

Three-day awareness programme on community dogs launched



Dignitaries with students at a programme.

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JAMMU: The Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the School Education Department, PETA India and SAVE NGO, on Thursday launched a three-day awareness and sensitisation programme for school students and teachers on humane management of com-

munity dogs, animal welfare and public safety. Being held from September 10 to 12, the programme follows directions of the Supreme Court of India and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. It aims to raise awareness about rabies prevention, anti-rabies vaccination, precautions after dog bites, animal welfare laws, sterilisation and the Animal Birth Control (ABC)

Programme. Meenakshi Narang, Manager-Elementary School, PETA India, is the resource person conducting interactive sessions. More than 2,000 students from 47 schools across Jammu are expected to participate. The sessions emphasise safe interaction with community dogs, compassion towards animals, timely medical attention following bites or scratches and completion of the recom-

mended anti-rabies vaccination course. Scientific ABC measures, anti-rabies vaccination, proper waste disposal and public awareness are also being highlighted to reduce human-animal conflict. On the first day, sessions were held at Heritage School and Government Higher Secondary School, Sarwal, with enthusiastic participation from students and teachers.

GGM Science College Principal meets Director Colleges



GGM Science College Jammu faculty meeting with Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, new Director College.,

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JAMMU: Principal, Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, on Thursday met Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, following her assumption of charge. Prof. Gupta conveyed his greetings and best wishes to Prof. Suri and assured her of the college's full cooperation in implementing the priorities and ini-

tiatives of the Higher Education Department. During the meeting, Prof. Gupta briefed the Director Colleges about the academic and developmental progress of GGM Science College. He said the institution, a prominent constituent college of Cluster University of Jammu, remains committed to academic excellence and providing students with a modern, inclusive and student-centric learn-

ing environment. Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri stressed the importance of close coordination between colleges and the Higher Education Department for effective implementation of NEP 2020. She encouraged institutions to adopt innovative practices aimed at enhancing students' employability, entrepreneurship and overall personality development. Prof. Suri assured that genuine academic and administrative issues of colleges would receive due consideration and called for collective efforts to further strengthen higher education in Jammu and Kashmir. The Principal was accompanied by Dr. Parshotam Thakur, Dr. Ashaq Hussain and Dr. Mohammad Maqeen Ansari.

Iram Javeed qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Iram Javeed, daughter of Late F. R. Javeed, resident of Channi Himmat, Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Economics from RIMT University, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab. She worked on the topic, "An evaluation of agricultural development programmes implemented in Jammu division with special reference to Jammu district" under the supervision of Dr. B. S. Bhatia and Co -Guidance of Dr. M. S. Toor.

2 J&K BN NCC Unit of GGM Science College conducts First-Year Enrolment Drive and Training Session



NCC staff and newly enrolled cadets during the enrolment drive at GGM Science College.

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JAMMU: The 2 J&K BN NCC unit of Govt. Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College organized its comprehensive first-year National Cadet Corps (NCC) enrolment drive and subsequent training session. The enrolment drive was conducted under the esteemed supervision of College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta and led efficiently by Associate NCC Officer (ANO) Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma. Invaluable guidance and tactical instruction during the event were provided by the Permanent Instruction (PI) staff, featuring Subedar Dhaminder Singh and Havildar Karan Kumar. Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta welcomed the newly selected first-year cadets and advised them to maintain the legacy of discipline and secure selections in national and international camps. Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma presented a

detailed report on how previous cadets successfully completed their NCC tenure in the college, noting that most of them are now commissioned in defense, paramilitary and state forces. He thanked the Principal, officers, and PI staff of the 2 J&K BN NCC for their constant support in making the event happen. Following rigorous initial selection phases, the newly inducted and participating cadets transitioned directly into active institutional training. As part of today's intensive schedule, specialized classes focusing on Physical Training (PT) and Map Reading were conducted to instill essential endurance, discipline, tactical awareness, and foundational navigational skills among the cadets. The successful event concluded with the enthusiastic distribution of refreshments to all participating cadets, marking an inspiring and disciplined start to their NCC journey for the academic session.

