

LG unveils statue of freedom fighter, first CM of Bihar Dr Krishna Singh

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AURANGABAD, BIHAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday unveiled the statue of freedom fighter and first Chief Minister of Bihar, Dr Krishna Singh at Aurangabad on his birth anniversary.

Addressing a commemoration event, the Lt Governor paid tributes to Dr Krishna Singh and remembered his significant contribution to the development of Bihar and measures for the welfare of every section of the society.

"A charismatic leader and epitome of good governance, Dr Krishna Singh displayed strong statesmanship to turn Bihar into top performing state post-independence," the Lt Governor said.



LG Manoj Sinha unveiling the statue of freedom fighter Dr Krishna Singh at Aurangabad.

Dr Singh fought valiantly against the caste-system by promoting harmony, peace and social equality. His message became more relevant at that time as the society was confronting forces trying to spread caste-divide and discord, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also talked about the administrative, industrial and socio-economic reforms introduced by the first Chief Minister of Bihar.

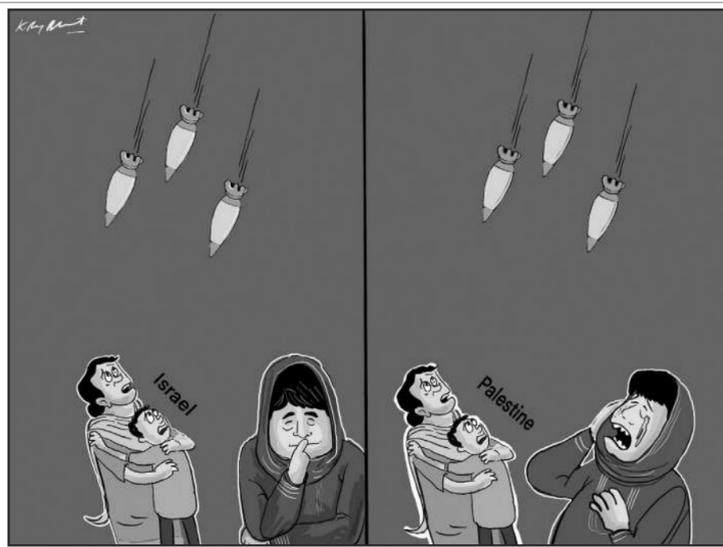
"As an unmatched administrator, Dr Krishna Singh has been immortalised in the pages of India's history. His zeal and commitment to the cause of inclusive development, industrialization and dedication to timeless values of justice and social equity

continue to inspire generations," the Lt Governor said.

He said, during the country's first five-year plan, Dr Singh created a new climate of growth and competitiveness in rural economy. In the second five-year plan, Dr Singh built solid foundation for the industrial economy, infrastructure, education, art and culture, making Bihar the best-governed state in the country, he added.

The Lt Governor urged the people to follow the high ideas and ideals of Dr Krishna Singh and contribute to building an equitable and progressive society.

Senior Political leaders and eminent personalities from diverse fields were present on the occasion.



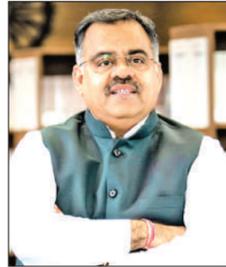
AAP grossly violating constitutional norms in Punjab: Chugh

'Congress making mockery of democracy'

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CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday squarely blamed Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for confronting constitutional institutions and for making a mockery of democracy.

In a statement, Chugh said the Chief Minister created an embarrassing situation for the entire state by calling an Assembly session of two days and winding it up with in few hours on the first day itself.



Chugh said the Chief Minister was grossly violating constitutional norms and fooling people of the state. He questioned how come

so-called wisdom to go to the Supreme Court dawned on the Chief Minister half way through the proceedings of the Assembly session.

Chugh also suggested that the Congress and AAP should be clubbed together as a ruling alliance in Punjab and the leader of the Opposition Partap Bajwa should be divested of his position.

"Both the parties made mockery of democracy in the House yesterday which, he said, was a serious matter", he added.

