

CISF marks 55th Raising Day in Bhilai

CISF plays pivotal role in upholding national security: Nityanand Rai

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BHILAI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) marked its 55th Raising Day with a ceremonial function held at CISF Regional Training Centre in Bhilai in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai, who was the Chief Guest of the Raising Day Parade, took the salute of the parade.

The historic occasion witnessed the presence of guests, including Secretary, Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India, the DGP of Chhattisgarh State Police, senior officers of CAPF, State Police and other officials of various Depts.

Upon his arrival at RTC Bhilai, the MoS (Home) paid homage to the fallen heroes at the Brave Heart Memorial, laying a wreath in their honor. At the venue of the parade, Nina Singh, Director General, CISF, escorted the Chief Guest to the dais. The parade, comprised of 406 personnel, honoured the Chief Guest with General Salute. After the inspection of the parade by the Chief Guest,



Union MoS Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai with Nina Singh, DG CISF and personnel.

the captivating march past of the parade showcased dexterity and perseverance of CISF personnel. Expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest and welcoming dignitaries, Nina Singh, highlighted the significant milestones achieved by CISF over its remarkable journey of 55 years highlighting the deployment at Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya and Prisons at Jammu & Srinagar.

She emphasized readiness of CISF to professionally shoulder any responsibility assigned by the government.

During the Raising Day cele-

bration, Nityanand Rai released the annual in-house publication of CISF "Sentinel-2024" and a "Coffee Table Book".

In his inspiring address, he not only commended the Parade Commander and participants for their outstanding performance but also underscored the pivotal role played by the CISF in upholding national security.

He emphasized the significance of CISF contributions in ensuring the safety of vital installations, highlighting their exemplary services in maintaining the security of airports,

Delhi Metro, seaports, and various industrial establishments.

The MoS (Home) expressed confidence in the capabilities of CISF personnel, praising their unwavering dedication and sacrifice in the line of duty.

He extended gratitude for their tireless efforts in ensuring the safety and security of the nation.

He said that under the Police Technology Mission, the Government is dedicated in equipping the Police and CAPFs with advanced equipment and technology.

He reaffirmed the Ministry of Home Affairs' commitment to

continuously support and provide resources to equip CISF with the necessary tools and capabilities to effectively tackle future security challenges.

This comprehensive commitment reflects the deep appreciation for CISF's role in safeguarding the nation's critical infrastructure and ensuring the well-being of its citizens.

The Chief Guest commended CISF for its unwavering commitment to women's empowerment, recognizing the significant role of women personnel in the force.

He further highlighted the Government's decision to bolster CISF's strength by 20,000 personnel, with a special emphasis on establishing a dedicated women's battalion in recognition of outstanding track record of its performance in various operational theatres.

The celebration also included an investiture ceremony, where 11 CISF officers and personnel were decorated with prestigious awards, including President Police Medal for Distinguished Service and President Police Medal for fire service.

ABVP CUJ holds protest against SFI for murder of Siddharthan, demands justice



AVBP activists during a protest at Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University of Jammu unit on Tuesday held a protest against SFI for torturing Siddharth, a veterinary student at Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Wayanad, Kerala.

Siddharth was found hanging at the university hostel bathroom on February 18. Speaking on the occasion, ABVP State Secretary Akshi Billowria said that this protest is against the communist student organization's brutality against other students.

She said that Siddharth

was subjected to a mob trail, where he was stripped naked and beaten with iron rods, belt and wires. She also added that Kerala government is trying to protect SFI goons who mercilessly assaulted and tortured J.S Siddharth and the left liberals are keeping mum in the suspicious and tragic death of the student, this shows how much hypocritical they are. ABVP CU Jammu unit President Manoj said that the SFI leaders were not happy with Siddharth for dancing with female senior students during a Valentine's Day celebration.

He also said that ABVP

had led the protests in the state to force the government to force the investigation to the CBI and to arrest the SFI leaders and those behind the death of the student. Fortunately, the state government had to concede to the demands put forward by ABVP.

