

## NDS releases Dogri song 'Tugi Dikhne Da Cha Goriye'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Glaxian Dias released an audio-video of Dogri song "Tugi Dikhne Da Cha Gorye" written, composed and sung by Surinder Safal.

Senior Advocate Mohinder Bhardwaj President Jammu Bar Association was Chief Guest on the occasion whereas Prof. R.D Sharma, Ex Vice Chancellor Jammu and Noida Universities presided over the function.

Dr Rajan Bhatia North India's famous Consultant Vitero Retina from Amritsar was Special Invitee. Advocate Ravinder Sharma former Additional Advocate General was Guest of Honour.

Prof. Anupama Sharma Patron Youth Wing NDS, Capt.Lalit Sharma IFS former APCCF and Convenor NDS and Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS shared the dias.

Surinder Safal is a Multifaceted artist and is an lyricist , composer and a talented singer who has passion for his Mother



Dignitaries releasing Dogri song 'Tugi Dikhne Da Cha Goriye' at Jammu.

Tongue Dogri though he writes in Hindi as well. He has written and composed more than 800 Dogri , Punjabi and Hindi Songs , Gazals and Qawalies which will be released one by one , apart from this ,he has also written number of jokes , quotes , short stories and poems. Surinder safal has already released three songs under "Safal Music Production" banner Surinder Manhas has given the Music & Sonu Taneja directed the video.

Surinder Safal & Khawaish Gupta a bollywood actress & Model acted in this song.

Surinder Safal appreciated especially Rampaul Dogra a Writer/Sunger/

been written in Dogri during the last seven decades and appealed to the people to read Dogri literature especially the youth and lamented that this literature should not remain on Almirah shelves but should be read analysed and evaluated to enrich the society.

Mohinder Bhardwaj said that time has come when all Dogras need to ensure that Dogri is spoken in each household of Duggar and our children should be made to learn Dogri as their first Language.

Ravinder Sharma said that unity of Jammu and Kashmir is in its diversity and therefore, our cultural and linguistic identity needs to be preserved. He advocated for dogri as compulsory subject in the schools.

Dr Rajan Bhatia thanked NDS for the affectionate gesture and enabling him to have glimpses of Dogri Culure .

Prof Anupama said that dogri beat songs are also need of the time and today's release is a trend setting effort in this regard.

## PK organises Annual Kashmiri Pandit Nirvasan Samvat-33 Programme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Panun Kashmir (PK) organised its Annual "Kashmiri Pandit Nirvasan Samvat-33 Programme" here at Jammu today. The all impressive function was presided over by Virender Raina, President, Panun Kashmir, Kamal Bagati, General Secretary, Upinder Koul, General Secretary, Sameer Bhat, Convenor PK youth, Ashok Churungoo, P.K Durani ,Vijay Qazi, Surinder Koul, N.M.Gadroo, Virender Koul, Kewal Krishen, Prof. Shiben Krishen, Sameer Mattoo, Sanjay Kaul among others.

The programme was inaugurated with "Deep-Prajavlan" and lighting of 33 earthen lamps symbolizing the thirty-three years of exile of the Kashmiri Pandit community. The members offered floral tributes to the portrait of Mata Sharda and invoked her blessings so that the more than three-decade long exile would come to an end.

Virender Raina President, Panun Kashmir in his presidential address said that it



Panun Kashmir leaders diring a meeting.

was in the year 2000 that Panun Kashmir adopted a resolution on "Kashmiri Pandit Nirvasan Samvat" which found a great emotional resonance in the Kashmiri Pandit community. It was considered important that the genocide, ethnic cleansing and exile of the Pandits from the valley be commemorated in a befitting manner every year besides being recorded as a historical event to serve as a living reminder to the members of the community of a burning urge to strive hard for the reversal of genocide and to regain the lost homeland in Kashmir.

We resolve to get resettled in the Kashmir valley with honour, dignity and security with

full constitutional and legislative powers in our hands so that our progeny may not again suffer the indignity and trauma which have been faced by the present generation.

