

## Vigilance Awareness Week: Pledge ceremony held



Anand Jain administiring pledge at ACB headquarters, ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh & ADGP (Headquarters) PHQ, M.K Sinha administiring pledge to officials.

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SRINAGAR: The observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week commenced in J&K Anti Corruption Bureau with officers and officials of ACB taking the integrity pledge which was administered by Anand Jain at ACB headquarters. The pledge at ACB branches at Jammu and Srinagar were also organized by the respective Branch SSSP. The Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVOs) also organized the pledge ceremonies in their respective departments. To raise

awareness on Vigilance, ACB will undertake various programs like lectures in offline/online mode, webinars and other related activities. Banners and posters will also be displayed across UT for spreading awareness. The DVOs will also organize such programmes in their respective departments. To mark the vigilance awareness week, a pledge ceremony was held at Police Headquarters here today. ADGP (Headquarters) PHQ, M.K Sinha administered the pledge to the officers and personnel of Police

Headquarters. IGP (CIV) PHQ, Alok Kumar, AIG (personnel)PHQ, Ramesh Angral, AIG (Training/Policy) PHQ, J.S Johar, AIG (CIV) PHQ, Rajesh Kumar Bali, AIG (Communication) PHQ Manoj Kumar Pandita, Director Police Telecom, Mushtaq Ahmad , other senior officers and staff of PHQ attended the pledge ceremony. The officers and personnel took the pledge to promote ethical business practices and foster a culture of honesty and integrity and not to offer or accept

bribes. They pledged adhere to relevant laws, rules and compliance mechanism in the conduct of business, adopt a code of ethics for all employees, sensitize employees of law, regulations, etc. relevant to their work for honest discharge of their duties. They also pledged to provide grievance redressal and whistle blower mechanism for reporting grievances and fraudulent activities, protect the rights and interests of stakeholders and the society at large and commit to good corporate governance based on transparency,

accountability and fairness.

Observance of Vigilance awareness week" Pledge Ceremony was organized at Zonal Police Headquarters complex this morning and ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh- administered oath to the officers/officials of ZPHQ Jammu.

A pledge was taken to safeguard integrity, frame works and code of ethics to ensure that we are not part of any corrupt practice and can tackle instances of corruption with utmost strictness. Besides, as an organization pledge was taken to lead from the front to eradicate corruption and also maintaining the highest standards of integrity, transparency and good governance in all aspects of our operations.

Accordingly, the observance of vigilance awareness week Pledge Ceremonies were also organized in all District Police Headquarters of Jammu Zone.

## JU VC releases Khusbeer Singh Shaad's poetry book

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JAMMU: The Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) in collaboration with Department of Urdu, University of Jammu on Wednesday organized book release function in which "Shah Khasnas Taam" a poetry Book of reputed Urdu Poet of the subcontinent Khusbeer Singh Shaad translated in Kashmiri language by Dr Shahida Shabnum was released by Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu in the Prof. Gian Chand Jain, Seminar Hall, Department of Urdu.

Vice-Chancellor stressed that it is of paramount importance that Dogri language be translated in various languages so that maximum people benefit from this rich literature. Prof Dhar also congratulated Dr Shahida Shabnum for taking the challenge of translation and further said that the title of the book is very much impressive

and meaningful.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor recalled the latest collection of Gulzar in which he had translated a Dogri poem of Padma Sachdeva into Urdu and also read a poem, translated by Gulzar from Dogri to Urdu.

Khalid Hussain emphasized that more Urdu books should be translated in regional languages that also includes Dogri and Punjabi.

He informed that one of the Professors of Karachi University translated the poetry of Baba Bhule Shah into Urdu which was highly appreciated.

Complementing Dr Shahida Shabnum, Khalid Hussain described her as a talented writer who had authored several books in Kashmiri language.

She is doing a tremendous job for the upliftment of the Kashmiri language and literature.

Khusbeer Singh Shaad interacted with the audience

and discussed his interest with Urdu language. He said that he learnt Urdu at the age of 40 years. He has so far published about 15 poetic collections in Urdu. Different students have done their M.Phil degree on his poetic collections.

