pay anomaly



Retired Police Pensioners raising slogans during a protest.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: J&K Retired Police Pensioners held a protest against pay anomaly near Press Club, Jammu under the chairmanship of Ajit Singh.

Addressing the protesters, Ajit Singh said that Govt. Order No. 229 - F of 2014 dated 17-10-2014 regarding pay anomaly is injustice with the police pensioners as the effect is being given

prospectively, which means from the date of order whereas, the effect should have been given from the year 1996 when 5th pay commission was implemented throughout the State but only the Police Department was left out.

He said that the surviving strugglers should get the benefit. He further said that in recruitment of Police Departments and profes-

sional courses 15% quota should be reserved for the Police personnel while he also sought at least Rs 50,000 be sanctioned at the time of marriage of daughters / sons of the Police Retirees as a financial help out of welfare funds and at least Rs 50,000 should be sanctioned at the time of death of police personnel / retirees for performing the last rites of the deceased.

Singh said that recently the Central Govt. has issued ordinance regarding one rank one pension, the J&K Govt. should also follow the same pattern in Police Department.

He urged to resolve the pending cases of appointment under compassionate ground at the earliest since the age of available candidates is increasing.

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JAMMU: Kshatriya Sansad, an organisation working for the upliftment / welfare of the Rajput community, launched its vision document in a press conference witnessed by galaxy of intellectuals of the community.

While talking to the media persons, M S Katoch told that "Kshatriya Sansad" an organisation came into existence to help, coordinate, and organise various activities in such a manner so that the inclusive growth of the community could be ensured.

He said that education, employment, sports, and other welfare activities are our primary agenda.

Katoch further added that since integration the community is losing its

8th Annual Harmony India Awards 2022 Announced

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In 8th Edition of Harmony India Awards, the jury council has selected 18 awardees this year for the awards.

The unanimously selected awardees are to be felicitated for their extra ordinary achievements and for their outstanding contribution to the art, culture, growth and development of J&K and nation.

The award ceremony is going to be held in the evening of Friday on 28th October 2022 at Shri Ram Centre Auditorium, one of Delhi's best known theatres at Mandi House on Safdar Hashmi Marg, New Delhi.

Harmony India Awards has become the most prestigious and rare honor in J&K who have felicitated more than 50 Awardees for their stellar contribution. Some of them include- Dr. Meem Hai Zafar, Dr. Agnishekhar, Ashok Pandit, Late Dina Nath 'Nadim', Zareef Ahmad Zareef, Krishan Langoo, Mushtaq Kak, Dr. Radhika Chopra, Dr. Aziz Hajini, Late P.N. Handoo, Late



A dignitary talking to media persons at Jammu.

O N Kaul, Late P N Kaul 'Sayil', Sushil Pandit, Avtar Bhat, Sanjeev Pargal, Singer Waheed Jeelani, Aditya Raj Kaul, Kiran Wattal, Akshay Labroo, Rahul Bhat, Ravinder Kaul, Anil Bhat, Veer Munshi, Kailash Mehra, Late Mohan Nirash. These awards & honors reflect the changing face of Jammu & Kashmir and has become the greatest medium in strengthening and bridging the gap and presenting the ethos of state among the nations.

This year three more categories have been introduced in the honouring ceremony as National Icon Award, Pt. Bhajan Sopori Smriti Samman and Harmony India Special Award. The nominations and selections are reviewed by the

jury committee which consists of Veer Munshi (Artist), Nirupama Kotru (IRS & Culture Ambassador), Krishan Langoo (Music Composer) and Ravinder Kaul (Journalist & Art Critic) in consideration with the president of the foundation, Romesh Zadoo.

Life time achievement award for this year is being conferred upon Prof. Rattan Lal Shant, for his outstanding contribution in the field of Kashmiri Literature and Language. Pt. Bhajan Sopori Smriti Samman is being conferred upon Shameem Dev Azad, Padmashri Awardee. National Icon Award is being conferred upon M.K. Raina, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee. Harmony India Special Award

for this year is being conferred upon Dr. Darakshan Andrabhi for her Literature and Social work and to NGO Shaheed Bhagat Singh Seva Dal, represented by Sh. Jitender Singh Shunt, Padmashri Awardee.

Shrestha Samman is being conferred upon Veerinder Patwari for his immense contribution in the field of Literature.

Shrestha Samman is being conferred upon Indian Sculptor Padmashri Rajendar Tikka. Shrestha Samman is being conferred upon Brij Kishori Zutshi. 'State Icon Award' is being conferred upon Pooja Shali, Singer Jitender Singh Kuldeep Handoo and Nirmala Dhar for Acting. 'Community Icon Award' is being conferred upon Sumet Bhat of Purkhoo Camp, Helpline Humanity NGO represented by Manoj Bhat, Hakhoor Street Animals Foundation represented by Namrata Hakhoor, Entrepreneurs Surender and Nalini Sadhu.

