

Seerat-ul-Nabi Conference held, speakers for maintaining peace, brotherhood



Procession being taken out in Jammu.

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JAMMU: As a mark of celebration of Eid Milad-ul-Nabi, Seerat-ul-Nabi (PBUH) conference was organised at the complex of Jamia Masjid Hanfia Ghousian, Tawi Bridge here on Monday. The conference was held under the chairmanship of Advocate Haji Abdul Majid. Large number of Muslims, who took out procession from different parts of the city and rural areas, participated in the conference. Renowned Islamic scholars from different parts of the country as well as from the State addressed the confer-

ence. They emphasized to adopt the teaching of Prophet Mohammad (Peace be upon him) and stressed to maintain peace, brotherhood and harmony among all irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

They educated the participants that it is only possible if we follow the teaching and life style of Prophet Mohammad.

In the conferences, special prayers were made for the global peace and especially for restoration of peace in J&K State. The conference was addressed by Mufti Qamar-ul-Zaman Misbahi from Patna City Behar, Mufti Mohd Rafiq, Maulana Mazhar Hussain Shah, Shakeel Ahmed Meenai from Lucknow and others.

PNBMT to observe Chetna Divas on Dec 27

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JAMMU: Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust (PNBMT) has decided to observe Chetna Divas on December 27, 2017, at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

"Chetna Divas is observed as remembrance of Martyr Pandit Prem Nath Bhat, who fell to the bullets of fanatics on December 27, 1989 in his home town Anantnag. Bhat was a patriot, nationalist and an efficient social activist. His writings proved him to be a man of vision," said a Trust official in the meeting held here on Friday.

The members, while appreciating the Trust work in its success to get the Bill for protection of Temples and Shrines of

Kashmir put forward on the floor of J and K Assembly, expressed their dismay in not succeeding to get the Bill passed. They also flayed the present government in showing utter unwillingness to address the aspects of protecting Temples and Shrines of Kashmir to save them from damage and encroachment.

"The Trust will intensify the campaign to press the State Government to move the Bill "Kashmiri Hindus Shrines, Temples and other Properties, Maintenance, Preservation and Management Bill", they said.

Virendar Raina, Vijay Kashkari, R.L. Pandita, A.K. Raina, Kashmiri Lal Bhat and Subash Chatta were also present.

'Regularise NHM employees forthwith'

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JAMMU: Castigating the State Government for its non-serious attitude towards NHM employees in the State, All J&K National Health Mission (NHM) Employees Association demanded regularisation of their services at the earliest.

Talking to reporters here on Friday, Presidents of both Divisions Rohit Seth (Jammu) and Shaheen Nawaz (Kashmir) said that NHM staff is being ignored for many years by the Health Department and despite approaching to all the concerned higher officers time to time for the redressal of the genuine demands of the employees, the authority concerned has not responded.

They said government



Members of All J&K National Health Mission Employees Association briefing media persons at Jammu.

has constituted a four members committee nine months back under chairmanship Commissioner Secretary H&ME and it has come to their notice that the committee has submitted the report for further perusal.

They conveyed the State Government that to expedite the regularization process of NHM employees

on priority basis.

They cautioned the State Government that if the process of regularization is not being taken on priority they will start a mass agitation from December 20, 2017.

Chief Spokesperson Abdul Rauoof and Vice President Dr Arun were also present in the press conference.

IIIM celebrates Foundation Day



Senior Vice President at Reliance Life Sciences, Dr Harinarayan Rao speaking at the programme in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) Jammu celebrated 60th Foundation Day here on Friday.

Dr Harinarayan Rao, Senior Vice President at Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, was the Chief Guest.

As part of celebrations, different cultural and sports activities were held

strated their indoor and field research activities to the visiting students and other dignitaries.

In the Director IIIM Jammu function held here, Dr Ram Vishwakarma described Dr. Harinarayan Rao as a scientist of international repute and highlighted his scientific achievements.

Dr Rao delivered a lecture titled 'Of Mice and Men: In pursuit of Drug discovery'. Rao stated that invaluable contribution of animals in drug development programmes, cancer therapeutics has attracted several criticisms due to high failure rate in the clinical trials.