Azad demands elections in J&K

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SRINAGAR: While the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is "normal", the continuing delay in holding assembly elections is a matter of "grave concern", former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said here on Saturday.

Addressing a public meeting in Batamalo here, Azad said the situation has "not been more normal in the last 30-35 years" than it is now, but it was perhaps the first time in J&K's history that assembly polls have not been conducted for such a long time.

"When the situation was bad in J-K, and there was bloodshed and leaders left the Valley, Kashmiri Pandits left the Valley, that time also elections took place after five to six years," Azad said.

"But, today when the situation is normal, and it has not been more normal than this in the last 30-35 years, still elections have not taken place in the last



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting at Batamalo.

nine years. This is a matter of grave concern," the former Congress leader and chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) said. Azad said it was the first rally in the last 36 years in the area.

"I am thankful to you that you came here, the number of people does not matter, but that there is peace in this area and a political meeting could take place is in itself a wonder. I think this is the first political meeting here in the last 35-36 years.

"When I was the chief minister or in the Congress, no one had the

courage to conduct a meeting here. Because, unfortunately, the situation was not good in this area. I am happy that there is peace in the city now," he said.

The former J-K chief minister said while the lieutenant governor's administration was doing its job, it cannot replace elected representatives.

"The administration is doing its job, but this is not its job. I am not saying LG is not doing his work, or officers are not doing their work, but we are asking them to do a job that is not theirs but is of ministers, MLAs, elect-

ed representatives," he said.

He said an elected MLA or a chief minister reaches everywhere, roams among the people, and asks people about their issues.

"That does not happen now, because an officer is not for that, he is for running the office. If MLAs are made secretaries, they will destroy the files in one day," he said.

Later, while speaking to reporters, the DPAP chairman said he and his party have always demanded that assembly elections were necessary as only legislators can serve the people effectively.

"The officers are intelligent and good, but the secretariat will suffer if they work like MLAs. So the election for MLAs should take place," he said.

Referring to the situation in the Gaza Strip, Azad said people had expectations from the powerful countries to restore peace.

"Unfortunately, the powerful countries, who can restore peace and calm, themselves get involved then who will restore it?"

"The way the situation in Gaza is, the way children are being killed, the way there is no food or water or milk and it has been made the world's biggest prison, the powerful countries could have intervened, but since they have not, we can only pray," he said.

He asked the people to pray for the people of the Gaza Strip so that their sufferings end.

Among those present on the occasion included, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Haji Musadiq Vice President Province, Shafiq Shabnam Gen Secretary Province, Bilal Peer Zonal President, Amir Bhatt Distt President, Shafat Gaffar Mir Corporator, Nazia Zargar, Gh Rasool Hajam, Gh Nabi Palpori, Kiser Jin, Sheikh Amir Rasool, Er Nazir Yattoo, Tasleema Ara, Dr Shubi Jaan, Farooq Shikari, Fatima Shikari and others.

RE-USE OF STAMPS PAPERS MULTIPLE TIMES

Stamp Papers Scam: Crime Branch arrests two Stamp vendors

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JAMMU: The Economics Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu has arrested two stamp papers vendors from Bishnah identified as Arundeep Jamwal and Sunil Charak.

Unearthing a major Stamp Papers Scam being operated by two advocates and vendors in south Jammu sub district area, the Economics Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu had last month conducted searches at five places in R S Pura, Bishnah and Greater Kailash area in Jammu District. FIR 89/23 was registered under sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC against six persons. The CB teams had seized many documents and electronic gadgets including computers and laptops during the raids. Investigation of the case was entrusted for in-depth investigation to SIT headed by DySP Bhagwan Dass Dandia. A written complaint was lodged by Anup Sadotra, his father Harshwardan Sharma, both resident of Kanhal Upper; Bishnah, Rohit Gupta, son of late Arun Kumar Gupta, resident of Lower Jalo Chak Tehsil Bahu, Jammu wherein they alleged that it is a matter of grave concern that has come to their knowledge, involving fraudulent activities within Tehsil Bishnah, causing substantial financial losses to the Revenue Department and consequently to the state exchequer.

