

Commissioner JMC visits Home for Aged & Infirm, Ambphalla



JMC Commissioner, Devansh Yadav visiting Home for the Aged & Infirm (Vridh Ashram).

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JAMMU: Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation and CEO, Smart City Project, on Saturday visited the Home for the Aged & Infirm (Vridh Ashram) along with senior officers of JMC.

During the visit, the Commissioner undertook a comprehensive round of both blocks of the Home, interacted with the inmates as well as the management, and enquired about their well-being and any specific issues faced by them.

Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Secretary of the Home, apprised the Commissioner that although the Home has an intake capacity of 90 residents, it is presently able to accommodate only about 45 inmates due to the non-availability of lifts in both G+2 blocks. He also highlighted the problem of public nuisance caused by shopkeepers and passers-by due to the absence of public urination facilities, resulting in unhygienic conditions near the windows of the Home.

Further, it was brought to the Commissioner's notice that the roadside drainage system in front of the Home and its gates is badly damaged and requires urgent repairs. The management requested proper repair of drains, installation of gratings on all sides for safety, and placement of suitable flower pots by JMC, which would also enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area.

The Commissioner patiently listened to all the concerns and assured the management of early and effective redressal. He appreciated and commented "that the Home is very well maintained, doing excellent service for oldage persons. It is the oldest and most efficiently run facility in Jammu City. He is highly impressed so see that all the elderly inmates living therein are quite happy and are being looked after very well despite limited resources.

He reiterated that the Government is fully committed to the safety, security, and welfare of senior citizens and assured that, as part of the Government machinery, he would ensure that the genuine issues raised are resolved to the best satisfaction of the inmates.

Later, the Home Management, led by Er. Pankaj Gupta, Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Sat Pal Sharma, and Rajinder Singh-President, Secretary, and Managing Committee Members respectively-presented a beautiful flower pot to the Commissioner as a goodwill gesture, appreciating his concern, sensitivity, and magnanimous approach towards the elderly.

Conference on Wiladat-e-Imam Ali (A.S.) celebrated with intellectual discourse

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JAMMU: A one-day conference commemorating the auspicious occasion of Wiladat-e-Imam Ali ibn Abu Talib (A.S.) was organized by Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu.

The conference witnessed enthusiastic participation from scholars, students, religious leaders, and members of the community, reflecting deep reverence for the life and teachings of Imam Ali (A.S.).

The event commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by Naat and Manqabat, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere.

In the inaugural address, Prof Sujat Khan, General Secretary of Anjuman, highlighted the significance of Wiladat-e-Imam Ali (A.S.), emphasizing his unparalleled contributions to Islam as a symbol of justice, wisdom, courage, and compassion.

President Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu Syed Amanat Ali Shah formally welcome all the guest speakers.

M. Y.Tarigami (MLA), Yudhvir Sethi (MLA Jammu East), Shiv Kumar Sharma DIG Jammu, Vivek Shekhar SP City Jammu and Sohail Kazmi Senior Journalist grace the occasion.

Maulana Syed Ghulam Hussain Rizvi from Delhi, Maulana Syed Saffdar Hussain Baqr from UP and Maulana Sheikh Intiaz Ali from Kargil were the speakers on the occasion.

All the distinguished speakers delivered insightful lectures focusing on various aspects of Imam Ali's (A.S.) life, including his leadership, commitment to social justice, moral integrity, and dedication to knowledge.

Speakers stressed how Imam Ali's teachings remain relevant in addressing contemporary social and ethical challenges, especially for the youth.

Large number people from all the regions of JK and Ladakh UT attended the conference. Anjuma-e-Imamia invited religious scholars, poets, and Intellectuals from different corners of the country who highlighted the golden tenure of Imam Ali (a.s) as a Caliph, his preaching and how the justice will be delivered to every individual of the society during the ruling tenure of Imam Ali (a.s).

The proceedings were conducted by Moulana Ali badshah, Afaq Hussain Kazmi Vice President. Ayaz Naqvi Joint Secretary Anjuman-e-Imamia delivered the vote of thanks.

85 VDG members from border villages undergo Intensive Training at DPL Jammu



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh with officers providing training to VDG members at DPL Jammu.

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JAMMU: Around 85 Village Defence Group (VDG) members from remote border villages of Arnia, R S Pura and Kanachak areas are undergoing intensive training in handling automatic rifles, minor tactics, self-defence, bunker construction and repelling enemy attacks at District Police Lines(DPL) Jammu. The training session was on Saturday inaugurated by SSP Jammu Joginder Singh at DPL Jammu. SP Headquarters Jammu, SP Operations Jammu and DySP DAR Jammu also attended the inaugural function.

