

Ch Manmohan visits shelling-affected villages in IB, takes stock of people's issues

Urges Govt to compensate border dwellers, farming community

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RS PURA: The members of All India Jat Maha Sabha, Jammu & Kashmir, led by its President, Ch Manmohan Singh (former Mayor), on Friday visited shelling-affected villages including Bulechak, Treva, Sae, Changyan, and Arnea, to assess the damages caused by unprovoked shelling from across the border.

During the visit, Ch Manmohan Singh personally interacted with the local residents, empathetically listening to their concerns and the damages they have endured due to the unrelenting shelling incidents. It was evident that the people residing in the border villages are living in constant fear and dire circumstances, and immediate action is needed to address their grievances. Sarpanch Sai Mola Ch. Dev Raj, Sarpanch Sai Khurd Sd. Sarbjeet Singh, Sarpanch Treva Mdm. Balbir Kour,



AIJMS J&K President, Ch Manmohan Singh visiting shelling-affected villages at Arnia.

youth leader Surinder Chohan, Ch. Surjeet, Capt. Munshi Ram and many others accompany the Jat Maha Sabha leader.

Expressing deep concern for the safety and well-being of the border communities, Ch Manmohan Singh called upon the Government, specifically urging the Modi Government to respond firmly to Pakistan's violations of the ceasefire agreement. He emphasized the need for the Government to take concrete steps to alleviate the suffer-

ing of the people and fulfill its commitment of providing 5 Marla plots to the affected families.

Ch Manmohan Singh also highlighted the deplorable condition of existing bunkers constructed by the Government and urged the authorities to build new, sturdier bunkers in every street of border villages to ensure the safety of the residents. He further stressed the urgency of providing financial relief to the families affected by shelling, without

any unnecessary delay. In addition to these concerns, Ch Manmohan Singh expressed solidarity with the farmers who are facing severe difficulties. Due to the unpredictable shelling, laborers have left the border villages for safer areas, leaving the farmers unable to harvest their crops. He requested that the district administration to assess the losses faced by both border dwellers and the farming community, and prioritize compensation for their losses.

Ch Manmohan Singh also called on the government to provide life insurance for the residents of border areas to ensure their security and well-being. He asserted that the Jat Maha Sabha is committed to the welfare of the border communities and will continue to advocate for their rights and protection.

Ch Manmohan Singh said "God forbid, if any person residing in border areas face any adversity or an unfavorable situation, he/she should approach the Jat Maha Sabha. In such dire times, you don't need to go anywhere else as the Jat Maha Sabha has made necessary arrangements for border dwellers in Jammu. He said the Jat Maha Sabha will make every effort to ensure that border dwellers will not face any trouble. He asked people of border areas to contact the Jat Maha Sabha during any crisis at the border.

Dr. Jatinder appointed Secretary of ACM Chapter J&K

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BHADERWAH: The ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) has appointed Dr. Jatinder Manhas Head Computer Science and IT Bhaderwah Campus University of Jammu as the Secretary of the ACM Chapter Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas is a distinguished figure in the field of computing, known for his significant contributions to the industry and academia.

With a strong background in computer science and a passion for advancing technology, Dr. Manhas has built a reputation as a leader, educator, and innovator.

His career and achievements reflect his commitment to pushing the boundaries of computing and fostering scientific excellence.

ACM, founded in 1947, is the largest and oldest international scientific and industrial computer society, dedicated to pro-



moting and facilitating research and communication across a broad spectrum of computing disciplines.

Dr. Manhas's expertise and vision to create a thriving environment for computing enthusiasts, researchers, and professionals. This appointment is a significant step towards strengthening the region's ties to the global computing community and fostering innovative research and collaboration.

Recently Dr. Jatinder Manhas sanctioned with project worth Rs 1 crore and was instrumental in the establishment of High computing lab on cyber physical systems in the campus. He has collaborations with IITs and Few university abroad at Rutgers University USA and LTU Sweden.

Rohit Bhardwaj qualifies Ph.D

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KATRA: Rohit Bhardwaj has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). He has worked on the topic: "Role of Network Bricolage in Social Purpose Organizations - A Knowledge-based Dynamic Capability Perspective" under the supervision of Dr. Saurabh Srivastava and Dr. Rashi Taggar in the School of Business.

