

National Seminar on Maharaja Gulab Singh at JU marks visit to Jia Potta, panel discussions

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JAMMU: Second day of a three-day National Seminar on 'Revisiting Life and Legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh' Thursday marked visit to the coronation site of Maharaja at Jia Potta, Akhnoor.

Besides paper presentation by participants, an exclusive panel discussion on different facets of the life of Maharaja Gulab Singh was also witnessed on the second day of the event, which has been organised by the Department of History, University of Jammu in collaboration with Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Jammu Kashmir Study Centre and Maharaja Gulab Singh Research Centre.

During a visit to the Jia Potta Akhnoor, renowned historian and former Vice Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh-Prof Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri threw light on the contribution of Maharaja Gulab Singh in integrating India.

"Gulab Singh has laid the foundation of Jammu and Kashmir by apparently snatching part of Sapt Sindhu from clutches of Britishers," he said and added that youth should be made aware about the vision



A speaker sharing his views during a panel discussion at JU.

of Maharaja.

He shared that when kings across the Indian subcontinent were involved in revenge wars, Maharaja Gulab Singh took initiative to integrate and safeguard Indian borders.

"Maharaja Gulab Singh was assiduous, handsome and robust-the qualities which earned him the admiration of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. He also possessed a character which could both charm and retaliate," said Prof Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, adding Maharaja Gulab Singh and Maharaja Ranjit Singh successfully fought nefarious designs of Turks, Mughals and Afghans.

He maintained, despite the high rate of conversion during the invasion of outsiders across North West India and other parts, Maharaja Gulab Singh managed to keep people connected to their roots.

"Such was the aura of Maharaja Gulab Singh that Sikh emperor-Maharaja Ranjit Singh travelled to Jammu to coronate him," said Prof Agnihotri.

The day concluded with a colorful cultural evening, in which students of the University presented different kinds of cultural events, particularly pertaining to the culture of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier paper presentation was followed by an exclusive panel discussion, chaired by Prof Shyam Narayan Lal, wherein Prof KN Pandita spoke about 'Maharaja Gulab Singh and his times', Captain Alok Bansal talked about 'Maharaja Gulab Singh and his contributions to establishment of India's Northern Frontiers' and Advocate Rajeev K Pandey provided an insightful lecture on 'Integration Process of Jammu and Kashmir.'

also attended by Assistant Labour Commissioner Udhampur Pradyot Gupta and Sham Lal Khajuria (Senior Assistant) from the Labour Department Udhampur. Later, Secretary DLSA Udhampur Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge) thanked the Staff from Labour Department present in the program and all the participants for the smooth conduct of the Awareness Programme.

She also interacted with the participants of the programme and apprised them that the doors of District Legal Services Authority Udhampur are always open for the downtrodden sections of the society.

JAMMU: Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister along with Devender Singh Rana, former MLA and accompanied by Rekha Mahajan, Secretary, J&K BJP listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Numerous individuals and deputations representing various quarters of society visited BJP headquarter to present their concerns regarding various issues comprising development, administrative and personal issues.

Many deputations presented their issues regarding electricity, water supply, road connectivity etc. A deputation of teachers presented their resentment against the transfer policy alleging anomalies. Besides, deputa-

tions of SIDCO and West Pakistan Refugees also presented their issues.

BJP senior leaders listened to their issues patiently and telephonically talked to the concerned departmental officials and

issued letters for the others.

While listening to the public grievances, BJP leaders said that people individually and in the form of deputations raised their concerns about their individual and public issues and they have sincerely tried to give reasonable solutions to their issues while taking immediate steps wherever needed by talking to concerned authorities. They said that the senior BJP leadership is sincerely working to address their problems. They maintained that BJP is serving the society with dedication and up to the satisfaction of the masses.

Agnipath Scheme: NSUI announces nationwide protest

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JAMMU: After the announcement of Agnipath recruitment scheme, The students from across the country started protesting to demand withdrawal of this scheme, under which youth will get a 4-year tenure in the armed forces. They will also be entitled to monetary benefits at the end of their 4-year term.

The student wing of the party NSUI extended its support to the protesting students. National President Neeraj Kundan in his tweet appealed students to protest peacefully and announced that NSUI will raise the issue through Sainik Satyagraha Nationally against the government's decision.

In his statement, Neeraj Kundan said that this government takes decisions & makes schemes without consulting the interested parties. The government is fighting those who want to fight the enemies of the country. He said the government should rethink about the length of service, provision of no pension for those released early, and the 17.5 to 21 age restriction that now makes around 35 lakhs aspirants ineligible for the post. We will raise this issue on the streets, in the parliament and if necessary will go to the court.



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma & prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana listening to grievances of people.



Dignitaries launching new Hyundai Venue at Shuhul Hyundai, Jammu.

Manager Sales along with the members of staff civil society media and valued customers. According to a company press release, commenting on the

launch of the new Hyundai VENUE, Unsoo Kim, MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd., said, "The new Hyundai VENUE has been developed to

personify the aspirations of our beloved customers. With a keen focus on Design, Technology, Functionality and Space, the new Hyundai VENUE is here to elevate customer experiences and amplify the Hyundai SUV Life. Being India's No.1 SUV maker of 2020 and 2021, we are immensely grateful to our customers for placing their love and trust in brand Hyundai.

