

IIPA J&K Regional Branch holds 14th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) J&K Regional Branch organized 14th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on the theme "Embedded & Exposed: A Journalist's Immersive Experience and Vulnerability." Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor at Times Now Jammu delivered the lecture.

While delivering the Lecture, Pradeep Dutta called upon the media persons to challenge the fake narratives peddled by anti-India forces, with robust counter-narratives.

Saying that besides being journalists, we also belong to a nation and anything wrong narrative against India must be countered without any inhibition. Based on his experiences, he has been consistently challenging fake narratives amidst the chaos and always succeeded.

Dutta said that maintaining objectivity is the biggest challenge for war journalists, especially when confronted with the complex and competing storylines and fake narratives churned out from all sides.

Illustrating the harsh real-



Senior Editor at Times Now Jammu, Pradeep Dutta delivering lecture at IIPA Jammu. ,

ities on the ground, he recited the poems that he has penned from conflict zones, shedding light on the struggles faced by the people in these areas and providing a unique perspective on the human cost of war.

Listing dangers of reporting from the frontlines in the conflict zones, Pradeep explained how war journalist's like him had to face unimaginable dangers, risking life and limb to report from the frontlines.

He narrated his own experiences in Ukraine and Israel as a testament to the perils of war journalism, having had multiple close calls with death that left an indelible mark.

From navigating minefields and dodging sniper fire to witnessing unspeakable atrocities, the psychological

and physical toll of covering war is immense. Yet, fearless journalists persist, driven by a fierce commitment to truth-telling and a determination to shed light on the darkest corners of human conflict.

He said that journalists have to learn the art of deciphering silence and have to develop the art of story telling, without compromising on ethics.

B R Sharma, IAS (Retd) Chairman IIPA J&K Regional Branch while paying tributes to Late Sat Paul Sahni in his address said that the journalism in the era of social media is witnessing transformational change. However, it is the ethical and moral responsibility of journalists to build narratives which are in the national interest. He further

said that truth should be communicated ensuring full neutrality.

Dr Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd) Patron IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his presidential remarks said that Sat Paul Sahni as a journalist had the courage to speak the truth. While sharing his views on the theme, he said that unfortunately many a times truth is the biggest casualty during the media reporting.

Citing various past inci-

dents from the Jammu & Kashmir, he said that power of media is exploited to build fake narratives which negatively impact the history of the region. He said that both the vernacular media and national media has the responsibility to be objective and committed to truthful reporting.

The lecture was preceded by a heartfelt tribute to Late Sat Paul Sahni by KB Jandial, Vice-Chairman, of IIPA J&K Regional Branch Earlier, Director Seminars Er. M M Gupta welcomed the key speaker & members to 14th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture.

Prof Alka Sharma Hony Secretary IIPA J&K Regional Branch presented the vote of thanks and while the proceedings were conducted by the Prof Anil Gupta Joint Secretary, IIPA JKRB.

JKEEGA demands reinstatement of suspended Engineers, expeditious redressal of HR issues

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA), led by General Secretary Sachin Tickoo, convened an Executive Council meeting in Jammu to address urgent concerns impacting the engineering community.

A primary issue discussed was the prolonged suspension of seven Gazetted Engineers-four from Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) and three from Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL). These engineers have faced suspension for over six months due to alleged poor billing and collection efficiency.

JKEEGA argued that the suspension overlooked the challenging operational conditions and infrastructure constraints the engineers worked under.

Despite these hurdles, the suspended engineers had made considerable efforts to improve their performance, and their reinstatement had already

been recommended by both JPDCL and KPDCL Managing Directors.

Citing a Supreme Court judgment, Ajay Kumar Choudhary vs. Union of India, JKEEGA highlighted that extended suspension without a charge sheet is arbitrary and violates constitutional rights. The association warned that if the suspension is not lifted within 15 days, they may initiate agitation to press for their reinstatement.

