

Thana Diwas strengthens police-public coordination in Border Areas

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JAMMU: Thana Diwas was organised today by the Police Station R.S. Pura at Pari Palace in the border village of Baspur Bangla to strengthen police-public cooperation and address issues of local concern. The programme was chaired by SP Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Hussain Rather along with SDPO R.S. Pura Gurmeet Singh-JKPS and SHO Police Station R.S. Pura Inspector Ravi Singh Parihar. Officers in charge of Border Police Posts, including SI Ranbir Singh (BPP Baspura), SI Parshotam Singh (BPP Badyal Brahmana), and ASI Ashwani Sharma (BPP Agra Chak), were also present.

The event witnessed active participation of around 150 respected members of the community,



SP Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Hussain Rather with others at public meeting.

including numberdars, chowkidars, ex-sarpanches and panches, shopkeepers, senior citizens, and other prominent residents of the area.

During the Thana Diwas, detailed interaction took place between police officers and participants on a wide range of issues such as the drug menace, local security, traffic management, registration and investigation of cases, verification processes, and

strengthening of community policing. Participants freely shared their concerns and suggestions, offering valuable inputs to enhance police-public coordination.

The officers also apprised the gathering about the implementation of the new criminal laws, highlighting citizen-friendly provisions such as Zero FIR, e-FIR, preliminary enquiry, victim-centric approaches, and the use of forensic and digital evidence in investigations.

Emphasising the importance of security, especially in border areas, business owners were advised to install CCTV cameras in commercial establishments as per the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, to deter criminal activities and improve public safety.

Participants raised issues related to electricity load-shedding, tenant verification, drug abuse, and traffic violations, while also appreciating the sustained efforts of Jammu Police in curbing anti-social elements. They lauded the police for their prompt response, firm action against drug traffickers and hardened criminals, and improved community engagement.

Addressing the gathering, SP Headquarters Jammu thanked the public for their cooperation and urged the youth to remain vigilant against online scams, drug abuse, and anti-social activities. SDPO R.S. Pura and SHO R.S. Pura also appealed for continued public support in maintaining peace and making society drug-free.

The officers assured that all genuine issues raised would be taken up on priority, reiterating that Thana Diwas aims to bridge the gap between police and citizens and ensure people-friendly policing.

Piping ceremony of Selection Grade Constables held



SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, SP South, Dr. Ajay Sharma with newly promoted officials.

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JAMMU: Piping ceremony of Constables who were promoted to the rank of Selection Grade Constables on Thursday was held during an impressive ceremonial function at District Police Headquarters, Jammu.

The promoted officials were decorated with their new ranks by Joginder Singh, SSP Jammu, Dr. Ajay Sharma, SP City South, Jammu, Ashok Kumar, DySP DSB,

Jammu, Sachit Sharma, SDPO City East, Jammu, Inspector M.K Choudhary, PA to SSP Jammu and SI Chaman Lal, OSI, DPO Jammu on the occasion.

The promoted officials were Sgt. Ranish Kumar, Sgt. Rahul Sharma, Sgt. Shubham Kumar, Sgt. Deepak Sharma and Sgt. Rakesh Kumar.

SSP Jammu congratulated the promoted officials. He said that each elevation comes with more responsibility

and challenges to the working assignments and hoped that the officials would continue to work with zeal and zest in the future as well. He wished them good luck for the future.

The newly promoted officials expressed their gratitude towards police department for conferring their next rank. They also pledged to work with same zeal and enthusiasm in future also.

Women's empowerment in Jainism secure under Modi-led govt: Divya Jain



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JAMMU: In a spiritually enriching and inspiring atmosphere, the Ladies Jain Satsang Utsav was organised with great devotion at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The event brought together women from the Jain community to reflect upon the core Jain principles of non-violence, compassion, ethical living, and empowerment, while also acknowledging the progress achieved in women's development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing the gathering, Divya Jain, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

District Vice President, Jammu South, highlighted that women's empowerment, deeply rooted in Jain philosophy, has been further strengthened under the Modi-led Central Government. She stated that government policies resonate strongly with the timeless values of Jainism by promoting dignity, equality, and self-reliance for women across all sections of society.

Enumerating the achievements of the BJP-led government over the past 12 years, Divya Jain remarked that earlier governments merely spoke about women's upliftment,

whereas the present leadership has transformed this vision into action.

She emphasized that the shift from "women's development" to "women-led development" has become the defining feature of governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She particularly highlighted the transformative impact of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), informing the gathering that over 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened across the country, with nearly 56 percent held by women beneficiaries. She added that more than 67 percent of

these accounts belong to women from rural and semi-urban areas, underscoring the government's commitment to financial inclusion and economic independence for women.

Divya Jain also spoke about other women-centric initiatives such as the Ujjwala Yojana for smoke-free kitchens, Mudra Yojana providing collateral-free loans to women entrepreneurs, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao for improving the child sex ratio and promoting girls' education, and enhanced maternity benefits.

The event witnessed deep resonance among participants, as Jain principles of equality and upliftment aligned with the government's vision of Nari Shakti.

