

7-day long winter camp at GDC Marheen concludes

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KATHUA: Valedictory function of the 7 Day Long Winter Camp was organized by NSS unit of Government Degree College Marheen. On this occasion, Dr Janak Singh, the most revered Retd. Principal of the college was the chief Guest and Dr Anupama Gupta esteemed Principal of GDC, Marheen was Guest of Honour. The function was started by the welcome address of Dr Arun Dev Singh NSS Programme Officer of the College by offering the Bouquets to the Guests followed by the lightening ceremony, recitation of Saraswati Vandana and NSS song by NSS Volunteers.

He has read out detailed report of 7 Day Long Winter Camp in which he elaborated the various activities which were carried out by 55 NSS volunteers

Plantation Drive and Nasha Mukat Campaign was organized and the large number of NSS volunteers partic-



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

ipated actively in Plantation drive which was conducted in the Primary Health Centre of village Marheen. Swachta rally and door to door campaign was conducted.

The lecture was delivered by Dr Sanjeet Sharma and Dr Namrata from District Ayush Department Kathua, On 20-02-2024 a Yoga Session was organized by NSS unit. On this occasion, Anush Model and Balwinder Kumar experts

from Ayush Department Kathua were invited for yoga training.

Dr Anupama Gupta, esteemed Principal of the college appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers and supported them by saying that they played a vital role and rendered community services in the interest of the people during the camp which would help them in future to develop their personality, confidence and feeling of wellbeing.

The Chief Guest distributed certificates, the Mementos and medals among the NSS Volunteers who attended Camps and rendered meritorious services in the interest of society. Siya, Sr, Volunteer received Best Volunteer Award of 7 Day Long Winter Camp whereas Shubam was given Best- Runner-up NSS Volunteer award.

Dr Arun Dev Singh extended his special thanks to Dr Janak Singh respected Retd. Principal of the College who consented to be the Chief-Guest and graced the Occasion with lot of blessings and he also extended thanks to Dr Anupama Gupta esteemed Principal of the college who constantly supported the entire NSS unit and Volunteers during the camp.

He also extended special thanks to locals Shiv Dev Singh, Subash Singh, Anupawan Singh and others for providing support during the camp. He said that he

would fail if he could not be able to extend his gracious thanks to Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Government of India ,Regional Directorate NSS Delhi, Dr Yasmeen Ashai worthy Director Hr. Education NSS Officer of Jammu and Kashmir UT,and Dr Hema Gandotra respected NSS Coordinator University of Jammu without their support it was quite difficult to organize such type special camp of 7 Day Long winter.

And eventually, he extended his thanks and gratitude from core of heart to the faculty members: Prof. Sandeep Choudhary, Prof Anoop Sharma, Dr Munisha, Dr Imran, Dr Shalun, Dr Barneet, Dr Reemi, Dr Rajni, Dr Surbhi, Prof Preeti, other official, NSS volunteers of the college, media persons who gave wonderful and huge coverage. The Proceedings were carried out by Siya and Neha NSS Volunteers.

DC Doda convenes meeting on District Road Safety Committee

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, who is also chairman of District Road Safety Committee, accompanied by SSP Doda Javaid Iqbal today convened a meeting on District Road Safety Committee in DC Office Doda.

During the meeting, the DC Doda emphasized the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to improve road safety measures in Doda. Various aspects such as road infrastructure, traffic management, public awareness campaigns related to road safety, and enforcement of traffic rules were discussed in detail.

DC Doda also focused on the training of volunteers for accident measures and identify the "Aapda Mitras" provided them with emergency accident kits. The officers present at the meeting



DC Doda Harvinder Singh chairing a meeting.

shared their inputs and suggestions on how to effectively implement road safety measures in the district.

The DC Doda directed the concerned departments to work together to formulate a detailed action plan for enhancing road safety in Doda and said the officers to prepare a big map of entire district which cover the road circle, health Institutes, PHCs, and Police station of district that helps in finding the location of accident spots.

Regular monitoring and evaluation mechanisms were also put in place to track the

progress of the initiatives and address any challenges that may arise.

DC Doda also directed the health department to provide ambulance with critical care, desired equipment and a doctor for accident victims during mishap and availability of doctors in near PHCs of district. During the meeting, ADC Doda, ACR Doda, SE PWD circle Doda, DFO Doda, AATO Doda, CMO Doda, GM NHIDCL, CEO Doda, Traffic, SDRF, IRAD besides other officers and officials of District Road Safety committee were present.

