

# JU organizes General Zorawar Singh Memorial Public Lecture on China's Cognitive Warfare

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu (JU), on Friday organized the General Zorawar Singh Memorial Public Lecture on the theme "China's Cognitive Warfare Ecosystem: Implications and Response by India." The event witnessed wide participation from academicians, defence experts, researchers, students, media persons, and members of civil society from across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and paying tribute to Bharat Mata by the Chief Guest, Lt. Gen. R.K. Sharma, (Retd.), the keynote speaker; Maj. Gen. B.K. Sharma, (Retd.), Director DSRS Prof. Virender Koundal, and other dignitaries. The keynote address was delivered by



Lt. Gen. R.K. Sharma, (Retd.) speaking at a General Zorawar Singh Memorial Public Lecture at JU.

Maj. Gen. B.K. Sharma (Retd.), a renowned strategic thinker, author, and former Director of the United Service Institution of India (USI), New Delhi. In his insightful lecture, he provided an in-depth analysis of China's evolving cognitive warfare ecosystem and its implications for India's national security. Beginning with an overview of India's strategic security landscape, he explained the changing nature of warfare, the roles of state and non-state

actors, and the increasing importance of information, perception management, and technology in modern conflicts. Maj. Gen. Sharma elaborated on how China employs a comprehensive cognitive warfare strategy through its one-party political system, centralized control over media and propaganda, information support forces, cyber and space capabilities, and the use of both AI-driven and non-AI technology platforms. He highlighted China's cognitive operations in regions such as Xinjiang and Tibet, aimed at reshaping local identities and discrediting the Dalai Lama, as well as its strategies in Hong Kong and Taiwan for political manipulation and strategic encirclement. He further explained China's cognitive approaches towards India and outlined India's response mechanisms, including the 5-S strategy and coordinated tri-service preparedness. Lt. Gen. R.K. Sharma, AVSM (Retd.), in his presiding remarks, further elaborated on key elements of China's cognitive warfare strategy and stressed the need for India to counter it through awareness, preparedness, and strategic clarity. He observed that China often adopts defensive rhetoric to conceal its intentions in Tibet and other neighbouring regions. Earlier, Prof. Virender

Koundal, Director DSRS, welcomed the guests and highlighted the role of DSRS in promoting strategic studies while recalling the legacy of General Zorawar Singh and India's strategic culture. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam conducted the proceedings, while Dr. Surinder Mohan presented the vote of thanks.

Prof. Satinder Kumar, Dean Law, Prof. Sunita Devi, HoD Economics, Prof. Shalhu Sehgal, Pradeep Datta, Dr. Tsering, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Suresh Paul, Dr. Anshu, Dr. PP Singh, Dr. Jagmohan, Dr. Mool Raj, Dr. Sweta Choudary, Vishavjeet Singh, Dr. R.S. Sodhi, Dr. Apoorva Jamwal, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Dr. Sunil Kumar, many eminent academicians, journalists, member of the civil society and students have attended and participated in the seminar.

# 30 youths flagged off for Bharat Darshan Yatra by 7th Bn SSB Jammu



Prakash, Commandant, Sector Headquarters (Spl.Ops), Jammu with others officers and participating students at flagging off ceremony.

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JAMMU: As per the directions of MHA, Govt. of India, 7th Battalion of Sashashtra Seema Bal (SSB), Jammu, today organized a Bharat Darshan Tour for 30 youths from Doda and Jammu districts. The tour was formally flagged off by Prakash, Commandant, Sector Headquarters (Spl.Ops), Jammu. On this occasion, Achyut Singh, Commandant, 7th Battalion SSB, along with other senior officers, was

also present.

This is the third such exposure tour being organized by the 7th Battalion SSB Jammu for youths selected from the remote and far-flung areas of Doda and Jammu districts. Under this initiative, the participants will visit educational and historical places in Hyderabad and New Delhi.

As part of the programme, the youths will travel by aircraft, train, and bus, providing them with an opportunity to

experience different modes of transportation and gain broader exposure.

