

WPRs delegation meets J&K Local Bodies Dedicated Backward Classes Commission

JAMMU, DECEMBER 11 : A delegation of West Pakistani Refugees, who have been now included in the category of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) by the UT Government, today called on the J&K Local Bodies Dedicated Backward Classes Commission.



The delegation was led by its President, Labha Ram Gandhi. The delegation expressed the difficulties and discrimination suffered by their class due to their non-participation in the political process and emphasised the importance of reservation for their class in local body elections. The Commission gave a patient hearing to the delegation with a view to accord consideration to their grievances.

DDC Reasi chairs Block Diwas at Sungri Chassana to address public grievances, reviews development projects

REASI, DECEMBER 11: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Reasi, Nidhi Malik, chaired a Block Diwas event at PWD Dak Bungalow, Sungri in Block Chassana to address public grievances and review ongoing developmental works in the Mahore and Chassana belt. The event witnessed active participation from the local community and officials, with MLA Gulabgarh (ST) constituency, Khurshid Ahmed, also present.

During the interactive session, the DDC listened to the concerns and demands of the people, assuring them of timely and necessary actions. On-the-spot directions were issued to officers to expedite

pending works and submit action-taken reports. She laid special emphasis on the construction to enhance connectivity in the region. DDC also visited



Budhal-Mahore-Gool road project, urging executing agencies to fast-track construction to enhance connectivity in the region. Chassana market to inspect its condition and interacted with shopkeepers and resi-

dents to understand their challenges firsthand.

Addressing the gathering, the DDC reiterated her commitment to delivering tangible outcomes. She assured the public of swift resolution of their issues and promised a follow-up visit soon to review progress.

The proactive approach and direct engagement during the Block Diwas were widely appreciated by the attendees, fostering trust and cooperation between the administration and the public. PO ICDS Mohamad Anwar Bandy, ACD Reasi Pardeep Kumar, SDM Mahore Mazzahir Hussain and all district officers were present.

Bharat Bhasha Utsav Diwas at IIM Jammu : A Cultural Extravaganza Enriched by Linguistic Diversity

JAMMU, Dec 11 : IIM Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu hosted the Bharat Bhasha Utsav Diwas, a celebration that unfolded as



a vibrant tapestry of India's linguistic diversity. "Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas" was celebrated on the Janma Jayanti of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati, a multi-linguist and freedom fighter on 11th December 2024 at its IIM Jammu Mandapam Auditorium. The event was graced by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM

Jammu, Dr. Apurva Yadav, Co-Chairperson Student Affairs, IIM Jammu and Dr. Jaganth.G., faculty, IIM Jammu

The Bharat Bhasha Utsav

ed mesmerizing performances, recitations, and skits in various Indian languages, offering a kaleidoscope of linguistic talent.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, highlighted that language is the soul of culture, with Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas beautifully showcasing India's linguistic diversity while honouring the legacy of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati. He reflected on India's immense cultural richness, noting how its diversity is reflected in the unique qualities of languages, such as the khadi boli in Hindi, which balances hard and soft expressions. Sharing an anecdote, he recalled a linguistics professor's efforts to craft an impactful advertisement by carefully selecting the right language to ensure its message remained memorable. He emphasized that language, as a powerful tool, can create meaningful and

lasting communication when used effectively.

Following this, Bandish, the music club of IIM Jammu, captivated the audience with melodious songs in regional languages like Garhwali and Kumaoni, which were thoroughly enjoyed and praised by the attendees.

The cultural showcase continued with Groove Club's mesmerizing dance performances that depicted the rich cultural tapestry of India through various traditional dance forms. The event culminated in a patriotic note with the rendition of the National Anthem, leaving the audience with a sense of pride and unity.

The enthusiastic participation of the IIM Jammu community made Bharat Bhasha Utsav Diwas a resounding success, reinforcing the institute's commitment to fostering an inclusive and culturally rich learning environment.

Indian Army Organised Awareness Lecture on Human Rights at Kalaban, Kotranka, Balmatkot, Rajouri & Reasi

JAMMU, Dec 11 : In continuation of its efforts to foster peace, communal harmony, and prosperity in the region, the Indian Army organized an awareness lecture on 'Human Rights' at Kalaban, Kotranka, and Balmatkot. 'Human Rights Day' is observed on 10th December every year worldwide. The Indian Army organized a lecture on Human Rights at Kalaban, Kotranka, and Balmatkot to raise awareness among students and faculty about the importance of human rights in creating a just society. A total of 260 persons (including 220 students and 40 teachers) attended the aware-

ness lecture. The lecture addressed fundamental human rights, emphasizing



that every individual is entitled to basic freedoms, regardless of nationality,

gender, ethnicity, or religion. It also covered international human rights law, outlining

the legal frameworks that protect these rights globally. A significant portion of the

talk was dedicated to the role of the Indian Army in safeguarding human rights during its operations, highlighting its commitment to ethical standards and civilian protection.

