

67th Worker Education Day celebrated by GoI, MoLE, DTNBWED

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JAMMU: Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development, Regional Directorate, Jammu has organized its 67th foundation day as Worker Education Day at the Auditorium of Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu. The Chief Guest of the programme was Mohd. Rizwan Uddin, Regional President Fund Commissioner, Ministry of Labour & Employment, GOI, Jammu and the said meeting was presided over by Chanan Singh Toor, Chairman, RAC, DTNBWED, Jammu & General Secretary, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, UT of J&K and attended by about 40 senior officials from various PSUs, Industries, Trade Unions, NGOs, University & other Social organizations of Jammu. On this occasion a Panel discussion on the subject "Role of Worker Education & how it can



A dignitary speaking at 67th foundation day celebration at Jammu on Wednesday.

contribute in the Socio-Economic progress of the UT States of J, K & L and Role & Importance of Hindi Language in it" was also held and following speakers have participated in the discussion namely: Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Jammu, Dushyant Pandey, Dy. Director, ESIC, Ministry of Labour & Employment, GOI, Jammu, Dr. (Prof.) Prakash Chand, Dean, Student Welfare, Jammu University and Dr. (Prof.) Rajni, Hindi Dept. HOD, Jammu University, Jammu. In his address as the Chief Guest, Rizwan Uddin has con-

gratulated DTNBWED, Jammu on its 67th Foundation Day and appreciated its efforts in uplifting the quality of worker's life through their educational & training activities throughout the UT States of J, K & L. He also ensured that EPPFO, Jammu will extend all kinds of help & Cooperation to DTNBWED, Jammu for proper implementation of GoI's Workers Education Scheme in J, K & L. In his presidential address Chanan Singh Toor, RAC Chairman, DTNBWED, Jammu too congratulated all the officers and Staff members of DTNBWED on its 67th Foundation day and said that

Board was renamed in 2016 to honour Late Dattopant Thengadi, who was an eminent Trade Union leader of India and a great visionary from whom Board takes inspiration and accordingly works for the welfare & development of workers across the country. He also informed the gathering that Board has trained millions of workers since its inception on 16th September, 1958 & it will continue to play an important role by making workers aware about their rights under different labour laws and welfare schemes from Central & State Governments agencies in all the districts of UT States of Jammu, Kashmir

& Ladakh. Prior to the above a healthy discussion was also held among all the Dignitaries, Special Guests & Invitees from various PSUs, Industries, NGOs, Trade Unions, Social Organizations & Rural volunteers about better implementation of Workers Education Scheme in UTs of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. Their Suggestions were noted by DTNBWED, Jammu for further necessary action. Further, during the said panel discussion: In his address Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President OCL, Jammu has assured DTNBWED and other Government Departments at Jammu that CCI, Jammu will fully support & Co-operate with all the mutually beneficial Government policies in J & K and thanked DTNBWED, Jammu for giving this opportunity to organise 67th workers Education Day Function at CCI, Jammu in their premises.

Coaching Program for upcoming JKSET Exam launched at JU



Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director DLL and others at an event.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In line with the visionary leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, aimed at fostering student excellence in competitive examinations, the Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) today inaugurated its coaching classes for the upcoming JKSET Examination 2024. The primary objective of this initiative is to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully clear the JKSET exam, thereby increasing the pool of qualified

candidates eligible for Assistant Professor positions in the higher education sector. The month-long coaching program was inaugurated by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director DLL. In her welcome address to the students, Dr. Sharma emphasized the department's role within the University, as it offers coaching for a range of competitive exams such as NET, SLET, Banking, KAS, and IAS. She also lauded the efforts of Dr. Vivek Sharma, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the program, for this initiative.

Addressing the students, Dr. Kavita Suri, Professor and former Director of DLL, highlighted the department's success in helping many students become bureaucrats, educators in higher education, and professionals in fields such as banking, through its coaching programs. DLL faculty members Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva and Dr. Sandeep Singh were present at the event. Prof. Sanjeev Gupta and Dr. Rakesh Atri interacted with the students, providing them with valuable insights and strategies for cracking the JKSET/NET/JRF examinations. Dr. Vivek Sharma conducted the proceedings and also delivered the formal vote of thanks. He also motivated the students to focus on thorough preparation to achieve success in competitive exams and also shared tips for cracking JKSET examination.

Randhawa vows 24x7 accessibility for Bahu Constituency



BJP candidate Vikram Randhawa at a campaign.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Vikram Randhawa known as people's man, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, intensified the door-to-door campaign in different locations in Gandhi Nagar, Bahu Fort and Trikuta Nagar of Bahu Constituency. He expressed unwavering confidence in the BJP's imminent victory in Jammu and Kashmir. He attributed this certainty to the party's unwavering commitment to protecting public interests and its comprehensive vision for the region's development. Randhawa stated, "No one can stop the formation of a BJP government in J&K. We have emerged as a powerful force, dedicated to serving the people. With the public's full blessings, we will deliver benefits to all segments of society."