ABVP CU Jammu unit Secretary Abhishek Choudhary condemned the violence perpetrated by the SFI led goons. He said that SFI goons not only murdered Sidharth but also shattered the dreams of his innocent parents and such acts of aggression have no place in our society.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme reviving Heritage, empowering Artisans: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: The PM Vishwakarma Scheme holds immense significance by empowering India's traditional artisans and craftspeople with a holistic package of recognition, skill training, financial support, and market access. It aims to revitalize age-old crafts, boost incomes, and preserve cultural heritage, ultimately building a self-reliant community of artisan entrepreneurs.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President during the special camp organized by Jyoti Gupta, President Mahila Morcha Amphalla Mandal here on Tuesday. The camp was inaugurated by Yudhvir Sethi along with Raman Sharma, President Amphalla Mandal.

Addressing a gathering, Yudhvir underscored the



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi at PM Vishwakarma registration camp.

scheme's potential to unlock a golden age for traditional crafts and uplift the lives of millions of skilled artisans. "The PM Vishwakarma Scheme is not just an initiative, it's a clarion call to rediscover the magic of our indigenous arts. From carpenters to potters, weavers to goldsmiths, this scheme

empowers our Vishwakarmas with recognition, skill upgradation, financial support, and market access. It's time to ensure every beneficiary across the Jammu and Kashmir unlocks the doors to prosperity and contributes to a vibrant Atmanirbhar Bharat," he said.

Yudhvir Sethi also urged the party workers to become torchbearers, guiding artisans through the registration process and disseminating crucial information about the scheme's benefits.

The senior BJP leader urged people to capitalize on the benefits of centrally sponsored schemes and extend their support to Prime Minister Modi in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Encouraging active participation in government initiatives, he emphasized the transformative impact these schemes can have on individuals and communities, underlining the importance of aligning efforts towards the nation's progress.

Yudhvir Sethi also reiterated the significance of endorsing Prime Minister Modi's leadership for continued development and prosperity, rallying citizens to contribute to India's growth trajectory through their participation in the democratic process.

Conference on 'Employment generation through Entrepreneurship' ends on high note to create ample opportunities for JK youth

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JAMMU: Former Bureaucrat and Advisor to PM, Amarjeet Sinha along with Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday attended the 2nd day of conference organised jointly by the Labour & Employment, Skill Development Departments and Mission Youth at Convention Centre Jammu.



Advisor to PM, Amarjeet Sinha along with Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo at a conference.

Objective of the conference were to build a comprehensive understanding of opportunities for employment creation in key sectors, Analyze the current interventions in various sectors- synthesize achievements, learning and identify key impediments in the intervention, Explore new sectors for creating of an enabling environment that fosters the establishment of enterprises accelerating rural growth, Define the outcomes for employment and enterprises in various sectors and Define strategies, protocols and actions on ground for various interventions.

The Experts gave their presentation on various topics which included complement-

ing growth through tech interventions -Converging businesses via tech enabled solutions, Employment Opportunities in Cooperatives Department, Overview Credit flow in key Self Employment Sectors- Opportunities & Impediments, Experience of State Rural Livelihood Mission - Self Help Groups and Collectives - fostering women-led enterprises.

Speaking on the second day of a 2-day conference of experts on the theme of 'Accelerating Employment avenues through Entrepreneurship in J&K', Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo said that this conference was a platform for subject experts from different sectors includ-

ing the local administration, academic institutions, financial organizations and other concerned stakeholders, who have made mark in their areas of operation.

The Chief Secretary talked at length about the performance of the UT in raising the necessary infrastructure and formulation of policies for attracting investments to create employment opportunities for the local youth. He called on devising a strategy out of this conference that is particular to our UT and usher in an environment that is favourable for making entrepreneurship of their choice by our talented youth.

The Chief Secretary referred to the New Central Sector

Scheme (NCSS) for industrial development and doubling of exports in handicrafts sectors as other propellers in creation of employments here.

In his keynote address the former Bureaucrat and Advisor to PM, Amarjeet Sinha termed J&K a treasure which could be turned into an entrepreneurship hub of high-end products. He said that the handicrafts, dry and fresh fruit value addition can accommodate many more entrepreneurs in its fold.

