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STATE TIMES

## Adv Grover installed as President Khatri Arora Consortium

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In its first meeting which was held in Channi Himmat Jammu where the members present launched this social forum under the name and style of Khatri Arora Consortium with Advocate VK Grover as its President and Jitender Aul and Rajesh Pandoh as Vice-Presidents. Those present included Adarsh Pandoh; Ajay Gandotra; Anil Sawhney; Ashwany Puri; B. M. Gandotra; B.R. Abrol; Deepak Kohli; Girish Bajaj; Jatinder Aul; Maneesh Gandotra; P. K. Talwar; Dr. Lokesh Verma; R.C. Nanda; Rajan Batta; Rajesh Pandoh; Raman Gandotra; Sanjay Sethi; T.R. Soi and V.K. Grover.

It was resolved in the meeting that the consortium shall work with full sincerity, dedication, devotion and loyalty in a spirit of unity. They shall also support the consortium financially and otherwise for the upliftment of both the communities and shall work in true spirit of constitution of this association



President Khatri Arora Consortium, Advocate V.K Grover and others at a meeting.

(Consortium). It shall purely be a social and non-political organization, though for achieving its targets assigned in its constitution political support may be sought and obtained. Addressing the gathering, Advocate V K Grover assured the participants to frame a Constitution Committee and constitute Executive Committee in cooperation with two Vice Presidents in a very short time. He further revealed and impressed upon audience that Khatri and Aroras are both Upper-Castes as narrated by Emperor Jehangir in his autobiography Jahangirnama. As per historian W. H. McLeod and Louis Fenech,

Khatri is a Punjabi form of the word Kshatriya. Peter Hardy and A. R. Desai also agree that Khatri is derived from Kshatriya. He lauded the roles of Khatri in Bollywood through stalwarts like Raj Kapoor, BR Chopra, Yash Chopra, Subhas Ghai, Dev Anand, Ekta Kapoor, Prakash Mehra, Shekhar Kapur and Vidhu Vinod Chopra who are all Khatri. He also mentioned roles of Sunil Grover, Juhi Chawla, Vijay Arora, Amrita Arora, Jas Arora and Malaika Arora. He mentioned about the contribution of Astronaut Kalpana Chawla who lost her life in the field of science and technology.

## Jal Jeevan Mission: Awareness programme organised for stakeholders at Poonch

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: The Project Management Consultancy, Mission Directorate, Jal Jeevan Mission, J&K, in collaboration with District Jal Jeevan Mission, Poonch, today organised a mega Handholding cum Awareness program here in the Multipurpose hall of SKC Government Degree College.

The sessions witnessed participation of more than 800 participants comprising different stakeholders including PRIs, Pani Samiti members, field staff of Jal Shakti Department, Health viz ASHA workers, Aanganwari workers, District Project Management Unit JJM Staff, Implementation Support Agency, Water Testing lab staff, and FTK Trained Women from various panchayats among general public from

Poonch, Surankote and Mendhar Sub divisions of the Distt.

The programme was presided over by the District Development Commissioner (Chairman DJJM) Poonch, Inder Jeet. Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Poonch (Member Secretary DJJM) Er. Rajinder K. Sharma was Guest of Honour. Executive Engineer PHE Div. Poonch Er. Riaz Ahmad, DEPO Narinder Mohan Suri, AEEs, AEs, Junior Engineers and officials of Jal Shakti dept were also present.

Sr. Lecturer, Haroon Rathore conducted the proceedings of the programme.

In his address, District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet spoke about the issue of pollution of water bodies and said that careless dumping of waste into water bodies/ sources has aggravated the water scarcity problem and the need is to arrest this trend by community mobilisation and action. He also laid emphasis on water conservation and judicious use of water. While appreciating the efforts of Jal Shakti Department, he also sought

active participation of the PRIs and Pani Samities in speedy execution and quality construction of JJM works so as to achieve the set target of the Prime Minister to provide safe drinking water to every household. Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Poonch Er Rajinder K. Sharma, while addressing the audience, gave details of Jal Jeevan Mission program launched in the District Poonch to provide HAR GHAR NAL SE JAL with 15th August 2023 as the timeline for successful implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission program. He also explained the role of Pani Samities in implementation of the JJM and emphasised the need of coordination among the Jal Shakti Department and, Pani Samities and the general public in facilitating the smooth execution of the works on ground and completion of all the JJM schemes in Distt as per timeline fixed by the Govt. He further advised the Engineers of the department to ensure quality construction as per standard specifications. Earlier, Coordinator IEC, Muzaffar Hussain welcomed

the audience. Sajal Shrivastav, the expert from PMC was the keynote speaker of the programme. He highlighted the various aspects of Jal Jeevan Mission, water management and overall conservation measures and the importance of Jal Jeevan Mission for ensuring adequate, clean tap water to every household.

