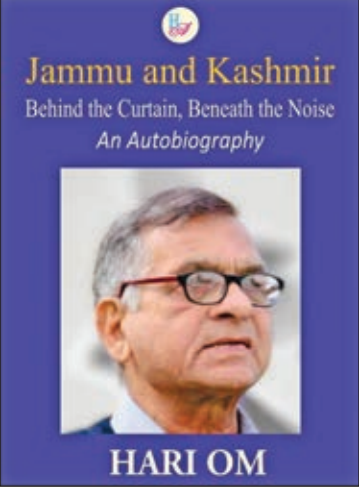


# Prof Hari Om’s autobiography ‘Behind The Curtain, Beneath The Noise’ released

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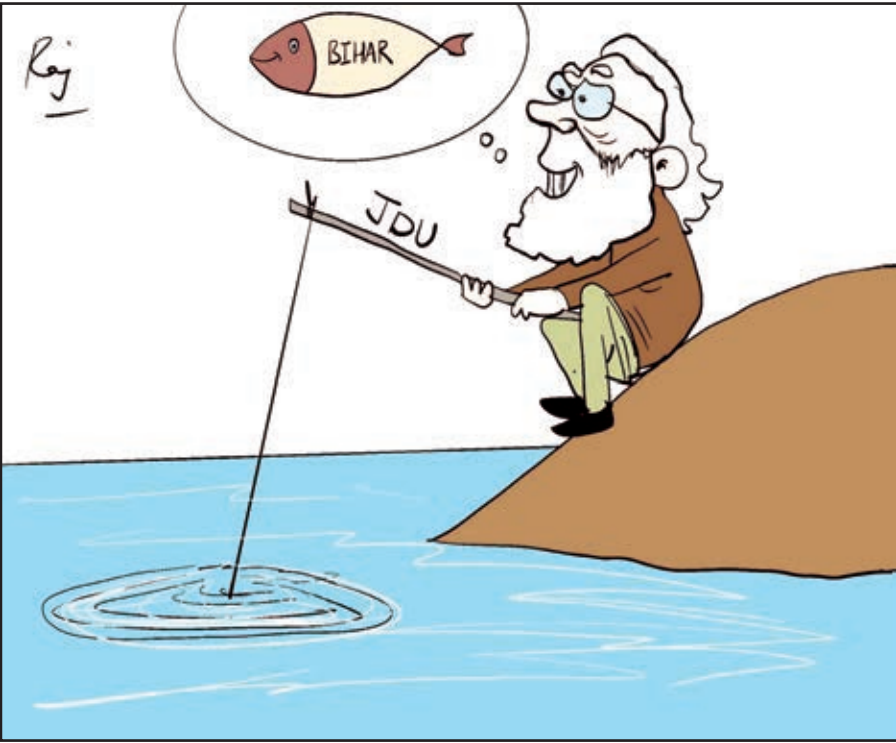
JAMMU: Prof Hari Om released his autobiography "Behind The Curtain, Beneath The Noise" on Saturday. It - apart from dealing with the author's journey from Kashmir Ceramics Kathua to Jammu University - throws light on his role in the 1998 Jammu revolt, which brought the Farooq Abdullah Government to the Jammu's knees. It also deals with the author's association with the BJP and the RSS and the nature of relations with them, his struggle for Jammu State/trifurcation solution, his role in the political developments and the circumstances leading to the Amarnath Land Movement, which led to the collapse of the Ghulam Nabi Azad Government in July 2008.