In a moment of appreciation, Mahavir Jain Mahila President Meenakshi Jain, along with her team, felicitated Divya Jain on her nomination as Vice President of BJP District Jammu South, acknowledging her dedication to women empowerment, public service, and community welfare.

Delegation from Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar calls on Mandeep Kour over civic crisis, seeks inclusion in JMC

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JAMMU: In view of the severe deterioration of civic amenities in Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar (GTB Nagar), Channi Rama Bypass, Jammu, a delegation of local residents today called on Mandeep Kour, Commissioner/Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), to raise pressing concerns regarding the area's exclusion from the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).

The delegation was led by Balwinder Singh, RTI and social activist and Vice President, District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu. He was accompanied by Ajit Singh (President), Jagjeet Singh (Cashier), Dilbagh Singh, and Arvinder Kour, members of the local committee.

The delegation submitted a detailed memorandum highlighting the alarming civic conditions prevailing in GTB Nagar, particularly in Sector-I, and strongly urged the government to bring the locality



RTI activist Balwinder Singh led delegation calling on Mandeep Kour, Commissioner/Secretary, H&UDD.

under the jurisdiction of JMC at the earliest.

GTB Nagar, established in the revered name of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the Ninth Sikh Guru, is a secular and composite locality where people from diverse communities have lived harmoniously for decades. Despite being located barely three kilometres from the JMC headquarters and situated along the National Highway Bypass near Wave Mall, the

area continues to remain outside municipal limits, leading to prolonged administrative neglect. The delegation informed the Commissioner/Secretary about rampant civic violations in the locality, including overflowing open drains, indiscriminate dumping of garbage, encroachment on public drains and roads, and illegal structures obstructing thoroughfares. Due to the absence of municipal oversight,

residents are facing unhygienic and unsafe living conditions, which have become particularly challenging for women, children, and senior citizens. It was also pointed out that residents who raise objections against illegal encroachments often face intimidation instead of receiving institutional support.

Emphasizing that inclusion of GTB Nagar within JMC is the only lawful and sustainable solution, the delegation cited the example of similarly placed localities such as Bathindi, which benefit from municipal governance, sanitation services, and infrastructure development.

Mandeep Kour, patiently heard the delegation and assured them that she would make sincere efforts to include GTB Nagar within the JMC limits during the forthcoming delimitation of municipal wards, prior to the Urban Local Bodies elections, strictly in accordance with statutory procedures and legal provisions.

Yudhvir holds Janata Darbar to address public grievances

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JAMMU: To directly listen to the problems of the people and provide timely solutions, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, today held a Janata Darbar at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan. The programme witnessed a large turnout of residents from different parts of Jammu East constituency, who raised issues related to civic amenities, infrastructure, employment, and social welfare.



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues at Janata Darbar.

Jammu East Mandal President Adarsh Jathiar, Amphalla Mandal President Swati Sharma, and District President SC Morcha Vijay Anand Gill, reflecting the

party's strong organisational presence and commitment to public service.

During the Janata Darbar, citizens presented their grievances, including water supply

problems, drainage issues, road repairs, electricity shortages, and pending government benefits. Many people also highlighted concerns related to health services. The MLA patiently heard every individual and issued on-the-spot directions to concerned officials for prompt redressal.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said, "Janata Darbar is a bridge between the people and their elected representatives. Our aim is to ensure that every citizen of Jammu East feels heard, respected, and supported. Governance becomes meaningful only when it is accessible to the common man." He further stated, "Development cannot be achieved from offices alone. It requires continuous interaction with the public. I am committed to resolving genuine issues at the earliest and ensuring that government schemes reach every deserving family."

Sethi added that special focus is being given to basic infra-

structure, sanitation and drinking water, in Jammu East. He assured that departments have been directed to work with accountability and transparency so that public confidence in governance is strengthened.

Party leaders present on the occasion also interacted with residents and assured them of full cooperation. They stressed that the BJP remains committed to inclusive development and people-centric governance.

Several grievances were resolved on the spot, while others were forwarded to the concerned departments for early action. The Janata Darbar created a positive atmosphere of trust and cooperation between the administration and the people. The programme once again highlighted Yudhvir Sethi's proactive approach in addressing public concerns and his determination to make Jammu East a model constituency through responsive and effective governance.

No mercy for separatism: Adv Purnima welcomes Asiya Andrabi's conviction

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson and former Deputy Mayor Advocate Purnima Sharma on Thursday welcomed the conviction of separatist leader Asiya Andrabi in a Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case, terming it a decisive victory for the rule of law and a strong message against terrorism and separatism in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement, Purnima Sharma said the conviction has exposed the "true face of separatist networks that thrived for decades by misleading the youth of Kashmir and inciting hatred against the nation." She asserted that justice has finally caught up with those who openly challenged India's sovereignty under the garb of ideology and religion.

Tracing Andrabi's background, Sharma said Asiya



Andrabi, founder of the banned outfit Dukhtar-e-Millat, was actively involved for years in promoting secessionist propaganda, glorifying militancy, and mobilising support for anti-India activities in the Valley. "Her organisation was never about social reform. It functioned as a front to radicalise women and sustain the ecosystem of separatism and terror," she added.

