

## Kailakh Karuna Abhiyan organised at SD Memorial School Climate change is taking big toll on birds: Team Jammu



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal along with others during the Kailakh Karuna Abhiyan at Jammu on Wednesday.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As a part of 'Save Birds' campaign, Shri Kailakh Jyotish Aven Vedic Sansthan Trust along with members of Team Jammu on Wednesday organised 'Kailakh Karuna Abhiyan'-a drive of feeding grain and water to birds by placing a bowl of water for them, at S D Memorial Higher Secondary School, Karvanda in Bhalwal block.

Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal was the Chief Guest on the occasion while SHO Police Station Gharota, Inspector Rajinder Sharma and social-activist Sunil Sharma were the Guests of Honour. While distributing clay pots among school students, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said, "Birds are under attack. Not just from cats and predators, but from environmental factors as well. Climate change, in particular, is taking a big toll on birds as

per recent report from the National Audubon Society." Appreciating the efforts of the trust under the leadership of Mahant Rohit Shastri in summers, Zorawar Singh Jamwal detailed students, "We all have to save the natural resources of water. Moreover, for feeding birds, what we have to do is to hang bowls on balconies, roofs and other common areas of our houses. We must make it a point to put out a bowl of water for birds

on daily basis. Together, we must do something for the welfare of birds."

Inspector Rajinder Sharma said that birds make our environment beautiful and they should be kept properly by people. Bird-feeders can also be installed in houses so that any bird that flies by our house can eat and drink in summer season, he suggested. MD of SD memorial School, Rakesh Gandotra presented formal vote of thanks.

Mahant Rohit Shastri also presented Ramayana and Shrinad Bhagavat Gita to MD of the School so that students can remain in touch with our spiritual ethics besides spreading awareness in their surroundings regarding the same. Pandit Dev Dutt Shastri did proceedings of the programme. Others present on the occasion included Rajeev Sharma, Parveen Sharma and Shamsher Kumar Prajapati.

## Power employees hold protest, warn stir

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Provincial Power Employees Union (PPEU) along with Feeder Managers, Meter Readers and Linemen of various Electrical Maintenance Divisions of Jammu on Wednesday lodged protest against alleged harassment by the PDD authorities. The union members assembled at Green Belt Park Jammu and raised slogans against the PDD authorities.

The members expressed resentment against circulars issued by the higher authorities levying responsibility of any power pilferage solely on lower staff. They further said that it is not possible for Feeder Managers, Meter Readers and Linemen to make fool-proof arrangements for preventing power pilferage as majority of distribution infrastructure consists of bare conductor and it is not possible for one or two persons to maintain complete



PDD employees staging protest at Jammu.

instructions have been issued to Kashmir based employees for their failure to stop power pilferage besides failure to achieve revenue targets in comparison to Jammu. The members appealed to the higher authorities to desist from issuing such circulars threatening suspension and termination of employees and vowed that in case any misadventure is done by anyone, the members shall be forced to start 'Kaam Choro Hartal', the responsibility of which will be on higher authorities.

"Department failed to release wages of need based workers and also did nothing to regularise permanent daily wagers of Jammu Province. Now, it started punitive action against Jammu based employees," they said, asking why only Jammu is targeted as no

instructions have been issued to Kashmir based employees for their failure to stop power pilferage besides failure to achieve revenue targets in comparison to Jammu. The members appealed to the higher authorities to desist from issuing such circulars threatening suspension and termination of employees and vowed that in case any misadventure is done by anyone, the members shall be forced to start 'Kaam Choro Hartal', the responsibility of which will be on higher authorities.

## MNP delegation calls on Relief Commissioner

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A delegation of Manvadhikar National Party (MNP) J&K unit led by its President, Sanjay Dhar met Relief Commissioner (Migrants) Jammu and discussed various problems being faced by Kashmiri Pandits.

