

Jammu's Pride Pallavi Vimal Joshi honoured with International Award

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LONDON: In a proud moment for Jammu and Kashmir, Pallavi Vimal Joshi, a distinguished daughter of the soil, has been conferred with Special Award for Promising Professional (Pioneer in Aviation Asset Management) at the IIW SHE INSPIRES Awards 2025.

The prestigious award, instituted by Inspiring Indian Women (IIW), was presented at a glittering ceremony held at the Houses of Parliament, London, under the presence of MP Padma Shri Bob Blackman.

Hailing from Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, Pallavi is the daughter of Late Jawahar Lal Baru, a Retired Financial Advisor / Chief Accounts Officer J&K Government, and Late Swarn Kanta Baru, a Retired Master, Education Department J&K Government.

Their values of integrity, perseverance, and dedication have been deeply



Pallavi Vimal Joshi from Jammu receiving IIW SHE INSPIRES Award from MP Padma Shri Bob Blackman.

ingrained in her, shaping her extraordinary journey in the aviation sector.

Currently serving as the CEO of AirFleet Managers, a pioneering multinational aviation consultancy, Joshi has played a vital role in redefining Aviation Asset Management.

Over the past 28 years, she has led a team of over 45 aviation professionals, spearheading excellence in Aircraft lease transition, Aircraft Delivery and Re-Delivery, Aircraft Physical Inspections, Records Review, and the Digitization

of Aviation Records.

With a global footprint, AirFleet Managers operates from multiple offices strategically located in India, Singapore, Ireland, and Malaysia, allowing the company to cater to the aviation industry's dynamic needs worldwide.

This international presence enables the firm to offer comprehensive and efficient solutions to clients across continents, reinforcing its commitment to excellence and reliability.

The IIW SHE INSPIRES Awards celebrate the

strength, resilience, and achievements of women who have made significant contributions in their respective fields. Embodying the true spirit of 'Naari Shakti', Joshi's relentless pursuit of excellence in aviation has not only broken barriers but has also paved the way for future generations of women in this highly technical and competitive sector.

On receiving the award, Joshi expressed her gratitude, saying, "This recognition is not just mine, but belongs to every woman who dares to dream and strives to make a difference. The aviation industry demands precision, dedication, and innovation, and I am honored to contribute to its transformation. This would have not been possible without the dedication and hard work of our team at AirFleet Managers, a big thank to everyone at AirFleet Managers to make this happen."

Under her leadership, AirFleet Managers has emerged as a global name in Aviation Asset

Management, offering world-class solutions to top-tier aircraft leasing companies. With an unwavering commitment to technological advancements, aviation safety, and industry best practices, she envisions a future where Indian aviation professionals stand at the forefront of global aviation excellence.

The IIW SHE INSPIRES Awards were instituted by Inspiring Indian Women (IIW) to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of women across diverse domains.

These awards highlight the courage, perseverance, and leadership of women who have made an indelible mark on society.

With this latest honour, Pallavi Vimal Joshi has once again made Jammu and Kashmir proud, standing as a beacon of inspiration for countless aspiring professionals. As she continues to soar to greater heights, her journey remains a shining example of perseverance, excellence, and the spirit of determination.

Dr. Ambedkar was an institution in himself: Balbir

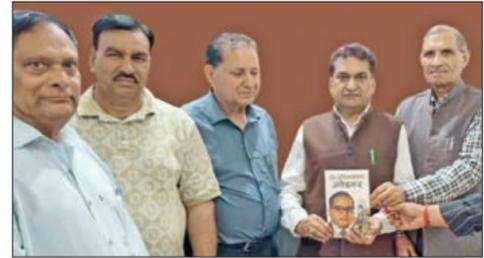
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JAMMU: Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, remains an enduring symbol of justice, equality, and empowerment.

Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson, Jammu and Kashmir B-JP & former Vice Chairperson, said this while highlighting the life of Dr. Ambedkar with his party colleagues.

He said that Dr. Ambedkar dedicated his life for the upliftment of marginalized communities and the realization of a just society.

