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## Verma inspects ongoing works in Gharana Wetland

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JAMMU, Nov 21: Commissioner Secretary Forest, Sanjeev Verma, today inspected ongoing works in Gharana Wetland which is famous for migratory birds during winter.

Commissioner Secretary appreciated the desilting and de-weeding work which has resulted in increase of expanse of water body giving improved visual look for attraction of diversity of birds. He asked for undertaking studies with respect to change in diversity and number of visiting and resident birds over a period of time.

He also reviewed implementation of management plan of the wetland and advised for taking up of sewerage treatment plan, putting up of sluice gates, wallowing pond and other important interventions by including the same in the annual plan of operations of different schemes.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Suresh Kumar Gupta, informed the Commissioner Secretary that a comprehensive management plan for the wetland has been prepared by the department and restoration and development activities have been taken up in the wetland area. He also informed that department has

taken up the activities like construction of approach road, parking, fencing, drainage and amenities for visitors. Commissioner Secretary inspected the ongoing works and directed the concerned to include development of ecotourism facilities for awareness and recreation of visitors.

Pertinently, the wetland is a conservation reserve notified under Wildlife Protection Act and is being managed by Department of Wildlife Protection. Gharana Wetland is situated about 4 km from Suchet Ghar border and has immense potential for promotion of ecotourism alongwith border tourism. The wetland is an Important Bird Area (IBA) and is popular among bird watchers. About 150 bird species have been identified in Gharana and migratory birds travelling thousands of kms from Central Asia visit this wetland during winter. One can have nearest view of barheaded geese at Gharana.

Dr Kumar MK, Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Anil Kumar Atri, Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Ashish Mahajan, Range Officer Wetlands alongwith staff of department of Wildlife Protection was present on the occasion.

## Classical Dance, Quiz competitions held under Display Your Talent at JU

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JAMMU, Nov 21: The competitions of 'Classical Dance' and 'Quiz' were conducted today at 'Display Your Talent-2022-23' organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu.

In Classical Dance, Ritika Sountra & Sunidhi Banerjee, both from Institute of Music and Fine Arts secured First and



A participant performing classical dance during Display Your Talent contest at Jammu University on Monday.

Second positions, respectively. The Third position was secured by Simran Verma from GDC (Boys) Kathua. Eminent Kathak Gurus Kanika Ghosh Singh and Pratibha Singh were the adjudicators and Dr Shashiprabha was the Teacher Incharge of the event.

In Quiz, Sonali Sharma, Akshita Sharma & Nikhilesh Khajuria from the Department of Zoology, JU, stood First. Irfan Khan, Owais Bandy & Priyanjali Singh from the Department of Political Science, JU stood Second and Tanushri, Saurav Sharma and Sujal Sharma from GDC Akhnoor stood Third. Dr Virender Koundal was the Quizmaster and Teacher Incharge of the event.

The events of DSW are conceived, planned and organised by the team consisting of Prof Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof Vishav Raksha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof Sanjana Kaul (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr Anil Gupta (Associate Dean SW), Dr

Garima Gupta and Dr Pritam Singh (Assistant Deans, SW), Dr AR Manhas & Dr Shaluu Sharma (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer). Jhanvi Sharma, Sunny Singh, Deepika Rani, Chahat Balwal, Rohan Sharma, and Aryan Chalotra, Aparna, Manisha (Cultural Representatives) and Kulbhushan Thakur, Arif Paul & Vishal Sharma looked after the Hall Management.

All the First prize winners and Overall Champions will be felicitated tomorrow at 3 pm at Gen Zorawar Singh Auditorium at the Valetory Function of Display Your Talent 2022-23. The event of Folk Dance would also be conducted at the same venue from 10:00 am onwards.

## One killed, 2 hurt in road mishaps

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JAMMU, Nov 21: One person was killed and two others injured in two separate road accidents occurred in the jurisdiction of Police Station Nagrota.

According to the reports, a speeding car hit a pedestrian identified as Niru Lal (55) son of Vijay Kumar, resident of Chhattisgarh (at present living in Sidhra, Jammu) and killed him on the spot when he was crossing the Highway near Sidhra. The mishap occurred today at about 6 PM. The body of the deceased was shifted to Government Medical College and Hospital for postmortem.

Meanwhile, a speeding truck hit a scooter and injured its rider as well as pillion on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Nagrota area of city outskirts. The injured persons identified as Vinod Wali (50) son of Amarnath, resident of Jagti Colony and his wife Santosh Wali (48) were shifted to GMCH Jammu for treatment.

In both cases, the concerned Police had taken cognizance of the matter.

## HC restrains Police from filing charge-sheet against owners of Anytime Fitness Gym

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JAMMU, Nov 21: High Court has restrained Police Station Bahu Fort from filing charge-sheet in the FIR registered against Sahil Choudhary and Nitin Abrol, owners of Anytime Fitness Gym located in Narwal area.