Rohit Bhardwaj presented his research work at many conferences and has published 10 research papers in ABDC listed journals comprising two first authored papers in A ranked journals. Rohit Bhardwaj is now working as a Post-doctoral Fellow at Birla Institute of Management Technology (Noida). Prior to joining academia and research, he has worked as a professional rapper, DJ, and a hip-hop artist.



Cong President accepts request of Dr Karan Singh

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JAMMU: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has accepted the request of veteran leader Dr Karan Singh, with regard to relieving him from the executive Committee of the JKPC.

In a communication to Dr Karan Singh, the AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal has conveyed the decision of the Congress President to Dr Karan Singh, in this regard, in response to a letter from Dr Singh, requesting congress President to relieve him of the executive of the JKPC, said a party hand-out here today.

Gurdarshan Singh bereaved

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has deeply condoled the sad demise of Gurdarshan Singh, KS(Rtd.) Senior Congress Leader.

President JKPC Vikar Rasool Wani and all Senior leaders of the party have condoled the sad demise of Sardarni Jaswant Kour and conveyed their condolences to Gurdarshan Singh and other family members. He described Jaswant Kour a pious and kind hearted lady who remained socially active throughout her life. PCC Chief conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the rank and file of the party.

All other senior leaders of the party included Shri Raman Bhalla (Working

President PCC), Mula Ram, Th. Balwan Singh, Ravinder Sharma, Rajnish Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, T.S. Bajwa, Ved Mahajan, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Vinod Sharma, Hari Singh Chib, Th. Singh, Sanjeev Sharma, Kapil Singh, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Sajeew Panda, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Vijay Sharma, S. Amolak Singh, H.S. Mehta, Suresh Dogra, Rajveer Singh, Bhushan Dogra, Rajinder Singh Nathu, Rieky Dalotra, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Michael Wazir, Camres David Babloo, Vijay Singh Chib, Varinder Singh Manhas and others have expressed deep shock and conveyed their heartfelt condolences to bereaved family.

Information Sharing Session on ITEP aligned with NEP-2020 Organised at CUJ

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JAMMU: One-day Information Sharing Session for sensitization on ITEP aligned with NEP-2020 was organised by Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) in collaboration with National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi, at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, CUJ.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Convenor of the event, welcomed the Chief Guest. The stakeholders of the programme were Principals of Government colleges, members of SCERT, Teacher Educators and Research Scholars.

The experts of the program delivered the talk in various aspects of ITEP and its implementation under session-I. In the session-II the experts had interacted with the delegates by



Prof. Sanjeev Jain, VC CUJ with other dignitary.

addressing their queries. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor CUJ has inaugurated the event in presence of Kesang Y Sherpa, Member Secretary, NCTE, Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, former Vice-Chancellor of Central University, South Bihar, Prof. P.C. Agarwal, Member, ITEP Curriculum Framework Committee, Ravinder Singh, Under-secre-

tary, NCTE, Prof. J. N. Balya, Member, NRC, NCTE, Abhimanyu Yadav, co-convenor, ITEP, B. K. Chaturvedi, Nodal Officer NCTE & Faculty members from allied higher educational institutions of Jammu region. Prof. Sanjeev expressed that all the teacher educators and institutions have to come forward to implement ITEP in a constructive way.

Prof. Balya said that ITEP is the flagship program of the central government and the success of the ITEP will depend on the coordination and sharing of the resources among the educational institutions and universities. Kesang Y Sherpa, made a detailed presentation on the implementation of the ITEP as a flagship programme of the Government of India aligned with NEP-2020 on pilot mode for the first phase for which 42 institutions were selected. She also talked about National Professional Standards for Teacher Education, Art and Sports Integrated Education. She concluded her talk that quality teachers can be developed with the help of ITEP who will serve in schools by 2030. The event was also addressed by Prof. H. C. S. Rathore, Chairman, ITEP Curriculum Framework. He emphasised

that teachers should be prepared on the basis of their choice therefore their aptitude and dedication assist to excel in nation building.

He further said that the job of the teacher is to uncover the content and purpose of the syllabus. He further urged that all the teacher education institutions have to comply with the norms of the NCTE for running teacher education programmes, mainly ITEP.

In his speech, Prof. P. C. Aggrawal, Member, Curriculum Framework Committee, emphasised that the teachers have to uncover the note to cover the content.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Kiran. Faculty members of the Department Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Yadram, Dr. Mohan took an active role in organising the event to make it successful.

