

## SIT probe into encroachments of religious place a welcome step: Raman Suri

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JAMMU: Describing the constitution of Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe into the alleged illegal lease of temple properties in the Valley as a great move initiated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri hoped that this initiation will restore properties with temples and punish the guilty as per the law of the land.

He added that Deputy Commissioners (DC) of all ten districts of Kashmir division have been asked to furnish an updated inventory within a week's time.

Raman Suri said that the administration used to initiate action against encroachers of religious

places earlier too but due to half-hearted efforts, those into this menace were encouraged.

Now that a stern and time-bound action has been initiated, it is hoped that all religious places will become free of encroachments and those into this will be punished. Those using the properties illegally should also be asked to vacate the same and action must be initiated against them.

The BJP leader said that several religious properties of minority communities including temples and gurdwaras have either been encroached upon or some structures have been built there illegally, all of which must be restored back. Thanking Lieutenant Governor for constituting SIT to probe this menace,

Raman Suri said that previous NC, PDP, or Congress governments hardly cared to investigate these encroachments and looked the other way, which was criminal in nature.

He said, even the courts had been asking governments to restore religious properties to their owner temples and gurdwaras but no government took the orders seriously. Several properties have either been sold out, leased out or changed according to the needs. Further, there are also allegations of some trusts and religious places selling the land, which should also be probed.

Raman Suri said, the sentiments of people are connected to these temples and gurdwaras and by constituting a SIT, the government has proved that it is against all kinds of encroachments. Once all the Deputy Commissioners submit their reports of encroachments the entire picture of these illegal acts will be clear and accordingly action should be initiated, he asserted.

## Shiv Sena, SSP vow to work together to become a better political option in J&K

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) and Sainik Samaj Party have jointly assured to raise their voice and become a better political option for the people of Jammu and Kashmir with an aim to protect their rights including land, employment, education and cultural identity.

Addressing a joint press conference here at Press Club today, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K and Col. S.S Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party said that for the protection of rights, cultural identity of local people, special rights have been given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 371. He said formation of Minorities Commission in Jammu and Kashmir and removal of anomalies in the welfare schemes of soldiers and ex-servicemen were also comes under Article 371.

Sahni said that Hindus and Sikhs are minorities in Jammu and Kashmir and the government should given all benefits of all schemes with the status of

minority communities.

Col Pathania demanded that removal of anomalies in reservation in government jobs to soldiers, ex-servicemen and family pensioners, one-time grants to gallantry award winners on the lines of neighboring states and other welfare schemes.

Sahni and Col Pathania said that they will jointly go among the public and make a list of public aspirations and raise their voice on those issues and with the cooperation and support of the public, they will aim to make the best political option for the people of J&K in the upcoming Panchayat, Municipal Corporation, Assembly elections in the Union Territory. They appealed to other like-minded political parties to get unite and work together for the welfare of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among others who were present in the press conference include Vikas Bakshi, Shiv Sharma, Raj Singh, Raj Kumar Basan, Mangu Chander Sharma, Munish Rajput and Sidarth Sharma were present.

## TLS, JU organises interactive session on 'Role of police in criminal justice system'

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JAMMU: An interactive session on "The role of police in the criminal justice system" was organised by The Law School (TLS), University of Jammu (JU) on Thursday.

The chief guest for the occasion was Nitish Kumar, Inspector General of Police CID while Zahid Manhas, Senior Superintendent Police CID Jammu was the Guest of Honour.

The welcome address was presented by Prof. (Dr.) Manju Janwal, Director, TLS.

Nitish Kumar deliberated upon four important pillars in the criminal justice system and police being one of the foundation pillars. He also said that the police plays a vital role in mainstreaming public order to combat crime and discussed how police functionaries have developed enforcement mechanism while coordinating with the judiciary to provide administration of justice.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Seema Sharma. The programme was coordinated by Aditya Mahajan.

## Raga Bhajaneshwari-a tribute to Pt Bhajan Sopori

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JAMMU: Music Maestro Pt. Abhay Rustum Sopori has introduced a new Hindustani Classical raga as a tribute to the great music legend, the Saint of the Santoor and the King of Strings, Pandit Bhajan Sopori. The raga has been named after Pandit Bhajan Sopori as Raga Bhajan-eshwari.

Abhay Sopori, who represents the 300 year old Santoor legacy of the fabled Sopori - Sufiana Gharana of Kashmir, presented and introduced the new raga at the 100th year celebrations of Sankat Mochan Sangeet Samaroh 2023 at Varanasi.

