

# Swadeshi adoption is a political and economic resolve to strengthen India's self-reliance: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party held a comprehensive review meeting of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul chiefly addressed the meeting. J&K Convenor of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan & General Secretary J&K BJP Sanjita Dogra, Abhiyan co-convenor Rekha Mahajan (Vice-President), J&K BJP party general secretaries Baldev Singh Billawaria, Anwar Khan and Gopal Mahajan, Abhiyan co-convenors Dinesh Sharma (Secretary), and Arun Sharma (Secretary), besides BJP District Presidents and Abhiyan District convenors and co-convenors of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan participated in the review meeting. Ashok Koul undertook an extensive orga-



J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul lighting ceremonial lamp.

nizational appraisal of all programmes conducted under the Abhiyan across Jammu & Kashmir. He issued clear directives to intensify on-ground mobilization, particularly through Mahila, Yuva and Assembly-level Sammelans. Stressing the importance of mass participation, he urged party cadres to ensure widespread filling of the Sankalp Patra

and to administer the pledge promoting the use of Swadeshi products as a collective national duty. He reiterated that the campaign, running from 25 September to 25 December, must reach every booth-level unit for maximum public outreach.

Koul asserted that embracing Swadeshi is not merely an economic preference but a strong political commitment

towards reinforcing India's self-reliance and empowering local industry.

Sanjita Dogra presented a structured roadmap for the upcoming phase of the campaign. She shared insights from the review held at the party's central office and highlighted the organization's mission to carry forward the message of "Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar-Ghar Swadeshi" to every household in the region.

Rekha Mahajan gave a con-

solidated overview of the district-level progress, underscoring the scale and societal relevance of conducting the Abhiyan as a region-wide public mobilization initiative.

Baldev Singh Billawaria outlined major organizational activities and spoke on the ongoing programmes commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Anwar Khan detailed the implementation status of the Abhiyan across Kashmir and noted the encouraging grassroots response from diverse communities.

Gopal Mahajan emphasized the growing public receptivity to the Abhiyan, observing that citizens are increasingly aligning themselves with the vision of a self-reliant India.

Dinesh Sharma briefed on the district-wise execution of the campaign and the systematic approach adopted to enhance its reach.

Arun Sharma conducted the meeting proceedings. Presenting vote of thanks, he asked the party leaders to turn Abhiyan into a mass movement.

# French Door Cafe inaugurates new outlet in Gole Market



Vinod Sachdeva, Jatinder Gupta, and Mohan Parkash Sharma after inaugurating outlet.

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JAMMU: French Door Cafe inaugurated its new outlet on Sunday bringing Jammu an elevated taste of French-inspired cuisine, artisanal baking, and a warm, refined café experience.

The inauguration was graced by Vinod Sachdeva, Jatinder Gupta, and Mohan Parkash Sharma, esteemed personalities who formally unveiled the café.

Born from a passion for handcrafted cakes, pastries, and gourmet desserts, French Door began as a creative pursuit rooted in quality and

authenticity. Today, it stands as Jammu's first French-inspired café, a place where elegance meets comfort, and every dish reflects the commitment to premium ingredients and thoughtful craftsmanship.

Located in Channi Himmat, Sector 7, and now with a newly launched branch in Gole Market -Gandhi Nagar , French Door Cafe offers an exquisite selection of meals and desserts. Guests can indulge in refreshing salads, rich pastas, and signature desserts, each promising a memorable dining experience.

The café also introduces a curated range of gourmet gift hampers, ideal for birthdays, anniversaries, festive celebrations, and special occasions. Designed with care and attention to detail, these hampers bring charm and sophistication to every moment worth celebrating.

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# 350th Martyrdom Day of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji celebrated by SSDS J&K



Dignitaries at a programme.

