

# Justice Magrey inaugurates Legal Literacy Club at Faculty of Social Forestry Benhama

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GANDERBAL: Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Thursday inaugurated legal literacy club (LLC) at Faculty of Social Forestry Benhama Ganderbal and presided over the Legal Awareness programme on Climate Change.

Legal awareness programme on 'Climate Change: Role of state institutions and Law' was organized by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal in collaboration with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Forestry, Benhama.

Justice, Javaid Iqbal



Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey inaugurating Legal Literacy Club at Ganderbal.

Wani, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Administrative Judge of District Ganderbal was the guest of honour, while Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, M K Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal,

Shyambir, SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar, Director Extension SKUAST-K, Prof. Dil Mohammad Maqdoomi, Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, Tabasum besides faculty members of college and students were also present on the occasion.

Justice Magrey who is also Executive Chairman J&K

Legal Services Authority in his presidential address said that the principle objective of Legal Services Institutions is not only to ensure Access to Justice to the weaker sections of the society but also to educate the people about their rights and duties towards preservation of environment.

He said that the courts have played a pivotal role in interpreting the laws concerning the environment and by way of judicial interventions succeeded in conserving and preserving the water bodies.

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, while speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of Legal Literacy Clubs in the educational institutions. He gave an

overview of various judicial pronouncements by the apex court on the issues of environment.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K; Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal; M.K Sharma, Member Secretary, J&K LSA; Dr Dil Mohammad Maqdoomi, Director Extension SKUAST, Prof. Bashir Ahmad Ganai, Associate Prof. Shehnaz Noor and Prof. S.A Gangoo; Secretary DLSA Ganderbal also spoke on the occasion.

Later, Justice Magrey also kick-started plantation drive by planting sapling of fir in the lawns of college under Har Gaon Hariyali initiative and also inspected the Biodiversity Park there.

## People see progress, development first time in Valley after 7 decades: Abhijeet



Spokesperson BJP J&K, Abhijeet Jasoota along with others during a bike rally.

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SRINAGAR: A bike rally was organized on the eve of completion of 8 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government. The rally carrying message of 'Good Governance' went through the deep interiors of Karceri and Wagoora and was led by BJP Spokesperson Abhijeet Jasoota and ex-MLC Surinder Ambardar. In a total drive of 10 km from Nowpora to Wagoora and Watergam to Karceri, scores of Party Karyakarta participated in the impressive rally held in supersensitive locations of Kashmir. One to one interaction was done with various people on the way. Enthusiastic people even danced and raised slogans of 'Har Har Modi' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. On this occasion Abhijeet Jasoota said that this is the democracy in real sense which begins from villages where people on the way said that they are getting all benefits of the schemes of Modi Government. They admitted and repeated that for the first time after seven decades, have seen the progress and development in Valley.

Senior Leader of the Party Surinder Ambardar spoke on the achievements of Modi Government during last 8 years while G. M Sofi BDC and District General Secretary thanked all the people who participated. Prominent among others who participated in the celebration included Ehsan Bhat, Mir Mustaq and Shabir Ahmed.

## Modi Govt's public welfare programmes boon for poor & down-trodden: Dr Andrabi

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GUREZ: BJP National Executive Member & Senior Party Leader Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday visited many localities in Daraw Gurez in connection with highlighting and assessing public welfare initiatives of eight years of Narendra Modi led government.

Dr Andrabi addressed many gatherings there and informed people about the schemes, programmes and initiatives of the Narendra Modi led government for a cross section of people throughout the country in general and for the people of J&K in particular. Dr Andrabi said that the Modi government took historical steps to empower the poor & the backward classes in the country. "During Covid times, Modi govt's free ration, free vaccination and golden card health initiative lifted the poor out of the hard times and India became world's only country to execute such big public welfare measures. Modi ji never gave Gareebi Hatao slogan which used to lure the poor in India for



BJP National Executive Member, Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi during visit to Gurez.

