

## JKBS felicitates Musician Vicky Kaith in its Foundation Day Commemorative Function



**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**  
The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha marked its 4th Foundation Day with grandeur and enthusiasm. The function organised in Kaith Music Factory at Bhagwati Nagar, commenced with recitation of Gayatri Mantra and lighting of lamp of integrity and unity.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, the General Secretary R.L. Kaith highlighted the illustrious journey of JKBS since its inception in 2021. He said JKBS always created love, affection, brotherhood and social ties among the community members.

2022. He appreciated the contribution of the pillar of Batwal community: Late Romesh Lal Motan in eliminating

social evils from the society and working for the welfare of the community. During the celebration, the JKBS members felicitated Vicky Kaith who has excelled in the field of music. The celebration concluded with a reaffirmation of JKBS' commitment to its core values and objectives, leaving the attendees inspired and proud of the organization's legacy.

## GDC Hiranagar Hosts Workshop on Employment Generation Through Mushroom Cultivation and Farm Entrepreneurship



**GY CORRESPONDENT HIRANAGAR, DEC 19**  
Government GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Kathua, organized a "One Day Workshop on Employment Generation via Cultivation & Entrepreneurship of Mushroom & Other Farm Products" under the banner of the Institution Innovation Council (IIC). The initiative aimed to promote innovation and equip students with essential skills for employability.

Dr. Prayga Khanna, Principal of the college, praised Mr. Sanjeev Rai, Chief Agriculture

Officer, Kathua, for his support in conducting the workshop. She emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering experiential learning and self-reliance among students. Dr. Anupma Arora, Organizing Secretary and IIC Coordinator, welcomed the participants and highlighted the potential for students to embrace entrepreneurship as a means to tackle life's challenges.

Mr. Vinay Gupta and Mr. Rajnish Singh, Agriculture Extension Assistants, delivered detailed presentations on mushroom cultivation and its entrepreneurial opportunities, sharing

inspiring success stories from Kathua.

Women entrepreneurs from Self-Help Groups in Changi and Pathwal demonstrated the preparation and marketing of homemade products such as pickles, jams, and turmeric candies, showcasing the potential of readily available rural resources. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from over 100 students and the active involvement of faculty members, including Prof. Neeru Sharma, Prof. Shapia Shameem, and Prof. Rajni Bala, among others. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anupma Arora.

## Col. Mahan expresses shock over tragic fire incident



**GY CORRESPONDENT KATHUA, DEC 19**

Col. Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, has expressed profound shock and deep condolences following the tragic death of six members of a family in Shiva Nagar, Kathua. The unfortunate incident occurred last night due to a fire, which is believed to have been caused by a short circuit in electric wires. The devastating flames and thick smoke resulted in suffocation, claiming the lives of the victims.

The deceased include Shri Avtar Jalkishan, his daughter and son, a son and daughter of a local relative, and a grandson, who had been residing in Canada. Col. Mahan Singh, along with Tiak Bhagat, Rahul Gupta, Prem Dogra, and other local leaders, visited the site of the incident to offer their support. The group also met with the survivors, Swarna Lata and her sister-in-law, in the Sabeedi Nagar area of Kathua.

During his visit, Col. Mahan Singh expressed his heartfelt sympathy to the survivors and their families. He prayed for the souls of the deceased to rest in peace and offered strength to their loved ones to bear this immense and irreparable loss.

Col. Mahan Singh reaffirmed his commitment to extending all necessary support to the affected families in this difficult time.

## 'One Nation, One Election' a path toward national progress & unity: Dr Parneesh

**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**

Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, Convener of Department of Training, BJP J&K, today expressed strong support for the implementation of the "One Nation, One Election" policy, asserting that it is a crucial step toward ensuring the efficiency, transparency, and long-term stability of India's democratic processes.

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader emphasized that the current system, with its staggered elections at various levels, has created an atmosphere of constant campaigning, leading to wasted resources, time, and energy. He said, "The One Nation, One Election proposal will not only streamline the election process but will also enhance the focus on governance rather than perpetual electoral cycles. This initiative will ensure that elected representatives spend more time addressing public concerns and less time on electioneering." Dr. Parneesh further highlighted that the policy aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a stronger and more united India. "By bringing elections together under a single umbrella, we will not only save public funds but also promote greater national integration, unity, and a sense of shared responsibility towards the nation's progress," he stated. Dr. Parneesh urged all political parties to recognize the transformative potential of the One Nation, One Election initiative and to prioritize the welfare of the people over party interests. He also called on citizens to support the policy, which aims to bring about a more productive and result-oriented political system in India.

## SWD conducts child Labour rescue drive in Udhampur Industrial Area

**GY CORRESPONDENT UDHAMPUR, DEC 19**

As per the directions of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai and over all supervision of District Child Protection Officer Kanika Gupta, Child Helpline Udhampur, in collaboration with key stakeholders including the Labour Department, CWC, DCPJ, Health department, Special Juvenile Police Officer and local police, successfully conducted a comprehensive rescue and rehabilitation drive in Industrial Area of district Udhampur.

The drive was part of a pan-India initiative undertaken in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court of India to combat child labour, exploitation, and unsafe conditions faced by children. The aim was to identify and rehabilitate children in need of Care and Protection, ensuring their Rights and Welfare are safeguarded. The rescue operations targeted high-risk areas such as workshops, dhabas and other establishments where child labour and unsafe practices might exist.

