

# Vidya Bharti organizes Principals workshop, Annual General Council meeting

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JAMMU: Vidya Bharti State unit Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti J&K (Largest Registered Educational Society in UT of JK) organised its Principals workshop & Annual General Council meeting in Bhau Rao Devras auditorium of BVM Ambphalla.

The meeting was inaugurated by Bal Kishan, Joint Organising Secretary of Vidya Bharti North zone Kurukshetra in the presence of Rajinder Kumar Kshetriya Prachar Preamukh, Arun Gupta Patron BSS J&K, Ved Bhushan Sharma President, Koshal Kumar Zutshi Vice President, Hari Bhushan General Secretary, Ranjana Bajaj Secretary, Suresh Parihar Joint Secretary, Pradip Kumar Sangthan Mantri , Kanahya Pratap Seh-Sangathan Mantri, Pradeep Tripathi Prant Nirikshak, Manoj Nashirabadkar Member, Sunil Malhotra legal advisor alongwith all Prant Samiti Members & Principals/ Headmaster of all BVM's from UT's of Ladakh & J&K.

Samir Krishan Saproo



Vidya Bharti members felicitating a dignitary.

introduced the dignitaries & presented welcome address. The annual report was read by State General Secretary in which he highlighted the achievements of 37 schools run by Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti J&K. The zonal incharge/Sankul Pramukhs Of Ladakh Vijay Chhilingpa, Kishtwar Ramsevak Sharma, Doda Pradeep Singh, Udhampur Renu Sharma, Basohli, Savita Sharma, Jammu Reena Rajput also presented the brief report of the school activities conducted during last two sessions in the meeting. On the occasion, felicitation ceremony was held in the honour of Dr. Mohan Singh Ji Director Ayush J&K who helped the Society in pro-

viding Medical advice & Ayush Kits for the parents, students & other citizens living in & around the schools of Society during Covid-19 pandemic.

Satish Mittal, Treasurer presented the Annual Budget (2022-23) of the Society. The programme was attended by more than 100 State Samiti members including Leh & Kargil along with all principals.

The main speaker encouraged and advised all the members of the state to spread the message of Vidya Bharti in all corners of the state including all government & Private schools by providing rich cultural heritage and diversity of the country. He also said that each one of us

should make the efforts for nation first.

The elections for new president for 2022-25 were held under the election observer Advocate Sunil Malhotra and Ved Bhushan Sharma was elected president for second term 2022-25 by majority vote. He nominated the working committee for next three years. Pradip Kumar Sangthan Mantri presented the report of Principals conference & main focus points of Vidya Bharti especially National Educational Policy.

Rajinder Kumar Kshetriya Prachar Pramukh requested all the Samiti members & principals to highlight & share the new ideas and school activities on print, electronic and Social Media like Twitter & Instagram.

On this occasion Rupesh Kumar Prant Pracharak RSS showered his blessings and encouraged the members to make the environment eco friendly & culturally strong. He also requested to all members to analyze the old patterns & contents of all the text books and provide the suggestions with facts & figures to the UT administra-

tion so that the new generation will be benefitted & receive the message of "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat" he appreciated the efforts of all the Karykarts of Vidhya Bharti working in both the UT's of Ladakh & J&K. Bal Kishan Ji laid the thrust on classroom teaching by innovative methods which must be child centered & activity based. He also requested all the members to share fruitful ideas and arrange the programmes in all adjoining villages and wards of towns in which the schools are established with main thrust on aim of Vidya Bharti. He said that ex students and teachers must be involved in this process so that our main aim of developing the Society and helping the common man by innovative ideas & rich culture of our Nation.

General Secretary thanked all the dignitaries and State office bearers alongwith all members of School Management committees for spending there valuable time in the AGM. Ranjana Bajaj & Samir Krishan Saproo conducted the proceedings of the programme.

# Decision to waive off 50 pc passenger tax to help transporters to run business: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa interacting with media persons.

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JAMMU: Decision to waive off 50 per cent passenger tax will help the transporters a lot to carry forward their business which was at the verge of extinction.

This was stated by former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa while interacting with media persons here today.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Administrative Council (AC), which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the waiver/exemption of 50 per cent of passenger tax chargeable on various vehicles from 1st April 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Former Legislator expressed gratitude to Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor for his decision to wave off 50 per cent passenger tax. He also thanked Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief

Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor for supporting the decision of the Lieutenant Governor.

"The decision will address the genuine demand of the operators of commercial transport who have suffered losses on account of COVID-19 induced nation-wide lockdown and restrictions leading to non-operationalization of the public transport", Randhawa said.

Former Legislator was accompanied by Ashutosh Gupta Convener Transport Cell BJP, Roshan Sharma Co-convenor, Parvesh Bali Co-convenor, PK Vaid, Nadeem, Ramesh Tak, Raju Randhawa, Rajan Gupta, Ashwani Kumar Passenger Auto Union and others.

