

# Expert talk on "Butterflies as Indicators of Environmental Health" held at GGM Science College

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: An expert talk was organized by Environment/E. waste committee of GGM Science College Jammu in collaboration with department on Zoology on the topic "Butterflies as Indicators of Environmental Health" under the guidance and patronage of Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the college.

It was an engaging and insightful event held in ZLR of department of Zoology and attended by a sizable student body and the faculty. The event started with the welcome address and brief introduction of the topic by Bal Krishan, Assistant professor of Zoology.

Dr. Shakha Sharma, assistant professor of Zoology at GCW Gandhi Nagar was the guest speaker on the occasion.



Principal of the college, Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta along with faculty members.

In her opening remarks the speaker highlighted the critical role butterflies play in assessing the health of ecosystems and their contribution to biodiversity. She displayed some exquisite slides of many local butterfly species in their native habitats and stages of life. She covered several key

points during her talk explaining that butterflies, often described as "bioindicators," provide essential clues about environmental changes due to their sensitivity to habitat degradation, pollution, and climate fluctuations. These insects, which thrive in well-balanced ecosystems, are among the first species to

show signs of ecological stress, making them important subjects for conservation research.

She underlined that by studying the populations of butterflies we can better understand the impact of human activities on the environment and take steps toward preserving biodiversity. The talk was even more

significant in light of the ongoing butterfly month.

The programme was presided over by Head Department of Zoology, Prof. Lekh Raj.

The faculty members who participated in the programme included Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Rahul Kait, Prof. Brinder Kumar, Dr. Rohit Bhardwaj, Dr. Jyotdeep Kour and Prof. Suram Singh.

The planning and preparations for the event were executed under the supervision of Prof. Harmeet Kour by the college Environment/E-waste committee comprising Prof. Bal Krishan, Dr. Arti Sharma, Dr. Sheetu Raina, Prof. Reetika Rani, Prof. Susheel Kumar and Dr. Ram Krishan.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof Harmeet Kour.

# GCW Gandhi Nagar organises film making contest



Principal of the College, Dr. S.P. Saraswat along with students and faculty members.

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JAMMU: As a part of SVEEP activities being held in view of Election to J&K Legislative Assembly, the Electoral Literacy Club P.S.P.S Government College for Women on Friday hosted a short film making contest on the theme "Voice of Democracy".

In all 8 students participated actively in the contest held

under the aegis of Principal of the College, Dr. S.P. Saraswat. She appreciated the students for their zeal and innovative ideas presented in the films.

The event was judged by Prof. Rakesh Singh, Head, Department of Chemistry and Prof. Samriti Aggarwal, Head, Department of Zoology. Winners of the event were Shiyva Gandotra (First

Prize), Simran Sharma (Second Prize) and Ayushi Sharma (Third Prize).

The program was coordinated by student coordinator Ayushi Sharma under the mentorship of teacher in-charge Dr. Rajni Khajuria. The occasion was also graced by Dr. Liaquat Jafri, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Jagmeet Kour Khajuria and Dr. Manmeet Kour.

# JMC organizes health awareness programme at Shiksha Niketan School

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation organized a Health Awareness Programme at Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, for 11th and 12th-grade students.

The event, led by Dr. Vinod Sharma, Health Officer, focused on raising awareness about Dengue, Malaria, and Chikungunya, especially during the monsoon season when waterlogging and improper waste disposal lead to mosquito breeding.



JMC officials at awareness programme at Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School.

Dr. Sharma emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness and

preventing stagnant water to avoid the spread of these diseases. He also highlighted the role of effective waste management in safeguarding public health.

The school's Director, Rakshan Mengi, expressed his gratitude to the health experts for educating the students about these deadly diseases.

Sudesh Rana, Incharge of the School, extended his thanks to the team and, along with the Director, presented bouquets to the experts as a gesture of appreciation.

# Dr. Koul meets Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo



Dr. S.K. Koul, President of Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution meeting with Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Dr. S.K. Koul, President of Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution, held a meeting with Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo to

discuss pressing issues concerning Vishwa Bharati School in Srinagar, Kashmir. One of the important matters addressed was the status of the results for candidates who had applied for the Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) post. Chief Secretary was informed that the results will be published next week, providing clarity to the applicants regarding their selection. Following the release of the results, appointment letters for the selected candidates will be issued before October 2024, Koul said adding that all formalities required from the students will be completed by then to ensure a smooth process.

