

DSS urges Govt to involve civil society to help counter nefarious designs of enemy

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JAMMU: President, Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), Jammu and Kashmir and former Minister, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, has called upon the Central Government as well as the UT Government to actively involve the civil society at all levels, including at the grassroots levels, in helping the concerned to effectively counter the nefarious anti-India designs of Pakistan.

In a press conference organized by the DSS at its headquarter, Charak reiterated that the Government of Pakistan, ISI and its other sponsored agencies, after failing in all their attempts to weaken the country by attempting regional, communal and social divide, particularly in the Kashmiri division of J&K and the neighbouring state of Punjab, have started targeting the people of Jammu division with a greater vengeance.

He said that by resorting to

selective killings, repeated intrusions by Pakistani drones for surveillance and dropping of arms, ammunitions and other incriminating material, besides smuggling of drugs and ammunitions into our territory through underground tunnels and other means by the terrorists, spies and other agents, the almost bankrupt Pakistan is trying to communalize and vitiate the peaceful atmosphere in this part of Jammu and Kashmir.

Charak said that the chivalrous people of Jammu division (Dogras) have always stood united as a rock, irrespective of religion and region, and thwarted all the evil designs of Pakistan in the past and they will continue to do so with full might in future also.

He asserted that the current desperate actions of Pakistan and Pakistan sponsored terrorists as well, will not be able to deter the people of different regions and religions of Jammu and Kashmir, in any case, from

the path of communal amity, brotherly co-existence, progress and national integration. He urged upon the Union Government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Territory headed by Manoj Sinha to involve the cross-section of civil society including veteran defence personnel and religious, political and social leaders from amongst the local population to help in completely pulling out J&K from the pangs of terrorism which is costing precious lives day in and day out.

He stressed that the duly involved civil society in Jammu division, who are ever ready to play a very effective role in making the people aware about evil designs of Pakistan and its agencies to create regional and communal divide through false propaganda, selective violence, proliferation of harmful drugs and incriminating

material, can also disseminate the message of communal amity, national integration and effectively counter false propaganda of Pakistan.

Hailing the decision of the UT government to revive and revitalise the Village Defence Committees (VDCs) in the wake of incidents at Rajouri, Charak said that it is the responsibility of the government to ensure foolproof security of each and every law abiding and common citizen. At the same time, he emphasized that the unrelenting terrorists and their supporters, particularly the foreign terrorists, should be eliminated even before they think of any other misadventure.

Those present in the press conference included Prem Sagar Gupta, Gen. Secretary, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, I/C Youth wing, Amanat Ali Shah, Secretary, Chander Mohan Sharma, Secy. Media cell, and Pawan Sharma, Youth wing Jammu City.



President DSS, Gulchain Singh Charak addressing a press conference in Jammu on Friday.

IIM Jammu faculty conferred with Prof M J Manohar Rao Young Economist Award-2022

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JAMMU: Dr. Vaseem Akram, Chairperson, Doctoral Programme and Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu has been conferred with the prestigious "Prof. M. J. Manohar Rao Young Economist Award" for the year 2022. The award was given by the Indian Econometric Society (TIES) to young economics scholars (below 35 years) in India to commemorate Professor M. J. Manohar Rao's contributions to economic research. Dr. Vaseem Akram received this award during the 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society held on January 3-6, 2022.

Speaking on the momentous occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said, "Research is what propels humanity forward towards growth and innovation. Decades of research have



Dr. Vaseem Akram, Chairperson, Asstt Prof IIM receiving Prof. M. J. Manohar Rao Young Economist Award.

brought us to a level where we are today i.e., a civilized society with the knowledge and tools to move forward. IIM Jammu has always been the frontrunner with a key focus on research. This noteworthy achievement at the "Prof. M. J. Manohar Rao Young Economist Award" is indeed another feather in the cap of IIM Jammu. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of IIM Jammu to congratulate Dr. Vaseem Akram for being conferred with this award. There is a lot to achieve and a long way ahead and I am sure this is just the beginning

and there is more to follow. I would urge everyone at IIM Jammu to keep working hard and contributing to the progress and development of the Institute and the nation."

Prof. Jaber Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, said, "We at IIM Jammu have constantly strived to raise the standards of the operations of the Institute on all fronts." Dr. Vaseem Akram said, "I would like to thank Prof. B.S. Sahay, for his constant guidance. This kind of recognition is an inspiration to keep performing better in your core area."

