

# 20 generations had been sacrificed to see this moment of civilisational resurgence, says Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Speaking to the media after participating in an event to celebrate Ram Mandir 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony here, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said, 20 generations had been sacrificed to see this moment of civilisational resurgence. After a struggle by 20 generations of our ancestors, Dr Jitendra said, our generation is witnessing vindication as the Lord Ram Temple rose again in Ayodhya on Monday.

We are the chosen ones of the Almighty to be blessed to witness this day, he said. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making this happen and said, but for Modi this would not have been possible.

PM Modi's persistent resolve, commitment and determination had enabled and accomplished this divine connect of 140 crore Indians with Lord Rama.

Dr Jitendra said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nine plus years in office will be remembered for many

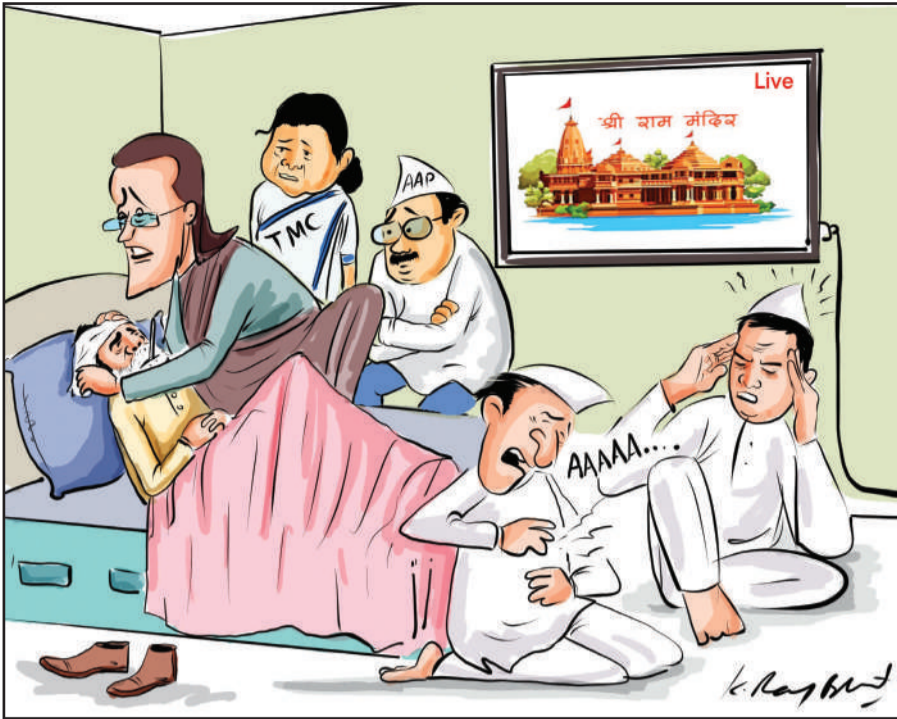


Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking to the media during an event to celebrate Ram Mandir "Pran Pratishtha" ceremony, at New Delhi on Monday.

great historical contributions, including abrogation of Article 370, but perhaps the greatest will be how

meticulously he has awakened national and civilisational pride through Shri Rama Mandir in Ayodhya. Referring to President Draupadi Murmu's letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which she had described today's consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla idol as a civilizational journey, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the fact is that after a long and tedious journey marked by several ups and downs, what we witness today is a reiteration of our identity with civilizational resurgence. Today, Bharat has reached an important destination in its onward journey through the Amritkaal, the Minister said. Dr Singh said, Amritkaal marks the last quarter of our journey of the first hundred years after independence. And this last leg of our journey begins with this auspicious moment, he said.

Lord Rama's regime gave the world the concept of "Ram Rajya", said Dr Jitendra Singh and added, quite providentially, the Ram Temple at Ayodhya heralds the arrival of "Ram Rajya" in the years to come.



## Court frames charges against then DC in fake Gun license scam

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JAMMU: Special Judge CBI Bala Joyti today framed charges against Farooq Khan, the then DC Doda in fake gun license scam.

According to him the present case was registered in pursuance to Notification dated 05.10.2018 under section 5 of DSPE Act 1946 issued by Ministry of 'Personnel Public Grievances' and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) Govt of India New Delhi with the consent of State of J & K Home Department vide Notification No.228-41-2018 ABD-11 for transfer of FIR No.11 of 2018 dated 17.05.2018 of Police Station Vigilance Organization Jammu.

