

LG addresses national seminar held to commemorate 16th Punyatithi of Dr Suresh Awasthi

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed a national seminar organized in commemoration of the 16th Punyatithi of nationalist thinker Dr. Suresh Awasthi. Addressing the Seminar through virtual mode, the Lt Governor paid his tributes to Dr Suresh Awasthi and threw light on the life of the great political thinker.

Dr Awasthi was the epitome of sacrifice and selfless-service towards the nation. An ardent nationalist thinker, educationist, and philosopher of humanism, Dr Awasthi ji always remained a powerful medium of personality transformation and played significant role in giving a new direction to the youth of the future, said the Lt Governor. It is my great privilege and honour to have received the utmost affection and guidance of Dr Awasthi ji in my life. He was not only a teacher but a great mentor who has reshaped the understanding of political, ideological, spiritual and social values, and



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha addressing a national seminar organized in commemoration of the 16th Punyatithi of Dr. Suresh Awasthi.

paved the way for political thinkers and intellectuals, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor observed that the theme of today's national seminar 'Bharatiya Sanskriti ka Vaishvik Prabhaav' is a fitting tribute to Dr Suresh Awasthi. Dr Awasthi was very aware of the centuries-old rich tradition and values of India, and always encouraged the youth to become a capable, character-oriented Human resource who would work with determination and dedication towards nation

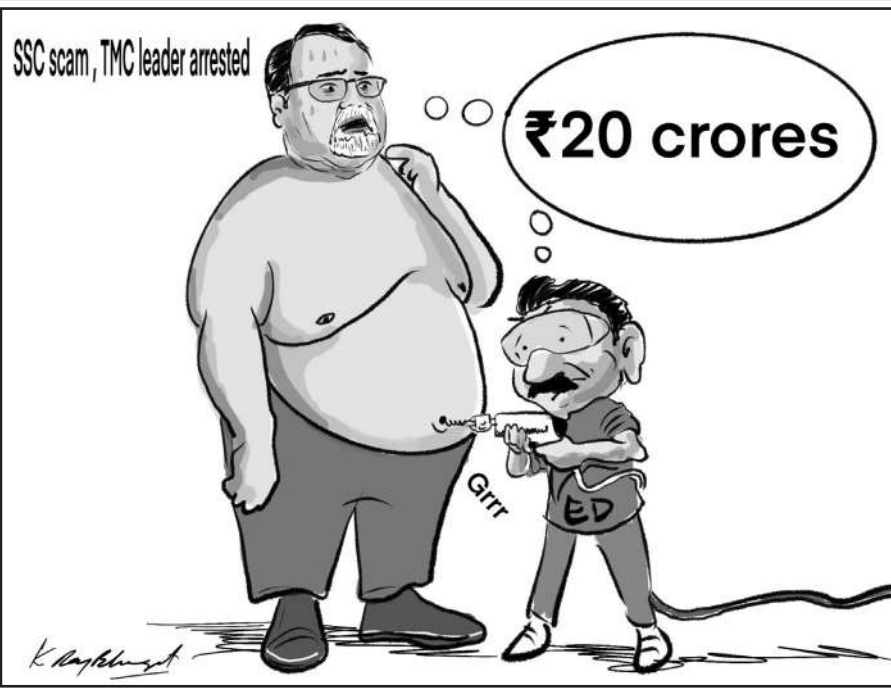
building, he said. The ideologies and philosophies of great personalities like Dr Awasthi have laid foundations of the united and progressive India. Today, the significant contribution of India in diplomatic relations, world's economic prosperity and cultural heritage is being recognized. It can be rightly said that India has connected the world into one thread by taking the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and spreading the message of peace to people across the globe, said the Lt Governor. After many cen-

turies, India is again being seen as a symbol of prosperity rather than just a geographical region. India is the only country in the world which has always had immense external and internal wealth. India was known as the golden bird because of its economic prosperity, which had tremendous ideological prosperity, he added. The Lt Governor underscored that under the leadership of Prime Minister; the strength of India's strategic, economic and soft power has got a new strength, keeping intact the ancient

socio-cultural values. While we are celebrating the 75 years of Independence, India is emerging as the world leader and a power house of cultural & traditional knowledge. From Health to Environment protection, today, the whole world is looking towards India for solutions to overcome the new challenges, he added.

