

JMC celebrates 'Swachhta Pakhwada- Honouring Swachhta Heroes /Safaikaramcharis'



Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav honouring Safaikaramcharis.

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation and Bharat petroleum celebrated 'Swachhta Pakhwada - Honouring Swachhata Heros /Safai Karamcharis' at JMC's Council Hall on Friday. The main purpose of the event was to honour Swachh Sathis of Jammu Municipal Corporation as they are key-pillars for maintaining sanitation. The event was anchored by Rj Sarang (91.9 Red FM), who besides welcoming guests and dignitaries briefed gathering about Swachhta Pakhwada. The initiatives

taken by Bharat Petroleum were further briefed by officials from Bharat petroleum Sandeep Kumar Raina and Eshu Kumar. They said that Corporation has actively participated in all the Swachhta Pakhwada's through extended family and has constantly been contributing to innovations and community led practices in Sanitation and Waste Management.

Commissioner JMC - Rahlul Yadav also emphasized on the initiatives taken by JMC against plastic and for implementing ban on single-use plastic.

Further, Deputy Mayor Adv Purnima Sharma said that Safai Sathis are the only key to JMC's increased ranking in Swachh Survekshan and explained importance of 'Bye - Bye Plastic' campaign launched by JMC. Hardeep Singh Mankotia, Ajay Gupta and Raj Kumar also spoke on the occasion. A Swachhta pledge was taken by all dignitaries and Safai Sathis. T-Shirts along with jute bags were distributed among participants. The programme ended with formal vote of thanks by Health Officer JMC Dr Vinod Sharma.

Demise of Sr Adv Bhim Singh; J&K High Court holds Full Court Reference

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JAMMU: A Full Court reference was held on Friday in Court room of the Chief Justice at Jammu Wing of the High Court to condole sad demise of Late Bhim Singh, Senior Advocate, Member of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu.

On this occasion M K Bhardwaj, Senior Advocate, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu and Nanda, Senior Advocate General, Jammu in their condolence addresses remembered contribution of Late Bhim Singh, Senior Advocate, Member of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu. Senior Additional Advocate General on his behalf and on behalf of the State, Government Advocates and Bar offered condolences on demise of late Bhim Singh, Senior Advocate and prayed for eternal peace and strength to the bereaved family.

The President, J&K High

Court Bar Association also offered condolences on his behalf and on behalf of the Bar executives and other Bar members and prayed for peace to the departed soul. On this occasion, Jai Mala wife of Late Bhim Singh, Senior Advocate was also present.

Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, on his behalf and on behalf of other Judges of High Court prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss. The Judges from Srinagar Bench and Members of Bar Association Srinagar, joined the Full Court Reference proceedings virtually. Proceedings were conducted by the Registrar General. The Full Court proceedings ended with observance of one minute silence as a mark of respect for the departed soul. After the Reference, Court work was suspended for rest of the day.

Heavy rush of Yatris witnessed at Mahajan Bhawan



ADC Jammu Satish Sharma alongwith CCI Jammu President Arun Gupta serving Langar.

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JAMMU: Friday is the 18th day of the Langar organized by the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha at Mahajan Bhawan Shalamar Road Jammu. Today's Langar was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Satish Sharma alongwith Arun Gupta President CCI Jammu. Heavy rush of Yatris is being witnessed every day. The pilgrims coming from all parts of the country who are directed to report to Mahajan Bhawan for registration by the concerned Government Agency, are served with breakfast in the morning followed by lunch Prashad throughout the

day till they get Registration Cards and proceed to Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas (Base Camp) for onward journey to holy cave of Shri Amar Nath Ji located at the altitude of 3880 metres in snow bound Himalyan range in South Kashmir.

For this purpose, the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha under the Presidentship of Romesh Chander Gupta President of the Sabha actively assisted by Shiv Partap Gupta Senior Vice President and Sanjay Mahajan General Secretary, have constituted a team of dedicated members to serve the yatris in the best possible manner.

C.P Gupta and Mukesh Mahajan have been looking after Press related matters and protocol arrangements in the campus. Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta are the Incharge of the Langer.

Surinder Gupta and Subash Gupta have been assigned important duty of Supervision whereas Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta deals with Acoounts matters of the day.

