

# Monthly Baithak organised by Music Deptt, IMFA, JU

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JAMMU: The Music Department of the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu (JU), organized its monthly Baithak on Friday at the Department of Dance, celebrating the rich cultural traditions of Indian classical arts.

The event was graced by esteemed Chief Guests Suresh Sharma, retired Session Judge, social worker, and receiver of Panchvaktar Mahadev Mandir, along with his wife, Prof. Shruti Sharma, a prominent educationist.

Deepak Kumar, renowned theatre artist, attended as the Special Guest. The occasion began with a solemn tribute to Padma Shri Manoj Kumar, the legendary film actor popularly known as Bharat Kumar, who passed away earlier today. The Baithak commenced on a spiritual note as Vedic students from Panchvaktar Mahadev Mandir presented an enlightening Ved Path, emphasizing the deep connection between Indian classical music and the Vedas, especially the Samaveda, which laid the foundation of



Officials along with participants during the event.

musical notes and rhythm in Indian tradition. These sacred chants not only bring spiritual elevation but also stand as the earliest documented examples of structured sound and melody. This was followed by a series of vibrant performances by students from various departments.

Poojan Kumar presented a soulful vocal recital, while Raghav accompanied on the Tanpura. Danish Verma captivated the audience with his Sitar performance, and Hilal Farooq played a mesmerizing piece on the Violin. The rhythmic synergy of Peeyush Verma and Varun Kalotra on Tabla

added depth to the performances, complemented by Jatin Kumar on Harmonium. In the dance segment, Sonia and Manu showcased their expressive movements. The event was eloquently anchored by Pragya Sharma. The aura of the occasion was enhanced by the Ved Path recitation by Rudransh, Naksh, Samarth, Rishi, Akhil, Rahul, Vidushi, Vishal, Partiksh, and Krishna. The welcome address was delivered by Rajkumar Sharma, who emphasized the significance of sustaining these monthly cultural gatherings. The vote of thanks was present-

ed by Dr. Priya Dutta, Head of the Music Department, who highlighted how she, along with dedicated faculty members and with the support of Principal Prof. Shohab Malik, is working towards reviving and nurturing this age-old tradition of Baithak in an institutional setting.

Suresh Sharma, in his address, appreciated the efforts of the Music Department and encouraged the students to continue their artistic pursuits with dedication. He remarked, "It is heartening to see young artists deeply engaged in preserving our classical heritage. Such

platforms are vital in fostering a cultural renaissance."

Deepak Kumar, speaking on the occasion, emphasized the vital role of the IMFA Music Department in propagating, promoting, and spreading awareness about our rich cultural heritage among the masses. He stated, "Music and performing arts are the soul of our tradition. Through these initiatives, we not only safeguard our heritage but also pass it on to the next generation in its most authentic form."

The event was attended by distinguished faculty members, including Dr. Sumeet Madan, Dr. Roshni Shaminotra, Bindu Sharma, Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Vijay Kumar, Shivani Kapoor, Chanderdhari Kesar, Amit Anand, Mohit Kumar, Prabhut Bali, and Ajay Kumar.

On this occasion, certificates were also awarded to the participants in recognition of their performances. The Monthly Baithak once again proved to be a harmonious blend of music, tradition, and cultural learning, keeping the spirit of Indian classical arts alive among the youth.

# J&K Dharmarth Trust to organise Grand 'Rath Yatra' today

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JAMMU: J&K Dharmarth Trust is organizing a grand Rath Yatra on April 5, 2025 on the eve of Ram Navmi celebrations.

This was informed by Dr. Parshotam Singh Pathania, President of J&K Dharmarth Trust while addressing a press conference at Trust's Central Office in Jammu. On the occasion, Ashok Kumar Sharma, IPS Retd, Secretary and members of Sanatan Dharm Sabha and Dharmik Yuvak Mandal were also present.

Briefing media persons, Dr Pathania, President informed that the Trust is organizing the grand Rath Yatra with traditional zeal and enthusiasm. The Sobha Yatra will be conducted in collaboration with Sanatan Dharm Sabha and Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, he added. Dr Pathania said that the Shobha Yatra will cover the traditional route this year commencing from historical Shri Raghunathji Temple and after passing through various markets of Jammu Old City and will



Trust President Dr Pathania briefing media.

finally culminate at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple. He further informed that the Shobha Murti Poojan ceremony will be performed at 4 PM on April 5, 2025, in the premises of Shri Raghunath ji Temple followed by Rath Poojan. After that the Rath Yatra will start from Shri Raghunath ji Temple, he added.

Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd), Trust's Secretary informed that the Rath Yatra shall start from the Shree Raghunath Ji Temple Complex and pass through Residency Road, Rajinder Bazar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road,

Jain Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazar, Gita Bhawan, Ranbireswar Temple then again move towards again City Chowk, Raghunath Bazaar and finally culminate at Raghunath Ji Temple. The Secretary appealed to the people of Jammu to participate in the Shoba Yatra in large numbers and let us all come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion with harmony and joy.

Among those who were present include Anil Sharma, President Dharmik Yuvak Mandal and Nischal Anand, Treasurer Dharmik Yuvak Mandal.

# Billawaria engages with residents of Sector-3 Gangyal, pledges swift action on development issues



Senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria during visit to Sector-3, Ward 56 in Gangyal.

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Mayor of Jammu and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Baldev Singh Billawaria visited Sector-3, Ward 56 in Gangyal, where he engaged with local residents and addressed their pressing developmental concerns.

During the visit, the residents voiced their demands, particularly highlighting the installation of paver tiles on roads, street lights, and other infrastructure issues.

A key request put forth by the locals was installing iron grating over the drain alongside the paver tiles instead of traditional black-topping. Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria emphasized his commitment to addressing the grievances of the residents. He assured them that their concerns had been taken seriously and would be resolved in a time-bound manner. He directed concerned departments to pre-

pare an estimate for the paver tile installation and initiate the work as soon as possible.

Regarding faulty street lights, Billawaria assured that the matter would be escalated to the Jammu Municipal Corporation Commissioner, ensuring that street lighting is installed at adequate locations for better public safety.

He also mentioned that Dr. Narinder Singh, the sitting MLA, remains dedicated to the overall development of the area and that the residents' concerns would be brought to his notice for expedited resolution.

Billawaria took the opportunity to inform the residents about the benefits of the recently re-launched Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0). He explained that the scheme aims to provide safe and stable housing to every Indian citizen, incorporating several new facilities and benefits to

maximize its reach and impact.

He further praised the residents of Sector-3 Gangyal for their dedication to cleanliness, acknowledging their efforts in maintaining a clean and hygienic environment in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation. Billawaria lauded their active participation in realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Swachh Bharat (Clean India).

The residents of Sector-3 Gangyal expressed their appreciation for Billawaria's proactive approach and for the development works carried out in the past.

Prominent members present at the event included Ranjeet Singh, Jugal Kishore, Jatinder Singh, Preet Pal Singh, GS Suri, Dilip Bhatt, Naresh Gupta, Dr. Sunny, Madan Lal, Omkar Kumar, and several other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Waqf Amendment Bill will benefit the poor people from the community by the judicious use of Digitalized Waqf properties and their funds for the welfare of the community be it for education, healthcare, or religious purpose. On one hand, this law will prevent encroachments on Waqf land, this will also prevent its unlawful claims on other properties.

This was stated by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, accompanied by Sunil Sharma, General Secretary, J&K BJP, & Leader of Opposition, Dr. Tahir Choudhary, Spokesperson, J&K BJP, and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP while addressing a press conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

"New Waqf Amendment Bill seeks to ensure that Waqf properties are protected and used as intended.



President, J&K BJP Sat Sharma briefing media.

This will address mismanagement, irregularities, and encroachments", said Sat Sharma.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the media persons, said that the Waqf Amendment Bill has been passed in both the houses after a marathon discussion. He said that the majority of the Parliamentarians believed that this Bill is in the favour of the general masses and will help the poor members from Muslim Community by the judicious use of Waqf properties.

"The multiple amendments in the Waqf Bill especially in 1995 and 2013, formed the

very basis of this necessary amendment, as it gave rise to the inconsistencies in the functioning of the Board", said Sharma.

