

# Contributions of tribal community in independence struggle immense: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday participated in the first Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas to mark the celebration of Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, at Kala Kendra.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the sacrifices and contribution of the Tribal community in our independence struggle are immense, incomparable and invaluable.

The Lt Governor said that under the guidance of PM, J&K UT is empowering those who were discriminated against since ages. "Apart from implementation of forest rights act, we are making endeavours for socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes through special educational, infrastructure and livelihood schemes", he added.

The Lt Governor observed that emphasis is being laid on empowering Tribal community so that they can live a life of self respect and dignity. J&K is transforming on an unprecedented scale and speed. Improving people's living standards, reforming rural & urban infrastructure and unlocking potential of women and youth from marginalized sections is our top-most priority, he said.

Participating in the celebrations of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the Lt Governor gave his best wishes to all the tribal entrepreneurs and personalities associated with art, culture and literary world present on the



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas at Jammu.

occasion.

Underscoring the need to make the young generation aware about the sacrifices and struggle of tribal freedom fighters, the Lt Governor said that along with Bhagwan Birsa Munda, heroes such as Rani Gaidinliu, Alluri Sitharama Raju, Komaram Bheem, Shankar Shah, Raghu Nath Shah, Khajya Nayak, Sitaram Kanwar, Bhima Nayak and many other made supreme sacrifices for the tribal community and gave immense contribution for a new India.

The Lt Governor also remembered Mali Begum of Poonch who had saved the border district from falling into the hands of enemies in the 1971 war, and 1965 war hero Mohammad Deen Jagir, who was awarded the Padma Shree by the Government of India.

The Lt Governor said that Prime

Minister has extended equal rights to a large population of Tribal community in Jammu and Kashmir through his historic decision to implement Forests Rights Act 2006.

The Lt Governor mentioned about transit accommodations being established at eight place at the cost of Rs 28 crores with facilities of medical camp, extra tents, animal sheds etc; Tribal Health Plan worth Rs 8 crores; 500 youth to be selected for advance training like pilot, robotics, management; arrangements for 1521 Seasonal School, etc.

The Lt Governor called on the new generation to take inspiration and follow the path of their tribal ancestors who made contributions, sacrifices and served the tribal society, imbibing the values of their culture and rich heritage with a true heart. He also urged all the thinkers and artists of the society to come together

with the Tribal Department to further enrich the tribal cultural heritage.

Meanwhile, the Lt Governor inaugurated a Photo exhibition on "Tribal Communities of J&K", an exhibition displaying "Various Tribal Arts and Crafts". He also felicitated eminent artists, laureates of Tribal art & literature, and Tribal entrepreneurs on the occasion. The Lt Governor handed over vehicles under the Mumkin scheme to tribal youth.

Farooq Khan, Advisor to Lt Governor, while speaking on the occasion said that the Lt Governor has been personally monitoring the developmental activities and plans for empowering the tribal youth in particular and the community in general.

Dr Javed Rahi, renowned scholar, author, and tribal social reformer, while addressing the gathering threw light on the contributions of tribal leaders to national freedom struggle, as also the achievements of local tribals in various fields.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department delivered the welcome address and presented vote of thanks on the occasion.

Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Musheer Ahmed, Director Tribal Affairs, J&K, besides various tribal leaders, prominent personalities and a large number of members from the Tribal community and people from all walks of life attended the celebrations.



## People will teach a lesson to BJP in coming days: Mir



JKPCC chief G.A. Mir along with Senior Congress leaders at a rally in Nagrota.

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NAGROTA: People of J&K will teach BJP a lesson like results of recent bye-elections in Himachal Pradesh, as ruling party committed great atrocities on common people and all sections of society are suffering due to anti-people policies of BJP Govt.

Dr Thusoo is a member of the University of Jammu Special Purpose Vehicle Foundation (UOJSPVF).

He is part of the Media Advisory Board, Hindu Education Society Kashmir (Regd).

He is serving as Honorary Media Advisor to Stratfirst India (leading consulting group of professionals with domain expertise across the entire network of the Knowledge sector: from secondary education to skills to higher education & research).

He is Vice-Chancellor's nominee in the Board of Studies in Hospitality & Tourism Management, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Punjab.

He is also a member of the Board of Studies in Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu.

Block Presidents Vijay Sharma, Th. Rinal Singh, Ch. Babu Khan, Madan Dubey, Balbir Singh, Soma Devi Sarpanch besides other leaders.

Former Ministers Mula Ram lashed out at the BJP Govt for the atrocities of all sorts on the people during 7 years and downgrading Dogra State.

"The people of all walks are fed up due to falsehood and betrayal of BJP and asked the people to teach BJP a lesson for their policies of deceit and hate and lust for power. The BJP has crushed the people under great tax regime, large scale unemployment and anti-trade & anti-Kissan policies," he added.

