

# Div Com Jammu unveils Masala Craft Live Kitchen, Outdoor Active Video Wall at Jammu Club

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Vice President of Jammu Club, inaugurated the Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall in the Club premises here on Friday in presence of Gaurav Gupta, Club's Secretary and Managing Committee members.

The Divisional Commissioner praised the efforts of the present team of Jammu Club headed by its Secretary for their dedication and hard work in bringing this initiative to fruition. He expressed his hope for the continued success of the Club's endeavors in the near future.

Club's Secretary Gaurav Gupta, in his address, extended his heartfelt gratitude to Ramesh Kumar for



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar after inaugurating Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall in the Jammu Club.

taking the time to grace the inauguration ceremony. Gupta highlighted some of the earlier initiatives undertaken by the present team under the visionary leadership of the Club's Vice President which include the recently inaugurated Family Lounge, rooftop restaurant Akash, Dinner restaurant and the renovation of the bar and committee room.

He further mentioned that the upcoming project's Renovation of the health club, newly constructed yoga & zumba studio and the Main Kitchen of the Club is currently in progress.

He said that the Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall marks another significant

addition to the amenities offered by the Jammu Club. This new facility is expected to enhance the dining experience of the members and provide a unique entertainment option through the outdoor video wall.

Gupta also acknowledged the contributions of Vikram Sharma, Chairman IT Committee of the Club and Ashwani Gupta, Chairman

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Catering Committee of the Club for the completion of Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall. He assured the Club members that this positive momentum will continue in the future, with the cooperation of the esteemed members of this prestigious club.

He also informed that the Club is also screening the much-awaited India-Cricket Pakistan Live Match on Saturday for the cricket lovers in the Club.

Managing Committee members who were present on the occasion include Er Ashok Gandotra, Er Ashok Sharma, Er Ajay Sabherwal, Indu Puri, Kavita Gupta and Dr Sandeep Singh besides Executive Secretaries K.K Khosa, Er Vinod Sharma and Rattandeep Singh Anand.

# Apni Party intensifies grass root level membership in Rajouri rural

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Apni Party has intensified grass root level membership drive in Rajouri district's rural area.

The drive was launched by Provincial Secretary, Jammu, Dr Rohit Gupta along with District President Ural Rajouri, Bhushan Uppal at Triyath in Kalakote in Rajouri.

During the drive, many people joined the Apni Party. While welcoming them into the party fold, Dr Rohit Gupta hoped that their joining would strengthen the party at the grass root level.

"In order to strengthen and streamline the Apni Party at grassroot level in Jammu province, a membership drive was initiated in Rajouri district rural," said Dr Rohit Gupta.

He said that the people have shown their interest in the Apni Party's development



JKAP Provincial Secretary Jammu, Dr Rohit Gupta with others at joining programme.

agenda and policy and expressed concern over the exploitation of people by the traditional political parties.

He expressed concern over the basic amenities that were not fulfilled by the authorities and the developmental issues remain incomplete in

many areas.

He said there is no accountability of the Govt officials because there is no elected Govt. Therefore, the holding of assembly elections is a must to addressing the growing concern of the people, he added.

# SNM organises blood donation camp, samagam at Patnitop



Dr Nirmal Singh, ex-Dy CM of J&K interacting with SNM volunteer during blood donation programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PATNITOP: Batote Branch of Sant Nirankari Mission (SNM) on Friday organised a Blood Donation Camp at Patnitop in which Nirankari volunteers donated 113 units of blood.

The camp was inaugurated by Saint H.S Chawla, Member Incharge (Br. admin) of Sant Nirankari Mandal, Delhi in presence of many Zonal Incharge and Medical Team of Govt. Medical College, Jammu headed by Dr Sahil.

Dr Nirmal Singh, ex-Dy CM of J&K and many other social workers including Rajeshwar Kumar, Dist President BJP, Ramban also joined the event and applauded the initiative of SNM for the cause of humanity.

Saint H.S Chawla told that Mission has contributed about 13 lakh Blood Units since 1986 when this Humanness Blood Drive was initiated by Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh to commemorate the sacrifice of Satguru

Baba Gurbachan Singh Maharaj who laid his life on 14th April 1980 for the cause of humanity.

Chawla told that the Mission believes in spirituality along with Humanness. Today's camp is also a part of humanism where Nirankari Sant Samagam is also being held side by side to convey the message of present Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, Head of the Mission that man should know the Creator of this Universe first and the live peacefully as a true man with love and humility, he said.

Volunteers from nearby Branches, Chanderkot, Khaleni, Nakshri Bhaderwah and Srinagar donated their blood in the camp.

