

# BJP only political class that adheres to principles of Ambedkar in letter & spirit: Former Mayor

'Only people of political class can ensure system change, they can't run away from responsibility'

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader, In-charge Returning Officer of Ramban District and former Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma on Saturday addressed party workers and stressed them for making all efforts to solve miseries being faced by the common people of Ramban.

He said that BJP is the only party that adheres to the principles of Dr B.R Ambedkar in letter and spirit without playing politics over issues.

"System change can only be ensured by the people of political class as they enjoy the required mandate for that and they can't run away from their responsibility," Sharma said while addressing the workers of Ramban.

He further said that pres-



Former Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma and other BJP leaders during meeting in Jammu.

ent is the right time for selecting the good leadership right from the booth level to top positions.

"We have to choose such people by keeping in mind their age, political exposure, administrative skills and loyalty with the party and integrity of such individual plays a big role in this regard," he continued.

The BJP leader further said that mostly we keep on

pointing fingers on things for their not being proper and in order but this is the right time for a change to have a thought process in consonance with that of PM Modi for the welfare of public thought which public needs. "PM Modi did many things for the system change and this also includes online transactions, which is prominent among these," he added:

"Benefits of government schemes are now directly transferred to the public accounts. Similarly, amount of Kisan Nidhi is directly transferred to accounts of farmers while earlier even for a payment of Rs 2 one had to visit DC office repeatedly."

Former Mayor also said that if arrest warrant can reach ones home, why can't Fard for land transactions, intekal, land mutations, building permission , birth certificate and character certificate etc.

He said that such things are possible only when we choose our leadership with ideology of Modi Ji and support the leaders holding such a qualities.

Sharma said that this is the time to place such people, with ideology matching

with that of PM Modi, at Booth level, make their committees, at Mandal level and making their committees, at district level and making their committees and then at state team apart from electing State President also in similar manner so that agenda of PM Modi is fulfilled.

Rajeshwar Kumar, District President and DDC, Neelam Langeh Ex. MLA, Rajesh Thakur, DDC ,Jagveer Dass, DDC, Adv. Balbeer Bali, DDC, and General Secretary, Saleem Bhat, Mrs Sumitra Sumbheria, Ex. Chairman, Ramban Committee, Jagdeep Thakur, District General Secretary ,Haji Yosef Majnoo and Mandal Presidentd were prominent among those who were present.

# MVD conducts enforcement drive at Jammu-Akhnoor Road

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JAMMU: Following directions from Transport Commissioner J&K, Vishesh Pal Mahajan and under the guidance of RTO Jammu, Pankaj Bhagotra, the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) on Sunday conducted an enforcement drive at Jammu-Akhnoor Road and surrounding areas.

The emphasis was to check unfit vehicles, passenger/goods vehicle overloading, mobile phone use while driving, without helmet two-wheeler riders, altered/tampered registration plates, vehicles without documents, reckless/dangerous driving, triple riding on two wheels.

The drive was supervised by ARTO Flying Squad Bipen Singh Charak. The team comprised of MVI Rajiv Kundal and MVTA



Tarunjit Singh along with supporting staff.

More than 125 vehicles were inspected during the enforcement drive out of which 43 vehicles were e-challaned and one driving license was recommended for suspension under the provision of Motor Vehicles Act and Rules. The anti-

pated fine from e-challans was Rs 76,800.

Driver, conductor and vehicle owners were educated on road safety measures, driving in Foggy conditions, use of FOG Lamps during fog, preventative vehicle maintenance, and adherence to traffic regulations to promote road safety.

# Natrang stages Hindi play 'Do Kalakaar'



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JAMMU: Do Kalakaar, a play in Hindi written by Bhagwati Charan Verma and directed by Neeraj Kant was staged here today at Natrang Studio in its weekly Sunday Theatre series. Though coated with a thick layer of comedy, the play had a very relevant message to share with the audience which was revealed very artistically.

