

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.

Under scoring 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, Raghunath 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, imbining 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 GA 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. It was stated by JKPCC Chief G A Mir while addressing a large public rally in Nagrota, organized by former MLA and Senior Leader Th Shiv Dev Singh.

The rally was a part of Nationwide Jan Jagran Abhiyan of party and was addressed by former Minister and Vice President Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Treasurer Rajnish Sharma, Ex-MP T S Bajwa, DCC President Jammu Rural Th Hari Singh Chib, PYC President Uday Bhanu Chib, Vice Chairman ST Department Hussain Ali Waffa, Secretaries Shashi Sharma, Pawan Raina, SC Cell Chairman Karan Bhagat, PCC Spokesperson Sahil Sharma, S. Gajan Singh,

Block Presidents Vijay Sharma, Th. Rmal 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 politics 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 large scale unemployment

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 dependents and legal heirs of deceased police personnel ASI Noor Alam, ASI Mohammad Younis, ASI Joginder Singh, HC (P) Naseer Ahmad, HC Gurnmeet Singh, Sget Mohammad Maqbool, Sget 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.

Dr Vinay is new JU Vigilance Officer

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JAMMU: Dr. Vinay Thusoo on Monday took over as the new Departmental Vigilance Officer, University of Jammu.

The Departmental Vigilance Officer, JU shall function under the University of Jammu administration under the aegis of the Anti Corruption Bureau, Jammu & Kashmir, Government.

He succeeds outgoing Departmental Vigilance Officer Dr. Imran Farooq who after a successful tenure of four years has been relieved of this charge.

Dr. Vinay Thusoo is a Ph.D from Jammu University and is Incharge of Media and Official Spokesperson of the University of Jammu.

He has twenty years of experience in the area of Media and Public Relations.

He was nominated as Social Media Champion, University of Jammu by Ministry of Education, Govt of India and is also Nodal



Officer, Jammu University for Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Internship Programme, Government of India.

Dr. Vinay in his capacity as Media Head and Spokesperson, University of Jammu was instrumental in the formulation of the new Media Policy for the premier institution.

He is also handling the media broadcasting (Video & TV documentaries) and the Twitter platforms of Jammu University.

Dr. Thusoo is also the Convener of the Jammu University Media Committee.

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 MGNREGA.

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 MGNREGA. "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 for its rejuvenation with a focus on conservation synchronised development and contiguous of its embankments. Banganga, is considered a sacred and holy stream by the pilgrims who visit the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji.

CEO visited Bathing Ghats located on the Banganga rivulet and assessed the work executed so far regarding desilting and renovation of Bathing Ghats. It started last month on a mission mode for removal of waste in a phased manner generated from nearby localities which is the cause of pollution. Earlier, a plan has also been initiated for construction of



CEO SMVDSB, Ramesh Kumar reviewing 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-

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.

CEO directed engineers of the board to take stock of the arrangements required on grounds for initiating action in this regard.

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JAMMU: Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu and Shri Kailash Jyotish Evam Vedik Sansthan (SKJAVS) Trust Jammu organized a seven-day Jyotish training workshop in Jammu, both in online / offline mode, which was inaugurated by the former Minister J&K and Vice President, BJP J&K, Sham Lal Sharma who was the Chief Guest on the inaugural ceremony, while K K Sharma, Director Agriculture, Jammu, was the distinguished guest and President SKJAVS Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri was the special guest. The inaugural function was presided over by Prof Madan Mohan Jha, Director, Central Sanskrit



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma along with others during a programme.

University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma highlighted the significance of Jyotish for a common man, and said that knowledge of Jyotish is required at every step of human life. He expressed confidence

that students as well as various sections of the society would be benefitted immensely from the workshop and urged people to work for promoting Sanskrit language. "Panchang is also very useful for a common man. Through the Panchang, religious awareness shall reach

every household, which is highly appreciable. With the help of Panchang, one can easily find auspicious times as well as predict about future. The Panchang has a great significance in Indian civilization," he added. In his Presidential Address, Prof Madan Mohan

Promotion of pilgrim tourism key to economic transformation of Jammu region: Rana

Pays obeisance at Bawa Balloji Mathwar Shrine



Devotees presenting photo of Vaishno Mata to BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

The BJP leader called for expediting the work on the New Pilgrim Tourist Circuit from Uterbeni-Purmandal-Surinsar-Deon-Bada-Dansal-Domel to the footfall of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra. Rana also sought revival of the ancient heritage route to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine passing through ancient tem-

ples and worship places spread across Nagrota Assembly Constituency, originating from historic Kole Kandoli Temple. This will not only give further impetus to the world famous pilgrimage but open up heritage places for spiritual bliss of the pilgrims. Elaborating on the need for proactive approach in execution of various projects

related to pilgrim sites, Rana referred to the project report, prepared by Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage INTACH for the development of ancient route of the revered Mata, saying this link, passing through serene environs and spiritual ambience, offers spiritual solace and Darshan of several revered temple which used to pre-requisite before embarking on the yatra to holy Bhawan on Trikuta Hills over seven decades ago. He stressed the need for exploring this route optimally in the backdrop of the INTACH report, prepared after carrying out detailed mapping of all the important heritage assets like step-wells, ponds, sarais, wells, temples and springs along the trails, which were once used and

maintained by the pilgrims. The route starts from village Jagti on the National Highway 1A and passes through Jagdamba Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple - Jagti, Durga Mata Temple - Pangali, Shiv Temple - Thandapani - Drabi, Shiv Shakti Temple, Raja Mandalek Temple- and Raja Nowalgarh Temple - Marh, Drabi, Kali Mata Temple - Gundla Talab, Ram Darbar, Shiv Temple- Baniyal and Oli Temple Chhapanoo-Banyal. By reviving this route, he said the devotees could go back home after paying obeisance at the Durbar of the Mata with enlightenment they have been searching all their life.

Rana prayed for peace and universal brotherhood. Later, Rana also met various deputations at Agore.