The delegation demanded removal of M-form for casting votes, renovation of quarters, allotment of accommodation to 1,400 migrant employees of PM Employment Package working in District Anantnag at Vessu, opening evening coaching centers in Jagti and Nagrota Jammu, early disposal of pending cases of migrants in different relief zones, construction of additional blocks for migrants, making Government Hospital Jagti fully functional with all requisite medicines free for poor and needy, etc.

The Relief Commissioner gave a patient hearing to delegation and assured for taking every possible measures to resolve the highlighted issues at the earliest.

The delegation comprised of State General Secretary (Org) Vinod Pandita, Incharge State Vishal Jutshi, Secretary K L Raina, Organiser Mohan Lal Bhat, Joint Secretary Ashok Kumar Koul, Mahila Wing President Meenakshi Wali, Vice President Displaced Migrants Anju Raina, Vice President Mahila Wing Rekha Koul and Jai Kishori Kaw.

## Ganai to hold public hearing today

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Advisor to the Governor, Khurshid Ahmed Ganai, shall hear public deputations at Governor's Grievance Cell, Church Lane, Srinagar, tomorrow on May 16 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

## Suri hails Gov's direction on probing scams

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Hailing decision of Governor Satya Pal Malik to probe irregularities and scams in the Government organisations and departments, including Sports Council, BJP leader Raman Suri on Wednesday said that by bringing an order into the system, the State will progress by leaps and bounds and funds meant for development schemes will be best utilised besides recruitments will be done through proper channel like SSRB or PSC.

In a statement issued here, Suri added that the best part of the probe is that, it is time-bound and confined to a chosen few Departments to make a good beginning. The Departments like J&K Sports Council, Skill Development Department and those into implementation of State Wide Area Networking (SWAN) projects were definitely in a

real mess and need complete scanning, he said, adding that once these Departments are scanned, the Governor must take up other Departments and bring an order into their functioning as well.

"Several other Departments like Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA), Flood and Irrigation, Housing and Urban Development Department and Health Department also need similar kinds of scanning to identify deadwood, misuse of funds, frequent transfers besides irregular and improper use of funds meant for public welfare. One-month time is left to complete probe before June 14 and it is going to be first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir, when accountability will be fixed," he said.

Suri added that panel

constituted to probe irregularities in appointments and awarding of contracts must submit their report without any prejudice as its own credibility is at stake. He said that had the SWAN projects completed well in time, it would have made communication services over voice, data and video accessible to all Government Departments from their own locations.

He further said that SWAN project will interconnect two J&K State Headquarters, 20 District Headquarters and 152 Block Headquarters with a minimum internet speed of 2 megabytes per second, thereby bringing promptness in functioning and bringing in complete transparency in the system. He hoped that the probe will fix responsibility on officials and bring in a more efficient, transparent and accountable system of governance.

## BJP OBC Morcha distributes stationery among students



BJP OBC Morcha members along with students of Government Girls High School, Rajpura Mangotrian, Jammu.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP OBC Morcha on Wednesday distributed stationery and eatables among students of Government Girls High School, Rajpura Mangotrian during a function held here on Wednesday. The programme was organised by Brahm Jyot Satti, State General Secretary BJP OBC Morcha Cell and Prabhari Jammu West under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan.

State Spokesperson BJP, Ashwani Kumar Chrunoo was the Chief Guest on the occasion while social-activist, Rajeev Bhardwaj was the

Guest of Honour.

During the programme, the Chief Guest distributed notebooks, pens and eatables among students.

Kewal Krishan, General Secretary BJP OBC Morcha, social activists Ajay Gupta, Raja Ram, Rakesh Duggal, Ashwani Sharma, Tilak Raj Sharma, Joginder Sahni and Ajay Kumar were also present on the occasion. SAP Academy extended full support for the success of the programme.

Principal of the School, Rekha Manhas appreciated efforts of BJP OBC Morcha for organising the programme.

## IDEU condoles demise of colleague's brother

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Information Department Employees Union (IDEU) on Wednesday expressed grief and shock over demise of brother of their colleague, Vinod Kumar in a tragic road accident at Qazigund on Wednesday morning.