GDC Thannamandi organises seminar on Shahbaz Rajouri to mark International Mother Tongue Day

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THANNAMANDI: The Literary Activity Committee in collaboration with Department of Urdu and IQAC of GDC Thannamandi organized a seminar on the Life and Works of Shahbaz Rajouri as part of Viskit Bharat @2047 Sankalp here today.

On his 3rd death anniversary, a seminar on the life and works of Shahbaz Rajouri, legendary poet and writer of Pirpanjal, organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of the college. Khurshid Ahmed Bismal, noted educationist and towering personality of Pirpanjal was Chief Guest whereas Iqbal Nazish, leading fictionist and Afzal Zia were special guests on the occasion. Dr. Naseem Ahmed Malik, Head Department of Chemistry and senior most faculty in college, presided over the function. The dignitaries also released a book entitled "Shahbaz Rajouri-Shakhsiat -o-Adabi Khidmat" compiled by Dr. Abdul Haque Naimi, based on the life and works of Shahbaz Rajouri.

In his message, Prof. Farooq Ahmed said that need there is urgent need to preserve the indigenous languages and continue the legacy of scholars like Shahbaz Rajouri who played

pivotal role to preserve and promote them. He appreciated the organizing team for continued efforts to highlight the contribution of regional scholars of eminence among youth and students.

Khurshid Bismil in his keynote address underlined the numerous contribution of Shahbaz Rajouri as a versatile personality - educationist, social worker, luminary and think tank who tried to reform the society through his multilingual prose and poetic works including over a dozen of books, number of articles in English, Urdu, Kashmiri, Pahari and Gojri languages. He was a teacher par excellence who produced hundreds of students who excelled in different fields of life. I am lucky to be one of his students, Bismil Added. Iqbal Nazish, Afzal Zia, Prof. Asif Aijaz Lone, Dr. Shiraz

Ahmed, Dr. Nazar Ul Islam, Prof. Runy Dar and Anuj Bali (Librarian) also spoke on the occasion in different indigenous languages - Gojri, Pahari, Kashmiri and Dogri.

Earlier, Dr. Ashaq Malik, IQAC Coordinator and Head, Department of Botany welcomed and introduced the audience about the programme. Dr. Abdul Haque Naimi, Head Department of Urdu and Convener, College Literary Activity Committee conducted the proceedings of the programme whereas Dr. Naseem Ahmed Malik Presented the formal vote of thanks.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr. Ather Raina, Dr. Javaid Ahmed, Dr. Arshad Khan, Dr. Waheed Ahmed Qazi, Dr. Zubair and Dr. Anzar Peerzada.

MBA students of JU's Kathua Campus visit Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Limited

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KATHUA: The Management School, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organized the Industrial visit for the MBA II and MBA IV semester students to the Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Limited on 22.02.2024 (Thursday). This visit was organized to sensitize the students about the comprehensive working of the pharmaceutical firm in terms of production, processing and packaging.

An industrial tour is a part of the students' curriculum to give them first-hand experience of the industrial units. Students and staff were given a guided tour of the manufacturing, processing and packaging unit. In their two-hour tour of the Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries



Students along with officials of Sun Pharma at Kathua.

Limited, students were briefed about the history and working culture of the firm and its market segmentation, targeting and positioning. While interacting with the students, Ajay Kaul, Manager, Corporate Relations said that the Sun Pharma is the leading pharmaceutical company in India which

maintains quality production and hiring a highly professional workforce from all over the nation. He said that the students must inculcate the sense of integrating classroom knowledge with practical organizational operations so that they can make best of their professional business education.

Kavita, Officer, Quality Compliance, briefly discussed the history of the company. With grace and expertise, she explored how the company works in different countries of the world. She not only outlined the journey of the company in Jammu but also addressed all the queries of the students with clarity and precision. Mr. Naveen Tiwari, Senior Manager, Production has guided the student through the production facility. Students also experienced the batch process of production and packaging of the medicines.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua campus appreciated the initiative taken by the Management School. He asked the faculty members to keep sensi-

tizing the students to the latest trends in organizational development and operations management. It will help MBA students of the campus to be the assets for the socio-economic resurgence of Kathua in particular and Jammu in general besides contributing to the professional capacity building of the J&K UT.

The industrial visit was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Zahir Ansari, I/c Head, MBA. Gourav Sharma coordinated with the company for the smooth conduct of the visit. Faculty members including Anvi Sharma, Tiharika, Kamakshi, Anu Bala along with students of MBA II and IV semester during the visit.

