

Monthly meeting of Police Veterans Jammu District held, book "Breaking the Uniform" released

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JAMMU: The monthly meeting of Police Veterans of Jammu District was held today under the chairmanship of Karanjit Singh, President, Retirees Police League, District Jammu. At the outset, the members observed a two-minute silence to pay homage to the departed souls of Sham Sundar Sharma, SSP, and Mohd Saleem and Mohd Hafeez, DSPs, remembering their valuable services to the force.

The main highlight of today's meeting was the release of the book "Breaking the Uniform", authored by Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, SSP (Retd.). SP South Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and formally released the book in the presence of a large gathering of police veterans. The book reflects



SP Jammu South, Dr. Ajay Sharma with Retirees Police League District Jammu members after the meeting.

the professional journey and experiences of the author and was appreciated by the attendees for its insight into police life.

During the meeting, several important issues concerning retired police personnel were discussed in detail. These included the release of pending pensionary benefits of recently

retired police officers, the proposal for establishing a Veterans Township at Phalain Mandal, where a large patch of land is available for indoor and outdoor recreational activities, and concerns regarding the safety and security of retired police personnel who do not have PSOs despite having served dur-

ing the peak militancy period over the past three decades.

The members also emphasized the need to hold meetings of police veterans at Thana and District levels at least once a month. It was suggested that police unit in-charges or designated officers should mandatorily visit ex-policemen residing in their jurisdiction to assess their welfare. Other key issues raised

included the availability of better medical facilities and free medicines in police hospitals and other government hospitals, as well as the demand for a special recruitment drive for the children of retired police personnel.

A large number of senior and legendary police veterans attended the meeting, including Ch. Chirag Din, Kr. Ranjit Singh (IPS), Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, Suresh Kumar Sharma, Sarwar Chohan, Mukesh Kumar, Rakesh Parihar (SSPs), D.D. Sharma (SP), Kamal Sharma, Shamsheer Singh Parihar, P.R. Shan, Ch. S.P. Singh, S. Mohinder Singh, Daljit Singh, J.S. Chib (Senior Vice President), DSPs, Inspectors Mohd Sadiq (Vice President), Taj Mohd, Satpal Parkash, Chand Digra, Manohar Lal Ratta, Satpal (Cashier), Kirpal Singh (Organiser), N.K. Bali and Ashok Kumar.

Modi realising Mahatma Gandhi's dream of Ram-Rajya, Cong used MGNREGA for votes only: Zorawar

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JAMMU: J&K BJP spokesperson Zorawar Singh Janwal, while reacting to the VB-GRAM G Bill replacing MGNREGA, said, "It was Mahatma Gandhi's dream that farmers and villages be empowered so that India becomes self-reliant. That was his vision. Today, on the same foundation, Modi ji has unleashed waves of progress over the last 11-12 years, which is why the BJP has come to power!"

Taking a sharp dig at the Congress, the BJP spokesperson said that Congress only used MGNREGA as a political tool and failed to ensure transparency and sustainable livelihoods in rural areas. He alleged that under Congress rule, corruption, leakages and vote-bank politics weakened the scheme, while villages remained dependent and underdeveloped.

Zorawar further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP has focused on outcome-based governance, rural infrastructure, skill development and self-employment. "Unlike



Congress, which believed in temporary relief, the BJP believes in permanent solutions. VB-GRAM G is aimed at empowering villages, strengthening farmers, and making rural India economically independent," he added.

Janwal also said that calling policy reforms an "assassination" of Gandhi's vision reflects Congress's frustration after losing public trust. "Congress ruled for decades but failed to fulfil Gandhi's dream of strong villages, while the BJP is working to realise it on the ground. He further castigated Congress leadership for misleading the people of the Country on the issue and pointed out that Mahatma Gandhi's dream of establishing Ram Rajya in India was never given

a second thought by Congress in its 70 years of rule. Instead, its none other than BJP led NDA government under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who in just last 11 to 12 years brought revolutionary reforms to make Country self-reliant as dreamt by Mahatma Gandhi.