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JAMMU: The 350th Martyrdom Day (Balidan Divas) of the ninth Sikh Guru, Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, who is revered as 'Hind ki Chadar' (The Shield of India), was grandly celebrated today by the Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha Jammu & Kashmir at Eden Garden, Jammu, Professor Gurvinder Singh from Punjab, Nabha was main speaker of the Programme, Pramod Kumar, Coordinator of Social Harmony (Samajik Samrasta), Northern Region

was Special Guest, Bal Krishna (Seh Sangathan Mantri) Northern Region, of Vidya Bharti, Dr. Nirmal Singh former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, R.K Chibber Former Chairman JK Bank, Sanjay Gupta Chairman of the J&K Grameen Bank, Naresh Sharma State General Secretary of the Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti.

Dr. Vikrant Seh Prant Sangh Chalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) was distinguished guest.

Prof Gurvinder Singh shed light on the life of Gurm Ji and explained how he sacrificed his life (gave the ultimate offering/aahuti) for the sake of his principles and the protection of 'Dharma'. He also Asked the Attendees to walk on the path guided by Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji.

Emphasis on Unity for Nation and Dharma The vote of thanks was delivered by Purshottam Dadhihi. He emphasized the paramount importance of remaining united (Ek Jut) for the cause of 'Dharma' and the Nation (Rashtra). Dadhihi praised the model of brotherhood and unity displayed by Guru Ji, reiterating that Guru Ji sacrificed his life for the sake of the Nation and Religion.

Parbhat Singh Working President and Sanjay Gupta General Secretary of Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha were also present.

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JAMMU: Natrang Jammu upheld its unwavering commitment to theatre by staging Prof. Madan Mohan Sharma's Dogri play 'Diary Kuse Loknath Di' under the direction of Neeraj Kant as part of its regular Sunday Theatre Series. The dramatic presentation of this story was an artistic experience to watch.

Prominent amongst those who graced the presentation of this Dogri play included Padamshiri Prof.Lalit Mangotra, Inderjeet Kesar and Balwant Thakur.

As the title suggests, the play revolves around the diary of one 'Lok Nath'. The writer's son finds a diary from a pack and takes it to his home. The cover of the diary was so tempting and attractive that the writer could not resist going



through it, knowingly that peeping into someone's personal affairs is not a good habit but reading the pages of the diary, he finds a very interesting and dramatic life account of Lok Nath. Whenever there was any unusual happening in the life

of Lok Nath he has not forgotten to pen it down. The life of Lok Nath is portrayed in such an interesting manner that a common-man identifies with each situation and turns of his life. The opening pages finds Lok Nath disillusioned with

everyone around him even to the extent that he has lost faith in God. Later he looks for something exciting to happen in his life. Cash starved Lok Nath opts to do tuitions by teaching the children of his own boss, this way he will be able to please the hierarchy and make some pocket money as well. Here he happens to have some encounter with the sister-in-law of the boss. Lok Nath finds her very attractive, charming and pleasing, which prompts him to venture into an affair.

Every day he goes with a new plan to approach her but is unable to muster courage to do so. Finally he withdraws his plan for the reason that if his boss will come to know about his intentions he is not only going to lose the girl of his dreams but the tuition and the regular job as

well. The most interesting part of the play was its language which was itself a complete theatre.

Neeraj Kant as 'Writer' maintained the required tonality whereas Pawan Verma as 'Lok Nath' portrayed the inner conflicts of the character in a beautiful manner. The lights and the music of the play were executed by Kartik Kumar.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Lalit Mangotra President Dogri Sanstha complimented Natrang for doing a great service in the promotion of Dogri language and literature through the powerful medium of theatre. He desired Natrang to hold a festival of Dogri plays based on the best Dogri short stories at Dogri Sanstha Jammu for the larger interest of the promotion of Dogri language.

# JK&L NCC Directorate pays homage to bravehearts on 78th NCC Raising Day

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JAMMU: 2 J&K BN NCC, Jammu under the aegis of NCC GP Jammu, organized solemn Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Balidaan Stambh in Jammu and Five other locations in Jammu, Udhampur and Reasi Districts to honor our bravehearts on the occasion of the 78th NCC Raising Day. The ceremony at Balidan Stambh, Jammu, a poignant tribute to the sacrifices made for the nation, was attended by Maj Gen Anupinder Bevlí, ADG of JK&L Dte, along with Officers of the Jammu GP; ANOs, Staff and NCC cadets.