For owners of commercial vehicles, who have already deposited the passenger tax for aforesaid period in full, the excess amount paid thereof by them shall be adjusted against the liability accrued or accru-

able in the next financial year i.e for the time period of 1st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023.

Further, the recovery of the outstanding passenger tax from the owners of the commercial vehicles for the financial year 2018-19 to 2021-22 will be made in four equal installments on quarterly basis commencing from 1st April, 2022.

Randhawa also appealed to the Lieutenant Governor to waive off the extra charge being levied on other documents pertaining to the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Office across the Jammu and Kashmir.

He also demanded some relief in the re-payment of the loans, which the transporters had taken from the banks to run their business.

Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa said various new initiatives taken by the J&K Administration under the supervision and guidance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha have given wings to common man's dream and promising future awaits the Union Territory. He called upon the people to play their important role and complement Central and UT J&K Government's efforts toward building a developed and prosperous new Jammu and Kashmir.

# VRS union stages protest, demands release of arrears



RTC VRS employees during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Dec 2: All J&K RTC Volunteer Retired Employees Association on Wednesday staged protest against under the leadership of its president, Dev Raj Bali at Exhibition Ground near Press Club of Jammu here.

They strongly criticized the adamant attitude of Finance Department and Transport Authority towards their

demands for the last nine years. The protestors raised their long pending demands included COLA arrears w.e.f 1999, 6th Pay Commission arrears w.e.f January 1, 2006 and implementation of all corporation benefits.

"We have been struggling for the last more than nine years to get 50% balance payment for cost of living allowance (COLA) arrears, bill of which

come to Rs 16, 76, 49, 497 crores and 6th Pay Commission arrears and bonus @8.33 percent", said Dev Raj Bali while addressing the gathering.

He further said why our balance dues are not being released while all the bills are lying pending in the office of the Finance Department, Civil Secretariat Jammu. They urged the Lt. Governor, J&K UT to intervene in the matter so that the pending payments would be released as soon as possible.

They appealed to the Lt. Governor and Chief Secretary to personally take the cognizance of this issue and release our arrears.

Others who were part of the protest demonstration including Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Deep Raj, B.B Sharma, Baldev Raj, Shiv Kumar, Ram Pal, Baldev Raj and Papu Bhan.



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing a public meeting.

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JAMMU: Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma, along with Senior BJP leaders on Wednesday visited village Dansal, Kahpota, Karyarian, Kanyala, Jindrah, Panwali, Dhan in Block Dansal and listened to problems of people in Nagrota Constituency.

Jugal said that rural sec-

tor in Modi government got maximum share of development.

He said that Prime Minister is working hard to develop every corner of every village.

He added that our prime focus is to develop the village morally to preserve culture and also its infrastructure development.

He said that moral and

internal development can be seen in the villages by establishment of three tier Panchayati Raj system after holding the elections of Block Development Council and District Development Council elections.

He said that our Prime Minister have focused towards Jan Bhagidari so that every person can play his role to develop his own

village. Member of Parliament while listening to the demands and problems of the people said that all the demands of the people should be redressed soon and every efforts will be provided to solve them.

Executive Engineer PWD Rajesh Bhagat with staff, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Vivek Kohli with staff, Mandal President BJP Dansal Shamsheer Singh, Senior BJP leader Nand Kishore, Mandal vice President Ajit Singh, Prakash Singh Jamwal, Yuva Morcha Maheshwar Singh, Ramakant Raina, Mohini, Munshi Ram, Manoj Kumar, Kartar Singh, Premchand, Sarpanch Omprakash, Naib Sarpanch Balkrishan, Panch Omkar Singh Ashvini Kumar and Varinder Singh were also present.

# SK Bhalla fears danger to life in attending defamation trial at Doda HC stays defamation proceedings before CJM Doda

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JAMMU: Justice Mohan Lal of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu has stayed the proceedings in criminal complaint titled 'Haq Nawaz Nehru V/s S.K. Bhalla' till next date of hearing before the Bench i.e. June, 3, 2022.

# BBIA hails Govt decision on withdrawal of power shutdown for industrial sector

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JAMMU: A meeting of Bari Brahmana Industries Association (BBIA) was held under the President ship of Lalit Mahajan in the presence of Tarun Singla, Sr. Vice President, Ajay Langer Vice President, Virraj Malhotra General Secretary, Rajesh Jain Secretary and Vivek Singhal Treasurer BBIA in which they hailed the Government decision to withdraw the power curtailments schedule as notified earlier by the Power Development Department.

Lalit Mahajan conveyed thanks to Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Shiv Anant Tayal, Managing Director, JPDCL, Jammu, Chief Engineer, JPDCL, Jammu for their efforts for the allocation of Additional 200MW Power from Central Pool due to which imposition of 4 hours power cut in Industrial Areas stands withdrawn which will provide great relief to the Industrial Sector.

These directions were passed in a Criminal Transfer Application filed by Prof. S.K. Bhalla claiming to be a Public Spirited Person/Social Activist.

