

Jammu Harmonica Club to host 11th edition of National Indian Mouth Organ Players' Meet on Sept 21, 22

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JAMMU: The Jammu Harmonica Club is excited to host the 11th edition of the National Indian Mouth Organ Players' Meet (IMP MEEET) on September 21st and 22nd, 2024 at the Radisson Blu in Jammu.

"Since its establishment in 2015, the Jammu Harmonica Club has been dedicated to fostering a love for the harmonica, also known as the Mouth Organ, a unique instrument renowned for its sweet and captivating sound," club members said.

"The harmonica holds a special place in Indian music history. It has been featured prominently in Bollywood films, adding a distinctive charm to the soundtracks. Notable examples include the iconic tune from 'Sholay', especially the song 'Yeh Dosti hum nahi todenge', and the melodious pieces from 'Ek Duj Ke Liye' and



Jammu Harmonica Club members playing Mouth Organ.

'Solva Saal', where the song 'Hai Apna Dil to Awara' is revered as a harmonica anthem." they said adding that despite the instrument's decline in popularity in the film industry following the deaths of legendary players such as Late Phiroze Damri, Late Milon Gupta, and Late R.D. Burman, the harmonica's appeal endures.

Modern technology and social media have played a

significant role in reviving interest in this melodious instrument, with numerous harmonica clubs and associations now active across India, they added.

"The IMP Meet 2024 promises to be a grand gathering, drawing around 150 delegates from various walks of life, including students, professionals, and hobbyists. Participants range from children to seasoned veterans,

showcasing a broad spectrum of talent and experience. The event will feature performances across diverse musical genres, including Bollywood hits, Hindustani Classical, Carnatic Music, Folk, Religious songs, Western music, and regional film scores. This diversity reflects the harmonica's versatility and its ability to adapt to different musical styles," they informed.

The primary goals of this year's meet are multifaceted.

Firstly, the event aims to promote greater awareness of the harmonica as a complete and versatile musical instrument capable of performing a wide array of musical scores.

Secondly, it provides a platform for sharing knowledge about music and various techniques for mastering the harmonica. Thirdly, the meet encourages players to perform on stage, boosting their

confidence and honing their skills. Additionally, the event highlights the harmonica's health benefits, particularly its role in providing significant lung exercises. Finally, the meet seeks to foster a sense of unity and camaraderie among harmonica enthusiasts from different regions and backgrounds, celebrating the instrument's role in bringing people together through music.

"We invite all harmonica players, music enthusiasts, and the broader community to join us for this special event. The Indian Mouth Organ Players' Meet 2024 offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the harmonica, connect with fellow musicians, and experience the beauty of this remarkable instrument. For more information and to register, please visit the Jammu Harmonica Club's official page or contact us directly," they said.

100 days of Modi-3 Govt overshadow 70 years of Cong rule: Sunil Sethi

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JAMMU: On the 100th day of Modi-3 Government, the J&K BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, on Tuesday said that the works done in 100 days of Modi-3 Government are far more revolutionary than the works done in the 70 years of Cong rule. This was stated by Sethi, while addressing a press conference at BJP media center, here today.

BJP Spokespersons, Abhijeet Jasrotia, YV Sharma, Dr Tahir Chowdhary, GL Raina (former MLC) BJP media Incharge, Dr Pardeep Mahotra, were also present in the press conference. Giving details, Sethi said, "In J&K, various schemes of Rs 33,00 crore have been formulated for people's welfare and development works," and added, "In 100 days, sanction has also been accorded to Rs 3 lakh crore for different projects across the country including J&K". Sethi said that 3 cr new houses have also been sanctioned in 100 days of Modi-3 Government. These include 1



J&K BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi talking to reporters.

cr houses in urban areas and 2 cr houses in rural areas.

In 100 days, the Modi Government has also formulated a plan to give jobs to 4.1 cr youth, Sethi said. He added that Modi Government has also provided free power to 2.5 lakh new houses in 100 days.

The Modi-3 Government in 100 days, Sethi said, "has also given relief to the middle class by raising the income tax slab to Rs 7 lakh, which means people with Rs 7 lakh income will not have to pay tax".