In addition, JKEEGA addressed delays in regularizing serving and retired engineers, as per a State Administrative Council mandate from October 22, 2019. This delay has left many engineers in limbo regarding their job security. The association also noted several critical vacancies within the engineering hierarchy-13 Superintending Engineers, 67 Executive Engineers, 109 Assistant Executive Engineers, and 350 Junior Engineers-which exacerbate the workload and inefficiencies.

Moreover, JKEEGA highlighted delays in

IIM Jammu organizes Medical Camp at Jagti Campus



IIM Jammu faculty and doctors during a medical camp.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu announced the successful organization of a medical camp at its Jagti Campus, offering essential healthcare services to the campus residents and the surrounding community.

The camp featured specialized consultations with a Gynaecologist and a Dentist, providing much-needed medical attention to women and

families in the area.

The medical camp witnessed a significant turnout, with residents expressing their gratitude for the convenience and care provided by the medical professionals. The Gynaecologist offered consultations on women's health issues, while the Dentist provided dental check-ups and guidance on oral hygiene.

Prof. Sahay highlighted that the institute's commitment to fostering a holistic environment extends beyond

academic excellence. He expressed the institute's eagerness to continue such impactful initiatives in the future.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Harbaksh Singh Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Jammu, Jammu, Cmr. Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu and Dr. V. Raj Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu. The event was coordinated by the office of Student Affairs, IIM Jammu.

Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony starts 10th Ganesh Puja celebration



Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony starting Ganesh Chaturthi celebration.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shree Ram Leela Club in Sainik Colony is gearing up for a vibrant celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi. The 10th Shree Ganesh ji Puja is a significant mile-

stone, and the extended celebrations from September 7 to 17th will surely be filled with devotion and joy.

"The immersion (visarjan) of Ganesh idol in the River Chenab on the final day September 17, 2024 marks

a grand and traditional culmination of the festivities," Shree Ram Leela Club members said and expressed hope the event is filled with peace, happiness, and spiritual fulfillment for everyone involved.

Ten-day Ganesh Chaturthi Festival begins at Laxmi Narayan Temple Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: The grand celebration of the 10-day long Ganesh Chaturthi festival commenced today at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Gandhi Nagar with great fervor and devotion.

Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Gandhi Nagar, along with the esteemed Trustees and Special Invitees were present.

The program began with special Pooja Archana followed by installation of the sacred Ganesh Murti (Murti Sthapana) amidst all the traditional Vedic rituals. Large number of devotees



Former Minister, G.S Charak speaking at Ganesh Chaturthi celebration at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. .

participated in the religious ceremonies, seeking the blessings of Lord Ganesha for prosperity and well-being.

Speaking on the occasion, Gulchain Singh Charak expressed his deep reverence for the festival, stating, "Ganesh Chaturthi is a time to invoke Lord Ganesha's

blessings for removing obstacles and bringing peace and harmony into our lives. This festival not only strengthens our spiritual connection but also serves as a moment of cultural unity, where people come together to celebrate with faith and devotion.

The Former Minister said

that the Lakshmi Narayan Temple has always been a spiritual hub, and the Trust is committed to preserve and promote our rich heritage through such sacred events. He also appealed to the people of Jammu to mark their presence in the Temple in the next ten days and make this festival a grand success.

The 10-day celebration will include daily Maha Aarti, devotional songs, and other cultural activities, culminating with the Ganesh Murti- Visarjan on the final day ie 17th Sep.2024.

The Trustees of the Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, along with the temples management, have made extensive

arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the festival, while also encouraging devotees to follow all necessary guidelines for a peaceful and harmonious celebrations.

Besides large number of devotees, prominent among those who participated include S C Rekhi, (Gen Secy), Prem Sharma, Ramesh Thakur, V. K. Abrol, Parshant Sharma, Karan Singh, Jagjit Singh, P.C Gupta, Sumesh Damral, Ved Verma, Kiran Rajput, Krishan P Gupta, Sandeep Singh, Ashok Khajuria, Indu Bhushan Sharma, Kulbir Singh Chib, Pt. Ashwani Kumar (Head Pujari) alongwith other Pandits.

