

## J&K Civil Society Chairman Sodhi celebrates Guru Purnima, honours Gurus across professions

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Civil Society, under the esteemed leadership of Chairman S.S Sodhi, gathered on Monday in New Delhi to commemorate the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima.

The event witnessed the active participation of numerous members of the civil society, who came together to pay tribute to the profound impact of gurus on personal and spiritual growth.

Guru Purnima, a significant day across various spiritual and philosophical traditions, holds great importance in acknowledging the invaluable role played by gurus or spiritual mentors in guiding individuals on their paths to enlightenment. Chairman S.S. Sodhi, leading the J&K Civil Society with a vision for the welfare and upliftment of the Jammu and Kashmir region, along with other members of the J&K civil Society, took this opportunity to pay tribute to the profound impact Gurus have on personal and spiritual growth, most importantly, the first Guru of all, Guru Maa who gives guidance in everyone's lives. The gathering commenced with all members uniting in reverence



and gratitude for their respective gurus. They appreciated and thanked the executive body for their initiative for remembering gurus, guides on Guru Purnima. Chairman Sodhi said that a Guru can be anyone who possesses deep knowledge, wisdom, and expertise in a particular field, serving as a mentor and guide. He said that being a guru goes beyond mere expertise, encompassing qualities such as compassion, empathy, humility, and a genuine desire to uplift and guide others on their respective paths and that various professionals who can embody the qualities of a guru in their respective domains ought to be given respect.

The teachings imparted by Gurus, transcend religious and cultural boundaries, and therefore Gurus may include parents, teachers, doctors, sports coaches, artists, musicians,

dancers, painters, actors, and all those who go above and beyond, inspiring and guiding their pupils to excel academically, emotionally, and socially, spiritually, instilling values and encouraging critical thinking and shaping characters.

The event featured interactive sessions where members shared their personal experiences and insights gained from their gurus, expressing heartfelt gratitude for them. The exchange of ideas fostered an atmosphere of learning and unity, truly exemplifying the ethos of the J&K Civil Society. All members also collectively sought blessings for their spiritual progress and reaffirmed their commitment to the principles of unity, compassion, and service to society. Sodhi extended heartfelt wishes to the community at large, urging everyone to reflect upon the significance of gurus and their profound impact on personal growth, spiritual enlightenment, and societal well-being.

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## LG Mishra holds review meeting with Dept Secretaries



Lt Governor Ladakh, Brig Dr. BD Mishra (Retd), chairing a meeting.

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier Dr. BD Mishra (Retd), on Monday held a meeting with the Departmental Secretaries/Head of Departments at Raj Niwas to review the progress of their respective departments.

LG inquired about the status of the New India Literacy Programme (NILP) in Ladakh and the efforts being made by the Department of School Education to help Ladakh achieve the status of a literate union territory.

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ment of traffic due to the Amarnath Yatra.

LG instructed DIG Ladakh Police to liaise with the Police Department of J&K UT within the given parameters to ensure that the tourists entering or exiting Ladakh do not face any inconvenience.

LG inquired about the progress of the rationalisation of boundaries of the Wildlife Sanctuaries/National Park in Ladakh and instructed the concerned officials to expedite the process.

During the discussion on the airlifting of equipment for the ongoing pilot geothermal project being initiated by ONGC in Ladakh, LG stated that UT Administration must utilise its tonnage quota to airlift the equipment keeping in mind the importance of the project for Ladakh and also for the country.

Expressing his displeasure over the progress of the ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission works in Ladakh, LG highlighted the need for possible interventions of the Administration, Hill Council, PRLs and other concerned stakeholders as water will be a major issue for posterity.

Speaking on the issue of providing jobs on compassionate grounds in SRO 43 cases, he instructed the concerned officials to study all the cases and ensure that justice is served to all the dependent family members of the government employees who have died while on active duty.

LG discussed issues related to pending salaries, the expansion of the Indian Air Force's area along with parking space at Kargil, the problem faced by Associate National Cadet Corps Officers (ANOs) who are posted at schools without

NCC units, the need to prepare a competitive Schedule of Rate, the need to initiate work on the establishment of Sainik School in Ladakh at the earliest, take necessary steps to make Delhi Public School at Leh students and parents-friendly, etc. He also inquired about the production of millets in Ladakh.

Advisor Dr Pawan Kotwal informed LG about the steps being taken by the Administration to distribute fortified wheat along with fortified rice under the public distribution system (PDS). He highlighted the need to publicise the initiative on various platforms.

Earlier, the Departmental Secretaries informed LG about the progress of the implementation of various schemes and also ongoing projects in Ladakh.

