

Dr. Narinder holds meeting with officials, reviews ongoing development works in Gadigarh



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JAMMU, MAY 01: Dr. Narinder Singh, MLA RS Pura-Jammu South and BJP National Secretary, chaired a high-level meeting of senior government officials at Gadigarh.

The meeting saw the threadbare discussions to review the ongoing development projects, and the issues of public importance.

SDM Jammu South Manu Hans, Tehsildar Arti, Block Development Officers (BDOs) Kirandeep and Sandeep, XENS of PDD, PWD, and other departments, CDPO, and senior officials from various government departments participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, Dr. Narinder Singh discussed various pressing issues concerning the Gadigarh area under RS Pura-Jammu South. He emphasized the urgent need for infrastructural improvements, including road connectivity, drainage systems, and street lighting, along with effective delivery of welfare initiatives for the betterment of the local population.

Dr. Narinder Singh conducted a detailed review of ongoing works, stressing the importance of inter-departmental coordination. He directed officials to prioritize the timely completion of basic infrastructure projects such as roads, lanes, drains, and public lighting, which are vital to enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Calling for a comprehensive and practical development roadmap, Dr. Singh urged departments to work in a time-bound manner to address core civic issues. He also advocated for the establishment of a robust mechanism for regular public grievance redressal to ensure responsiveness and accountability in governance.

"The BJP remains firmly committed to the holistic and inclusive development of Jammu," Dr. Singh stated. "Our aim is not just to complete projects but to ensure that every citizen benefits from the progress. Effective governance and people-centric planning are the need of the hour."

He further directed departments to actively monitor the status of ongoing infrastructure initiatives and encouraged officials to propose new projects that reflect the needs and aspirations of the local masses. Emphasizing the spirit of collective effort, he called upon all stakeholders to work cohesively to achieve sustainable and long-term development goals.

The meeting concluded with assurances from departmental heads to fast-track project execution and strengthen public service delivery across RS Pura-Jammu South and Gadigarh.

Cantabil Expands its Retail Presence in Jammu with its two new Store Launches at Residency Road & Talab Tillo

This new store offers an extensive selection of clothing for menswear, women wear & Kids wear, and accessories.

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JAMMU, MAY 01: Cantabil Retail India Ltd., one of India's leading apparel manufacturers and retailers, has further strengthened its strong presence in Jammu with the launch of its two latest stores at Residency Road and Talab Tillo. Located at Residency Road - Ground Floor, opposite J&K Government Arts Emporium, Jammu-180001 (J&K) spanning across 1130 sq.ft area, and TALAB TILLO-Main Road, Opp. SBI Bank, Talab Tillo, Jammu, covering 2580sq.ft area, stores cater to the evolving fashion needs of growing urban population.

Since, Cantabil is already running Menswear exclusive and Women & Kidswear exclusive stores at Residency Road, now has launched a brand new exquisite Men & Accessories store with new look and feel to enhance the great customer experience. However, Talab Tillo outlet is designed as a family-wear store, providing stylish clothing options for every member of the household.

Expressing his excitement on this expansion, Mr. Deepak Bansal, Director of Cantabil Retail India Ltd., stated, "We are pleased to expand our presence in Jammu with the launch of two more outlets by adding Menswear & accessories outlet at Residency Road & a Family-wear store at Talab Tillo. Cantabil has garnered immense appreciation in the mid-premium segment, resonating with customers. With a strong presence across India, we are committed to further expanding our retail footprint in the coming years."

With the latest collections on display, the new stores ensure that customers in Residency Road & Talab Tillo have access to the same contemporary fashion trends available in metropolitan cities. This expansion highlights Cantabil's ongoing dedication to delivering a superior shopping experience and making modern fashion accessible across India.