Dharmarth Trust celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi at Shri Raghunathji Temple



J&K Dharmarth Trust celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi.

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JAMMU: J&K Dharmarth Trust today celebrated the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi with great devotion at the Shri Raghunathji Temple.

Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd), Secretary of the Trust, performed the traditional Puja Archana of Bhagwan Ganesh at the Ganesh Ji Temple situated within the temple premises.

Accompanied by Temple

priests and a gathering of devotees, the Secretary offered prayers for peace, prosperity, and harmony in the Union Territory. He emphasized the significance of Lord Ganesh, revered as the embodiment of wisdom and the remover of obstacles. "This festival provides an opportunity to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesh for a harmonious, obstacle-free life," he said.

The Secretary further mentioned that the temple houses a

ASCOMS & Hospital organizes Intra-collegiate Round of 37th IAP Quiz



ASCOMS & Hospital doctors and students after Intra-collegiate Round of 37th IAP Quiz.

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JAMMU: Department of Paediatrics, Acharya Shri Chander College of

Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) & Hospital, Sidhra, in association with Indian Academy of Paediatrics under the aegis of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Paediatric organized Intra-collegiate Round of 37th IAP Quiz on Saturday in the College Auditorium in which the students from the college have participated.

Team comprising of Abid and Saqib of final year MBBS were emerged as winners and Team comprising of Jyotiraj and Vireshwar from ASCOMS were Runner Up, Rishika and Tamanna got 3rd position, Aradhya and Rakshit and Arslana and Maha got 4th and 5th position respectively.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The other dignitaries present were Dr. Anil K. Gupta, Prof & HOD, Medicine, Dr. K.S. Mehta, Prof & HOD, Surgery, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Prof & HOD, Community Medicine, Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal,

Medical Superintendent. The quiz competition also witnessed large number of gathering.

Dr. Pavan lauded the efforts made by Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta, Prof. & HOD Deptt. of Paediatrics ASCOMS and his team for organizing flawless Quiz Competition.

Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta laid stress on importance of such type of academic activities in UG Curriculum and informed everyone that our Institution has been selected for conduct of Divisional Round to be held in the month of October, 2024 which is a great pride for us.

He was assisted by Dr. Manoj Sharma who was a local quiz Coordinator & Quiz Master. Dr. Vivek Pandita, Dr. Suhail Sharma and Dr. Shaurya Pratap Singh Bilouria were the other quiz masters. Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta felicitated Dr. Pavan Malhotra by presenting him a memento. The participants were felicitated by the Chief Guest.

GCW Parade organizes awareness talk



GCW Parade faculty presenting certificate to a student.

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JAMMU: A two day Awareness programme was organized by Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH) of GCW, Parade under the supervision of Principal, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo on the theme "Break the silence, End the Violence".

The whole programme was coordinated by Dr. Seema Malpotra, Convener, CASH and committee members. On day one Poster Making/ Slogan Writing competition was held wherein total no. of twelve students participated

in competition. The first prize was bagged by Aseesabjot Kour, second prize was won by Sonalika Sharma and third prize was shared by Sonia Kumari and Rinzin. The event was judged by Dr. Ritu Magotra, Dr. Jasmeet Kour and Prof. Surinder Singh Parihar.

On the second day, an awareness talk was delivered by Aarti Bahl, Advocate, J&K High Court. She talked about Key Aspects of CASH and its Implications. She made the students aware about various laws and helpline number which could help them during

the need hours. She further stated that girls need to be physically and mentally strong in order to come out of difficult times. Her lecture was followed by discussion in which students asked her many questions pertaining to Law which could help them in future.

The event was followed by prize distribution ceremony. The Principal appreciated efforts of the Convener and Committee members. He advised the CASH Committee to organize such programme in order to make students more aware about the Laws and its implications. The entire programme was compared by Dr. Iesha Sharma and Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sushma Chib. Others present on the occasion were Dr. Archana Gupta, Prof. Meenu Sadhotra, Dr. Sumita Raina, Prof. Aarti Sharma and Prof. Usha.