

## Short-movie ‘Sarab’ released; BJP leaders hail film against scourge of terror

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party today lauded the initiatives of generating awareness about the growing threat of terrorism to the civilized world, saying film is an effective and most powerful medium, apart from the designated security grid, to fight this scourge.

"Since the terrorism is spreading its tentacles through social media in this cyber age, it has become necessary to counter the threat by equally powerful medium of films", BJP President Ravinder Raina said at the premier launch, along with senior leaders Devender Singh Rana, Sham Lal Sharma, and Zorawar Singh, among others, of a short film 'Sarab', a film based on terrorism by noted media journalist Ashish Kohli here this afternoon. Ravinder Raina said Ashish Kohli has done justice with the theme by portraying terrorism as a real threat that has pushed the world into a dark tunnel with peace becoming the biggest causality. The



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina, prominent leader Devender Rana and others during launch of short-film 'Sarab'.

threat of terror has to be countered unitedly by all segments of the people who believe in peaceful world order; he said.

Devender Singh Rana lauded Ashish Kohli for conceptualizing the theme of the film and portraying it splendidly in the lead role, he hoped that the production will be received well by the cine-goers as it revolves around the terror threat and scars being left by the scourge on the common people. Jammu and Kashmir has been theatre of terror unleashed by the neighbouring country and it is heartening to see that the

enterprising youth are playing their role in fighting this global threat in their own ways. If the valiant security forces are tackling terror at ground zero, the artists and intellectuals too are combating in this long drawn fight by their intellectual and artistic pursuits, he added.

"Ashish Kohli is multi-faceted personality and it is good to see him in the new avatar of an actor and producer alongside being a prominent journalist, who has made a niche for himself in brief career of journalism", Devender Rana said, hoping he will achieve the zenith of his career in years to come. BJP Vice President Sham Lal Sharma congratulated Ashish Kohli and his team for the production, saying it will inspire the youngsters to try their luck in film industry, which is getting a big boost in Jammu and Kashmir after the roll out of a Film Policy.

Sharma wished success to Ashish Kohli and his entire team, saying that the collective effort of the young artists and the crew behind the camera has manifested in a thought provoking film, the subject of which is a matter of concern for all. He hoped that the team will continue its initiatives in highlighting issues confronting the society through the medium of film. Complimenting Kohli for his debut in films, Team Jammu Chairperson Zorawar Singh Jamwal, while presenting vote of thanks, said Jammu has no dearth of talent and need of the hour is to identify it and provide it a bigger canvas to reach out to the people in a big way. Jamwal also highlighted the need of promoting young talent in the field of art, music, film and sports sector. Prominent among those present at the premier included Sonam Deep Singh Aulakh,

Editor in Chief Jammu Express, who was Guest of Honour besides Dogri comedian Sanyam Pandoh, famous singer Varsha Jamwal, Beautician Dr Ronisha, Supreet Kour, former Mrs India 2016 and Mrs Best Personality Glammon, RJ Roohi, Khwaish Gupta Dr Hemja and Adhya Wazir. The film has been written and produced by Vikram Sharma, a senior journalist and a filmmaker; and directed by Aaditya Bhanu, Ravi Sharma of Dhanraj Studios edited and added all VFX effects. The occasion was a special event wherein Ashish Kohli, Dogra journalist took the centre stage as he acted in the movie as lead role on a subject that contained terrorism as a serious issue.

Besides Ashish Kohli, the film cast included Kamal Kishan Ganjoo, Bindia Chandan, Mannat, Amit Gupta, Sham Verna, Vikram Jasrotia, Arun Sharma, Shubham Kumar, Dennis Gill and Rahul Gupta.

The premier show caught the imagination of the audience who gave a huge applause and appreciated the roles played by the artists. They also lauded the entire team for giving their best in different disciplines of the film. Senior film and theatre artist and director Sapna Soni conducted the proceedings of the event.

## Impressed by party's policies, dozens join BJP Follow example of selfless public service set by PM: Yudhvir



BJP senior leaders alongwith newly joined members.

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JAMMU: Impressed by the policies and programmes of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), dozens of youth joined the party fold during a function held at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni here on Monday.

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi was the Chief Guest of the function organized by Vinay Sharma, BJP District President; Praveen Keri Mandal President; Vipin Sharma and Rajinder Gupta General Secretaries East Mandal, Pawan Kumar; Anil Kumar and Pankaj Kumar were also present on the occasion. The J&K BJP Vice President, while welcoming the new entrants into party fold,

appreciated them for their wise decision to join BJP.

He said that they have come to the right party and advised them never to give up the intention to selflessly serve the masses and the Nation as 'Sewa Parmo Dharm' is the motto of this party that has resulted in its success across the nation with more and more people joining it with each passing day.