The lecture concluded with a discussion on the challenges in human rights protection, such as conflict zones and cultural barriers, and the importance of continued efforts in promoting human dignity. The Indian Army's commitment to human rights was reaffirmed, with the lecture serving as a reminder of its ongoing responsibility to foster respect for human rights in all spheres of society.

Mission Shakti SWD organizes awareness session on "Sexual Harassment at workplace prevention"

JAMMU, DECEMBER 11 : Mission Shakti SANKALP HEW Jammu organizes conducted awareness session on Sexual Harassment at Workplace Prevention in collaboration with JKNRLM at the Block Training Centre Marh

The program, witnessed a large turnout of women from JKRLM (cluster Coordinators, Mobilisers, Management information System Multitasking staff and surrounding communities, highlighted the importance of empowering women through education, healthcare, safety and economic opportunities.

The program featured comprehensive presentation by Advocate Kiran Thakur providing in-depth information about gender based violence, sexual harassment at workplace prevention Prohibition & Redressal Act 2013. She highlighted the stigmas that are still prevalent in society about Gender

allocation and how the judiciary has come out with the various laws for the justice



of women in every prospective whether it is her family workplace or surroundings.

Further the officials of Mission Shakti SANKALP HEW highlighted the information about various government schemes and programs designed to uplift

women. Key initiatives discussed included Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

(BBBP), NHM Health Schemes, Sukanya Samridhi yojana, Ladli Beti, Scholarship Schemes, Skill Development Programs, Business Startup Schemes, Pension Schemes, SMAS for Marriage, Schemes for Women in Distress, Nasha

Mukt. The officials stressed the vital role these schemes

play in empowering women and safeguarding their well-being. The program concluded with a valuable grievance redressal session, where women were given a platform to express their concerns and seek immediate solutions.

One Day Awareness Programme Organized by Civil Defence, Akhnoor

JAMMU, Dec 11 : One day Awareness programme on First Aid, CPR, Fire Fighting and other emergency rescue methods was organized at Govt. Degree College Palwan, Akhnoor, in which 150 NCC/NSS students of the College participated. The Program was organized under the supervision of Dy. SP. Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence, Jammu/Akhnoor, who gave awareness about basic knowledge through demonstration by Civil Defence experts. The students were also made aware about

Disaster Management and risk reduction during natural or manmade disaster. On the occasion, a lecture on the topics of Disaster Management was delivered by Dy. SP. Anita Pawar. She also highlighted the set up and role of Civil Defence in the organization. Dr. Romilla Malla Bhatt, Principal of the College appreciated the role of Civil Defence in spreading awareness about disaster management and rescue. Sh. Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Sh. Sandeep Bhatt,



Sector Warden Civil Defence, Jammu and other staff of the College were present on the occasion.

Training Programme on Marker Assisted Breeding gets underway at SKUAST-Jammu

JAMMU, Dec 11 : A 10 day Hands-on Training Programme on Marker Assisted Breeding in Plants and Animals was inaugurated today by Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu at Manthan Hall of Baba Jitto Auditorium Complex, Main Campus, Chatha. The training is being organized by the Institute of Biotechnology of SKUAST-Jammu in which 25 research scholars from different Universities of Jammu and Kashmir and other states including Gujarat and Meghalaya have registered. In his inaugural address, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted importance of molecular biology knowledge and technical expertise for different disciplines of bio-sciences. Prof. B.N. Tripathi laid emphasis on understanding the molecular

science and then applying it for different aspects including development of improved

members of Institute of Biotechnology to give full access of lab equipments to



strains, animal breeds, plant varieties, molecular diagnostics, etc. Prof. Tripathi was very particular about training in handling of laboratory equipments and carefully preparing reagents and reaction mixtures in minute quantities for precision in experiments. He advised the faculty

the trainees and make them understand chemistries underlying working of advanced equipments. Prof. Tripathi emphasized on evaluation of trainees in terms of knowledge and skill gained at the end of training programme.

Earlier, Prof. S.K. Gupta,

Director Research and Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education of the University spoke about the importance of such trainings for the scholars and applications in their research works.

Prof. R.K. Salgotra, Director, Institute of Biotechnology welcomed the guests and trainees, and presented an outline of the training programme.

The inaugural session was attended by Prof. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension; Prof. Sanjay Kher, Director Planning and Monitoring; Prof. R.K. Samnotra, University Librarian; Prof. Anil Kumar, Registrar; Prof. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Basic Sciences; Prof. Vikas Tandon, Dean Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry, Prof. Hema Tripathy, Associate Director Extension, Faculty members and PG students.

GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organizes "Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav" a Multilingual Poetry Recitation Event

JAMMU, Dec 11 : Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, organized a multilingual poetry recitation program to celebrate the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati. The program was jointly organized by the Sanskrit, Hindi, Dogri, Punjabi, and Urdu Departments.

