

# IAS Officer Trainees of 2024 Batch call on LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha along with IAS Officer trainees of the 2024 batch at Raj Bhawan on Monday.

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JAMMU: A group of IAS Officer Trainees of the 2024 Batch, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, on Monday. During the interaction, the

Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to the Officer Trainees. He advised them to work with sensitivity, honesty, and dedication and make their valuable contribution to achieve the goal of

Viksit Bharat. "Civil Servants are backbone of the administration. You must follow the values of integrity and merit for nation building process. Your aim should be to reach out to the

last man in the queue and focus on people-centric inclusive development. Your professional and personal conduct must reflect the core values and high morals of this prestigious service," the

Lieutenant Governor said. The Officer Trainees also shared the experience from their visit to Jammu Kashmir; as a part of the Winter Study Tour programme.

# ADGP Jammu zone chairs crime review meeting of district Jammu



ADGP Jammu zone, Anand Jain chairing crime review meeting on Monday.

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu zone, Anand Jain, on Monday chaired a comprehensive crime review meeting of district Jammu. Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG JKS Range; Joginder Singh, SSP Jammu; all SSP, SDPOs, SIOs and ICPPs of district Jammu were present on the occasion.

During the meeting, the ADGP took stock of the crime situation in the district, focusing on recent crime trends, with a special focus on cases related to narcotics smuggling, illegal cross-border activities, and organized crime. He reviewed the status of investigation and prosecution, and emphasized the importance of timely and effective investigation to ensure justice for victims.

The officers were directed to develop a robust database for tracking habitual offenders, increase vigilance at vulnerable points, including border outposts, and reiterated the commitment to gather actionable intelligence, enhance community policing, and foster public trust.

All the officers present were asked to remain vigilant and strengthen intelligence-sharing mechanisms to thwart any attempts by anti-national elements to disrupt peace and tranquility. The ADGP further emphasized the need to work on actionable strategies to overcome challenges in evidence collection, and operational bottlenecks identified.

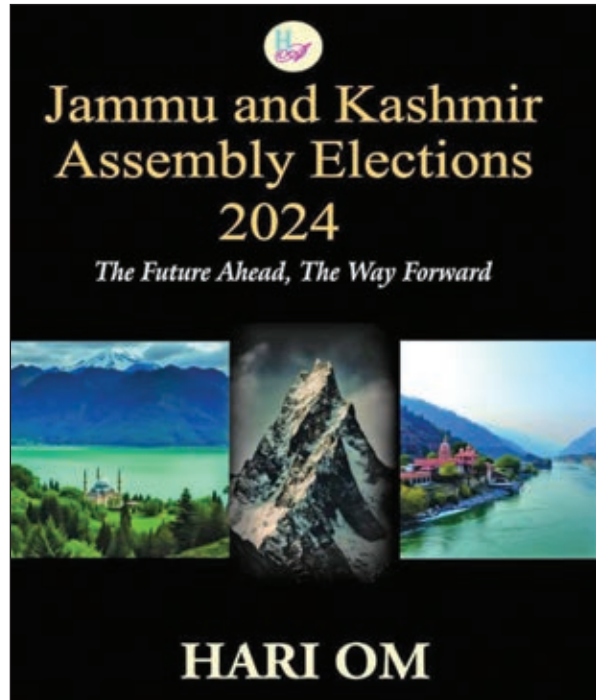
The operational directives, guidelines were issued to investigating officers (IOs) for enhancing efficiency, maintaining transparency, and prioritizing cases of sensitive nature.

# Prof Hari Om's book 'Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections 2024' hits stands

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JAMMU: Prof Hari Om's latest book "Jammu And Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024: The Future Ahead, The Way Forward" on Monday hit the stands.

It covers the period between August 16 and November 8, 2024 and deals with the circumstances leading to the first-ever assembly elections in the Union Territory of J&K.



approach and ideology of the Kashmiri leaders of all hues."

It also throws light on the powers and functions of Lieutenant Governor and Union Territory Government. Besides, the book decodes the election manifestos of the Kashmiri parties, including National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party and Congress, and highlights the nature of relations among the INDI Alliance constituents.

The book - apart from discussing the factors which helped BJP sweep the polarised Jammu and NC the polarised Kashmir - deals with the disturbing developments which unfolded between October 17 and November 8, 2024.

The book shows that the assembly elections further sharpened the fault lines between the Hindu majority Jammu province and the Muslim dominated Kashmir.