The empowerment of Villages, farmers, labourers and women are examples to this fact, that has literally made Congress leadership in frustration mode. "Which party or leader has objection on the name of Lord Ram? Who used to enchant Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Patit Paavan Sita Ram?," questioned Zorawar and added that "Even when Mahatma Gandhi breathed his last, 'Hey Ram, Hey Ram and Hey Ram' were his last words." "Except lip service, Congress didn't nothing to promote Gandhi's vision like promoting Swadeshi, however, it was BJP that has made production of Khaadi four times more in past just one decade," added Zorawar.

Rajesh Sharma meets BJP National Working President Nitin Nabin in New Delhi



Rajesh Sharma, senior Rotary leader meeting with Nitin Nabin, National Working President BJP in New Delhi.

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NEW DELHI: Rajesh Sharma, senior Rotary leader and former Chairman of the CII and FICCI J&K Council, met Nitin Nabin, National Working President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, in New Delhi today.

During the cordial interaction, Sharma extended his warm congratulations to Nabin

on assuming his new national responsibility and conveyed his best wishes for a successful, dynamic, and impactful tenure in service of the nation. The meeting also focused on the role of Rotary International in promoting public service, ethical leadership, and nation-building. Both leaders emphasized the importance of strong cooperation between civil society organisations and public institutions to effectively address social and developmental challenges.

They acknowledged that such partnerships play a vital role in driving inclusive growth, community empowerment, and sustainable development across the country. The discussion reflected shared values of "Service Above Self", a commitment to social responsibility, and a collective determination to work towards the welfare and upliftment of society.

The interaction concluded on a positive note, underlining the mutual respect and common purpose shared by both leaders in advancing the national interest and strengthening the fabric of public service in India.

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JAMMU: In a major step towards strengthening social inclusion and citizen empowerment, Social Activist and Chairman of Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra, organised a special distribution programme in which Ayushman Bharat Cards, ABHA Health IDs, Ration Cards, and Voter Cards were handed over to local residents.

The initiative was aimed at ensuring that the benefits of various government welfare schemes and essential citizen services reach people at the grassroots level, enabling them to access healthcare, food security, and democratic rights with ease.

Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Chopra expressed sincere gratitude to the Union



Chairman of Samvedna Society, distributing card.

Government for its people-centric and visionary policies. He said that the Ayushman Bharat Scheme and ABHA Health ID have transformed the healthcare system by ensuring affordable and quality medical treatment for all.

"The Ayushman Bharat Scheme provides health insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care. It allows citizens to receive cashless treatment at empanelled hospitals across the country, protecting families from financial hardship," Chopra stated.

He also highlighted the significance of the ABHA Health ID, which enables individuals to maintain secure digital health records, making healthcare more efficient, transparent, and paperless.

Chopra thanked the Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department and her team for their prompt and citizen-friendly services in issuing ration cards, and also appreciated the Election Commission of India for ensuring that every eligible citizen

receives a voter card, strengthening democratic participation.

Reaffirming his commitment to public service, Chopra said that the Samvedna Society will continue to act as a bridge between the government and the people so that no eligible beneficiary is left out of welfare schemes. He added that similar outreach programmes will be organised in other areas to extend support to more families.

The beneficiaries expressed their appreciation for the initiative and thanked Keshav Chopra and the Samvedna Society for their efforts toward community development and social welfare.

Among those present on the occasion were Anju, Manoj Tandon, Divyansh Gupta, Abhishek Gupta, Sourav Gupta, Vikas Kumar, and several others.

Shiv Sena demands verification of Rohingya settlements from administration; submits memorandum to DM, SSP Demand for extending school holidays

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JAMMU: Continuing its campaign to rid Jammu of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis, the Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit shared information received from the public with the Jammu District Magistrate, SSP, and Municipal Commissioner, demanding immediate verification and strict legal action.