Khusbeer also recited his Urdu poetry. Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmed , HOD Urdu, University of Jammu presented a welcome address while Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, principal IMFA, conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Among others noted Urdu Poet Premi Romani, Dr Chaman Lal, Dr A.R. Manhas , Dr Deepali Wattal, Mr Suraj Singh, Mr Rakesh Kumar, Dr Farhat Shamim, staff member of the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu, students , scholars and faculty members of the Department of Urdu and large number of civil society members were also present on the occasion.

## Allow restarting offline classes amid CAB: JKPSA



JKPSA members addressing media after meeting.

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POONCH: To discuss present scenario and various other issues faced by private schools across Jammu & Kashmir, a meeting was convened by Ajay Gupta, General Secretary, J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA) on Wednesday, which was attended by a number of district heads and other members of the association.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Gupta questioned why only a classroom is treated as main deliverer/ spread source of COVID-19 as there are no restrictions on functioning of restaurants, shopping-malls and various other public places.

Expressing their views on the issue, various district heads were of the opinion that Government, at all levels, has

failed to mitigate sufferings of all those who are running small schools and solely dependent on the venture. "All small schools, whose income has now dipped, will be paralyzed due to insufficient funds within couple of days. When most of schools will become defunct due to insufficient funds, it will directly boost all those schools, which are being run by the capitalists or Government itself. It is nothing but a conspiracy hatched by the Government to divert middle-class families to Government schools for increasing enrollment," they said, adding that several private schools have also been served notices to recover damages and interest on delayed payments under provision of ESI Act, 1948 by the Employees State Insurance

Corporation.

While addressing participants, Kamal Gupta, President of the association said that wrong policies of J&K UT administration has failed to fulfill aspirations of all those private school owners, who have already suffered a lot due to pandemic. He urged Government to sanction a financial package for the schools so that managements can pay wages to all teaching & non-teaching staff besides paying liabilities in respect of ESIC, EPFO, electricity bills, monthly installments etc. He further demanded immediate restoration of offline classes in all the schools amid observance of COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). The members who spoke during the meeting included Naresh Kumar (General Secretary PSA Kathua), Gurbakhsh Singh (Chairman PSA Poonch), Raja Shehzad Tantray (District President Poonch), Sanjeev Sharma, Mohd Maroof, Mohammad Naseem, Amjad Khan, Sayed Munir Shah, Mohammad Azam and R P Sharma.

## Rains aftermath: DC Jammu assesses damage to paddy crop



DC Jammu Anshul Garg assessing damage of standing crops.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anshul Garg on Wednesday visited several villages of Arnia, Bishnah, RS Pura and Suchetgarh to assess damage to standing crops especially Paddy and vegetables due to the recent incessant rains and hailstorm.

Officers of Revenue, Agriculture departments and members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

Garg assured the farmers that compensation assessments are completed and every farmer who has been affected will be compensated according to prevailing norms and rules. He

directed the revenue and agriculture departments to sit with the PRI members for identification of the beneficiaries and ensure that no farmer is left behind and everyone is compensated. The maximum crop damage has been reported on land measuring 39101 hectares and approximately 98,750 beneficiaries have already been identified for compensation.

DC visited the villages of Mangaal, Majoa, Chak Chinnia in Bishnah Tehsil, Allah in Arnia, Moil in Suchetgarh and Kalayan in RS Pura Tehsil.

## After 30 years still Farooq Abdullah discouraging return of KPs to Valley: Priya

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Minister J&K, Priya Sethi on Wednesday slammed the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and senior National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah for giving sermons on divisive politics and dismantling walls of hatred.

In a statement issued here today, Priya Sethi said "It is a 'tragedy' that after sowing the seeds of hatred and divisive politics from decades and propagating the same by way of tacitly supporting terrorism and forcing exodus of Kashmiri Pandits, Farooq Abdullah once again trying to befool the people of Jammu by giving

sermons on dismantling walls of hatred. She added that but people of Jammu now has understood his communal politics fully.