Panun Kashmir welcomed the forthcoming visit of the Prime Minister to Jammu and looks up with great expectations that his visit would strengthen the nationalist forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

The PMs comments on the movie Kashmir Files had acted as a soothing balm over the festering wounds of the internally displaced KP community. The movie helped in generating a national and global level consciousness

regarding the genocide of Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir.

The sympathy shown by the countrymen towards the tragedy of the Kashmiri Pandits gives us hope and confidence that we would regain our Homeland in Kashmir.

The recent killings of minority Hindus in Kashmir is a matter of great concern and shows that the genocide continues against the peace loving minorities.

Prof. Shiban Krishen in his address emphasized upon the need to strive for excellence in exile and excel despite all the challenges. Kashmiri Pandit boys and girls have made a mark in the institutions of higher learning in the country and abroad. Our youth today have to connect themselves with the struggle of the community to fight for its existence and political identity. The renewed awareness about Homeland has energised the Kashmiri Pandit youth to play their role in the reclamation of the lost home and heritage in Kashmir.

## POWERGRID NRTS -II pays homage to Architect of Indian Constitution on Ambedkar Jayanti



POWERGRID NRTS -II officials paying tributes to Dr. B R Ambedkar.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, Northern Region Transmission System (NRTS)-II, Jammu celebrated the 131st birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimarao Ramji Ambedkar across its establishments in Northern Region-II.

Floral tributes as a mark of respectful homage was paid to Dr. Bhimarao Ramji Ambedkar.

Lectures, quizzes, various other competitions and cul-

Prof. Deepankar highlighted the crucial role played by Dr. B.R.Amedkar in finalization of our constitution and significance of his knowledge in shaping up the future of our country.

He described Dr. Ambedkar as a reformist who throughout his life worked for the welfare of deprived sections of the society, downtrodden and also women.

K V Sampath Kumar, General Manager (Finance) and officials of POWERGRID along with their family members participated in this function.

A quiz competition among the children was also organized on this occasion. A documentary on life of Baba sahib was also shown.

The programme ended with prize distribution among the winners of various competitions organized on this occasion.

## Woman jumps off Delhi Metro Station, saved by CISF personnel

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A young woman hailing from Punjab jumped off a 40-foot-high elevated platform of the Akshardham Metro Station on Thursday morning in an apparent attempt to end her life but was saved by CISF personnel and others, officials said.

As soon as some passengers noticed the woman standing at the edge of platform No. 2 around 7:30 am, CISF personnel rushed to the spot and tried to dissuade her from taking the fatal leap, a senior officer said.

A team was rushed to the ground spot so that arrangements could be made to catch her safely, he said.

The woman, aged around 20-22 years, instantly jumped off and

was caught on a blanket stretched by CISF personnel and other people present there.

"Due to severity of the fall, the woman sustained severe injuries but her life has been saved. She was immediately taken to a nearby hospital where she is under treatment," a CISF spokesperson said.

The woman hails from Punjab and CISF officials said they have "unconfirmed" reports suggesting she cannot hear and speak.

An amateur video of the incident was widely shared over the social media.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) provides a counter-terrorist cover to the rapid rail network running across the national capital region.

## Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust opens CSC in Gangyal

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dogra Sewa Sambhal (Regd.) opened a free Community Service Center (CSC) at Ward No. 56 Gangyal of Jammu city. The free CSC was inaugurated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria & he was the chief guest at the inauguration of the programme.

Billawaria accompanied by Corporator Ward 23 Pawan Singh, Corporator Ward 10 Anil Masoom, Corporator Ward 68 Anil Kumar and other dignitaries were present. In this community service center, cards of all those welfare schemes of the government will be made so that people can take advantage of these schemes of the government.

Billawaria said that all these schemes including Aadhar card, Ayushman card, E-shram card and all other types of cards will be made absolutely free of



BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating Community Service Center.

cost. He said that this center will not work for a day or two but permanently at Ward 56, Ram lila Ground Gangyal. On the occasion, President Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust, Rajeev Sharma said that in the coming days many such centers will be opened at other places of the Jammu city so that people can easily make and get their cards.

