

Zorawar, Anirudh release video album "Sir Tum Ho"

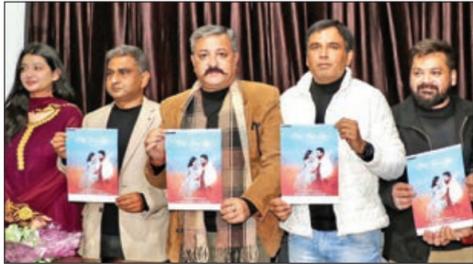
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JAMMU: District Electoral Officer (DEO), Udhampur, Anirudh Rai along with Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, on Wednesday launched the video album "Sirf Tum Ho" at a formal event held at the Press Club in Jammu.

The song, written and sung by Pradeep Kumar, features musical arrangements by Rajeev Kumar, sound design and mixing by Sahil Nath, and direction by KK Malhotra.

Prerna Sharma served as the Assistant Director, while Preeti Makeover provided makeup for the featured artists, Smriti Sharma and Naresh Kohli, who played central roles in the song's impactful presentation.

Speaking at the launch event, Anirudh Rai expressed his enthusiasm for the rising talent in



DEO Udhampur, Anirudh Rai, Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal launching album "Sirf Tum Ho".

Jammu & Kashmir and emphasized the importance of supporting local artists.

He said, "New opportunities are opening up everywhere today for innovative minds, and it's important that we nurture and encourage young talent. Music is a universal language that brings people together, and we are proud to celebrate this beautiful creation."

During the event, Zorawar Singh Jamwal praised the team's hard work and dedication in bringing the song to life. He emphasized the importance of nurturing local talent and providing platforms for regional artists to showcase their skills.

He also expressed his belief that such creative initiatives offer invaluable opportunities for individuals from the Jammu region

to present their talents on a larger stage.

Pradeep Kumar, the singer and songwriter, expressed deep gratitude to the audience for their overwhelming support and thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the song.

He encouraged the public to continue supporting his future projects, promising more creative endeavours to come. Chairman Team Jammu also highlighted the significance of promoting regional art and culture. He noted that projects like "Sirf Tum Ho" have the potential to elevate Jammu's artistic community and gain national recognition for the region's cultural heritage.

By offering local artists the exposure and support they need, the region could experience a creative renaissance, cultivating an environment where the

arts flourish and receive the recognition they deserve.

The successful launch of "Sirf Tum Ho" marks a significant step forward in showcasing Jammu's vibrant artistic talent. This event not only celebrates the creative vision behind the song but also highlights the importance of community support in nurturing local artists.

As the song gains momentum, it is expected to inspire a new wave of artistic expression in the region, encouraging more individuals to pursue their creative passions. The enthusiastic participation of the audience serves as a testament to the growing recognition of Jammu's cultural potential, and with continued support, the region is poised to make its mark on the national artistic landscape.

YRS to intensify Statehood demand: Raghubir Singh



Yuva Rajput Sabha Chairman, Raghubir Singh with other members.

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JAMMU: Re-elected Chairman of the Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS), Raghubir Singh, stated that both the Centre and the Union Territory administration have failed to fulfill the promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

He declared, "YRS will intensify its protests across the Union Territory in support of the statehood demand." He was speaking at the Turban Ceremony held at Patta Bohri, Jammu, in the presence of thousands of people from the Rajput community. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and highlighted the unity and strength of the community. During the ceremony, YRS President Vikram Singh Vicky, along with other stakeholders, felicitated the founder members of the YRS, including Chairman Raghubir Singh, Rajinder Singh, Ranjeet Singh, and Rajesh Singh. Committee members Mohan Singh, Ramesh Singh, Shamsher Singh, Rajveer Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Rajan Singh, Surinder

Singh, Dharminder Singh, Mohinder Singh, Balbir Singh, Nitu Singh, Pushvinder Singh, Balvinder Singh, Rakesh Singh, Komal Singh, Balu Singh, Bittu Singh, Jai Dev Singh, Prem Singh, Manjeet Singh, and Bahadur Singh were also honored for their contributions. As part of the ceremony, Vikram Singh ceremonially tied the turban on Chairman Raghubir Singh's head, signifying respect and responsibility. He praised the Chairman and core committee members, calling them the backbone of the Sabha. He emphasized that their vision, decisions, and unwavering support have enabled Team YRS to raise its voice for statehood and work for the betterment of the Dogra and Rajput communities.