Mulkh Raj, Sanyojak thanked H. S. Chawla and Sangat and dignitaries and the donors especially for joining this event.

# KK Gandhi invited as jury member in Srijanyam Art & Design Festival

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Close on the heels after most successfully completing the mission of participating in the Jaipur International Art Summit organized by Pournima University, Jaipur, KK Gandhi has been invited to be a member of the jury for judgment in the Srijanyam Art & Design Festival being organized at the internationally acclaimed Assam Valley School at Sonitpur, Assam (affiliated to CISCE) from September 3 to 7, 2023.

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# CISF detects foreign currency worth approx Rs 2.52 crore at IGI Airport

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Friday apprehended a passenger carrying a high volume of foreign currency worth approximately Rs 2.52 crore at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi.

Apoorv Pandey, Public Relations Officer of CISF, said, "On Friday at about 2.20 pm, on the basis of behavior detection, CISF personnel deployed for pre-embarkation security checks at X-BIS No. 06 of International Security Hold Area of Terminal 3, IGI Airport, noticed doubtful images of concealment of currency notes in a bag. He referred the bag for physical checking and the passenger was also stopped."

On thorough physical checking of the bag, Pandey said, it was noticed that new packed bed sheets were there in the bag. On strong suspicion, the bed sheets were opened and 3,07,500 US Dollar worth approximately Rs



2.52 crore US Dollars wrapped in plastic cover and ingeniously concealed inside the bedsheets were detected.

The passenger was later identified as Mirjalol Juraev (Uzbek national) who was supposed to travel from Delhi to Dubai by Emirates Airlines No. EK513 (STD 0415 hrs), he said.

The currency and the cloth are made of organic material so it was difficult to differentiate between both during X-BIS screening. But due to the alertness of Sub Inspector Aasish Singh of CISF, he detected the huge amount of foreign currency.

On enquiry, Mirjalol Juraev could not produce valid documents to carry such huge amount of foreign currency. The passenger along with the detected 3,07,500 US Dollar worth approximately Rs 2.52 crore was handed over to Custom officials for further action in the matter, Pandey said.

# JU, DLIS organises lecture on 'Understanding Open Educational Resources for Teaching, Learning, and Research'



Dr. Shri Ram Panday from Central University of Haryana with students and faculty at JU.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS) University of Jammu is honored to host Dr. Shri Ram Panday, Head of DLIS at the Central University of Haryana, Mahendargarh, for an engaging lecture on the topic "Understanding Open Educational Resources for Teaching, Learning, and Research."

Dr. Panday's lecture brought together students, faculty, and professionals from the field of library and information science to delve into the dynamic world of open educational resources (OER). His extensive expertise in the subject matter

added significant value to the academic community's understanding of OER and its role in modern education and research.

The lecture covered various aspects of OER, including its importance in today's digital age, its potential for enhancing teaching and learning methods, and its significance in facilitating research across disciplines.

Dr. Panday shared real-world examples and case studies to illustrate the practical applications of OER in educational institutions and research environments.

The event was made possible through the collaboration and invitation of Professor Sangita Gupta, Head of

DLIS at the University of Jammu, who recognized the importance of Dr. Panday's insights and expertise in the field.

Professor Gupta expressed her gratitude to Dr. Panday for sharing his knowledge with the student community on the topic of open access and open education.

The DLIS department extends its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Shri Ram Panday for his enlightening lecture and to Professor Sangita Gupta for her instrumental role in organizing this valuable academic event.

The lecture was attended by Dr P.K Singh, Ashwin, Dr Reenu and faculty members.

# Modi Govt schemes benefitting every section: Baru

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP senior leader & Prabhari Nowshera district, Sanjay Baru, alongwith district president Neema Sharma chaired a series of meetings Sunderbani, Sloka, and Nowshera Mandals to review the ongoing programmes of the party. These meetings were attended by District Office Bearers, BDCs, DDCs, Mandal Presidents, Mandal general Secretaries, Sarpanches, Panches, Municipal Councillors.

Sanjay Baru, while speaking in the meeting, said that the



J&K BJP senior leader Sanjay Baru speaking at a meeting.

the youth in nation building, uniting the people against the social evils and strengthening the trust of the masses on the union government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sanjay Baru said that PM Narendra Modi assumed the chair in 2014 and during the nine years of governance, he has worked tirelessly for all round development and socio-economic upliftment of the weaker sections in the country. He said that on one hand numerous mega projects of prestigious health, education, air, rail, road connectivity has come up and on the other hand, a large number of welfare schemes have been launched which have benefitted every section and every region of every state and UT. Sanjay Baru stressed upon the party

activists to remain in contact with the people of their respective areas and help the needy and deserving ones in getting the benefits of welfare schemes. Neema Sharma briefed the meetings about the organizational set up and the progress made in the ongoing programmes at district, mandal and booth levels. DDC Rajinder Sharma, Tilak Raj Gupta, Sangeeta Sharma, Mandal presidents Sukhdev Singh, Madan Pal, Chanchal Singh, PravDayal Sharma, Rampal Sharma, Ravinder Singh, Shubam Lakhnawal were present in these meetings.