The BJP leader said Andrabi's repeated arrests over the years and her eventual conviction under UAPA underline the seriousness of

charges related to waging war against the nation and supporting banned organisations. "This judgment reinforces the resolve of the Indian state to deal firmly with those who threaten peace, unity and constitutional order," Sharma said. Purnima Sharma further credited the security agencies and judiciary for their perseverance, stating that the conviction would strengthen public faith in democratic institutions. She also said that lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir is possible only when separatism and militancy are completely uprooted and the youth are guided towards development and constitutional values.

"The BJP stands for zero tolerance towards terrorism. The conviction of Asiya Andrabi is a warning to all anti-national elements that no one is above the law," she asserted.

SSP Dr Koushal releases Dogri song "Koi Rees Naiyo Jammu Shaihr Di"



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JAMMU: The cultural landscape of Jammu has been enriched with the release of a soul-stirring new Dogri song titled "Koi Rees Naiyo Jammu Shaihr Di," an artistic tribute that celebrates the unparalleled charm and spirit of the City of Temples. The grand unveiling was performed by Dr. Koushal Kumar Sharma (JKPS), Senior Superintendent of Police PCR Jammu (Promoted to DIG), alongside prominent Social Activist and Chairman of the Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra.

rhythmic composition by Nirbhay Slathia. The musical arrangement, handled by Dr. V Kaith, provides a contemporary yet traditional backdrop to the visuals directed by Ravi.

The project is further elevated by a stellar starcast including Sapna Sona, Subash Janwal, and Basant Beyogi, and features special appearances by legendary cultural icons such as Padmashree Romalo Ram, Subash Brahmanu, and Jeevan Pahadi. Speaking at the launch, Dr. Koushal Kumar Sharma emphasized the vital role of art in maintaining the social fabric of the region. "Music is a universal language that bridges gaps and fosters a sense of pride in one's roots," he remarked. "This song, 'Koi Rees Naiyo Jammu Shaihr Di,' per-

fectly captures the essence of our beloved Jammu. It is heartening to see our local artists producing work of such high caliber that not only entertains but also preserves the rich Dogra heritage for future generations. I congratulate the entire team for their dedication to our cultural identity."

Keshav Chopra, Chairman of the Samvedna Society, shared his enthusiasm for the project's local impact.

Singer Ashok Kumar, expressed his deep appreciation for the support received during the production. "I am profoundly grateful to Dr. Koushal Kumar Sharma and Keshav Chopra for graced us with their presence and for their constant encouragement of the arts," Kumar said.

CUJ, NZATI launch MDP on LEAF-G to empower Accounts Officers

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JAMMU: A two-day Management Development Programme (MDP) on Leadership for Effective and Accountable Financial Governance (LEAF-G) was jointly launched today by the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) and the Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute (NZATI), Jammu. The programme is being conducted for combined batches of Accounts Officers, including JKAS Probationers Batch 2025, JKACC Batch 2024, and Ladakh ACC Batch 2024, under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain. The programme was formally inaugurated by Rajesh Talwar, Director Finance and Principal, NZATI Jammu, in the presence of Youqub Ittoo, Director General Funds, and Rajesh Kotwal, Director Accounts and Treasuries, Jammu. The



LEAF-G programme aims to equip officers with advanced knowledge, practical skills, and ethical leadership capabilities required to navigate the evolving landscape of public financial governance. The initiative focuses on enhancing leadership and stakeholder engagement, integrating technology for transparent financial operations, promoting ethical governance, and strengthening understanding of key financial frameworks such as General Financial Rules (GFRs), PFMS, GST, and GeM.

In his inaugural address,

Rajesh Talwar emphasized the critical role of the Accounts and Treasuries Organization in maintaining fiscal discipline and efficient resource management. He stated that the programme has been meticulously designed by experienced faculty members of CU Jammu to strengthen officers' decision-making abilities, technological adoption, and sustainable governance practices.

Welcoming the participants, Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Head, Department of HRM & OB, School of Business Studies, CUJ, outlined the agenda for

the two-day programme. She noted that the MDP aims to develop leadership and managerial competencies for strategic decision-making, regulatory compliance, and effective implementation of development initiatives through a blend of theory, case studies, and hands-on exercises. The keynote address was delivered by Pramod K. Jain, Chairman, Arunachal Pradesh Administrative Reforms Commission (APARC), who highlighted the importance of ethical decision-making, proactive change management, risk

assessment, and strategic problem-solving in public administration. Youqub Ittoo and Rajesh Kotwal highlighted key initiatives of the Finance Department, while Virender Wangnoo (Retd.), Senior Accounts Officer, AG Office, shared valuable audit-based case studies. Four technical sessions were conducted by Shakeel Maqbool, ICAS, and Geetika Kohli, eminent personality development trainer.

The organising team included Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, and Dr. Asif Ali from CUJ, along with NZATI faculty members Aditi harna, K.K. Raina, Accounts Officer, Jagtshwar Singh, Meenakshi, and Hannaan Malik. Dr. Shahid Mushtaq conducted the proceedings, Pursharth Sharma coordinated the registration desk, and Dr. Asif Ali presented the vote of thanks.