Allegedly during the period of 2012-2016, Deputy Commissioner of various Districts including Deputy Commissioner, Doda in-conivance with private person and Ors have fraudulently and illegally issued the Gun Licenses floating in Arms Procedures and Rules governing the subject for mandatory consideration by abusing their official position as

Public servant and thereby such acts constitute the commission of criminal misconduct by them under section 5 of sub section (2) of PC Act Svt. 2006 r/w section 3/25 Arms Act, 1962 and consequently an FIR bearing No.11/2018 was registered in Police Station Vigilance Organization Jammu.

According to prosecution, accused No. 1, Farooq Ahmed Khan during his posting, as District Magistrate Doda issued more than 12,000 Licenses w.e.f 01.06.2010-24.04.2013 and out of the 15 instances w.r.t issuance of Arms Licenses, four charge sheets have been filed against the accused No. 1, Farooq Ahmed Khan and ors. Similarly, accused Parmodh Kumar Sharma of M/s. 'Nav Durga Gun House' is implicated in this charge sheet appears to be a Principal Conspirator. According to prosecution, Principal conspirator Parmodh Kumar Sharma visited the Unit of ID Umesh No.67 Bn at 'Shillong' in the year 2013 in Unit 149-Bn w.e.f 2009-Dec 2012 meet ID Umesh, the then Assistant Commandant

CRPF in the year 2009-Dec-2012 and it is Parmodh Kumar Sharma who apprised ID Umesh regarding issuance of Gun Licenses 'J & K' and mis-represented about the eligibility of 'issuance of Arms' Licenses against the prevalent procedure, thereafter he provided application form to ID Umesh and asked him to file the same in back date and finally ID Umesh furnished the duly filled application form to Parmodh Kumar Sharma and gave Rs, 7000/- as illegal gratification for issuance of Arms Licenses.

Special Judge CBI Bala Joyti after hearing both the sides observed that , prima facie it appears that offences under section 120-B r/w 420 RPC and u/s 5(1) and r/w 5(2) of PC Act Svt. 2006 are made out, hence they are charge sheeted for commission of offences under sections 120-B r/w 420 RPC and u/s 5(1) and r/w 5(2) of PC Act Svt. 2006 as such, they are accordingly charge-sheeted separately for the commission of aforesaid offences, the contents of the charges are read over and explained to the accused persons separately.

## Seven prominent personalities awarded with Yashpal Sharma Memorial Award

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JAMMU: Seven prominent personalities were awarded with Yashpal Sharma Memorial Award for their contributions in different fields.

The awards-giving function was organized by Parivartan-NGO working for the socio-economic growth and upliftment of the marginalized and needy sections of the society.

B R Sharma, former Chief Secretary, and State Election Commissioner was the Chief Guest in the award-giving function in which former IAS officer and PSC Member Subash Gupta were Guests of Honour.

Seven awards were presented based on the recommendation of the award review committee.

Those who were awarded this prestigious award included KD Maini, an eminent historian and writer, Gurdev Singh, President of J&K Sharanarthi Action Committee, Krishan Lal Sharma, an outstanding sportsman and retired Divisional Sports Officer, Advocate Mohammad Zaman, former Bar Association President, Poonch, and Dr. Shaillinder Sharma (posthumously) known for his exceptional health services in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.



Former Chief Secretary, B R Sharma speaking at Yashpal Sharma Memorial Award distribution ceremony.

The award committee also recommended two awards under the Young Achievers Category. Dr. Keval Sharma, Medical Officer and Gagan Mahajan, Founder Editor of The Pir Panjal Times received awards under this category.

Speaking on the occasion, B R Sharma said that the Late Yashpal Sharma had dedicated his whole life to the people of Poonch. He said that the late leader had set an example for the younger generation to follow.

He further informed that it was all due to the values and teachings of the late Yashpal Sharma that his younger brother Dr. Sushil Sharma also dedicated his life to the service of society.

Dr. Nitam Sharma, Assistant Professor, The Law School shed light on the contribution of Late Shri

Yashpal Sharma as a social reformer, political activist and a philanthropist. Dr. Sushil Sharma, HOD Cardiology and younger brother of Yashpal Sharma recounted the struggle and contribution of his brother in shaping the destiny of millions of people in remote border areas of Poonch and Rajouri especially.

He also maintained that it is high time for the younger generations to learn the aspect of carrying forward the legacy of their forefathers in the form of traditions, values, and compassion for all rather than material belongings only.

Ann Sharma, Lecturer from Sunderbani also shared a poem written by her eulogizing the daunting spirit and integrity of Shri Yashpal Sharma.

Earlier the function started with the introductory address by Vikrant Sharma.

Flower bouquets were presented to the guests on the occasion as a token of gratitude.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Romi Sharma, founder-cum-president Parivartan NGO.