He explained in detail the role and duties of various stakeholders including Pani samities and shared best practices of water management and Rain Water harvesting with the audience and motivated them to play their key role with dedication and in a missionary zeal towards fulfilling the vision of JJM.

The essence of Jal Jeevan Mission, water harvesting and water conservation issues were also highlighted through Audio Visual aids and Nukkad Natak. In another session, a Live demonstration of Water Testing on Field Testing Kits was presented by Water Testing Staff before the stakeholders in order to train them.

At the end ISA Coordinator SFSAB Intiaz Lone presented the vote of thanks.

## India loves celebrating and recognising its diversity: Finance Minister

■ **AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON: India loves celebrating and recognising its diversity, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said, as she paid glowing tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar, the architect of India's Constitution, at an event here.

"We always had this diversity. It's a country which loves celebrations. It's a country which loves celebrating and recognising its diversity," Sitharaman told a gathering of Indian-Americans at the popular India House, the residence of India's envoy to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, at an event here to celebrate the New Year being observed across the country in multiple ways. "Even as we're doing all this per auspicious calendar, each one of us follow, either based on the Sun horoscope or moon horoscope.

They're all around the same time. But based on the calendar year, April 14

marks the birthday of Dr. Ambedkar," she said.

"So here as I'm standing before, largely an Indian crowd, but of course senior officials of the US administration, when I say that India enjoys diversity, celebrates diversity, there can always be times when there is friction here on days when you have so many different people of diverse backgrounds," she said. The Finance Minister is in the US for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank spring meeting.

She said that Dr Ambedkar stands out in distinction to show how, despite the background from which it comes, learned from his teacher, in fact took his teacher's name for his own.

Benefited by the scholarship given by a ruler of Baroda, he came to Columbia to do law. Came back and was a veritable fountainhead of so many different thoughts which constitution makers of India had, and the discussions were long and elaborated, post which India's constitution was ready, she said.

"They were eminent people in that group which prepared the Constitution

of India. Dr. Babasaheb headed that group. And he's given the Constitution is what all of us would say we recognize him for the contribution that he's made," she said.

"It's not for me to highlight why I need to underline this when I'm talking about diversity. But because we are in the United States, I want to highlight that we celebrate the great leaders of our pre-independence era as well, Dr. Ambedkar stood for India, worked for Indians. He came from the oppressed Dalit community," she said.

"He belongs to them. But he came with a positive thought of being part of new India in the making and wrote the Constitution along with experts. So, when we celebrate diversity, celebrate inclusiveness, it also points out that we share a lot of positive thoughts when we are doing this. So today when we celebrate togetherness, it is that spirit that governs India and US relationship," Sitharaman said.

The event was marked by cultural performances showcasing India's cultural diversity, starting with Gurbani kirtan "Awal Allah Noor

Upaaya....Kudrat Kai Sab Bande" by Bhai Sat Pal Singh ji, Bhai Onkar Singh ji and Bhai Karm Singh ji from Sikh Foundation of Virginia.

On Bhagwan Mahavir Jayanti, thoughts by Atmarpit Vidhiji, a scholar from Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur, Gujarat were shared.

Songs on Easter by choir were from Memorial First India United Methodist Church in Maryland.

With Eid celebrations around the corner, devotional offerings were by Nawaz Brothers -- Fardeen Nawaz, Qais Nawaz and Idrees Nawaz to- Syed Muhammad Nizamuddin Auliya -- one of the most famous Sufi saints of the Chishti Order from Northern India in the 14th century.

On Vaisakh Purnima, also known as Buddha Purnima, thoughts were espoused by Dr. Jin Park, Professor and Department Chair of Philosophy and Religion, American University.