A condolence meeting was held at DIPR under the chairmanship of President IDEU, Shabir Ahmad. The participants, while praying for peace to departed soul, expressed heartfelt sympathies with Kumar, who is working as a Steno-Typist in the Department. The Union also expressed sympathies with bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty for grating them strength to bear the irreparable loss. Sanjay Kumar was seriously injured in a road accident this morning while traveling from Jammu to Srinagar and passed away while being shifted to SKIMS. Vinod Kumar was also injured in the accident.

## JU's workshop on curriculum reforms culminates

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The five-day workshop organised by the Department of Chemistry, University of Jammu on updating and restructuring course curriculum for Master Degree programme in Chemistry under RUSA scheme (Phase II) concluded at the University of Jammu on Wednesday. The workshop was inaugurated on May 10, 2019 in the Department of Chemistry by Prof Naresh Padha, Dean Faculty of Sciences and RUSA Phase-II Coordinator.

Prof R.K Bamezai, Head of the Department, presented the introductory remarks.

Prof V K Yadav, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, faculty members from the Department, GDC-Udhampur/Rajouri and research scholars were also present on the occasion. The inauguration was followed by a lecture from Dr Rajesh Thapar, Director, Brawn Laboratories Gurugram



Dignitaries during the programme at Jammu.

entitled 'Emergence of new knowledge concepts in pharmaceutical industry'.

On second day of the workshop, detailed deliberations on Organic Chemistry were conducted by Prof V K Yadav from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Prof S S Chinni, GND University from Amritsar and Prof I P Singh, NIPER Mohali.

On third day, the focus was on Inorganic Chemistry wherein Prof Rajeev Gupta, University of Delhi; Prof K K Bhasin, Punjab University Chandigarh and Prof

Mohd Shakir, Aligarh Muslim University suggested various reforms to be implemented in the curriculum.

The fourth day of workshop was dedicated to Physical Chemistry section in which Prof S K Mehta, Punjab University Chandigarh; Prof Rita Kakkar, University of Delhi and Dr R L Gardas, Indian Institute of Technology Madras suggested ways to improve course contents. Dr Rajesh Thaper was also present on the occasion.

On the concluding day of workshop, all the faculty

members of the Chemistry Department, University of Jammu and faculty from GDC Udhampur/GDC Rajouri finalised final draft of action plan, after accommodating the suggestions of learned experts, which will be submitted to the University for implementation. Prof R K Bamezai, Head of the Department and Convener of the workshop presented formal vote of thanks.

## JKPC mourns demise of KAS officer

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: JKPC Chief Spokesperson, Ravinder Sharma expressed grief over demise of Sushil Kumar Attri, KAS officer under mysterious circumstances.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, Sharma conveyed heartfelt condolences and deep sympathies with family members. He hoped that Police shall leave no stone unturned to find out circumstances and cause of death.

## Natrang celebrates 37th Foundation Day

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Natrang celebrated its 37th Foundation Day here on Wednesday with presentation of John Millington Synge's popular play 'Riders to the Sea'. The play was staged under the direction of Neeraj Kant at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu.

In last 36 years, through selfless contribution of thousands of its associates, Natrang has brought J&K theatre to the national and international limelight and its highly acclaimed plays vibrated the theatre world and proudly traveled across the length and breadth of the country. The plays crossed the boundaries of India as well and won appreciation in Russia, Germany, UK, Singapore, Turkey, Hungary, Poland, and UAE and thus establishing a globally acknowledged brand 'Natrang'.

Natrang was established on 15th May, 1983 with presentation of two short plays 'Neeli Jheel' and 'Nanhen Kandhey Nanhen Pair' directed by Balwant Thakur at Abhinav



A scene from the play 'Riders to the Sea' being staged at Natrang Theatre in Jammu.

Theatre, Jammu. The actors who acted in the first performance of Natrang included Vijay Atri, Aasha Arora, Arvind Anand, Mohan Singh, Prabodh Jamwal and Arun Sharma.

