

## SMVDU hosts 8th Alumni Meet 2024

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Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) hosted the 8th Alumni Meet 2024 bringing together graduates to celebrate their enduring connection with their alma mater. The event, organized by the Office of International and Alumni Affairs, highlighted the university's commitment to fostering lifelong relationships with its alumni.

The meet witnessed enthusiastic participation from alumni spanning multiple graduating batches. Former students, now excelling in various fields such as engineering, management, architecture, civil services gathered at the picturesque campus to reconnect with old friends, mentors, and the institution that shaped their future.

Prof Yugal Khajuria (Dean International and Alumni Affairs) welcomed the alumni and briefed about the various initiatives and schemes being launched by the university in which alumni can actively participate.

The event commenced with a formal inaugural session graced by Prof. Pragati Kumar (Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU) and other distinguished faculty members. In

his keynote address, Prof. Kumar welcomed the alumni and emphasized their pivotal role in shaping the university's legacy and future. "Our alumni are our pride and our strongest ambassadors," Prof. Kumar stated. "Your achievements inspire our students, and your support propels SMVDU to greater heights." Prof. Balbir Singh (Dean, Academic Affairs) also emphasized on the role of alumni in shaping academic curriculum and mentorship of current students. Various notable alumni spoke at the occasion and provided their feedback. Alumni interacted with faculty, current students, and each other, sharing career insights and experiences.

Vibrant performances by SMVDU's current student cultural groups and alumni added a festive touch to the proceedings. The meet also hosted a

group discussion in which Alumni participated on topics like "Bridging Academia and Industry" and "Building a Global Alumni Network." chaired by Prof. Yugal Khajuria (Dean, IAA) wherein various notable alumni such as Mr. Rahul Mahajan (JKAS), Mr. Rohit Saini (CEO, Wonder Homz), Mrs. Anisa Nabi (JKAS), Mrs. Ruchita Bakhshi (State Project Manager, Himayat Mission), Amit Sharma (AE, JK-SPDC), Ar. Satyanshu (Assistant Professor) participated.

The discussion also included groundwork for a more robust alumni network. The university announced initiatives to enhance alumni engagement, including an online alumni portal, mentorship programs for current students, and collaborative research opportunities. The alumni pledged their support to further SMVDU's mission of

academic excellence and global outreach. Moderated by Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Associate Dean, International and Alumni Affairs), the discussion was attended by Prof. Balbir Singh (Dean Academic Affairs, SMVDU), Dr. Sanjay Mohan, CEO TBIC SMVDU and Mr. B.K. Bhatia (TPO, SMVDU) and Dr. Rajiv Kumar (NSS Coordinator, SMVDU).

Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Assoc. Dean, IAA) in the formal vote of thanks thanked all the alumni, student and NSS volunteers, university administration for their support. Dr. Irfan also informed that it was the first step towards reviving the alumni interaction at SMVDU and more such events are planned in the coming days. The event concluded with a gala dinner, where alumni shared anecdotes, celebrated milestones, and rekindled the SMVDU spirit.

## Former Deputy Mayor kick starts development works at Gangyal

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Former Deputy Mayor of Jammu & senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria kick started the development works at Gangyal in RS Pura-Jammu South assembly constituency.

Billawaria kick started this development work following the directions of RS Pura-Jammu South MLA Dr Narinder Singh & approximately 12 lakh will be spent on it. In this development work, the construction work of lane and drain along with the installation of iron grating on the drains will be done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that this was a long pending demand of the local people because the lanes and drains in the area were in dilapidated condition for a long time and the local residents were facing a lot of problems while passing through these lanes. Billawaria further said that MLA Dr Narinder Singh has already started the construction work of about two lanes in Gangyal area and now on



his directions, the construction work of other lanes has been started. He said that the areas in RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly which are still deprived of development work, their work will also be started in a phased manner.

Billawaria asked the people to tell them about the development works that need to be done soon. In such a situation, people highlighted the problem of many lanes

and drains and told Billawaria that there is a need to do development work in these areas. He asked the officials to prepare an estimate that has left works of lanes and drains so that their development work can be done as soon as possible.