Balbir Ram said that Dr. Ambedkar was not just a leader but an institution in himself, who earned the distinction of being recognised as an intellectual, a reformer; and a relentless advocate for human rights. His philosophy was deeply rooted in the principles of equality, social justice, and democracy. He believed that a nation could progress only when all sections of society had equal opportunities and rights.

Balbir asked his colleagues to read books on the life of Dr.



Spokesperson, J&K BJP, Balbir Ram Rattan during a meeting.

Ambedkar, who fought against caste-based discrimination and tirelessly worked for the empowerment of dalits and other marginalized communities. His vision was to create a society where individuals were not judged by their birth but by their abilities and contributions. He strongly believed in education as the most powerful tool for social transformation.

Dr. Ambedkar also advocated for gender equality and was instrumental in introducing laws that promoted women's rights in marriage, employment, and property ownership. His forward-thinking policies continue to shape India's social

fabric today, Balbir said.

One of Dr. Ambedkar's most remarkable contributions was his role as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution. He played a pivotal role in framing a document that enshrined the principles of democracy, fundamental rights, and social justice.

Even decades after his passing, Dr. Ambedkar's ideas remain relevant. His teachings inspire generations to work towards a more just and equitable society. Governments, institutions, and social reformers continue to draw from his philosophy to address contemporary challenges.

Dr. Tahir lauds PM Modi's visionary leadership in empowering economically weaker sections

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership for launching the 'Saugat-e-Modi' campaign, aimed at supporting economically weaker Muslim families ahead of Eid.

Dr. Choudhary emphasized that this initiative reflects the Prime Minister's unwavering commitment to inclusive growth and social harmony.

"PM Modi's vision is clear - development for all, without discrimination based on religion or caste. The 'Saugat-e-Modi' campaign is a remarkable step to ensure that even the underprivileged Muslim families can celebrate Eid with joy and dignity," he said.

The campaign, which began in Nizamuddin, Delhi, under the guidance of BJP National President JP



Nadda, is expected to benefit over 32 lakh Muslim families across the country. Each kit includes essential food items like dates, dry fruits, sugar, and vermicelli, along with festive clothing - fabric for women's suits and kurta-pajamas for men. The kits aim to provide relief to economically disadvantaged families during the festive season.

Dr. Choudhary highlighted that the BJP government has consistently worked to uplift marginalized commu-

nities through various welfare schemes.

"From providing better educational opportunities to improving healthcare and ensuring financial inclusion, PM Modi's government has taken transformative steps to empower the socio-economically weaker sections," he added.

Expressing confidence that the 'Saugat-e-Modi' campaign will foster goodwill and strengthen social unity, Dr. Choudhary urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially the Muslim community, to participate actively in the ongoing development initiatives driven by the BJP government.

"The vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' is being realized through such thoughtful campaigns that touch the lives of those who need it the most," Dr. Choudhary concluded.

ZEO Vijaypur takes swift action on General Line Teachers' Forum demands

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VITAYPUR: A significant meeting of the General Line Teachers' Forum (GLTF), presided over by Neeraj Sharma, resulted in immediate and positive outcomes as Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Vijaypur, Surinder Kumar Balgotra, addressed the forum's key demands with remarkable promptness.

The meeting was marked by a warm welcome for the ZEO, who was honoured with a bouquet and garland. His proactive leadership style and rapid decision-making were praised by all attendees.

The forum raised concerns regarding the urgent need to frame Result Confirmation Committees for government and private schools for the academic session 2024-25.

The GLTF emphasized the importance of clearing all pending arrears of both teaching and non-teaching



GLTF office bearers meeting with ZEO Vijaypur, Surinder Kumar Balgotra.

employees under the ZEO's jurisdiction.

The forum urged the prompt issuance of textbooks to all schools, ensuring students face no interruptions in their academic journey.

Acknowledging the crucial role of Mid-Day Meal in-charges, the forum demanded the immediate clearance of their pending arrears.