The owners of Anytime Fitness Gym challenged the FIR No.280/2022 registered for alleged commission of offences punishable under Section 504 and 506 IPC read with Section 3(1) of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. They, through Senior

Advocate K S Johal and Advocate Surpreet Singh Johal, submitted before the High Court that they have been implicated in a false and frivolous case at the behest of respondents, who had been working with the petitioners as trainers in their Anytime Fitness Gym.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners, Justice M A Chowdhary issued notice to the respondents returnable within four weeks. Meanwhile, the High Court has directed that the investigating agency shall continue with the investigation but charge-sheet shall not be filed without the permission of the court.

## Pensioners face hardships as Govt seeks extra formalities: NC

Excelsior Correspondent

MENDHAR, Nov 21: The Government has virtually made the life of the pensioners of J&K a virtual hell by introducing cumbersome formalities forcing the aforementioned hapless section to move from post to pillar to get the perks which are part of their genuine right.

This was stated by Javed Rana, senior NC leader and President Pir Panjal Zone of the party while addressing a press conference here today.

The senior NC leader said already Rana addressing a press conference at Mendhar.

He said the pensioners were facing the brunt of unemployment, inflation, poor healthcare, dearth of civic services and now the failed dispensation, which in actual is an offshoot of the BJP Government at the Centre has introduced tedious formalities for the pensioners including the aged, specially-abled, trans-genders and widows, making their lives miserable because it is nothing but sheer harassment because the administration is now asking for a plethora of documents besides authentication from a first class magistrate about the living status of the pensioner.

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The NC leader urged the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene in the matter and ensure that no pensioner in the UT of J&K faces trouble by make all the required formalities for pensioners simple and hassle free.

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JAMMU, Nov 21: District Employment and Counselling Centre Jammu, in collaboration with Government College for Women Bhagwati Nagar, today organised a career counseling session focusing on job opportunities in the self employment sector and training & placement offered by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa was the chief guest on the occasion.

The College Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol; Deputy Director DECC Jammu Manisha Koul along with senior officers of DECC, staff members of GCW and students were present on the occasion.

Guest Speakers Dushant Singh, Career Counseling Officer, DECC and Shabir Ahmed Manager Placement Cell BSE, highlighted the scope and opportunities in the self employment sector and schemes initiated by center and state

Government employees simply give their life certificates after signing the same and no one questions thereafter", Rana said, adding that during the NC regimes the pensioners were given due respect but under the present regime, there's nothing except bullying of the people who have played the first inning of their life rendering yeoman's service, but now when this government's turn to provide them solace, it is doing exactly the opposite.

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## Murder of Bihari worker solved, accused arrested

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RAJOURI, Nov 21: The police claimed to have solved blind and brutal murder case of a non-local worker/labourer in Nowshera and arrested the accused person involved in the heinous crime.

Addressing a press conference today, SSP Rajouri, Mohd Aslam said that on November 18, an information was received that an unidentified body was lying under mysterious circumstances in a drain in Ward No.2 of Nowshera, near Bella Colony. The body was taken into possession and injury marks were found on body after which police accordingly registered a murder case at PS Nowshera and started investigation.

SSP further said that the scene of crime was immediately preserved and Forensic team was called for examination and collection of evidences. The weapon of offence, 'hammer' was recovered from wild growth nearby the site of incident and other material evidences were lifted from the spot by FSL team.

The deceased was identified as of Vishal Kumar, son of Balister Mahato, resident of

Kasdora, Bangra, district Siwan, in Bihar; at present W.No.2 Nowshera. The body after post-mortem was handed over to legal heirs for last rites.

Aslam said police team during investigation rounded up a dozen suspects who had been in contact with the deceased before his murder, while footages of CCTV cameras installed at multiple locations in Nowshera town were examined in identifying these suspects.

SDPO Nowshera, Tussif Ahmed, SHO Nowshera, Rajesh Jasrotia assisted by PSIs Arun Singh, Manish Singh and Vishal Kumar and other officials of PS Nowshera rounded up suspects for questioning and zeroed in on one suspect namely- Satyendra Mahato, son of Lagan Mahato, hailing from Belsand, district Gopalganj, Bihar.

The accused admitted his commission of crime and disclosed having suspicion that deceased had illicit relations with his wife. The accused further admitted having committed the murder by using "hammer". Police team has also recovered mobile phone of deceased on confessional disclosure of accused.

## SBI donates ambulance to Vivekananda Hospital

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JAMMU, Nov 21: State Bank of India, under Corporate



SBI officers handing over keys of Ambulance to Vivekananda Hospital representatives on Monday.

Chandigarh Circle, Vinod Jaiswal to Dr Subash Gupta, chief patron, Amar Chand Gupta, senior vice president and other governing Body Members, of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital. Also present on the occasion were Pawan Kumar Deputy General Manager B&O and SBI Head Jammu Module along with other senior officers of Jammu Module.

Dr Subash Gupta thanked SBI for its social initiatives, and expressed his happiness for the great social contribution by SBI, as it will be boon for the economically weaker section of the society who cannot afford the private ambulance charges.

## Weeklong Healthcare Executive Management Dev Prog underway

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 21: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu in partnership with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu and Research Foundation of Hospital & Healthcare Administration (RFHHA) organized a joint programme 'Healthcare Executive Management Development Programme' (HxMDP) which was inaugurated by Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu along with Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Director AIIMS Jammu.

