

# JK Public School Panjtirthi observes Martyrs Day



Students of JK Public School Panjtirthi expressing their views on freedom-fighters and Mahatma Gandhi on Martyrs Day.

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JAMMU: To pay reverent homage to the patriots who fought and sacrificed their lives for the freedom, welfare and progress of India, JK Public School Panjtirthi observed Martyrs Day virtu-

ally.

Martyrs Day is observed on 30th of January every year as on the same day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated. Jakiians expressed that Mahatma Gandhi was a great freedom fighter. To pay

tribute to the great leader, students presented a power point presentation on the life of Mahatma Gandhi showing his trials and tribulations and relentless efforts in the Indian freedom struggle, besides his contribution to

nation building that conveyed the message of selfless love sacrifice and humanity which is the guiding light for generations to come. Jakiians also prayed to God to spread brotherhood and restore peace among nations.

A short documentary on his life was also shown.

Poems to motivate the viewers were also recited by students.

Jakiians sang the song "Raghupati Raghav" in the remembrance on Mahatma

Gandhi.

The students and staff also observed a silent prayer to pay tributes to other martyrs.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah applauded the efforts of the

students and urged them that Indians should always follow Gandhi's Principles-Simple Living, High Thinking and not to follow the seven social sins: Politeness without principles, Commerce without morality, Wealth without

work, Pleasure without conscience, Knowledge without character, Science without humanity and Worship without sacrifice'.

She concluded her words by saying that the blood of the Martyrs is the seed of nation.

## JU VC releases Sadaket Malik's book 'Bhalessa's cultural history & heritage'

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JAMMU: A book on Bhalessa- its culture, Education, history and tourism and language authored by an eminent writer Sadaket Malik was released today by Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice-Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU).

The book has been written by the author to focus on multiple aspects of Bhalessa (Doda).

The book titled "Bhalessa-Cultural history and heritage" consists of eight nostalgic chapters and is a remarkable piece of work. It



VC, JU, Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar and other dignitaries releasing Sadaket Malik's book.

will give you an insight into the area. The best part of this book is that all his claims and beliefs are supported with a proof, tables, classification, and justifications.

The chapter "culture" will stimulate one to know more and more about the region. It introduces you to various dialects and languages spoken there, and also to various festivals like Kod,

Pounayo, Konchochoth, Bason and Rang that are celebrated there besides Madersa reforms and unidentified tourism sites.

There are no words to explain Bhalessa's versatile culture; the book has done justice to the subject.

The book has been forwarded by Rafiq Masoodi Ex ADG Doordarshan and Ex-Secretary, J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages.

The book has a focus on the two sub-dialects of Bhalessi that comprised of Bhalessa, one spoken in the South, the centre of which is the village Kilhotran Changa, the other spoken in the North, the centre of

which is the village Jakyas.

Speaking on the occasion Vice-chancellor appreciated the author for the superlative efforts that he put in for the popularisation of composite cultural, heritage, local languages and unexplored areas like Bhalessa in Doda.

Prof Dhar laid stress on the promotion of composite cultural heritage. The book release function was attended by Aseer Kishtwari (Sahitya Academy Awardee), eminent Journalist Sohail Kazmi, Dr Imran Farooq PRO to Vice-Chancellor, eminent poet Fozia Naseem Mughal, Dr Rahul Kait and Dr Ashiq Hussain.

## PHQ bids farewell to DySP Inderjeet Singh Officer worked with dedication throughout his career: DGP



DGP, J&K, Dilbag Singh in presence of other police officers pesenting memento to DySP Inderjeet Singh on his superannuation.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters on Monday bid farewell to the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) Inderjeet Singh on his superannuation.

DGP, J&K Dilbag Singh, ADGP Headquarters PHQ, M. K. Sinha, ADGP Coordination PHQ Danesh Rana, IGP CIV, PHQ, Alok Kumar, AlsG and other gazetted officers of PHQ attended the farewell function.

On the occasion, DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh said that the retiring officer has

worked with dedication throughout his career.

He praised the outgoing officer for his contribution to the department in various capacities.

DGP congratulated him for having a successful career and wished him health and blissful post retirement life.

Inderjeet Singh, while speaking on the occasion, thanked the DGP, J&K and other police officers for their guidance and support during his service career. He said that he was proud to be a member of J&K Police.

ADGP Headquarters gave the resume of the officer's

service record in the department. He hailed the officer for completing such a long service in the department with sincerity and dignity.

A Science graduate Inderjeet Singh joined the J&K Police in the year 1993 and rose to the rank DySP.

He has been decorated with the Police Medal for Meritorious Services and Jammu Kashmir Police Medal for Meritorious Services in the year 2017 and 2021 respectively for his dedication and professionalism. He has also received the DGPs Medal in the year 1995.