'Yuva Puraskar' is being conferred upon Pallavi Sareen as journalist and Sumanda Khajuria.

Kshatriya Sansad releases vision document



Kshatriya Sansad members releasing vision document during a press conference at Jammu.

shine and is finding hard to sustain due to bad policies and negative mindset of the people sitting on helm of the affairs.

He also added that most of the community population is residing in the rural part of the country where opportunities are bleak and facilities are also not sufficient to go forward hence the majority of the

population is either without jobs or education.

He further added that Kshatriya Sansad is group of highly placed people from various domains who have sufficient experience and exposure to mentor the young blood to achieve sustainability and also fetch them suitable placements as per the capabilities of the individuals,

Katoch told that in order to make Organization more user friendly the website is made functional and all information of the organisation shall be made available on the site, the social media handles such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc is functional even the membership is also available online, anybody who wants to attain the membership have to just log on to the website and can register him or her self with ease.

While giving accounts of the activities undertaken so far, he stated that since

last one year various students have been given free admission in Nursing / Paramedical / BBA / BCA / Polytechnic and Engineering programs, free coaching for Police Sub Inspectors exam was given to 40 students and a batch of 25 students for free computer course is running at present.

While talking about the members of the organisation he introduced Vidhi Singh (Chairman Jamwal / Tawi Group of Colleges situated at J&K and Punjab respectively) Advocate G S Thakur (Renowned Lawyer), Vinay Jamwal (Chartered Accountant), Dr. Dara Singh, Pawan Chib (Social Activist), Ravi Singh (Retd Divisional Sports Officer), Balwan Singh (Educationist), Resham Singh Jamwal (Retd Regional Director GOI), Rajdev Singh, Ayush Katoch, Abhishek Charak, Abhijeet Singh, Digvijay Singh, Birender Singh, Sahil Singh, Sumit Jamwal and Atul Manhas.

IIM-J hosting 3-day Orientation Programme for second batch of IPM

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu will be holding a holistic 3-day Orientation Program for the second batch of Integrated Program in Management (IPM). The Orientation Program will be held in offline mode with all necessary precautions against COVID-19, ensuring the safety of everyone. The idea associated with this Orientation Program is to acquaint the incoming students with the culture, academic opportunities, ethos, and general rules of IIM Jammu. The program will help in facilitating a welcoming environment for the new aspiring students and their families to meet and have open communication with the faculty, staff, senior students, and all key activity heads of the Institute under one roof. During the Orientation Program, each day will commence at 6:00 AM with

'Maximize Happiness and Mindfulness' sessions conducted by TBF, Yoga, and Meditation Trainer, Gautam Verma. It is imperative to build strength, awareness as well as harmony in both mind and body. The orientation program will also feature a non-site visit to IIM Jammu, state-of-the-art campus at Jagti.

Prof. Manoj Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu will be the Chief Guest and Sanjeev Verma, will be the Guest of Honor on the occasion. The program will be formally inaugurated on 5th Sept 2022. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, will deliver the welcome address. Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, BoG, IIM Jammu, will preside over the function and deliver the presidential address. The program also features addresses by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, and Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson Admissions and Dr. Kapil

Manohar Gumte. The vote of thanks will be delivered by Dr. Minakshi Kumari, Chairperson Alumni Affairs, IIM Jammu.

Top bureaucrats, industry speakers, and corporate leaders ranging from Neeru Monga, Manager HR-Talent Business, Neeru Monga, Manager HR-Talent Business, Mr. Arjun Mohan, CEO, Upgrad, Gaurav Saini, Director HR, Nokia, Kushal Bhat, Director-HR, Razorpayare also invited to address the new batch and motivate them for their academic journey at IIM Jammu. The orientation program also involves a session by Government official Raghuraj Singh IPS (Retd.), Anvy Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu and Dr. Harbakhsh Singh, Chief Medical Officer, Jammu. The orientation program will also feature different interesting sessions by the faculty and officers of IIM Jammu.

Mission Shakti re-launches campaign to train women cadre to join armed forces



Mission Shakti members during a press conference.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of Beti Bachao Beti Padoo, Mission Shakti, a novel initiative for young womenfolk of the society, was launched.

It was a first of its kind project in Jammu region for young women, who aspire to develop their strength, endurance and want to serve in armed forces but shy away due to lack of proper guidance and right platform.

Now idler a gap of six months, Mission Shakti re-launched its campaign

again on Monday with the same motto to inculcate a warrior spirit in the young women of the region.

Preeti Choudhary, Convener of Mission Shakti, said this time more people have joined the team. The initiative aims to train females both physically as well as academically for the upcoming recruitment in Jammu and Kashmir Police, she said.

Maj Gen S.K. Sharma and Vice Chancellor of SKUAST Dr. Jagdish Prashad

Sharma were the Guests of Honour on the occasion.

