

ABGGRF reiterates demand for Cow Welfare Ministry



ABGGRF J&K unit members posing for a photograph during visit to Gaushala Gadigarh, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Gurukul & Gaushala Research Foundation (ABGGRF) J&K unit on Sunday celebrated the birthday of the Foundation founder Param Pujya Guru, National President of the Foundation, with great pomp and show here today.

In order to mark the occasion, the Foundation members visited Gaushala Gadigarh Jammu and performed Cow Sewa followed by Hawan praying for long life of Guruji.

Mahant of Gaushala Gadigarh Jammu threw light on the benefits of performing Gau Sewa as enunciated in various scriptures.

In his address on the occasion, Advocate P.S. Chandel, Incharge ABGGRF J&K highlighted the significance of cows in human life especially in context of Indian Culture which accords status of mother to cow. He asserted that Gau, Ganga and Gayatri are the basis of our life, that's why we consider cows as a mother.

Reiterating his demand for the setting up of an independent Cow Welfare Ministry, he said that there are several people who leave their cows on roads and streets thus failing to take proper care of these innocent and sacred animals. He said the independent Cow Welfare Ministry will help in

boosting programmes and projects for the protection of cows. He appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to take steps for educating the younger generation about the significance of cows and come forward to get associated with the organization and pay regular visits to Gaushala.

The foundation members laid stress on implementation of laws pertaining to cow protection in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. They assured to work with honesty and dedication for the welfare of cows. The programme concluded with distribution of Prasad among the participants.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Sunil Sharma, National Youth Secretary, State Convenor Jammu and Kashmir and State Youth Incharge Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; Rattan Kapoor J&K President, Sham Lal and Ravi Kant Abrol State Vice Presidents, Sanjay Pargal and Sham Gupta State Secretaries; Pawan Goswami State Executive Member, Jatinder Sharma State Vice President Youth Branch, Rajesh Sharma Jammu District Vice President, Satish Sharma Gandhi Nagar Mandal Youth Vice President and social worker Chandrakant.

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NHPC celebrates 47th Foundation Day



Executive Director NHPC, Regional Office, Jammu, Rajan Kumar felicitating an employee.

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JAMMU: The 47th Foundation Day of NHPC was celebrated with enthusiasm and cheerfulness by the Regional Office, Jammu on Sunday at the office premises, Narwal.

In his address on the occasion, Rajan Kumar, Executive Director, Regional Office, Jammu said that NHPC started its journey with 03 half-completed projects in 1975 and today it is generating more than 7071 MW of power. NHPC has become

a leading and trusted corporation in the field of power especially hydro power and has made a remarkable identity in the country and abroad with her style of work.

NHPC has established its presence in 15 projects with 9130 MW in Jammu and Kashmir.

In which we are injecting about 12500 million units into the national grid from 06 power stations with a capacity of 2250 MW.

Our joint venture Chenab Valley Power Projects

Limited is also engaged day and night in completing projects like Pakal Dul, Kiru and Kwar. We are contributing to the development of the nation by generating electricity. On this occasion, various sports competitions were organized in the office premises under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in which ladies and children of the NHPC family participated enthusiastically under the leadership of Rajni. On this occasion, towing competition was also organized between the employees, contract workers and security personnel. The employees who helped the needy during the time of COVID 19 pandemic were felicitated by presenting them with a citation. On this occasion certificates were also given to the winners of competitions organized during Vigilance Awareness Week.

On the occasion of Foundation Day, all the personnel took a vow to work together in building a developed nation through NHPC with one voice.

All the participants were welcomed by Advocate Shah

and appreciated the steps taken by the Central Government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi by reducing the Excise Duty on petrol and diesel.

Terming it as a Diwali Gift to the people of the nation, Sham Langar, who is the Convenor of the BJP Trade and Industries Cell, J&K, also appreciated the Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha for immediately slashing the taxes on petrol and diesel in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The senior BJP leader said that such a step of

the Central and SJ&K governments will provide much needed relief to the people across the nation. He said that taking such steps shows the government's commitment towards people's welfare as the reduced fuel prices will have a direct impact on bringing down the prices of all commodities. Sham Langar said that the BJP Government at the Centre has fulfilled its commitment of giving a transparent dispensation to

the country by ensuring transparency and accountability at all levels of administration and eliminating corruption to the hilt. He mentioned that the Modi government has for the first time ensured that corruption is stopped in J&K and the testimony to this fact is that the Lt Governor has given clear directions to the Deputy Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory for transferring compensation of hailstorm hit farmers directly into their accounts.

Sham Langar said that the Modi led Union Govt takes due care of all the sections of the society and the commitment of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this regard can be very well gauged from the fact that he celebrated this Diwali with the security forces along LoC in Nowshera thus boosting their morale. He said that this was the Prime Minister's fourth Diwali celebration in J&K thus reflecting his strong commitment towards this sensitive Union Territory as well as the personnel guarding the nation's borders.

