

Ethos of brotherhood, communal harmony most important in materialistic world, says Randhawa

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Vikram Randhawa on Sunday said that the ethos of brotherhood and communal harmony is most relevant in contemporary materialistic world.

Paying reverence before Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Gurudwara Sahib Dharap during a function to observe Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Govind Singh ji, Former Legislator said that Guru Sahab ji was a great spiritual ambassador who guided the humanity to attain salvation by spreading the cult of devotion to God.

The birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh falls within the months of December or January each year. The annual celebrations of the Guru's birth anniversary take place as per the Nanakshahi calendar.

Randhawa said that the life of Dasam Patshah Ji is a beacon for humanity, from which the priorities of life should be determined. He appealed to the sangat to raise their voice against social evils on the occasion of Guru Sahib's



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa paying reverence before Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Gurudwara Sahib Dharap.

enlightenment and to pay homage and respect to Guru Sahib by following his life and teachings and he also appealed to Sikhs they should become Amritdhari by taking amrit. It may be mentioned that Guru Gobind Singh (1666-1708 C.E.) is the tenth and last Sikh Guru after his father, Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. The guru had relinquished his life while fighting against the injustice of the Mughal rulers of that time. Guru Gobind Singh Ji Jayanti is a day that witnesses vast parades and social gatherings across gurudwaras.

Guru Gobind Singh was the only son of the ninth Sikh guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur. His mother's name was Mata Gujri. He was born on

December 22, 1666, in Patna, Bihar India. His original name was Gobind Rai. Guru Gobind Singh was a spiritual leader, philosopher, a great warrior, a poet, and was the tenth and the last Sikh Guru. His father Guru Teg Bahadur was the ninth Sikh Guru and was a very courageous man. In 1675, he was beheaded publicly by the orders of the fifth Mughal emperor, Aurangzeb as he refused to convert to Islam.

Urging the people to imbibe the spirit of service and humility as preached by the Great Guru, the Former Legislator said that Sri Guru Govind Singh ji envisioned a casteless society free from rituals, thereby redeeming the suffering humanity from the pangs

of agony. Randhawa said that Guru Govind Singh ji through his teachings opposed tyranny, injustice and oppression.

Extending warm greetings on the occasion, Former Legislator stressed upon to follow teachings of Guru Sahab.

Former Legislator said that the birth and early years of Guru Govind Singh ji's life were marked with many events that demonstrated that Guru Sahab had been blessed with divine grace.

On the occasion, Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa also offered 'Siropas' to Panj Pyarey and prayed for peace and prosperity across the country in general and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in particular.

ABGRF announces office bearers of its Youth Wing

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JAMMU: A meeting of Akhil Bharatiya Gausshala Research Foundation (ABGRF), Jammu and Kashmir was held under the chairmanship of Advocate PS Chandel, State In-charge at the Foundation's office in Nanak Nagar here today.

During the meeting, State Youth President ABGRF, Sunil Magotra has announced the team of office bearers for the organization's youth wing here today.

According to a press note issued after today's meeting, the office bearers of the Foundation, Youth Unit headed by Youth President, Sunil Magotra comprise Thakur Devgan Singh Jammwal State Vice President; Anshul Magotra State Vice President; Anil Chowdhary State Vice President, Keval Singh State Vice President; Kuldeep Singh State Vice President; Ankit Senson State General Secretary; Shavinder Sambyal State Secretary; Akshay Sharma State Secretary; Anil Magotra State Secretary; Sahil Sharma State Secretary; Rohit Sharma State Secretary; Narendra Kumar State Secretary;



ABGRF members posing with office bearers of Youth Wing.

Honey Mehra State Publicity Secretary and Satish Sharma State Media Secretary.

Advocate PS Chandel, while addressing the new team, instructed Youth President Sunil Magotra to make every effort to strengthen the Youth wing in every district of the Union Territory. He said that the main aim of the organization is the protection and proper maintenance of cows across the nation.

He reiterated the demand of the organization for declaring Cow as India's National Animal. He said that the organization has been agitating in entire Jammu and Kashmir for the demand of Cow Ministry and total ban on cow slaughter. He also warned the bovine smugglers

to desist from indulging in this illegal act. Dr Vikas Bhardwaj, State President ABGRF, in his address, said that youth are the strength of the organization and after the announcement of the youth team, the organization has become stronger. He informed the new team that Akhil Bharatiya Gausshala Research Foundation Jammu along with its other counterparts under the aegis of All India Gausshala Research Foundation is proactively working in many states across

the nation including the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were State Secretary Mohit Sharma, State Secretary Ankur Gupta, State Treasurer Sanjay Pargal, State Publicity Secretary Narendra Gupta, Jammu District President Lucky Manhas, Vikram Mahajan, Thakur Devgan Singh Jammwal, Sudesh Kumar, Subash Sharma and Sourav Sharma.