"The Rajput community has shed its blood for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir. In the coming days, YRS will focus on heritage preservation, securing Dogra certificates, and addressing employment issues," Raghubir Singh asserted.

Randhawa participates in Nagar Kirtan in memory of Chaar Sahibzaade



MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa taking part in the Nagar Kirtan.

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JAMMU: Vikram Randhawa, senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, on Wednesday took part in the Nagar Kirtan held in connection with the 7-day long Safar E Shabadat.

The procession was dedicated to the supreme sacrifice of Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's four sons (Chaar Sahibzaade) and his mother Mata Gujri, along with all the martyrs who laid down their lives for the cause of truth and justice.

The Nagar Kirtan procession commenced from

Gurudwara Sri Guru Angad Dev Sahib Ji, Preet Nagar, and concluded at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Sahib Ji, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. The procession was a powerful tribute to the courage and valor exhibited by the Chaar Sahibzaade, whose sacrifices continue to inspire generations. During the procession, the MLA felicitated the Panj Payaras by presenting Saropas.

Speaking on the occasion, Vikram Randhawa emphasized the bravery and selflessness of the Chaar Sahibzaade, urging people to draw lessons

from their sacrifices and incorporate their ideals of courage, righteousness, and service to humanity into their daily lives. He said, "The sacrifices of the Chaar Sahibzaade are a shining example of valor and commitment to truth. Their legacy should be cherished and celebrated every day, not just on special occasions."

The senior BJP leader further praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for declaring Veer Bal Diwas in the memory of the Chaar Sahibzaade of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, acknowledging this historic step as a recognition of their unparalleled bravery and martyrdom.

Randhawa also appealed to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to remain steadfast in their commitment to the values of peace, unity, and love for the nation. He urged them to take inspiration from the lives of the Chaar Sahibzaade and uphold the ideals of sacrifice and duty towards society.

Department of Linguistics CLUJ celebrating Dogri Manyata Diwas

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JAMMU: The Department of Linguistics & Literature, School of Humanities & Liberal Arts, Cluster University of Jammu initiated a week-long celebrations on the occasion of the Dogri Manyata Diwas on 19th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th and 27th of December, 2024 under the patronship of Vice Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, to commemorate the introduction of Dogri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

The various activities were organised in collaboration with Department of Urdu, English, Dogri, Hindi, and Punjabi M.A.M. College, Department of Dogri Jammu University, Department of English, SHLA and School of Social Sciences. The inaugural started by lighting the ceremonial lamp by Principal, M.A.M. College, Prof. B. B. Anand, Dean, School of



Linguistics & Literature Deptt, School of Humanities & Liberal Arts, CLUJ students and faculty at a programme.

Humanities and Liberal Arts, Dr. Monika Sharma, and Head, Department of Linguistics and Literature, Dr. Reena Salaria. A welcome note was given by Dr. Reena Salaria in which she welcomed all the dignitaries and participants and also threw light on the various activities scheduled in the week-long event. She encouraged students to use the Dogri in their daily lives and also to promote it in the younger generation. The Dean SHLA delivered the conceptual note on the significance of the mother language of Jammu region in which she highlighted the historical and cultural

