

Impressive Tiranga Rally taken out in Gandhi Nagar area Tiranga reminds us of brave-hearts who gave everything for nation: Ritika

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JAMMU: In honour of the success of Operation Sindoor and the indomitable courage, valour and heroism of the Indian Army, Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan on Tuesday led Tiranga Rally in Gandhi Nagar area.

The rally, filled with patriotic fervour and slogans of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' was a mark of respect to the brave security personnel who were part of the operation and a tribute to those who sacrificed their lives defending the country's integrity and sovereignty. The objective of the rally was to commemorate the successful operation targeting terrorist camps



Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan leading Tiranga Rally in Gandhi Nagar area.

in Pakistan, honour the security personnel and civilians who lost their lives in the line of duty, including those who fell victim to Pakistan's shelling.

Speaking on the occasion, Ritika paid rich homage to the unwavering courage of the Indian armed forces, including paramilitary forces, BSF, CRPF and

local police, who continue to protect the country against terrorism and subversive forces.

"India has never bowed to terrorism, and this is because of the selfless service of our brave men and women in uniform," she stated.

She said that every time the Tiranga waves, it echoes our soul, our identity, and the legacy of sacrifice. The flag reminds us of the bravehearts who gave everything for the nation at the borders.

Ritika described Operation Sindoor not merely as a military operation but as a symbolic retaliation and a reflection of the resolve of India's Nari Shakti to protect the sanctity of Sindoor (vermilion).

She said that by demolishing terror strongholds on Pakistani soil, India has made it clear that any threat directed towards the daughters of the nation will now be answered from across the border.

She further said that while India stands for peace and compassion, it will not hesitate to wield the Sudarshan (divine weapon) when the motherland is under threat.

Along with BJP leaders, Puja Malhotra, Indu Wazir, Lovisha Gupta, Leela, Arti along with prominent entrepreneurs AND doctors Shikha Choudhury, Monika Saraf, Shilpi Malhotra, Sheeba Manocha, Ranjana Chopra and Urmil Bhat participated in the rally.

Ex-servicemen are pillars of national security: Balbir

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JAMMU: BJP spokesperson and former Vice Chairperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, has praised the Jammu and Kashmir government's decision to assign the responsibility of guarding vital and sensitive establishments to ex-servicemen, calling it a powerful step toward strengthening the Union Territory's security framework while honouring the nation's veterans.

"A soldier's duty never ends," Balbir said, emphasizing that the spirit of service and patriotism remains deeply rooted in every former serviceman. By deploying ex-servicemen in critical security roles, the government is not only reinforcing the security grid but also providing these brave individuals



another opportunity to serve the nation.

He highlighted the immense value veterans bring-discipline, experience, and unwavering commitment-qualities that make them ideal protectors of key infrastructure. This initiative recognizes their unmatched dedication and gives them a renewed sense of purpose, he added.

Balbir also noted the

broader societal impact of the move, stating that it would inspire younger generations by showing that service to the nation continues beyond the battlefield. This is a shining example of how patriotism and duty endure even in times of peace. It strengthens social cohesion and reinforces national unity.

He further pointed out that integrating ex-servicemen into civil security roles will build greater trust between civilians and the security establishment. Their presence boosts public confidence and symbolizes constant vigilance. This initiative respects their lifelong commitment to the country-uniformed or not.

"Ex-servicemen truly are the pillars of our national security," Balbir said.

Army organises medical camp at border village Rumali



Army doctors examining patients during a camp.

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JAMMU: In a heartfelt initiative aimed at public welfare, the Indian Army organised a free medical camp at Rumali, located in the border belt of

Subdivision Khour. This effort reflects the Army's steadfast commitment not only to national security but also to the well-being of the civilian population living in remote and border

areas. A team of Army doctors and medical staff provided free health check-ups, consultations, and medicines to the local residents. The camp witnessed overwhelming participation, especially from the elderly, women, and children, highlighting the vital need for such outreach in border communities.

The Indian Army continues to serve as a pillar of support for people living in challenging terrains, reaffirming its role as a protector and caretaker beyond the battlefield.

Local residents expressed deep gratitude to the Indian Army for this compassionate gesture and their ongoing dedication to the welfare of the border population.

SP South delivers motivational lecture on character building, drug abuse, new criminal laws at MAM College

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JAMMU: As part of an ongoing outreach initiative by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, SP South, Ajay Sharma on Tuesday delivered a thought-provoking and motivational lecture at MAM College, Jammu, focusing on three critical areas - the growing challenge of drug abuse among youth, the importance of character building, and the new criminal laws introduced by the Government of India.

Addressing a packed auditorium of students and faculty members, SP South began by raising serious concerns over the menace of drug abuse, particularly among the younger generation. He highlighted the psychological, social, and legal consequences of substance use and urged students to remain vigilant,



SP South, Ajay Sharma delivering motivational lecture at MAM College, Jammu.

informed, and proactive in resisting peer pressure and promoting a drug-free campus and society.