The cancer drug development studies extensively used either syngeneic murine tumors or xenograft studies in immuno deficient mice. He elaborated on generation of Genetically Engineered Mice (GEM) by DNA recombinant technology

and Patient Derived Xenograft (PDX) models are the latest development in generation of animal models in cancer and envisaged that for drug discovery and development, the search for more suitable animal models will continue in the future.

Heads of various divisions of IIIM present on the occasion were Dr D.M. Mondhe Senior Principal Scientist, Dr. I. Khan Principal Scientist, Dr. G.D. Singh (Principal Scientist), Dr. Zabeer Ahmed (Principal Scientist), Sanjay Sharma (Library Officer), Dr. Parthasarathi Das and Praphul Kumar (SPO), Dr. Y.S. Bedi, (Ex-Chief Scientist) and a number of farmers were special guests at this function.

Dr. D.M. Mondhe, Head Cancer Pharmacology Division presented vote of thanks and Dr. Deepika Singh conducted the proceedings.

Three-day National Vikalp Sangam concludes

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UDAIPUR: A three-day National Vikalp Sangam or the Alternation Confluences held at Vidya Bhawan Prakriti Sadhana Kendra, a Nature Education Interpretation Centre in the Aravalli hills of southern Rajasthan, Udaipur concluded on Thursday.

Vikalp Sangam brought together more than 100 practitioners, thinkers and researchers of alternative initiatives across the country to learn from each other, build alliances and collectively evolve alternative futures that are ecologically sustainable and socio-economically equitable.

Participants from Jammu and Kashmir included Tsewang Namgyal from Snow Leopard Conservancy, India Trust, Leh, Tashi Morup and Rinchen Dolma from Ladakh Media and Arts Organisation (LAMO), Tsewang Rigzin Journalist, Dr. Shaikh Ghulam Rasool from J and K, RTI



Vikalp Sangam participants posing for a photograph.

Movement and Shaheena Parveen and Lubna Rafiqi from Mool, Kashmir.

Sangam was hosted by Swaraj University and other co-hosts organisations with a focus to share key points from the Sangams held in 2014-17 and to review what has been achieved and the way forward. An evolving core group of 41 organisations has been set up to coordinate the planning of the Sangams.

Five key spheres, seen as an integrated whole, re-emerging in the new contexts of the 21st century, discussed during the 2017 Vikalp Sangam at Udaipur

include ecological wisdom, integrity and resilience; social well-being and justice; direct and delegated democracy; economic democracy and cultural diversity and knowledge democracy. Vikalp Sangam held in Ladakh in 2015 had stressed that it was a myth that tourism is the major economic mainstay of Ladakh, and that in fact the contribution of agriculture and pastoralism (and particularly of women) was under-emphasised because not all of it involved monetary exchanges or incomes. Another point made was that electricity is not the

only energy source needed, but more important was heating energy, which is more appropriately solved not by hydro plants but by architectural changes (such as passive solar heating). The problem of garbage and over-use of tourist spots such as Pangong, haphazard construction and traffic in Leh, lack of benefits from tourism going to villagers, and others were mentioned and recommendations were brought up and accordingly the recommendations were submitted to the LAHDC in 2015.

Cygnett Park Asia hosts cake mixing ceremony



Dignitaries during the cake mixing ceremony.

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JAMMU: For the forthcoming Xmas and New Year celebrations, Cygnett Park Asia, Jammu, is planning specialised blended Xmas cake for its customers. In this regard, a cake mixing ceremony was held in the hotel premises.

Lot of prominent personalities and other distinguished guests from electronic media and corporate sector participated in the

history of Cake-mixing, it says it marked the arrival of the harvest season. During that time a lot of fruits and nuts were harvested before the winter season and these seasonal fruits and nuts used to go into the preparation of the traditional Christmas fruit cake. They used to save up the mix for the coming year as well hoping that it would bring another abundant year. Although the cake mixing ceremony is warming up to the festive holiday season, it does much more than just that. Today, the age-old ceremony of cake mixing is seen more of an occasion for social gathering and pre-celebrations to Christmas which starts a month before Christmas and the winter festivities," Sood said.