During the drive, One Child engaged in labor was found and produced before the Child Welfare Committee and placed in Palash for temporary shelter.

The team also educated the shopkeepers about the adverse effects of child labor and the importance of Child Rights.

The drive served as a reminder of the collective responsibility of society to protect children from exploitation and ensure their rights to safety, education, and a dignified future.

The establishment employing underage children will face legal action.

## Major General Anupinder Bevi, VSM inspects NCC headquarters Jammu Group



**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**

Additional Director General Anupinder Bevi, VSM, conducted an inspection of the NCC Headquarters Jammu Group, where he reviewed the procedures and systems contributing to the efficiency and effectiveness of the NCC Curriculum. During the inspection, Major General Bevi commended the focused work being undertaken by all officers, permanent instructor staff, Associate NCC officers, and civilian staff. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards and encouraged all to continue the good work to meet the aims and objectives of the NCC.

Brig PS Cheema, Commander NCC Group Jammu briefed the ADG where all Commanding Officers of NCC Units of Jammu Group were present during the inspection. Major General Bevi used this opportunity to issue early directions to all officers for giving appropriate notice to non-performing institutes which have failed to meet the commitment as per affidavit as per NCC Act, submitted during demand for raising of NCC Units in their institutes. He directed that the list of non-performing institutes which have failed to nominate ANOs/CTOs as well as those unable to fulfill the vacancies to be shared with the Department of Higher Education of the

UT for appropriate directions to the Heads of the Institutes. Gen Bevi strongly emphasized that the lack of commitment of these institutes is restricting the chances of those institutes which are in the waitlist and are desperately looking for this opportunity. In addition, this contributes towards the overall position of the Directorate for the RDC Banner, he remarked. The General officer laid emphasis on institutional training and accountability of ANOs and Permanent Instructors in maintaining quality of training. Gen Bevi assured all support to the Group Headquarters and the Units especially the newly raised 6 J&K BN NCC and 1 J&K Air Sqn NCC at Udhampur.

## Indian Army Inaugurated Badminton Court in Kerivillage, Akhnoor



**GY CORRESPONDENT AKHNOOR, DEC 19**

In a remarkable gesture of community support, the Crossed Swords Division of the Indian Army, under Operation Sadhbhavana, has constructed a new badminton court for the underprivileged youth of Keri village in Akhnoor, Jammu. The inauguration ceremony, held today, witnessed an enthusiastic

turnout from the local community and dignitaries alike. A highlight of the event was the inaugural match, which saw participation from enthusiastic students of the village and several esteemed guests who applauded the Army's initiative. This court is expected to provide much-needed recreational facilities for the village's youth, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship

and healthy living. The local community expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army for its unwavering support and commitment to improving the quality of life in Keri village. The Operation Sadhbhavana initiative underscores not only the Army's dedication to protecting the nation but also its pivotal role in community development and welfare.

## Indian Army Conducts Medical Patrol for Gujjar and Bakarwals at Rajouri



**GY CORRESPONDENT RAJOURI, DEC 19**

The Indian Army extended healthcare services to the remote parts of Rajouri district through a mobile medical patrol in the village of Gol. This initiative aimed to address the medical needs of the local population, including the Gujjar and Bakarwals in the area. The inhabitants, often cut off from mainstream healthcare facilities due to their isolated geographic location and challenging terrain, benefited immensely from this initiative. It contributed significantly to the overall well-being of the locals, who fre-

quently suffer from disparities in healthcare, leading to higher morbidity and mortality rates. The mobile medical patrol, equipped with essential medical supplies and services, provided compassionate healthcare to local villagers as well as Gujjar and Bakarwals. The primary objective was to offer on-the-spot medical care and check-ups, including basic health evaluations, treatment of common ailments, and distribution of necessary medicines. The team also emphasized preventive healthcare by offering immunizations and sharing information about hygiene,

nutrition, and disease prevention. The response from the local population was overwhelmingly positive, with residents expressing deep gratitude for the Army's efforts to bring much-needed medical services directly to their doorsteps. Beyond the immediate medical benefits, the mobile medical patrol played a crucial role in building and strengthening the relationship between the Indian Army and the local communities. A total of 21 villagers (9 males, 10 females, and 2 children) benefited from the services provided by the mobile medical patrol.

## Indian Army Organized Welding Cadre Program for Youth at Patrara Manjakote, Rajouri



**GY CORRESPONDENT RAJOURI, DEC 19**

In a bold move to address skill development and promote youth employment, the Indian Army has formally inaugurated the Welding Cadre Program at Patrara. This program is specifically designed for young individuals seeking hands-on experience and expertise in the vital trade of welding. The initiative aims to provide valuable training, certifi-

cations, and job placement opportunities for the youth, setting them on a path to success in one of today's most in-demand industries. The program offers comprehensive training that covers a wide range of welding techniques, safety standards, and industry practices. Through a combination of classroom learning and practical workshops, participants will gain a thorough understanding of

both the theoretical and applied aspects of welding. The training includes instruction on various welding processes such as MIG, TIG, stick, and arc welding, among others. Accredited by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the program will be conducted over approximately 45 days. A total of 20 students, excluding two instructors, are participating in this initiative.