Under the membership drive, which continued for the second day at the party's central office, about a dozen local youths from the Marh block of Jammu joined the party fold.

Sahni appointed new entrant Raghuraj Kumar as the president of the Marh block.

While briefing the media on this occasion, State President



Shiv Sena J&K President Manish Sahni talking to reporters.

Manish Sahni highly appreciated the cooperation and information received from the public in the campaign to make Jammu free of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis.

Sahni said that received information has been shared with the administration, and appropriate and strict legal action has been demanded.

Sahni said that as per the information large number of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis have set up camps in the illegally established Maratha Colony near Jammu Railway Station and at 'Kiryani Talab' near Bhatindi. Illegal shacks and shops have been built alongside the slums. Sahni said that local residents allege that

drug trafficking and drug abuse are also rampant in the area. Sahni further stated that he has shared all this information with the Jammu District Magistrate, the Jammu SSP, and the Municipal Commissioner, and has demanded appropriate and strict legal action.

On this occasion, several young people, including Raghuraj Kumar, Sunny Deol, Rakesh Kumar, Prashotam Kumar, Subhash Kumar, Baljit Singh, and Rahul Basan, joined the party.

Sahni welcomed the new members with a traditional welcome ceremony and presented them with the party's symbol. The Shiv Sena (UBT)

Jammu and Kashmir also demanded that school holidays be extended by a week due to the continuing intense cold and cold wave.

Sahni said that the intense cold and cold wave are persisting. The continuously falling temperatures and dense fog in the mornings could have a negative impact on children's health as they travel to and from school.

Sahni said that Lohri and Makar Sankranti festivals will be celebrated on January 13 and 14. Sahni has urged the Education Minister and school administration to extend the holidays until January 15th, considering the prevailing conditions.

Vishal Chopra inaugurates The Old Town Café

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JAMMU: Vishal Chopra, National Chairman (NATF) National Anti-Terrorism Front -India inaugurated The Old Town Café on Exchange Road, Jammu located behind the BSNL Office.

The inauguration ceremony marked a significant milestone for the café, which aims to bring a fresh and vibrant dining experience to the community. Chopra commended the initiative and expressed his support for local entrepreneurship.

Chopra said that the youth should stay away from drugs and focus on their work, so they can build their own homes and provide for their families.



Vishal Chopra, National Chairman NATF inaugurating The Old Town Café at Exchange Road, Jammu.

The event concluded with warm congratulations extended to Harry and Rahul, whose vision and dedication made the café a reality.

LG Secretariat bids adieu to CAO Gizala Shabnam



Lt Governor Kavinder Gupta bidding adieu to CAO Gizala Shabnam.

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LEH: A farewell party was organised at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat to bid adieu to Chief Accounts Officer Gizala Shabnam (2020 JKAS officer), who is proceeding to the Main Treasury Office. The occasion also marked the formal welcome of new Chief Accounts Officer Tsewang Dorjey. The Lt Governor Kavinder Gupta felicitated the outgoing officer and appreciated her professionalism, sincerity and commitment to duty. He acknowledged her role in ensuring financial discipline and smooth functioning of the Secretariat.

In her farewell remarks, Gizala described her stint as "special," noting it as her first posting in Ladakh and crediting the staff's cooperation for

efficient office functioning. "This enriching experience has been memorable; I thank everyone for their unwavering support," she expressed.

Security & Liaison Officer; Lt Col BK Dash praised Gizala for setting a benchmark through her dedication and professionalism, congratulated her on the new assignment, and extended a welcome to Tsewang Dorjey. Secretariat staff also lauded Gizala's exemplary work ethic. The event, supervised by Under Secretary Sachin Bali, underscored the transient nature of government service. "Transfers are part of official life; Gizala's two-year tenure exemplifies outstanding service," he remarked.

Officials and staff of LG Secretariat and Lok Nivass were present during the event.