decades without any yield, but gave welfare programmes and schemes which helped the poor and downtrodden to overcome poverty and live a respectable life," said Dr Andrabi. She spoke about the measures taken by the Modi government for people living in border areas and also for the tribal population throughout the country. Dr Darakhshan Andrabi hailed the people of Gurez for their patriotism and their peace loving nature. She assured the people that the government will take every step needed to empower the people of Gurez who have always stood like solid rock to safeguard the borders in sync with our border guards. "People in border

areas are benefiting from numerous schemes & Programmes of the government and there is huge economic development seen in these areas during the past eight years of Modi government," said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi. Dr Darakhshan Andrabi was accompanied by Constituency Vice President of BJP Ghulam Mohammad Khan, Block President Gurez Mohamad Iqbal Lone, Vice President Mohammad Rafiq Lone, Sarpanch Ahmadullah Khan, Panch Afzal Khan and other party workers. The team distributed pamphlets carrying details about the schemes & initiatives of Modi Govt which helped people in the last eight years.

## Welfare of border villagers prime focus of Modi Govt in J&K: Sukhnandan

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior BJP leader Ch Sukhnandan Kumar on Thursday outlined that the welfare of border villagers and their betterment is the prime focus of the Modi government in J&K.

Addressing border villagers during a programme at Chicken Neck border area in Panchayat Gango Chak in Marh block, Choudhary Sukhnandan kicked started the work on NABARD funded road that connects many for border villages, under the central sponsored scheme.

Speaking on peace and development in the region, Sukhnandan reiterated that the BJP government is determined to destroy not only terrorists but the entire terror ecosystem in J&K with a clear cut policy of not sparing any anti-national elements sponsored by Pakistan.

He said the people of border



Former Minister, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar along with others releasing a pamphlet.

villages are standing by their nation in the same way as they have been doing in the past. "The people of these areas, despite having various problems, are patriotic Indians and next to the Indian Army having a very prominent role in safeguarding our borders from enemy," Sukhnandan said.

Giving details about the BADP (Border Area Developmental Programme), Choudhary Sukhnandan said that many works under this programme are already going and more funds should be provided to the border villages for various welfare schemes.

He also called upon the Central Governments to start a special recruitment drive in para military forces for the people living in the border areas. This, Sukhnandan said, will help in tackling the unemployment problem on one hand and on the other hand will be useful in maintaining peace in the region.

Troubled by our renewed resolve towards development

of Jammu & Kashmir, its aspirations and latest goals, our enemies are making desperate attempts to create unrest in J&K through drug trafficking, smuggling of arms through drones and through social media, Sukhnandan said, adding that the Government's determination and the indomitable courage of our Police and Security forces will not let the enemies outside and within our borders succeed.

Sukhnandan also shed light on increasing self-reliance in

## 8th International Yoga Day celebrated by AIIMS Jammu



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Dr Shakti Gupta Director AIIMS, Jammu along with others lighting ceremonial lamp while participants performing various Yoga Asanas during 8th International Yoga Day celebrations at AIIMS, Jammu.

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JAMMU: AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu celebrated the 8th International day of Yoga on Thursday "Yoga for Humanity" as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' campaign to commemorate 75 years of Independence. The event was started with welcome speech by Dr. Sanjolly Gupta, & lighting of lamp by Chief

Guest Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, Jammu Lok Sabha, Prof(Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, the First Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu and other dignitaries. Then celebrations were commenced with Sarawati Vandana, invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. The word of wisdom of Yoga was delivered by the Chief Guest Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, Jammu Lok Sabha, Prof(Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, the First Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu and other dignitaries. Then Common Yoga Protocol session was held with the enthusiastic participation of faculty/ administrative staff, MBBS students (1st& 2nd Batch), and

other staff under supervision of Dr. Ranjana and Dr. Shambu Ram, Assistant Professors, Yoga & Naturopathy Department, Central University of Jammu at the makeshift campus located at NITS, Polytechnic, Miran Sahib India Nagar, Jammu from 6:30 am to 08:00 am. The Chief Guest and Director

& CEO, AIIMS, along with other participants, actively participated in practice session. The event was attended by faculty/administrative staff, students, and other staff.