NHM employees' 72-hour strike enters second day

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JAMMU: National Health Mission (NHM) employees across Jammu Division on Thursday observed the second day of their 72-hour strike-cum-protest under the banner of the UT Level Coordination Committee of NHM Employees J&K. The protests were held at district and block headquarters under the leadership of Provincial President, JKNHMEA Jammu Division, Dr. Vikas Sharma, with participation from doctors, paramedical and management staff, besides employees associated with NTEP and other NHM programmes. The employees reiterated their long-pending demands, including a comprehensive job policy, job security, golden handshake, retirement and social security benefits, EPF coverage for all eligi-



NHM employees raising slogans during a protest.

ble categories, loyalty benefits for left-out NHM employees, and resolution of other service-related issues. Chief Spokesperson, All JKNHMEA Jammu Division, Dr. Hamid Parray, said the continued participation reflected the "deep sense of insecurity and frustration" among NHM employees after years of service. "NHM employees have served the healthcare system for years, including in difficult and far-flung areas. We are only seeking

a secure and dignified future. Our demands are genuine and legitimate," he said. Dr. Parray said the employees wanted dialogue and concrete measures rather than assurances, while appealing for unity, discipline and peaceful conduct during the agitation. It urged the government to initiate meaningful dialogue, noting that the agitation was affecting healthcare services, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Shri Vasuki Naag Kailash Yatra concludes in Bhaderwah



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BHADERWAH: The three-day Shri Vasuki Naag Kailash Yatra, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, concluded here today with the performance of traditional rituals, marking the successful culmination of the annual

pilgrimage. The Charri Mubarak (Holy Mace) returned from the sacred Kailash Kund to the historic Shri Vasuki Nag Temple at Gatha, Bhaderwah, completing the yatra in accordance with age-old religious practices. Ashok Sharma, Retd. IPS and

Secretary, J&K Dharmarth Trust, said the pilgrimage began with traditional prayers seeking peace, prosperity and well-being of Bhaderwah. He appreciated the contribution of Bajantiris, whose devotional music added to the spiritual and cultural atmosphere. Sharma also thanked the District Administration, Doda, for its cooperation and for providing essential facilities, including food, drinking water and electricity, at the high-altitude Kailash Kund. He reiterated the Trust's commitment to preserving the region's ancient religious traditions and cultural heritage and invited devotees from across the country to visit Bhaderwah. Administrator J&K Dharmarth Trust Arjun Singh also expressed gratitude to government departments, local stakeholders, volunteers and devotees for their support in ensuring the peaceful completion of the yatra. Kailash Kund is traditionally revered as a sacred abode associated with Lord Shiva and Shri Vasuki Nag Ji.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sidhra, Bajalta and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 11 and 15 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Industrial area Bari Brahmana will remain affected on September 13 from 7 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Wazarat, Peer Mitha, Gujjar Nagar, Khatikan Talab and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 12 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Ghatti, Nanani, Marheen, Paharpur, Channi, Palli, Nagri, Logate, MBS Janlote and IID Centre Kathua will remain affected on September 13 from 7 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Fatehpur, Atti, Bhatian, Behrot, Saaj, Plangar, Bada Khana, Rajdhani, Shadra, Sharif, Thanamandi Town, Azamtabad, Manyal, Mangota, Bhangai and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 13 and 15 from 6 am to 2 pm.

Two vehicles carrying sand illegally seized

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JAMMU: Jammu Police seized two vehicles allegedly transporting sand without valid permission or requisite documents during a crackdown on illegal mining and unauthorised transportation of minor minerals. Police intercepted and seized a dumper bearing registration number JK02CS-9946 and a tipper bearing registration number JK02AR-7904 at Sarthan Nallah, Sidhra. Both vehicles were found carrying sand without the required permission and documents. The District Mining Officer (DMO), Jammu, has been informed for further legal action under applicable mining laws and regulations.

Free Dental Check-Up Camp organised at KC Gurukul Public School



Dental doctors examining students at KC Gurukul Public School.

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JAMMU: KC Gurukul Public School, Paloura, Jammu, in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital, Amphalla, organised a two-day Free Dental Check-Up Camp for the students. The camp was conducted by a team of dental professionals

from Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital, who provided comprehensive dental screening and guidance to the students. The initiative aimed to promote oral hygiene, preventive dental care, and awareness about the importance of maintaining healthy teeth and gums. The students were examined

for common dental concerns and guided on proper brushing techniques, oral hygiene practices, and the importance of regular dental check-ups. The school management expressed its gratitude to Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital, Amphalla, for its valuable services and support.