President Rajiv Sharma appealed to the people to take

advantage of this free service center and make cards for the welfare schemes of the government.

He said that a program of Baisakhi Milan was also organised by Trust in which many dignitaries of the city participated. Later on, Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust paid homage to the constitution maker Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his birth anniversary.

## Regularise all daily-wagers on priority: Ch Manmohan urges PM

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ch Manmohan Singh, former Mayor and President All India Jat MahaSabha on Wednesday sought a comprehensive policy to regularize all the employees currently working under temporary status like daily wagers who are lurching for their genuine rights for the last so many years.

In a statement issued here, the former Mayor said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi is coming to Jammu on April and he should address the issue of daily wagers by regularizing the services of all employees appointed on academic arrangements, daily wagers, casual labourers, need based etc by drafting a policy which ensures justice to them. Ch Manmohan said

that there are several daily wagers who are getting minimum monthly remuneration from Rs 1000 and onwards. He asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this era of inflation how these daily wagers who are getting monthly remuneration of Rs 1000 can run their households with this meager amount. Ch Manmohan Singh said there are several daily wagers who have served the government departments including PHE, J&K State Power Development Corporation, J&K PWD, Forest, Education, Social Welfare and many others, on temporary basis and now they are on verge of retirement. He demanded that such daily wagers should immediately be regularized so that they can spend their

post retirement life with dignity and honour along with retirement benefits of a government service.

The former Mayor said that the Home Guards are also facing "injustice" as they are providing their services for a meager amount which has pushed them into poverty with the future of their children at stake. "A Home Guard is paid Rs 2,700 per month which is in violation of the 2017 Supreme Court ruling that the principle of 'equal pay for equal work' needs to be extended to those engaged in ad hoc or contractual work," he demanded.

Ch Manmohan Singh asserted that the government, despite giving assurances to the daily wagers community, has done nothing

## Rana supports plea for establishment of Sanskrit University in Jammu

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday supported the plea for setting up of Sanskrit University in Jammu, saying this will be in consonance with the rich heritage and ethos of this part of the country.

Interacting with Mahant Rohit Shastri, who called on the senior BJP leader this morning, Mr Devender Rana said that such a varsity will hugely promote Dev Vani Sanskrit.

In a memorandum, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailak Jyotish and Vedic Trust said that the way the government gives "State Award" in sports etc., in the same way Dev Vani should be granted for out-

standing contribution in the field of Sanskrit language.

At the same time, due to the lack of Sanskrit institutions in Jammu and Kashmir, Sanskrit students are not getting enough opportunities and facilities, especially the students of hilly and remote areas.

He stressed the need for establishing Sanskrit department in every institution in which subjects like Kashmir Shaivism, Shakta Paddhati, Siddhant Jyotish, Sanskrit grammar, Sanskrit literature (Mammat, Kalhan, Vilan) etc. are included in the form of specialization. With this, it will be very beneficial for Jammu and Kashmir, which is consid-

ered to be the homeland of Vedic culture and ancient Sanskrit.

Along with this, the Sanskrit Ministry should be established in Jammu and Kashmir on the lines of Rajasthan state.

He said Sanskrit language should have been made compulsory in the schools of Jammu and Kashmir from the first primary.

Establishment of Jammu Kashmir Sanskrit Academy and Jammu Kashmir Sanskrit Sansthan on the lines of Uttar Pradesh. Higher education Vedic is the need of the hour.

The memorandum states that Sanskrit Scholars should get scholarship and reservation quota in jobs

etc. He said Jammu and Kashmir has been the eternal center of Shaivism, as on this holy land the founder of Pratyabhijyadarshan, Acharya Abhinavagupta, Mahakavi Kalhan, Mahakavi Villhan, and many ancient Sanskrit sages have emerged.

The Acharyas who had guided the path of uniting not only India but the whole world in the thread of unity with their karmic tenacity, the same virtuous J&K Vasundhara is getting extinct from Sanskrit today.