He highlighted the importance of professional knowledge that upgrades micro enterprises into small ones and small enterprises into medium business establishments.

Omar communalizing CAA eyeing political gains: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister has accused the NC leader Omar Abdullah of communalizing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) for political gain which aimed at exploiting communal sentiments rather than addressing the genuine intent of the CAA.

In a statement issued here today, the BJP stalwart emphasized that the implementation of the CAA is not based on any religious bias, but solely on the principles of justice and humanitarianism.

He stated, "It is disappointing to see that Omar is trying to create division by alleging that the CAA targets Muslims. The CAA is a legislation that aims to provide refuge and support



to persecuted minorities from neighboring countries. It is not based on religion but rather on humanitarian grounds."

"Contrary to Omar Abdullah's claims, the BJP has always been inclusive and has worked towards the welfare of all communities.

The Party's intentions are focused on the well-being and progress of the

nation as a whole, without any bias or prejudice," he added.

Kavinder asserted that the implementation of CAA by the Ministry of Home Affairs reflects the strong commitment of the PM Modi led BJP Govt at the Centre towards upholding the basic humanitarian values and principles in order to safeguard the lives of thousands and lakhs of Indians living in the concerning nations mentioned under the Act.

The former deputy Chief Minister stated, "The CAA is a necessary step towards ensuring justice and protection for those who have faced persecution. The Party will continue to work tirelessly to create an inclusive and harmonious India where every citizen's rights are respected."

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JAMMU: Special Municipal Magistrate Jammu Meyank Gupta rejected the bail application of Firdous Ahmad Wagay, a resident of Waskora village of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal impersonating himself as Under Secretary Rajbhawan, was arrested by a team of the Cyber Crime Investigation Centre for Excellence (CICE).

Court on perusal of the same reveals that on February 23, 2024, the P/S CICE Jammu has registered a FIR No. 03/2024 u/s 419/468/469 IPC and 66-D IT Act against the applicant on the written complainant received from Under Secretary Raj Bhavan J&K Mayank

Court rejects bail application of person impersonating as Raj Bhavan Under Secy

Sharma. During the course of investigation, various social media accounts of the applicant have been ascertained revealing that he was impersonating as Under Secretary to the Raj Bhavan J&K.

On 25th February 2024, the location and address of the applicant was determined and the applicant was arrested near the Sumbal Bridge Shadipora, Ganderbal while returning from Srinagar to Waskora Ganderbal driving an Alto 800 car bearing No. JK01AP/0006 and the car was bearing a sticker on the front glass indicating Sr. No. 407 Firdous Sahab, LG Office Raj Bhavan (UT) J&K, Vehicle No. J K 0 1 A P / 0 0 6 , 9419900035/9419007249.

On searching the vehicle,

one black/blue bag pack containing incriminating material was recovered including Rubber Stamp of Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer Dept. of Tourism, fake departmental identity card (GAD) J&K Civil Secretariat, fake stickers of Raj Bhavan etc. The accused was brought under arrest in the instant FIR on February 25, 2024 and is presently under police custody. Court after hearing both the sides while rejecting the bail application observed that investigation of the case is still at infancy stage and yet the statements of material witnesses are yet to be recorded, call records/IPD records of applicant/accused are yet to be scrutinized and the evaluation

of fake ID and stamps and other incriminating material in the possession of the applicant are required to be verified from the concerned departments. I am of the considered opinion that it's too early to evaluate whether the accused is innocent as the investigation is still under progress and evaluating the investigation conducted so far, it is prima facie evident that the accused was having fake vehicle sticker of Raj Bhavan and fake Rubber Stamp of Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer Department of Tourism Civil Secretariat J&K and identity card of Section Officer GAD Department and he has even submitted a fake ID Card of Head Assistant, Chief Secretary Office duly signed and

stamped by SSP Security Civil Secretariat for staying in a hotel posing himself to be an employee of Civil Secretariat, cast a doubt on the conduct of the accused and the same can be evaluated by the I.O after thorough investigation. It is also submitted by APP that the application submitted by the applicant/accused for grant of bail is premature as still it has to be evaluated how the accused has procured the fake identity card submitted by the accused for staying in a hotel was carrying a stamp of SSP Security Civil Secretariat and it needs to be evaluated whether on the basis of said fake ID cards, sticker and other incriminating material the accused has obtained some unlawful gains.

