

Dharmarth Trust celebrates Shankaracharya Jayanti with gaiety

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SRINAGAR: J&K Dharmarth Trust celebrated the Shankara Jayanti - the birth anniversary of Adi Guru Shankaracharya, who was the pioneer of 'Advaita' philosophy, with religious fervour. Religious preachers of Vedas from several parts of the country converged at the Shankaracharya Temple here.

On the occasion, Advisor to Lt Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Divisional Commissioner, PK Pole, and President J&K Dharmarth Trust Advocate Ajay Gondotra amidst the galaxy of prominent persons performed Pooja in a traditional manner followed by the Rudra Abhishek.

Every year, people from across the country visit



Priests performing Havan at Shankaracharya Temple in Srinagar.

Srinagar on Shankara Jayanti to pray for peace and harmony, and to make India a strong nation.

"Adi Guru Shankaracharya was born in Kerala 2,000 years ago. The saint travelled thousands of kilometres from

Kerala and came to Kashmir to meditate at the Shankaracharya hill, Srinagar, to spread the message of peace to humanity," a temple priest said, adding 'Abhishek' was also performed for world peace on the occasion and several

priests from Kanchi Mutt, Tamil Nadu, were also present. He said the priests performed "Homa, Havan and Yagna" for peace in the country.

The Trust has illuminated the temple premises. Later, Parsad was also served among the devotees.

Meanwhile, Ajay Gondotra visited Kheer Bhawani Temple and Shiv Temple Gulmarg to take stock of the facilities. He also gave necessary directions for providing hassle free facilities to the visiting pilgrims.

Gondotra said that Dharmarth Trust has attained expertise in providing state of art facilities to the devotees visiting temples and shrines being run under its ambit and this has been acquired after decades

of experience. He said that the Trust is now working to provide modern amenities to the visiting pilgrims and for this dedication of staff and people is a must.

The Trust's President said that people visiting shrines under Dharmarth Trust should be feeling the change as efforts are being made to provide them all the modern facilities without any hassle to make their stay comfortable and give them opportunity to pray and meditate with extreme ease and spirituality.

Gondotra also appreciated the zeal and dedicated work being performed by the staff of J&K Dharmarth Trust particularly at Shankaracharya Temple, Kheer Bhawani Temple and Shiv Temple Gulmarg.

Delimitation Commission undid injustice, ensured fair play: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Hailing the final report of Delimitation Commission, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday asserted that history has been created by undoing the injustice with the people of J&K and ensuring fair play for one and all by wading off all the provisions which were discriminatory by rationally redrawing the constituencies and giving reservation to deserving lot without any prejudice. In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart from J&K welcomed the Final Report of Delimitation Commission claiming that Jammu has been provided justice after decades of neglect and partiality. He said that reservation to SCs and STs in such a large proportion is also a historical step and will go a long way in providing justice to those sections of people who were dejected and crestfallen for the last several decades due to lopsided attitude of Kashmiri-centric parties that ruled the roost in J&K taking undue privilege of Article 370. The former Deputy Chief Minister also urged the government to consider the re-

commendations made by the aforesaid Commission for nomination of two Kashmiri migrants including a woman to the Legislative Assembly and also giving the displaced persons of PoJK some representation by way of nomination of their representatives in the aforesaid Assembly. Kavinder said that recommendations made by the Delimitation Commission in favour of Kashmiri Pandit Community and that of PoJK refugees holds much significance because both these communities have faced injustice since decades due to non-representation in the erstwhile state Assembly. He said that the BJP Government has ensured justice to the displaced community from PoJK by providing Rs 5.5 lakh compensation which no government in the past had even thought of doing the same. He said that all the entities in J&K except those who used to exploit different sections are satisfied with the final report of the Delimitation Commission. He said that the aforesaid Commission has paved way for justice to all through this comprehensive exercise and therefore deserves kudos for the same.

PDD develops portal for its employees to apply for transfers

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SRINAGAR: Power Development Department (PDD) in its endeavour to bring transparency and meritocracy developed online portal for the employees to apply for transfer in consultation with NIC JKUT & JKUT department.

The online portal is accessible on the url <https://pddtransfer.jk.gov.in>.

The portal is linked to CPIS of the employee and provides options to the employee to apply for transfers across various offices/corporation in PDD.

The portal is to benefit around 20,000 employees borne on the cadre of PDD and are

on deputation to various Corporations which include Jammu Power Distribution limited, Kashmir Power distribution Limited, J&K Power Transmission Corporation Limited, J&K power Corporation Limited, J&K PDC, and other wings of the department.

In addition to the option available for each employee against any post, the online portal is designed to provide the posting details/record sheet of the employee to employer and thus will bring transparency.

All employees/ DDO have been directed to update the CPIS data of employees for true and transparent assessment of employee.

MP Jugal reviews dev scenario of SAGY village Rehal Dhamalian

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JAMMU: Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Parliamentary Constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma on Friday convened a meeting to review the development scenario of village Rehal Dhamalian (Block Bishnah) under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna.