He said that the goal of the Modi government is to give development to the people and the BJP party believes in showing work on the ground

so that the last person standing in the last row gets benefited. The local people expressed their gratitude to Billawaria for fulfilling the long pending demand of the area.

Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Ajay Pratap Singh, Balwant Kumar, Suresh Mishra, Jugal Kishore, Om Nath, Yash Raj, Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Sunny Kumar, Romi Singh and other dignitaries were present.

## MD KPDCL visits South Kashmir areas, reviews restoration works post snowfall

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Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) Mehmood Ahmad Shah today conducted an extensive visit of South Kashmir areas to assess the restoration efforts in the aftermath of the recent heavy snowfall in the Valley.

During the visit, he conducted a comprehensive review of the restoration works undertaken, with a particular focus on the number of transformers damaged due to the inclement weather and their subsequent reinstallation at various sites.

He commended the efforts of the field staff and engineers, who, despite the hostile weather conditions, swiftly restored power supply to the affected areas. He appreciated remarkable commitment and profes-



sionalism demonstrated by the field staff and engineers in tackling the outages caused by the recent snowfall.

MD KPDCL also reviewed the ongoing developmental works in the twin districts of Anantnag and Kulgam. He directed the officials of the Projects Wing and the PIA (Power Implementing Agency), PGCIL, to accelerate the pace of work and ensure timely completion. He empha-

sized the need for tangible progress on the ground, urging all concerned to strive for visible results. He also inspected the 475 MVA 220 kV/132 kV Mir Bazar and Wanpoh Grids, evaluating the power evacuation processes from these critical installations. He instructed the grid-in-charges and sub-transmission level officers to adhere strictly to the curtailment program, ensuring effective management of power supply dur-

ing peak demand periods.

In view of the inclement weather forecast for January 6th and 7th, 2025, Shah urged all officers to remain vigilant and well-prepared. He directed them to keep men and material ready to address any outages swiftly and ensure the timely restoration of power.

The MD KPDCL was accompanied by Superintending Engineer South Circle Bijbehara, Executive Engineers of Electric Divisions Anantnag, Bijbehara and STD Bijbehara, and other concerned officers and officials of these Divisions.

It was given out that KPDCL remains committed to providing reliable power supply to the people of Kashmir, and this visit underscores the corporation's proactive approach to quick plugging of disruptions and improving infrastructure.

## DC Poonch takes stock of patient care during surprise visit to District Hospital

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Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today conducted a surprise visit to Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital, where he assessed the facilities being provided to the patients.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the functioning of different wards including the Gynaecology Ward, Pharmacy, Surgical Ward, Emergency Patient area, Medicine Ward and the ongoing construction of the Critical Care Block. He also inspected the oxygen generation plant to ensure adequate oxygen support for patients.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commis-



Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, and other officials from line departments including Xen PHE and JPDCL besides

Medical Superintendent, Dr. Nusrat Bhatti and hospital staff were also present.

The Deputy Commissioner engaged with patients to inquire about their well-being. He emphasized the importance of quality healthcare and directed health authorities to prioritize patient care and medical facilities.

During his visit, the Deputy Commissioner announced plans to install air conditioners in medical and surgical wards, aiming to enhance patient comfort during the harsh weather months. He also instructed the Executive Engineers of PHE and JPDCL to ensure uninterrupted supply of water and electricity, underscoring the commitment to patient welfare and hospital functionality.

## NDS organises Shahidi Samagam to Pay Tribute to Shri Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji

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Safar-e-Shahdat: Vishesh Shahidi Samagam was organized at Gurudwara Shri Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji by Nami Dogri Sanstha (Regd.) to pay homage to the supreme sacrifices of the Sahibzade of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj. The solemn event was a heartfelt tribute to the unparalleled courage and devotion of the Sahibzade, who remain eternal symbols of righteousness and bravery.

The program featured the soulful recitation of Gurbani by Parvinder Singh, popularly known as "Apple," along with his group. Ms. Kulpreet Kour's melodious voice further enhanced the devotional aura of the event. They were accompanied by Chander Dhari Kesar on the Violin and Harpreet Singh



on the Tabla, whose performances added a deep spiritual resonance to the occasion.