After the cake mixing ceremony light refreshment was provided to the elite who participated in the ceremony.

BVP distributes woolen clothing among students

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), Jammu West Branch, organised Guru Vandna Chhatra Abhinandan (GVCA) programme at Government Middle School, Sarwal, Rehari here on Friday.

During the programme, BVP members distributed woolen clothing among the students.

Besides, ten top all rounder best students were awarded certificates on the occasion. Sukriti Chowdhary gave a brief introduction of programme.

Headmistress of the School appreciated the role of BVP for conducting such programme and helping the students.

S.R. Gupta presented vote of thanks. Programme culminated with the National Anthem.

'Transfer by violation of statutory provision or malafide can only be challenged'

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of State High Court comprising Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir and Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey in a Letter Patents Appeal (LPA) held that transfer can be validly challenged only when transfer is vitiated by violation of some statutory provision or suffers from malafide.

Division Bench observed that petitioner initially has been engaged as Rehbar-e-Taleem Gurez. Vide order dated March 31, 2017 was deployed on the instructions of Minister for Education in Sumbal Zone of District Bandipora. In pursuance to order dated April 17, 2017 of Zonal Education Officer, was performing duties at Government Primary School, Mir Mohalla Wangipora Sumbal. Chief Education Officer,

Bandipora, in pursuance to the instructions issued by the Chief Minister during her visit to Gurez, vide order dated November 1, 2017 has directed all Zonal Education Officers/Heads of the Institutions to ensure that the teachers working on deputation in their institutions are relieved and action taken report furnished. Aggrieved thereof, writ petition was filed which has been dismissed vide judgment impugned.

Division Bench observed that appellant being resident of Gurez, in accordance with Rehbar-e-Taleem Scheme has been engaged as Rehbar-e-Taleem teacher. As per scheme, selection and engagement of a Rehbar-e-Taleem teacher is linked with residence and merit. A candidate who belongs to a particular habitation is eligible to be engaged as Rehbar-e-

HBET launches scholarship distribution carnival

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JAMMU: Harbans Bhalla Educational Trust (HBET) on Friday launched its eight-day scholarship distribution carnival.

Over 500 students of government schools from 55 villages of Jammu region will receive scholarships during the carnival.

A total of 62 children and their parents attended the first day of the scholarship distribution carnival. HBET launched this carnival for distributing scholarships among its existing students as well as for conducting evaluation test of both its existing students and new students.

Dr Arun Gupta, Chairman MIER was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dr Renu Gupta, Joint Director MIER and Arun Sharma Ex Managing Director J and K Cements Limited were the Guests of



Chairman MIER, Dr Arun Gupta after giving scholarships to students at Jammu.

Honour. They told the students about the benefits of education and advised them to make full use of scholarship and support of the Trust. They lauded the

excellent work being done by the HBET team.

On the occasion, Bee Enn Hospital conducted free eye check-up and counselling of the parents and students.

LPEF seeks speedy redressal of employees' demands

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JAMMU: All J and K Low Paid Employees Federation (LPEF) urged the government for speedy implementation of Seventh CPC's on central pattern in J and K State.

Hailing the decision of State Government to extend death-cum-retirement gratuity benefit in favour of employees employed under New Pension Scheme (NPS), Abdul Majid Khan, President LPEF, sought extension of all other service benefits to the NPS employees as are available to the employees working under old pension system. Khan also demanded release of D.A installment, enhancement of medical allowance, revise minimum daily wage to at least Rs 350, regularisation of daily wage workers, Adhoc and contractual employees after rendering seven years service and early redressal of outstanding grievances of teachers, clerks, Class IV employees, ReT teachers and pre and post 2006 pensioners.

Employees attain superannuation

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JAMMU: Raj Kumari, teacher Government Middle School

Dholian, Zone Purmandal, District Samba, attained superannuation after rendering more than 32 years of service to the department. ZEO Purmandal, Zareena Sheikh and staff of Middle School Dholian conveyed best wishes to the retiring official and wished her prosperous and happy post retirement life.