Citing examples, Sat Sharma said that Just before the 2014 general elections, Congress government transferred prime properties in VVIP Lutyens Zone to the Waqf Board. Congress government trespassed the rights of people to use those properties via the government for the welfare of the general masses to benefit a few via the Waqf. Property under Northern railways was given to Waqf under the vote bank and appeasement poli-

# ADGP Armed Anand Jain decorates newly promoted officers



Anand Jain, ADGP Armed along with promoted officers.

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JAMMU: In a piping ceremony held at Armed Police Headquarters J&K, Jammu on Friday, Anand Jain, Addl. Director General Armed Police (ADGP) J&K decorated DySP rank to Bashir Ahmad and Neelam Sharma who have been recently promoted to the present Rank of DySP (M) Vide J&K Home Deptt Order No. 176 - Home of 2025 dated March 24, 2025.

While congratulating the

newly promoted officers, the ADGP extended good wishes to both the officers and their families for future endeavours.

He hoped that the promotion will inspire the officers to work with more vigour and responsibility in their working assignments and they will continue to work with same zeal and zest.

Dalip Kumar SSP, Staff Officer to ADGP Armed along with other officers was also present on the occasion.

# Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha to take out Shobha Yatra today

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JAMMU: A grand Shobha Yatra will be organized in Jammu on Saturday, April 5, 2025, to celebrate Shri Ram Navami with great enthusiasm and devotion.

The announcement was made by Parshotam Dadhichi, President of Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Jammu & Kashmir Province, during a press conference on Friday.

Dadhichi explained that since Ram Navami falls on a Sunday this year, most markets and business establishments will be closed. After discussions with various religious and social organizations, it was decided that the Shobha Yatra would be held on Saturday to allow maximum participation from devotees.

The event aims to bring together people from all walks of life in a grand display of faith and unity.

"The Shobha Yatra will commence from Shri



Sabha President Parshotam Dadhichi addressing the press conference.

Sanatan Dharma Natak Samaj Deewan Temple at 2:00 PM. The procession will begin from Jain School (Rani Park) and move through Moti Bazaar and Parade Ground, finally halting at Shri Geeta Bhawan Parade Central Office, where a special worship ceremony will take place at 3:00 PM. The idol of Lord Ram, seated in a beautifully decorated chariot, will be worshipped by Jammu Municipal Corporation Commissioner Devansh Yadav," Dadhichi said.

He added that from Shri Geeta Bhawan, the procession will pass through Shalimar, Indira Chowk, and Hari Market, reaching Shri Raghunath Temple. Here, the grand chariot of Lord Ram from Dharmarth Trust will join the Shobha Yatra, making it an even more magnificent event.

The combined procession will then move through Veer Marg, City Chowk, Rajendra Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk Old Hospital Road, Purani Mandi Link Road, Jain Bazaar, Chowk Chabutra, Pakka Danga, and Moti Bazaar, before concluding back at Shri Raghunath Temple, Dadhichi said.

Along with Parshotam Dadhichi, the press conference was attended by Shakti Dutt (Vice President), Sanjay Gupta (General Secretary), Anil Magotra (Treasurer), and Dilip Gupta (Publicity Secretary), among other senior office bearers of Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha.

Parshotam Dadhichi made a heartfelt appeal to the public, urging them to actively participate in the Shobha Yatra. He called upon all religious institutions, market associations, and local citizens to contribute in every possible way to make this grand event a success.

He encouraged devotees to decorate their local markets, welcome the procession with flower showers, and join in the celebration in large numbers.

He emphasized that participating in this divine procession is a sacred act that brings blessings not only to individuals but also to their families.

# It Secy Distribution, MoP commends JPDCL efforts during Jammu visit to review RDSS progress



Shashank Misra, Joint Secretary Distribution, MoP chairing a meeting in Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Shashank Misra, Joint Secretary Distribution, Ministry of Power (MoP) and Rahul Dwivedi, visited Jammu to review the functioning of the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) and assess the progress of works under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

During the meeting, Managing Director JPDCL, Yasin M. Choudhary, provided a detailed briefing on the achievements, challenges, and implementation status of RDSS.

Representatives from NTPC, PESL, RECPDCL, and other key stakeholders also participated, sharing insights on work prioritization and the need for re-evaluating on-ground conditions that have contributed to increased execution costs.