In the play, 'Churamani' and 'Martand' are two friends, both are artists (one poet and another painter) they had once aspired to rule the Bollywood with their respective creative strengths. The poet had dreamt of becoming the top Hindi Film lyricist and the painter had set a goal for himself to become the most sought after art director of the tinsel town. But destiny lands them in a situation where

both are forced to use their creative energies in creating situations and cooking stories just to escape the harassment of their landlord who has not been paid the rentals of a dingy room for the last six months. The playwright has beautifully portrayed the tragic fate of the creative people who are expected to create magic and electrifying artistic experience through their unlimited creative energies are shown wasting their creativity just to ensure survival.

The play opens at a situation where both the poet and the painter have locked themselves in a room which is being visited by the landlord to collect the rent from them. The landlord forcefully makes his entry despite all-out unsuccessful efforts to hold him back are

made by them. When caught at the corner both take shelter of their creative mind and start cooking highly logical excuses to impress the landlord so he allows them to continue till they are able to realize their unfulfilled dreams.

Both sell him the dreams to the extent that the room rented out to them will once become a museum which once hosted the great genius of the world of poetry and painting. Finding the distance beyond measurement between their dreams and reality, the landlord refuses to buy their arguments and throws them out of the room to face further rejection and dejection of the society. Both the poet and the painter get this realization at this point of the time that despite having a civilization of thousand years at our back this world is not meant for creative people.

Natrang artists who presented a wonderful performance included Mihir Gujral, Aryan Sharma, Kartik Kumar, Adaksh Bagal and Akrit Sharma. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant and the presentation were done by Manvi Devi. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

# Gulchain Singh Charak re-elected as President DSS

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JAMMU: The 120th General Council meeting of Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) was convened today at the Sabha premises in Jammu. Representatives from across the Union Territory participated in the General Council meeting. During the meeting, elections for the posts of President and office bearers of the Sabha were conducted under the supervision of Returning Officer Brig MS Jamwal (Retd.) assisted by Sh. G A Khwaja Retd. DC. The General Council unanimously re-elected Shri Gulchain Singh Charak as the President and Adv. H C Jalmaria as Gen. Secretary of DSS, reaffirming their leadership and dedication. The President and Gen. Secretary also nominated other office bearers for various positions to strengthen the Sabha's functioning which include Col. Karan Singh Jamwal, Adv. Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, G.A. Khwaja, Narinder Singh Anwal, S. Arvinder Singh Amn, Dr Naseeb Singh Manhas, Amanat Ali Shah, Khajur Singh, Brig. Vijay Sagar Dheman, Jagdeep Singh, Master Chhankar



Members of Dogra Sadar Sabha during 120th General Council meeting.

Singh, Maj. Gen. Sunita Kapoor VSM, Prof.Dr.Anita Billawaria, Mrs. Uma Katal, Adv. Ahtsham, and Master Davinder Singh.

In his address, Shri Gulchain Singh Charak expressed heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Sabha for reposing their trust in him and reiterated his commitment to working tirelessly for the welfare of the Dogra community and the preservation of its rich heritage. The former Minister highlighted the Sabha's ongoing efforts to address key regional issues and promote unity among the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the Sabha was constituted during the time of Maharajas in 1904 with Lala Hans Raj Mahajan as its founder Gen. Secretary. The other executive members

of the Sabha were Mian Jawala Singh, Vakil Hazarat Shah and Daya Krishan Gardish later S. Budh Singh also. It was the only organization in the State that time which was recognized by the then rulers. It worked for the brotherhood, amity and welfare of the society. Since then it is continuing its work for the Dogra cause, whether it is cultural heritage, promotion of language, historical places and over all development of the region. The General Council meeting adopted several significant resolutions aimed at addressing key issues and preserving the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. The resolutions included a strong demand for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and measures to combat the smuggling and peddling of

narcotics in all forms. The Sabha emphasized the need for a comprehensive conservation plan to revive and restore the Mubarak Mandi Complex, a historic symbol of Dogra heritage. Additionally, the General Council of the Sabha proposed the development and beautification of lesser-known lakes such as Surinsar, Mansar, and Kotoriasar to boost tourism and preserve natural heritage. It also called for the declaration of Ranbir Canal as a State Heritage Monument, the removal of restrictions on Gen N.C. Vij Road for public convenience, establishment of a Duggar Satellite Channel to promote and preserve Dogra culture and traditions, etc.