Besides highlighting the recent activities undertaken by her NGO, she also informed the audience regarding the inception of instituting awards in the memory of Late Yashpal Sharma. She revealed how her interaction with Yashpal Sharma in a face-to-face interview has changed her perception regarding the problems of people living in border areas, especially the POJK displaced section.

Prominent others who present on the occasion include Advocate Sunil Sharma, President, Municipal Council Poonch, Maj Gen Goverdhnan Singh Jamwal, Dr. Rekha Chowdhary, Ex-MLC Ravinder Sharma, Dr. Javaid Rahi, Dr. Surinder Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Tirok Singh Tara, Preeti Sharma, Ekshu Sharma, Ajeet Singh, Chatter Saini, Vijay Sharma, Satpal Charak, Dr Arvind Kohli ( Vascular Surgeon) , Mukund Lal Sharma, Advocate Sanjeev Sharma and Ifthkar Ahmed Bazni.

## Free Birds Music launches devotional song on Bhagwan Rama

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JAMMU: On the historical day of consecration ceremony of Bhagwan Rama at Ayodhya, the prominent and emerging production house of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Free Birds Music on Monday launched the devotional song on Bhagwan Rama in an impressive function held at Ranjit College of Education at Kunjwani.

Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia and Ramesh Arora, former MLC were the Chief Guests. Manmeet Singh presided over the function.



Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia and Ramesh Arora, former MLC and others releasing devotional song.

Ashwini Sharma, Former MLC and Sushil Singh Charak Chairman NDA were the Guests of Honour. Dharminder Kumar DDC

Bishnah and Rashid Rahil Editor in Chief Daily Asia Mail Group were the special guests. Director of Free Birds

Music, Varun Gandotra shared that the lyrics of the Bhajan has been written by eminent writer Rahul Vohra and music has been composed by young

sensation Dev Rajput and voiced by Pooja Lalotra in addition to this indispensable role played by DOP Sanjay Kumar.

The video has been directed by the senior Editor of the UT Rahul Dutta. Major contribution has been extended by Creative Head Vrinda Singh.

The admirable roles of Ram, Lakshman and Sita have been played by Tarun Sharma, Sunny Singh and Ritu Sharma. Varun shown expectation that audience would give more love to this devotional song than the more than 10 songs launched in market by his banner.

Varun Gandotra paid special thanks to senior journalist Vinod Kumar and Maharaj Vijay Parasher (Roop Nagar).

## Justices Rahul Bharti, Moksha Khajuria Kazmi J-K HC additional judges made permanent

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NEW DELHI: A judicial officer was on Monday elevated as an additional judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court while two additional judges of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court were made permanent judges. The name of judicial officer Arvind Kumar Verma was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on January 4. Justices Rahul Bharti and Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, additional judges of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, were made permanent judges. Their names were also recommended by the collegium on January 4. The appointments were announced by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on X.

The Supreme Court Collegium had also recommended the name of Abhay Ahuja, additional judge of the Bombay High Court, for elevation as a permanent judge on the same day. Additional judges are usually appointed for a period of two years before being made a judge or what is popularly called a "permanent judge".

## Jan 22, 2024 will be remembered as new era in history of rising India: Rana



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana inaugurating 'Mukhya Dwaar' of ancient Narshinghi Temple at Gharota in Block Bhalwal.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday said January 22, 2024 will treasure itself in the history of rising India as beginning of an era characterized by harmony and inclusivity, the cornerstone of Sanatan Dharma, a way of life for the world to live in spirit of Vasudeva Kutumbakam.

"Let this sacred and historical occasion inspire us all to emulate the ideals of Maryada Purushottam Shree Ram and foster the bonds that bind us as a nation believing in compassion, righteousness and love for humanity", Devender Rana said while inaugurating magnificent 'Mukhya Dwaar' of ancient Narshinghi Temple at Gharota in Block Bhalwal.

Greeting the people on the consecration of Ram Temple at Ayodhya by Prime Minister Yashasvi Narendra

Modi, the Senior BJP leader described the sacred endeavour as a journey of over 500 years of devotion and determination. The construction of the Ram Temple is a testament to the enduring faith and reverence for the Maryada Purushottam and this generation is blessed to witness the Tapasya of millions of Sanatanis, who suffered ignominy but remained steadfast in their resolve to have the home for Ram Lalla-the embodiment of the ideals of righteousness and virtue-where the Lord was born. This marks a historical moment in the rich tapestry of rising Bharat's cultural and spiritual heritage, which will enlighten the world and carve out a way forward for the nation to become Vishwaguru, he added.