DGP, PWVA chairperson visit Police Hospital Jammu, inaugurate facilities for hospital

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JAMMU: The Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh accompanied by Chairperson Police Wives Welfare Association (PWVA) Dr. Rubinder Kaur on Friday visited Police Hospital Jammu where he inaugurated various more facilities for the hospital.

IGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, IGP Armed Jammu M N Tiwari, DIsG Shreedhar Patil, Sarah Rizvi, Nisha Nathyal, SSP PCR Jammu Sargun Shukla, CO IR 18th Bn Kulbir Singh, SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar, CO 1st Women Bn. Rashmi Wazir, CO IR 14th Bn Anita Sharma, SSP Security Jammu Shemsher Hussain, SSP Traffic Jammu, Doctors & Staff of Police Hospital Jammu & other jurisdictional Police officers were present on the occasion.

The DGP was received by IGP, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain and other senior officers



Chairperson PWVA Dr. Rubinder Kaur inaugurating facilities for hospital.

and was presented guard of honour on his arrival. He then inaugurated Labour Room, Prostho Lab (Dental), FNAC section and fully Automated Biochemistry Analyzer of Pathology, additional facilities for the hospital.

The DGP complimented the Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal and her team for providing excellent Medicare facilities to the

Police personnel and their families. He said that the Police Hospital has achieved a good reputation in providing all the facilities to the patients. He advised the doctors to work with more dedication in providing best possible health care services to their policemen and their families. He directed the doctors to put in best possible efforts in serving the members of the J&K Police Pariwar.

The Chairperson PWVA,

Dr. Rubinder Kaur appreciated the efforts put in by the Medical Superintendent of Police Hospital Jammu in providing better health care facilities to the Police personnel. She hoped that they would continue to work with the same dedication to serve members of the Police Pariwar.

The Medical Superintendent of Police Hospital Jammu Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal thanked DGP J&K and other guests for gracing the occasion. She also briefed about the functioning and facilities available in the hospital through power point presentation. She assured that police hospitals would continue in providing better health services to police personnel and their families. She apprised about various initiatives taken by the hospital.

Earlier, the DGP J&K visited Delta Force Headquarters at Dharmund in Ramban district where he discussed present security scenario of DKR range & UR

range with the Army & Police Officers.

On his arrival he was received by GOC, Delta Force, Maj Gen Upkar Chander, DIG DKR range Dr Sunil Gupta, DIG Udhampur Reasi Range Suleman Choudhary, Col GS Vikram, SP Ramban Mohita Sharma, SSP Udhampur Shri Joginder Singh and SSP Doda Ab. Qayoom.

During the DGPs visit a threadbare discussion was held regarding the present security scenario and existing challenges. The officers also discussed highway security measures.

The DGP emphasized for enhancing synergy between the forces and for putting in joint efforts in eliminating the remaining terrorists in J&K. Counter measures for narco trade were also discussed.

The officers briefed the DGP regarding the measures taken by the counter terrorism grid in DKR range and UR range areas.

Justice Sanjeev releases Prof K L Bhatia's Book

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JAMMU: The Department of Law, University of Jammu, Jammu, organised a book release function of Prof K L Bhatia's book titled "Law and Justice: A Festschrift in the Honour of Prof. K.L. Bhatia." in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Environmental Sciences.

Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, Judge of the High Court of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, who attended as the Chief Guest in his address to the gathering, appreciated the efforts of Prof. Bhatia's invaluable contributions to the legal world and his unwavering commitment to justice.

He stressed on more interaction between the law department and judiciary. He motivated the students for sincere efforts in the field of law.

In his presidential address Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, JU said that the book serves as a testament to Prof. Bhatia's remarkable journey in the world of law, and the book release ceremony was a poignant reminder of the pro-



Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla and other dignitaries releasing a book.

found impact he has had on the academic and legal community.

Prof Rai's discourse emphasized on the concept of hands-on experiential learning, inspiring the students to embrace the spirit of "learn by doing" and by reflecting on the experience.

It is pertinent to mention here that this remarkable book was meticulously edited by eminent scholars that includes Prof. Sanjay Gupta, Dr. Komilla Aggarwal Bhatia, and Dr. Raj K. Sandhu. "Law and Justice" in honour of Prof. K.L. Bhatia's remarkable contributions to the field of law and academia.

Earlier, Prof. Satinder Kumar, Head and Dean of the Faculty of Law, set the tone for

the event with a warm and welcoming address.