BJP reviews VB G RAM G awareness drive, vows grassroots transformation in J&K

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, along with BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, convened a meeting of senior party leaders to review the progress and outreach of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) - VB-GRAM G at the party headquarters, here on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by J&K BJP General Secretary and Convenor for VB-GRAM G Janajagaran Abhiyan Baldev Singh Billawaria, General Secretary Mohammad Anwar Khan, former MLA Ashwani Sharma, and other senior leaders.

BJP leaders Ved Sharma, Rakesh Pant, Munish Khajuria, and others were among the prominent present in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Sat Sharma said that VB GRAMG is a visionary initiative aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve of Viksit Bharat, which places villages at the centre of national development.

He stated that the mission will significantly strengthen the rural economy by improv-



J&K BJP President MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma chairing a meeting.

ing infrastructure, expanding livelihood opportunities, and ensuring delivery of welfare schemes at the intended level. He said that this integrates modern needs with grassroots planning, enabling villages to become engines of inclusive growth.

Sat highlighted that the latest improvements under VB GRAMG include enhanced rural infrastructure, and focused skill development for rural youth and women. He asked the party leaders to further intensify awareness campaigns across all districts, strengthen coordination among party units, and proactively highlight the tangible benefits of VB GRAMG for rural prosperity and holistic development in Jammu & Kashmir.

In his address, Ashok Koul led the deliberations primarily focused on assessing the effectiveness of awareness activities being carried out across Jammu & Kashmir by the BJP leadership, including press conferences and other public outreach programmes aimed at educating people about the objectives and benefits of VB GRAMG.

He said that BJP's focus is on creating future-ready villages that can meet modern challenges while preserving local strengths. Billawaria said that the mission's success will be ensured through well-coordinated, sustained activities including press conferences and mass outreach programmes, with active involvement of BJP leadership and workers at every level, from senior leaders to grassroots cadres.

Koul felicitates 'Swadeshi Mela' participants, reviews BJP organizational preparedness

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SRINAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday felicitated the participants of the recently held "Swadeshi Mela" at its District Office in Srinagar, reaffirming its commitment to promoting indigenous enterprise and grassroots economic empowerment under the vision of "Vocal for Local."

The felicitation programme was led by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), BJP J&K, and was attended by BJP State General Secretary Anwar Khan, State Secretary Arif Raja, All Cells Co-Incharge Bilal Parry, District President BJP Srinagar Advocate Sheikh Salman, along with other senior party leaders.

The participants were honoured for showcasing locally manufactured and traditional products through various stalls during the Swadeshi Mela, recognizing their role in strengthening the local economy and preserving indigenous skills. Koul emphasized that the "Vocal for Local" campaign is a cornerstone of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of



General Secretary (Organization), BJP J&K, Ashok Koul felicitating Swadeshi Mela participants.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He stated that empowering local producers and small entrepreneurs is essential for building a self-reliant nation. Koul underlined that supporting local artisans is not only an economic initiative but also a social responsibility aimed at preserving traditional crafts, generating employment, and ensuring sustainable development at the grassroots level.

He reiterated BJP's commitment to providing platforms that offer visibility, market access, and encouragement to local talent, especially in Jammu and Kashmir. Following the felicitation ceremony, Ashok Koul chaired an organizational review meeting with BJP Srinagar district and con-

stituency presidents. The meeting was attended by Anwar Khan, Arif Raja, Bilal Parry, Advocate Sheikh Salman, district office bearers, constituency presidents, and Morcha presidents. Detailed deliberations were held on organizational strengthening, public outreach, and addressing key public welfare issues.

During the meeting, Koul stressed the importance of strengthening the party's organizational structure at the grassroots level. He called for disciplined cadre-building, regular meetings at booth and Mandal levels, and sustained outreach programmes. He also reviewed recent organizational activities and discussed upcoming party programmes in Srinagar district.