While explaining Raga Bhajan-eshwari, Abhay said that the new raga is basically the bhajan i.e. devotion and prayer of Eshwar; the god i.e. the ultimate divine and the supreme power.

And this combination makes Raga Bhajaneshwari. Abhay presented Aalap

& Jod, followed by Vilambit Gat in Jhaptaal, Bandish in Madhyalaya Ektaal and Drut Gat in Teentaal.

His performance marked mellifluous playing, lightning tempo, clarity and accuracy of Raga exposition and nuances of the Sopori Baaj (style), the unique format of Classical Santoor playing created by Pandit Bhajan Sopori with all the essential technical and stylistic nuances of both the Gayaki and Tantrakari Angs such as Meends, Gamaks, Glides, Taans, Bols, Chhand and Laya patterns, etc. demonstrating his traditional Shaivaite - Sufi Parampara (tradition).

Abhay also sang the new Bandish written by him "Tore Bin Me Kuch Bhe Nahi, Tu Hai Data, Tu He Gyata, Kripa Karo Hay Guruwar". He was accompanied by Ustad Akram Khan on Tabla and Rishi Upadhyay on Pakhawaj.

## BJP Minority Morcha organises Waterbody Cleaning, Plantation Drive

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JAMMU: Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) Minority Morcha organised water body cleaning and plantation drive under the "Samajik Nyay Saptah" at Cremation ground Shakti Nagar Jammu on Thursday.

Chander Mohan Gupta BJP State Vice President and former Mayor was the chief guest on this occasion.

This initiative to organize a water body cleaning and plantation drive is a commendable effort towards environmental conservation. This campaign is not only aimed at improving the cleanliness of water bodies but also aims to promote afforestation in areas surrounding these water bodies, promoting biodiversity and ensuring healthy ecosystems says BJP Minority Morcha President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa.

The determination of the

BJP Minority Morcha shines through in their bold move to take action to combat climate change and tackle environmental issues facing communities nationwide. Such initiatives help create awareness among citizens about their responsibility towards the environment while also encouraging active participation in community activities Nalwa added.

The BJP Minority Morcha's proactive steps are sure to inspire change throughout our country as we jointly strive for a cleaner, greener planet for generations to come Nalwa further added.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included, Balvinder Singh (Vice President), Narinder Jain (Vice President), Bhopinder Singh (Vice President), Santokh Singh (General Secretary), Deepak Agarwal and others.

## MP Khatana asks Admn to brace up for summer challenges

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JAMMU: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana has asked the divisional administration Jammu to brace up for summer season and put in place all the measures for meeting the demand of potable drinking water and power supply.

A large number of delegations from different parts of Jammu region including Udhampur, Samba, Jammu, Kathua on Thursday met the MP Gulam Ali and apprised him about the scarcity of drinking water and power supply.

They said that with the onset of summer season drinking water supply has been affected and power supply too has become erratic.

Gulam Ali said that both

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UTs administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha have been acting in sync with each other and are working overtime to remove the hardships of the common masses. He said that rot of seven decades spread by the Cong, NC, PDP cannot be undone in a few years yet lot has been done by the central government.

Yet water supply has to be upgraded and new out of box solutions keeping in view the future needs of Jammu have to be devised. MP said that very shortly he would review the bottlenecks in upgradation of power infrastructure and water supply schemes with the concerned officials and seek its redressal.

## CISF contingent of 530 personnel takes-over security of NMDC steel plant in Chhattisgarh

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NEW DELHI: A contingent of 530 Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel on Thursday took over the security of a newly-commissioned NMDC steel plant located in the Naxal violence-affected Bastar region of Chhattisgarh.

The force was inducted in a ceremonial event held at the site of the plant in Nagarnar and senior CISF and National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) officials were present, a force spokesperson said.

Sanjay Prakash, Inspector General, CISF, Central Sector HQrs, Bhilai was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Priyadarshini G, CGM (Pers), NMDC, Himanshu Pandey, DIG CISF, Central Zone, other dignitaries officers and staff of




CISF and NMDC and invited officers from sister agencies were present on the occasion.

A commandant-rank officer of the CISF will head the 530-personnel contingent, a senior officer said.

"With this induction, total establishments under CISF security cover raised to 355as on date," he added.

The plant is located in the Left Wing Extremism-affected region of Bastar and is the 20th unit of the ministry of steel under the security cover of the CISF, the spokesperson said.

As a forward integration and business diversification plan, the NMDC is in the process of commissioning its 3 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant (NISF) at Nagarnar, he said.





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