## DGP sanctions retirement gift of Rs 1.33 Cr in favour of 133 police personnel

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JAMMU: As a token of appreciation of their services to the department, the Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Monday sanctioned retirement gift of Rs 1.33 crore in favour of 133 police officers and personnel who retired from active services after attaining superannuation or taking voluntary retirement today. Vide PHQ J&K Order No. 298 of 2022 and order No. 328 of 2022 retirement gift of Rs 1 lakh each was sanctioned in favour of five Gazetted officers, 98 Non-gazetted officers, 20 lower subordinates, and ten followers. These personnel belong to different units and wings of the department.

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JAMMU: The monthly meeting of All J&K Plus Two Lecturers' Forum was held under the leadership of Provincial President Pardeep Singh Rakwal and chairmanship of R S Slathia. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Ghar Singh, General Secretary of forum, which was attended by a number of Principals, Lecturers and Tehsil Heads from different districts of.

The main agenda of meeting was to lay stress on formation of designated post of Vice Principal in all Higher Secondary institutions of J&K UT. The members stressed upon the need of

releasing advance calendar of exams, syllabus and other instructions related to Board classes to avoid confusion and chaos among students, particularly at the time of exams.

It was also discussed that health of teaching fraternity is at stake as schools are open and cases of COVID are increasing day by day. It was stressed that option of work from home can be granted to teaching fraternity as online classes are already going on. In some schools, as there is network issue as such online classes can be more effectively taken from homes with Wi-fi facility.

The member urged LG

Manoj Sinha to grant option of work from home option to teachers taking into consideration the present scenario. It was also emphasized that teaching community should be treated as frontline workers and precautionary dose of vaccine should also be given to them on priority.

Others issues discussed during meeting included ACP, regularisation of all pending subjects, implementation of transfer policy, Charge Allowance in favour of Principals, accommodation facility for Principals, lecturers posted in outside districts, filling-up of vacant posts of Principals and lecturers, repatriation of lectur-

ers posted in remote areas, induction of college quota in favour of Plus two lecturers etc.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Sudershan Chandel, Rajesh Suri, Charu Anand, Jyoti Prakash, Dr Ashok Kumar, Dr Sushma, Mulkh Raj, Sohan Singh Chib, Kamal Kishore Bhagat, Esha Choudhary, Salim Shah, Dalbir Singh Jamwal, Ashok Kumar, Renu Langeh, Rashpal Singh, Subash Singh, Surjeet Singh, Jai Karan, Mukesh, Geeta Choudhary, Iffat Shah, Ravinder Singh, Bashir, Sahil, Vinay Kumar, Sanjay and Sandeep Rathore.

## HC issues directives in PIL highlighting dilapidated condition of Munsiff Court Mendhar

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JAMMU: In a PIL filed by Bar Association Mendhar highlighting dilapidated condition of the Munsiff Court Building, Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sindhu Sharma, directed AAG to find out latest position and submit status report. When PIL Came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that the Infrastructure Committee of High Court has already approved the DPR for the construction of the Court Complex (G+3) at Mendhar as prepared by Executive Engineer; PWD (R&B) Division, Poonch and counter-signed by Chief Engineer at an estimated cost of Rs 1234.60 Lakh. DB further observed that aforesaid recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee on being accepted by the Chief Justice has already been sent to Secretary to Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, J&K and progress thereof is not known. DB directed AAG Ravinder Gupta appearing for Com/Secy Finance Deptt and AAG Amit Gupta, for Law Secretary to find out the latest position and to submit a status report regarding the above.

## SPF resents hollow promises made by administration with Sikhs

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JAMMU: Resenting hollow promises made by LG J&K UT with Sikh community of J&K, Sikh Progressive Front (SPF) has threatened to launch a mass agitation at grass root level to get justice. While addressing a press conference on Monday, Balvinder Singh President SUF along with other members namely Surinder Singh Wazir, Manjit Singh and Rajinder Singh Sudan recalled their meeting with LG of J&K UT held on March 14, 2021 during which a memorandum consisting ten demands was submitted to him. After discussing demands in detail, LG assured the visiting deputation that a few demands out of ten mentioned in the memorandum shall be addressed immediately like constitution of Minority Commission, installation of statue of Baba Banda Singh at Kunjwani Chowk, taking initiative for promotion of



SPF President, Balvinder Singh talking to reporters.

Punjabi language in JKUT, implementation of Anand Marriage Act passed by Parliament on June 7, 2012 etc.

The visiting members further highlighted issue of debaring of non-migrant Sikh youth of valley from availing benefits under Prime Minister Special Employment Package by amending J&K Kashmiri Migrants (Special Drive) Recruitment Rules 2009 of SRO-412 dated December 30, 2009 vide SRO-425 dated October 10, 2017 whereby the

then State Govt of erstwhile State added a clause stating that Non-Migrant Kashmiri means 'Kashmiri Pandits only.