The gathering saw the participation of members of Nami Dogri Sanstha and prominent figures from various fields. Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, President of NDS, while Prof. Anupama Sharma, Patron of NDS, Presided over the Event and Yash Pal Yash, General Secretary, played key roles in the proceedings. Eminent

singer Mrs. Jetinder Kour, Vigyan Bharti Executive Member S. Achhar Singh, and cultural activist Davinder Bakshi were among the dignitaries present.

The program served as a platform to reflect on the values upheld by the Sahibzade and to inspire the Younger Generation with their unparalleled legacy of sacrifice and devotion to humanity. The organizers emphasized the importance of remembering such histori-

cal sacrifices and ensuring their relevance in contemporary times.

Speaking at the event, Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila highlighted the need to preserve and promote the teachings of the Gurus and their sacrifices, which continue to guide humanity on the path of truth and righteousness.

The Safar-e-Shahdat concluded with prayers for peace and universal harmony, leaving the attendees deeply moved and inspired. Nami Dogri Sanstha extended heartfelt thanks to all participants for making the event meaningful and successful. The Samagam not only paid homage to the Sahibzade but also reinforced the timeless principles of bravery, faith, and selflessness, serving as a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

## Natrang presents hardest political satire 'Topian'

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Natrang presented a hardest political satire "Topian" written by Mami Madhukar under the direction of Neeraj Kant in its weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at its studio. Most appropriate and timely presentation on the contemporary political scene of the country, the play is a dig on the lusty politicians who can change colors faster than a chameleon just to ensure that they remain in power. For them, the mission is to befool the public and for that they have the requisite theatrical art, know-how, expertise and the excellence to transform themselves to any color or attire as per the situation and the requirement. Human civilization has witnessed a lot of social and political revolutions, each time thinkers and philosophers have sold new political



thoughts and doctrine of governance. But ironically the same faces have made their way to power just by hiding real faces in new masks. They have been changing the color of their caps and not their mind set.

In the backdrop of the story of two neighbors who pledge to change the political scene are shown looking for alternatives. Each time they meet only those wearing different caps and attire

offering them a variety of manifestos. Each time they identify him as a different person and expect a different ideology from him. This way they succumb to his tactics. Over time when they find that nothing is changing, the slogans of socialism are furthering the divide between rich and poor, quality of life is deteriorating day by day and the security of life and property is at the mercy of God. Both muster courage and strip the person selling

those dreams. Surprisingly inside clothes they find that he is the same person and every time he used to come to them in different attire.

The playwright has successfully portrayed that the politicians are the same; they only change their caps and their colors just to befool the public. They can be friends and enemies at the same time, their equations and confrontations change for lust of power. This absurd play posed a big challenge before the young actors of Natrang but interestingly their handling of the characters surprised many.

The roles of two neighbors were played by Kartik Kumar and Adaksh Bagal whereas Aryan Sharma rendered equal support to them. The lights of the play were designed by Neeraj Kant whereas Mehak Chib scored the music of the play. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen. x

## Army Conducts Tuition Classes for School Children at Lam

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In a remarkable initiative aimed at empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and providing them with an opportunity to secure admissions to prestigious Sainik Schools and Military Schools, the Indian Army has successfully conducted free tuition classes for students.

The tuition classes were held at Lam from 07 October 2024 to 28 December 2024, with 30 students attending the sessions. The initiative was designed not only to improve their academic skills but also to instill discipline, confidence, and leadership qualities, which are essential for a career in the armed forces. The classes focused



on subjects such as Mathematics, General Science, General Knowledge, English, and Reasoning Ability. These subjects are vital components of the Sainik School and Military School Entrance Exam.

The well-trained instructor provided personalized attention to each student, ensuring they had a clear understanding of the syllabus and content. The instructor emphasized problem-solv-

ing techniques, time management, and analytical thinking, enabling the students to approach the exam with a well-rounded skill set. The response to the tuition classes has been overwhelmingly positive, with students and parents expressing gratitude for the Indian Army's efforts to help students achieve their dreams. The Indian Army has also promised to continue supporting students even after

the completion of the tuition classes, with follow-up sessions and counselling for those who wish to further improve their skills.

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