Rehan Basera Boria Basti celebrates Intl Labour Day

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JAMMU, MAY 01: International Labour Day/Workers day/May day was celebrated by management committee of Rehan Basera Boria Basti, Gorkha Nagar, Bahu Fort, Jammu. In 1886, the workers across united states organized National strike to demand 8 hours work/day. The protest in Chicago's Haymarket square turned violent resulting in deaths of several workers. To honour their sacrifice the International Socialist, Conference declared First MAY as International workers Day, a day to recognize the struggles and achievements of workers worldwide. I.D. Soni, Incharge Old Age Home, Ambphala was chief guest on this occasion. He sisted many examples regarding importance of shram I the history of International labour day/ workerday/May day. Soni Sahib is always helpful to Shelter home. He has authored a very prominent book titled "How to live peaceful life". While speaking on this occasion Shamal Basson, Ex. Councillor said that Dr. B.R Ambedkar was a pivotal figure in shaping India's labour laws and significantly influence the development of social security schemes for workers. He believed in securing the fair conditions of life and work for all Bombay (Mumbai) Presidency was first to pass maternity Benefit Act in India. Maternity Benefit Bill of 1928 was brought in the Bombay legislative Assembly in 1928 which was written by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, N.M. Joshi and M.K. Dixit. It was passed in 1929. According to Dr. B.R.

Ambedkar mother ought to get certain amount of rest during prenatal period. Important provisions advocated by Dr. Ambedkar were Protection of minimum wage Act, compulsory recognition of Trade Unions, paid holidays and reduced working hours, Right to strike, fair wages, social Justice, Tripartite approach, 8 hour work/day and overtime pay.

May Day observed with reverence at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu

Satish, Nasir, Sadhotra, Gupta pledge to uphold Labour Rights, pay tributes to Pahalgam Terror Victims

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JAMMU, MAY 01: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) today observed International Labour Day with solemnity and resolve at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu, reaffirming the party's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the working class.

The occasion was graced by prominent party leaders including Satish Sharma, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, IT, Youth Services & Sports, ARI & Trainings, Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Chief Minister; MLA Gurez Nazir Gurezi; Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary and former Minister; Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President; Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary; and others.

The programme commenced with a two-minute silence in memory of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack and those who laid down their lives during the historic Haymarket Massacre in Chicago, a defining moment in labour history.

On the occasion, Nar Singh, President JKNC



Labour Cell, presented a memorandum to the Minister and Advisor to the Chief Minister, detailing the pressing concerns of the labour class. He highlighted the urgent need for the government to address issues such as the implementation of minimum wages, regularization of daily wagers, casual and consolidated workers, revival of loss-incurring PSUs, abolition of contract labour in the private sector, creation of employment-generating non-polluting industries, timely DPCs, pension benefits to PSU workers, enhancement of budgetary support to PSUs, and resolution of issues like CPF interest loss and industrial policy implementation.

Minister Satish Sharma, in his remarks, said, "The foremost responsibility of the Omar-led government is to safeguard the rights and respect of labourers." The Minister informed that a committee has already been constituted to address the grievances of daily wagers and casual workers.

He also announced the proposal of two new IT parks under the visionary leadership of CM Omar Abdullah would generate massive employment for local youth and also emphasized the need to strengthen the cooperative sector. He assured full support for the demands raised by the Labour Cell, stating, "We are by the people, of the people, and for the people."

Nasir Aslam Wani, while addressing the gathering, said that May Day is not just a ritual; it is a day to honour the contribution of our labourers. Our labour force is the backbone of our economy, and it is our responsibility to ensure their dignity, rights, and welfare are safeguarded. The present NC Government under the

leadership of Omar Abdullah is fully committed to the upliftment of our skilled local youth and revival of industries to generate employment.

Speaking on the recent Pahalgam terror incident, Nasir Aslam Wani condemned terrorism in the strongest terms and stated, "The National Conference stands firmly with the nation and fully supports the Centre's measures to eradicate terrorism. Our country will no longer tolerate cross-border terrorism, and Pakistan must face the consequences of its misadventures."

Ajay Sadhotra stressed the necessity of implementing minimum wages, streamlining the provident fund system, and providing pension benefits to labourers. He called for optimal utilization of labour welfare funds for the benefit of workers and their families.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, in his address, highlighted the party's legacy of advocating for the working class, describing labour welfare as an essential component of the "Naya Jammu and Kashmir" vision. He praised the enduring commitment of Sher-e-

Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah to the upliftment of the weaker sections and acknowledged Nar Singh's dedication to the cause of the labour community. He urged the government to appoint a representative from the labour community in the Board of Director of each Govt undertakings to ensure their issues are addressed effectively.

The Provincial President assured that NC would continue raising their concerns at the highest levels.

He reiterated that the Omar Abdullah-led government is committed to industrial revival to provide employment to skilled local youth, citing the historic glory of Kashmir's silk industry as an example of the region's potential.