During the tour, free accommodation, transportation, and all other necessary facilities have been arranged by the SSB. In addition, the participants have been provided with tracksuits, shoes, bags, and caps. The youths expressed great enthusiasm for the programme and conveyed their gratitude to the Sashashtra Seema Bal for organizing this valuable and enriching experience.

# LG flags-off first Group of Mera Yuva Bharat's Kashmiri Youth Exchange Program



LG Manoj Sinha flagging off first Group of 120 youth from Kashmir Division under Kashmiri Youth Exchange Program "Watan Ko Jaano" on Friday.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday flagged off the first Group of 120 youth from Kashmir Division under Kashmiri Youth Exchange Program "Watan Ko Jaano". The flagship initiative, sponsored by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and executed by Mera Yuva Bharat - MY Bharat Jammu Kashmir under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, aims to foster national integration and empower the youth of the Kashmir Valley.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the participating youth and extended his best wishes for their journey. The 6th edition of the program will see a total 2,000 participants under different groups, including group leaders from across the Kashmir Valley, visiting 15 major cities across India.

The primary objective is to sensitize youth from Kashmir to act as ambassadors of peace and harmony by providing them with firsthand exposure to nation's diverse cultural, industrial, and historical landscape.

# BJP KDD visits fire victims at Jagti; assures immediate help and relief

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JAMMU: In a show of solidarity and grassroots support, Rajeev Pandita, President of BJP (KDD), led a high-level delegation to visit a family in Jagti township whose home and belongings were devastated by a tragic fire few days back.

Accompanying the President were senior members of the Zila team general secretary Vimal raina vice President Roop ji koul, Dolly raina secretary Surinder k bhat, Anjali Suri, Tika lal taploo mandal president Pyare lal pandita, both General secretaries Kuldeep Razdan, ML padroo, Booth presidents Ashok Sumbly, Chaman Lal Pandita, Manoranjan Dhar, Yuva Moreha Karyakarta Ashish sidda Mahila Moreha president Sujata Koul and her team and scores of



prominent people of samaj. The visit was aimed at personally assessing the extent of the damages and providing emotional support to the victims during this difficult period and also handed over few blankets to the victim family and assured more

help in coming days. While surveying the site, Pandita expressed deep concern over the magnitude of the loss. He issued a formal appeal to the government and the relevant administrative authorities of Relief and Rehabilitation department

to intervene without delay. He specifically urged for The immediate release of emergency relief funds The provision of adequate financial compensation tailored to the family's actual losses.

An accelerated process to ensure help reaches the family at the earliest possible date and also appreciated efforts of Relief department in ensuring family shifting to a separate flat and start of the renovation work at the damaged flat.

KDD delegation also urged for immediate creation of Fire and emergency branch at jagti township with a provision of availability of atleast two fire emergency service vehicles so

that such incidents do not get repeated in future with families loosing all their belongings to the fire incident. Reiterating the party's commitment to the welfare of the people, Pandita assured the victims that they would not be left to face this crisis alone.

He emphasized that the BJP team would provide all possible support to assist the family.

"We stand firmly with the victims in this hour of grief," Pandita stated. "Swift administrative action is not just a request, but a necessity to help this family rebuild their lives and find a sense of normalcy after such a devastating event."

# Basant Panchami celebrations at Mathwar from Jan 21

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JAMMU: The three-day annual celebrations of Basant Panchami at Mathwar Dev Sthan, 40 kilometers from here, shall be held from January 21.

This was announced by Baba Yash Pal, who has been selflessly serving for several years at the Dev Sthan, a centre of spiritual energy and collective prayer. With these rituals, the auspicious beginning of Basant Panchami celebrations is formally marked. It was announced that the Basant Panchami festival will be celebrated from January 21 to 23. Earlier, Mathwar Dev Sthan witnessed a spiritually vibrant atmosphere today as sacred rituals were performed with great devotion and traditional fervour to mark the



Baba Yash Pal performing Hawan at Mathwar Dev Sthan.

beginning of the festival. A special invitation was extended to Brahmins, and religious ceremonies were conducted following the Vedic traditions. Around 250 Vidyarthi participated in the holy proceedings and performed Gayatri Pooja at the sacred Mathwar Dev Sthan.

