

## Om Goswami, Dhian Singh conferred Lifetime Achievement Awards



Dogri Sanstha Jammu honouring veteran Dogri writers, Om Goswami and Dhian Singh with Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial Lifetime Achievement Awards.

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JAMMU: Veteran Dogri writers, Om Goswami and Dhian Singh, were today conferred with the prestigious Dinu Bhai Pant Memorial Lifetime Achievement Awards for the years 2020 and 2021 respectively. The Award instituted by the Trust formed by the family of late Pant, which is given every year, carries an amount of rupees fifty one thousand each, a shawl, a medallion and a citation. The Award is presented under the aegis of Dogri Sanstha, Jammu. This time, instead of a single award, awards for two years, viz. for the year 2020 and 2021 were presented in

the same function because the award ceremony for the year 2020 could not be held earlier due to the Covid pandemic.

The awards were presented in a graceful and dignified function in which Hon'ble Justice of J&K High Court, Sanjeev Kumar was the Chief Guest and a large number of prominent members of civil society, Writers, Artists and members of the family of Dinu Bhai Pant were present. Justice Sanjeev Kumar, speaking on the occasion, congratulated both the Awardees for receiving the prestigious Award and also for their outstanding contribution to the literature. He said Dinu Bhai

Pant has attained an Iconic status due to his pioneering contribution to Dogri and awarding veteran writers in his memory is the best way of paying tribute to him. He complimented the family of Pant and Dogri Sanstha for this initiative. He emphasized that celebrating the memory of ancestors who have enriched social and cultural life of the community is a sign of a healthy society. He also laid stress on the importance of remaining rooted in one's own culture and heritage.

Rattan Prabha Sharma, daughter of late Pant, also spoke on the occasion.

The citations of both the awardees were read by Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President of Dogri Sanstha. The Awardees expressed their gratitude to the Trust and Sanstha for conferring this award on them and also shared some of their impressions of Pant in their acceptance speeches.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Rajeshwar Singh Raju.

## Dr Jitendra for equal participation by industry to sustain StartUps

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Saturday called for equal stake participation by Industry to sustain StartUps.

The Union Minister was speaking at the ceremony to sign an Agreement between Technology Development Board (TDB) of the Union Ministry of Science & Technology and M/s Sapigen Biologix Private Limited, Hyderabad helmed by Dr Krishna Ella of Bharat Biotech Ltd for development & commercialization of two novel vaccines - "Intranasal Covid-19 Vaccine and RTS, S Malaria Vaccine".

Further, there will be equal stake for both sides with each side contributing Rs 200 crore each respectively for ensuring sustainable StartUps.

Dr. Jitendra said that this initiative will ensure equal stake with equal

partnership and responsibility for the Industry for sustainable StartUps.

The Union Minister said that the idea behind initiatives like this is to have a sustainable partnership in the long run and provide a sustainable source of livelihood to India's youth.

Dr. Singh opined that the Government of India, led by Prime Minister Modi, is encouraging industrial outreach by extending all possible support.

On this occasion, Rajesh Kumar Pathak, Secretary, TDB said that this will be a continuous corpus and the idea has been translated into reality today.

He said that the Indian pharma companies, not only providing the yeoman service to the nation but also are instrumental in providing the medicines and vaccines at affordable cost to the entire world and thus transforming India as "The Pharmacy of the World".

## Bharat Bhushan inaugurates 3-day multi-media exhibition on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

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JAMMU: A 3-days Multimedia Exhibition on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was inaugurated by Bharat Bhushan, Chairman Development Council (DDC) Jammu today a S.D Memorial, Public HSS, Bhalwal, Jammu being organised by Regional Outreach Bureau, J&K Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Government of India. Rakesh Gandotra, Principal, Sheetal Gandotra, Vice Principal, Staff of S.D Memorial Public HSS, Bhalwal and officials of ROB Jammu were prominent among others who were present on the occasion.

The Multimedia Exhibition by ROB J&K is being organized at Bhalwal as a part of celebrations of 75 Years of India's Independence. The aim of organizing this 3-day exhibition is to transfer the stories, events, highlights and struggle of unsung heroes of



Chairman DDC Jammu, Bharat Bhushan witnessing exhibition.

independence struggle to the present generation especially youth and children.

Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman, Jammu, in his address said that 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an initiative of Government of India to transfer the dreams, hopes and expectations among common masses so that they may know the struggle of freedom fighters and boost their enthusiasm for building a new self-reliant (Atamnirbhar) India free of economic and social inequality. He urged the gathering to keep National Integration and Patriotism

above all other emotions.

Vijay Mattoo, Field Publicity Officer, Kathua in his welcome address informed about working and organizations of Regional Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Government of India.

A theme based cultural programme was presented by Vishal Gupta Productions & Sangam Sangeet Kala Manch, Private Registered troupes of ROB Jammu. The Exhibition will remain open (Free Entry) from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm w.e.f 26th March to 28th March 2022.