Advisor, Dr Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary, Sanjeev Khirwar, Commissioner Secretary, Saugat Biswas, Commissioner Secretary, Padma Angmo, IIS; Secretary, Ravinder Kumar; Secretary, Mehboob Ali Khan; DIG Ladakh Police, Shaikh Junaid; Secretary, Yetindra Maralkar; Secretary, Amit Sharma and other officials/HODs were present in the meeting.

## Dogri Sanstha Jammu pays tributes to Dogri writer Gyaneshwar

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JAMMU: In an emergency meeting of the office bearers of Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized at Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu rich tributes were paid to Gyaneshwar, a celebrated Dogri writer who breathed his last today.

On this occasion Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu while recalling long association with him said that he was not only a prolific dogri writer but a nice human also who was always enthusiastic to work for promotion of mother tongue Dogri.

He was always full of positivity and inspired others to pen down their writings in their mother tongue. As a poet and lyric writer he has carved a niche in literary arena and his contribution for children literature is also outstanding. With his sad demise, a vacuum has been created that will not be possible to fill up.

Rajeshwar Singh Raju, General Secretary Dogri Sanstha while paying rich tribute to departed soul said that it was always inspiring to listen to him. He has enriched dogri literature with class poetry and children literature for which he was awarded prestigious Sahitya Akademi awards also. He also worked a lot for preservation and promotion of mother tongue Dogri and regional cultural traditions through his literary contributions as well as Vice President of Dogri Sanstha Jammu.

## Junior Pharmacist candidates call on LG Mishra

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LEH: A delegation comprising candidates, who have applied for the post of Junior Pharmacist in the District Subordinate Services Selection Board, led by Sonam Angmo called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Niwas. Advisor, Dr Pawan Kotwal and Commissioner Secretary, Padma Angmo were present in the meeting.

Angmo informed LG that she and several others like her studied pharmacy for two years but were issued certificates of Medical Assistant. She also informed that their candidature for the post of Junior Pharmacist conducted by DSSRB Leh was rejected during document verification. She requested for LG's intervention in this regard.

Advisor Dr Kotwal apprised HLG of the issue and raised the need to take up the matter with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

LG instructed Advisor Dr Kotwal to meet the concerned officials of MoHFW and take up the issue with them to address the issues faced by the aspiring candidates.

## Priya Sethi visits Radha Krishan Temple on Guru Puniya

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of Guru Puniya, Priya Sethi, National Executive Member of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former Minister, on Monday visited the Radha Krishan Temple in Rani Park area of Jammu city.

The event was organized by Mahant Sanjay Sagar, who annually hosts such programme and Bhandara for devotees. Anita Gandotara, Savita Anand, Anuradha Sharma, Seraj Mahajan, Arun Sethi, Naresh Abrol and others were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi commended the efforts of Mahant Sanjay Sagar in organizing such significant events that bring the community together in spiritual unity.

She emphasized the importance of religious and cultural celebrations in fostering harmony and preserving our rich heritage.



NEM of BJP, Priya Sethi during visit to Radha Krishan Temple in Rani Park.

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Priya Sethi emphasized the importance of Guru Puniya and highlighted its significance in spreading spiritual awareness and enlightenment.

She also expressed her deep reverence for this spiritual occasion and the importance of paying homage to the Gurus who

have guided and inspired millions of individuals through their teachings. She said the significance of seeking spiritual wisdom and its role in leading a purposeful and fulfilled life.

Priya Sethi also took the opportunity to extend her warm wishes to all the devotees celebrating Guru Puniya and urged them to continue their

journey of spiritual enlightenment. She encouraged everyone to embrace the teachings and blessings of the gurus and apply them in their daily lives.

As a National Executive Member of Bharatiya Janata Party, Priya Sethi firmly believed in promoting cultural and spiritual harmony among the diverse communities of our nation. She further expressed her commitment to supporting such initiatives that foster unity, peace, and spiritual growth.

## Kathua Chess meet held



Winner players posing for photograph with organizers at Kathua on Monday.

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JAMMU: Kathua District Chess Tournament, organised by Kathua Chess Association held at TDS College Kathua in different age groups.

Former athlete and Inspector with J&K Police, Sanjeev Kumar was chief guest while working president of All J&K Chess Association, Atul Kumar Gupta was guest of honour.

In total, 90 participants

were there to compete in five rounds of competition. The event took place under the guidance of district president, Ravi Sharma with Swiss software as per international rules.