This is a weeklong residential programme which started yesterday and will culminate on November 27, 2022 with 25 participants from across the country. Directors for the programme are Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu and Col. (Dr.) Rakesh Verma, RFHHA while Coordinators are Dr. Sajit M. Mathews, Dr. Kapil M. Gumte from IIM Jammu, Dr. Khalid Mohammad and Dr. Pranay Mahajan from AIIMS Jammu.

## YCET students selected during placement drive

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 21: Avi Softwares conducted pool placement drive at Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET) in Jammu for the students of GCET, YCET, MIET, and University of Jammu.

Avi Softwares is product engineering, technology and consulting services provider that partners with organizations to achieve business and digital transformation for them. Leveraging its cross functional knowledge, deep sector expertise and wide-ranging specializations in fields including product engineering, digitization, hyper-automation, DevOps, cyber security and data science, the company's mission is to fast-track innovation through each step of the value chain.

For Avi Softwares a total of 12 students of YCET were shortlisted for the first round. At the end of the grueling selection process, which included a pre-placement presentation, written test, technical interview, etc. Total eight students were selected among which two of them namely Divyot Singh and Moonis

## Sunil visits Chug, distributes relief among fire victims

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JAMMU, Nov 21: Former Minister and general secretary, BJP J&K, Sunil Sharma visited Chug village of Gandhari, Sub Division Paddar today and met the victim families whose houses were damaged in a massive fire incident during the intervening night of October 27 and 28.

He further assured that every possible support would be provided for their immediate rehabilitation. He distributed ration, blankets, clothes, pulses etc to the bereaved families. Meanwhile, Sharma also provided ex-gratia relief of Rs 60000 (Sixty Thousand) to each affected family as an immediate relief and assured timber and other required materials to build the new houses.

## Narco Coordination meet reviews drug abuse eradication measures in Reasi

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REASI, Nov 21: The 4th Narco Coordination (NCORD) meeting today reviewed the effectiveness of the measures

taken for eradication of Drug menace and Drug Trafficking in the Reasi District.

The meeting was presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Babilak Rakwal and convened by SSP, Amit Gupta.

At the outset, the SSP threw light on the menace of drugs, drug abuse, its causes and prevention. He briefed about the measures adopted by Reasi police to contain drug peddling and rehabilitation of drug users.

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On the occasion, the Director of Agriculture, who was the chief guest, applauded the work of the

He also said that losing a home in a fire involves not only the loss of one's residence, but also many other things of value. At this difficult hour my thoughts and prayers are with the affected. He also said that he will take up the matter with the administration to work out for an additional compensation for the victim families.

DDC Paddar, Hari Krishan, BDC Paddar, Kartar Singh Rathore, Bharat Singh, Janki Nath Manhas, Shashi Badyal, Bal Raj Parihar, Chamal Singh, Manohar Lal, Sazzar Hakam Singh Tiari, Sunder Singh Chouhan, Rajinder Singh, Raj Kumar, Sarpanch, Khaim Raj Thakur, Subash Khajuria, Ganga Ram Gunhal, Baldev Singh also accompanied the former Minister.

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SRINAGAR, Nov 21: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today toured border areas in Uri and inspected Waqf properties and assets at many places.



Waqf Board chairperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi during meeting at Uri on Monday.

Accompanied by civil society representatives of the area including former minister Taj Mohiuddin and the officials from different departments, Dr Andrabi conducted the physical verification of properties, asset management and spoke to public delegations who met her during her visit. Ishfaq Mohiuddin, the Magistrate of Waqf Board was also accompanying during her visit.

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MP (RS), Gulam Ali Khatana and other dignitaries during a programme organised by Sahakar Bharti at Press Club Jammu on Monday.

the marketing facilities for the local products manufactured and made by Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other local small scale units by organising exhibition at national level and by creating a Co-operative Marketing Cell in which things should be discussed and implemented.

The demand was made by the speakers at a programme organised by Sahakar Bharti here, today in connection with observance of cooperative week along with other co-operative concern organizations.

Member Parliament (RS), Gulam Ali Khatana was the chief guest while Purshtam Dadichi president Sanatan Dharam Sabha (SDS) was the guest of honour and Harbhajan Singh Pammi ex Cooperative Cell incharge BJP was the special invitee.

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Dr Andrabi gave directions for re-construction of the shopping complex in Uri by Waqf Board. Later, Dr Andrabi spoke to media and assured the public of desired actions soon on their proposals.

"It is pleasing to see that the recent decisions of Waqf Board have been well received by the public and even in these remote areas, people expressed their support to the Board for the reformist measures taken and again the expectations of public from Waqf management have risen multifold now," Dr Andrabi said.

"We are committed to our resolve to make Waqf Board thrive and progress so that we are able to deliver as per the expectations of the public. The era of loot in Waqf has ended and now we are in the age of transparency and accountability. New projects of public welfare will be taken up by Waqf Board despite the opposition of a few opportunists and illegal beneficiaries," she added.

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