

# MBCSET campaigns traffic rules awareness through quiz competition

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** MBS College of Engineering and Technology (MBCSET), in collaboration with the NDLI and NSS local Chapter, hosted a quiz competition and creative initiative focused on promoting traffic rules awareness and road safety.

The event on Friday saw enthusiastic participation from students eager to enhance their understanding of road regulations and contribute to building safer roads. The quiz competition, powered by trafficquiz.com, provided a platform for students to test their knowledge of traffic rules and engage in discussions about responsible driving practices.

Participants demonstrated a commendable grasp of road safety principles, showcasing their commitment to becoming conscientious drivers and advocates for safer roads. In



MBCSET students and faculty members after the quiz.

addition to the quiz, students took part in an initiative where they designed posters aimed at raising awareness about traffic rules and road safety. The posters served as powerful visual reminders of the importance of adhering to traffic regulations and promoting responsible behavior on the roads.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of MBCSET, emphasized the importance of adhering to traffic rules for the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike. He commended the collaboration with trafficquiz.com, acknowledging its role in providing a user-friendly platform for students to test their knowledge and

engage in interactive learning about traffic safety. Dr. Ritesh Sharma and Ridhika Sharma, the event coordinators, played instrumental roles in organizing and overseeing the successful execution of both the quiz competition and the poster-making initiative. Dr. Amrik Singh, Vice Principal, Hardeep

Singh Gill, Director of Student Welfare, and Prof. Parveen Singh, Dean Academics congratulated the participants and stressed that responsible road behavior goes beyond avoiding penalties. He urged the students to act as ambassadors for traffic safety, sharing their learning with their peers, families, and the wider community.

The MBCSET Traffic Rules Awareness Quiz serves as a commendable example of an educational institution taking a proactive approach towards promoting traffic safety among its student body. By collaborating with the Traffic Police Department and leveraging online resources, MBCSET is empowering its students to become responsible road users and contribute to a safer transportation system in Jammu and Kashmir.

# GGF confers Padma Vibhushan Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Award 2024 to Ritu Singh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Gandhi Global Family (GGF) Jammu & Kashmir conferred the prestigious Padma Vibhushan Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Award-2024 on Dr. Ritu Singh.

This honour is bestowed upon Dr. Ritu Singh jointly by Army Veteran General G. S. Janwal, Great Educationist I. D. Soni, Padam Shri Dr. S. P. Verma, by recognizing her outstanding contributions to the peace-building, social justice, community and women empowerment.

Also Rameshwar Singh Mengi, Raman Gupta, Ch. Farooq Alam, Abrol were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Army Veteran General G. S. Janwal and I. D. Soni appreciated Ritu's tireless dedication to promoting harmony and understanding among diverse communities and said that this exemplifies the values upheld by Didi Nirmala Deshpande. Her com-



GGF J&K members conferring Padma Vibhushan Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Award-2024 on Dr. Ritu Singh.

mitment to Gandhian principles of non-violence, compassion and service has made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond.

Padam Shri Dr. S. P. Verma said that the Padma Vibhushan Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Award serves as a testament to Ritu's unwavering commitment to fostering dialogue, reconciliation, and sustainable development in the region. Through her exemplary leadership and grassroots initiatives, she has inspired positive change and

laid the foundation for a more inclusive and peaceful society. Gandhi Global Family Jammu & Kashmir extends its heartfelt congratulations to Ritu on this well-deserved recognition. Her dedication to advancing the legacy of Didi Nirmala Deshpande and promoting the Gandhian ideals of peace and social justice continues to inspire hope and resilience in communities across the region.

The award ceremony was conducted by Women wing of Gandhi Global family J&K.

# Strengthen Party Sangathan at grassroot level: Raina to workers



J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina chairing a meeting of party workers at Kupwara.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KUPWARA:** Ahead Lok Sabha Elections, J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina held a meeting with BJP Kupwara attended by District President Javid Qureshi, District Office Bearers, All Moreha Presidents, Constituency Presidents, Sector Incharges and Booth Presidents of BJP Kupwara. During the session, Raina underscored the importance of fortifying the BJP's grassroots presence.

He emphasized the promotion of Prime Minister Modi's agenda for equitable development, outreach to marginalized communities, and the expansion of the party's engagement with the youth. The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to bolster the

BJP's standing in Kupwara contributing significantly to the overall development of the region. Raina briefed party workers to strengthen the Party Sangathan at Grassroot Level. He directed all workers to visit every Booth of the District and meet with beneficiaries of the Modi led Central Government and ensure mass awareness of the schemes. Meeting was also attended by Former MLC Syed Mohd Rafiq Shah, State Vice President Kisan Moreha Javid Mir, ST Moreha State VP Choudhary Fareed, ST Moreha Spokesman Saleem Choudhary, District Gen Secretary Adv Sajad Ahmad Ganie, District Vice Presidents Including, Mumtaz Ahmad, Malik Gulzar, Hafizulla

Bakshi, Gh Hassan Bhat, District Media Head Sheikh Mohammad Iqbal, District Spokesperson Syed Basharat, Former District President Ab Rashid Zargar, Nazir Ahmad Khan, IT Cell Incharge Amir Riyaz, Distt Publicity Secretary Mir Basharat, Distt Secretary Manzoor Wani, Social Media Incharge Pir Shabir, Distt President Kissan Moreha Nazeer Ahmad Bhat, Yuva Moreha Shah Iqbal and Minority Moreha Distt President Showkat Mir, OBC Moreha Distt President Gh Mohd Hajam, ST Moreha Distt President Mohd Sideeq Gujjar, Mahila Leaders Including Shameema Bano, Shakeela Akhtar, Muneera Akhtar, Dilshada Begum, Nusrat and Rajni.