Bhalla questioned 25 MLAs of BJP for their performance during last 7 years in J&K and blamed BJP leaders of looting state resources and offering jobs to outsiders besides creating Joblessness in Govt and private sector.

Shiv Dev Singh said that people of J&K are totally fed up with BJP's Jumla politics

and record price rise under Modi regime. He said that people of Nagrota continuously have suffered a lot due to BJP representatives in the area and will teach BJP a lesson.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma also highlighted the all round failures and anti-people policies of BJP Govt. during 7 years of its rule. He said youth have been deprived of jobs, farmers are agitating in the country while the common man suffers under unprecedented hike.

DCC President Jammu Rural Hari Singh Chib said that the common man is suffering a lot under BP regime as every section has realized that BJP's policies are for the rich and capitalists, while poor suffers.

Uday Chib PYC President said that educated youth are frustrated due to lack of jobs in Govt. and private sectors due to false promises and wrong policies of BJP Govt.

Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma besides many local leaders also addressed the gathering.

## DGP sanctions Rs 2.78 crore special welfare relief in favour of NoKs of martyred cops

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JAMMU: Continuing with its endeavour to provide financial assistance to the families of martyred and deceased Police personnel, the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 2.78 Crore ex-gratia/ special welfare relief for NoKs of martyred/deceased police personnel vide different orders of PHQ.

Under an order Rs 38 lakh ex-gratia relief has been sanctioned in favour of dependents and legal heirs of martyred Police Inspector Parvaiz Ahmad Dar. Rs 20 lakh special welfare relief has also been sanctioned in favour of the NOKs of the said martyred Inspector.

Under another order of PHQ, the DGP has sanctioned Rs 20 Lakh each in favour of dependents and legal heirs of deceased police personnel ASI Noor Alam, ASI Mohammad Younis, ASI Joginder Singh, HC (P) Naseer Ahmad, HC Gurmeet Singh, SGT Mohammad Maqbool, SGT Mohammad Maroof, Ct. Bilal Ahmad, Foll. Ashok Kumar, Foll. Rajinder Kour, Foll. Ved Parkesh and Foll. Bilal Ahmad. These personnel have passed away while in service.

Meanwhile, the DGP has also sanctioned Rs 25000 each in favour of two SPOs who were injured in terror related incidents. Similarly, Rs 10000 has been sanctioned in favour of a constable and Rs 5000 each has been sanctioned in favour of three police personnel who were injured during performance of their duties.

The amount has been sanctioned as a welfare relief from the Central Police welfare fund.

Pertinent to mention that Police headquarters has sanctioned over Rs 37 crore as Ex-gratia and Special welfare relief in favour of martyred/deceased police personnel during this year till today.

## ACB nabs VLW red handed while accepting bribe

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SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corrupting Bureau (ACB) has nabbed one Reyaz Ahmad Mir, a Village Level Worker (VLW) in Block Soibugh of Budgam red handed, while accepting bribe in lieu of signing the authority of works under MGNEREGA.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuth of ACB received a complaint wherein it was alleged that Reyaz Ahmad Mir, Village Level Worker (VLW), Block Soibugh, Budgam was demanding Rs 2,000 as bribe from the complainant in lieu of signing the authority of

works under MGNEREGA. "On receipt of complaint, FIR No 36/2021 was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar, under section 7 of PC Act 1988 and investigation started. Subsequently, a trap team was constituted, which laid a successful trap and caught Reyaz Ahmad Mir, VLW Block Soibugh, Budgam red-handed, while demanding and accepting bribe from complainant in presence of independent witness. He was arrested and taken into custody by ACB team," said official adding that further investigation of the case is going on.

## SMVDSB initiates work on Banganga rejuvenation, beautification of track

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KATRA: In effect, with an aim to rejuvenate the Banganga rivulet and improve the ecology and aesthetics of the area, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Ramesh Kumar on Monday reviewed the ongoing Civil and Sanitation works at Banganga.

drainage as the area is lacking the sewer network system with interceptor chambers to divert polluted water.

He emphasised the need to strengthen checks like effluent monitoring, afforestation and awareness of stakeholders. He remarked that Banganga river rejuvenation is a very important focus area for us as a stakeholder and we would like to put in a system that works. The solution is to bring in community participation with the Shrine Board acting as facilitator, the CEO said.

He laid emphasis on holistic approach for rejuvenation of Banganga river, wherein water management and envi-



CEO SMVDSB, Ramesh Kumar reviewing the ongoing Civil and Sanitation works at Banganga.

ronment management are taken together for implementation to restore the lost ecology of the polluted stretches of the river. CEO also inspected the Vatika/ theme garden area adjoining to the river and directed to carry out necessary renovation works including removing of wild plants and shrubs. He also stressed the need to develop environment friendly and attractive pilgrimage promoting a message of environmental care as a religious responsibility.

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