importance of the Duggar ethnicity which plays a pivotal role in the lives of Dogras, she further exhorted the audience and students to put forth the efforts in preserving the Dogri heritage. The Chief Guest of the event, Prof. B. B. Anand focussed on the need to embrace our linguistic identity and make it a part and parcel to ignite the respect for our Duggar civilization. The ceremony was followed by Essay Writing Competition on 19th in which 22 participants from GDC Akhnoor, PSPS GCW Gandhinagar, SPMR College of Commerce, GDC Sidhra, GGM Science College, Govt. MAM College and Department of Linguistics and Literature, SHLA Participated. The jury of the activity was Dr. Sandeep Dubey, Assistant Professor, Department of Dogri, Jammu University. The Sentence Comprehension Competition was held on 20th in which 22 participants from GDC Akhnoor, PSPS GCW Gandhinagar, SPMR College of Commerce, GDC Sidhra, GGM Science College, Govt. MAM College and Department of Linguistics and Literature, SHLA Participated. The jury of the activity was Prof. Veena Gupta, Former Head, Department of Dogri, Jammu University. The Pagadi Competition was held in the adopted village of Department of Linguistics and Literature, SHLA, on 22nd in which 6

participants from the Babliana village participated to showcase the cultural significance and pride of Dogra community. The Poetry Recitation Competition was organised on 24th in which 24 participants from GDC Akhnoor, PSPS GCW Gandhinagar, SPMR College of Commerce, GDC Sidhra, GGM Science College, Govt. MAM College, School of Social Science, and Department of Linguistics and Literature, SHLA Participated. The Jury members were Dr. Kuldeep Raina, Head, Department of Music, M.A.M College and Dr. Joginder Singh, Head, Department of Dogri, GDC Samba. The program will continue on 26th and 27th of December with the Dogra Cultural exhibition and one day Seminar on Career Prospects of Language and Linguistics in the Corporate Sector followed by the Valedictory.

CM Yogi pays floral tribute to Atal Ji

SHAHZAD AKHTAR

LUCKNOW: On the 100th birth anniversary of 'Bharat Ratna' former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated a special exhibition at the Bharatiya Janata Party's state office. During the event, he paid floral tribute to Atal Ji's portrait, honoring his unique personality and contributions to the nation. CM Yogi Adityanath said in this ceremony that this exhibition is a showcase of Atal Ji's remarkable political journey, presenting his life from student days to his tenure as Prime Minister in a well-structured sequence. Yogi stated that it highlights the historic decisions he made, his significant efforts for India's development and prosperity, and his unwavering patriotism, service, and indomitable courage. The display vividly depicts his multifaceted personality and nation-building contributions, emphasizing his visionary thinking that gave India a distinct identity on the global stage.

CM Yogi revisited cherished memories of Atal Ji while observing the exhibition and was photographed alongside a cutout of the 'Bharat Ratna' awardee. Prominent leaders, including State BJP President Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, General Secretary (Organization) Dharampal, Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, Minister of State Baldev Singh Aulakh, and others, were present on the occasion. All paid floral tributes to the portrait of Atal Ji, honoring his enduring legacy. Earlier yesterday, in a program organized on the 100th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday spoke about the celebrations marking former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 100th birthday, stating that these events are a medium for people to express their gratitude to the great men of the country.

Adityanath's comments came during a series of events marking the centenary of Vajpayee, which included a special poetry recital and the unveiling of a statue of the revered leader by the Chief Minister and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.



He said that "These celebrations are a medium for all of us to express our gratitude to the great men so that we can inspire the coming generation to follow those paths. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a great poet and his poems have been very famous. A poetry recital was also organized for him. I am happy that the youth took a lot of interest in it".

During the celebrations, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also unveiled a statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Drug abuse alarming threat to youth: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Addressing the joint delegation of youth activists of Rajasthan based social organisation "Samarth Seva Sang" and J&K based reputed and state awardee social organisation or SAHYOG INDIA - former Dy. Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta sensitized the masses in general and the agencies at the helm of affairs to curb drug menace that drug abuse is the major threat to nation particularly engulfing the youth to destabilise the equilibrium of developing and progressing Bharat which is going to be the third powerful nation of world.