The Results: Open: Paras Sharma, Ist; Anand Swaroop, 2nd; Amandeep Singh, 3rd and Shiyam Verma, 4th. Open Girls: Mriganka Sangra, Ist; Harshreen Kour, 2nd; Ridhima Gupta, 3rd and

Priyal Sharma, 4th. Under-14 Boys: Sahil Mahajan, Ist; Rishant Jasrotiya, 2nd; Sanayam Verma, 3rd and Yakshit Gupta, 4th. Under-14 Girls: Manikamika Sharma, Ist; Upkeerat Kour, 2nd; Tavleen Kour, 3rd. Monikska Raina, 4th. Under-nine: Rajyawardhan, Ist; Jaiveer Singh, 2nd; Hriday Sharma, 3rd. Under-nine boys: Viraj Raina, Ist; Anhad Singh, 2nd and Anhad b Dhillon.

## Mahajan Bhawan provides Langar to Amaranthji pilgrims

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JAMMU: On the 5th day of Langar at Mahajan Bhawan, Shalamar Road, here the Yatris of Shri Amaranthji coming in large number for their registration who are being served with Langer facilities.

The team of the workers headed by Romesh Chander Gupta, President of the Sabha, is actively assisted by Shiv Partp Gupta, Sr. Vice President and Sanjay Mahajan, General Secretary. Arun Gupta, President CCI, along with Rajeev Gupta, Vice President CCI, was also present on the occasion.

C.P Gupta and Mukesh Mahajan have been looking after Press and Protocol arrangements in the campus. Balbir Gupta and Yash Pal



JCMS members serving Langar to Shri Amarnathji pilgrims at Jammu.

Gupta are Incharge of Langar.

Other members of the team who actively rendered their selfless service in today's Langar included Subash Gupta, Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Ashok

Gupta ( Kanak Mandi ), Bal Raj Gupta, Surinder Gupta Ashok Gupta, ( Janipur Colony), Dr Bimal Gupta, Raj kumar Gupta, Kamal Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Dinesh Gupta and others.

Langar concluded at 5 PM with a word of thanks from the President of the Sabha, to the workers of the day. It is pertinent to mention that more than 700 pilgrims have taken the Langer Parsad today.

## Div Com reviews progress of work on Delhi-Katra Expressway

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Monday chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners and NHAI authorities to review the progress of work on Delhi Katra Expressway project.

The meeting was attended by Regional Officer NHAI, Director Geology and Mining, Project Directors of NHAI, DFO social Forestry and other concerned officers, while Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Reasi participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Threadbare discussions were held on various important issues as the Div Com inquired about the overall progress on the road project.

The Div Com also reviewed land acquisition,



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

disbursement of compensation, issuance of NOCs required from different departments for Mining permission(s).

The Div Com directed the DCs to resolve land issues, if any, and provide encumbrance free land to NHAI for smooth execution of work on the prestigious road project. He also directed them to immediately complete the dis-

bursement of land compensation for the land acquired for the project.

Div Com instructed NHAI officers to stay in regular touch with concerned Deputy Commissioners for resolving issues.

They were asked to expedite the pace of work on Delhi-Katra expressway for its time bound completion.

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandal, Bishnah, Kotli, Sarore, Deoli, Kheri, Pandorian, Rehal, Rangoor, Rangarh, Nanga, Dadyal, SM Pura, Abtal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 06 from 6 am 10 am.

## Geology Deptt of CLUJ organises lecture on 'Rock characterization for civil projects'

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JAMMU: Department of Geology, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) organised a lecture on the topic "Rock characterization for civil projects" on Monday.

The programme began with welcome speech by Dr Meenu Sharma, followed by felicitation of guest, Dr. Avtar K. Raina, Chief Scientist & Prof. AcSIR Nagpur by Dr. Chandrashekhar Gupta, Dean Engineering and Computer Technology and Dr. Rajesh Kumar (Course coordinator) Department of Geology, School of Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu.

The program was attended by faculty members and students of Geology and Mathematics department.

Prof. Raina emphasized the integrated approach of Geology and Mathematics in



Dr. Avtar K. Raina, Chief Scientist & Prof. AcSIR Nagpur delivering lecture.

rock characterization. He shed light on the significance of understanding the geological properties of rocks for civil projects. Through insightful examples and practical applications, Dr. Raina showcased the importance of utilizing mathemati-

cal tools and geological knowledge to assess and characterize rocks accurately.

In the last, Dr. Chandrashekhar Gupta in his speech appreciated Dr. Avtar K. Raina for delivering an informative lecture on the

topic. He also motivated the faculty members and students to attend this type of lectures for their upliftment and deep knowledge in the subject.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Meenu Sharma.