"The mandate, on the one hand, mandated the Kashmir-based NC to form the first-ever government in the Union Territory and, on the other, vindicated those who all through maintained that the wedlock between Jammu province and Kashmir was unnatural and there was nothing whatsoever which was common between the two disparate regions. No wonder then that the NC once again established Kashmir's hegemony over the State polity, notwithstanding its little presence in Jammu province. The result was that the already suffering Jammu once again remained out of the corridors of power," the book has said.

Besides, the book said: "There are potent reasons to believe that the 2024 mandate would further embitter the already rather bitter relations between Jammu province and Kashmir and lead to confrontation between the Kashmiri leadership and New Delhi. The reason is the exclusivist and anti-Centre

The insistence of Kashmiri parties on Statehood and Darbar Move and the dangerous implications and what should the Prime Minister Narendra Modi Government do to address the issues facing the marginalised and discriminated against Jammu and avert the impending disasters in this strategic frontier region form the core of the book.

The book is available with Sahitya Sangam, Kachi Chawni, Jammu, and Amazon.

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JAMMU: Hailing the inauguration of the Jammu Railway Division by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a path-breaking initiative to transform the region's connectivity and unlock opportunities for economic growth and employment, newly nominated Vice President of J&K Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), Devyani Rana called it the fulfillment of her late father, Devender Singh Rana's, long cherished and pursued dream.

Speaking at a women empowerment rally at Kotli in Mathwar Mandal, as part of public outreach programs following her father's passing, Devyani Rana highlighted Devender Singh Rana's relentless pursuit of the Jammu Railway Division.

"Less than a week before his untimely demise, my father made a request to the Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the crucial need for a separate Railway Division for Jammu," she

World Bank to approve \$20 billion lending package for Pakistan: report



# Modi resumed J&K rail extension work after gap of 50 years: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: A new chapter was etched in the history of Jammu and Kashmir and Indian Railways today as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the New Jammu Railway Division virtually.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking during virtual inauguration of New Jammu Railway Division by PM Narendra Modi, at Jammu Railway Station on Monday.

At the landmark event, Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the first train had arrived at the Jammu Railway Station but for as long as 50 years after that, there was no further progress

and we had to wait for over half a century for Narendra Modi to take over as the Prime Minister and resume the rail extension work in J&K after a gap of 50 years. He said, some day the question would be posed why the successive governments during these long years did no give priority to this sector in J&K or were there certain elements not in support of Kashmir valley getting connected to the rest of India by railway and thus becoming a part of the national mainstream.

Dr Jitendra Singh highlighted the transformative rail infrastructure projects underway in the region, underscoring their role in connecting Jammu and Kashmir with the national mainstream and catalyzing economic and social progress.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Jitendra Singh remarked, "The establishment of this railway division is not merely a logistical milestone but a reaffirmation of our commitment to integrate Jammu and Kashmir with India's economic growth trajectory." He recalled the challenges and delays that had plagued

the region's rail connectivity in the past but noted how recent years have witnessed unprecedented advancements. A key highlight was the Minister's reference to the world's highest railway bridge, standing taller than the Eiffel Tower, which now symbolizes the technological and infrastructural might of Indian Railways. "What was once deemed impossible is now a reality. This bridge stands as a testament to India's engineering prowess and commitment to

progress," he stated.

The New Jammu Railway Division will serve as a critical junction, facilitating faster passenger and freight movement while boosting the local economy. In addition, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized the broader expansion of rail connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, including the introduction of Vande Bharat trains and strategically located stoppages to cater to public demand. He also shared plans for upcoming initiatives, such as making smaller stations like Sangaldan vital junctions, thereby enabling seamless connectivity even in remote areas.

The Union Minister lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for rail and road infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir, which has transformed the region into one of North India's best-connected destinations. "Whether by road, rail, or air, Jammu is now a hub of connectivity, set to unlock immense opportunities in tourism, trade, and employment," Dr. Jitendra

Singh added.

Reflecting on the project's significance, the Minister appealed to the public to embrace this new era of connectivity, urging everyone to envision a brighter future for the next generation. He concluded with optimism, stating that the new railway division is not just an infrastructural achievement but a step toward fostering unity and development across the region.

With these advancements, the rail network in Jammu and Kashmir is poised to become a game-changer, bridging distances, fostering inclusivity, and contributing to India's collective progress. As trains begin to traverse these newly developed tracks, the dreams of a more connected, prosperous Jammu and Kashmir edge closer to reality.

The inauguration marked a pivotal moment in the government's effort to integrate the region further into the nation's fold, setting the stage for unprecedented growth and prosperity.

# Jammu Railway Division will transform connectivity; give boost to local economy, employment: Devyani Rana

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Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, BJP & Prabhari, J&K BJP and Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP presenting over nomination letter to Divyani Rana as Vice-President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha J&K.