The villages are located near International Border where apprehensions of infiltration, drone dropping, & tunnelling remain high especially in winters because of foggy weather conditions.

The training programme is being conducted at DPL Jammu by trainers including trainers from SOG Jammu with the objective of equipping VDG's to safeguard their villages and serve as the first responders in vulnerable areas in case of exigency.

VDG members have welcomed both the training and the recent upgradation of their weaponry. They also expressed gratitude for allotting self-loading rifles (SLRs), which replaced the older .303 rifles, significantly boosting their confidence. This is a major programme where 85 VDG members are being trained

in weapon handling, bunker construction and self confidence. The training imparted is instilling a renewed sense of confidence among VDG members.

After receiving automatic weapons, confidence of VDG members has increased, and they now feel more capable of defending their villages.

Speaking on the occasion SSP Jammu appreciated the role of VDG's in strengthening internal security especially border grind in Jammu District.

He also said that Strengthening Village Defence Groups is a part of a multi-layered security strategy aimed at ensuring long-term peace in the region.

Centenary Year of RSS; Virat Hindu Conference to hold programme at Mubarak Mandi today

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the Centenary Year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Hindu Conferences are being organized across various localities with the objective of strengthening Hindu unity, social harmony, and cultural awareness. In this connection, a press interaction was held today to inform the public about the Virat Hindu Conference scheduled to take place tomorrow at Mubarak Mandi, Jammu.

Addressing the media, it was stated that the conference is being organized under the esteemed chairmanship of Pt Rumil Sharma Ji, Mahant Shri Kaal Bhairav Temple, and under the guidance of the Virat



Pt Rumil Sharma Ji, Mahant Shri Kaal Bhairav Temple with others at a meeting.

Hindu Conference Committee. The purpose of today's announcement was to invite devotees and members of society to participate in large numbers and to spread awareness about the spiritual and cultural significance of the upcoming programme.

The Virat Hindu Conference will be held on January 4, 2026, at the historic Mubarak Mandi premises and is being organized by the Ramgarh Shakhia. The

event is open to all members of the Hindu community, irrespective of caste, creed, or background, and aims to bring people together on a common platform to promote unity, brotherhood, and social harmony.

The programme will commence at 11:00 AM with a Hawan (sacred fire ritual), performed for peace, prosperity, and the welfare of society. Devotees will have the opportunity to seek the divine blessings

of Shri Kaal Bhairav Ji and Shri Ganesh Ji, marking an auspicious beginning to the conference.

Following the Hawan, a Bhajan Sandhya will be organized, during which devotional hymns will be rendered, creating a spiritually uplifting and devotional atmosphere at the venue. These religious and cultural programmes are intended to inspire faith, devotion, and a strong sense of collective Hindu identity.

After the conclusion of all programmes, Prasad will be distributed among all devotees present.

The organizers stated that January 4, 2026, is being observed as a day dedicated to Hindu unity and collective consciousness, and appealed to people from all sections of society to participate enthusiastically. The conference is meant for every Hindu and serves as a reminder of shared traditions, cultural heritage, and the enduring values of unity and harmony.

The Virat Hindu Conference is expected to witness large participation and is being viewed as an important part of the RSS centenary celebrations in Jammu, reflecting the spirit of faith, unity, and social cohesion.

Swift action taken against Food Safety violations by Police, Food Safety Deptt



Jammu Police and Food Safety Designated Officer conducting checking to enforce food safety norms at Bus Stand Jammu.

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JAMMU: Jammu Police conducted a routine checking drive as part of its continued efforts to enforce food safety norms and protect public health. During the inspection, non-vegetarian food items were found being transported in a vehicle lacking mandatory insulation, constituting a serious violation of prescribed food safety standards. Taking immediate cognizance of the lapse, the Food Safety Designated Officer was called to the spot for on-site inspection and initiation of legal action

as per established procedures. Dy. Commissioner Food Safety Madan Magotra, along with Jammu Police team led by SHO Bus Stand Inderpal Singh promptly reached the location and carried out necessary proceedings in close coordination with police authorities.

Jammu Police reaffirms its firm commitment to ensuring public health, strict enforcement of food safety regulations, and zero tolerance towards any practices that may compromise the safety and well-being of citizens.

Dr S P Varma calls on LG Sinha

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JAMMU: Dr. S. P. Varma, President, Gandhi Global Family (GGF), Jammu and Kashmir, calls on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday at Lok Bhavan, Jammu, to extend New Year Greetings. In the meeting, Dr. S. P. Varma offered a bouquet of white roses to the Lieutenant Governor, symbolizing tranquility in the current crisis-laden globe.

Dr Varma formally extended an invitation to the Lieutenant Governor to preside over the Punyatithi of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, at Diwan-e-Aam Mubarak Mandi, Jammu, on 30th January 2026.