It, in addition, deals with very cru-

cial discussions which took place from time to time between the author and some very senior Central Government officials on the issues of Assembly elections in J&K in 1996, pre-1953 politico-constitutional status and Gujjar-Pahari controversy and the outcome. Besides, it throws light on the author's role which helped the daughters of J&K obtain full citizenship rights in 2005 and Jammu get Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and Agriculture University in 2008, and Central University of Jammu in 2010-11. In addition, the autobiography deals with the nature of discussions which took place between the author and an American think-tank, British High Commissioner and EU delegation on J&K and what

transpired during the track-II type conferences on J&K held at the House of Commons, Hotel Rembrandt, Guild Hall, Kensington and Bristol, and national and international conferences on J&K held at India International Centre, JNU and SKICC, Srinagar. It also deals with the author's role in the Round Table Conferences on J&K's political future and what did Kashmiri leaders like Farooq Abdullah do when the author exposed the fake secularists in the establishment at 7-Race Course, the PM's official residence. The sin which the author committed is also part of his autobiography. The autobiography is available with Amazon and at Sahitya Sangam, Kachi Chowni, Jammu.



## LG Kavinder attends historic first Passing Out Parade of Ladakh Police 453 Recruits including 209 women join the force



Lt Governor Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta inspecting first-ever Passing Out Parade of Ladakh Police at Police Training Centre.

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Saturday addressed the first-ever Passing Out Parade of Ladakh Police at the Police Training Centre, Stong-Sar, marking a historic milestone in the journey of India's youngest police force. The Lt Governor inspected the parade and took salute of the marching contingents during the march past/Rashtriya salute. He also felicitated the All-Round Best Recruit Constables of Ladakh Police, namely R/Ct Sonam Yangchan (all round best & indoor best), R/Ct Jigmet Palkit (outdoor best) and R/Ct Mohd Sharif (best marks men). Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the day symbolises the growing strength, discipline, and self-reliance of Ladakh Police. He noted that since the formation of the Union Territory, Ladakh Police has faced numerous challenges - from modernising basic infrastructure to building a self-sufficient training

ecosystem and ensuring security across strategically significant areas. "It was through these challenges that the resilience and determination of Ladakh Police were forged," he said. Highlighting the administration's commitment to strengthening the police force, Kavinder Gupta said the UT government has undertaken major initiatives for modernization, infrastructure upgradation, training, housing, welfare, and digital transformation. He mentioned that police presence and assistance have been enhanced in key tourist areas, and special focus is being placed on women's participation, improved communication systems, and welfare of police personnel and their families. The Lt Governor said that the establishment of the Police Training Centre at Stong-Sar, which began in 2022, represents a new era of training self-reliance for Ladakh. "This institution will not only train new police personnel locally to meet Ladakh's unique chal-

enges but will also serve the training needs of other UT departments in the future," he added. Reiterating the administration's commitment to youth empowerment, Kavinder Gupta announced that 453 recruits, including 209 women constables, have successfully completed their training - a landmark achievement that reflects the government's efforts to create more employment opportunities for Ladakhi youth. The recruitment process for Sub-Inspectors, he said, will begin soon to further strengthen the force. Congratulating the new constables, the Lt Governor urged them to uphold the values of trust, sacrifice, and integrity that their uniform represents. "Law enforcement is not just about authority - it is about compassion, service, and earning the confidence of the people you protect," he said, reminding the recruits to always act with courage and kindness. Calling the induction of over 200 women constables

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a "powerful symbol of gender equality", Kavinder Gupta said it will make Ladakh Police more inclusive, empathetic, and effective. He also paid homage to the brave personnel of Ladakh Police who laid down their lives in the line of duty, saying their courage will continue to inspire future generations. In his concluding remarks, the Lt Governor said that remarkable progress is being witnessed not only in Ladakh but across every sector of Bharat, adding that Ladakh will play a significant role in realizing the dream of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India a Vishwaguru. Kavinder Gupta extended heartfelt congratulations to all passing-out constables and their families, expressing confidence that they will continue to bring

pride to Ladakh Police and the Union Territory. Earlier, Dr S.D Singh Jamwal, DGP Ladakh, in his address, informed that earlier training of new Police personnel from Ladakh along with the Passing Out Parade was held in J&K. He shared his happiness over the conduct of the first Passing Out Parade of newly recruited constables of Ladakh Police at Stongsar in Leh, calling it one of the highest training centers in the country. He also highlighted Ladakh Police's plans to develop a Winter Sports Centre at the center to provide opportunities to the youth of Ladakh and enhance their sporting skills. Earlier, Altaf Shah, Principal, PTC Stongsar, welcomed the guests and also read out the pledge to the new constables of Ladakh Police.

