

Shiv Sena Hindustan frames new unit for Arnia 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 Arnia 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.

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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.

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. Jaber 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, Razorpay are 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 Raghubir Singh IPS (Retd.), Anu Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu and Dr. Harbans Singh, Chief Medical Officer, Jammu. The orientation program will also feature different interesting sessions by the faculty and officers of IIM Jammu.

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 after a gap of six months, Mission Shakti relaunched 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

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Preeti Choudhary, Convener of Mission Shakti, said that there is a 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.

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

the importance of carbon sequestration for meeting the challenges of climate change. He gave various examples citing literatures and models from across the world, wherein it is reported that combination of good

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.

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