# DBPS to commemorate Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Jayanti on May 5

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) is gearing up to commemorate Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Jayanti with grandeur and zeal, orchestrating a series of events at Sabha Bhawan on May 5th and 10th. Interacting with media persons here today, President of DBPS Ved Parkash Sharma outlined the forthcoming celebrations slated for May 10, 2024.

Sharma unveiled the itinerary, unveiling a medical camp on May 5th at 10 am, to be spearheaded by Dr Sushil Sharma, HOD Cardiology Super Specialty Jammu, within the Sabha premises. Registrations for the medical check-up are open at Brahman Sabha Parade Jammu. The highlight of the festivities, a Rath Yatra and Bike, Car Rally, is scheduled for May 10th at 10:30 am, commencing from Brahman Sabha Parade Jammu and traversing through significant locales including Moti Bazar, Paeca Danga, Chowk Chabutra, among



DBPS members talking to media at Jammu on Friday.

others, culminating at Chanakya Chowk Parade. Sharma emphasized the participation of various religious organizations in this symbolic rally. Simultaneously, a religious function will transpire on May 10th at 8 am, commemorating Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti. Furthermore, a community feast (Bhandara) is slated for 2 pm on May 10th, extending an open invitation to all communities and Biradaris to partake in the auspicious occasion and seek the blessings of Lord

Parshuram. Pt. V.M. Magotra, N.C Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma, Pt. Som Nath, Advocate P.C Sharma, Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma, Subash Shastri, Satyanand Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, B.S Jamwal, ML Padha, Shiv Ram Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, Satpal Sharma, Jagannath Sharma, Barita Ram Sharma, Ritiz Khajuria, Rajesh Bargartra, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), Raman Sharma, K.L Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Sanjeev Kerni, Shanti Saroop

Baroo, Prem Balotra, Prem Sharma, Surindra Sharma, Shri Kerni, Ramesh Sharma and others were also present on the occasion.

Vote BJP, big election promises of Congress-INDI Alliance is to befool Ladakh masses: Khatana

JAMMU: The big election promises of Congress and other groups in INDI Alliance is only a lip service to befool masses in Ladakh.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana in a statement issued to the media on Friday.

The BJP Rajya Sabha Member urged the voters of Ladakh Union Territory to value their vote and cast the same in favour of BJP candidate, Tashi Gyalson in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

"By voting BJP candidate, Tashi Gyalson you will be strengthening the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who in turn will return you in developments, progress, more employment avenues, peace and safety," Khatana

said referring to the people of Ladakh Union Territory.

He also said that people of Ladakh can't imagine developments which will be there in the Union Territory after PM Modi will helm the affairs of the country for the third time.

"What the Congress and others have given to the people of Ladakh in all the years of their rule should be kept in mind before voting and the developmental works accomplished in the last 10 years of government led by PM Modi should never be forgotten while voting," the fire-brand BJP leader said.

He also said that so far the Congress and others have only discriminated with Ladakh region but it was the BJP government led by PM Modi which worked with the principle of equality and welfare of all under the theme of "Sab Ka Saath Sab Ka Vikas."

Khatana also said that in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections BJP will emerge as a single largest party by winning more than 400 seats from across the country.

# Tanishq unveils its new store in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Tanishq, India's largest jewellery retail brand from the house of Tata, on Friday has launched its grand new store in Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir.

The brand new store was inaugurated by Kalyani Seshadri, Head of Customer Experience, Pan India and Arun Kumar, Regional Business Manager, North 2.

As part of the grand inauguration, the brand is offering an irresistible offer wherein customers can get a free gold coin on every purchase. The offer is valid from May 3 to 5, 2024. The store is located at Ground floor, near Garden Estate, Trikata Nagar, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir.

Spanning across 3000q. ft., the store presents an extensive selection of iconic Tanishq designs across dazzling gold, stunning diamonds, kundan and polki. The store proudly presents Tanisha's exclusive festive collection, 'Dharaahar', drawing inspiration from the heirloom artefacts from the



FICCI FLO J & K chapter Chairperson Ruchika Gupta inaugurating Tanishq store at Jammu on Friday.

eras gone by, and 'Alekhya', inspired by the indigenous heritage art forms celebrating today's woman as the 'karigar of her life.

The store is also equipped with a stunning and versatile range of contemporary daily wear jewellery 'Glam Days' along with a modern, contemporary and lightweight jewellery collection 'String It.