The Court also issued notice to the complainant, a Doda-based Journalist, Haq Nawaz Nehru for filing objections before the next date of hearing.

Haq Nawaz Nehru has launched criminal defamation proceedings against S.K Bhalla, who on July 26, 2020 had written allegedly a defamatory post on his facebook handle leveling serious allegations against Doda-based Journalist Haq Nawaz Nehru.

Advocate Nikhil Narayan Sharma appearing vice Advocate Ankur Sharma for the petitioner S.K Bhalla submitted that the petitioner fears danger to his life and has security risk at Doda and further due to the declining years of the peti-

tioner it is inconvenient for the petitioner to attend the trial at Doda.

Earlier, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu had dismissed S.K. Bhalla's petition filed under Section 482 CrPC seeking quashment of the criminal defamation complaint filed by Haq Nawaz Nehru against S.K. Bhalla holding that the case of S.K. Bhalla does not fall in the exceptions to Section 499 IPC.

After the dismissal of the petition seeking quashment of the criminal defamation complaint, Prof. S.K. Bhalla has filed Criminal Transfer Application seeking transfer of the proceedings from Doda to Jammu on the ground of threat to his life and Justice Mohan Lal after hearing Advocate Nikhil Narayan Sharma has stayed the proceedings before the trial court till next date i.e. June, 3, 2022.

# VC launches new website of SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu, Prof J.P Sharma on Wednesday launched new website of S K U A S T - J a m m u (www.skuast.org) with latest features. Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts made by the NKN Lab & Data Centre team.

He said that the new website was intended to convey a better sense of SKUAST-Jammu through new and updated content.

Dr. Manish Kumar Sharma, Nodal officer NKN Lab and Data Centre apprised regarding contents and features incorporated in the new website through brief presentation to the officers of the University.

"We have been deliberate about taking the time to get inputs from the officers of the university and entire teaching community and have modified the site to meet the needs of our diverse users" he said.

Latest features like mobile responsive, dynamic, more user friendly and screen reader etc. have been incorporated in the new website.

Dr. S.K Gupta, Director Extension, Dr Pradeep Wali, Director Research, Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, Director Planning & Monitoring, Dr. S.K Gupta, Registrar, Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi Dean Basic Sciences, Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean Student welfare, Dr Asim Kr Mondal, Dean FOA, Dr. A. K. Sharma, University Librarian, Madan Lal, Comptroller, S.L. Sharma, Deputy Comptroller, Er Iqbal Singh, Estates Officer and Dr Anil Bhat Asstt. Prof. along with technical staff of NKN Lab and Data centre Dr. K. K. Bhat, Programmer HW, Atulya Giri programmer SW, Pankaj Sharma Prog. Asst were present during the launch of the website.

# Retirees Police League holds meet, discusses demands



Retired police personnel after the meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Retirees Police League, district Jammu, on Wednesday held a monthly meeting in the office of Retirees Police League Gandhi Nagar Green Belt, here under the

presidency of DySP (ret'd) Karanjit Singh, President of the League.

A large number of retired police personnel participated in the meeting and discussed threadbare various issues of

their interest.

All members demanded free medical treatment in Government Hospitals and Police Hospitals and asked government not to charge Income tax from pensioners.

# VMC to conduct NAT through online mode

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JAMMU: Pertaining to the COVID cases in the country, Vidyamandir Classes (VMC), a premier National Institute for JEE and NEET preparation is all set to conduct its National Admission Tests (NAT) on 7th, 8th, 21st & 22nd May, 2022 through online mode. While the government has released an order to shut offline schools but continue the curriculum as scheduled, until further notice, the online test will provide a big boost to JEE & NEET aspirants throughout their preparation journey with mentorship, free doubt resolution and hand holding support at the nearest VMC centre all days a week, motivation sessions, and free mock tests and practice board tests for present class final

exams from the comfort of their homes. This online test is an opportunity for students moving to Class VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI & XII to join one of the various courses available at Vidyamandir Classes (both classroom and online courses) for upcoming batches, providing them with an early start advantage and an opportunity to grab scholarship of up to 100%.

The National Admission Test will provide an Early Start advantage for students moving to class VI, VII & VIII and assist in building strong fundamentals which will be an added advantage for various competitive exams like NTSE, KVPY & Olympiads and eventually JEE(Main & Advanced) & NEET as well. With exposure to competitive exams at an Early

stage, Best-in-class faculty and a comprehensive teaching methodology, students will be geared up for Scholastic/Competitive examinations. "Understanding students' needs at different stages of their preparation has been the guiding force behind the teaching methodology at VMC. It is also the secret behind the success of our students in various National and International Level exams. VMC facilitates classes from highly experienced faculty with minimum experience of 10 years in the field of preparing students for competitive exams like JEE and NEET" said Brij Mohan, Co-Founder, Vidyamandir Classes. Students can visit the website www.vidyamandir.com to get more information on NAT.