In the same address, SP South delivered an inspiring message on character building, emphasizing that strong moral values, discipline, integrity, and a sense of

responsibility form the foundation of a successful and meaningful life. He encouraged students to focus on holistic personal development - not just academic excellence, but also emotional resilience, ethical conduct, and social commitment. SP South also provided a comprehensive

overview of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA). He explained the key changes, their relevance to public safety, and the progressive shift toward victim-centric justice. Throughout the

session, SP South stressed the importance of awareness, legal literacy, and youth empowerment. He encouraged students to serve as change agents in their communities by spreading awareness, upholding the rule of law, and contributing to a safer, healthier society. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, during which students posed insightful questions and expressed their appreciation for the informative and motivating session.

This program is part of a larger series of awareness and engagement initiatives being carried out by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, aimed at educating the public - especially students - on legal reforms, drug prevention, and the importance of moral and civic responsibility.

Operation Sindoor: Dr. Tahir calls for crackdown on anti-national influencers

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JAMMU: BJP spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary on Tuesday raised alarm over growing internal security threats and urged the government and security agencies to intensify their crackdown on individuals allegedly involved in espionage and anti-national activities.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters following the successful execution of Operation Sindoor, launched in retaliation to the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Dr. Choudhary stressed the need for public vigilance and collective responsibility in safeguarding national integrity.

Accompanied by J&K BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, former District President Rekha Mahajan



BJP spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary addressing a press conference at Jammu on Tuesday.

and senior party leader Anu Gupta, Dr. Choudhary commended India's security forces for their prompt response and ongoing investigations.

"So far, nearly 20 suspects have been arrested across Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, and are being interrogated by various intel-

ligence agencies," he informed.

Dr. Choudhary revealed that many of those under investigation are social media influencers and YouTubers with frequent connections to foreign countries.

"These individuals enjoy Indian facilities and hospi-

talities, but in return, pass sensitive information to hostile nations, particularly Pakistan," he alleged. "They travel abroad, receive gifts, stay in luxury hotels - all funded by entities that aim to destabilize India."

He specifically warned about possible sleeper cells or informants within Jammu and Kashmir, who may be collecting and transmitting information related to borders, airports, and defense installations.

"Such individuals must be identified and exposed before they cause irreparable harm," he stated.

Appealing to journalists and citizens, Dr. Choudhary said, "You live closest to the ground realities. If someone's lifestyle changes overnight - from modest

means to luxury vehicles, expensive gadgets, and palatial homes - questions must be asked. Where is this wealth coming from?"

He emphasized that many spies are lured through honey traps, blackmail, or monetary temptation, and some become repeat offenders.

"We are not just facing a military or political war - this is an information war being fought from within," he asserted.

Dr. Choudhary reaffirmed BJP's commitment to national security. "Our agencies are alert and working round the clock. But we need media support and public cooperation to win this fight. Together, we can expose these threats and secure our nation."

LFO-BHF appoints new provincial team



LFO-BHF new provincial team posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) announced the appointment of its new provincial team with immediate effect, as directed by Director and CEO, Vivek Parihar.

Abhishek Raina has been appointed as the National Body Secretary. The provincial team includes Shubam as Provincial President, Sahil as Provincial Vice President, Stuti as Provincial General

Secretary, Ritik as Provincial Secretary, and Diya as Provincial Secretary.

Speaking on the occasion, Vivek Parihar stated, "These appointments reflect our belief in youth leadership and our commitment to building a stronger, more impactful Foundation. The newly appointed team members have shown remarkable dedication to our mission, and I am confident they will lead with integrity, compassion, and responsi-

bility." The Foundation extends heartfelt congratulations to all the appointees and looks forward to their valuable contributions in driving positive change across communities. Their leadership will play a crucial role in furthering the mission and values of LFO-BHF.

The members who graced the occasion were Bharti, Manvi, Babita, Rubina, Kangan, Vishal, Abhinandan and many more.

ADGP Armed visits Armed Police Complex Parihaspora



ADGP Armed J&K, Anand Jain being welcomed at Armed Police Complex Parihaspora, Pattan.

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SRINAGAR: Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Armed J&K alongwith Junaid Mehmood, Deputy Inspector General, IRP Kashmir, on Tuesday visited Armed Police Complex Parihaspora, Pattan.

The purpose of the visit was, to review the functioning of IRP-3rd and IRP 9th Battalions stationed at the complex.

Upon his arrival, Jain was accorded a warm welcome by the concerned Commandants. He was presented with a ceremonial Guard of Honour by a joint contingent of IIRP-3rd and IRP-9th Battalions.

A comprehensive

Inspection of various unit establishments of both the units and allied offices was carried out during the visit.