## IIPA JKRB, SWD organise workshop on 'PCR Act, 1955 & The SC/ST (POA) ACT, 1989'

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), JK Regional Branch in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, Government of Jammu & Kashmir organized a sensitization workshop on The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 & The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 with an objective to realize the vision of government to promote social integration, equality and mainstreaming the marginalized section of the society. The workshop was attended by over 90 senior officers representing various stakeholder departments of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

D C Raina, Advocate General, Government of Jammu & Kashmir in his key note address while deliberating on the origin and genesis of the acts, said that while legal and constitutional provisions focus on prevention and protection aspects, the real change in the society can only be achieved by inculcating moral and ethical values. He was of the view that a society is gauged by



Dignitaries at a workshop at Jammu.

nature of rights the citizens enjoy and he urged upon the officers to look into the effective implementation of the acts so as to curb the social menace.

Sheetal Nanda, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government of J&K, Department of Social Welfare in her address emphasized that while effective implementation of the legal provisions is essential, it is the duty of the society to protect and eliminate any kind of discrimination on grounds of colour, caste, gender and creed. She informed that prior to

the reorganization of J&K in 2019, the provisions of The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were not applicable to the region, and now with the effective implementation of these acts, it will protect the rights and provide social justice and empowerment for their inclusive development.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department (Addl. charge of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth & Mission Director, Skill Development Mission) in his address informed that there is a

vertical migration of over 6,12,000 tribals in Jammu & Kashmir every year and there is an urgent need for policy makers to ensure their inclusion and equality. He was of view that discrimination against these nomadic communities persists in terms of education, health, child care and livestock and therefore sensitizing the stakeholders is of utmost importance.

B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman, IIPA JKRB in his presidential remarks said that there is a need to create an eco-system to tackle the menace of social discrimination and move towards a more inclusive society.

He said that the way to move forwards is that the public servants should emerge as change makers and create more awareness to build a public opinion leading to the end of discrimination.

Prof Vijay Nagpal, Former Chairman, Department of Law, Panjab University Chandigarh in his lecture on "Constitutional Perspective significance and implementation of The Protection of Civil

Rights Act, 1955" laid emphasis that it is important to understand the psychological point of view of the victim rather than merely focusing upon criminal jurisprudence.

Dr. Nupur Tiwary, Special Director, National Tribal Research Institute and Head, Centre of Excellence for Tribal Affairs, IIPA New Delhi in her lecture on "Historical Perspective, Significance and Effective Implementation of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989" talked about the need to address the unresolved issues of indignity, humiliation and harassment of SC/ST - the marginalized sections of the society.

Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, IIPA JKRB welcomed the dignitaries and the participants.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary conducted the proceedings and presented the formal vote of thanks. Seema Bharti, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Welfare and Development of Scheduled Caste and Dr. Vijay Sehgal from Department of Law coordinated the event.

## NAUP urges Admn for waiving-off electricity bills

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JAMMU: The National Awami United Party (NAUP) has urged LG's administration to waive-off 50 per cent electricity bill of all households in J&K, as common man has faced a lot of hardships due to pandemic during last two years.

In a press statement issued here on Saturday, NAUP Spokesperson Parveen Kumar criticized administration for not directing Government departments to pay their long pending hefty electricity bills, which are running in lakhs. On the contrary, small householders are being threatened by snapping their power supply on account of pending bills, he added. Kumar urged the

administration to ensure provision of all basic amenities to people without any problem, failing which public will rise and demolition tyrannical superstructures created for unleashing terror on a common man. Other signatories to the statement included Anil Dev Singh, Uttam Chand and Vijay Kumar Choudhary.

## KPC condemns Kejriwal's statement over 'The Kashmir Files', seeks apology

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) has expressed anger over Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for mocking 'The Kashmir Files', a film made on factual incidents of genocide and exodus of Kashmiri Pandits and condemned him for terming the movie a 'Jhooti Film'.

While speaking during a meeting held on Saturday, Kundan Kashmiri, President KPC castigated Arvind Kejriwal for mocking entire KP community that faced genocide and atrocities at hands of radicalized elements instigated by separatists and double-standard politicians. "It is unfortunate that a Chief Minister is behaving in such a ruthless manner against KP community and not uttered a single word for victims. Kundan demanded immediate apology from Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal failing which KPs would come of streets to protest against him.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Dr H L Saraf, S L Zutshi, Tej Pandita, Sushil Bhat, R K Raina and Rajender Dhar.

## JAC General Category flays JKRCEA for pressure tactics

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JAMMU: Criticizing J&K Reserved Category Empowered Alliance (JKRCEA) for advocating 'Reservation in Promotions', the member of Joint Action Committee (General category) during a meeting held on Saturday, lodged resentment over action of some office bearers of Reserved Category Empowered Alliance who are attempting to go to the extent of contempt of Supreme court for fulfillment of their illegitimate demand of seeking reservation in promotions and con-

demned ill-conceived tactics of rally on March 28, 2022 over an issue which is sub-judice. The permission, if any, sought for such illegal rally should be immediately rejected as it has potential to create law and order issue and a clash between communities, they added.