# 10 officers recently placed in Non functional grade call on DGP J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A group of ten Gazetted Police officers, who were recently placed in Non Functional Grade, on Friday called on the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh at Police Headquarters and expressed their gratitude to the UT government and PHQ.

DGP, while congratulating the officers, wished them good luck for the future.

He hoped that they will continue to



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work with commitment to contribute in strengthening peace and stability in

Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed thanks and gratitude to the UT government for solving the JK Police issues on priority time and again which has been solving the issues for J&K Police on priority. The officers who met the DGP include Muzaffar Shah, Azhar Bashir, Raja Adil Hameed, Arif Shah, Sajad Khaliq Bhat, Shahzad Salaria, Dawood Ayoub, Mushtaq Ahmed, Naresh Singh, Surjeet Kumar, Mubashir Bukhari and Ifroz Ahmed Mir.

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# Fire and Fury Corps celebrates 24th Raising Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Fire and Fury Corps celebrated its 24th Raising Day on Friday at Leh, with a solemn Wreath Laying ceremony to honour the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during various operations in Ladakh. Officiating Chief of Staff, Fire and Fury Corps laid a wreath at the Leh War Memorial on behalf of all ranks of Fire and Fury Corps.

The elite Fire and Fury Corps was raised on 01 September 1999 in the aftermath of the Kargil War. Since its raising, the Corps has successfully ensured sanctity of the Line of Control as well as Line of Actual Control, while maintaining eternal vigil at some



of the highest battlefields in the world including the Siachen Glacier.

The Corps, since its raising, has been instrumental in development of infrastructure in Ladakh for common use of the Army and civilians, thereby promoting development in Ladakh. The Corps has stood steadfast with the people of Ladakh in times

of natural calamities, providing assistance and support in relief, rescue and rebuilding of infrastructure.

On the auspicious occasion of the Raising Day of the Corps, all ranks once again pledged to defend our borders with their blood and reaffirmed their wholehearted support to the people of Ladakh.

# Priya Sethi asks Social Media Deptt to counter opposition's misinformation campaign against BJP Govt

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Priya Sethi, National Executive Member, Prabhari Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Social Media Department, Jammu and Kashmir and former Minister has emphasized upon the significant role of Social Media in every sector including the polls in today's modern era.

She expressed this in her address while conducting a series of meeting of Party's Social Media Department of Jammu border, Reasi, Sunderbani, Nowshera and Akhnoor constituency, here on Friday.

In the meeting, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Ankit Gupta, Nitish Mahajan, Sunil Sharma District President Jammu border and Rajeev Sharma District President Akhnoor were present.

Asserting that social media is going to play a highly crucial role in upcoming 2024 Parliamentary elections polls, the senior BJP leader asked the members



Prabhari J&K BJP Social Media Deptt, Priya Sethi and others at a meeting.

of the Social Media Department to gear up for the said elections and prepare multipronged strategy to be adopted by the Cell in ensuring unprecedented success to the party.

She emphasized upon the party cadre especially those in the Social Media Cell to become proactive and work relentlessly in a mission mode so that the people get BJP Govt installed at the Centre for the third consecutive term.

Priya Sethi while highlighting the role

of social media said that in the present day, it has the highest outreach and allows the users in a robust democracy to exchanging their ideas, thoughts and opinions through multiple platforms. As such any information transmitted through social media channels regarding elections reaches a significant percentage of the voters that influences the electorate. Moreover, it acts as an echo-chamber for like-minded voters thus becoming an important platform con-

necting people with similar ideas, opinions, and interests, she added.

The BJP leader said that social media can be used both positively as well as negatively and in view of the anti-India brigade along with the tacit support of some opposition leaders relentlessly indulging in maligning the BJP Govt at the Centre through their false narratives, therefore the responsibility and role of BJP's Social Media Department has assumed greater significance. She asked the Social Media Deptt members to work intensely under a meticulously planned strategy to neutralize the propaganda disseminated by the aforesaid elements by creating false narratives based totally on surmises and conjectures. She said though the people are wise enough not to be misled by these narratives, yet there is a dire need to strongly counter the misinformation campaign launched by the opposition parties on social media.