Gul wishes for peace, prosperity, drug free J&K

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JAMMU: Chairman, J&K Rural Development Society (JKRDS) and former Speaker J&K Legislative Assembly, Haji Mubarak Gul, today sent his warm wishes to the people of Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh for peace, prosperity and drug free J&K. Speaking on the occasion, Gul said that it is highly regret that almost 10,000 people died every year due to disastrous effects of environment in Kashmir and also feels intense confrontation that it is quite evident that the drug abuse has now been deeply penetrating among the youths of J&K which is a serious and alarming situation for everyone.

He pointed out that with each passing day the drug addictions fangs deeply into the society and targeting specially the youths of our country. He appealed to all the citizens, religious leaders of every community and the police administration that many special drives have to be launched in all the districts of J&K to make aware of this deadly menace. He also urged to the people of J&K to maintain peace, prosperity, communal harmony and brotherhood in J&K. He appealed to the youths of J&K to say no to any type of drugs and live a better life for fulfilling the dreams of their parents, compete and have compassion for their bright future and their loved ones. The Vice Chairman of JKRDS, Babu Rampal also addressed to the key functionaries of the JKRDS that New Year's day is a symbol of starting new things in life or making new resolutions.

It also is an opportune to do things one has been keeping on backburner. The first step begins with embracing the change and well begins is half done. Secretary JKRDS Qazi Jallaluddin, Ashok Koul Chairman Migrant Cell, Younis Mubarak Chairman Youth Wing JKRDS, Jatin Bhat, K.L. Abrol Chairman JKRDS Jammu, Advocate Rajinder Chhatyal also spoke on the occasion. The other key functionaries Braham Dutt, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Nirmal Singh, Nimmi Bhan, Raj Kumar, Surjeet Kumar, Dr. Sushel Kumar, Sukhdev Sagotra, Dr. Gourav Bharat, Lovish Bharat and Subash Chander were also present.

Pangotra Biradari congregation Jan 26

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JAMMU: A meeting of All J&K Pangotra Biradari (Rai Mata Mandir Management Committee) was held at Rai Mata Mandir premises to give final touch to the arrangements to be made on Annual congregation of Pangotra Biradari to be held on the occasion of Basant Panchami falling on 26th of January 2023, at Sajyoti Mata Mandir Rai.

The meeting was held under the presidentship of Rakesh Sharma President of Biradari.



All J&K Pangotra Biradari members during a meeting.

GDCT releases Annual Calendar for year 2023

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JAMMU: The Governing Body meeting of Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust (GDCT) was held here on Sunday under the Chairmanship of Advocate Shah Mohammad Chowdhary.

At the outset, the Trustees and other participants in the meeting condoled the untimely demise of Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary, the founder of GDCT on 16th December, 2022, and paid rich tributes to him for his commendable work he did for the upliftment of Gujar-Bakervial in the erstwhile State. The participants also condoled the death of

trustees of the GDCT will leave no stone unturned to fulfill the dreams of Baba-e-Quom.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhan and Taj Mohi-u-Din also spoke on the occasion and shared their long association, experience and friendship with Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary.

Both the dignitaries appreciated the contributions made by Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary as Police Officer and as Founder Vice-Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri and Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhan and Taj Mohi-u-Din along with others releasing calendar 2023 of GDCT.

Khurshed Begum, elder sister of General Secretary Mohd Sharif Chouhan, and nears and dears of Trustees who have left heavenly abode in the recent past. The Annual Calendar of the Trust for the year 2023 was also released by Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhan, former ADGP and Taj Mohi-u-Din, former Minister and founder Trustee. The Guests and Trustees were welcomed by the Chairman of the Trust.

The Chairman, while speaking on the occasion lauded the role of Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary for his services for the upliftment of the Community, particularly in the field of Education.

The function was attended by the trustees and galaxy of senior citizens, dignitaries and heads of various social organizations.

Those who were present and spoke on the occasion include Haji Allah Rahim - former Chairman, Hamid Hussain Vice-Chairman, Dr. Miraj-u-Din Financial Advisor, Bashir Ahmed Noor, Showkat Javed, Madam Nighat Sultana, Dr. Javed Rahi, Arfat Masud, Khalid Paswal, Mohd. Ibrahim, Showkat Choudhary, Khaliq Choudhary, Showkat Parveiz, Bashir Ahmed Khatana, Aslam Khan, Saleem Mohd., Master Mushtaq Ahmed Khatana, Mohd. Zulkarnain Advocate, Mushtaq Ahmed Advocate, Mohd. Amin, Zafar Advocate, Parveiz Advocate, Liyaqat Ali, Jamat Ali, Jameel Choudhary, Javed Choudhan and many others.