Dhanantar Singh, President and K.K Rana, Vice President, Bharatiya Yog Sansthan Jammu and his team imparted the best

Yoga demonstration to all participants during the Common Yoga Protocol session. Celebrations were continued with felicitation of Chief Guest by Director, Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, AIIMS Jammu. Yoga experts were also felicitated by the Chief Guest followed by distribution of refreshment among participants.

K Ray Bhagat



## Army aspirants protest against 'Agnipath' in Jammu

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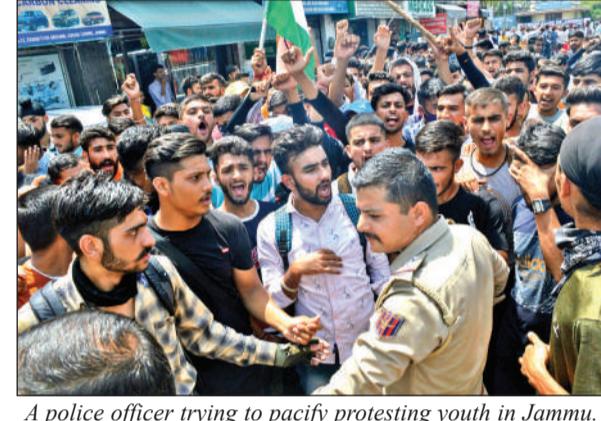
JAMMU: Army aspirants on Thursday staged a protest here against the Agnipath scheme to recruit jawans on a contractual basis for a four-year-period followed by compulsory retirement for most without gratuity and pension benefits.

Most of these aspirants have cleared their medical and physical tests for their recruitment in the army last year and were awaiting the written examination, but it now stands cancelled.

"We submitted our forms for the recruitment in the army in February 2020 but the process started a year later due to COVID-19 outbreak. The written test was initially scheduled for April 25 last year but was postponed several times," Munish Sharma, an army aspirant, said.

Sharma was among a large number of youngsters who assembled outside the Press Club here to protest against the new recruitment scheme.

"Today, we came to know that the process for our recruitment stands cancelled



A police officer trying to pacify protesting youth in Jammu.

and we have to re-apply in accordance with Agnipath. It is a great injustice to us," he said, adding that the new scheme had rendered "the youth hopeless".

He said the protesting aspirants worked hard over the last couple of years to ensure their selection in the army.

Another army aspirant Sourav Gangotra said the pension bills of MPs and MLAs are increasing but the government is not willing to provide pensions to aspiring soldiers.

He demanded that the new scheme be withdrawn and

## Authorities failed to check massive jams, traffic light system failed in Valley

### ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: The much awaited hi-tech Intelligent Traffic Light System in Srinagar is witnessing several delays as same is still not operative which shows the seriousness of concerned authorities about the system.

This border road in March block being constructed under NABARD funds in this area will help many villagers and this road will connect many border villages from Kanachak to Lalyal and other adjoining villages, said Sukhnandan.

Others who were present in the function include DDC Member Balbir Lal, BDC Chairperson Surinder Kumar, Sarpanch Mulak Raj, Vikramjeet Singh

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traffic lights. But they are not functioning. Everyone is well aware of long traffic jams in Srinagar. Authorities should be quick to start these traffic lights for streamlining traffic," said a commuter.

An official said that Srinagar Municipal Corporation installed Intelligent Traffic Light System in summer capital is taking a heavy toll on commuters due to frequent traffic jams at vital intersections. Though authorities installed the Intelligent Traffic Light System at all major junctions, however same is not functional yet. "Equipped with smart cameras and a state-of-the-art control room, the system will monitor traffic and divert it accordingly thereby avoiding traffic mess in the city", officials told .While commuters said that delay in commissioning of the Intelligent Traffic Light System is creating problems for them. "Old traffic lights have been replaced by smart

"More than 90 per cent of the work is complete and we are now working on configuration and calibration of these systems. As soon as these works will be done, system will work smoothly," an official said. "Lights at Rajbagh, Hyderpora, Jahangir Chowk and many other places in Downtown area of Srinagar city are not functioning properly. Without doing basic engineering work, they installed traffic lights in some places, which are now causing problems. These traffic lights at busy places with a higher volume of vehicles create jams," residents told STATE TIMES.

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