Earlier, Dr. Navdeep kour Sasan delivered a brief but illuminating introduction of Prof. K.L. Bhatia, providing insight into the professor's remarkable career and its far-reaching impact on the world of law.

Prof. Bhatia himself shared his life experiences and insights, leaving the audience captivated by his wisdom and passion.

Prof. Sanjay Gupta, one of the editors of the book, concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

The program was conducted by Dr. Raj K. Sandhu, one of the editor of the book, ensuring a smooth and memorable event.

JU organises interactive workshop on "Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology: Educational Experience in Russia and India"

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JAMMU: For exploring the educational experiences in two culturally rich nations, Russia and India, Department of Education under the ages of golden jubilee year celebrations organized interactive workshop for research scholars from University of Jammu, Faculty and students of Department of Education on the theme " Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology: Educational Experience in Russia and India " on 27th October, 2023 by Prof. Svetlana Ryzhakova, Institute of Ethnology & Anthropology, Russia Academy of Sciences, Moscow. The workshop aimed to shed light on the unique aspects of cultural anthropology and ethnology within their respective academic contexts in Russia and India. In Russia,

renowned for its rich history and diversity, educational experiences are deeply intertwined with the nation's complex cultural heritage. Russian universities offer a comprehensive study of cultural anthropology and ethnology, drawing on their own multifaceted traditions. Through her presentation she highlighted how Russian scholars and students approach these fields, emphasizing the role of history, literature, and language in their studies. On the other hand, India, with its unparalleled cultural diversity and deep-rooted traditions, offers a unique perspective on cultural anthropology and ethnology. Indian academic institutions provide an inclusive and holistic approach to these disciplines, reflecting the country's varied cultural tapestry.

CS flags off J&K Amrit Kalash Yatra contingent for New Delhi

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday flagged off Amrit Kalash Yatra under "Meri Mati Mera Desh" (Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ko Vandan) to New Delhi at Conventional Centre Jammu here. Those who were present included Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home, R K Goel; Commissioner Secretary GAD, Sanjeev Verma; Secretary Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, other Administrative Secretaries, IGP Jammu, Div Com Jammu, DC Jammu and senior officers of civil and police administration besides a large number of members of PRIs across the UT.

The program was started with the lighting of traditional lamp by the Chief guest and other dignitaries.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary also administered a Pledge on PanchPran (Pratigya) with the partici-



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta flagging off Amrit Kalash Yatra.

pants including developed country by 1947. Chief Secretary and other dignitaries also kept some Mitti in the Kalash (pot) under 'muthibhar-mitti' during the program. He called it a symbolic step to show the solidarity with other countrymen of our great nation.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Secretary said that 83 lakh people from Jammu and Kashmir participated in Meri Maati Mera Desh that is highest participation on the basis of population ratio of the States/UTs of the country. He called this achievement remarkable and appreciated all who

took make this a reality.

Dr Mehta also appreciated the concerned departments for making this a grand success in the UT. He said a large number of events were conducted at panchayat and block levels. During the program, Mitti (soil) was collected from every household and was mixed to celebrate the rich cultural, linguistic and social diversity of the country.

Chief Secretary maintained that the UT has attained top most status in various fields by virtue of the commitment of both people and administration together. He made out that

each household of J&K should feel proud of this brisk pace of development which the UT has made during the past couple of years. Dr Mehta observed that the UT has now made it an attribute to figure among top most performers in the country in almost all of the programs carried out at national level. Earlier, Secretary Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah also highlighted the activities carried out during the first phase of this event at panchayat and block level. He also addressed the representatives who are scheduled to participate in the final program at New Delhi on

31st of this month.

Earlier, the Chief secretary also kickstarted a plantation drive as part of 'Vasudha Vandhan' by planting a tree in the campus. He also unveiled a Shilapalakkam in the same premises to celebrate the creation of highest number of these structures in the UT.

It is to be mentioned here that this Amrit Kalash yatra contains mitti from each household and collected at block level and is to be taken to New Delhi by a volunteer for creation of a national monument to be called AmritVatika.

The Chief Secretary complimented all stakeholders for successful culmination of this year long program. The J&K contingent comprises of nearly 400 volunteers from each block and ULB of the UT. The teams shall be led by officers from culture and District level nodal officers for smooth movement of this yatra to the National Capital.