Jugal Kishore reviewed the physical and financial progress of developmental works being carried out in the village under the flag-

ship scheme Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna.

The MP took a detailed department wise review of work done to provide basic facilities and other benefits to the people of the village.

He asked the district officers to draft a plan to extend benefits of all the UT and central sponsored schemes to the general public.

The local public projected several demands related to road connectivity, power and water facilities, ration and water facilities, ration

card, PMAY, lane and drains etc.

The MP said that the centre and UT administration were committed to ensure equitable development of all the regions and all the issues regarding power, water, road connectivity, lane and drains would be addressed in a phased manner.

The district officers were

asked to work with full dedication to provide benefits of schemes at the door steps of the people.

Traffic Police launches crackdown on vehicles without HSR plates in Jammu

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JAMMU: Launching a crackdown on vehicles operating without High Security Registration Plates (HSRPs) in Jammu region, Traffic Department on Friday fined 194 violators, officials said on Friday.

"Mohan Lal Kaith, SSP (Traffic) Rural Jammu along with the concerned Territorial Traffic Supervisory Officers had launched a special drive against the traffic violators for non-fixation of HSRPs in all Districts of Traffic Rural Jammu," a senior official said.

During special drive, 194 Challans against the violators for non-fixation of HSRPs have been conducted and fine of amounting to Rs. 62,600 had been realized and nine vehicles seized, official said.

The Mohan Lal Kaith had stressed upon the Enforcement Officers of Traffic Rural, Jammu to impose Special & Random Traffic checking Nakas in

their respective areas and take stringent action under the provisions of new amended M.V Act against the Traffic violators.

The special focus be maintained over HSRPs & other visible offences.

Moreover, special awareness events be organized to awake the general public especially youth about the Traffic Laws and other road safety measures.

He especially focused on the challaning Officers to ensure proper discipline, accountability & transparency in the traffic management system and also urged the general public for installation of HSRPs in their respective vehicles through concerned RTOs/ARTOs within 15th of May-2022, as per the standing directions of Govt. of J&K (UT), failing which strict action under M.V. Act against the vehicle owners, who use vehicles without number plates will be taken being a huge security risk.

Jammu Kashmir Peoples Forum (JKPF) President Ramesh Sabharwal disclosed that Swami Vishwatanand, actor Mukesh Rishi and other prominent personalities will grace the occasion.

First time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum POJK is going to pay collective tribute to the martyrs who were martyred in the Pakistani attack on October 22, 1947 and to remember the holy land of their ancestors, on 8th May (Sunday) time - 10:30 am (Punya Bhoomi Samaran Sabha) at Women's College, Gandhi Nagar (Padma) Sachdev

Government PG College for Women).

Ramesh Sabharwal, senior official Prof. Rajeev Ratan, Advocate Raghu Mehta, Advocate Vikas Sharma, Arun Chaudhary and Ashok Gupta disclosed that Peethadheeshwar Sri Sri 1008 Sri Swami Vishwatanand Saraswati ji Maharaj, Mahamandal eshwar Swami Dharmadev ji, Union Joint General Secretary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Dr Surendra Jain, Famous film actors and producers Mukesh Rishi, Renu Bhatty, Prominent personali-

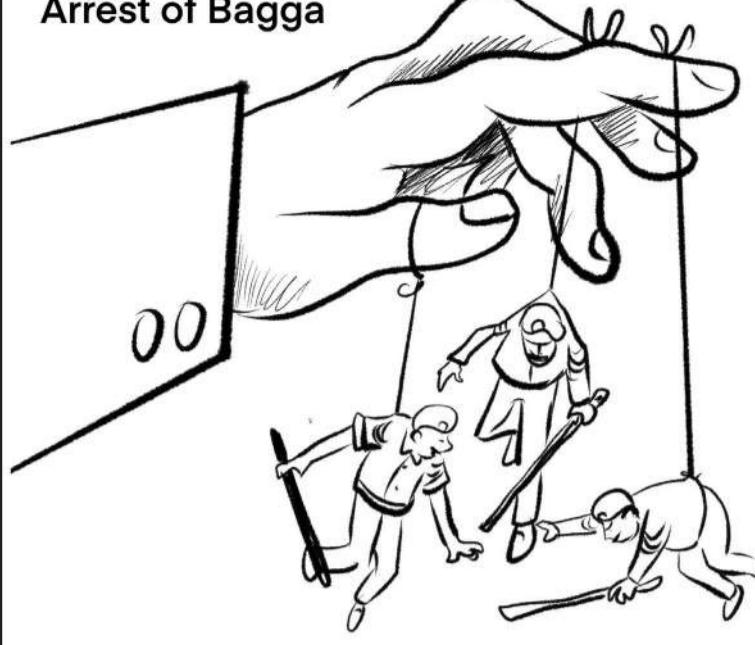
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Delimitation report is not fair, politically motivated: Patil

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JAMMU: AICC Incharge Jammu and Kashmir Party Affairs and Member Parliament, Rajni Patil reviewed the current political situation with senior leaders of the party during her two days stay here.