## Devyani Rana nominated VP, BJYM J&K

JAMMU: Devyani Rana, daughter of the late Devender Singh Rana, BJP senior leader and former MLA, has been nominated as Vice-President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), J&K.

Arun Prabhat, President, BJYM J&K in consultation with Sat Sharma CA, President, BJP J&K and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K nominated Devyani Rana as the Vice-President, BJYM, J&K.

"Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, BJP & Prabhari, J&K BJP, Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, LoP, Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CM, Aseem Gupta, Vice-President, J&K BJP, Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, J&K BJP, and other senior leaders of party were present on the occasion.

Rana expressed gratitude

to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for publicly acknowledging her father's contributions during the inauguration function.

"The Jammu Railway Division is not just an infrastructural milestone but a testament to the late visionary leader's tireless efforts. As Jammu embarks on a new chapter of progress, the people remember and honor the enduring legacy of Devender Singh Rana—a leader whose dedication to the region's welfare will continue to inspire generations," she said.

Also thanking the party leadership rank, Devyani Rana said, "The immense encouragement, support and solidarity graciously shown by all ensured that Rana's vision and work is remembered and honoured".

Overwhelmed with emotion, Rana also extended her gratitude to the people of Nagrota Constituency by saying "Your unwavering patronage and encouragement gives me the strength every day to carry forward the mission of our beloved Devender Singh Rana."

# 358th Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh celebrated at Digiana Ashram

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JAMMU: 358th Parkash purab of 10th Guru Gobind Singh Maharaj was celebrated at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram Jammu under the supervision of Shri Manohar Manjeet Singh of Shri Manohar Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch.

while attending the gurburab samagam highlighted the sacrifices made by Guru Gobind Singh for the weak and downtrodden and asked everyone to follow virtuous path shown by the guru so that we can transform ourselves into an egalitarian society. Dr Abdullah also said that he always stand by the genuine demands and needs of the sikh community and will always work for the betterment of the sikh community.

Sudershan Singh Wazir Chairman Sikh United Front J&K spoke and threw light on the life of Guru Gobind Singh Maharaj.

He highlighted that Guru Gobind Singh fought 21 battles and won all of them. Wazir added that for the sake of humankind Guru Gobind Singh sacrificed his whole family including his four sons.

Wazir said that Sikhs have always been on forefront whenever the country needed as he talked about the contribution of Late Dr Manmohan Singh former PM during 1990s when he saved Indian economy which was on the verge of collapse.

Wazir also talked about restoring statehood to J&K as promised by the PM and Home Minister in Parliament



of India after assembly elections in J&K.

On behalf of Mahant Manjit Singh, Wazir thanked Dr. Farooq Abdullah and highlighted his cordial relations with Sikh community and his role in the establishment of Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology in 1999.

Other political leaders from various parties including Raman Bhalla Working President J&K JKPC, Dr Narinder Singh MLA, Vikram Randhawa MLA, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province NC, Dr. Mustafa Kamal also greeted people on the occasion of Gurburab.

Mahant Manjit Singh of Shri Manohar Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch, while addressing the Sangat, asked the people to follow the preachings of Guru Gobind Singh who sacrificed all his family to save humanity and stress upon Sikh community to adopt the path shown by Guru Gobind Singh in every field of life to become true and pure Sikh for serving the poor and needy people in the society and who work for the betterment of the country and become Amritdhari and come to the field of education.

All human beings are creation of one God so all should be treated equally irrespective of caste color, creed, religion and region. Mahant said that all parents should keep close watch on their children to save them from drugs and other evil deeds.

The other Sikh organizations and leaders who participated in Gurburab Samagam were Darbinder Singh President Shri Manohar Akali Dal J&K, Mohinder Singh Chief Organizer Bhai Kanhiya Nishkam Sewa Society and Ex member DGPC, Rajinder Singh Gen Sect Shri Manohar Akali Dal J&K, Surinder Singh Kala President Vegetable Association Narwal Mandi, Gajan Singh President J&K Motor Transport Company Association Jammu, S. Avtar Singh Member DGPC, Karan Singh Bali Member DGPC, Kulwant Singh Khajuria Joint Secretary Shri Manohar Akali Dal J&K, Charan Singh Bali Convenor Kashmir Province Shri Manohar Akali Dal J&K, S. Manmohan Singh Chairman Gurdwara Sikh Sabha Gole Gujral Jammu, Kulwant Singh, Kultar Singh, Paramjeet Singh Ex Corporator, Prof. Yudhveer Singh Ex Corporator, Charanveer Singh (Laad).