By granting Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak Sanskrit Samman (State Award) the morale of the Sanskrit scholars will increase.

## Jammu Cultural Forum organises 'Baisakhi Milan'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To commemorate it's 45th Raising Day, Jammu Cultural Forum in complete harmony and coordination with Dogri Sanstha Jammu on Thursday organised 'Baisakhi Milan' in the premises of Dogri Sanstha, here on Thursday.

Er Shreyansh Jain, State Yoga Commissioner presided over the programme whereas Er. Gurdas Sharma, Trustee Jammu Yattri Bhawan was the Chief Guest.

Col. B D Sharma, President, Sakreey Nagrik Sanstha was the Special Guest of Honour.

Prot Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu in his welcome address highlighted the ambitions and Modus Operandi of Dogri Sanstha and Jammu



Artists presenting a song during 'Baisakhi Milan' event.

Cultural Forum. Sunandani Jamwal, Gursaran Kour, Manju Dogra, Rajbot Singh, Apoarva Jamwal and Sham Sajjan sang the lyrics of famous and established Dogri poetesses and poets like Usha Kiran 'Kiran', Vijay Thakur, Gyaneshwar Sharma, Deepak 'Aarsi', Sushel 'Bagama' and Ashok 'Amber'.

Sham Sajjan, who directed the music of the programmes accompanied on Harmonium

along with Krishan Johny on Synthesizer and Kumar Sonu on Tabla.

Er Shreyansh Jain and Er Gurdas Sharma in their address hailed the efforts of Dogri Sanstha Jammu and Jammu Cultural Forum dedicated to the services of literature, music and heritage.

Amar Chonhan anchored the programme whereas Vrinda Sharma delivered a vote of thanks.

## Nagaland CM calls on Dr Jitendra, discusses State-related issues

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed a wide range of State related issues ranging from development to placement of All India Services officers.

Neiphiu Rio appreciated Dr Jitendra Singh's keen interest and focus on development of Northeast and said that the people of the State always look upon him as their messenger in the national capital who is

always ready to follow up issues of their concern.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is primarily because of the high priority given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Northeast has today undergone miraculous transformation which is difficult to believe and the Northeast Model of Development is now being cited as a development link in other parts of the country as well. He said, the most striking example of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's priority for the Northeast is evident from the fact that in the first six years of his tenure as Prime Minister before the COVID pandemic, he had undertaken more than 50 visits to the North Eastern States, including frequent visits to

the State of Nagaland. This, he said, may be more than the total number of visits undertaken by all the earlier Prime Ministers put together to the North Eastern States.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has diligently and painstakingly not only ensured all round development in Northeast but has also enabled the people of Northeast to play the mainstream role of participation in the building of nation. The result of this is that the youth from Northeast are now seen in a leading role across the country, particularly in tourism and aviation industry, while youth from other parts of the country are heading for the Northeast in search of new avenues of

livelihood and Start Ups.

Chief Minister of Nagaland brought to the notice of Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Minister Incharge Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T), some of the issues related to deputation and placement of IAS officers in Nagaland. In response, Dr Jitendra Singh said, he will ask the Department to give due consideration to all these issues and examine what best can be done.

The Chief Minister also requested the Union Minister to follow up with the Central Government the progress of some of the other proposals of projects in Nagaland. The Union Minister in return said that his office will take due cognizance of this.

## AGPS Pahalgam celebrates Baisakhi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PAHALGAM: Baisakhi was celebrated in Army Goodwill Public School (AGPS) Pahalgam on Thursday with full enthusiasm. Students and staff participated in activities like Bhangra, songs, poetry recitation and dance. Principal explained the significance of the festival to students.

Baisakhi is celebrated as the start of the solar year. This is a popular festival in Punjab, to thank God for the good harvest. On this day, people pray at nearby Gurdwaras. Baisakhi processions and traditional performances (group dance and singing) are held. Originally a spring harvest festival celebrated in Punjab. Students were also told that we celebrate Bihu in Assam in the similar manner.