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H&UDD hosts training session on water bodies rejuvenation: Experts share insights

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Today, a one-day training cum interactive session was held at the conference hall of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) under the Guidance of Ms. Mandee Kaur, IAS Commissioner/Secretary, H&UDD, J&K. The session was conducted by Mr. Anand Malligavad, a Water Bodies Rejuvenation Expert from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). To make our cities more liveable, sustainable and water secure in the long run, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, has included rejuvenation of water bodies and creation of green spaces as one of major project component of the flagship scheme of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)-2.0 covering.



The training program, attended by engineering staff from JMC and other urban local bodies of (ULBs) Jammu including Kathua, Rajouri, Samba, and Udhampur, focused on the crucial task of rejuvenating water bodies across the region. Mr. Malligavad, drawing from his expertise and experience, provided insights into the complete process of lake rejuvenation, ranging from the identification of lakes requiring rejuvenation to the execution of revitalization strategies.

During the session, Mr. Malligavad shared valuable experiences from various states, highlighting successful case studies such as the rejuvenation of lakes in Bengaluru. Attendees had the opportunity to learn firsthand from these experiences and apply best practices to their respective areas, followed by visit of Tawi River front and pilot project of pond rejuvenation of ward No. 55.

Among the distinguished attendees were the Mr. Narinder Khajuria, Mission Director (AMRUT)-2.0, Mr. Puneet Sharma, (JKAS) Director of Urban Local Bodies Jammu, Mr. Abdul Star, (JKAS) Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation) of JMC, Officers of different department like UEED, PHE, Flood control etc., Executive Officers of concerned ULBs, and all engineering staff from the respective ULBs. Their active participation demonstrated a collective commitment to enhancing water conservation and environmental sustainability efforts in the region.

SSP inaugurates OPD Services of Nirman Healthcare Hospital in Akhnoor

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For the people traveling from Akhnoor and surrounding areas to Amritsar for better healthcare facilities, Nirman Health Care Hospital Amritsar inaugurated its new OPD center in the Manda area of Akhnoor on Sunday. The chief guest of the event, SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat, inaugurated this OPD center in the presence of esteemed individuals from Akhnoor.



Special OPD services for Orthopedics, Neurologists and general physicians will be available at this center. On the occasion of the center's inauguration, a free health check-up camp was also organized, where approximately 200 individuals from the region received free health check-ups.

Addressing the media on this occasion, SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat extended congratulations to the founder of the center, stating that this OPD center will not only provide healthcare services but also take a step forward towards a healthy and prosperous future for the community.

He mentioned that previously, people in the region had to rely on other states for specialized healthcare facilities, but with the opening of the OPD center at Akhnoor's Construction Hospital, people will have better healthcare facilities near their homes. He also appealed to the people present at the event to adopt a healthy lifestyle both mentally and physically.

Present at the event were Karan Singh, former sarpanch Kishori Lal, former sarpanch Virender Kumar, former sarpanch Ganesh Das, Vishal Sapolia, Rameshwar Das, Mangesh Sharma, and Pandit Ashwani Vashisht, among others.

Jamwal, Bali honour for towering contributions to theatre and films

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In a first of its kind, Jammu and Kashmir Cine Association (JKCA) today marked a historic moment as it celebrated the illustrious careers of two stalwarts in the realms of theatre and film whose contribution in their respective fields uphold towering magnitude of excellence.



Amidst a gathering of luminaries from diverse fields, Tillotma Jamwal and Raghunandan Bali were lauded for their invaluable contributions to the world of art and culture at the K.L.Saigal Hall, Abhinav Theatre.

The occasion witnessed a flagrant sense of reverence as the audience rose in a standing ovation to honor these icons.

Tillotma Jamwal, whose journey in the domain of art has been adorned with milestones of success, was meticulously highlighted by Shiv Mehta. Through a detailed exposition of her works and achievements, Mehta painted a vivid picture of Jamwal's ascent to prominence.

Her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to her craft were underscored as integral factors in her remarkable career trajectory. In a parallel tribute, Raghunandan Bali's multifaceted contributions to theatre, films, radio, and Doordarshan were extolled by J.R. Sagar.

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With eloquence, Sagar illuminated Bali's journey, portraying him as an archetype of versatility and excellence. Bali's prowess as a thespian transcended boundaries, captivating audiences across different mediums. His nuanced performances and unwavering commitment to quality were lauded as hallmarks of his illustrious career.

Amidst the reverential atmosphere, President of JKCA, Dharminder Kohli, and members of the association extended a warm welcome to Jamwal and Bali. Their gesture, a token of love and gratitude, symbolized the profound respect and admiration the association held for these luminaries. Through their exemplary careers, Tillotma Jamwal and Raghunandan Bali have not only left an indelible mark on the canvas of creativity but have also paved the way for future generations to strive for excellence. Their legacy serves as a guiding light, illuminating the path for aspiring artists and reaffirming the timeless adage that true greatness lies not just in talent but in the unwavering pursuit of one's passion.