Former minister further added that Farooq was CM when there was a forced exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from Valley and he is responsible for forced exodus of around 7 lakh KPs from the Valley of Kashmir. This forced exodus was result of his hidden agenda for which he was condemned by several nations of the world as he was the chief minister of the erstwhile State of J&K in 1989-90, she added. Priya Sethi said that she is shocked that instead of encouraging and

welcoming KPs to Valley back, Dr Farooq Abdullah as per media reports today has said that return of Pandits not possible till conducive atmosphere prevails in Valley. Priya said that it seem that even after 30 years of forced exodus of Pandits, the people like Farooq Abdullah are not interested in return of KPs to Valley. Priya Sethi Who is the Special invite to NWC too further said that leaders like Farooq Abdullah had contributed a lot in spoiling the image of country in the past too. She said that Farooq Abdullah who is desperately longing for a political refuge today was once used used to dance on the tunes of the Pakistan .

## Yoga session begins at SMVDU



Yoga instructor, Gurmel imparting training of Yoga Asanas.

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KATRA: Believing in that sound mind resides in sound body, the NSS at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU),

Katra, is organising yoga sessions, for students, faculty and staff members in the month of October and November, 2021.

Yoga sessions are sched-

uled from Monday to Saturday every week in the morning.

The programme aims at sensitising people towards comprehensive nature of

yoga towards life and well-being.

The yoga instructor of these sessions is Gurmel who himself is well-qualified & trained in yoga, and practices it every day.

He informed students about the benefits of yoga for the body and mind before starting with the asanas. He initiated them into yoga through simple and easy SukshmaKriyas, Asanas and Pranayams.

The session concluded with laughter exercise, which students enjoyed the most. The sessions are coordinated by NSS coordinators and volunteers.

## India will have whole of Kashmir someday, says Western Air Command Chief on Budgam landing anniversary

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SRINAGAR: A top Air Force officer on Wednesday said there was no plan "at the moment" to capture Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), but expressed the hope that someday India will have the "whole of Kashmir".

Speaking to reporters at an event here to mark the 75th anniversary of the Indian troops' Budgam landing, Air Officer Commanding in Chief (AOC-in-C) of Western Air Command, Air Marshal Amit Dev, also said the people in PoK are not being treated very fairly by the Pakistanis.

...All the activities which were carried out by the Indian Air Force and the Army (on October 27, 1947) resulted in ensuring the freedom of this part of Kashmir. I am sure that someday, the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir will also join this part of Kashmir

and we will have the whole of Kashmir in years to come, he said.

However, when asked if the force has any plans to capture the PoK, Air Marshal Dev said there was no plan at the moment. (The whole of) Kashmir is one, a nation is one. People on both sides have common attachments. Today or tomorrow, history is witness, that nations come together.

We do not have a plan at the moment, but, God willing, it will always be there because people in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are not being treated very fairly by the Pakistanis, he said.

Indian troops had landed in Kashmir on October 27, 1947, a day after the then Maharaja Hari Singh signed the instrument of accession with India following the Pakistani tribal raids.

The AOC-in-C of the

Western Air Command said the IAF faces many challenges, but the basic one is of technology.

The rate of change of technology is so fast in the world today that we have to keep pace with that. If any nation which is to grow economically has to have a strong military, we must fulfil our obligation to the nation in the years to come...and we are always ready for the challenge, he said.

The IAF has become a very capable force and in the years to come, "we will continue to serve the nation with honour" he added.

Asked about the drone attacks, Air Marshal Dev said they can inflict minimal damage only.

We had equipment against it (drone attacks) ready, and it was deployed here as well. We are now increasing the deployment by further procurement.

Drone challenge is a small challenge and we will be able to deal with that challenge as and when it comes, he said.

He said celebrating the 75 years of Budgam landing was a historic occasion.

After the instrument of accession was signed, we moved in our troops quickly and Srinagar airfield was saved and thereafter we launched further offensive and pushed the Pakistani military, which came as Kabalis (tribals), further back.

"I am sure if the UN had not intervened, perhaps, the entire Kashmir would have been ours, he said.

He said the IAF and the Army carried many other small missions including the operations in Poonch after an airstrip was laid there in a short span of seven days, attacks at Srinagar airfield, in Skardu on ammunition dump, and in Leh.

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