The complaint stated that the accused persons activities appear to be deeply entrenched, leading to a severe impact on the revenue collection system of J&K UT. The fraudulent activities include illegal issuance of agriculture certificates, which are essential documents in the purchase and sale of agricultural land. These certificates are being issued illegally, often to individuals with no genuine connection to agriculture.

Moreover, some certain unscrupulous individuals, possibly in association with employees of the Sub Registrar's Office, are fraudulently re-using stamp papers multiple times, the complaint stated. After preliminary investigations, the CB states that this not only compromises the legal integrity of land transactions but also inflicts substantial financial losses on the revenue department and the state exchequer.

The modus operandi of this organized gang involves a network of individuals, including certain Revenue Department officials, property dealers, stamp paper vendors, commission agents, and other intermediaries. It is evident that these individuals are operating with a high degree of coordination, facilitating the issuance of agriculture certificates in exchange for substantial sum of money, thereby siphoning off state funds.

Delhi HC stays sessions court's order discharging S S Wazir, 2 others from killing ex-MLC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The High Court of Delhi on Saturday stayed the order of Sessions Court wherein the accused and Sudershan Singh Wazir, Balbir Singh alias Billa, Rajinder Chaudhary alias Ganja were discharged from all the offences in the murder case of Ex-MLC Tarlochan Singh Wazir.

The Delhi High Court stated that at the stage of framing of charge or discharge, the Trial Court was only expected to find from the material on record whether or not there is a sufficient ground for proceeding against the accused and not to consider whether there is sufficient ground for conviction of the accused, or whether the trial is sure to end in conviction.

"It prima facie appears that the Trial Court has overlooked evidence in the form of CCTV footage and CDRs and has undertaken the exercise of finding out probative and evidentiary value of the evidence on record, which is not permissible,"

stated the Delhi High Court order, adding "the offence for which the respondents/accused were charge sheeted is serious and the matter requires consideration."

In view of the above and having regard to the submissions made by the senior counsel, which prima facie appear to have substance, the operation of the impugned order is stayed, till the next date of hearing that is December 13, 2023, the Delhi High Court ordered.

Earlier, on Friday, the court of Additional Sessions Judge West/THC/ Delhi had discharged Sudershan Singh Wazir and two others from the murder of a prominent Sikh leader Tarlochan Singh Wazir.

However, the sessions court had ruled that the accused Harmeet Singh will be liable to be charged for the offence under Section 302 IPC (murder).

Accused Harpreet Singh Khalsa was liable to be charged for the offence under Section 201 IPC and 174 A IPC. He too stands discharged

from offence under Section 302 read with 120 B IPC, the sessions court had said.

The case was now for framing of charge against accused Harmeet Singh and Harpreet Singh Khalsa, the sessions court order stated.

Sudarshan Singh Wazir was arrested in February this year in the high-profile murder case of the former legislator Tarlochan Singh Wazir.

The Crime Branch Cell of Delhi Police arrested Sudarshan Singh Wazir, 67, who is also chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh United Front, and his two associates Harjinder Singh Raina, 71, and Jagpal Singh, 51, for their involvement in Tarlochan Singh Wazir murder case.

Tarlochan Singh Wazir, was a prominent Sikh leader, former MLC, and a senior National Conference leader from Jammu. He was found dead in Delhi's Moti Nagar area under mysterious circumstances on September 9, 2021.

Wazir was a prominent leader from

J&K Police rendering yeoman service to nation: Jammu IGP

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has been rendering yeoman service to the nation and the society under most hostile and challenging circumstances at the cost of their personal safety and comfort, Inspector General of Police Jammu, Anand Jain said on Saturday. "National Police Day" also known as Police Commemoration Day was observed in Jammu with a ceremonial Parade at Gulshan Ground Jammu this morning.

The day is celebrated every year in the memory and honour of SI Karam Singh and his ten Bravehearts of CRPF (1st, 2nd and 3rd Bn) who on October 21, 1959, sacrificed their lives while holding the attack by PLA at Hot Spring in Ladakh at the height of 4681 meters above the sea level. Impressive functions were organized in all 10 Police Districts of Jammu Province where large number of senior Police Officers, retired police

personnel, members of the martyr's families and members of civil society participated.