LIC of India modifies New Jeevan Shanti plan

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JAMMU: Life Insurance Corporation of India has revised annuity rates upwards in respect of its annuity plan LIC's New Jeevan Shanti (Plan No. 858) with effect from 05.01.2023.

The modified version of this plan with enhanced annuity rates shall be available for sale from 05.01.2023. The incentive for Higher Purchase Price is also enhanced. It ranges from Rs.3/- to Rs.9.75 per Rs.100/- purchase price based on the Purchase Price and deferral period opted.

This is a single premium plan wherein policyholder has the option to choose between Single life and Joint life Deferred annuity.

The plan is tailor made for working & self employed professionals who wish to plan for future regular income after a deferral period. The plan is also suitable for people having surplus money with them for investment. Being a deferred annuity plan young professionals can plan for their retirement from an early stage.

The annuity rates are guaranteed at the inception of the policy and annuities are payable post deferral period throughout the lifetime of annuitant(s). The annuity amount under this New Jeevan Shanti Plan can be calculated through a calculator provided in LIC's website as well as through various LIC Apps.

28-day Naturopathy Medical Camp begins

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JAMMU: DDC Member Bajalta, Shamim Begum on Friday inaugurated 28 days Naturopathy Medical Camp here at Bajalta.

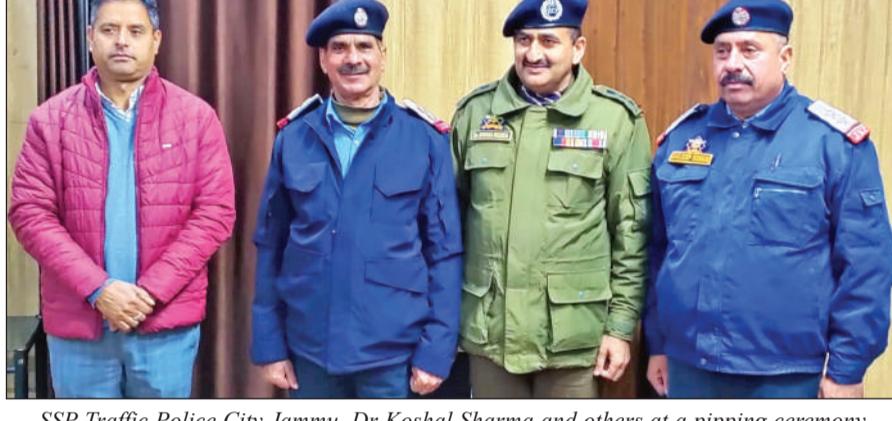
BDC, member Chaudhary Raham Ali; Sarpanches, Panches and large number of locals of all the adjoining villages of Bajalta were present during the inaugural ceremony of the camp.

Speaking on the occasion, Shamim Begum said that this Naturopathy camp will be very beneficial for the people here who cannot afford medical treatment in big hospitals. She added that this camp will create awareness among the people on how to keep themselves and their families healthy with the help of nature. The DDC member further said that the local administration and PRIs will provide all possible assistance to organisers for successful conduct of camp.

BDC, Chairman, Raham Ali in his address said that this camp will make poor people aware about different naturopathic medicines in their areas which will in turn improve the health care system of these areas. He added that in coming months more such camps will be organised for the benefit of common masses.

Organiser of the camp, Dr Subhash Kumar Saxena, while speaking on the occasion said that the main objective of organising this camp is to aware people about the benefits of Naturopathy and how it will help in prevention of different diseases and establish a healthy society.

SSP Traffic Police City Jammu holds Pipping Ceremony



SSP Traffic Police City Jammu, Dr. Koshal Sharma and others at a piping ceremony.

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JAMMU: Dr. Koshal Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic Police City Jammu, convened a piping ceremony in his office chamber at TPO Panjthirthi in respect of ASIs Daleep Singh and Kewal Krishan of this Unit, who have been recently promoted upto the rank of Sub-Inspector by Zonal Police Headquarters,

Jammu.

Dr. Koshal Sharma congratulated to all the promoted officers and exhorted them to serve with high sense of honesty, zeal and dedication in future.

He also emphasized to bear the responsibilities in the field of traffic management system.

Insp. Sohail Ahmad I/c Legal Section TPO, advised the promoted officers to

serve the people with honesty and win praise for Traffic Police Department.