The Chief Guest, Principal Dr. S.P. Saraswat, appreciated the organizers and congratulated them on the successful event. He emphasized the importance of such programs in nurturing the literary talents of students and promoting patriotism and national unity.

Dr. Vijendra Kumar, Head

of the Sanskrit Department, praised the participants and encouraged them to partici-

Fifteen students enthusiastically participated in the multilingual poetry recitation



pate in such events, which would not only boost their confidence but also enhance their knowledge.

program. Dr. Anuradha and Dr. Jasmeet Kaur from the Punjabi Department mesmerized the audience with their

self-composed poetry recitation in Punjabi.

At the conclusion of the program, the Head of the Hindi Department, Dr. Bindu Chib thanked all the guests and participants, stating that the event had provided a platform for students from various Bharatiya languages to come together and showcase their talents. The program successfully promoted unity in diversity, reflecting the cultural heritage of our country. The event was attended by Dr. Tahira Shah, Prof. Poonam, Dr. Tarsem Lal, Dr. Varachas Kam Sharma, Dr. Balbir, Dr. Neelam Kumari, Dr. Deepika Sharma, Dr. Nivedita Sharma, Dr. Bipan Sharma, and Dr. Shashi Sharma.

Dimple holds protest to burn the copies of the PDD bills, demands 200 units free electricity

JAMMU, Dec 11 : Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood leads a strong protest, to send a loud and clear message to the chief minister Omar Abdullah, J&K govt and burnt huge electricity bills copies, demanded to give 200 unit free electricity, 12 free LPG cylinders, double ration from first January 2025.

Mission statehood also protested to start darbar move, 200 units free electricity, 12 free LPG cylinders, double ration and employment package and to start darbar move.

Addressing the protesters, Sunil Dimple sent a clear and loud message and demanded the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah who is holding a high level meeting today at his residence.

He demanded the chief minister from first January 2025 give all the Jammu Kashmir people 200 units free electricity, 12 free LPG cylinders and double ration from 1st first January 2025 in

all the Jammu Kashmir. He said poor families are getting heavy electricity tariff bills.

darbar move and announce an employment package for the youths. He also demand-



And poor families are suffering a lot due to shortage of ration.

Dimple demands Omar Abdullah to immediately announce to start darbar move, as the traders, transporters all are suffering heavy loss after the stoppage of darbar move. He appeals to PM Modi, CM Omar, to restore J&K statehood, start

ed the Prime Minister Modi in the parliament session announce the restoration of J&K Dogra State Special Status, with state subject, special status & for the implementation of the instrument of accession conditions. He promised the traders, people of Jammu Kashmir. We will struggle to start the Darbar Move, Double

2025. He also demanded the chief minister to provide free drinking water and electricity to the Jammu Kashmir people and scrap the Indus water treaty with Pakistan.

The prominent leaders are Billo Pahlwan, S. Kala Singh, Arun Verma, Lohari Shaha, Vijay Virdi, Balu Kumar, Babu Singh, Depak Kumar and many others.

Congress's era of compromises over, Nation's Integrity is non-negotiable for Modi Govt : Kavinder

JAMMU, Dec 11 : Kavinder Gupta, Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister on Wednesday sharply criticized Congress leader Tariq Karra for his remarks defending Rohingya refugees and his allegations of Islamophobia against the BJP. He termed the Congress leader's statement as an attempt to appease a section of voters at the expense of India's national security and unity. In a statement issued here today, the BJP stalwart said, "India has always respected international laws and upheld human rights. However, the security of our nation is paramount. These illegal immigrants have been flagged by multiple intelligence agencies for links to terror activities. Yet, the Congress

shamelessly bats for their rights while jeopardizing the lives of Indian citizens." Calling the Congress a habitual offender in undermining India's sovereignty, Kavinder said, "This is not the first time Congress has sided with anti-national elements. From supporting Tukde-Tukde gangs to standing with urban Naxals, and now justifying the presence of Rohingyas, their agenda is clear—to weaken India for petty political gains." Kavinder lambasted Karra's remarks on Islamophobia, calling it a desperate attempt to polarize and mislead. "The BJP and RSS are the protectors of India's inclusive ethos. Congress, on the other hand, has a history of pitting communities against each other," he added. "It is ironic

that the Congress, which failed to protect the rights of minorities during its rule, is now questioning the BJP's track record. Modi government has initiated numerous welfare schemes benefiting all sections of society, including minorities," he said. The former Deputy Chief Minister said that the people of Jammu region have been crying foul over the illegal settlement of Rohingyas, which threatens their security and disrupts the demographic balance. But the Congress chooses to ignore these genuine concerns and instead sides with those who entered India illegally, he added. Kavinder urged the Modi Government to immediate deport all the Rohingyas residing in Jammu and Kashmir illegally



and urged Congress to stop its malicious propaganda. "Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India will not tolerate illegal immigrants who pose a risk to our national security. Congress's era of compromises is over, and the BJP will ensure that the nation's integrity remains intact."