Additionally, the selection process for faculty positions at Vishwa Bharati College in Srinagar is also progressing well. It was confirmed that the final selections for faculty roles will be completed in the first week of October 2024.

# PMBI, CIL sign MoU to provide high-quality generic medicines

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) and Coal India Limited (CIL) signed a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) at the PMBI Head Office in New Delhi.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Ravi Dadhich, CEO of PMBI. The objective of this MoU is to

provide high-quality generic medicines to the workforce and communities associated with Coal India, through the establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras across Coal India premises.



PMBI and CIL representatives signing MoU presence of Ravi Dadhich, CEO of PMBI.

# Rotary Club Jammu Elite celebrates Teachers' Day



Rotary Club Jammu Elite members during a programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Rotary Club Jammu Elite celebrated Teachers' Day at Amar Singh Club. The event was led by Dr. Davinder Kour, President of the club, along with Suresh Bala, Secretary, Gurvinder Kour, Charter Member, and Paramjeet Kour, Treasurer. They dis-

tributed Certificates of National Builder and mementos to professors from various colleges.

Among those honored were Dr. Neetu Raina, Dr. Revika Arora, Prof. Poonam, Rtn. Harvinder Kour, Ex-Prof. Gurvinder Kour, Prof. Jagmeet Kour, and Jasneet Kour (formerly Balbir Kour, Retd.). They were recognized for their contributions and received National Builder Certificates and mementos.

The club also celebrated the birthdays of Dr. Revika Arora and Prof. Neetu Raina, as well as the wedding anniversary of Adv. Jasmeet Kour Pandey.

Future plans and projects were discussed during the event, and duties were assigned to all members. Rtn. Anju Khajuria was also present at the event.

# Shun dynastic politics to save democracy: SSP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP), J&K UT expressed his grave concern on dynastic politics, prevalent in country and getting stronger day by day.

"Dynastic politics has serious adverse effects and puts lots of impediments in growth and involvement of our nation. Though it is in vogue in other democratic countries too, but not to the extent it has spread in our country. Dynastic politics has replaced the erstwhile Raj 'Tantra' where throne was inherited by the son of King, irrespective of merit. Post-Independence Prime minister and Chief ministers have assumed the role of King. To begin with Dynastic politics is undemocratic in nature and undermines its basic concept. It discourages meritocracy as power is vested in family members and deserving people do not grow beyond a level. It leads to corruption,



entrenchment of power; lack of accountability towards people, stifles internal democracy with in party create divisions and undermines people's trust," Pathania said adding that Congress, Samajwadi Party, BSP, Shiv Sena, UBT, DMK, NC, Akali Dal and PDP are some shining examples of might of dynastic politics in our country.

Pathania urged countrymen and people of JKUT to shun the dynastic politics and promote the true spirit and vibrancy of biggest democracy in the world.

# Mahindra & Mahindra launches new range of CPCB 4+ Diesel Generators in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Mahindra Powerol Authorised GOEM GSP Power Projects today launched its CPCB 4+ Diesel Genset at Hotel Inn Riviera, Jammu, J&K. The product is also available for show casing to customers.

CPCB 4+ Gensets are manufactured at GSP Power Projects' state of the art plant at Bari Brahmana, Jammu & Faridabad from 10kVA to 320kVA.

These Engines are designed at its R&D hub at Mahindra Research Valley in Chennai and manufactured at its plant at Pune and Nagpur. This new range of CPCB 4+ (10VA-320kVA) is the latest addition to Mahindra Powerol which is compliant to latest emission norms declared by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. These Gensets comes equipped



Mahindra & Mahindra officials talking to reporters at Jammu.

with the technologically advanced CRDI engines.

The CRDI engines are powered with superior & advanced Common Rail Diesel Engine (CRDe) technology. CRDe technology is future ready and best known for heavy duty performance and fuel efficiency. It significantly reduces pollution by going beyond the standard

emission norms.

CPCB 4+ norms are targeted to reduce the emissions by 90% of pollutants such as nitrogen oxides (NOx), particulate matter (PM), and hydrocarbons (HC). It is Eco-friendly & cleaner, benefits for health, advance technology, fuel efficient & cost savings to customers.

Today's launch marks the final into the CPCB 4+ Diesel generators. It is Mahindra's constant endeavour to offer advanced and accessible technologies to the consumers, the all-new range of 10kVA-320kVA DGs with latest technology bears testimony to this philosophy. This future ready technology is set to deliver lesser emis-

sions and higher performance at a lower operating cost, thereby raising the bar in customer centricity.