While addressing a special Darbar convened on the occasion, Jain assured the personnel that all their legitimate concerns would be addressed at the Armed Police Headquarters level.

As part of the visit, the ADGP led a plantation drive at the complex, during which saplings of Chinara and pine trees were planted, besides also inaugurated Recreation Hall Facility of IRP 9th Bn.

He further underscored the psychological, social and cultural implications of substance abuse and impressed upon the personnel to keep themselves away from drugs.

The ADGP Armed also commended the role of per-

sonnel and encouraged their active participation in ongoing refresher courses.

Highlighting cyber security Awareness, the ADGP advised, to exercise caution while using social Media Platforms and stressed upon adopting set protocols to safeguard data.

The ADGP urged all officers and personnel to maintain high levels of vigilance and operational preparedness in light of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025.

He also emphasized the significance of cleanliness within the complex and directed regular sanitation drives to ensure hygiene standards.

Moreover, the ADGP instructed the Commandants to ensure regular medical checkups of the all the personnel to promote health standards.

Among others who were present on the occasion include, Syed Mubashir Hussain, Commandant IRP 9th Bn. Javid Iqbal SSP Commandant IRP-3rd Bn. Surjit Kumar SSP, Commandant IRP-20th Bn, Paramjit Singh, Commandant IRP-21st Bn. Munir Ahmed, SSP, APCR Kashmir and other officers.

Workshop for NAAC Accreditation held at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: A comprehensive workshop on NAAC Accreditation was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) at the university's Main Campus, Chatha. The workshop was chaired by Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and Chairman, IQAC.

It is worth mentioning that SKUAST-Jammu has formally established the IQAC Cell under the dynamic leadership of Prof. B. N. Tripathi.

His inspiring address laid a clear roadmap for strengthening quality assurance mechanisms within the university.

Prof. Tripathi said that the workshop reaffirmed



SKUAST-J staff members listening to Dr. K. Rama Kondapalli.

SKUAST-Jammu's resolve to pursue excellence and continuous quality enhancement through a structured and inclusive approach to NAAC accreditation. The session featured an insightful online lecture by Dr. K. Rama Kondapalli, an eminent expert in quality assurance in higher

education, who shared her extensive experience and perspectives on NAAC accreditation. In her address, Dr. Kondapalli elaborated on the key attributes and benchmarks essential for achieving NAAC accreditation and emphasized the critical role of institutional preparedness in ensuring qual-

ity in academics, research and administration.

Earlier, Dr. P. K. Rai, Professor, Soil Science and Coordinator, IQAC, delivered a detailed presentation on the functioning of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and its pivotal role in steering the university through the NAAC

accreditation process. He highlighted the strategic initiatives to be taken by IQAC to promote continuous improvement and institutional accountability.

The workshop witnessed the active participation of all Statutory Officers, Heads of Divisions, IQAC Members and faculty reflecting the collective commitment towards enhancing academic quality and institutional performance.

The smooth conduct of the workshop was facilitated by Dr. Anil Bhat, Associate Director Research and Assistant Coordinator, IQAC.

The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. S. K. Gupta, Director Research who expressed gratitude to Dr. Kondapalli for her enlightening presentation and valuable time.

Court rejects bail in Rs 250 Crore Heroin Smuggling Case

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JAMMU: Special Judge NDPS Court Jammu, Yash Pal Sharma, rejected the bail application of Ravinder Singh, alleged to be the key mastermind behind an inter-state narcotics smuggling racket involving the recovery of over 50 kg of heroin worth approximately ₹250 crores.

Represented by advocates Ravinder Sharma and Prince Khanna, the accused had sought bail, which was strongly opposed by Special Public Prosecutor Ajay Singh Manhas

appearing for the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

The court noted that Ravinder Singh is allegedly the kingpin of the drug syndicate and had been in constant touch with co-accused Gurjit Singh, both telephonically and through personal meetings-even while being lodged in Central Jail in connection with a murder case under Section 302 RPC.

Significantly, although Singh was not taken into custody during the initial investigation, his involvement

emerged from call detail records (CDR), tower location data, jail visitation records, and statements recorded under Section 67 of the NDPS Act. The NCB has alleged that despite being in judicial custody, Singh continued to direct and conspire in the smuggling operation, qualifying him as a conspirator under Sections 29, 8/21(C) of the NDPS Act.

Judge Sharma highlighted that the commercial quantity of heroin recovered and Singh's criminal background, along with the severity of the offence

and its harmful impact on society, particularly the youth, weigh heavily against granting bail. The court also emphasized the applicability of Section 37 of the NDPS Act, which imposes stringent conditions for bail in drug-related offences.

Stating that the offences alleged are of a serious nature and impact society at large, the court concluded that the petitioner does not deserve judicial discretion of bail. The bail application was accordingly dismissed as devoid of merit.