"When you look at all these festivals in one, place at one time, this is an example of diversity and inclusion and equity," said Dr Rahul Gupta, the White House drug czar.

### BTSM constitutes Jammu Distt Urban Unit

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) on Sunday announced the Jammu District Urban unit for the Year 2023-24. Vishal Sharma and Alok Mahajan were nominated as President and General Secretary of the unit respectively.

The announcement was made by J&K UT President Dr Vivek Sharma after the meeting of the Jammu District activists in Jammu. Sunny Manhas, Sandeep Bakshi, Parshant Chawala and Atul Sharma have been nominated as Vice-Presidents and Sarvdaman Sharma, Ashish Kumar, Naveen Sharma and Mahesh Gupta as Secretaries of the unit.

In his address, Dr Vivek Sharma said that BTSM is working under the guidance of Indresh Kumar, Varisht Pracharak and National Executive Member of RSS; and under the leadership of BTSM National General Secretary Pankaj Goyal, is working determinedly for the liberation of Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar.

He also said that we can succeed in our goal only if we boycott the use of Chinese goods and adopt indigenous ones. He said that China has troubled the whole world with its "Hide and Bite policy". Further, he said that we will run public awareness in the entire state so that we can be successful soon in this struggle.

## Navreh Milan at Jagti Township Rana lauds KPs for preserving their culture, traditions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lauding the resilience, fortitude and sense of assimilation of Kashmiri Pandits in braving the vicissitudes of wilderness during the long spell of their displacement, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Sunday complimented them for preserving their culture heritage and glorious traditions even during most testing times of their displacement from the Valley.

Interacting with the displaced members of the community at Navreh Milan organized by All India Migrant Camp Coordination Committee (AIMCCC) at Jagati Township the transitory second home of the Kashmiri Migrants, 12 kilometers from here, Mr Devender Rana said that despite the ignominy of being refugees they held pens and kept their ethos alive.

Devender Rana greeted the people on Navreh celebrations and prayed for the time to come when the displaced people will celebrate their festivals like Navreh in the scenic almond gardens and valley of Kashmir along with their majority community brethren



AIMCCC members presenting bouquet to senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

in true spirit of inclusiveness. He said both the communities are feeling nostalgic about the yesteryears and craving for Kashmir to get back to its glorious golden era. In the presence of K.K. Khosa, President Kashmiri Samaj, B.K. Raina, Chairman AIMCCC, Desh Rattan, President AIMCCC, Prof. A.N. Sadhu, B.L. Saraf, Retd Judge, B.L. Bhat, Anil Dhar, Prof. G.L. Koul, Priya Dhar, Anjali Kar, Meenu Misri, Rakesh Dass, Pt. Rameshwar Dutt, Romesh Singh (Natti), Parveen Singh and others, Devender Rana complimented Kashmiri Pandits for their initiative of setting up of Sharada Temple near the Line of Control on the banks of the Krishna Ganga and urged the Union Home Minister to take up the

issue of opening of the Sharada Peeth in Pakistan occupied Kashmir on the analogy of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor. This will quench the spiritual thirst of Kashmiri Pandits, ardent devotees of Mata Sharda and revive the pristine glory of India's greatest seat of learning, he added.

Tracing roots of the Kashmiri Pandits in the lands nurtured by their ancestors for centuries back home in Kashmir, Rana sought undoing of the wrongs committed by way of distress sales of their immovable properties post migration of the minuscule minority from the Valley in most tragic, inhuman and unfortunate circumstances.

"Hounding out and uprooting of aborigines is the worst kind of human rights violation", Rana added and called

for course correction by identifying the sales carried out in distress in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sale) Act 1997.

This will expose the small but vocal section of vested interests, who believed in making personal and political empires by playing politics on dead bodies and the miseries of the people, no matter which community they belonged to.

He said their inhuman acts have greatly annoyed and distressed the majority people in the valley also, who kept feeling the pain and agony of the minority community brethren and yearn for their honourable return.

They also understand that Kashmiri Pandits had no option but to leave their homes and hearths for safety of their lives, notwithstanding the malicious and mischievous 'conspiracy angle' being pushed by insensitive segments and politicians. Such a situation has unfortunately been allowed by politicians who dominated the political scene over the years, he added.

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