Principal of GCW Parade S P Saraswat, Col. Sukhvir, Faculty from Essence Institute were also present along with Mission Shakti team. Mission Shakti going to provide free training and will encourage more and more women, especially young ones to participate in public sphere.

While applauding Govt efforts towards women empowerment, She said that there is an urgent need to initiate such programs to bring a behavioral change not just among women, but among the society towards women.

Preeti concluded that Mission Shakti is trying to inspire a wave of change and requested people to come along and join the initiative.

Ikkjutt Jammu calls on CEC J&K to discuss present scenario

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A delegation of Ikkjutt Jammu called on the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K to discuss present scenario along with various other issues pertaining to people of Jammu region. In a press statement issued after holding deliberations with CEC, Ikkjutt Jammu said that increase in voters on account of application of Representation of People's Act 1950, post abrogation of Article 370 means direct increase in assembly and parliamentary seats. "Abrogation

of Article 370 increased Jammu's voter base significantly through addition of West Pakistanis, Valmiki, Dalits, Gorkhas and other Indians ordinarily residing in J&K. Following Nehruvian Policy of handing over power in J&K to Islamists of Kashmir; Govt made this increase redundant by basing delimitation on fraud 2011 census. Government is not taking abrogation to its logical conclusion, rather bringing it back through interventions like Domicile Law," the statements reads.

Jammu girl Deepali becomes 'Most Admired Global Indian 2022'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Jammu girl, Deepali Jamwal, daughter of Brigadier RS Jamwal (Retd), was felicitated by Asian-African Chamber of Commerce and Industries in Delhi in Aug 2022 as being among the Most Admired Global Indian.

She started Live2Dance Seattle, a South Asian dance

group in Seattle (USA) in 2016 with one goal: to build community through the love of dance.

For her perseverance and never say die spirit, Deepali found place on the cover page of Entrepreneurs



Herald (an International Business Magazine) as "Top 30 Women Entrepreneurs in 2022" in their July issue. Incidentally, she is the only Indian among the 30

Entrepreneurs listed there. In Aug 2022, another feather was added to her cap when she was declared as one of 'The Most Admired Global Indians in 2022' by Passion Vista, magazine by Unified Brainz. She was awarded for her dedication & hard work by Asian - African Chamber of Commerce & Industries in Delhi.

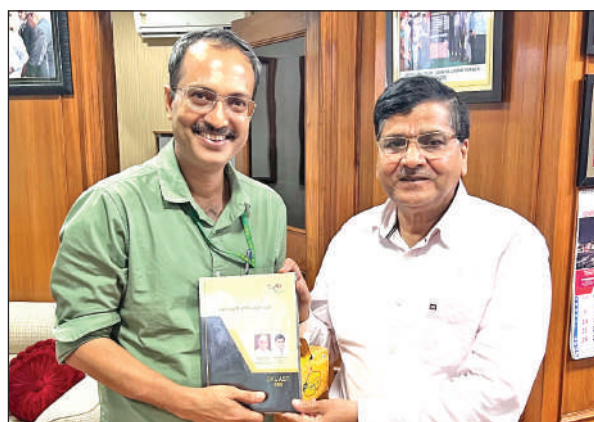
ISSS New Delhi, SKUAST-J organize 11th Dr NP Datta Memorial Lecture

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JAMMU: Scientists of SKUAST-J working under the leadership of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J organized 11th Dr. N.P. Datta Memorial Lecture under the ambit of Jammu chapter of ISSS, New Delhi.

The lead speaker of the lecture was Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, National fellow, ICAR and Principal scientist, IARI, New Delhi.

Dr. Vivak M. Arya, Secretary, Jammu chapter of ISSS gave a detailed presentation about the objectives and activities of the local chapter of the society.

Prof. Debashis delivered lecture on the theme "Soil Carbon Enigma- Can We Win Over For Our Prosperity?". He highlight-



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma presenting memento to Dr. Debashis Chakraborty.

ed the importance of carbon sequestration for meeting the challenges of climate change.

He thrusted that the research modules should be formulated in such a way that major stocks and

pools of carbon can be stored in soil for longer period.

He gave various examples citing literatures and models from across the world, wherein it is reported that combination of good

resource conservation technology, INM and zero tillage have the potential to sequester carbon.

The lecture was attended by more than 75 research scholars, teachers and scientists. The programme was also attended by Dr. Pradeep Wali, Director Research; Prof. A.K. Mondal, Dean FoA; Prof. Vikas Sharma, HOD and President of Jammu Chapter; Prof. N.P. Thakur, Chief Scientist, FSR; Prof. Abhijeet Samanta; Dr. Renu Gupta; Prof. Vikas Abrol; Prof. Peeyush Sharma, Dr. Sarabdeep Kaur, Dr. Manpreet Kaur and Dr. Veena Sharma. Formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Vikas Sharma, HOD and President of the Jammu chapter.