15,000 foreigners got J&K citizenship between 1990 and 1998 with lakhs and lakhs of rupees

■ PROF HARI OM Jammu, the ISI target



Things in Jammu were deteriorating and fast appeared to be going the Kashmir way. The fundamental factor: Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) saboteurs, after wrecking the administration in the Valley and disrupting its political and economic institutions, had turned its attention to what is also known as the City of Temples, Jammu. A UNI report of January 31, 1995, quoting defence sources, said that the "ISI" had declared "1995 to be the year of the Jammu region" and that it had "with the help of the drug mafia in Pakistan, earmarked Rs 50 crore for creating disturbances and acts of sabotage in the Jammu region." It also said that "a message intercepted from the ISI to the Hizbul Mujahideen stated that Rs 5 crore has been placed at the service the suicide squads to eliminate the Director General of Police, M. N. Sabharwal, and Advisor to the Governor (Home), Lt General M. A. Zaki" and others.

Indeed, the situation had worsened to the extent that the militants were roaming freely in and around Jammu without bothering to conceal their identity. So much so, they were openly organising meetings in certain religious places situated right in the heart of Jammu city, indulging in dangerous and insidious propaganda there and appealing to and exciting individual hopes. They were doing so with a view to soliciting the people's support in favour of what they called "the Kashmiris' right to self-determination."

It is pertinent to mention here that militants and their Pakistani sponsors had put Jammu on the top of their agenda since March 1994, when two highly significant developments took place at the Geneva UN Human Rights Commission Conference. One was the withdrawal by Islamabad of the resolution on the alleged human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) owing to the effective diplomacy of the Indian Foreign Office and other Indian leaders. The other was the role of the representatives of the European Union and certain non-government organisations like the Panun Kashmir and the Friends of Kashmir. They debunked

the Pakistani no-holds-barred propaganda blitz that the entire population of the state wanted to break its connection with the "aggressor India" and proved with statistics that the secessionist violence in the state was confined to four towns in Doda district of Jammu region, and that all the troubles in Kashmir were the handiwork of a few Kashmiris.

Ever since the Geneva debacle, the ISI and the Kashmiri militants had been seeking to establish their foothold in the vicinity of Jammu city and strengthen the network in the city itself set up earlier and provoke a communal clash through terrorism which could lead to a possible divide between the people of the two communities. The ongoing demographic invasion assumed alarming proportion after October 9, 1996, when Farooq Abdullah took over as J&K Chief Minister for the third time.

BJP's Memorandum; Enough Is Enough

On March 29, 1999, top J&K BJP leaders, including the party president Daya Kishan Kotwal, Chaman Lal Gupta (MP), Bhagwat Saroop (General secretary, organisation) and Ashok Khajuria, Bali Bhagat, Prem Lal, Piara Singh, Hans Raj Dogra (all MLAs), met Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Home Minister L. K. Advani in New Delhi and discussed with them the prevailing situation in the state in general and Jammu province in particular. They warned that "Jammu could go the Kashmir way if immediate steps were not taken to restructure the state's political system in such a way that empowers the people of Jammu to decide their own aspirations."

As a matter of fact, the state BJP leadership submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister which, inter alia, said: "Concerted efforts are being made by the NC Government to change the demography of Jammu as thousands of Kashmiri Muslims from the Valley have constructed their houses in and around Jammu City. This construction is going on non-stop with the active connivance of State Government. Almost all the NC ministers have raised their bungalows. Even the Chief Minister (Farooq Abdullah) has constructed a massive bungalow after encroaching 19 kanals forest land..."

The memorandum further read: "Jammu has always worked as our battle-front against onslaught of anti-

India forces active in the Valley or across the border. More than 50 years have elapsed since the beginning of this struggle. Our two generations have sacrificed their legitimate interests to keep the Indian Flag hoisting in whole of Jammu and Kashmir. Now, Jammu is being sand-witched between Pak-abetted militancy and worst type of exploitation by the NC leadership."

"Saying enough is enough", the memorandum said, and added that "the people of Jammu are slowly losing vigour to fight against anti-national forces." "Now is the time to hold them. And, only BJP has the understanding, will and the required power to do so," it also said.

NC's Sharp Reaction

The BJP memorandum evoked very sharp reaction from the NC Government. Farooq Abdullah fielded all the eight Jammu-based NC ministers and the Jammu-based office-bearers of the NC against the BJP. They termed the BJP's memorandum as a document of "communalism". Condemning in downright language the BJP and its memorandum, these NC ministers and party office-bearers accused the BJP of "engineering dissensions on communal lines in Jammu and warned that their (BJP's) campaign on communal lines would only strengthen the hands of anti-national and communal force in the state."