Director Natrang, Balwant Thakur expressed that Natrang has a dream for Jammu and a mission to establish this place as an International destination of theatre. He thanked all those who contributed in the historic revolutionary creative journey called Natrang and hoped that all admirers and patrons of Natrang will continue to shower their blessings in

future also. Actors who acted in today's performance included Meenakshi Bhagat, Vrinda Sharma, Manoj Lalotra, Arti Devi, Simran, Kananpreet Kaur, Udit Sagar and Umang Sharma. The lights were operated by Neeraj Kant while Sushant Singh Charak scored the music. The show was coordinated by Sumeet Sharma, Anil Tickoo and Mohd Yaseen.

## Dir Education appeals students to resume class work

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Director School Education, Kashmir, Mohammad Younis Malik, in Wednesday appealed to the students to resume their normal class work so that the ongoing academic session is not disturbed which shall put the students in disadvantageous position.

In a statement, the Director School Education said that the law enforcing agencies have taken cognizance and ordered inquiry into the unfortunate incident that took place in Sumbal, Bandipora recently. He also directed the Chief Education Officers and Principals of Higher Secondary Schools of all the districts in Kashmir Division to ensure that normal class work is resumed in all educational institutions at the earliest.

## Priya Sethi seeks exemplary punishment in Sumbal rape case

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SOLAN: Former Minister and State BJP Spokesperson, Priya Sethi while campaigning in Himachal Pradesh for last phase of Lok Sabha elections, has condemned the rape of 3-year old girl in Kashmir Valley, which has shamed entire humanity and human values. Priya Sethi has appealed to the Governor, Satya Paul Malik that this particular case should be taken in fast-track court and exemplary punishment should be given to culprit.

While expressing shock on the incident, she wrote on twitter that, 'She has sympathies

with family of the victim and all are with the family for speedy justice to the girl'.

Priya added that the growing incidents of rapes in Jammu and Kashmir have perturbed the entire state and we, as a society, need to fight it collectively. Society will develop only when women feel protected, she added. Priya said that there is much to be done to change laws related rape. Former Minister said that 'The Heaven of Earth' has already been in news for terrorist activities but this rape culture has slowly infested Kashmir valley, which should be stopped as early as possible.

Priya said that it seems that Kashmir valley, which has earned name for being considered as the safest place for women on earth, is turning into a hub of such heinous crimes. Culprits of such crimes should be given exemplary punishment so that it may not happen again in future anywhere, she added.

Demanding exemplary punishment to culprit of aforesaid case, so that no one dare to even think about such heinous crime in future, Priya urged the administration for taking necessary measures to control the increasing crime against women.

## IGG Dental College celebrates World Orthodontic Health Day



HoD of Orthodontics, IGGDC, Dr Akshay Gupta along with others during the programme.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: World Orthodontic Health Day was celebrated in the Department of Orthodontics, Indra Gandhi Government Dental College here on Wednesday. Pertinent to mention here that Orthodontic Associations celebrate the day across the world on May

15. The Orthodontic Department, in association with Indian Orthodontic Society, organised an essay writing competition on the theme 'Braces for Health or Braces for Beauty'.

In addition, a unique painting and model-making competition (incorporating orthodontic wire and their

skilled bending) was also organised in the Department.

Sara Sania, Haider, Himali, Nipunika, Ruby, Masrat, Tasleema, Rashfiy, Razya, Shazya, Muazzam and Sanju were declared winners the competitions and were rewarded. Dr Sneh Kalgotra, Lecturer

Orthodontics extended full support for organising the event.

Dr Akshay Gupta, HoD appreciated the students for participating in the event. He said that the day is celebrated across the globe to spread awareness about importance of straight teeth for overall health of an individual besides promoting Orthodontics to resolve the problem. Two best essays selected by the Department will be forwarded to the IOS Secretariat for further participation in national level competition, Gupta added.

Dr Ritesh and Dr Sashi were also present on the occasion.