A Havan (Yagya) was also organised, creating an atmosphere filled with sacred chants and positive spiritual vibrations. With these rituals, the auspicious beginning of Basant Panchami celebrations is formally marked. During the ceremony, Baba Yash Pal Ji offered prayers for peace,

harmony, and prosperity of the Nation, expressing heartfelt wishes for the country's progress, welfare of all citizens, and overall national development.

He prayed for lasting peace across the Nation and for Baba Ballo Maharaj Ji's divine grace to remain upon all. Baba Ji also appealed to devotees and the general public to participate in the upcoming Basant Panchami celebrations and visit Mathwar Dev Sthan to seek blessings, thereby strengthening the values of unity, spirituality, and collective well-being.

It was announced that the Basant Panchami festival will be celebrated from January 21 to 23. Every year, lakhs of devotees visit the shrine from far-off places, including regions outside J&K, to seek the blessings of Baba Ballo ji Maharaj during this sacred festival.

# Separate hilly district needed for better governance: Col Mahan

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KATHUA: Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, Col Mahan Singh, raised a wide range of critical issues related to infrastructure, power, education, healthcare and rural development, particularly concerning the hilly and remote areas of the district, during a detailed meeting with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in Kathua. Describing Kathua as a geographically vast and diverse district, Col Mahan Singh informed the Chief Minister that it comprises hilly, Kandi, plain and border areas spread over 2,651 square kilometres, each facing distinct developmental challenges. He strongly reiterated the long-pending demand for the creation of a separate hilly revenue district, stating that it would ensure balanced development, better governance and efficient resource management. "The people of the Shivalik hill range have been waiting for decades for administrative restructuring that truly addresses their needs," he said. The Chief Minister assured that whenever new districts are considered, the hilly region of Kathua would receive top priority. Col Mahan Singh also highlighted



progress in handloom, handicraft and water sports initiatives, appreciating the establishment of Bamboo Craft Centres at Dinga Amb and Billawar, Common Facility Centres at Basohli for Basohli Pashmina and Basohli Paintings, and the water sports centre at Basohli. However, he stressed that these facilities must be fully operational with adequate staff and funding to create sustainable employment for local artisans. Expressing concern over poor road connectivity, he pointed out that the Hatli-Manmu road and Billawar-Daggar (Bani) via Deri Gala road have remained incomplete for nearly four decades. He further demanded the widening and upgradation of the badly damaged Mahanpur-Basohli road, emphasizing its importance for

economic growth. The Chief Minister assured timely review and action. On power infrastructure, Col Mahan Singh demanded the revival of the defunct JKPDC Sewa-III Hydropower Project (9 MW) at Hutt Mashka, which has been non-functional since 2012. "Its closure has deprived the region of jobs, revenue and development opportunities," he remarked, suggesting either its restoration or transfer to NHPC. He also raised serious concerns about the shortage of teachers in schools, lack of doctors and paramedical staff in PHCs and Sub-Centres, and inadequate drinking water supply due to delays in Jal Jeevan Mission implementation.

Additionally, he sought clearance of pending 14th Finance Commission liabilities worth Rs 2.5 crore and speedy resolution of litigation affecting the Rs 270 crore RDSS power upgrade project in Kathua. He also urged release of funds for flood control and land erosion prevention, and pressed for approval of a second Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Basohli. Col Mahan presented a Basohli Pashmina shawl and a Basohli heritage painting to the Chief Minister.