Referring to the BJP's statement on the change in the demographic character of Jammu, the NC ministers and other party leaders from Jammu said:

"The people of Jammu had exhibited remarkable political maturity, amity and tolerance and gave shelter to thousands of victims of Pakistan-abetted militancy (terrorism) in all these years. While giving shelter to migrants, nobody raised even an eyebrow about the religious faith or the caste of the migrants. But the BJP is questioning the right of the state subjects to buy property anywhere in the state (overlooking the fact) that there is no legal or constitutional bar on this right."

DGP Gurbachan Jagat's Startling Revelations

Exactly a month later (on April 29), the then J&K Director General of Police (DGP), Gurbachan Jagat, publicly said that the ISI was changing the demographic character of Jammu. Speaking at a function organised by the J&K Institute of Public Opinion

on "The state of militancy and the role of J&K police in tackling it", the DGP, among other things, said: "Militants executed heinous massacres of Hindus in (Jammu's) Poonch, Rajouri, Budhal, Mahore, Prankot and other higher reaches just to force migration of the Hindus from these areas...As the enemy failed to execute migration of Hindus despite repeated massacres, the ISI with the help of its agents has started purchasing land from Hindus of these areas to change demographic character of the entire Pir Panjal (mountain) range...To accomplish its new game plan ISI has pumped lot of money through fake and genuine currency and asked its agents to purchase land from minority (Hindu) community at any cost. The entire Pir Panjal range of Sunderbani, Nowshera, Poonch, Rajouri, Budhal and Mahore (in Jammu province) is strategically important as it connect with Anantnag district of Kashmir and secondly, due to its geographical condition, it is easy point of infiltration... Police have detected such game plan at Nowshera sector where an ISI agent on the direction of its mentor from across the border has purchased land from Hindus at very high prices...The police with the help of locals of the region was making every possible effort to frustrate new game plan of the ISI."

State Subject Certificates to 15,000 Foreign Nationals

Three days later (on April 1), a report from New Delhi said: "Hundreds of foreign nationals are reported to have manipulated to acquire citizenship rights in Jammu and Kashmir between 1990 and 1998. 'Impossible has been converted into possible, with the grant of State Subject Certificates to them as lakhs and lakhs of rupees changed hands'...Most interesting aspect of the research work is that as many as nine police and revenue officials in one district in Jammu and Kashmir, who had, according to one report, received huge sums of money from financially rich non-Indians in the course of preparing the ground for their classification as bona fide residents of Jammu and Kashmir, were offered encouraging amounts of money for doling out information to intelligence sleuths on how and when the illegal act was commissioned, namely, grant of State Subject Certificates to outsiders...The team of

intelligence sleuths also consisted of two Kashmiri Muslim functionaries of the Jammu and Kashmir administration. And their identity would not be disclosed for obvious reasons. The team's survey, conducted in the Kashmir Valley and in the three districts - Doda, Poonch and Rajouri - in Jammu region, has hinted at the involvement of dozens of local government officials, particularly from the police and revenue departments, in addition to scores of prominent 'political activists and legislators', in the 'clandestine, lucrative trade' of arranging State Subject Certificates for 'an estimated number of 15,000 people from across the border between 1990 and 1998'...'Huge sums of money from across the border', the document says, 'changed hands while making possible the impossible'. At least 20 functionaries of the Jammu and Kashmir administration from four sensitive districts - Baramulla and Kupwara in Kashmir and Poonch and Rajouri districts in Jammu region - have become fabulously rich by being the quiet recipients of equally quiet flow of money into their hands' in the course of arranging State Subject Certificates for foreign nationals..."

Snubbing Jammu's Prominent Citizens

Earlier on September 7, 1997, Farooq Abdullah snubbed prominent citizens of Jammu when they raised the issue of demographic changes. A report in this regard read: "Addressing a meeting of prominent citizens here (Jammu) today, Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah 'categorically' denied that there was any attempt to change demographic character of Jammu City. Reacting on the issue, he said that the state government will not spare anyone trying to change the demographic position. 'This is a propaganda (unleashed) to create wedge between people on communal lines" (State Times, Jammu, Sep 8, 1999).

Needed: A High Level NIA Probe

What does all this suggest? The above-stated facts and revelations are self-revealing. Everything is self-explanatory. Hence, no further elucidation is required. The Ministry of Home Affairs and the LG Manoj Sinha's administration would do well to order a high level NIA probe into the whole issue so that the black sheep are identified and a moral effect is produced.

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