## Devyani Rana expresses resolve to sustain momentum of development in Nagrota



BJP candidate for by-elections to Nagrota Assembly seat, Devyani Rana at public meeting.

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DANSAL: Bharatiya Janata Party candidate for the upcoming by-elections to the Nagrota Assembly seat, Devyani Rana, while addressing a series of meetings at Kathar Upper, Kathar Lower, Krishanpur and Bhatyari today reiterated her firm resolve to carry forward the vision of a progressive and prosperous Nagrota, saying that the agenda of development and economic growth will not be allowed to get derailed under any circumstances. Emphasizing the BJP's core philosophy, Rana reiterated that the party stands for equitable opportunity for all and believes in inclusive governance that uplifts all sections of the society and provides every citizen a fair chance to succeed. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has witnessed a people-centric model of development where every individual, regardless of background, is economically

and socially empowered. Recalling her late father Devender Singh Rana's commitment to the constituency, Devyani Rana said "My father had a dream to see Nagrota prosper and thrive and I am determined to realize that dream with people's support," she added. In a strong message to those trying to mislead the people, Rana cautioned disruptive forces not to test the unity and resolve of the people of Nagrota, who, she said, remain steadfast in their approach towards the betterment of the constituency. The people of Nagrota are wise, resilient, and deeply committed to development and no divisive agenda can weaken their resolve or derail their progress," she said. Calling upon voters to extend their full support to the BJP for the larger good of the constituency, Devyani Rana said, "Together, we will build a Viksit

Nagrota that will contribute proudly to the vision of a Viksit Jammu and Kashmir and Viksit Bharat". Sr. BJP Leader and Chairman DDC, Jammu Bharat Blushan while speaking at these places appealed to the people of Nagrota to extend their wholehearted support and give a decisive mandate to Devyani Rana, so that she can carry forward the unfinished mission of inclusive and holistic development envisioned by her late father, Devender Singh Rana. He emphasized that Devyani embodies the same spirit of dedication, compassion, and commitment to public service that her father was known for. Reaffirming the BJP's collective resolve, he stated that the entire organization stands firmly united behind Devyani Rana in her endeavour to usher Nagrota into a new era of progress, prosperity, and people-centric governance.

## AIIMS Jammu hosts National CME on ‘Next-Gen Cervical Cancer Control: From Vaccines to Visualization’



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JAMMU: The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AIIMS Jammu, in collaboration with the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS), Indian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ISCCP), FOGSI Oncology Committee, Jammu Obstetric and Gynaecological Society (JOGS), and NIGF, successfully organized the Mid-Term ISCCP CME. The event drew enthusiastic participation from faculty, postgraduate students, and gynecologists from across the region. The CME was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive

Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu. In his address, Prof. Gupta emphasized the importance of early screening, HPV vaccination, and community-level awareness to reduce the cervical cancer burden in India. He also highlighted the availability of Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) at AIIMS Jammu for personalized management of various malignancies. The event featured eminent national faculty, including Dr.Aruna Nigam, Dr. Vijay Zutshi, Dr. Saritha Shamsunder, and Dr. Nidhi Gupta, who delivered comprehensive lectures on screening protocols, colposcopy principles, and

management of pre-invasive cervical lesions. The scientific sessions covered key aspects such as screening strategies, optics and tissue basis of colposcopy, Swede Scoring nomenclature, management of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN), the role of HPV vaccination, and recent innovations in the field. Hands-on training sessions on video and binocular colposcopy; thermal ablation, and LEEP techniques provided participants with practical exposure under expert supervision. Prof. (Dr.) Meeta Gupta, Dean Academics and Head of the Department

of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, along with her dedicated team, played a pivotal role in organizing the CME. Their efforts ensured seamless coordination of scientific sessions, faculty participation, and hands-on training, making the programme a resounding success. The programme concluded with a panel discussion on clinical case scenarios and management algorithms, followed by a vote of thanks. The CME highlighted AIIMS Jammu's dedication to advancing women's health and promoting preventive oncology in the region through education, collaboration, and evidence-based practice.