Capt. Sardar Singh and Raj Kumar representing the Numberdar Association

voiced concerns about the unwarranted dismissal of some Numberdars and called for the reversal of those orders. Neeraj Anand representing trader's federation expressed heartfelt gratitude to all attendees, acknowledging that under Mr. Charak's leadership, the traders Association is committed to work for the betterment of the state while supporting all resolutions passed.

In an effort to promote communal harmony and unity, the nominated office bearers were entrusted with the responsibility of organizing a conference titled "Message of Humanity." This initiative reflects the Sabha's commitment to fostering inclusivity and shared values.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Col. Karan Singh and reaffirmation of the Sabha's mission to preserve Dogra culture and heritage while addressing pressing social and developmental concerns in the region. The function was attended by prominent personalities including Maj. Gen. G S Jamwal, Anil Suri, Dr. Samar Dev Singh, Dinesh Gupta and others.

# NSS National Integration Camp enters day 3

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JAMMU: NSS National Integration Camp continued its vibrant journey on day 3, showcasing a blend of wellness, sports, creativity and cultural exchange. The day began with a refreshing morning yoga session on the theme 'Finding inner peace and harmony' where participants engage in mindfulness and physical well-being under the guidance of Dr. Vijendra Kumar, HOD Sanskrit and Zumba Session conducted by Zumba instructor Kritika Sharma.

This session was not just about fitness but also aimed to promote mental clarity and relaxation among the contingents at GCW Gandhinagar. Following the invigorating yoga, participants gathered for a hearty breakfast, fuelling them for the



Students participating in games during the camp.

exciting activities ahead.

In the sports arena at GCW, Parade Ground, Jammu, the NSS camp burst with energy as participants showcased their skills in Badminton and Table Tennis. These games not only promoted physical fitness but also fostered teamwork, sportsmanship and healthy competition bringing together participants from diverse background.

In Badminton 8 contingents successfully qualified for the quarterfinals and in

Table Tennis competition 4 contingents qualified for the semifinals. The final matches will be held tomorrow. The creative spirit of the camp shown through in the Poetry writing on 'Her story, Her glory (uski kahani, uski shaan)' and Essay writing competition on 'Wings of Freedom-A Women's Journey' held later in the day. Participants were encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings which displayed a remarkable depth of creativity

and emotional resonance, reflecting the participant's experiences and aspiration. PO's from Delhi, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Ladhak and Uttarakhand were the Jury members. In this competition victorious contingent were awarded with certificates.

The afternoon was dedicated to enriching academic sessions. In the first academic session, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, NSS Program Officer, GCW Parade, Jammu was the resource person.

She awarded the contingents about various features of 'My Bharat portal'. The second academic session was led by Dr Amita Gupta renowned gynaecologist. She focused on health and menstrual hygiene as critical aspects for women's overall well-

being, as they are overlooked in public health discussions. By prioritizing menstrual hygiene and providing comprehensive health education, society can help to improve the health outcomes for women and girls. As dusk approached, the cultural evening at GCW Gandhinagar, Jammu where contingents of jk04, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Mizoram embraced the stage with traditional dances, music and theatrical performances.

Day 3 of the NSS NIC camp was not just a series of events but a journey of connection, learning and celebration of multiculturalism. The NSS continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing the spirit of service, unity and understanding among India's youth.

# Pangotra Biradari reviews arrangements of Biradari congregation



Biradari members after the meeting.

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JAMMU: A meeting of Pangotra Biradari Sajyoti Mata Mandir Management Committee Rai (Ghagwal) was held on Sunday in the Rai Sajyoti Mata Mandir Rai complex. The meeting was presided over by Rakesh Sharma, President of the Management Committee and was attended by more than 50 representatives of various villages inhabit-

ed by Pangotras. It was decided to hold Akhand Path of Ramayan on January 31, 2025 and Hawan on February 1, 2025 followed by Vishal Bhandara on February 2, the auspicious day of Basanti Panchmi. Duties were allotted to representatives of various villages like preparation of different items of Bhandara and its distribution among devotees. Suggestions were also sought

from representative of various villages for starting further developmental work in the Mandir Complex.