Mahindra Powerol DG sets are supported by the widest service network in India. The network is very well equipped to provide immediate support to the customer. The team of experts can help to choose the most optimal and well-suited solution to help the customer in the least time possible

From Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., DGM-Sales - Alok Kumar Maurya, state Manager J&K - Mukesh Malhotra, Manager Govt Sales- Arun Kumar Choudhary & from GOEM-, GSP Power Projects, Jammu, J&K, Director- Swapan Grower, GSP Jammu Plant Head-Sanjay Upadhyay and Sales Manager- Satveer Singh were also present during the event.

# Lecture on teachings & philosophies of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan organized at GCOE

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: To commemorate Teacher's Day Celebrations, 2024, a lecture based activity was organised by the Cultural Committee in Government College of Education, Jammu. The lecture activity was performed by the student participants based on the themes as Teachings and Philosophy of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and Importance and Moral Responsibilities of Teachers in Indian Society. The main objective behind this event was to honor the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan a distinguished teacher, philosopher and second president of India. Principal, GCOE, Jammu, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, appreciated the efforts of students and participants. Dr.



GCOE faculty speaking during a programme.

Davinder Kour, Convener Cultural Committee, also highlighted the achievements and characteristics of great teachers who impact our lives.

The event was organised under the patronage of Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar, under the able guidance of Dr. Sunanda Rani DSW Coordinated by Dr. Davinder Kour Convener Cultural Committee. Members of

Cultural Committee Prof. Balwan Singh, Prof. Suraj Prakash, Prof. Kiran Thapa, Dr. Sarita Dogra, Dr. Shalini Sharma. Student volunteers who participated in this activity. Aayushi Sharma, Shreya Sethi and Lakshmi was the Speakers of this event. Aayushi Sharma was adjudged best Speaker. The event concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Shalini Sharma.

# Kashmiri Pandit Sabha pays tributes to Hriday Nath Jattu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A tearful farewell was paid to Hriday Nath Jattu, the renowned political and social activist, who passed away on September 3, 2024.

A Shradhanjali meeting, attended by various social, political, and religious organizations, was held at Kashmiri Pandit Sabha, Ambhalla, in his honour.

The ceremony began with the recitation of Vedic, Tantric, and Aagam Shashtra



Shlokas by Nana Ji Zadoo of Vetal Bhairav Committee,

whose soulful bhajans mesmerized the audience, filling the hall with reverence. Speakers fondly remembered H.N. Jattu's candid, fearless oratory, which he used to champion national issues and fight for the rights of the Kashmiri Pandit community.

Ajay Bharti, Ex-MLC, shared anecdotes of Jattu's passionate representation of the community. KP Sabha President K.K. Khosa praised the unmatched lead-

ership of the late Jattu, urging the community to honor his legacy by staying united and active in community affairs.

Other speakers included Dr. P.N. Trisal, Ashok Braroo, B.L. Handoo, Dr. R.L. Dhar, and M.K. Jalali. Political and social activist Suman Sharma offered the final tribute. Floral tributes were laid by all, praying for his Moksha and strength for the bereaved family to bear the loss.

# J&K Dharmarth Trust celebrates Varaha Jayanti at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Dharmarth Trust on Friday celebrated Varaha Jayanti with profound religious devotion at the historic Shri Raghunath Ji Temple, bringing together devotees and temple priests for a deeply spiritual celebration.

The sacred Pooja, dedicated to Lord Varaha, was conducted by the temple's Pujaris in strict accordance with age-old traditions and

rituals. Lord Varaha, the third incarnation of Lord Vishnu, holds immense significance in Hindu mythology. According to scriptures, Lord Vishnu, in the form of a mighty boar, rescued the Earth from the depths of the ocean after it had been submerged by the demon Hiranyaksha. After a thousand-year battle, Varaha vanquished the demon, raising the Earth triumphantly on his tusks.

Devotees gathered in large numbers to offer prayers, seeking the divine blessings of Lord Varaha for personal well-being and the welfare of society. The auspicious occasion was marked by an atmosphere of reverence, as

the faithful prayed for the continued peace, prosperity, and communal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd.), Secretary of Dharmarth Trust, offered his prayers to Lord Varaha, hoping for the region's lasting peace, unity, and spiritual upliftment. He appealed to all devotees to uphold the values of goodness and righteousness, as exemplified by Lord Varaha's victory over evil.