Several significant matters were brought to his kind notice during the meeting, including the proposal to invite the family members of freedom fighters and the families of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation's sovereignty and integrity on the Punyatithi of Mahatma Gandhi. A discussion occurred over the 2026 calendar



President GGF J&K, Dr. S. P. Varma calling on LG Manoj Sinha on Saturday.

endear of activities for the Gandhi Global Family, which included a request to organize a "Shanti Samelan" in both provinces of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. S. P. Varma apprised the Lieutenant Governor that Gandhi Global Family recognizes exemplary students from educational institutions in rural regions of the Union Territory of Jammu

and Kashmir to foster a competitive spirit among students, thereby motivating them to exert greater effort.

The Lieutenant Governor was additionally apprised that the General Officers Commanding (GOCs) of 9 Corps and 16 Corps at Satwari and Nagrota, respectively, recognized the volunteers of GGF for their unwavering and diligent efforts during Operation Sindoor and Operation Rahat recently.

On this occasion, Dr. Varma presented a traditional Dogra cap to the Lieutenant Governor, specifically crafted by Meenakshi Suri, a distinguished Dogra costume designer from Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, commended the endeavors of Gandhi Global Family in disseminating Gandhian principles of peace, truth and non-violence among society and urged the organization to persist in its significant efforts. He also extended his best wishes to each and every member of Gandhi Global Family.

Labour Deptt Samba hosts one-day awareness camp on New Labour Codes



Deputy Labour Commissioner Jammu Sukhpal Singh chairing an awareness camp.

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SAMBA: The Labour Department Samba organised a one-day awareness and interactive programme on the New Labour Codes on Saturday in the Baribrahmana Association Hall.

The programme was aimed at sensitising Human Resource (HR) professionals from industrial establishments and other stakeholders about the four new Labour Codes introduced by the Government of India.

The focus was on generating awareness regarding the salient features, compliance requirements and additional benefits of the four Labour Codes, which seek to simplify existing labour laws, improve compliance mechanism, enhance ease of doing business and strengthen the social security and welfare framework for workers. The programme was graced by the Deputy Labour Commissioner Jammu Sukhpal Singh, who attended the event as the Chief Guest.

In his address, he highlighted the significance of the new Labour Codes in promoting transparency, streamlining compliance and balancing the interest of employers and employees.

The event was also attended by President Baribrahmana Industrial Association Lalit Mahajan, who emphasised the importance of awareness and collaboration between industry stakeholders and the Labour Department for smooth implementation of the new labour reforms.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Samba Himani Jerath delivered a detailed presentation and guided the participants on the four new Labour Codes- The Wages Code; The Industrial Relations Code; The Code on Social Security; The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code.

She elaborated on their practical implications, compliance procedures and the benefits offered to both industries and workers under the new legal framework. The programme concluded with an interactive session during which participants raised queries and shared their experiences. The session was well appreciated by the attendees and proved to be a valuable platform for enhancing awareness and understanding of the new labour law regime.

"Gyan Yagya Pathshala" of JYBT gets official recognition



President JYBT, Pawan Kumar Shastri with students and others at a programme.

The achievement is being hailed as a testament to the vision and philanthropic leadership of Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the JYBT, whose sustained efforts have been instrumental in promoting the timeless values of

Sanatan Dharma.

Speaking on the occasion, Raj Kumar Gupta, Vice-President of the Trust, said that "Sanatan Dharma, with its rich philosophy, culture, and traditions, is not merely a religion but a way of life that emphasizes

the pursuit of truth, righteousness, and self-realization. These eternal and universal values have guided our civilization for millennia."

With the objective of preserving and promoting the ancient legacy of Sanatan

Dharma and Sanskrit Parampara, the JYBT has launched the "Gyan Yagya Pathshala" as a pioneering educational endeavour. Under this initiative, free classes will be organised every Sunday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sankat Mochan Panchmukhi Shri Hanuman Mandir Bhawan, B.C. Road, Jammu.

Students enrolled in the Pathshala will receive structured teachings in Bhagavad Katha Paath, Shri Hanuman Chalisa, Sunderkand Paath, Ramayana Paath, along with Dharma-Karma Gyan. A dedicated team of scholars will guide students through sacred scriptures, helping them under-

stand and appreciate the profound wisdom of ancient Indian seers.

In addition, students will be introduced to Sanskrit, the language of the scriptures and the foundation of many modern languages, with the aim of fostering a deeper connection to India's cultural heritage.

The Trust believes that this initiative will empower the younger generation to reconnect with their roots, contribute to the preservation of India's rich cultural legacy, and gain access to the vast repository of Indian knowledge, philosophy, and literature- thereby enriching their lives and broadening their intellectual and spiritual perspectives.