Furthermore, the store houses a beautiful collection of 'Dogris', alongside accommodating stunning jewellery

pieces from 'Rivaah', a dedicated wedding jewellery sub-brand of Tanishq.

Speaking on the inauguration, Arun Kumar, Regional Business Manager, North 2, Tanishq said, "We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our newest Second store in the city of Jammu, and marking our 3d store in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. As a beloved jewellery brand nationwide, our foremost goal has always been to provide exceptional customer service to our

esteemed customers. Our unwavering dedication is to maintain the Tanishq legacy, ensuring a delightful shopping experience for all occasions, conveniently available in one place. This expansion represents another stride towards that objective.

Tanishq presents an awe-inspiring array of jewellery pieces suitable for every individual and occasion. Our store showcases a stunning collection of jewellery designs in gold, diamonds, kundan, polki, daily wear jewellery and contemporary styles, catering to the varied preferences of our clientele. We eagerly await the residents of Jammu to explore the meticulously curated offerings awaiting them in this splendid store."

The Launch Ceremony was attended by all major business organisations of Jammu including Chamber of Commerce and Industries lead by the President Arun Gupta and FICCI FLO J & K chapter lead by its Chairperson Ruchika Gupta.

# DFSS holds protest against nexus of Land grabbers and Revenue Department officials

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta took out a massive protest rally in Jammu city against the nexus of Land grabbers and Revenue Department officials.



DFSS activists raising slogans during a protest.

The party workers raised slogans demanding strong action against such people who have been looting people of there hard earned money and costing lives to the families.

Before dying, Avtar Singh could be seen saying in the video that he had purchased the land in 2008 and had valid land documents with him and that police post in-charge and station house officer hobbobbed with the goons, who attacked him and his family. Taking immediate action in connection to murder, police authorities

have attached SHO Gangyal Harmohinder Singh and put Incharge Police Post Greater Kailash Puneet Sharma under suspension for their alleged negligence to control the scuffle that led to the killing of the man, besides a three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) has also been constituted to probe the matter in detail. The party presi-

dent stated that people who have been arrested have been doing the heinous act of grabbing land since ages than why they are released from jail and PSA is uplifted.

He further stated that the without the involvement of Patwari and revenue officials such act of selling a single piece of land to multiple people is not possible and the nexus

has been looting people. This has to end the DGP RR Swain is known for his honesty and IGP Jammu Anand Jain has always been seen as the beacon of honesty so the people of Jammu has lot of faith in them as these notorious land grabbers have created a ruckus in Jammu.

There are some others high level officials in the government who has been indulge in the act of grabbing land and there names should also be made public.

Gupta said that the records of the land should be digitalised as soon as possible so that anyone buying land can check the status quo online and save themselves from such things and people.

The party people present at the protest were Raju, Bantu, Vikky, Kalu, Prem, Ganesh, Sushil, Vinay, Naresh and Rampal.

# DDC reviews status of JJM works in Jammu District



DDC Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Friday reviewed the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission works.

The DDC meticulously evaluated the advancement of individual assignments, with a

division-wise scrutiny. Emphasising the importance of adhering to the schedule, he directed the officers to expedite the projects, which are at various stages of completion, to meet the set deadlines.

Sachin Kumar took stock of the mission's components, including the construction of

bore wells and dug wells. He underscored the necessity for these infrastructural elements to be completed promptly to facilitate a sustainable water supply network throughout the district.

Furthermore, he outlined a strategic roadmap for the future, detailing the necessary interventions to guarantee a reliable and enduring water supply.

The meeting also saw the participation of the Additional District Development Commissioner, Sher Singh, Chief Planning Officer, Uttam Singh, alongside other senior officers from the concerned departments.

# CS reviews progress of implementation of SBM (G), development of Panchayat Index

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat to review the progress of preparation of Panchayat Development Index (PDI) in Jammu and Kashmir. Secretary, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Director General Rural Sanitation, Anu Malhotra, Secretary in RDD, Director RDD and other concerned officials attended the meeting in person and virtually. The meeting focused on various indicators being used to evaluate panchayats' performance across different development parameters including the configuration of mandatory



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

and optional indicators, data verification processes and field office updates. Besides, the progress on data point configuration for locked indicators, District Confidence Frames (DCF's) published by J&K, and the PDI portal being opened for data entry was also reviewed.

Further, discussions were held on the weight assigned to each indicator and its significance in formulation of this index. Moreover, data collection formats sent to line departments, and development of dashboards for both Kashmir and Jammu divisions also came up for deliberations.

Dulloo emphasized the importance of close coordination among departments to ensure timely data updates on the PDI portal for all districts. Additionally, the performance distribution across districts since January 2024 was also examined during the meeting.

The meeting also reviewed the status of achieving ODF+ Model category by the villages of J&K under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G).

Director General Rural Sanitation, Anu Malhotra, presented a detailed report highlighting key achievements in this regard.

The meeting discussed door-to-door garbage collection status, Annual Implementation Plan 2024-25, SBM funds utilization status, Swachhata Green Leaf rating for hospitality facilities and legacy waste management initiatives besides challenges faced along with possible solutions worth implementing by the department.