## KCCI delegation, others call on LG

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), led by its President, Javid Ahmad Tenga, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The delegation comprised of newly elected office bearers

and executive committee members of KCCI put forth various issues related to the promotion of tourism, industries and trade-related activities in the region. They also apprised the Lieutenant Governor of the various upcoming initiatives aimed at enhancing Kashmir's visibility

as a preferred tourist destination. Later, Irfan Manhas, Vice Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Shopian, also called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and apprised him of various development issues of Shopian district.



KCCI delegation members calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

# Had delay in accession given enough time to Pakistan for attacking the then Princely State of J&K?

## Indian Independence Movement and Princely States of British Indian Empire

■ DAYA SAGAR

Why had the J&K Maharaja delayed the accession to India or Pakistan could be well read from the spirits / reasons mentioned by Maharaja Hari Singh Ji in his letter dated 26-10-1947 addressed to Governor General of India which among others said "<My dear Lord Mountbatten, I have to inform your Excellency that a grave emergency has arisen in my State and request immediate assistance of your Government. As your Excellency is aware the State of Jammu and Kashmir has not acceded to the Dominion of India or to Pakistan. Geographically my State is contiguous to both the Dominions. It has vital economical

and cultural links with both of them. Besides my State has a common boundary with the Soviet Republic and China. In their external relations the Dominions of India and Pakistan cannot ignore this fact. I wanted to take time to decide to which Dominion I should accede, or whether it is not in the best interests of both the Dominions and my State to stand independent, of course with friendly and cordial relations with both. I accordingly approached the Dominions of India and Pakistan to enter into Standstill Agreement with my State. The Pakistan Government accepted this Agreement. The Dominion of India desired further discussions with representatives of my

Government. I could not arrange this in view of the developments indicated below. In fact the Pakistan Government are operating Post and Telegraph system inside the State. Though we have got a Standstill Agreement with the Pakistan Government that Government permitted steady and increasing strangulation of supplies like food, salt and petrol to my State. .... With the conditions obtaining at present in my State and the great emergency of the situation as it exists, I have no option but to ask for help from the Indian Dominion. Naturally they cannot send the help asked for by me with-

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out my State acceding to the Dominion of India. I have accordingly decided to do so and I attach the Instrument of Accession for acceptance by your Government. The other alternative is to leave my State and my people to free-looters. On this basis no civilized Government can exist or be maintained. This alternative I will never allow to happen as long as I am Ruler of the State and I have life to defend my country. I am also to inform your Excellency's Government that it is my intention at once to set up an interim Government and ask Sheikh Abdullah to carry the responsibilities in

this emergency with my Prime Minister. If my State has to be saved immediate assistance must be available at Srinagar. Mr. Menon is fully aware of the situation and he will explain to you, if further explanation is needed. In haste and with kind regards, Your sincerely, Hari Singh 'The Palace, Jammu 26th October, 1947. >". One would surely ask had the delay in accession given enough time to Pakistan for attacking Princely State of J&K from Muslim majority Kashmir Valley side where at that time Maharaja did not have even a few hundred troops to defend his territories and had to leave the valley in the evening of 25th Oct 1947 leaving the common people to the mercy of ..... And Pakistan

getting enough time to make advances in the territories of the State that had acceded to India 4 days after the attack ? The Princes like Nizam of Hyderabad and Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir did not 'Accede' to India Dominion before 15th Aug 1947 or even immediately after that .Maharaja of J&K acceded in Oct 1947 and that too when his kingdom had been openly attacked & invaded by Pakistani 'forces' and Pakistan promoted tribals on 22nd Oct 1947.Hyderabad acceded even after 1948. To be continued (The writer is a senior journalist and analyst of J&K Affairs, can be reached at daysasagr45@yahoo.com)