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"We demand release of 3 per cent DA in favour of JKUT employees and pensioners. DA is the part of salary and routine financial matter and as such there should be no hitch in releasing it," Shastri said while addressing the workers here.

He also demanded exemption of DA from ambit of

Income Tax as it is linked with price index.

Shastri further demanded separate wage head for regularly disbursement of monthly salary of daily rated workers till their regularization, enhancement of their wages to Rs 600 per day, regularizing their services under SRO 64, setting up Labour Welfare Board, implementation of all Central laws in the UT besides granting medical allowance to pensioners to Rs 1000 per month at par with Central Government.

Among others who were present were Rajan Babu Khajuria, BS Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh, Mohammad Sadiq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Tarsem Sharma and JP Sharma.

Kashmiri translation of Satish Vimal's book was also released. Kashmiri translation has been done by famed writer, thinker and poet Dr. Ghulam Nabi Haleem and it has been published by Meezan Publishers Srinagar.

Vimal's new poetry collection in Hindi entitled 'Khoya Hue Prisht' published by Kavya Publications New Delhi was released. English translation of Vimal's book of poetry entitled 'Folios of lost Treasure' done by famed writer and translator of English language Mushtaque Barq was also released on the occasion. English translation had been published by Evincepub India.

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uation of the poetry and the English translation.

Other prominent writers who discussed the merit of the poetry of Satish Vimal include

Rahim Rehbar, Iqbal Anjum, Dr Shabnum Ashai, Shabbir Matji, Ashraf Raavi,

Mohammad Shafi Rather, Aasif Safi, Dr Shahzada Saleem, Shakeel-ur-Rehman and

Ashraf Zia.

Shahbaz Hakbari termed these poems as the literature of all times. He said that the new idiom of Vimal makes him a unique poet and this uniqueness has allowed him to reach beyond his linguistic borders. Dr Aafaq Aziz said that Vimal's poetry is a blend of Sufi thought and Philosophical wit. He said that Sutra-Kavya is the condensed life expression through poetry and Vimal has revived this poetic tradition of ancient India which was also prevalent with small alterations in ancient Arabia. Satish Vimal praised the translators Mushtaque Barq and Dr Ghulam Nabi Haleem for their splendid work.

"Both the translations are very closer to original and these translations have the potential to carry the spirit of my poems to larger linguistic domains of English and Kashmiri", said Dr Vimal. The event was anchored by young writer Zubair Qureshi.

Jammu boy Mastaan launches poster of his debut track 'Sooli'

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JAMMU: A local boy from Jammu, Mastaan on Sunday launched poster of his debut track 'Sooli' under the Mastaan Records at Desi Handi, here.

The song is written and

sung by Mastaan and the

music is done by renowned

Punjabi Music Director

Avvy Sra who has many

super hits in his bucket

such as Titliya, Vail, Bhabhi,

8 Rafta, Koka etc.

Mastaan struggled for a

platform for the last 7 years

and got his first break with

Avvy Sra and with his guid-

ance went on to launch his

own record label and aims

to promote budding talent

from J&K. The song is shot

in Dubai, UAE. The teaser

of the song was launched

today and the song will be

released on November 11.

Mastaan appealed to the

people of J&K to show love to

his track and make it a

super hit.

Bharat Scouts/Guides celebrates Foundation Day

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JAMMU: The J&K State Bharat Scouts and Guides, Jammu, celebrated its foundation Day/Flag Day, here, at SHQ Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Sunday in which about 80 Scouts/Guides, Scouting/Guiding heads and heads of various institutions participated. Former State Commissioner I.D. Soni was Chief Guest, Principal Sri Guru Gobind Singh HS Kunjwani

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The Chief Guest, and other

venerated Guests blessed the

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message of this noble move-

ment to every corner of the

State.

He felt highly impressed that

this movement is trying to culti-

cate basic values such as com-

mitment, conviction, character,



Former State Commissioner BS&G I.D. Soni posing with Scouts, Guides and other officials after distributing certificates.

cious day and it was followed by

some cultural items pertaining

to the occasion.

"Dr Sri Ram Memorial

Awards were given away to the

year's Best Scout

Masters/Guide Captains

named Uma Jamwal, Shri

Mudasir Ahmad Khan, Stish

Chadha and Krishna along

with Principal Guru Gobind

Singh School and Principal

Anand Vidya Kander Jammu

were also honoured with

Thanks Badge for their kind

and time to time support to this

noble movement by the

Chief Guest.

The celebrations became

more graceful with the presence

of R.P. Kotwal, Usha Chunni,

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