Today's Langar was sponsored jointly by a team comprising of Vijay Gupta and his family, Satish Gupta and Darshan Gupta of Marriage Bureau, Amar Chand Gupta Patron, Rajinder Gupta Retd Manager SBI, Mangat Ram Gupta Retd Manager PNB and Dinesh Gupta Corporater JMC. The members of the team who performed arduous duty at Langar counter included Dr. Ashwani Jogra Founder Sahyog India, Romesh Gupta (Bartan Wale), Rajneesh Gupta(Pinki), Balraj Gupta , Romesh Chander Gupta and Suresh Gupta.

Langar concluded at 5 PM with a word of thanks from the Senior Vice President to all the members of the team who jointly made the Langar performance very successful.

IkkJutt Jammu to hold demonstrations on Jul 17 for Separate Jammu State: Ankur

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JAMMU: Convinced that the Centre has planned to hold elections in whole of J&K UT in the near future and hand over the state power to Kashmiri leadership, IkkJutt Jammu Party Chief Advocate Ankur Sharma on Friday announced the Party's resolve to hold demonstrations at district headquarters and other places at the same time on Sunday, July 17 2022 to draw the attention of the authorities to their single-point agenda seeking separation of Jammu province from Kashmir so that the people of the region could obtain liberation from the secessionist and oppressive Kashmiri leader-



ship and lead a dignified life and serve the nation to the best of their ability.

Ankur Sharma said that the people of Jammu province couldn't co-exist with that Kashmiri leadership, which has been posing a live threat to the national security from day one and jeopardized even the general civil, political and economic rights and interests of the people of Jammu province with the active support of the political class in New Delhi ever since the state's accession to India in October 1947.

"They need a dispensation similar to the one other states of the Union have. They just can't afford any kind of truck with Kashmiri leadership, which treated the people of

Jammu province worse than the brutes; hurt their socio-cultural and political aspirations; exploited them and their natural resources to the hilt to enrich Kashmir and enrich themselves; used their extraordinary and unbridled executive and legislative powers to change the demographic landscape of the province and force down the throat of Jammu province their secessionist will." Ankur Sharma added that "the situation has now climaxed to the point that the very identity, personality and survival of the people of Jammu province is under grave threat and that his party would not accept anything short of full state status to Jammu province".

Ikkjutt Jammu Party chief bemoaned the Union Government's August 5, 2019 biased approach towards the suffering people of Jammu province. He said they would have appreciated the Union Government all the more, had that day it also treated them

like it treated the suffering Buddhists of Ladakh and separated Jammu province from Kashmir like Ladakh to meet their age-old demand seeking full socio-economic and political empowerment. "By continuing to link the destinies of the people of Jammu province with the fundamentally separatist, communal and oppressive Kashmiri leadership, the Union Government only disappointed them," said Sharma, adding that it's time for the authorities to rectify the August 5, 2019 lapse and restrict the area of communal strife to the small Kashmir Valley by dividing Kashmir also into two Union Territories and by segregating the resource-rich and patriotic Jammu province from Kashmir as a full independent state. Ankur Sharma warned New Delhi that it's whole approach towards Jammu province is fraught with dangerous ramifications not only for the people of Jammu province but also for the

nation as a whole as a weak and enslaved Jammu would not be able to protect and promote further the paramount sovereign interests in this northern region. He urged the policy-planners in New Delhi to sit up to re-examine the whole situation both in Jammu province and terrorist-infested Kashmir province and further reorganize J&K to empower the neglected and marginalized Jammu and weaken the grip of secessionists in Kashmir whose one-point agenda is to de-link the whole of J&K from India and establish theocratic rule in the region.

The IkkJutt Jammu chief also urged the people of Jammu province to reject outright the idea of elections in the whole of J&K and join the Sunday protests in large numbers to tell the Union Government what they want, what they stand for, what is their battle-ery and watchword and what is their ultimate goal.

BJYM condemns continuous desecration of temples in Jammu region Wanchoo seeks strict action against culprits

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JAMMU: Chetan Wanchoo, State Media Incharge, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, J&K unit, on Friday strongly condemned desecration of Shiv Temple in Doda, seeking thorough probe to nail the culprits and punish them under law of the land.