On the occasion, the Officers/Officials present were Insp. Sohail Ahmad, Insp. (M) Vimla Raina (PA), SI Santosh Kumar Sharma (OSI), ASI (M) Manisha Rani (Accountant), HC Girdhari Lal I/c GB and Sadhu Ram of Statistical branch of traffic police city Jammu.

Prominent Leaders of different political parties and social organisations like Congress, Na?ional Conference, Shi? Sena, CPIM, IDP, Akali Dal(A) and others under the banner of All partied United Moreha, held a peaceful candle light protest at Shaheen Chowk Jammu last evening to send out a strong message against terrorism and to stand in solidarity with the victims of targeted killings at Dangri and elsewhere in Kashmir in recent times and demanded checking the innocent killings and creating the sense of insecurity amongst minorities. Raising slogans against

terrorism and highlighting government failure to check targeted killings of innocents, especially minorities, the protesters demanded the government to curb terrorism and protect innocents, extending their full support to curb terrorism. Carrying tri Colour, the prominent leaders of these political parties raised slogans "Aatankwad hai hai, Terrorism down down, stop innocent killings, stop minorities killings, hindu muslim sikh isai sab hain bhai, Awaz do hum aik hain, Azad hindostan Zindabad, etc.

The speakers expressed solidarity with the victims of ter-

rorism of Dangri and other incidents and expressed great concern over the targeted killings of innocent especially minorities and blamed the double engine BJP government for failing to protect innocents, they demanded stern measures to curb terrorism and protect minorities. Prominent those took part in the protest include veteran Leader Sheikh Abdul Rehman Ex MP, R?m?n Pandya (Cong) Vikas Bakshi, Balwant Singh, Abdul Rasheed, Titu Sehgal (Shiv Sena), Ratan Lal Gupta, Abdul Gani Malik, Sheikh Bashir (NC), Manish Sawhney (Shiv Sena), Com Muzaaffar CPIM, Sukhdev Singh (DYC), Narinder

Positive effects of Bharat Jodo Yatra emerging well before arrival in J&K: Sawhney



Senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney along with senior leaders during a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: A preparatory meeting for Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) of Block 12 and Block 13 of Gandhi Nagar Constituency was held on Friday at JK Plaza. Former Minister J&K and senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney chaired the meeting where senior leaders discussed and reviewed the ongoing preparations. Speaking on the occasion, former Minister hailed comeback of several leaders into the Congress fold and said that Bharat Jodo Yatra has not yet arrived in Jammu Kashmir, however, its positive effects are showing. The mass-movement started by Rahul Gandhi, Sawhney said, intends to spread spirit of love, unity and harmony and effects can be seen within the party as well. Prominent among those who attended the

meeting included Satish Daya Ram, Vedpal, Lajju Ram, Om Parkash, Tarsem Lal, Bholla Shah and Vidhi Chand. Sawhney appealed to all the participants to continue with the preparations with added zeal. Sawhney targeted BJP for creating an atmosphere of hate and tension across the country. "Bharat Jodo Yatra is a positive movement and is uplifting people, on the other hand, in spirit of unity, many leaders who had

left the Congress, are joining back. This is a welcome move and the party has opened arms for anyone and everyone who wants to work for betterment of the people," he added. He further said that Rahul Gandhi has taken on a magnanimous task for betterment of nation reminding all that Congress is not afraid to give personal sacrifices for the greater good. The people across the nation and similarly in J&K align and relate with this sentiment and hence want to be a part of Yatra to showcase that strength lies in unity.

"We all are ready to welcome the Bharat Jodo Yatra. All preparations are going completed. It will be a historic Yatra and a grand success in the UT. Besides party workers, there is great enthusiasm among locals for the Yatra," he maintained.

He said that personnel are hurt due to step-motherly attitude of the Union Government as their long pending demand for One Rank, One Pension (OROP) has not been fulfilled. "In 2019, on Deepawali, Prime Minister announced One Rank, One Pension for all but till date the personnel of

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The other faction of LBA Kargil led by Skarma Dadul as its president also expressed resentment against the non-inclusion of Skarma Dadul in the Committee. The District Congress Committee, while welcoming the constitution of the

them to complete all ongoing works within the set deadlines, while adhering to all quality parameters to meet the developmental expectations of the rural population.

While reviewing the progress of works taken up under District capex, it was informed that 3500 works are in progress. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; Executive Engineer REW, Zahir Ahmed and Block Development Officer Rajouri, Chander Kant Bhagat.

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