He assured the residents of Bahu Constituency timely completion of development projects, access to essential services and amenities, transparency in governance, and round-the-clock availability for public grievances in Bahu Constituency. Randhawa highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for J&K, emphasizing youth empowerment. Key initiatives include zero electricity bills through solar energy, transparent recruitment systems, job opportunities and skill development programs, infrastructure development and connectivity enhancement, generating 5 lakh employment opportunities for the youth, and adding 1000 seats in medical colleges to improve the education system. Randhawa elaborates the citizens of Bahu constituency;

furthermore, numbers of public friendly schemes, namely under the Maa Samman Yojana, the senior most women in every household will be given Rs 18000 per year; initiate metro services in J&K; and the Ayushman Bharat Sehat Yojana will provide an additional 2 lakh in healthcare coverage on top of the 5 lakh already provided. Randhawa's vision for Bahu Constituency aligns with the BJP's comprehensive manifesto, prioritizing public-centric governance, accountability and transparency, empowerment of marginalized communities, and environmental sustainability. Randhawa concluded, "We will work tirelessly to ensure J&K's prosperity. If I vote to power, our promise to the people of Bahu assembly will be fulfilled, and I will remain accessible 24/7 to address your concerns."

Voter Awareness Rally organized under SVEEP by SDM Jammu North in AC-79

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JAMMU: In a bid to promote voter awareness and ensure maximum participation in the democratic process, a Voter Awareness Rally was organized on Wednesday under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of the Jammu North in Assembly Constituency-79. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students, who played a pivotal role in spreading the message of informed and responsible voting. The rally was flagged off by Nitish Rajora SDM of Jammu North, from SDM office Janipur and culminated at Jaggi Darbar. Addressing the gathering, Nitish Rajora (SDM)



SDM Jammu North, Nitish Rajora and others at voter awareness rally.

emphasized the importance of voter awareness in strengthening the democratic fabric of the nation. "An informed voter is the cornerstone of democracy. Our aim through this rally is to encourage eligible citizens, especially first-time voters, to exercise their franchise responsibly in the upcoming elections," said the SDM. He also appreciated the tireless efforts of Nodal officer Shanti Saroop Sharma and Dr. Alka Sharma for the

smooth conduct of this rally. Students from various schools and colleges of the Jammu North constituency carried banners and placards with slogans such as "Your Vote, Your Voice" and "Every Vote Counts." The students' enthusiasm and dedication were palpable as they chanted slogans and distributed pamphlets on the significance of voter participation, the importance of updating voter IDs and the process of voter registration.

The rally also highlighted the Election Commission of India's initiatives to make the voting process more accessible and inclusive. Special attention was given to educating the public on the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs). Officials were stationed at various checkpoints during the rally to demonstrate the use of these machines and resolve any queries from the public.

In his address, Aman Kumar, Tehsildar Jammu North lauded the efforts of the students and emphasized that the youth are the future of democracy. "By participating in events like these, young people not only learn about their rights and responsibilities as citizens but also become ambassadors of change in their communities," he remarked. The rally culminated with a pledge-taking ceremony, where all participants vowed to contribute to a stronger democracy by exercising their right to vote and encouraging others to do the same. The SVEEP initiative continues to play a critical role in ensuring high voter turnout and informed participation, with more such events planned in the run-up to the elections.

JU organizes Plantation drive under "Plant4Mother" campaign



GCTF-JU faculty and students during a plantation drive.

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JAMMU: The Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) and the Department of Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with the Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit, University of Jammu on Wednesday organized a plantation drive in the University Campus as part of a one-day special plantation

drive called by the University Grants Commission under the "Plant4Mother" campaign initiated by the Prime Minister on World Environment Day 2024. During this event, more than hundred traditional, medicinal, and ornamental saplings were planted at various locations on the main Campus of the University of Jammu.

BLSKS presents Nukkad Natak on "Mera Vote Mera Adhikar"

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: To raise awareness about the importance of voting and strengthen Indian democracy, the Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) staged a Nukkad Natak titled "Mera Vote Mera Adhikar." This event was part of their 458th Wednesday Series Musical Play, held at Old Ram Vihar, Janipur, Jammu, under the direction of Dr. M.L. Dogra.

The program was inaugurated by Chief Guest Sh. VK. Magotra, former Regional Director of the Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. Among the honored guests were Dr. Anju Kumari Dogra from the Health Department, Dr. Tara Singh Charak, former Deputy Director of the Health Department, Romesh Chander from Shavshat Art Gallery, and senior media person Mr. Mukesh Singh.

The event aimed to rejuvenate the traditional folk art and culture of the J&K region. Performances included songs and skits focused on themes such as "Vote Dalana Hai Badi Zaroori" and "Neta Chhune Khudse."