The event concluded with a renewed call for solidarity and justice for the labour class, reflecting the core values and commitment of the National Conference to build a just and equitable society.

Among those who were present included: Baldev Raj, Karan Singh, Swarn Singh, Deep Mehra, Vinod Tak, Deepinder Kour former MLC, Bushan Lal Bhat former MLC, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik

Provincial Secretaries Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, S. Tejinder Singh Provincial President Jammu YNC, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Jugul Mahajan Treasurer, Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Raghuir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu Jammu Rural B, Ashok Kumar Attri Vice President Central Zone, Master Aslam Secretary Central Zone, Sahil Kerni District President Jammu Urban YNC, Pinky Khalsa District President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Waris Gill President Christian Cell, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, S. Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West, Dharminder Block President Jammu North, S. Parvinder Singh Block President Gandhi Nagar, Dr. Vishal Parihar Vice President Jammu Province YNC, Majid Iqbal Naik, Jatin Bhat, Jatinder Singh Lucky, S. Nirmal Singh, Som Raj Taroch, Jatinder Kumar, Jaseem Malik, Devi Dayal Jogi Block Secretary Khour, Manga Sharma, Amit Sharma and others.

CUJ Organizes Workshop-cum-Exhibition on Art-Integrated Pedagogy

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JAMMU, MAY 01: In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's emphasis on holistic and multidisciplinary education, the Central University of Jammu recently organised a Workshop-cum-Exhibition on Art-Integrated Pedagogy. The event was conducted under the able guidance of the Head of the Department, Prof. Asit K. Mantry, who has been instrumental in promoting holistic and multidisciplinary education practices in the institution. The event aimed to explore innovative teaching methodologies that integrate art into various subjects, fostering creativity and deeper understanding among students.

Prof. J N Baliya, convener of the workshop, briefed the participants that the Workshop-cum-Exhibition on Art-Integrated Pedagogy at Central University of Jammu was a resounding success, leaving participants inspired to explore new dimensions in teaching and learning. The event not only highlighted the creative potential of students and educators but also reinforced the univer-



sity's commitment to implementing the progressive vision of NEP 2020. The workshop's featured sessions led by experts in education and the arts, and the significance of incorporating artistic elements into traditional curricula. Prof. Baliya also discussed that the event marks a significant step in the Central University of Jammu's efforts to transform education through the integration of arts, aligning with national objectives to create more engaging and effective learning experiences.

The event was also adorned by Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dr. Aman, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Yadram, Dr. Mohan Galgotra, Dr. Rawail, Dr. Nidhi, and other faculty members of the various departments, along with

and pedagogy. The panel included Dr. Yadram, Faculty of the School of Education, Mr. Arvinder Kumar, TGT (Art Education), and Ms. Parinka Sharma, Research Scholar, CUJ. The judges assessed the projects based on relevance to the content, originality of idea, quality of presentation, and pedagogical relevance. Their insightful feedback added immense value to the learning experience of all participants. At last, awards were also presented to participants who demonstrated exceptional creativity and innovation in their projects. The winners of the art-integrated exhibition included Ketika Manhas (1st Prize), Ayush Anand (2nd Prize), and Jyoti Singh Jatt & Tejaswini Sinha (3rd Prize). There were also group activities for which the winners were Ashwini Kumar, Saurabh Saket, Nisha Kumari, and Ayush Anand (Winners), and Mili Rani, Kumar Sourav, Saurabh Diwakar, and Sakshi Devi (Runners-up).

With such initiatives, CU Jammu continues to pave the way for holistic and experiential education in India.

LSAC honours Rohit Bains with Lagan Kala Samman



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JAMMU, MAY 01: Lagan Society for Art and Culture (Regd.) honoured renowned choreographer and actor Rohit Bains with the prestigious Lagan Kala Samman on the eve of International Dance Day for his exceptional contributions to the field of folk dances and culture.

The felicitation ceremony was organized by the Lagan Society for Art and Culture (LSAC), J&K, at a special event that brought together leading figures in the cultural and artistic community.

The event was graced by Adv. Sandeep Gupta (Patron LSAC), who served as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Adv. Sandeep Gupta expressed his pride and admiration for Rohit Bains noting the importance of honoring such a towering personality in the region's cultural landscape. He also emphasized his hope that Bains will continue to make remarkable contributions to Dogri Art in the future. The felicitation program began with a paper reading on the life, works and achievements of Rohit Bains presented by Rajesh Kumar Verma (President, LSAC). He applauded his invaluable work in Dogri folk dances and Theatre and highlighted his prolific career.