MBS College organizes induction programme for B.Tech 2026 Batch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering & Technology (MBS-CET), Babilana, Jammu, organized an Induction Programme for the newly admitted B.Tech 2026 batch to formally welcome students and acquaint them with the institution, academic structure, and campus environment. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the traditional lamp by Mahant Manjit Singh, Sole Trustee of the College. The formal session began with an address by Gurnam Singh, Chairman, MBS College, who emphasized the importance of quality education and a conducive environment for the academic, professional, and holistic development of students. Lakhbir Singh Bawa, Advisor, urged the students to



Mahant Manjit Singh speaking at a programme at MBS College.

remain focused, disciplined, and consistent throughout their academic journey. Prof. (Dr.) Amrik Singh, Principal, apprised the students of the college's academic journey, achievements, and future plans. He emphasized that the four-year journey would provide opportunities for learning, discovery, innovation, and transformation, enabling students to develop the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies essential for a successful career. Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh, Administrator, highlighted the

importance of discipline, commitment, and active participation in academic and co-curricular activities for overall development. Prof. Parveen Singh, Vice Principal, delivered a presentation on the college infrastructure, departmental facilities, academic structure, curriculum, academic policies, evaluation process, and scope of various engineering disciplines. The programme concluded with the blessings and inspiring guidance of Mahant Manjit Singh, who highlighted the significance of technical education in shaping successful careers in

an increasingly technology-driven world. He encouraged students to embrace continuous learning, remain curious, and stay updated with emerging technologies. Bhopinder Singh, Chairman, Guru Harkrishan Public School; Balbir Singh, General Secretary, GHP School; H.S. Gill (DSW); all HODs, faculty, and staff members also attended the programme. The event was coordinated by Sarbjot Kaur, HOD, APSH, and anchored by Jasmine Kaur and Dr. Arunima Verma, APSH Department.

St. Xavier Convent School student selected for National-Level INSPIRE-MANAK Award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: St. Xavier Convent School has announced a notable achievement by its Class 10 student Utkarsh Uniyal, who has been selected for the National Level of the INSPIRE-MANAK Award 2024-25. The State-Level Exhibition and Project Competition was held on September 9 at Kala Kendra, Jammu, with 266 students representing 266

schools from across Jammu and Kashmir. After the first round of evaluation, 30 students were shortlisted, from which seven outstanding projects were selected for the National Level. Utkarsh's innovative project, "Anti-Sleep Alarm Glasses," is designed to alert drivers when they become drowsy while driving at night, helping prevent accidents caused by driver fatigue. His project was

among the seven selected and he was honoured with a medal and memento. Utkarsh will now represent Jammu and Kashmir at the National Level, competing with young innovators from across India. The school management, Principal, teachers and students congratulated Utkarsh on his achievement and praised his creativity and scientific approach to solving a real-world problem.



J&K Tug-of-War Association welcomes new president Jasbir Singh Sudan



J&K Tug-of-War Association members felicitating newly elected President Jasbir Singh Sudan.

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JAMMU: Senior members of the J&K UT Tug-of-War Association welcomed and felicitated newly elected President S. Jasbir Singh Sudan at a gathering held at Hotel Asia, Jammu. Members presented him with a traditional garland and expressed confidence that his leadership would give fresh impetus to the sport across Jammu and Kashmir. They stressed the need to identify young talent, provide better opportunities to athletes and strengthen Tug-of-War at the grassroots level. Sudan, an educationist and Chairman of Unique International Public School, thanked the association fraternity for the warm welcome and assured collective efforts for the welfare of athletes, coaches and officials. He pledged to create greater opportunities for players and take the sport to new heights. He also acknowledged the contribution of former President Hardeep Singh Anand towards promoting Tug-of-War across J&K. Senior members Jodh Singh Ishar, former General Secretary; Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, former Senior Vice President; and Smt. Kiran Kumari, former Joint Secretary, were also present.