In a statement issued here today, BJYM leader took strong exception of this atrocious act and urged the UT administration to act stringently against the culprits as the incident has the potential to escalate communal tension.

Wanchoo said that it is quite unfortunate to find the trend of desecration of temples picking up in Jammu region. He said this is the fourth such incident of vandalism carried



out at a temple since April. Earlier a temple was vandalized in Sidhra area on the outskirts of Jammu, followed by damage to Vasuki Naag Temple in the Bhaderwah besides another incident of similar nature in Kathua's Mahanpur area a few days ago. Such repeated incidents have not only hurt the sentiments of the Hindu community, but that of all the sane people irrespective of the faith and religion they belong to, he added.

Wanchoo said that there

is a lot of anguish in the society especially among the members of Hindu community over such acts of desecration. He demanded that the administration should identify the culprits of all these incidents and take stringent action against them, failing which the people of Jammu have no other option to come on roads.

While calling the incident as unacceptable, the BJYM leader said that perpetrators of this distasteful act wanted to flare-up communal divide in the region and therefore it is necessary for the people to not give heed to such attempts to vitiate peace. He asked people of Jammu region to come forward and expose such elements who are enemy of peace, prosperity and tranquility.

Rotary Club of Jammu Midtown installs Chakshu as President, Rohit as Secretary

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JAMMU: Rotary Club of Jammu Midtown has installed Rtn Chakshu Kapoor and Rtn Rohit Gupta as President and Secretary of the Rotary Club for the year 2022-2023, respectively in a function held at Amar Singh Club, Jammu.

District Governor of Rotary Club Dr Dushyant Chowdhary was the Chief Guest and installing officer of the ceremony.

Other dignitaries present were first Lady Dr Shivani Chowdhary, Assistant Governor Rtn Ashish Sarotia, District Secretary Rtn Sanjeev Vaid. Programme was conducted by Rtn Meena Jamwal.

Speaking on the occasion, Rtn Meenakshi Bhasin threw light on the programmes of the club during her presidentship and said that various projects were conducted for the improvement of the society.

Newly elected president Rtn Chakshu Kapoor in her speech discussed future plans and programmes. She promised to work with great enthusiasm and dedication for the society.

RTI reveals 12 Sikh delegations met LG in last two years Not a single demand considered: Balvinder

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JAMMU: President Sikh Progressive Front (SPF), Balvinder Singh along with Manjit Singh Vice President, Rajinder Singh AEE Joint Secretary Janak Singh Retd AEE, while addressing the media shared the detail received under RTI whereby it is stated that 10 Sikh delegations from JKUT and two Prominent Sikh Delegations from Delhi met LG during the last two years, and submitted the memorandum of demands pertaining to Sikh Community which are pending with the different authorities as well as LG's Secretariat.

Singh gave the details of long pending demands which includes inclusion of Punjabi Language in JKUT official



President SPF, Balvinder Singh talking to reporters.

Language Bill 2020. Besides this other major demands put forward were ; inclusion of Sikh youth of Valley in PM's Special employment package under non- migrant category by amending SRO-425, inclusion of Sikh member in the JK PSC, release of due compensation to the NOK's of 14 persons killed in 1989 riots in Jammu, the case file of which is lying in GAD since long,

inclusion of Sikh students in the order issued by AICTE for granting concessions to the wards of migrant and non-migrant Kashmiri pundits, in the admission of professional colleges throughout the country, drafting of rules and implementation of Anand Marriage Act 2012, installation of the Statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Kunjwani Chowk.

However one of the RTI reply

reveals that instead of taking appropriate action for redressal of the Sikh demands the issues are transferred to Junior level officers which apparently appears to be sheer wastage of time and directionless approach of the administrative authorities. SPF once again, through this press conference urges upon the LG to intervene personally "As Promised", to redress the genuine and legitimate demands of the Sikhs of JKUT, which are feeling alienated from the main stream.

Other SPF members present were R.S Soodan, Iqbal Singh, Sharanjit Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Manjit Singh Khalsa, R.S Sodhi, Harmohinder Singh President Displaced Kashmiri Sikh Forum, Tejinder Singh and Mohinder Singh.