The Modi Government has also invested Rs 100 cr in Space works, he said and added, "75,000 new medical seats have been sanctioned by Modi-3 Government in 100

days". Apart from this, the Modi Government has also released Rs 25,000 cr for Self Help Groups (SHGs) in 100 days, he said.

Sethi said that 4.5 lakh families have also been benefitted under Ayushman Bharat with free medical treatment of Rs 5 lakh. "PM Modi has become a world leader and India has become Vishaw Guru," he said and added, "Now countries in conflict zone invite Modi to resolve issues". Russia and Ukraine have invited Modi to resolve issues, Sethi said. Sethi, on behalf of J&K BJP, also extended best wishes to Modi on his birthday and said that people of India are lucky to have PM like Modi.

Former senior bureaucrat Rashid Inqilabi joins Congress



Advocate and Senior Bureaucrat (retd.) Ch. Rashid Azam Inqilabi joining Congress Party.

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RAJOURI: The President of J&K Congress, Tariq Hamid Kara on Tuesday visited Shahdra Shareef shrine and prayed for the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He also addressed the joint meeting of Congress and NC worker at Shahdra Shareef. The many people join the Congress party in the presence of Tariq

Hamid Kara.

The prominent among those, social activist, freelance journalist, Advocate and Senior Bureaucrat (retd.) Ch. Rashid Azam Inqilabi also joined the Congress Party in the presence of Congress Contesting candidate Iftakhar Ahmed and Shabir Ahmed Khan Ex MOS.

While addressing the gathering, Shabir Ahmed

Khan said that due to the joining of Ch. Rashid Azam Inqilabi, former Deputy Commissioner and Director School Education, the Congress Party surely gets boost in all the constituencies of district Rajouri, as Inqilabi during his service worked, with dedication for the upliftment of people of all the section of the society.

He further said that Inqilabi belongs to Gujjar community and have a good reputation among the public of Rajouri.

Iftakhar Ahmed, Congress contesting candidate, also welcomed the Ch. Rashid Azam Inqilabi in Party and hope that Inqilabi works for the party with dedication.

Tariq Hamid Kara while addressing the party worker appealed to work hard and he also welcomed all the new entrants in the party.

Volunteers enhance service delivery at EPFO Jammu

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JAMMU: At the EPFO Jammu office, volunteers play a crucial role in improving service delivery, embodying the principle that "service-oriented architecture can manage loosely coupled business processes."

Effective facilitation is pivotal in ensuring that customers accomplish their tasks efficiently, positively impacting both stakeholders and the organization's image.

This was exemplified by Sanjeev Kumar, a standout performer at EPFO Jammu, who set a remarkable record on September 16, 2024, by processing 1,124 claims in a single day. Starting his task at 12:01 AM and completing it at 11:59 PM, Kumar demonstrated exceptional dedication and efficiency.

He processed 300 claims by 6:17 AM, 400 more by 7:44 AM, 781 by 5:31 PM, and finally reached the landmark of 1,124 claims by day's end. His achievement is not only a



PF Commissioner Rizwan Uddin gifting book "Mindset" to Sanjeev Kumar.

historic milestone for EPFO Jammu but also sets a new benchmark for EPFO offices nationwide.

Sanjeev Kumar, who joined EPFO Jammu from EPFO Goa in June 2021, has been a consistent performer despite facing challenges from peer groups and occasional friction with immediate seniors.

His dedication has been supported by Rizwan Uddin, the PF Commissioner, who has continuously endorsed Kumar's efforts toward improving service delivery. Kumar's commitment to swift and effective claim processing has been instrumental in meeting urgent member needs, underscoring the

value of dedicated service in enhancing organizational efficiency.

EPFO Jammu has leveraged technology to improve service delivery in several key areas. One focus has been assisting employers with updating their mobile numbers in EPFO records. Given the mandatory requirement for OTPs, efficient updating of mobile numbers has been crucial. The EPFO Jammu team, under the guidance of PF Commissioner Rizwan Uddin, has significantly reduced the backlog of such requests through prompt facilitation, ensuring employers can quickly comply with new regulations.