# Jammu U-18 Tennis Championship concludes Kyra crowned Girls Champion, Hardeep is the Boys Champion

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JAMMU: The Jammu District U-18 Boys and Girls Lawn Tennis Championship, organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association (JKLTA), came to a thrilling conclusion on Friday at the Tennis Courts of MA Stadium. The event showcased remarkable talent from the region's young tennis players. The girls' singles final featured a stellar match between Kyra Nagpal and Ridhya Gupta. Kyra Nagpal proved to be in excellent form, clinching the title with a 6-2, 6-1 victory, displaying solid control and consistency throughout the



Girls Champion Kyra Nagpal (Left) and Boys Champion Hardeep Singh (Right) posing for a photograph with Chief Guest.

match. In the Boys' Singles, Hardeep Singh lived up to expectations, putting on an outstanding display of tennis. He defeated Naman Tak in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1, showcasing his superior skill and composure under pressure. Singh's dominant performance earned him the championship trophy, making him the standout player of the tournament. Anissa Nabi, Chief Sports Officer of the J&K Sports Council was the Chief Guest at the event and distributed prizes to the winners.

# IGP Jammu chairs valedictory briefing of Refresher Training Module

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JAMMU: A one-week refresher training module was successfully conducted by Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu for police personnel transferred/adjusted from various wings to Jammu Zone.

The programme was organised at the Conference Hall, ZPHQ Jammu, with the objective of equipping the personnel with essential operational, legal, procedural and technological knowledge required for effective policing in the Zone.

The refresher course was specifically designed to familiarise the participants with current policing practices, operational protocols and updated legal frameworks, enabling their smooth integration into both field and office assignments. The training focused on enhancing professional competence, ensuring uniformity in procedures and strengthening preparedness to meet contemporary policing challenges. A total of 71 police personnel, ranging in rank



Bhim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone briefing participating personnel.

from Inspector to Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), participated in the programme. The training module covered a wide spectrum of subjects, including new criminal laws, special acts, police station functioning, CCTNS operations, forensic procedures, cybercrime, digital policing and counterterrorism training.

The sessions comprised interactive lectures, practical demonstrations and question-answer discussions, ensuring active participation and hands-on understanding of systems and procedures.

Senior officers and subject-matter experts delivered lectures to impart practical insights drawn from field experience and best practices.

On the conclusion of the refresher training programme, the participating personnel were briefed by Bhim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone and Shamsheer Hussain, Staff Officer to IGP Jammu Zone who emphasised the importance of professionalism, discipline and strict adherence to established procedures while discharging duties. The offi-

cers were encouraged to effectively apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the course in their day-to-day functioning.

The refresher training programme was conducted under the supervision and coordination of a committee of Officers of ZPHQ Jammu comprising Hemanshu Mahajan, Sr. PO; Inspr. Mohd Sadeeq; Inspr. Arun Kaul (Course Coordinator); Inspr. Sunny Sharma; Inspr. Ashish Chowdhary; PSI Ahsan Ahmed; PSI Anil Sharma and PSI Rakshit Sharma.

# Piping ceremony held at Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu



IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti with other officers and promotees at piping ceremony.

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JAMMU: A piping ceremony of Constables promoted to the rank of Selection Grade Constable was held on Friday at the Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ), Jammu.

During the ceremony, the promoted officials were decorated with their new ranks by Bhim Sen Tuti, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, in the presence of senior officers and staff of ZPHQ Jammu.

While congratulating the promoted personnel, IGP Jammu emphasised that enhanced responsibility and new professional challenges.

He expressed confidence that the promoted officials would continue to discharge their duties with dedication, commitment, and professionalism, and wished them success in their future assignments. The officials promoted to the rank of Selection

Grade Constable included Sg/Cts Rajan Sharma, Harpreet Singh, Kamal Abroal, Vipan Saini, Sumit Jagtyal, and Jatinder Singh.

Himanshu Mahajan, Sr Prosecuting Officer; Mukesh Sharma, Accounts Officer; Janardhan Salathia, Pvt Secy to IGP Jammu; Narinder Singh, DySP (M), ADO; and Inspr Mohd Sadiq, IC Crime, ZPHQ Jammu were also present on the occasion.