He said that their joining is the proof that the masses are rejecting the opportunistic policies played by other parties in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir and are getting attracted to BJP to serve the masses selflessly in a mission mode.

He said that he is quite confident that all the new entrants will dedicatedly serve the people while ensuring their outreach

upto the grass roots level.

He asserted that the joining of the new entrants today and hereafter will undoubtedly further strengthen the BJP in this sensitive Union Territory.

Yudhvir Sethi said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set up the best example of selfless public service and the whole BJP cadre reaches out to masses following the dynamic PM's footsteps in letter and spirit.

He advised the new entrants to work with great zeal and enthusiasm in their respective areas to further strengthen the party.

He also asked them to conduct awareness campaigns for highlighting the pro-people policies of the party and its Govt led by PM Narendra Modi at the Centre.

## Climate Front takes out awareness rally on environmental degradation

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JAMMU: Under its campaign to raise awareness about environmental degradation and forest protection, the Climate Front Jammu (CFJ) under aegis of its national parent body Climate Front India (CFI) held an awareness rally on Monday.

On the occasion, a number of volunteers of CFJ, along with other climate activists from across J&K gathered to profess their love for Mother Nature at Environmental Park Sidhra, from where commitment of saving and creating awareness about environment saw its beginning in 2021 with writing letters to the unconditional lovers of humans- the trees at Raika forest by almost 250 Jammuites. The team gathered again to rekindle their love for trees and take the relationship forward. Enthusiastic nature-lovers marched on their way to Raika forest

where a pledge to protect trees and environment with all their hearts along with ribbons to symbolize their commitment towards the cause, was taken by all volunteers and members of Pariyavaran Waste Land Development Society. The rally was attended by volunteers, members and common people from all walks of life having a common goal and vision to save environment and create a balance between development and nature. Pertinent to mention here that CFJ team along with its partner organisations has put all efforts for creating awareness as well saving Raika forests and river Tawi with more than 20 meet-ups without giving in to heat, cold or COVID.

Prominent among those who were present during the rally included Anmol Ohri, Founder Director CFI; Shubham Babouria, President CFJ; G S Thakur and Ritambra Khajuria.

## Grass-root development core agenda of BJP: Baru



Councillor Ward No. 41 Sanjay Baru inaugurating macadamization work.

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader and Councillor Ward No. 41 Sanjay Kumar Baru, JMC Ward No. 40 Councillor Neelam Nargotra, BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra started macadamization work in Sai Baba Lane, Tirath Nagar Ward 40. Baru said that the grass-root development has always been the core agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He also said that some Kashmir based political parties are trying to play petty politics even in the ground level development works creating nuisance in the society which is not acceptable at any cost. Neelam Nargotra speaking on the occasion said that the present Macadamization work has been initiated with the estimat-

ed cost of 6 Lakhs with the help of JMC. She specifically said that the drainage system in the said lane will be completed for the whole lane without any residual areas in a short span of time. She said that those who are trying to create their political base by ruining the development works should instead do service to the needy. Keshav Chopra appreciated the dedicated work by the Wards Councillors and reaffirmed party's commitment for the development.

Yashpal Shivgotra, Arun Dubey, Munish Gupta, Paramjit Kour, Parveen Ghai, Abhishek Sharma, Atul Chopra, Anuj Soni, Rahul Nargotra, Sunil Chopra and local residents were present on the occasion.

## Perform all official, administrative works in Hindi: DBPS urges Govt

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) on Monday appealed to the Lieutenant Governor UT Jammu & Kashmir to come out with executive order for performing all official and administrative work in Hindi.

"Since erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir has now become Union Territory, all administrative and official meetings and issuance of further orders should be in Hindi language" said Ved Parkash Sharma President DBPS while addressing a meeting with office bearers here. He said that in Delhi and also Chandigarh, long established as Union Territories the official work is performed in Hindi.

Hindi is a beautiful language combining in it all elements of the national integration which is the need of the hour; he said. He further said that the



DBPS members during a meeting at Jammu.

people of UT Jammu and Kashmir were always with the UT Lieutenant Governor's every bold decisions for speeding up development activities, strengthening democracy at grass-roots level and ensuring accountability and good governance.

Senior Member of the Sabha, Advocate P.C Sharma said that now Dogri/Hindi can also be used as medium language in the official documents/work in UT many documents in the

departments could be conducted easily and also be understood by every citizen of UT knowing his own language. Prominent social activist Ex-DC, B.S Jamwal said that inclusion of Dogri Hindi etc as official languages is not only a fulfillment of long pending demand, but also in keeping with the spirit of equality.

Senior BJP leader Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma came out with suggestion to increase the circle of Sanskrit language

## BoDs of Paryavaran & Wasteland Development Co-operative Society Nagrota elected

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JAMMU: Paryavaran and Wasteland Development Co-operative Society, Nagrota, on Monday conducted triennial election of its Board of Directors (BoDs) for managing the affairs of organization. The election was conducted under the Chairmanship of Returning Officer Manoj Kumar Koul deputied by Corporate Department, J&K Government.