Devender Rana said the consecration of Ram Temple at Ayodhya reflects the nation's devotion to Shree Ram, who examples justice,

compassion and unwavering commitment to truth, hoping that it will serve as a symbol of collective aspirations of Sanatanis for a society founded on these timeless values. He said the contribution of thousands, irrespective of religion, caste or region, in building a magnificent temple is a symbol of inclusive India.

Rana prayed for peace and harmony in the ancient and historic temple. He also joined hundreds of devotees in Special Pujas held for universal peace and brotherhood.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mahant Anirudh Dassji, Jai Ram Mangotra, Kuldeep Bhagat, Rana Pratap, Kuldeep Singh Langeh, Dr Ashwani Mangotra, Capt Raj Kumar, Ashok Kerni, Dil Bahadur Singh, Lala Kishori, Kuldeep Singh Jamwal and others.

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JAMMU: In a spectacular display of faith and communal joy, over 20,000 devotees thronged the Shri Raghunathji Temple to culminate the three-day grand celebrations in connection with the consecration ceremony.

The atmosphere was filled with religious fervor; as devotees commemorated the momentous occasion by dancing to the beats of Dhols and drums.

The third day's festivities commenced with the successful culmination of the Akhand Paath of Shri Ram Charitmanas by renowned Vedic scholars specially invited from Chitrakoot, Ayodhya.

The Shree Raghunathji Temple was transformed into a divine spectacle adorned with vibrant flowers and radiant lighting, providing a sacred ambience for the worshippers who gathered to celebrate this significant event.

The entire temple complex echoed with chants of "Jai Shri Ram... Jai Shri Ram," symbolizing the unity and devotion of the community.

On the occasion, Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust and former minister; Dr Ritu Singh along with Union Minister of Law



Union Minister of Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal with Advisor R.R Bhatnagar and Ajatshatru Singh, JKDT trustee at a programme.

and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Member Parliament Jugal Kishore, Advisor to Lt Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and his wife, Division Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, IGP Jammu Anand Jain, Padma Shri Dr Vishwa Murti Shastri, SSP Sandeep Mehta, Sunaina Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina, former Minister Priya Sethi, senior BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi, former JMC Commissioner Kiran Wattal, SM Sahni, S.M Sahni, Convener INTACH Jammu Chapter and members of Dharmarth Trust Council and prominent persons of Jammu performed Visheh

Aarti in the Holy Sanctum Sanctorum of Shree Raghunath ji Temple.

The day unfolded with a captivating Bhajan Sandhya in the temple premises, featuring renowned singers like Sonali Dogra, Ravi Raghuvansi, Narinder Singh, and more, who enthralled the audience with soulful Ram Bhajans.

The highlight of the Bhajan Sandhya was a special presentation for the children of Muskaan Home, warmly received by all present.

During the Bhajan Sandhya, a music album by Ravi Raghuvansi titled 'Aa Gaye Ram Ayodhya Mein' was released by Ajatshatru Singh, Union Minister Meghwal, MP

Jugal, Dr. Ritu Singh, and others. The Bhajan Sandhya was compeered by Suganda Sharma.

The evening culminated in a mesmerizing Deepotsav, with Dr. Ritu Singh and Adv Purnima Sharma lighting 11,000 lamps in the temple complex.

Presenting a vote of thanks, Ajatshatru Singh thanked all the dignitaries, scholars, artists, devotees, and the media for contributing to the success of this historic occasion. Presenting a vote of thanks, Ajatshatru Singh along with Dr. Ritu Singh extended heartfelt gratitude especially to Arjun Ram Meghwal for gracing the iconic Raghunathi Temple and celebrating this momentous occasion with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He further conveyed his appreciation to the distinguished Vedic scholars who traveled from Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, as well as the talented singers, artists, devoted worshippers, and media personnel for their collective efforts in making this occasion truly memorable.

Additionally, Ajatshatru Singh expressed sincere thanks to the entire team of Guru Ki Sangat, Dharmarth

Trust, Hari Niwas, and Delhi Public School for their dedicated contributions and collaborative spirit. Their support and commitment were integral to the successful execution of the event, enhancing the overall experience for everyone involved.

Dr. Ritu Singh conveyed her thanks on behalf of the Royal Family comprising Dr. Karan Singh ji, Yuvraj Vikramaditya Singh, Ranvijay Singh, Martand Singh, and Dr. Ritu Singh thanked to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for making this grand celebrations memorable".

Expressing her joy, she said, "Today's occasion is not less than a Diwali for us." She also encouraged people to make regular visits to the temples.

Brig R.S Langeh, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, and Secretary Ashok Sharma were instrumental in supervising the meticulous arrangements that ensured the three-day event's success.

Dogri Dham was also served among all the visiting devotees.

The District Administration has made stringent security arrangements in and outside the temple complex to facilitate the smooth conduct of the event.