In honoring Jamwal and Bali, the JKCA not only celebrated their achievements but also reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing and fostering the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

It is further in place to mention that Jammu and Kashmir Cine Association has recently got registered and has lined up its annual activities for the year 2024-25, the calendar of which would be released soon.

JKNC Student Wing convenes meeting, advocates for youth empowerment

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A meeting of the J&K National Conference Student Wing convened at Sher-E-Kashmir Bhawan under the chairmanship of Harshvardhan Singh, President of the JKNC Student Wing for Jammu Province.



The meeting, attended by senior functionaries including Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of JKNC and former minister, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary of JKNC, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell and others, addressed pressing concerns faced by the youth of Jammu region due to the present government's anti-youth policies.

Harshvardhan Singh opened the session by highlighting the challenges encountered by Jammu's youth, emphasizing the detrimental effects of the government's policies on their future prospects. Addressing the gathering, Ajay Sadhotra lamented the scarcity of job opportunities and rampant recruitment scams, asserting that the incumbent government has plunged Jammu and Kashmir's youth into uncertainty and despair. He accused the incumbent government of failing in bringing a job policy and said the initiatives taken during the previous Government led by Omar Abdullah have been negated. He underscored the persistent issue of unemployment in the industrially underdeveloped state, urging the authorities to acknowledge and address this critical issue.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, in his address, said that the issue of youths grappling with uncertainty as the government lacks a concrete policy to ensure a secure career path for this demographic. He emphasized that under the current administration's incapability, the future of these educated unemployed youths is at risk of deterioration. He highlighted that over 7 lakh deserving unemployed youth in J&K are eagerly seeking job opportunities, yet the government has failed to fulfill the recruitment process.

Furthermore, he urged them to work hard for their forthcoming future and contribute actively to nation-building endeavors.

In the meeting the senior leaders of National Conference strongly condemned the militant attack in Khaned (Basantgarh) in District Udhampur in which one VDC was martyrs. They accused the wrong policies of this present government and lapses of security agencies.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary, echoed the sentiment of discontent among the youth, particularly the educated unemployed, attributing their disillusionment to the administration's nepotistic practices and anti-youth policies. He asked them to remain in students and work for addressing and highlighting their issues from time to time.

Following the deliberations, numerous youths, inspired by the principles and vision of the National Conference, joined the party fold, including Usman Malik, Sajad Ali, Waris Wani, Sahil Malik, and many others, along with their supporters.

ADGP interacts with JKP MRT

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Shri Vijay Kumar-IPS ADGP Armed/ Law & Order J&K interacted with the Mountain Rescue Team of J&K Police and NDRF personnel who are presently undergoing training at Nud Samba. During his visit, the ADGP Armed/ Law & Order had thorough discussion with core members of JKP MRT in view of the forthcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2024 and highlighted various issues and stressed for meticulous planning to make the JKP MRT more vibrant and effective. Pertinent to mention here that JKP MRT under the guidance of In-spr. Ram Singh Incharge JKP MRT is presently imparting training to NDRF



personnel in various aspects including Mountain climbing, Rescue/ Search operations alongwith live demonstrations, Rescue of civilians trapped in

avalanches and other calamities. Among others the function was also attended by Ms. Rashmi Wazir-IPS, CO IRP-12th Bn.; Shri Shahzad Ahmad

Salara-JKPS, SSP APCR Jammu; Shri Vinay Kumar-JKPS, SSP Samba and Shri Kuldeep Handoo-Dy.SP (Sports) APHQ J&K.

DySP interacts with IAS/JKAS Aspirants at SR College of Competitions

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The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) organised an interaction-cum-workshop for the aspirants in the college premises at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The session was taken by Suvan Sharma who has qualified the UPSC examination 2023.



While interacting with the aspirants Suvan shared his journey right from the beginning when the idea of civil services struck to his mind and he started preparing for the same during his college days.

He shared in detail his strategy for the competitive examinations, the problems he faced and the solutions attempted to overcome those problems.

He discussed in detail the syllabus, various papers of General Studies, Optionals and the Essay Papers.

All the aspects including the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for Prelims and Mains, sources of study material and the books required, use of online sources, need for coaching and the relevance of newspaper reading in

preparing for the current affairs and writing test series for both prelims and mains were covered comprehensively to the satisfaction of the aspirants.

He also motivated the students about answer writing practice on regular basis. He also shared the details of his UPSC interview/personality test.

The response to the workshop was overwhelming and the attendees appreciated the initiative taken by the SR College of Competitions. The attendees included the aspirants

preparing for IAS 2024 & 25 & JKAS 2024 and JKAS 2025 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years.

"Such interactions encourage, motivate and inculcate a sense of confidence in the aspirants that if he can do it why cant we" told Parveen Sharma, Director of SR College. SR College keeps on organising such online and offline workshops, seminars, webinars and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts.