

## 16th Civil Services Day celebrated

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BANDIPORA: The District Administration Bandipora on Friday celebrated the 16th Civil Services Day to recognize the contribution of civil servants towards the development of the Nation under the theme, 'Viksit Bharat - Empowering Citizens and Reaching the last mile'.

The event was presided over by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad who lauded the efforts of civil servants in achieving developmental goals across the Nation.

He emphasized the importance of public service and urged the officials to continue to work towards the welfare of the people and development of the Nation. The programme was attended by SSP Bandipora, Lakshay Sharma; ADDC

Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; ACR Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad Wani and other officers of the District Administration.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Owais stated that the Civil Services Day celebration provides an opportunity to reflect on the role of civil servants in the development of the district and the nation as a whole.

He also appreciated the efforts of the civil servants in ensuring the smooth functioning of the government machinery.

Dr. Owais said the District Administration of Bandipora has always been committed to the welfare of the people and will continue to work towards achieving the developmental goals of the district.

The 16th Civil Services Day celebration is a testimony to the commitment of the civil servants towards their duty and responsibility

towards society.

The program was coordinated by Program Manager DIC Bandipora Mehraj Wani.

Every year, on 21st April, National Civil Services Day is celebrated in India as a token of appreciation for all officers, engaged in various public departments in the country, who work tirelessly to run India's administrative machinery.

This day also acts as a reminder for civil servants, working in various departments, of the cause to serve the citizens of the country above all else.

At the culmination of the event, various officers, including ADDC, Nodal Officer Coordination, ADC, ACR, ACP, DFO, Tehsildar Bandipora, PM DIC Bandipora, ExEn PDD Bandipora/ Sumbal, DSHO, CAHO were felicitated for their meritorious contributions and services.

## Bhagwan Parshuram Janmotsav will be celebrated in entire Union Territory of J&K: Adv Dakhseesh



J&K UT President Yuva World Brahman Federation, Adv Dakhseesh Sharma, addressing a press conference at Jammu.

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JAMMU: UT President Yuva World Brahman Federation, Adv Dakhseesh Sharma, while addressing a press conference here on Friday, said that Parshuram Janmotsav will be celebrated in entire J&K with great enthusiasm.

He told that Shoba Yatra will be held in all districts and constituencies of

Jammu Province.

"We should all unitedly work for the betterment and welfare of the community at large," he said.

Others who were present in the press conference include Atul Raina Vice President, Sheetanshu Bargoitra State Sec Mahesh Bakshi State Sec Adv Rahul Sharma Adv Pankaj Sharma Adv Nikhil Narayan.

## ISI's intention to spread unrest will not succeed: Chugh

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) paid floral tributes to the Army Jawans martyred in the coward terrorist attack in Poonch. BJP National General Secretary and Incharge Jammu & Kashmir Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul, former Dy. Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal.

Senior BJP leaders paid floral tributes to the martyrs Hav Mandeep Singh, Lt/Nk Debashish Baswal, Nk Kulwant Singh, Sep Harkrishan Singh and Sep Sewak Singh while observing silence for two minutes and praying the Almighty to pro-



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and others paying tributes to martyrs.

vide Moksha to the departed brave souls of Bharat Mata. Tarun Chugh strongly condemned the terror attack on an Army vehicle in Poonch District, claiming the five precious lives. He expressed condolences to the families of brave hearts and wished speedy recovery to the injured. He said that whole India stands united in this act of cowardice and is determined to give befitting reply: "The intention of ISI to

spread unrest in Jammu-Kashmir will not be successful. Those responsible for the attack on the soldiers will not be spared", said Tarun Chugh.

Ravinder Raina termed the terrorist attack as coward act. He said that these Pakistan sponsored terrorists have done a heinous crime. Our brave soldiers will not spare these cowards and they soon be neutralized like other commanders of these fugitives.

## Democracy finished in Jammu & Kashmir: Sawhney

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior JKPCC leader, Yogesh Sawhney on Friday gave a statement, stating that the democracy has been finished by the BJP government in Jammu and Kashmir and in India.

He said that former Governor of J&K Satyapal Malik spoke against the BJP and he received CBI summons immediately.

The former Minister stated it is deeply disappointing to see that our country has reached this stage where there is no space for free and fair investigation on truth if the truth.

It is high time that people realise that our democracy is in danger and no one has any real freedom of speech and expression when it comes to



speaking against the government or even against their capitalist friends.

The downfall of democracy is evident in the current happenings and this incident is a big leap in that direction as well, Sawhney said.

Here, people must come together to stand for the truth and a free, unbiased and constitutional investigation against BJP government, Sawhney said.

## ‘Increase Sikh quota in defence forces recruitment’

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JAMMU: All J&K 1947 POJK Sharnarthi Intellectual Forum on Friday convened a meeting under the chairmanship of Advocate Amrik Singh joined by Surjit Singh General Secretary of Forum along with other prominent members of the Forum. Forum expressed their anguish over the gruesome attack by the Pakistan sponsor terrorists on the army convoy at Bhimber Gali of Poonch Sector in which five army jawans martyred and another one was critically injured. The Forum declared it a cowardice act like Pulwama which clearly shows a hatched conspiracy by the enemy countries like Pakistan and China keeping in view the forthcoming G-20 Summit which is going to be held in Kashmir on May 22

and 24, 2023.

The Forum have taken it very serious and urged upon the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to take stern action against Pak like surgical strike because it is saying (Laaton Ke boot baton Se Nahin Mante). Further it is elaborated and asked to the Defence Minister to increase the quota of Sikhs in defence forces recruitment process instead of decreasing because it is the Sikhs regiment who teach lesson to enemies army as its universal truth examples proved in China as well as of Pak Border.

The Forum reiterated that we shouldn't taken its lightly because security of the country should be taken on priority basis and the brave communities must be given preference in

defence sector because the history reveals the loyalty of the Sikh community. The Forum took it very serious and urged upon the Union Govt. to take revenge at any cost and every Indian citizen stands by the country integrity.

The Forum observed two minutes silence to mark in respect of the martyred Jawans.

The meeting was also attended by Inder Singh Sooden Paramjit Singh, Nasib Singh, Sucha Singh, Kuldeep Singh, H.S Sudan, Prof K.D Singh, Sudesh Sharma, Parshotam Lal, Ghanysham Sharma, Mela Ram Bhagat, Parkash Chand, Som Raj Sharma, Jagjit Singh, Khazan Singh, Iqbal Singh. Manjit Singh, Dara Singh, Bhupinder Singh and Prehlad Singh.

## Khatana asks BSNL Jammu to reframe 4G Roll-out plan

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana has expressed serious concern over the failure of the BSNL Jammu office to prepare a futuristic plan for the roll out of 4G services in Jammu region. He, however, congratulated team of BNL Kashmir for planning 4G roll out keeping in view the needs of the present times and future expansion also to provide best services to its consumers.

MP in a strong missive to CGMT J&K Sanjeev Tyagi said that it has come to our notice that 4G proposed BTs for Jammu division is far less as compared to its physical area i.e. more than 26000 Sq Kms besides hilly and mountainous districts including

Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, Udhampur, Reasi and Kathua.

He further said that as per the reports in the media, BSNL, Kashmir is going to provide 4G saturation to 181 uncovered villages/border villages and to provide contiguous 4G coverage to Kashmir valley, 3104, e-node B's are proposed.

This project involves upgradation of existing 500 sites of BSNL and an addition of 2600 new sites. And this proposal is for Kashmir valley consisting of 15,000 sq km area.

Expressing concern over the poorly planned 4G roll out for Jammu region, Er. Gulam Ali said that the present proposal of around 600 4G BTs keeping in view the area, population and contiguity to enemy nation speaks of the unimaginative

approach has cast serious aspersions on the working/competence of the BSNL team from Jammu. And BSNL team of Kashmir division must be commended for their futuristic planning to serve the people to the best of their ability.

He said that the uneven proposal of 4G BTs seems that 4G roll out in Jammu division will not be able to cater 4G services upto the mark. Kindly send new proposal for Jammu division on priority under intimation to the undersigned so that Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir emerges as a role model for other states/UTs of the country and BSNL subscribers in Jammu do not suffer because of BSNL official's inability to see the future needs of the area.

## Hira Lal Abrol carries-out membership drive of DPAP

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JAMMU: State Secretary, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Hira Lal Abrol along with office bearers, continued door to door 'membership drive' in Ward No 6 of Gujjar Nagar of the Jammu East Constituency. "Secular structure of DPAP was on display when large number of people from Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christian communities welcomed the team and shared their happiness to join the Ghulam Nabi Azad's DPAP" Hira Lal Abrol said. He added that even females showed keenness to join the drive, in support of Ghulam Nabi Azad. They shared that Azad had done tremendous work as Chief Minister of



DPAP State Secretary, Hira Lal Abrol leading door to door membership drive at Gujjar Nagar.

Jammu & Kashmir and hoped that he shall bring happier days back for the people of J&K. The office bearers carried out 'one to one interaction' and patiently heard the problems of the people. They shouted loud slogans in support of DPAP which attracted a larger crowd to attend the drive. Hira Lal Abrol assured the people that DPAP under the dynamic leadership of Ghulam Nabi Azad is working for upliftment of the people irrespective of any caste, religion and region.

The office bearers who attended the drive were Mahinder Singh, Akhil Sharma, Rammeek Sharma, Vinod Manhas, Raj Kumar Sharma, Meena Gupta and Amreen.

## Poonch Terror attack widely condemned in Jammu Province

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JAMMU: A group of BJP workers on Friday held a protest in Poonch here against the terror attack which claimed the lives of five Army personnel. The protest was held near the party head office in Jawahar Nagar area of the city here. They raised slogans against Pakistan and terrorists. They also burnt an effigy depicting Pakistan. "This protest is against the martyrdom of five jawans in Pakistan-sponsored terror attack," J-K BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur told reporters, and warned Pakistan against sending terrorists to Kashmir.

Senior BJP leader and former minister, Ajatshatru Singh has condemned terror attack. In a statement issued here on Friday, the senior BJP leader, making a scathing attack on Pakistan, warned rogue nation to desist from exporting terror to this side of the borders. He said that India is capable of devastating Pakistan if it would not stop its misadventures in Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed solidarity with bereaved families and extended his deepest condolences.

A meeting of various Sikh organisations of J&K was held under the chairmanship of Mohinder Singh, Chief Organiser Bhai Khanaiya Nishkam Seva Society J&K and ex-Member DGPC Jammu, to condemn martyrdom of five soldiers of Rashtriya rifles in a terror attack at Poonch. The meeting observed two-minute silence to pray for eternal peace of departed souls besides expressing sympathy with the bereaved families. The leaders also demands ex-gratia Rs 2 crore and job to a member of each bereaved family. Those who were present during the meeting included Darbinder Singh, Gajan Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Kuldeep Kour, Gurmeet Kour, Charanjeet Singh, Prof Yudhvir Singh Corporator, Charan Singh Bali, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Manmohan Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Rasbir Singh, Tejpal Singh, Kultar Singh and Charanveer Singh (Lad).

Pritam Singh Saini, National Vice President Gantantrik Samaj Sangathan (GSS) has also condemned terrorist attack in Poonch district. In a statement issued in Jammu, Pritam Singh Saini, who is also President of All Jammu Kashmir Saini Sabha, condemned Pakistan for carrying on policy of enmity against India and harbouring terrorists on its soil besides using them create unrest in J&K. Saini paid tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their life for the sake of Nation.

Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu has condemned martyrdom of five Rashtriya Rifles soldiers by terrorists in a cowardly attack on Army vehicle. In a meeting of executive committee, Sabha President K K Khosa along with others members expressed deep condolences to families of the martyred brave-hearts. "Twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch have been sub-

jected to a string of terrorist attacks during past two years and on most occasions the perpetrators of these heinous killings have managed to escape into deep forests with the support and connivance of their over-ground workers and sympathizers. The killers of Dangri carnage are still at large despite strenuous efforts of security establishment, rendering the whole population living in and around area vulnerable," added members, and urged Government of India and UT administration to beef up security of minorities living in Valley.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu North blocked Jammu Poonch National Highway as a mark of resentment against martyrdom of five Army Jawans in Poonch district, terming it a cowardice act of terror mongers. Omi Khajuria, President BJP Jammu district North along with hundreds of supporters assembled on the Jammu Poonch National Highway near Nagbani in Jammu and blocked National Highway for two hours. Talking to media, Omi Khajuria criticized Pakistan for pursuing a policy of hostility against India and harbouring ter-



BJP Jammu North workers burning Pak effigy during a protest against Poonch terrorist attack.

rorists on its soil. The senior BJP leader said that attack on army vehicle was an attempt to disrupt peaceful atmosphere of Jammu region, aiming to spread fear among people who live in communal harmony with each other.

On call of Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market (Regd) a number of traders took out Mashal Rally (candle march) from Federation office to Bikram Chowk to pay tributes to five army Jawans who attained martyrdom in Poonch on Thursday. Deepak Gupta, President condemned Pakistan for carrying on policy of enmity against India and harboring terrorists on its soil. He demanded that the UT administration should immediately identify cowardly terrorists so that they are brought to justice. He demanded that law and enforcement agencies should also conduct a security review to ensure fool-proof security in Poonch. Deepak Gupta appealed to the



Traders of Ware House Nehru Market taking out Mashaal rally.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha that security agencies should be given free hand to neutralize all terrorists involved in such attacks. The Trade leader said there was an urgent need to review the security arrangements in both districts because earlier terrorists killed innocent people in Rajouri and no clue has been found about these killers. Prominent among those who attended the march included Munish Mahajan Senior Vice President, Abhimanyu Gupta Vice President, Sham Lal Langer General Secretary, Vishal Gupta Secretary and Amit Gupta Cashier.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu District South unit under leadership of Rekha Mahajan held a massive protest at Satwari Chowk on Friday, against martyrdom of soldiers in a terrorist attack in Poonch. DDC Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, former MLC Vikram Randhawa, District General Secretaries Akash Chopra and Pushpinder Singh, Mandal Presidents Neeraj Puri, Ranjit Singh, Bharat Bhushan, Bikram Sandhu and party activists held anti-Pakistan participated in the protest and burnt an effigy of Pakistan. BJP leader Rekha Mahajan said, "We are united against terrorism over the martyrdom of five army soldiers in Poonch district." Vikram Randhawa said that proxy war that Pakistan has been waging in Kashmir will ruin the country because India will not tolerate any misadventure and give a befitting reply to its every mischief.

Team Mask Force (TMF) Chairman Vijay Sharma in a press release here this afternoon condemned Poonch Terrorist attack. In a statement TMF chairman described the attack as "cowardly and inhuman" urging the government to identify the gunmen for exemplary punishment. He further said terrorism has no place in civilized society and those indulging in such barbaric acts were the enemies of humanity. He prayed to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed brave souls and give courage to the bereaved family members to bear irreparable loss.

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Mahanagar also staged a protest against Pakistan condemning brutal terrorist attack on Army vehicle in Poonch. Speaking on the occasion, ABVP State Joint Secretary Chhabat Anand said that once again Pakistan has stabbed from back. Mahanagar Mantri Hari Om said that such cowardice attacks can never



ABVP activists raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

undermine spirit and valour of our Army.

Hindu Jagarn Manch Udhampur Ramban Prabari Rohit Sethi along with president Hindu Jagarn Manch Udhampur Aditya Verma held a protest at Gole Market, Dabbar Chowk Udhampur and strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Poonch resulting in Martyrdom of four innocent army personnel and injured one. He criticized Pakistan for pursuing a policy of hostility against India and harboring terrorists on its soil and strongly condemned Pakistan for endangering the lives of people and security forces in JK UT. He said that Pakistan, which has failed to provide democracy and development to its people, is making every effort to disturb peace in the Jammu and Kashmir UT. He said that strict action should be taken against the terrorists.



Hindu Jagarn Manch workers raising slogans during protest at Udhampur.