Paryavaran and Wasteland Co-operative Society is a registered organization which is committed to protect environment and to convert wasteland into forest cover in Jammu & Kashmir from the last 30 years. M L Abrol, Gandharb Singh Thakur, Rameshwar



Board of Directors of Paryavaran & Wasteland Dev Coop Society during a meeting.

Dutt, Joginder Singh, Sakshi Magotra, Zaffar Iqbal and Paras Sawhney were elected as Directors of the society.

While interacting with media persons, all the elected directors have shown concern for the deforestation, climate crises and other challenges targeting forest and biodiversity.

They have ensured that all the members of the organization will work in accordance with the aims & objectives of the organization. Chairman, Managing Director and Secretary of the organization shall be elected tomorrow by the Board of Directors.

## BJYM pays tributes to Pulwama Martyrs



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JAMMU: The youth wing of the ruling BJP, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) on Monday remembered the martyr security forces personnel on third anniversary of the unfortunate attack that took place at Lethapora in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJYM activists, led by state secretary BJYM, Rajat Singh Manhas took out a march in the Paloura area of the city amidst slogans in favour of the brave security forces and the Indian Army. Later, rich tributes paid to the martyrs by lighting the candles.

On February 14, 2019, Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror group had attacked a convoy of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir, resulting in martyrdom of 40 personnel of the force.

Days later, Indian warplanes struck the biggest terrorist training camp of JeM deep inside Pakistan's Balakot in retaliation to the dastardly terror attack.

"On the third anniversary of the cowardice attack by the Pakistan sponsored terrorist outfit, we pay tributes to the martyrs of the CRPF and at the same time pray to the Almighty God to give courage to the

families of the soldiers to bear the irreparable loss. We bow our heads before the parents of such security personnel for their sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the Nation," said Rajat Singh Manhas.

Among others who spoke in the tribute paying march, Happy Jamwal appreciated the courage shown by the Government of India in giving a befitting reply to the Pakistan soon after the Pulwama attack.

Prominent among those who were part of the event included Dushyant Singh, Digvijay Singh, Rohit Chib, Daljeet, Happy Singh Jamwal and Subash Sharma.

## DGP sanctions financial assistance of over Rs 2.42 Cr for 224 police personnel

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JAMMU: Continuing with an aim to provide more and more welfare measures for police personnel and to provide financial assistance to meet their urgent needs, Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned over Rs 2.42 crore welfare loan, relief in favour of 224 officers and personnel of J&K Police vide police head-



quarters order number 527 of 2022.

Under this order, Rs 30 lakh have been sanctioned in favour of 30 personnel to meet the expenses of self-treatment and treatment of their dependents. Rs 1.93 crore have been

sanctioned in favour of 181 personnel for their own marriage, and marriage of sons, daughters.

Thirteen police personnel have been provided Rs 17.75 lakh as welfare loan for higher/professional education of their wards. Under this order, welfare relief of Rs 1.5 lakh has been also sanctioned in favour of seven police personnel.

## Poplar Plantation Drive begins at Organic Farm of SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu, Dr. J. P. Sharma on Monday started plantation drive at the Organic Farming Research Center, SKUAST Jammu by planting a Poplar sapling.

Poplar plant, a fast-growing tree, is planted in winter season only and provides returns for the farmers.

Speaking at the event, Dr. J. P. Sharma said that economically important trees are an integral part of the natural farming system.

He said that owing to increased awareness with



VC, SKUAST-J, Dr. J. P. Sharma starting plantation drive.

respect to environment and quality food, our society is slowly moving towards organic and natural farming-based food products. During the pro-

gramme, the Vice Chancellor also inaugurated the newly built composting shed under the RKVY programme.

He said that composting

area is an essential part of any organic and/or natural farming system.

He also directed the scientists involved to prepare a policy document on promotion of natural farming in the region.

He was accompanied by Dr. PK Wali, Director Research; Dr. SK Gupta, Registrar; Dr. BC Sharma, Prof and Head Agronomy; Dr. Amrisha Vaid, Nodal officer Mega Seed Project, Dr. Sandeep Sehgal Associate Professor, Agroforestry and other staff of OFRC.

Dr. Vikas Sharma, Incharge OFRC, welcomed the Vice

Chancellor to the Organic Farm and thanked him for his support to the Research Centre in all possible ways.

He said that natural farming is the way forward that can improve the quality of life as well as enhance income of the farmers and as such we have to take up the responsibility of carrying out scientific research and promotion of natural farming.

Dr. PK Wali, Director Research and Dr. SK Gupta, Registrar assured of complete support for Research and capacity building activities.