Mangal Das Dogra, Patron, Madan Lal Toofan, Convener of Biradari, Ashwini Pangotra from Amritsar and Sanjay Sharma General Secretary also addressed the meeting.

# Bukhari expresses grief over loss of four lives in Kishtwar accident

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Sunday expressed profound grief over the tragic deaths of at least four people who lost their lives when the vehicle they were traveling in fell into a deep gorge in the Massu Padder area of Kishtwar. In his condolence message, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "My heart goes out to the families who lost their loved ones in the tragic road accident near the Massu Padder area in Kishtwar today. It is truly a heartbreaking incident."

"May the Almighty rest the departed souls in eternal peace and give their families the strength to bear the pain of their irreparable loss. I am praying for the safe recovery of the two missing persons, who were reportedly also traveling in the same vehicle," he added.

# PMJAY aims to provide health for all: Keshav



Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra giving AB-PMJAY health insurance golden card to a beneficiary.

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JAMMU: Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra on Sunday provided Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) free health insurance golden cards and Abha Cards to the people at Talab Tillo.

Keshav Chopra while interacting with the beneficiaries said that Ayushman

Bharat Scheme has provided free hospitalization benefits to millions of people.

This is like an ATM Card that will keep giving benefits to them every year, PMJAY is the largest health insurance scheme in the world which has worked as a big troubleshooter for poor, he said adding that similarly ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) Card helps individuals to access healthcare benefits and store their medical information digitally in one account.

Therefore, an ABHA ID card is one-stop identification for all healthcare-related activities. It makes it easier for individuals to access and manage their overall wellness.

Keshav said that he has been continuously involved in the procurement and distribution of Golden Cards since the start of the scheme and Samvedna Society is committed to provide the benefits of govt sponsored schemes to the common people at their doorstep.

Anju, Abhishek Gupta, Manoj, Sourav Gupta, Parshotam Lal, Nandu, Sushil Gupta, Vishal Verma and others were also present.

# AoI delegation meets Commissioner Secretary, I&C

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JAMMU: A delegation from the Association of Industries (Regd.) Gangyal, Jammu, led by its President, Virendra Jain, met with the Commissioner/Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikranjit Singh to discuss pressing issues faced by the industrial sector. The delegation included Sanjay Langar (General Secretary), Ajay Mahajan (Secretary), and Jatinder Singh (Treasurer).

During the meeting, Jain emphasized the need for the timely implementation of announced incentives such as the Turnover Incentive and reimbursement of SGST.

He informed the Commissioner/Secretary that only 10% of the filed claims had been released and urged the immediate disbursement of the remaining balance for the year 2021-22 to prevent



AOI Delegation calling on Commissioner/Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikranjit Singh.

the existing industries from further decline.

The delegation also called for equitable treatment of existing industries by providing them with incentives on par with those offered to new industries under the NCSS scheme.

They suggested formulating a fresh package of incentives for new industries while ensuring operational incentives for existing units are aligned with the benefits

extended to new entrants.

Another significant request was the conversion of leasehold industrial land into ownership rights, as previously promised.

The delegation pointed out that entrepreneurs had already paid a premium equal to the market rate of the land at the time of allotment.

The delegation further stressed the need for market support from the government, highlighting that units

manufacturing materials for government agencies rely heavily on government procurement.

A critical concern raised was the plight of the cricket bat industry in rural areas, which has been struggling due to the denial of licenses for running Band Saws.

Jain urged the Commissioner/Secretary to direct the Forest Department to issue licenses to ensure the smooth operation of these units. The Commissioner/Secretary listened attentively and assured the delegation that the government was aware of these challenges and committed to addressing them.

He promised to consult stakeholders before finalizing any new incentive packages and reiterated the government's support for resolving the issues raised.