The JAC condemned the action of self-styled organisations which have no concern with downtrodden classes of society. "It is completely illogical on their part to seek reservation in promotions when already the matter has been dealt in depth by JK

High Court as well as by Supreme Court," they said, adding that this self-styled alliance is trying pressure tactics for drawing favour from Government without any legitimate background. "JAC shall fight tirelessly for equality and justice and will not let the fringe elements to sabotage rule of law. Joint Action committee seeks to impress upon through this medium that those occupying constitutional positions must desist from such approach and allow the law to take its course," they maintained.

## Credit for major development in Marh goes to Congress: Mula Ram

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Vice President JKPC, Mula Ram said that all major projects in Marh are boon of Congress, initiated long time back. While addressing a workers meeting in Gho Manhasan, after victory of Bittu Rampal Bhagat as Vice Chairman of Municipal Committee Gho

Manhasan, Mula Ram said that Marh block has a strong hold of Congress. "Peoples are no fed-up with BJP and NC, which is quite clear from victory of Congress candidate as Vice-Chairman," said Mula Ram, adding that right from chains of educational institutions, health institutions, road networks, water &

power supply, Anganwari centers, Bridges, Municipal committees, tourism, fishery farms and many more in the area are boon of Congress. Asking workers to get ready for coming elections, he said that party cadre has to work hard and reach out to masses at grass-root level for making them aware regarding policies and programmes

of Congress. Others present on the occasion included Hari Singh Chib, Rajinder Kumar Happy, Rattan Lal Sharma, Khajura Ram, Bhura Ram, Jagdish, Gopal Sharma, Shanta Bhagat, Sagar Mal Choudhary, Sham Singh, Pradeep Salaria, Balkar Singh, Choudhary Deva Singh and Zinda.

## EJCC seeks restoration of old pension scheme

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JAMMU: Chairman, Employees Joint Consultative Committee (EJCC) Kashmir, Aijaz Ahmad Khan in a statement issued here on Saturday said that employees recruited under New Pension Scheme (NPS) are undergoing mental agony because of non-fulfillment of their legitimate demand of restoration of Old Pension Scheme. Employees recruited under NPS have also the right to have pension but unfortunately they have been deprived of the same, he asserted. Khan who is also the President of CAPD Employees Association Kashmir, said that his led Associations will give a call for strike 'Chalo Srinagar' in support of demands, which will be attended by a number of employees. Khan further urged the LG to look into matter and issues necessary instruction for fulfilling the genuine demand of employees, which is pending for a long time.

## ABS urges Dir Floriculture to issue entry-passes to locals

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JAMMU: 'Aadarsh Bhartiya Samaj' (ABS), a volunteer organisation working under the guidance of Col (Retd) R K Sharma, Chairman and S Daljeet Singh, President have expressed concern that over imposition of fee for entry into Bagh-e-Bhour.

In a press statement issued here, the ABS leaders said that step to impose fee for entry into Bagh-e-Bhour at Bhour Camp (Jammu) is a

welcome step by Floriculture department but imposing same on locals, women, ex-servicemen and patients of locality is really a matter of great concern, as locals are being denied entry into park, even for walking purpose.

Pt Chaman Lal Sharma added that ground near Balol Nallah, Bhour Camp (Jammu), earlier used as a place for morning and evening-walks by seniors,

running-ground by youngsters/ job seekers, but now same has been captured by Urban Environment Engineering Department for establishing a treatment plant. The ABS members requested Director Floriculture to personally look into the matter and provide entry-passes to locals belonging to Bhour camp and other adjoining areas so that they can visit the park without paying fee.

JDA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAMMU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DIVISION NO. I RHC, JAMMU FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. JDA-1/2021-22/e-NIT/160 Dated 24.03.2022 Executive Engineer, JDA Division No. I, Jammu on behalf of Vice Chairman, JDA, invites tenders by e-tendering on item Rate from REGISTERED FIRMS for the works whose particulars are given below:-							
S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Price Inclusive of all taxes, if any	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Contract Time	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Providing of Light Motor Vehicle "SCORPIO" for Official Use of JDA on Hiring Basis. (With Driver, Diesel and GPS) (The vehicle should not be older than 2019)	JDA Div No. I	To be quote by the Bidder	40,000/-	Rs.1000/-	One Year (Extendable for further 01 year depending upon performance of contractor.)	All Classes
1.	Date of Publishing 24.03.2022						
2.	The Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 24.03.2022 (1800 Hrs) to 04.04.2022 (1300 Hrs.).						
3.	The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 24.03.2022 (1800 Hrs) to 04.04.2022 (1300 Hrs.).						
a.	The bids received will be opened on 04.04.2022 (1400 Hrs).						
b.	The complete bidding process will be on line.						
4.	Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.						
5.	The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.						
6.	Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender document in form of Bank Receipt (Proforma enclosed) with other tender documents of NIT as specified payable in favour of Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, Jammu and Bid security (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR / FDR pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, JDA Division No. I Rail Head Complex, Jammu.						
7.	Submission of hard copies for all the bidders are not required only L-1 (successful bidder) shall submit the hard copies after opening of financial bid.						
NO:- JDA-I/1767-75 Dated 24.03.2022			DIP/J-6987-P/21 Dated:- 26/03/2022			Sd/- Executive Engineer JDA Division No.1 Jammu	