Department of Posts gave warm send off to Ashok Kumar Salgotra who

attained superannuation after rendering 34 years of his service to the department.

On the occasion, Assistant Director Achal Singh Chamyal, Senior Post Master Jammu, Bihari Lal Pandita, Post Master Rehari Mohalla, Nisha Sathi, Retired APM V.K. Mehra, President Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha, Shashi Verma, President Vishwakarma Sabha Shakti Nagar Vijay K u m a r , P r e s i d e n t Vishwakarma Library, B a l w a n t Kataria were also present.

Ashok Kumar

Shiv Sena flays Mehbooba Govt for releasing stone-pelters

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Bala Saheb Thackeray on Friday strongly criticised the Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti led State government for withdrawing the cases against stone-pelters.

Briefing media persons here, State President Shiv Sena, Dimply Kohli and General Secretary, Manish Sahni said that Mehbooba Government has taken wrong step by withdrawing the cases of stone-pelters and this can create law and order problem not only in Kashmir Valley but also in the whole State.

Kohli said that it's a matter of great concern that the State

Government is appeasing the anti-national elements and is playing with the security of the nation.

"It is very unfortunate that the so-called nationalist party BJP is sitting like a mute spectator and is busy in enjoying power in the State," Kohli said. He appealed to the Modi government to take a concrete step in this regard.

Working President Ashwani Gupta, Senior Vice-President Rajeev Bhandari, Vice President Rajan Gupta, Secretary Raj Singh, Vikas Patel, Nathpal Chowdhary, Sanjeev Kumar, Pawan Singh and Raju Salaria were also present.

Indian Secular Front frames State level body

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JAMMU: Indian Secular Front H.M.S.E Zindabad Migrants & Non Migrants Core Committee J and K announced Ashok Kumar Bali as its State President and Organiser while Ajay Bhat was elected as General Secretary of the Committee.

Bali informed that the party unit has been framed for the benefit of migrants of Jagti Township which were divided into six phases due to their population.

Others elected were Pintu Ji Chaman as Public Secretary, T.K. Dhar as Spokesperson, Vinod Wali Law Secretary; Chaman Lal Kachroo, Bittu Singh, Surinder Koul, Omark Nath Kaw, Bittu, Krishan Lal Mahajan, Billu Bhat and Raj Kumar Tickoo as Advisors; Chaman Lal Pandita (I Phase), Suresh Kumar Tickoo (II Phase), Moti Lal Bhat (III Phase), Veer Ji Raina (IV Phase), Ravinder Dhar (V Phase) and Raj Nath Bhat (VI Phase)

as Unit Presidents; Ashok Raina (I Phase), Sanjay Raina (II Phase), Sanjay Bali (III Phase), Pran Pandita (IV Phase), Arjun Singh Sodhi (V Phase) and

Kaka Ji Bhan (VI Phase) as Unit Secretaries; Ramesh Koul, Subash Kachroo, Raj Bali, Pushker Nath Kishroo, Tej Krishan Bhat, Koshan Lal Tickoo, Pyari Lal Bhat, Makhana Lal Pandita, Pushker Nath Koul, Dhan Posh Koul, Sunil Kumar Khatre, Sunil Bali, Anil Bali, Shah, Pran Bhat, Maharaj Krishan Koul, T.K. Bhat, Chaman Lal Pandita, Sunil Raina, Raju Gangoo, M.K. Bhat, Kamal Pandita, Kartik, Vikrant Sehgal, Santosh Razdan, Bittu, Gusani, Bablu, Pyare Lal, Santosh Pandita, Raju Sehgal, Sanjay Pandita and Madan Lal Raina as Unit Advisors and Ramesh Koul, Charanjeet Singh, Sunny Koul, Jagdev Singh Rajput, Maharaj Krishan Pandita, Shiv Sharma, Abdul Gaffar Dar, Ramesh Raina, Shadi Lal Tickoo, Jasveer Singh, Ramesh Kumar Suri, Maharaj Krishan Raina, Sanjay Kumar Kheda and Rahul Bhat as Senior Members.

Bali also urged upon the government to consider the genuine demands of Kashmir Migrants including enhancement of cash relief upto Rs 25,000 per month.