As part of our rich socio-cultural values, India provided free vaccines and sent medical teams to around 100 countries during the Covid pandemic. Because of India's ancient health science, 80 percent of the world's population is using traditional medicine in some form. Moreover, WHO is building the world's first Global Center for Traditional Medicine in India, the Lt Governor said.

PadmaShri Ram Bahadur Rai; Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi; Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University Jammu; Academicians, students participated in this virtual seminar organized by Dr. Suresh Awasthi Memorial Trust.



J&K Bank commissions branch at Drusoo in Pulwama



Zonal Head Pulwama Tariq Ali inaugurating J&K Bank branch at Drusoo in Pulwama.

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank commissioned a new branch at Drusoo in Pulwama. Zonal Head Pulwama Tariq Ali inaugurated the branch in

presence of Cluster Head Neelofar Jan amid gathering of valuable customers and other officials of the Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head said that the

branch has been opened to provide world class banking and financial services to the people that have been tailored to meet the requirements of varied segments of society.

"Like other branches of the Bank, this branch too will play a major role in the socio-economic development of its catchment area", he said. He urged the people to use Bank's digital channels in particular for swift, secure and convenient banking services.

People present on the occasion thanked the Bank management for extending banking facility to village Drusoo and fulfilling the long pending demand of the village.

Dr Bloeria releases Virender Gupta's book on Land Revenue

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JAMMU: The former Chief Secretary, Dr. S S Bloeria on Sunday released a book titled "Land Revenue Administration in Jammu & Kashmir- Reflections of Some Iconic Revenue Officers" at a function here.

The Book has been written by a senior retired iconic Revenue officer, Virender Kumar Gupta.

It contains reflections of twenty iconic Revenue officers of J&K who have made a mark in revenue administration of the erstwhile State besides explaining Revenue Act and Land Settlement, popularly known as Bandobast.

Dr. Bloeria complimented Virender Gupta in producing such an informative book of a sector which has lost its sheen over the years and hoped that the reflections of the iconic officers would motivate the present and future young entrants into the Revenue service to



Dr S S Bloeria releasing a Book on Land Revenue Administration.

serve the people better and work dedicatedly to restore the lost image of the important instrument of the governance.

He said it was not an easy task to contact all these retired officers and the collect documents from the families of the deceased officers to make the book unique and meaningful.

The author narrated how this idea of writing a book of this kind emerged at the different meetings of senior retired revenue officers who all were concerned at

the declining public image of the service and said he was happy that the book has finally come out for he was tasked by his colleagues and seniors.

He thanked Dr. Bloeria for his patronage and support in accomplishing this very difficult task.

Virender narrated two interesting anecdotes from the book relating to two very accomplished and outstanding officers which had strong message to other officers.

One of the stories relates

to the Governor of Jammu Ram Chander Dobe during the reign of Maharaja Pratap Singh who ordered return to Jammu the royal entourage of the Maharani from Ramban, as his considered view and assessment was that none of the members of the Royal family, much less the Maharani, should leave the Palace for Srinagar without making prior proper security arrangements and protocol at the destination.

He offered to resign to the Maharaja if he was convinced of his logics & decision. The Maharaja agreed with him.

The second episode related to legendary SAS Qadri who the revenue system in a hard way. On his attachment in the Revenue Department as trainee with Patwari of Srinagar whose first order was to clean the 'chillum' of his hookah which he faithfully accomplished. Qadri shared his experience much later with

younger officers saying that Patwari 's was to leave aside "ego" is someone has to learn something.