Singh said, "Despite receiving assurances given by LG, another glaring example of discrimination with Sikh community is quite visible from recent advertisement wherein SSRB has again advertised 89 posts for migrants and non-migrant 'Kashmiri Pandits' under PM Special Employment package debaring Non-Migrant Kashmiri Sikh youth from the package. As this order itself is

discriminatory towards interest of Sikh Community of Kashmir who didn't migrate from valley, but suffered the same miseries even during peak of terrorism and more than 150 Sikhs were killed during three decades of terrorism."

He further said that it is unfortunate that despite lapse of considerable time no action has been taken by J&K UT administration to address grievances of the community compelling the community to adopt path of agitation for their legitimate rights. SPF further urged entire Sikh community of J&K to get ready for launching a mass agitation to get justice.

Others present on the occasion included Babu Singh, Jatinder Singh, Janak Singh, Paranjit Singh, Sharanjit Singh, Nirman Singh, Ravinder Singh, Mamohan Singh, Jasbir Singh, Jasmeet Singh and Ramandeep Singh.

## CWA seeks formulation of checking squads in all districts

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JAMMU: Consumer Welfare Association (CWA) Jammu held virtual meeting on Monday to discuss various consumers' affairs, especially on 74th death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who was a crusader for Consumer Rights.

During the meeting, CWA hailed steps taken by Rajouri administration for conducting market inspections and holding consumer awareness programme in association with Assistant Director,

Consumer Affairs. It was emphasized that there is dire need for similar action at all district headquarters of Jammu Province. The CWA urged all district administrations of Jammu province to form flying squads comprising concerned officials from FS&CA and IMD to conduct surprise market checks for ensuring that reasonable rates commensurate with quality of goods/ services are charged from consumers besides initiating action against all such profiteering

sellers who charge exorbitant prices. It was highlighted by CWA members that consumers are already facing hardships due to ongoing COVID pandemic situation and miseries are further compounded with steep price rise of essential commodities. Those who attended the meeting included Chander Prakash, M S Jamwal, Rajinder Prasad, Joginder K Khajuria, Ashok Kaul and S N Kaul.

## EPFO Jammu settles 13 pension cases in January

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JAMMU: Pension is very important for ensuring social security for employees and their family members in times of need and eventualities. EPFO Regional Office, Jammu has initiated the process of settling pension claims from offices of Jammu and Kashmir. The office has settled 13 pension claims in January 2022 besides settling several other cases as well. It is pertinent to mention here that monthly pension is available to members if they have ten or more years of service under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 in one or more establishment(s). The eligible members may avail superannuation pension by applying online claim through their UAN login after attainment of 58 years of age. Provision of monthly pension is also available to family of EPS members in case of unfortunate demise of member while in service. The family member(s) may avail monthly pension by applying offline through employer of deceased.

## ABVP holds protest against TN Govt for suicide of student



ABVP activists raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a protest at Parade Chowk against Tamil Nadu Government condemning suicide of a class 12 student after forced conversion. Lavanya, a student of Sacred Heart High School in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, committed suicide due to intolerable torture by

school staff which pressurized her for converting to Christianity. On January 24, 2022 the teenager committed suicide. Condemning the tragic incident, ABVP demanded a fair and transparent investigation into the case. Speaking on the occasion, ABVP J&K State Secretary Mukesh Manhas said that suicide of a girl student due to pressure of conversion is

really heartbreaking. "We are in the fight for justice for victim and stand with bereaved family," he added. He further said that to ensure that institutional evangelism is not practiced, a proper regulatory framework to separate Churches and Masjids from schools should be strictly enforced. Forced Conversion should be made a punishable offence, he asserted, demanding a proper and transparent enquiry into the matter for booking all the culprits.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Ramnik Sharma, Chahat Anand, Abhishek Sharma, Meetali Sharma, Naresh Dalmotra, Anit Singh, Kamru, Ashita, Anjali, Priya, Vikrant, Shivam, Vikrant, Abhishek and Anubav.

## DFSS demands retrieval of encroached lands

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JAMMU: A number or activists of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) led by its President Ashok Gupta held a protest on Monday demanding removal of all types of encroachments from state land. Speaking during the protest, Gupta said that all type of encroached land, which belongs to Government, must be retrieved from encroachers besides initiating legal action against violators. He further said that there are some reports regarding encroachment of 23 Kanals & 9 Marlas land in Ghaink village, Tehsil Bhalwal by Ex-

Deputy Chief Minister and former Social Welfare Minister in Roop Nagar.

He appealed to Div Com Jammu & VC JDA that the land in Ghaink, Bhalwal is not being claimed by anyone; as such JDA should put its board there to resolve the issue. "Land in Roop Nagar must be allotted to allottees and all encroachers must be removed from land so that law of the land can prevail," he added. Those who were present during the protest included Shushil, Deepu, Arjun, Kalu, Naresh, Sidhant, Chaman and Lovely.