He is a celebrated choreographer and actor known for his significant contributions to Dogri Folk dances and has dedicated his life and career to promoting the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rohit Bains was honoured with a Dogra Pagri, a citation, a souvenir and a shawl, as a mark of respect for his dedication to preserving and promoting the region's cultural heritage. In his acceptance speech, Bains, expressed his gratitude to the Lagan Society for honoring his contributions. He congratulated the team for their efforts in celebrating the art and artists of Dogri culture and thanked them for recognizing his work. Others who were present at the ceremony included Adv. Sandeep Gupta (Patron, LSAC), Sonia Dogra (Treasurer, LSAC), Shubham Manmar (IT Incharge, LSAC), Rohit Bains (Joint Secretary, LSAC), Akram Khan (Sr. Theatre Director), Dr. Abhishek Bharti (Renowned Theatre Director), Aditya Bharti, Rakesh Dogra. At the end, the President, LSAC, presented a vote of thanks.

Grand Techne Competition 2025 Concludes Successfully at Govt. Polytechnic Jammu



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JAMMU, MAY 01: The prestigious Grand Techne Competition (GTC) 2025 concluded successfully today at Government Polytechnic College Jammu, drawing enthusiastic participation from around 200 diploma engineering students across various disciplines. The event, organized in collaboration with Baba Farid Group of Institutions, Bathinda - a leading institution committed to promoting technical innovation - provided a dynamic platform for students to showcase their practical skills and creativity. The competition

was inaugurated by Er. Talat Mahmood, Principal of Govt. Boys Polytechnic College Jammu, who emphasized the importance of technical exposure and hands-on learning for the holistic development of future engineers. Throughout the day, students actively engaged in a diverse range of events including Auto-CAD designing, dismantling and assembly of I.C. engines, circuit designing, and a high-energy hackathon. Additionally, a workshop on robotics was conducted, offering participants an interactive learning experience focused on

real-world applications of automation and design.

The entire event was efficiently coordinated by Amandeep Singh (Dean, BFGI), Gaurav Kumar (Deputy Dean, BFGI), Atul Sudan, Rumit Gupta, and Mayank, whose collective efforts ensured the smooth execution of the program.

The prize distribution ceremony for winners of all four events, along with meritorious students from all branches, will be held on Friday. The occasion will also feature a special motivational and technical session by Dr. M.P. Poonia, Campus Director of Baba Farid Group of Institutions and former Vice Chairman of AICTE. Dr. Poonia will address the students on the topic "Youth Empowerment Through Affordable, Quality Education and Employment", aiming to enlighten and inspire the next generation of technocrats.

Neocofreak India Pvt Ltd Inaugurates Electric Vehicle Showroom & Workshop in Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR, MAY 01: Neocofreak India Pvt Ltd, the exclusive Carry and Forwarding (C&F) partner for Om Balaji Automobiles (OBA) electric vehicles in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, proudly inaugurated its new state-of-the-art showroom and workshop in Akhnoor today. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Hon'ble MLA of Akhnoor, Shri Mohan Lal Bhagat, as the chief guest.

In his address, Mohan Lal Bhagat lauded the initiative, stating, "I am delighted to inaugurate Neocofreak India Pvt Ltd's new electric vehicle showroom and workshop in Akhnoor. This initiative strongly aligns with the government's vision of a pollution-free India powered by clean and green energy. I urge the residents of Akhnoor to take full advantage of government



subsidies on electric vehicles, in addition to various other schemes and bank loan facilities that can foster self-employment in the region." Also present at the occasion was Shri Vikas Deshwar, Managing Director of Om Balaji Automobiles, who engaged with the chief guest and attendees. He emphasized OBA's mission to provide eco-friendly transport solutions and reiterated the company's commitment to a greener future.

The newly inaugurated facility will offer a com-

prehensive range of OBA electric vehicles, including both passenger and commercial (loader) models. With this launch, Neocofreak India Pvt Ltd reinforces its commitment to supporting the government's push for sustainable and environment-friendly mobility.

Neocofreak India Pvt Ltd remains dedicated to advancing clean transportation through its strategic partnership with Om Balaji Automobiles, contributing to the broader goal of a sustainable and self-reliant India.