Among those retired senior officers present include B A Runial, Daleep Singh, K R Padha, Sudharshan Sharma, En. Vinod Gupta, Mukerjeet Sharma, R S Broeca and K.B Jandial.

BJP can't run away from owning responsibility for mess in J&K: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Sunday said that BJP can't run away from owning responsibility for mess in J&K. He asked the Central Government when it would ensure a congenial atmosphere for elections to take place in Jammu and Kashmir and elect a government of the people in the state. He also accused the BJP of failing to read the pulse of J&K people and said it cannot shun and run away from owning the responsibility of creating this mess and backstabbing the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The directionless, agenda-less and clueless policy of the BJP government has left the people of Jammu and Kashmir in complete despair and this is a grave national concern. BJP Govt lacks economic roadmap for inclusion and progress for the



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing a gathering.

people of J&K," said former Minister while addressing public gathering at Chatha Pind in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Congress Refugees Cell Vice-Chairmen Amrit Bali, Sarpanch Ravinder Singh Dheera, Mohinder Choudhary, Pawan Bhagat, Sunil Slathia, Panch Dalbir Kour, Panch Sunil Kumar, Panch Sudesh Kumar, Ch. Payara Singh, Gharu Devi, Bodh Raj, Mohan Lal, Babu Kumar, Papal Kumar,

Parshotam Kumar and others. Former Minister said that economy of Jammu and Kashmir has been suffering since dawn, with unemployment being the major debacle as it concerns the youth of the society, who are the pillars of a sound and stable future. However, on account of rising unemployment despite professional degrees, skill training, and education from top-notch universities in the country and abroad, the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are beset in a terrible crisis. Bhalla said BJP

should take the responsibility for the present situation in the state. People of J&K asking that by when the security scenario will be able to change and by when an atmosphere will be created by the Government of India and the Lt Governor in Jammu and Kashmir so that elections can be held.

"So both Lt Governor and Government of India will have to ensure that the security scenario be changed and law and order is maintained so that we can have elections. Congress would like definitely a government of the people representing J&K," he said. Bhalla said the Congress is extremely concerned and pained by the developments in Jammu and Kashmir. "We caution the BJP government to correct its flawed approach and work for rebuilding the trust and restoration of normalcy in J&K," he said.

Northern Army Commander reviews security scenario in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The Northern Army Commander, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi arrived in Srinagar on a one day visit to Kashmir valley on Sunday.

Army Commander along-with GOC Chinar Corps visited Northern Route of Shri Amarnath ji Yatra to take stock of the situation and review progress of the yatra along Nilagr - Baltal - Domel - Brarimarg - Sangam - Holy Cave route. A natural disaster in the form of cloudburst which occurred on 08 Jul 22 near Holy Cave, in which many valuable lives were lost. Teams from Indian Army, JKP, NDRF, SDRF, ITBP, BSF, CRPF, SASB and other govt agencies worked day and night on war footing to provide rescue and relief to the affected Yatris. The Army Commander interacted with all ranks carrying out selfless service and in recognition presented Commendation Cards to security personnel of the various agencies deployed.

The Army Commander also interacted with the participants of Kargil Vijay Diwas Motorcycle expedition at Nilgrar (Sonamarg). The motorcycle rally has moved towards Kargil as part of Kargil Vijay Diwas 2022 celebration scheduled on 26 Jul. While appreciating the event, he said that such efforts motivate and bind the citizens of the country to idea of the nation. He also remembered the sacrifices done by our brave soldiers in the Kargil war and emphasised to never forget the lessons learnt during the conflict. The Army Commander arrived at Chinar Headquarters later in the day. He was briefed by Lt Gen ADS Anjla, the GOC Chinar Corps on overall security situation in the Kashmir valley. He also gave stock of the prevailing activities for Amarnath Yatra and measures that have been instituted towards safety and security of the pilgrims.