Guest emphasized that as citizens of a democratic nation, it is vital to cast votes with integrity and make informed decisions. He commended the organizers for their efforts in raising voter awareness. Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman of BLSKS, highlighted the importance of choosing leaders wisely during elections, urging voters to gather complete information about candidates before casting their votes. He stressed that a strong democracy relies on active participation, stating, "Voting is the cornerstone of democracy."

Rajni Gupta, Troupe Incharge of BLSKS, discussed the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) program, which aims to educate citizens about the electoral process. She noted that outreach efforts include door-to-door campaigns in Jammu to enhance voter literacy and awareness. The performers included Usha Raina, Zulekha Bano, Raju Bajaj, and others who captivated the audience with their talent. Deepak Kumar Dogra, Program Incharge, concluded the event with a vote of thanks, ensuring the program's success.

IIMC organises Debate Competition, Marathon, Plantation drive

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) organised three functions as conducting Hindi debate competition on "Importance of Hindi Language in Shaping Future of India", Marathon and tree plantation on Wednesday.

All the students of Digital Media, English Journalism and Hindi Journalism participated in all the events with enthusiasm. In debate competition, participants on both sides of the debate presented compelling arguments, highlighting the significance of Hindi in fostering national unity, cultural identity, and economic growth. Proponents of Hindi emphasized its potential as a unifying language, capable of bridging regional divides and fostering a sense of shared national identity. They argued that Hindi's widespread use in education, media, and government could enhance India's global influence and soft power. Those opposing the topic



IIMC Jammu faculty and students posing for a photograph.

raised concerns about the potential marginalization of other regional languages and dialects. They argued that promoting Hindi as the primary language of India could undermine linguistic diversity and hinder the development of regional cultures. Additionally, opponents pointed out that the increasing popularity of English, a blend of Hindi and English, among the youth in present times. The debate showcased thoughtful discussions, insightful analysis, and passionate

advocacy. Regional Director of IIMC Jammu Dr. Dilip Kumar encouraged students to promote Hindi language. He also spoke about many different languages that are listed in Bholanath Tiwari's books. Prof. (Dr.) Anil Soumitra emphasized that Hindi is not just a language of knowledge but it's a language of connection. Dr. Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal, Assistant Professor Digital Media shared his expertise and offered relevant suggestions.

The event concluded with a marathon run on Swachta Abhiyan and tree plantation drive "Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam". Others who attended the event were Assistant Professor Dr. Raviya Gupta, Rajeev Kumar, Madhusudan and Gulshan Kumar; academic associates were present during the event. The event was moderated by Himanshi Bora and Param of Hindi Journalism. The vote of thanks was given by Aman from Hindi Journalism.

Reject dynasty politicians, anti-national parties: SSP



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JAMMU: Col S.S. Pathania, Chief Convener and President, Sainik Samaj Party (SSP), J&K UT expressed his anguish and concerns about the present political conditions obtaining in the JKUT. All three phases voting will be over on 1 October and results will be declared on 8 October, paving the way for formation of government. NC and Congress have gone in for pre poll alliance and PDP as a fence sitter, eagerly waiting for an invitation to join the government, if the situation warrants.

An irrevocable damage has been caused to the country by dynasty politicians, which is undemocratic in nature and has adverse ramifications on growth and evolution of our nation. Congress, NC and PDP are not only the epitome of dynastic politics but also proved their credentials over a long period and on numerous occasions. Restoration of article 370 and 35 A as announced by NC has the silent support of Congress and PDP will create a constitutional problem and vitiate the situation not only in JKUT but across the nation. Pathania appealed to the intelligent and aware voters of Jammu region to totally discard the dynasty politicians and their anti national, anti people, divisive and appeasement politics, affecting the nation adversely.

GCW Parade hosts awareness event to mark World Ozone Day

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JAMMU: World Ozone Day was celebrated on Wednesday at Govt. College for Women, Parade by the Department of Environmental Science in collaboration with Science Club. Principal Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo graced the occasion with his presence. Dr. Harmanmeet Kour HOD Department of Environmental Science in her welcome address stressed on the need to promote green measures in our institutions so that we can contribute in Ozone layer healing. Dr. Anuradha from Pollution Control Committee, J&K was the resource person who made a thoughtful presentation regarding different measures which each one of us can take up to ensure protection of the protective ozone shield surrounding planet Earth. She emphasized on the importance of planting trees, conserving energy and e-waste management. The event also included Poster making competition wherein Tanisha and Shubham Sharma were adjudged first and second respectively whereas 2 students viz., Aseesahot Kour and Sanskriti shared the third position. Poster making was judged by Dr. Shamim Akhter, Prof. Surbhi Gupta, Dr. Atiya Syed and Dr. Sushma Sharma. The winners and participants were given e-certificates.