

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 (ABG-GRF) 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 Gururji.

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.

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, Scouters/ Guiders and heads of various institutions participated.

Former State Commissioner I.D Soni was Chief Guest, Principal Sri Guru Gobind Singh HS Kunjwani Jammu, Nasreen Khan, State Secretary cum Administrative Officer, M.M Joshi, State Commissioner, Adult Resource(S), Prabha Jain, former Joint State Commissioner (Guides), Dr Renu Nanda, State Commissioner Ranger, HL Dogra, State Treasurer were the Guest of Honour on this auspicious occasion.

Matri Jain, State Commissioner (G) welcomed all the dignitaries, the guests, and the Scouts/Guides and also gave a brief importance of this day as it is day of introspection for all connected with the movement. The agenda was given start with all-faith prayer.

Some Scouts and Guides and Scouters/Guiders also spoke on the importance of this auspicious



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

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 Vidhya 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 Chummi,

M.M Sharma, R.C Vaid, P.L Dubey, Manjeet Kour; Jyoti, Ashok Sharma, Neelam Gupta, K.L Sharma, Harvinder Kour; Kanechan Sharma, Jamat Ali Shah, Neeru Talwar; Principals of various schools, Rovers and Rangers.

The Chief Guest, and other venerated Guests blessed the Scouts and Guides and appreciated the steps being taken by this movement to spread the message of this noble movement to every corner of the State.

He felt highly impressed that this movement is trying to cultivate basic values such as commitment, conviction, character,

courtesy and cheerfulness in the right earnestness in the young Scouts & Guides which is the need of the hour.

The Whole programme was conceived and conducted under the directions of Nasreen Khan, State Secretary cum Administrative Officer; J&K UT Bharat Scouts and Guides.

H.L. Dogra presented the vote of thanks in his usual most impressive manner and stressed upon young Scouts and Guides to put in their best in the well being of the society.

The programme was compared by Harvinder Kour .

Police holds meet with Martyrs' families

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GANDERBAL: In order to express solidarity and perceive the well-being of the families of the Police Martyrs, Police in Ganderbal facilitated an interaction meeting with families of martyrs who had laid down their lives in the line of duty. The meeting was held at DPL Ganderbal while following social distancing norms and other protocols. On the occasion, DySP DAR Ganderbal and other senior officers were also present. During interaction with martyrs' families, the Police officers listened their grievances patiently and assured them that their genuine problems will be taken up at appropriate level for timely redressal. Officers emphasised on them to consider police department as a family and share their problems especially in case of exigencies.

While expressing their gratitude, the officers added that J&K Police will always remain indebted to these martyrs who helped a great deal in creating the atmosphere of peace & tranquility in J&K. The family members of the martyrs' expressed satisfaction and hoped to further strengthen this bond.

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, a 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.

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JAMMU: The Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust a Non-Governmental Organisation working for the Tribals of J&K for the last Three decades has organised a "Free Mega Medical Camp" at Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust, Gujjar Colony, here on Sunday, in collaboration with District Health Services Authorities, and Director Ayush Jammu.

The medical camp was inaugurated by Mukesh Singh Additional Director General of Police Jammu as Chief Guest and DIG Jammu Kathua Range Atul Goel participated as Guest of Honour.

The doctors from various faculties participated in the camp and provided free medical consultation and medicines to the patients/people from various walks of life who came in large number from different areas in the camp. Besides above, Sehat/Golden Cards under Ayushman Bharat Scheme were also generated.

All the participants were welcomed by Advocate Shah

GDCT organises medical camp



ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh inaugurating medical camp.

Mohd Chowdhary, Chairman of the Trust.

The Chief Guest lauded the role of Trust in promoting the education among tribals and preserving their culture etc. The Chief Guest appreciated the arrangements of medical camp and thanks all doctors, technicians and other paramedics staff for making medical camp a great success.

M.S Chouhan General Secretary, Ifitkhar Hussain Chouhan Financial Advisor; Shoukat Javed, Sajjad Majid, Mohd Yousaf, Khalil Poswal, Er Nazir Ahmed, Er. Sadiq Azad, Saleem Mohd, Dr. Mohd Salim, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Bashir Ahmed Noon, Rafiq Kohli, Anjad Ali, Razia Begum,

Mussarat Chowdhary, Rukhsana Chowdhary, Mushtaq Ahmed, Tariq Abrar and youthwing members Yasir Arfat, Yaser Choudhary, Kashif Choudhary, Parvez Choudhary, Furkan Choudhary and Danish Choudhary were also present on the occasion.

The doctors who provided free consultation to the patients are, Dr. Aniee Choudhary, Former Principal Medical College Jammu and Dr Suleman Chowdhary Ex-Principal medical college Kathua, Dr. Mohd Riaz (Surgeon), Dr. Shabnam Choudhary (Pharmacology), Dr. Showket Chowdhary (Gastro), Dr. Din Mohd, Dr.

Reducing petrol-diesel prices shows Govt's commitment towards people's welfare: Langar

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Sham Lal Langar 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 Convener of 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. Government 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.

NMC demands release of DA installment

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JAMMU: President of the National Mazdoor Conference (NMC), Subash Shastri appealed to the Lieutenant Governor to release pending installment of 3% DA due from July this year in favour of JKUT government employees and pensioners as the same have already been released by the Central government and UT government of Ladakh to its employees and pensioners.

"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 of 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.

Long pending PMAY cases approved in Pahalgam

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ANANTNAG: In a major push to the commitment of good governance, District Administration Anantnag and Pahalgam Development Authority on Sunday approved several long pending PMAY cases here.

More than 30 PMAY cases belonging to economically weaker sections were granted approval Building Operation Controlling Authority (BOCA) for construction. These houses had been pending approval since 4 to 5 years as the PMAY design was not in consonance with Pahalgam Masterplan 2032 guidelines.

The District Administration while taking cognisance of delay in sanctioning of these cases

approached the office of the Chief Town Planner and came up with a new design that was in coherence with Pahalgam Masterplan 2032.

The move will not only benefit approved families of approved cases but will also ensure that new cases will be reviewed and sanctioned as per the new sanctioned design.

It is pertinent to mention that in the last 5 years, only one PMAY case had been sanctioned due to this hurdle. With this new design, more than 30 cases have been approved and 10 others are in pipeline for approval.

Concerted efforts by DC Anantnag and CEO, PDA were instrumental in logically tackling the long standing issue.

Vimal's three books released

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SRINAGAR: Prominent poet Satish Vimal's poetry anthologies in Hindi, English & Kashmiri languages were released on Sunday here at a book release-cum-reading session organised by Meezan Publishers in collaboration with two national level publishing platforms.

Vimal's new poetry collection in Hindi entitled 'Khoeye Hue Prishth' 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 Mushtaq Barq was also released on the occasion. English translation had been published by Evincepub India.

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 read a few small poems in Hindi filled by their English rendering by Mushtaq Barq and Kashmiri translation by Dr Ghulam Nabi Haleem. Eminent writers Shabbaz Hakbari & Dr Aafaq Aziz reviewed the translations while young writer Tauseef Raza presented his evaluation

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 Safil, Dr Shahzada Saleem, Shakeel-ur-Rehman and Ashraf Zia.

Shabbaz 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 Mushtaq 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 Rafla, Koka etc.

Mastaan struggled for a platform for the last 7 years and got his first break with Avvy Sra and with his guidance went on to launch his own record label and aims



Mastaan addressing a press conference at Jammu.

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.