In Jammu, the main function was conducted at Gulshan Ground Jammu where Anand Jain, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Zone, Jammu, took the salute of the Commemoration Day Parade. GOs of all Jammu based Units, apart from a large number of senior/retired Police Officers, prominent dignitaries/Citizens and media personnel of Jammu also participated in the function.

IGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain read out the name of 189

brave martyrs of the country which includes martyrs from Police Organizations and PMF like BSF, CRPF, ITBP, CISE, SSB, NCB, NDRF and FS, CD & HG. While lauding the role of brave martyrs, he said J&K Police has been rendering yeoman service to the Nation and the society under most hostile, difficult and challenging circumstances at the cost of their personal safety and comfort. He prayed for the heavenly peace of the departed souls and also for the prosperity and welfare of their families.



IGP Jammu Anand Jain and other officers paying tributes to police martyrs in Jammu on Saturday.

On the occasion, a blood donation camp was also organized by Police in collaboration with Team Jammu in which some senior Police officers/officials and 10 volunteers of the team Jammu donated blood.

The team Jammu is doing venerable job on this day from the last 10 years.

IGP Jammu Zone also interacted with NOK of martyrs. He paid a patient hearing to the grievances of NOKs of Martyrs and assured full support and timely action on the requests submitted by them.

Earlier all the Jammu based GOs assembled at Police Martyrs Memorial at Railway Station where rich tributes were paid to all the martyrs. Prominent among those who attended the function include; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, and other social and political dignitaries.

Moreover, another impressive function was organized again in the evening at Police Martyrs Memorial Railway Station, Jammu where a large number of Police/Civil families assembled to light candles and paid rich tributes to the Martyrs of the nation.

Though many tunnels and viaducts were completed on the highway under the ongoing four-laning project, landslides triggered by rains have forced single-way traffic at Mehra, Cafeteria and Dalwas, causing a lot of inconvenience.

"It took almost 24 hours for us to reach Jammu from Srinagar on Friday. First there were massive traffic jams due to unregulated movement of trucks in Banihal and slow movement of traffic in Ramsu and Chanderkote," Farooq Ahmad Shah, a student said. He said a fortnight back when he was travelling from Delhi to Srinagar; he completed the Jammu-Srinagar stretch in less than six hours. "Single-lane traffic at certain places coupled with movement of nomadic herds and unregulated flow of trucks despite knowing the condition of the road was the main reason for the massive traffic jamming," Shah said.

Some travellers complained that they had bought bus and train tickets for their onward journey, but their plans went haywire as they reached Jammu late.

The work on the four-laning project of the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was started by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in 2011.

The work which included a number of small and major tunnels, bridges and flyovers is likely to be completed by next year after missing several deadlines.

Traffic to remain suspended on Jammu-Srinagar NH for repairs today

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JAMMU: Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway has been suspended on Sunday for repairs in Ramban district, officials said while travellers complained of delays on several stretches including those damaged during recent rains.

According to an advisory issued by the traffic police department, no vehicle would be allowed to travel on the strategic highway between Nashri and Banihal tunnels after 6 pm on Saturday.

The restriction would continue till Sunday midnight, it said, adding the suspension of the traffic was imperative to undertake repair and restoration work at Dalwas, where the road stretch was reduced to a single lane following landslides triggered by heavy rains on October 16.

Many people who travelled on the highway over the past week complained of massive traffic snarls especially between the most critical 66-km stretch from Nashri tunnel to Banihal tunnel.

A traffic department official said there was slow movement of traffic on the highway due to the breakdown of 16 heavy motor vehicles, eight nomadic herds and single-lane traffic at Dalwas and Cafeteria-Mehad between Nashri and Banihal tunnels on Friday.

"In view of poor surface condition and sinking of road, NHAI has been directed by the Government to undertake repair and restoration work, which will be carried out on Sunday," the official said.