Another area of focus has been minimizing the return rejection ratio, a vital performance indicator for service-oriented organizations. In September 2024, EPFO Jammu achieved a return rejection ratio of 15.92%, well below the national average of 22-24%. This success

is attributed to rigorous monitoring by PF Commissioner Uddin and his team's proactive measures to address minor deficiencies in claims.

Speedy correction of members' details, including names, has also been a priority. The team has utilized WhatsApp and telephonic communication to address and rectify issues efficiently. These efforts have demonstrated that service delivery remains a core focus at EPFO Jammu, with other team members beginning to follow Kumar's exemplary practices.

In recognition of Sanjeev Kumar's outstanding contributions, PF Commissioner Rizwan Uddin gifted him the book "Mindset" as a token of respect and encouragement. Kumar's achievements reflect the impact of committed facilitation on service delivery and inspire continued excellence within EPFO Jammu.

Randhawa exposes Congress, NC decades-long deception, assures BJP's victory in J&K

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Vikram Randhawa, BJP MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, lambasted the Congress and NC for deceiving the people of J&K for decades.

He confidently asserted that the public will no longer fall prey to their false promises and that the BJP will form a majority government in the region. He stated during the door-to-door campaign in Belicharana, Raipur Satwari, and adjoining areas of Bahu Constituency.

Vikram Randhawa also lambasted the Congress party's manifesto for J&K, calling it an illusion designed to deceive the public. He emphasized that the Congress party has a history of making false promises and has done nothing concrete for the



BJP senior leader and candidate, Vikram Randhawa and other at a campaign.

region's development.

Randhawa stated, "The Congress manifesto is a mere eyewash, trying to fool the people of J&K with unrealistic promises. They have consistently failed to deliver on their commitments, and this manifesto is no exception."

He said do not fall prey to Congress' illusions. They are trying to deceive you with false promises. The

BJP is committed to transparent governance and development. We will work tirelessly to ensure J&K's prosperity."

Randhawa stated, "The Congress and NC have exploited J&K's trust for far too long. This time, the people will not be fooled. They will vote for the BJP, and we will form a government with a clear majority."

He highlighted the Modi government's numerous initiatives benefiting J&K. Randhawa emphasized that the Modi government has brought unprecedented development to J&K, citing examples such as the creation of new jobs and industries, improved connectivity and transportation, enhanced healthcare facilities, increased access to education, and skill

development.

During the door-to-door campaign, he assured the public that the BJP will continue to work tirelessly for J&K's progress, saying the Modi government has laid the foundation for a prosperous J&K. We will build upon this foundation, ensuring that every citizen benefits from our initiatives."

Randhawa expressed confidence in the BJP's victory, stating, "The people of J&K have seen through the Congress and NC's deception. They will vote for the BJP, and we will form a government that truly represents their aspirations." The BJP has a proven spectacular track record of development and successful governance. We will not make false promises like the Congress party and others. Our BJP manifesto is a realistic and achievable vision for J&K.

Capacity Building workshop on "Developing Employability Skills for Global Career Readiness" held at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of Tourism and Travel Management at the Central University of Jammu successfully organized a Capacity Building Workshop on "Developing Employability Skills for Global Career Readiness" under the esteemed patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of the university.

The workshop, tailored for MBA and other professional course students, featured Dr. Gaurav Vaid, a renowned professional coach, as the resource person. The inauguration began with a warm welcome by Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman, Head of the Department, who introduced the esteemed guest.

Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean of the School of Business Studies, delivered a motivating address, encouraging students to seize the opportunity and fully benefit from the workshop.

Dr. Gaurav Vaid led both pre-



CUJ faculty honouring Dr. Gaurav Vaid.

and post-lunch sessions, offering his expertise on critical topics such as networking, career initiation, and value creation. His interactive presentations, coupled with practical insights, aimed at empowering students with the skills essential to succeed in the global job market.