Army Commander briefs LG about security situation



GOC-in-C Northern Command, Lt General Upendra Dwivedi calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) Northern Command, Lt General Upendra Dwivedi on Sunday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan. Lt General Amardeep Singh Anjla, GOC 15 Corps accompanied the GOC-in-C Northern Command.

The Lt Governor and Lt General Upendra Dwivedi discussed the current security scenario and the overall security management in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor was briefed about the active role and efforts of the Army and other security forces in ensuring safe and smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra, besides security situation in the forward areas and hinterland of J&K.

The Lt Governor commended the significant role of the Army in maintaining peace, harmony and ensuring a secure environment for the people in J&K, and providing assistance to the people in times of need.

Declare Sept 23 as holiday to pay tributes to last Dogra ruler: Sawhney

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JAMMU: Former Minister J&K and Senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney, in a statement issued on Sunday, has asked UT administration to declare a public holiday on birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh as a sign of respect and tributes to the last ruling Maharaja of the Princely State of Jammu & Kashmir. Sawhney further stated that Maharaja Hari Singh is a beloved legacy for people of Jammu & Kashmir and BJP Government should not hurt sentiments of people by denying the demand, which is pending for years.



Speaking on the issue, Sawhney said that demand of people for the declaration of a holiday comes from immense love and respect, which they possess for one of the most important historical figures of J&K. "It is not just a matter of holiday but is a matter of sym-

bolic gesture to keep alive memory and legacy of the great ruler Maharaja Hari Singh, who during his tenure, brought many reforms for welfare of people. Government has not been fair to the memory and legacy of the last Dogra Ruler, as this simple demand has been ignored for years. BJP Government should respect emotions of Jammu people and realizing their deep attachment with the Dogra ruler, should announce holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, falling on September 23," said Sawhney, extending full support to Yuva Rajput Sabha for their demand.

With development of Sanskrit, vision to make nation Vishwa Guru will realize soon: Sham

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JAMMU: World Sanskrit Day celebrations will be organized by Shri Kailash Astrology and Vedic Sansthan Trust on Sunday. A meeting in this regard was held on Sunday at Karbanda, Bhalwal, which was attended by former Minister and State BJP Deputy President Sham Lal Sharma along with others. Speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal said that with development of Dev-Vani Sanskrit, not only will India's dream of becoming a Vishwa Guru will be realized soon but the world will also move on path of holistic develop-



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma honouring a dignitary.

ment with peace. "Culture of doing and being cultured

from Sanskrit awakens world peace and social development

even in present era. History is witness that from ancient times to modern times, India never invaded land of any other country. Such events will boost morale of Sanskrit lovers," he added.

Director Agriculture K K Sharma informed that on the occasion of 'World Sanskrit Day', an agricultural fair will also be organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology, Jammu at Majestic Grand Resort, Purkhu. On the occasion, famous Dogri poet Randhir Singh (Raipuria) and famous weightlifter Mannu Khajuria

were also felicitated.

Others present on the occasion included Mahant Rohit Shastri, Prof Madan Mohan Jha, Sat Pal Sharma, Rajdev Singh, Adv Pawan Khajuria, Rakesh Gandotra, Pandit Dev Dutt Shastri, Ankush, Dr Sanjay Sharma, Sunil Singh (Raipuria), Prof Sharat Sharma, Dr Yogendra Dixit, Anil Padha, Vijay Kumar Sharma, Master Raj Kumar, Nigam Gupta, Jagdev Singh Chib, Mannohan Singh Jamwal, Vijay Seth, Uttam Chand Sharma, Rajan Sharma, Somil Abrol, Rakesh Kumar and Happy Singh.



Medical & Surgical Traders Association members during a meeting.

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frame for verification of bills, equipments verified by experts or end users may not be verified by the board and in case of meager quantity orders, logo of JKMSCL should be exempted etc.