The new Hyundai VENUE will build further on the legacy of this brand and thrill customers with its Bold and Dynamic persona, while enabling the next level of comfort, connectivity and convenience."

Billawaria starts construction work of shed at Maa Vaishno Devi temple Raipur



Senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria along with others after inaugurating construction work.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria on Thursday started the construction work of tiles and shed in the lane of Maa Vaishno Devi temple located in Raipur Satwari, Jammu South-RS Pura constituency. On this occasion, Veda Mantras were recited by Pandit.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that on completion of 8 years of Modi government, he had to meet the members of Maa Vaishno mandir committee during the public relations campaign under the fortnight of "Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan" programme. He said that the mandir committee was apprised about the

problems being faced by the broken lane and lack of shed in the temple. He said that the demand of the temple committee has been fulfilled here today. He said that the completion of the construction work of the lane and shed, the devotees coming to the temple will get a

lot of relief. He further said that the Modi government has done many development works and has also protected the Sanskriti along with them, whether it is the construction of a grand Ram temple, the grand and divine Kashi, the development of the Somnath

temple and the Statue of Unity has also become an attractive center of India's history since modern times.

Naib Sarpanch Avtar Singh Chib, Hans Raj, Ranjit Singh, Muluk Raj, Surjit Singh, Harpal Singh, Sanjay Bhau, Ajay Sharma were present.

GCW Kathua celebrates Dogra festival



Faculty and students of GDC Kathua during an event.

perity of family members. As per tradition, girl students of Govt Degree College for Women Kathua sow Raade ie seeds of five different crops like maize, bajra, uradete on

ground with in digged broken necks of earthen pots. The number of Raadea can be as many as number of female members and one extra Raada is inserted to pray God to add

new member to the family. The students will take due care of these raade by watering them everyday and colouring them every Sunday using organic colours

which signifies growth and multiplication of the family and will pray to God for colourful and joyful life ahead. Girls sing traditional songs, make Dogra quisines like queer, rutt etc. On the occasion renowned Dogri Poet Vijay Sharma gave information about the Duggar culture to the students and told them about the importance of Raade in Dogra culture.

The programme was organized by Prof. Ritu Kumar Sharma Head department of Dogri and Prof Vaishno Devi Assistant professor in Dogri.

Dr Karan Singh pays obeisance at Raghunath temple; prays for peace prosperity of J&K

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JAMMU: Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr Karan Singh on Thursday paid obeisance at the Raghunath Temple here and prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity of the Union Territory.

On the occasion, Adv Ajay Gondatra, President of the Trust along with Dr Gopal Parthasarthy Sharma, Secretary, Dr Shiv Kumar Raina, Chairman of J&K Dharmarth Trust Advisory

Aarti at the Main sanctum of Raghunath ji Temple. He also performed Pooja at Natraj ji Temple and also visited various temples situated in the premises of Shri Raghunathji Temple.

Dr Karan Singh went through the Mandir Complex and enquired about the facilities being provided to the devotees. He also visited the newly constructed waiting lounge in the temple complex. He expressed satisfaction over the facilities and gave necessary instructions on the spot.

Chairman, JK Dharmarth Trust, Dr Karan Singh paying obeisance at Raghunath Temple, Jammu

Committee and staff of the Trust Gave a warm welcome to the Chairman Trustee by presenting him a bouquet amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras by the Temple Priests.

Dr Karan Singh performed

Later, he had a meeting with the senior functionaries of the Trust and asked them to work with more zeal and dedication and make all possible efforts in providing adequate facilities to the visiting pilgrims.

Vikramaditya meets Yuva Rajput Sabha, assures support on issues



Former MLC Vikramaditya Singh along with office bearers of Yuva Rajput Sabha.

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JAMMU: Former MLC and scion of Dogra Royal Family, Vikramaditya Singh, on Thursday met team of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) members led by Rajan Singh Happy, President YRS at Amar Mahal Palace and discussed issues related to the demand of holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh and the celebration of 200th Raj Tilak Diwas of Maharaja Gulab Singh, founder of erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir State. The delegation of Yuva

Rajput Sabha, led by Rajan Singh Happy, President YRS, met Vikramaditya Singh and urged him to take up the matter of Maharaja Hari Singh's Birth Anniversary holiday with the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his ongoing visit to Jammu for the 200th Raj Tilak Diwas celebration hosted by the Dogra Royal Family at Amar Mahal. Rajan Singh Happy said that the 200th coronation day of Maharaja Gulab Singh would be most appropriate and a fit occasion for announcement of the holiday of Maharaja

Hari Singh by the honorable Defence Minister of India.

Vikramaditya Singh gave a patient hearing to the YRS delegation and assured them that he would take up their issue of holiday of Maharaja Hari Singh with the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his ongoing two-day visit to this Union Territory.

The YRS delegation comprised of Rajan Singh Happy, Mandeep Singh, Balkan Singh, Balbir Singh and Vikramjeet Singh.

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