The Joint Secretary acknowledged JPDCL's commitment and proactive approach in tackling project challenges while ensuring steady progress. It was noted that despite facing hurdles, JPDCL has remained focused on optimizing resources and prioritizing high-loss areas to maximize RDSS benefits.

The Joint Secretary commended JPDCL's emphasis on efficiency-enhancing measures, such as feeder segregation and adjustments in pole quantities for reconductoring works, which are expected to significantly reduce technical losses and improve system reliability. Additionally, concerns were raised regarding the slow progress of smart metering, M/s Genus, the implementing agency. The Joint Secretary directed RECPDCL to take immediate corrective measures and enhance monitoring to ensure the timely completion of smart metering targets.

The meeting also reviewed the status of loss reduction works, pending payments to Turnkey Contractors (TKCs), and compliance with pre-qualification requirements. The Joint Secretary lauded JPDCL's continuous efforts in executing RDSS initiatives and urged all stakeholders to further accelerate implementation to achieve the scheme's objectives.

# MLA Mankotia calls on MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra at New Delhi



MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia calling on Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS in PMO.

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NEW DELHI: MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia on Friday met with Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS in PMO, at his office in Delhi to discuss several crucial developmental projects for the Chenani Ghordi Assembly

constituency.

During the meeting, Mankotia emphasized the need for educational infrastructure in the region and urged for the establishment of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV's) at Latti and Ghordi. He also highlighted the importance of setting up an Eklavya Model Residential School in the constituency to provide quality education to tribal students.

Mankotia stressed the urgent need for the inauguration of the Sira to Shivgali Road, which will enhance connectivity and boost economic activities in the region.

Additionally, he expressed his gratitude to MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh for sanctioning the Salmeh Bridge, which will significantly give big relief to the people.

Mankotia reiterated his commitment to the development of the Chenani constituency.

## NOTICE

I, Banalach Narendra Singh Hari Singh S/o Late Shri Hari Singh R/o V.P.O Rajpura, Teh: Rajpura, Distt: Samba State J&K, Pin 184145 state that my name has wrongly been written as Narendra Singh instead of Banalach Narendra Singh Hari Singh in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 879097054224. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

# IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, RAJOURI

Present: Rajinder Sapru  
1. Ashfaq Ahmed S/o Late Sh. Mohd Shafi R/o Dandote Tehsil Budhal Koleraunka Distt: Rajouri.  
2. Rubina Akhter D/o Late Sh. Mohd Shafi R/o Mohd Shoket R/o Gurdharan Pain Tehsil Rajouri.  
(Petitioners)  
Versus  
1. Public at large; 2. Samina Kouser W/o Ishfaq Ahmed R/o Dandote Tehsil Budhal Koleraunka Distt: Rajouri.  
3. Ache W/o Late Mohd Din, 4. Rubina Kouser D/o Late Sh. Mohd Din R/o Dandote Tehsil Budhal Distt: Rajouri.  
(Respondents)  
In the matter of: Petition U/S 6 of succession Certificate Act for grant of succession certificate, for an amount of Rs 13,01,119/- (Rupees thirteen Lacs One Thousand One Hundred Nineteen only) laying in J & K Bank Ltd Branch Darhal in the name of the deceased Mohd Shafi S/o Mohd Din R/o Dandote Tehsil Budhal and Distt: Rajouri who died on 23.12.2024 at Dandote Tehsil Budhal District Rajouri.  
Notice to the Public at Large  
Whereas the above named petitioner has applied for the gram of Succession Certificate in respect of the above mentioned debts and securities left behind by deceased Mohd Shafi S/o Mohd Din R/o Dandote Tehsil Budhal and Distt: Rajouri who died on 23.12.2024 at Dandote Tehsil Budhal District Rajouri.  
Whereas through this publication the public in general is informed that if any person/persons has/have any objection in grant of Guardianship in favour of the above mentioned petitioner, he/they shall file his/their objections personally or through any authorized agent in this court within 15 days from the date of publication, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed. The next date fixed in the case is 04.04.2025.  
Take note that if the next date fixed is declared holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day.  
Given under my hand and seal of this court on today the 25th Day of March, 2025 at Rajouri.  
Sd/-  
Pr. District Judge  
Rajouri.