HC quashes PSA of three

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court while deciding three different petitions, quashed the detention orders of Aqib Maqbool Lone, Asif Hameed Dar and Shabir Ahmad Teli.

Justice Sanjay Dhar while quashing the detention order of Aqib Maqbool Lone bearing No. 27/DMP/PSA/2022, dated April 12, 2022 passed by District Magistrate, Pulwama, observed that it is revealed that the petitioner has been granted bail in FIR No. 11/2020 of Police Station, Kakapora by Special Judge, NIA Court, Srinagar on September 1, 2020. A copy of the docket issued by the said court has been placed on record. In the Police dossier, which is available in the detention record, it has been specifically recorded that the petitioner has succeeded in obtaining bail order from the court and, as such, there are compelling reasons for his detention under the provisions of the J&K Public Safety Act. However, the District Magistrate i.e. the Detaining Authority while formulating the grounds of detention, has recorded

that presently the petitioner is under custody on remand and that there is every likelihood of his getting bailed out and remaining at large, which would be detrimental to the security of the State.

This means that the Detaining Authority has not carefully gone through the dossier submitted before it by the sponsoring agency and passed the impugned order of detention in a mechanical manner. Thus, the functioning of the Detaining Authority smacks of total non application of mind, which renders his subjective satisfaction a casualty.

Justice Sanjay Dhar while quashing the detention order of Asif Hameed Dar bearing No. 35/DMP/PSA/2022, dated May 19, 2022 passed by District Magistrate, Pulwama, observed that On the basis of these vague allegations made in the grounds of detention, it was not possible to the petitioner to make an effective representation against the impugned order of detention. It seems that it is for this reason that the petitioner could not make a representation against the impugned order of detention and his case was considered by the

Advisory Board in the absence of his representation. Thus, a vital constitutional right of the petitioner to make a representation against the order of detention stands infringed, thereby rendering the impugned order of detention unsustainable in law.

Justice Sanjay Dhar while quashing the detention order of Shabir Ahmad Teli bearing No. 40/DMB/PSA/2022, dated April 9, 2022 passed by District Magistrate, Baramulla, observed that It is recorded in the receipt of grounds of detention that the grounds of detention have been explained to the petitioner in Urdu language, but the said assertion of the Executing Official is not supported by his affidavit. No such affidavit could be found in the record of detention. To eradicate all the doubts, it was incumbent upon the part of the person who did the exercise of handing over the documents and conveying the contents thereof to the detenu, to file an affidavit in order to attach a semblance of fairness to his actions. This requirement has not been followed in the instant case, at least the record suggests so.

DFSS welcomes implementation of CAA

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JAMMU: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta took out a celebration rally in jammu city in favour of the CAA being notified for implementation.

The party president distributed sweets among the locals for the grand humanitarian cause.

CAA rules being will now start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants -- Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians -- from the three countries, he said.

The 2019 CAA amended the Citizenship Act of 1955 allowing Indian citizenship for Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and



DFSS workers celebrating implementation of CAA.

Christian religious minorities who fled from the neighbouring Muslim majority countries of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan before December 2014 due to

"religious persecution or fear of religious persecution", he added.

"Those who could not come to India at the time of partition and were persecuted on the basis of

religion in these different countries. People who came to India before 2014 had no rights here, so PM Modi has done a good job by giving them citizenship so that they can also live their lives with dignity and raise their children" he said.

He welcomed the legislation and said this should have been done much earlier but better late than never. He claimed that this law has nothing to do with Muslims while stating that there are a lot of misunderstandings among the Muslims regarding this law.

The party workers present on the occasion were Nanku, Ashish, Prem, Akshay, Kalu, Naresh, Abhishek, Geeta, Raj Kumari and others.