The workshop also included a vibrant question-and-answer session, where students actively engaged with Dr. Vaid, followed by an experience-sharing segment, which encouraged participants to share their own perspectives and learning experiences. The event was further enriched by

the presence of faculty members from the School of Business Studies, contributing to a collaborative and stimulating learning environment. Dr. Bharti Gupta, the event coordinator, ensured the seamless execution of the workshop, while Sumiran Maheshwari skillfully managed the event as the Master of Ceremony.

This initiative reflects the Central University of Jammu's ongoing commitment to equipping its students with the essential skills and competencies needed for a successful career in the global economy.

JMC devises strategy to repair 1000 street lights on daily basis: JMC Commissioner

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JAMMU: Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav on Tuesday conducted an extensive tour of various wards in Jammu South to take stock of the functioning of street lights installed by the EESL in JMC jurisdiction.

Responding to the complaints with regard to non-functioning of street lights in various wards of the JMC jurisdiction, the Commissioner undertook tour with the objective to ensure that the lighting issues are resolved promptly and efficiently. He said that the electrical team of JMC is working with zeal and dedication to repair the street lights from its own sources. As many as 1000



JMC Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav interacting with officials.

street lights would be repaired on daily basis by mobilizing all available resources, he maintained and hoped that the core issue with regard to street lights would be resolved soon.

The Commissioner informed that present repair strategy of JMC elec-

trical team would lead to a swift resolution of the lighting issues that have been affecting the community. He acknowledged the importance of proper street lighting for public safety and community well-being, assuring that every effort is being made by the JMC to restore reliable lighting in

every nook and corner of JMC jurisdiction.

Focusing on the repairing of non-operational street lights, a long-term plan is being developed to contain similar issues in the future, Dr. Yadav said and added that the plan includes regular maintenance schedules and upgrades to the street lighting infrastructure to ensure sustained performance.

Dr. Yadav said that with the set of daily repair target would show gradual improvements in street lighting over the coming days, adding that the initiative would reflect the administration's dedication to enhancing urban infrastructure and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jammu.

MP Governor inaugurates 50 Jan Aushadhi Kendras; MoU signed with Coal India for expansion

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MADHYA PRADESH: the Government of Madhya Pradesh marked a significant milestone in healthcare accessibility by inaugurating 50 Jan Aushadhi Kendras across various District Hospitals in the state.

The inauguration ceremony took place at the Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Centre in Bhopal, with Mangubhai Patel, the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Mohan Yadav, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, presided over the event.

These Jan Aushadhi Kendras are set to make a substantial impact by providing quality generic medicines at substantially lower prices. The initiative aims to offer

more than 2,000 quality generic medicines and 300 surgical, nutraceutical, and device items, with costs reduced by 50% to 90% compared to branded counterparts. This move is expected to significantly alleviate the financial burden on patients, reducing out-of-pocket expenses for essential medications.

In a related development, the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Coal India Limited (CIL) to further expand the reach of Jan Aushadhi Kendras. This agreement, signed at the PMBJP Head Office in New Delhi, outlines the establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in strate-

gic locations across various coalfields managed by Coal India Limited.

According to MoU, the new Jan Aushadhi Kendras establishing at CIL-HQ (Coal India Limited) - Kolkata, ECL (Eastern Coalfields Limited) - Sanctoria, West Bengal, BCCCL (Bharat Coking Coal Limited) - Dhanbad, Jharkhand, CCL (Central Coalfields Limited) - Ranchi, Jharkhand, SECL (South Eastern Coalfields Limited) - Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, WCL (Western Coalfields Limited) - Nagpur, Maharashtra, NCL (Northern Coalfields Limited) - Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, MCL (Mahanaadi Coalfields Limited) - Sambalpur, Orissa, NEC (North Eastern

Coalfields) - Margherita, Assam, and CMPDIL (Central Mining Planning & Design Institute) - Ranchi, Jharkhand.

The primary objective of this MoU is to ensure that high-quality generic medicines are made available to the workforce and communities associated with Coal India. By establishing Jan Aushadhi Kendras within or near coalfield premises, the initiative aims to provide affordable healthcare solutions to workers, their families, and local residents.

Additionally, the establishment of these kendras is expected to generate employment opportunities for local entrepreneurs, further benefiting the communities in these areas.