She left for Srinagar in the afternoon to assess the situation there.

During her stay, she had detailed deliberations with the senior leaders and had interaction with individual leaders including PCC functionaries, DCC presidents, former ministers and legislators, frontal wings and other senior functionaries from entire province.

The leaders briefed her about the ground situation especially with regard to the delimitation which has been widely opposed by the majority areas because the commis-



AICC Incharge J&K Party Affairs Rajni Patil along with JKPC leaders at Jammu.

sion has not followed the basic norms of delimitation and ignored the ground situations of topography, connectivity, population, continuity etc.

She was apprised about the resentment amongst people in most areas who believe the report is highly biased and politically motivated.

Patil expressed dismay that the delimitation report is not fair and politically motivated,

Later she left for Srinagar along with JKPC Chief G A Mir.

Civic neglect stalks Jammu's Ward-74; area lacks roads, drains, parks

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JAMMU: If there is a contest between the most neglected areas of the City of Temples, beyond any doubt the Ward-74 will find itself placed at the top slot in the list of winners because hardly there is any civic edifice available to the people despite the area falling under Jammu Municipal Corporation which recently won the second prize for Best Municipal Corporation in the Plastic Waste Management category' at Plastic Recycling Conference Asia 2.0, which was held in Delhi by APIC.

It seems that JMC has turned into a big corporate house and is not at all interested in doing its basic jobs of providing civic edifice and maintaining sanitation.

Reportedly, the people living in the vicinity are feeling dejected as there are places in the ward which were deprived of civic facilities for the last many decades as there are no lanes and drains in many stretches



and parks are also for name-sake. The localities falling in the neglected Ward include Sainik Colony Extension Sector D; Indira Enclave; Deleny Mohalla Chowadi; Sunjwan Purana Mohalla, Kalibir Mandir and other adjoining areas.

Aaya Singh, resident of Sector D Indira Enclave Sainik Colony expressed dismay against the Government for not developing area despite falling under Jammu Municipal Corporation. He said that

deep slumber, having no concern about the problems being faced by the people of Jammu city. Ramesh Kumar, hailing from Sunjwan, blamed authorities for not doing enough for people living in the vicinity as the place lacks civic edifice and whatever is available to the people have been constructed decades ago and is presently in dismal shape.

It's like we are living in rural areas despite the area falling under Jammu Municipal Corporation. He said that

Mayor Jammu Chander Gupta visited Kalibir Mandir regularly in Ward-74 but never cared to uplift civic infrastructure as people are confronting lots of hardships.

Girdhari Lal Chanda, resident of Sainik Colony said that officials sitting at the helm of affairs should fulfill their responsibility as people are deprived of the basic amenities and nothing is being done to bail out the public from this difficulty as the civic infrastructure is

deteriorating with each passing day.

Councilor Sobat Ali, Ward-74 told STATE TIMES that there is none to listen to grievances of people. Despite taking up the matter with the Mayor, JMC Commissioner and even the officials of R&B Department nothing has been done. Still the lanes and roads of aforementioned ward are in dilapidated condition.

The Councilor slammed authorities for talking about Smart City but on ground things are abysmal as Ward-74 is the best example of government's indifference towards development of Jammu. "No roads, no lanes, no drains, no door to door garbage collection, etc are the characteristics of Ward-74 which are mocking at Government's tall claims", he said and appealed to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to take serious note of people's issues and intervene in the matter to help the people by raising the required edifice.

Swami Vishwatanand, Actor Mukesh Rishi, prominent personalities to grace Punya Bhoomi Samaran Sabha: JKPF



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wander from door to door and had to bear many crises. It also includes areas of Mirpur, Bhimber, Kotli, Bagh Pulandri, Sadanoti, Muzaffarabad, Gilgit, Baltistan and Poonch.

At that time many soldiers also sacrificed their lives. The ancestral land of all these displaced people is called Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir or POJK. The communities living in different places after migrating from Chhamb, the frontier region of Jammu and Kashmir, affected by the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971, are known as Chhamb Vishapits. At that time, thousands of Hindus, Sikhs were mercilessly killed in this attack and their families were burnt alive in their homes, thousands of mothers and sisters were insulted. Due to this diabolical massacre, the entire patriot society is urged to pay collective tribute to the people who sacrificed at that time and to remember the holy land of their ancestors.

In this meeting of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum, the mother land of the ancestors of the PoJK, Chhamb displaced persons of 1965 and 1971 will be remembered, therefore the entire patriot society is urged to pay collective tribute to the people who sacrificed at that time and to remember the holy land of their ancestors. Participate in the meeting organized for this purpose and also pay homage to the brave soldiers.