Amidst an atmosphere of solemnity, the participants paid their respects by laying wreaths at the Balidaan Stambh. The ceremony served as a heartfelt remembrance of



Maj Gen Anupinder Bevlí, ADG of JK&L Dte paying homage to martyrs.

the courageous soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation, Bharat.

Maj Gen Anupinder Bevlí, VSM expressed gratitude for the commitment and valor displayed by the armed forces and

emphasized the importance of commemorating the 78th NCC Raising Day as a symbol of honor, duty, and patriotism.

The event underscored the NCC's commitment to instilling a sense of discipline, leadership, and national pride among

its cadets. The Wreath Laying Ceremony followed by 2 Minutes Silence in honour of the Bravehearts Culminated with Bharat Mata Ki Jai stood as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by the armed forces in safeguarding the sovereignty of our nation.

# NCC Day celebration held at GGM Science College



GGM Science College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta with NCC cadets.

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JAMMU: GGM Science College, Jammu, celebrated NCC Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College. The event highlighted the values of discipline, service, and nation-building embodied by the National Cadet Corps. The programme commenced with a formal welcome, followed by the presence of distinguished faculty members including Prof. Natar Parkash Sharma, Prof. Chaman Lal, Prof. Lokinder Singh, and NCC ANO Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta appreciated the efforts of the NCC Unit and encouraged cadets to uphold the rich traditions of the Corps. He emphasized the importance of discipline, dedication, and community service in the holistic development of students. Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, ANO (NCC), played a pivotal role in organizing the event and guiding

the cadets throughout the programme. He motivated the cadets to uphold the highest standards of discipline and responsibility, and highlighted various achievements of the NCC unit. He also encouraged cadets to participate actively in camps, social service activities, and national-level events to enhance their skills and leadership qualities.

A special lecture was organized to mark the occasion, featuring eminent speakers Prof. N. P. Sharma and Prof. Chaman Lal, who addressed the cadets on the significance of NCC in shaping leadership qualities, character formation, and fostering a spirit of national integration among youth. Their insightful deliberations motivated the students to actively participate in NCC activities and contribute meaningfully to society.

The event concluded with an interactive session and vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries and participants for making the celebration a success.

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) is continuously striving to protect, restore, and rejuvenate traditional water bodies across the city. Reflecting this commitment, a significant step was taken today with the laying of the foundation stone for the conservation of the ancient water pond near Shiv Mandir in Ward No. 68, Greater Kailash (Lane No. 27). The ceremony was led by MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, in the presence of Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation.

MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, while addressing the gathering, called upon the community to actively participate in preserving traditional water sources. Stressing the importance of water conservation in today's time, he encouraged

# JMC steps up water conservation efforts with pond restoration, streetlight installation in Ward 68



MLA Dr. Narinder Singh in presence of JMC Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav laying foundation stone for conservation of ancient water pond.

residents to promote rainwater harvesting to help improve groundwater levels. He urged everyone to contribute towards sustainable practices that ensure the longevity of natural water resources.

As part of the developmental initiatives for the ward, Commissioner Dr. Devansh

Yadav also handed over 300 streetlights for installation at various locations.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Yadav highlighted the deep cultural and ecological significance of traditional ponds, stating that these water bodies have historically served as essential community

resources. He reaffirmed JMC's dedication to restoring such heritage sites and appealed to the public not to pollute these water sources by throwing garbage or waste into them. He encouraged residents to take advantage of the facilities being provided and to work collectively for

their proper upkeep and expansion. Dr. Yadav further directed the Electric Wing officials to identify and illuminate dark stretches within the ward especially areas where women, senior citizens, and children face inconvenience during nighttime. Installing streetlights at the earliest, he said, would help improve safety and curb activities of mischievous elements, drug addicts, and other troublemakers.

The event witnessed the presence of Joint Commissioner (Works) Firdous Ahmed Qazi, Executive Engineer Division 5, Er. Yasir Bashir Kichloo, Executive Engineer (Electric) Er. Simar Pal Singh, Chief Transport Officer, Dharamveer Singh, local residents, senior citizens, women, and several other dignitaries, all of whom expressed support for the initiative.