Baru assures early completion of deepdrain at Hazuribag

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru assured the residents of Hazuribag and Bohri in Ward 41 of Talab Tillo area for the early completion of ongoing deep drain construction from Bohri Chowk to KC Hazuribag.

Baru was approached by the local residents of the area, who are facing various problems due to the ongoing construction of deep drain at main Hazuribag road. Taking immediate note of the problems, Sanjay today toured the area.

While interacting with the local residents, Baru said that all the raised issues will be resolved to the satisfaction of the local Residents for once with the proper solution and it is expected that very soon construction work of deep drain will be



JMC Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru interacting with residents of Hazuribag and Bohri in Ward 41.

completed.

Baru added that said that nation excelled a lot under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and works done under NDA Government in the last years also provided manifold increase in development projects of Jammu and Kashmir as well. He said

that as the ground level BJP activist and a responsible public representative he is keen to take development to the doorsteps of the residents while meeting their expectations.

Earlier, residents of Hazuribag Bohri gathered near Achar factory Hazuribag to discuss their

grievances. After the assurance given by Sanjay Kumar Baru, they were satisfied and dispersed peacefully.

On the occasion, Sanjay Kumar Baru also inspected the deep drain cum irrigation channel at Hazuribag, Bohri for the required desilting work.

NOPRUF seeks restoration of Old Pension Scheme



Employees raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: National Old Pension Restoration United Front (NOPRUF), an combination of workers associations, on Sunday held a protest at Panama Chowk Jammu seeking restoration of the Old Pension Scheme. The protest was led by its UT president Rajesh Sharma, who said that the New Pension Scheme does not provide the guarantee of minimum pension and is not in the welfare of employees and their family members. Dr Rakesh Chib President JUNTU and Chief Convenor

NOPRUF said that the New Pension Scheme (NPS) is full of demerits and flaws. NPS was introduced in JKUT in January 2010 which is not at par with the old pension scheme (OPS) in terms of post retirement benefits. Chib said that it is not beneficial for the post retirement life of an employee. Under the new pension scheme employees cannot even meet the expense of medicines and other requirements. It has been witnessed that retirees are getting just an amount around Rs 1500 as a monthly pension in present time, he added.

Dr Rakesh said that the campaign for restoration of the old pension scheme will continue until the Government scraps NPS and restores employees friendly old pension schemes.

Those who were present in the protest included National Vice President Mrignayani Slathia, Sanjeev Kumar, Sakoon Manir, Jeelani Naik Upasana Singh, Asma Parvez, Shivani Manhas, Anjali Kotwal, Rajni Sharma, Saima Begum, Sanjeet Manhas, Shafket Hussain, Dost Mohd, Zaher Sheikh, Bushan Kumar and others.

BJP Govt committed to meet expectations of labourers and middle class: Dy Mayor

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria on Sunday inaugurated Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh's office at Kaluchak.

Earlier Dy Mayor accorded warm reception by Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh J&K President Surinder Yadav and other office bearers of Sangh.

Dy Mayor appreciated Yadav for opening office to listen to grievances of labourers. Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said BJP Govt's tenure so far has been dedicated to the country's bal-

anced development, social justice and social security, he said while asserting that people's faith in the government's delivery mechanism has been restored post-2014.

"These years have been committed to service, good governance and welfare of the poor," he said.

He said that eight years have been of fulfilment of the expectations of small farmers, labourers and the middle class, Govt's tenure has been dedicated to the empowerment of mothers, daughters and sisters.



Dy Mayor B.S Billawaria inaugurating Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh's office at Kaluchak, Jammu.

The BJP government post-2014 has restored the faith of the people in the government, its systems and its delivery mechanism, that had been

lost earlier, Billawaria added. He said the world is looking at India with great expectations today.

Speaking on the occasion,

Surinder Yadav said that Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh is working in various forms for the welfare of workers and their families in organized and unorganized sectors in the country. Information is being given about the schemes being run by the government for the labourers by organizing camps.

He said that long ago there were no labourers in India, but as time passed, slavery increased.

Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh is providing its services

in many states of India. The office bearers, officers and members of Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh are working day and night for the laborers throughout the country. He said that labourer conferences will be organized in all districts of J&K in the coming three months by Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh.

He assured that the women who talk about their rights, then the Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh stands with them for their rights. He said that he would be ready to protect the interests of women.