

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 Sahib 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 gurdwaras.

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 Tegh 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 Sahib.

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 Sahib 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 Gaushala 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 Devyan Singh Jamwal 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 Gaushala Research Foundation Jammu along with its other counterparts under the aegis of All India Gaushala 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 Devyan Singh Jamwal, 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 loveones. 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 back-burner. 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 Chandal also spoke on the occasion. The other key functionaries Braham Dutt, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Nirmal Singh, Nimmu Bhan, Raj Kumar, Surjeet Kumar, Dr. Susheel Kumar, Sukhdev Sagotra, Dr. Gourav Bharat, Lovish Bharat and Subash Chander were also present.

J&K BJP workers pay tribute to PM Modi's mother Heeraben

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Shiv Dev Singh, on Sunday organized an event to pay tribute to Heeraben Modi, mother of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi in Jammu.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Jammu -Poonch constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, besides other senior BJP leaders including Omi Khajuria, Corporators Surinder Sharma, Ashok Singh, Suraj Padha, Mohinder Bhagat was also present during the occasion.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, while paying tributes to Heeraben Modi, said that the mother of the PM provided the basic values, principles and ethics in the family.

"Such was the influence of her teachings that her one son, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is today guiding the whole world with his conscience and decisions," he said adding that the entire nation stands with PM Modi and other family members in this hour.

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Narendra Modi's mother is extremely sad. There is no greater loss than losing one's mother. I extend deepest condolences as it is an unbearable and irreparable loss to the nation. No one in this world can take the place of a mother. And pray to God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to PM Narendra Modi and family members to bear patience in this hour of grief," he said.

Others present on the occasion include Sunita Gupta, Suresh Devi, BDC Charman Surinder Bhagat, Kuldeep Singh Chib, Suresh Khajuria, Krishan Singh, Surinder Singh Gilli besides hundreds of residents of Jammu North constituency.

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), a 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 JUN-TEU 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, Jeehani Naik, Upasana Singh, Asma Parvez, Shivani Manhas, Anjali Kotwal, Rajni Sharma, Saima Begum, Sanjeet Manhas, Shafket Hussain, Dost Mohd, Zaheer Sheikh, Bushan Kumar and others.

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



Mayor B.S. Billawaria inaugurating Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh's office at Kalachak, 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,

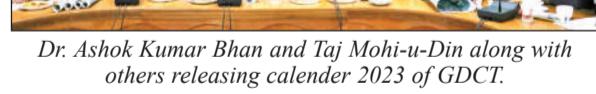
Surinder Yadav said that Bharatiya Janata Mazdoor Sangh is working in various forms for the welfare of workers and their families in organized and unorganized sectors in the country. Information is being given about the schemes being run by the government for the labourers by organizing camps.

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.



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.

Choudhary said that Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary will be remembered by the generations to come for his contributions and assured the Trustees and participants that the