In an impressive display

of efficiency, ZEO Balgotra issued on-the-spot instructions to address each of the forum's concerns. His swift action and commitment to resolving issues won the applause of the teaching fraternity.

"His prompt response and decisive action reflect his dedication to the teaching community's welfare and the betterment of the education system," said Neeraj Sharma, President

of GLTF.

ZEO Balgotra, a seasoned educator with 36 years of experience, is recognized for his exemplary work as Headmaster of Tarore, where he led infrastructure upgrades, boundary wall construction, and welfare initiatives. His leadership at Vijaypur is anticipated to bring a wave of positive changes in the education sector.

The ZEO commended

Neeraj Sharma for his tireless efforts in advocating for the teaching and non-teaching community's welfare, fostering a collaborative and solution-oriented environment.

The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of hope and mutual trust between the ZEO office and the teaching community. Both parties expressed their commitment to creating a more efficient, transparent, and student-focused educational environment.

Prominent GLTF members in attendance included Digvijay Singh (Vice President), Ramneesh Khajuria (Secretary), Sanjeev Rakwal (District Secretary, Jammu), Waseem Choudhary (Zonal President, Dansal), Amit Dabgotra (District President, Jammu), Bodh Raj, Anil Sharma, Ashwani, Ram Sharma, Sonu Sharma, and others.

Dr Darakhshan chairs meeting with Administration to review preparations for Eid-ul-Fitr, Juma-tul-Vida, Lailat-ul-Qadr

Fool-Proof preparations are being put in place for special congregations: Andrabi

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JAMMU: Chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday chaired a meeting with the representatives of the Administration to review the preparations for Eid-ul-Fitr, Juma-tul-Vida, and Lailat-ul-Qadr. A comprehensive coordinated facilitation plan was discussed threadbare to put in place a fool proof system ensuring all required facilities during the special festival days at the shrines and mosques.

Special event hosted at GCW Parade to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr

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JAMMU: Students of Government College for Women Parade Ground Jammu under the aegis of Student Welfare Cell of the College on Wednesday organized a special event to mark the importance of Ramadan and celebrations of Eid-ul-Fitr in advance on 26th March 2025.

The event started with a formal welcome address by Dean Student Welfare Cell of the College, Dr. Rajesh Kant.

Students from different semesters presented their views articulately on the importance of Ramadan, beautiful Naats and Hamads were also recited by the students. The event was made more fun by the Adbi Mushaira themed as Mehfil-e-jashn-e-Eid, in which talented students presented their beautiful shayaris. Principal of the College Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tikoo was the chief guest of the event, congratulated all the staff members and students for organising such a relevant and marvelous programme and emphasized upon the importance of the Ramadan month and wished a Happy and Mubarak EID to all in advance. He appreciated the Students Welfare Committee for organising such events which promote mutual understanding and communal harmony among the students.



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

ties during the special festival days at the shrines and mosques.

Andrabi instructed Waqf Board management to coordinate with all departments as per the plan so that the people

don't face any problems and hardships.

"Our belief in cooperation has led us to successful management earlier and we are committed to provide fault free facilitation to all during these

significant festival days. Public cooperation is our strength", said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.

She thanked the heads of different departments for extending their full cooperation to Waqf Board in making the

management on such special days successful.

Waqf Chairperson extended her greetings to the people on Juma-tul-Vida and Shab-e-Qadr. The meeting was attended by Umer Shah Senior Superintendent of Police HQ, Hilal Khalik SP Hazratbal, Peer Zahoor, SP Security, Zubair Ahmad Tehsildar, Mohammad Yousuf AEE Jal Shakti, Khurshid Ahmad AEE KPDCCL, Mohammad Shabir Akhoo, EXEN KPDCCL Division 4th, Peer Salim AEE LCMA, Fasil Khan DYSP SDRF, Abdul Rashid Medical Officer Hazratbal, Ghulam Mustafa Rather Sanitary Officer and other officers. Executive Magistrate of J&K Waqf Board & the XEN of the Board also attended the meeting.