As a regular feature, the youth from Rajasthan and J&K focusing the public places, slum areas etc. alternate years to aware man to man regarding drug abuse. Gupta appreciated the initiatives of both organisation SAMARTH and SAHYOG INDIA involving energetic youth, the true ambassadors of movement who are instrumental in setting the ill-fated n involved youth on right track towards healthy and fit India.

Police flags off group of students for 25th Rashtra Katha Shivir



Police officer flagging off group of students for 25th Rashtra Katha Shivir.

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SRINAGAR: On the directions of IGP Kashmir, V. K. Birdi, the Zonal Police Headquarters Kashmir organized a flag-off ceremony at District Police Lines, Srinagar. This event marked the departure of 22 students from the Kashmir Valley, accompanied by two caretakers, to participate in the 25th Rashtra Katha Shivir in Rajkot, Gujarat, scheduled from December 28, 2024, to January 5, 2025.

The "25th Rashtra Katha Shivir," hosted by Vedic Mission Trust, is designed to foster critical life skills and inspire the youth through motivational sessions led by distinguished speakers. DIG CKR

Srinagar, Rajiv Pandey-IPS, SSP Srinagar, and other senior officers attended the event, adding to its significance.

The Zonal Police Headquarters Kashmir has made comprehensive arrangements for the students, including all boarding and lodging facilities. Additionally, each participant was provided with a customized kit containing clothing and other essentials to ensure their comfort and convenience during the program.

During an interactive session with the students, representing various parts of the Kashmir Valley, DIG CKR Srinagar emphasized the importance of the tour in promoting National

Integration, Social and Religious Harmony, and personal development.

He encouraged the students to embrace this unique opportunity to learn and grow while building lasting memories. DIG CKR also highlighted the importance of fostering a sense of nationalism and appreciating the diversity and richness of the country.

The initiative received widespread appreciation from parents and the students, who expressed their gratitude to J&K Police for organizing such a valuable and inspiring program.

They commended the police for their efforts in facilitating participation in the 25th Rashtra Katha Shivir.

Faculty interaction organized by faculty of Life Sciences JU

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JAMMU: An interaction session for the Faculty of Life Sciences was held in the Botanical Garden of the Department of Botany, University of Jammu, to celebrate the University's remarkable achievement of securing an A++ grade and to acknowledge the contributions of its faculty members.

The Chief Guest for the event was Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu.

The program commenced with a formal welcome of the Chief Guest, marked by the presentation of a floral basket and a memento.

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, extended a warm



Faculty of Life Sciences JU during an interactive session.

welcome through a formal address and introduced the faculty members present at the event.

Dr. Susheel Verma, Professor and Head, Department of Botany elaborated upon the organization of Botanical Garden, the research facilities avail-

able in the garden and the societal significance of the garden.

During the session, Prof. Rohmetra commended the faculty for their pivotal role in the University's research and development, which contributed to the attainment of the A++ grade.

She highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the Office of the Dean of Research Studies and urged faculty members to collaborate on joint projects that focus on societal betterment and directly benefit the community. Prof. Rohmetra assured

full support of the DRS office to the faculty in addressing any challenges. She emphasized the importance of regular interactions to share research insights and to strategize for the University's growth and its positive impact on society.

The faculty of life sciences expressed the deepest gratitude towards the honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai for his patronage and support to all the endeavours of the faculty.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Namrata Sharma. The event was attended by the Heads of Departments and faculty members of all departments of the Faculty of Life Sciences.

AJKSCC delegation calls on LG Sinha



AJKSCC delegation calling on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: A delegation of All Jammu Kashmir Sikh Coordination Committee (AJKSCC) led by its Chairman Ajit Singh called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, on Wednesday. The delegation

extended an invitation to the Lieutenant Governor for "Vishesh Shahidi Samagam" on "Veer Baal Diwas", at Gurudwara Digiana Ashram, Jammu, tomorrow (on 26th December). The UT-level programme to mark the occasion and

commemorate the sacrifices of Mata Gujri and the revered Sahibzades of Guru Gobind Singh Ji is being organised by All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee, under the guidance of Mahant Manjit Singh of Dera Nangali Sahib.