Randhawa conducts inspection of GBHSS Gandhi Nagar, assures upgradation of institution

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Vikram Randhawa visited Government Boys Higher Secondary School Gandhi Nagar and interacted with staff and students.

The Former Legislator took round of the institution and inspected the shortcomings. He also visited the classrooms and inspected the facilities being provided to the students.

While interacting with the Principal of the institution KC Khajuria and staff members, Former Legislator laid stress on the upgradation of this institution. "I will take up all the shortcomings of this institution with the concerned authorities for immediate redressal", he stated.

"This is one of the very old institution, which has produced



Senior BJP leader, Vikram Randhawa interacting with students.

brilliant minds in the past", Randhawa said and stressed up the staff members to continue this practice in future also. He also appreciated the Principal KC Khajuria for putting his sincere efforts for the upgradation of the institution.

"Change is a new constant and it is required for nation building. Students should be nourished with this thought process and teachers should adapt to such changes. The wholesome development of a

child or a person is very important for nation building and progress. As a nation, we need to create educated and creative personalities", Randhawa added.

While interacting with the students, Randhawa said that besides studying hard the students should aspire to become responsible citizens imbued with good moral character.

Emphasising on educating a child, Randhawa said, "A good education system develops the

mind of a child towards progress, nationalism and social development. Children must be allowed to think, analyse, debate, react and come up with their own conclusion."

He said that the Government is making every effort to improve the education scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that various schemes have been launched to achieve improvement in this regard.

LIC's embedded value at Rs 5.41 lakh cr as on March-2022

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MUMBAI: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Friday reported the Indian Embedded Value (IEV) at Rs 5,41,492 crore as of March 31, 2022, as compared to Rs 95,605 crore as of March 31, 2021. The Embedded Value (EV) is a measure of the consolidated value of shareholders' interest in the life insurance business. It represents the present value of shareholders' interests in the earnings distributable from the assets allocated to the business after sufficient allowance for the aggregate risks in the business. "The Indian Embedded Value (IEV) determination exercise has been completed. The IEV report issued by Milliman Advisors LLP has been adopted by the board on July 14, 2022," LIC's Managing Director Raj Kumar told reporters. Going forward, the IEV will be disclosed on six monthly basis, that is, at the end of March and September; every year; he said. As of September 30, 2021, the corporation's embedded value stood at Rs 5,39,686 crore. The IEV as of

September 30, 2021 was significantly higher than the IEV of March 2021 due to the bifurcation of funds that was carried out by LIC following changes in the LIC Act during the FY 2021-22, the state-run insurer said in a release. "The change in EV has to be looked at in totality. There was a market movement downwards and that impact of around Rs 40,000 crore has been captured in the calculation. The VNB for the year ended March 2022 has been determined to be Rs 7,619 crore, as compared to Rs 4,167 crore for the year ended March 2021. Also, the VNB for the six-month period ended September 30, 2021 was Rs 1,583 crore, the release said. For the year ended March 31, 2022, the VNB margin was 15.1 per cent as compared to VNB margin of 9.9 per cent for the year ended March 31, 2021. The Annualised Premium Equivalent (APE) for the year ended March 31, 2022 is Rs 50,390 crore, as against Rs 45,588 crore as March 31, 2021. The APE considered for arriving at VNB for the period ended

March 31, 2021 was Rs 42,170 crore. Further, for the year ended March 31, 2022, the APE of individual business and group business was Rs 35,572 crore and Rs 14,818 crore respectively, the release said. Therefore, the individual business accounted for 70.59 per cent of APE and group business accounted for 29.41 per cent.

Within the individual business, the par business share on APE basis was 92.88 per cent, while the remaining 7.12 per cent was from the non-par business. A participating (par) life insurance policy allows policyholders to participate in the profits of a life insurance company, while a non-participating (non par) plan does not offer any dividend payouts. The Return on embedded value (ROEV) for March 21, 2022 stood at 11.9 per cent as compared to 36.9 per cent for March 2021. "It is clarified that these calculations take into account the bifurcation impact of the split of single life fund into par and non-par fund during the FY2021-22," the insurer said.