Mohan Lal inspects Water Supply amid daily wagers' strike in Akhnoor



MLA Mohan Lal conducting an inspection of pumping station.

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AKHNOOR: Taking cognizance of the drinking water crisis caused by the strike of daily wagers in the Jal Shakti PHE Department, Akhnoor MLA Mohan Lal conducted an inspection of various pumping stations and water supply projects across the constituency on Wednesday.

He directed the department's permanent staff to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water to the public. During his visit to the main pumping station of Akhnoor town, he issued

instructions to ensure proper water supply to all 13 wards of the town. He further emphasized that if necessary, permanent employees should work double shifts to ensure adequate water supply to the people.

Mohan Lal also held a meeting with the department's XEN, Assistant Executive Engineers, and other officials to review the water supply system. Expressing displeasure over the lack of detailed information regarding water supply through tankers, he directed that

the supply process should be transparent and properly recorded.

While addressing the media, the MLA expressed his support for the daily wagers, stating that the Bharatiya Janata Party stands with them. He assured that he would raise their issues from the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly to the Prime Minister if needed.

Following this, MLA Mohan Lal visited pumping stations and water supply projects in areas like Parmana Chhappar, Sungal, Karangi, and Sohail. He was accompanied by XEN Rocky Mahajan of Jal Shakti PHE Department, Assistant Executive Engineer Rajiv Kumar, AEE Vishal Khajuria, Anil Sharma, Vinay Sapolia, Vishal Sangral, Abhishek Verma, Suresh Kumar, Sandeep, Ashwani Sharma, Ganesh Sharma, Shamsher Das, Jagdish Singh and other officers.

GDC Nowshera organises awareness programme-cum-workshop on PM Internship Scheme



Principal of the college, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad addressing students.

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NOWSHERA: To promote the awareness among the youth about the benefits and application process of the PM Internship Scheme, an awareness programme-cum-workshop was organized on Wednesday at Govt. Degree College (GDC) Nowshera. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, Principal of the college.

In his keynote address, Principal of the college highlighted the government's com-

mitment in bridging the gap between the academia and industry.

He further underscored the importance of the scheme in providing opportunities for the unemployed youth who have completed their academics. He also urged the Nodal Officers to actively support and guide eligible candidates in availing the benefit of the scheme and offered to provide all the necessary support.

Prof. Yogesh Sharma, Skill Coordinator conducted insight-

ful sessions, focusing on the key aspects of the scholarship scheme, application processes, eligibility criteria, and the overall benefits for candidates. He said that the workshop is a critical step towards ensuring that the benefits of the PM Internship Scheme reach every deserving candidate.

Dr. Mohd Zeeshan NSS Programme Officer presented a formal vote of thanks. About 100 participants participated in this awareness programme including Faculty members.

Senior citizens vital component of society, deserve prioritized attention: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader and former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta with senior citizens.

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta emphasized the importance of senior citizens in society, stressing that they are a vital component and deserve prioritized attention.

He was speaking during his visit to Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre at

Trikuta Nagar, here on Wednesday.

Interacting with the members of Rejuvenation Centre, Kavinder Gupta acknowledged the significant contributions of senior citizens, stating that they have devoted the prime years of their lives to building both the society and the nation.

"It is our collective responsibility, particularly for the

youth, to care for and respect the elderly, who have laid the foundation for the society we enjoy today," he said, urging society, especially younger generations, to show gratitude and respect towards senior citizens, ensuring their well-being and comfort during this stage of life.

The former deputy Chief Minister added that the gov-

ernment bears a crucial responsibility in safeguarding the interests of senior citizens, highlighting the various welfare schemes launched by the Narendra Modi-led government, such as social security pensions, healthcare provisions, and special facilities for senior citizens.

He stressed the need for more inclusive policies to support this group and ensure they lead a dignified and fulfilling life.

The senior BJP leader reiterated that caring for senior citizens is not only a governmental duty but also a moral obligation of every individual in society. He called for more awareness and community-driven efforts to ensure the respect and dignity of senior citizens are upheld at all levels.