

FORCE members express confidence in Presidentship of Harbans Singh



President FORCE, Harbans Singh chairing a meeting while Chairman, J.K Educational Society, Raj Daluja also speaking on the occasion.

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JAMMU: A meeting of more than thirty members of Forum of Recognised Colleges of Education (FORCE) was held on Wednesday in the meeting hall of Amar Singh Club Jammu, under the chairmanship of Harbans Singh, President FORCE to discuss the functioning of the colleges of Education, affiliated to the University of Jammu, located in Jammu Province.

The members discussed in depth the issues and problems faced by the Colleges of Education, especially after the reorganisation of J&K state into a UT and the applicability of NCTE rules in J&K UT.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting include Raj Daluja, Chairman, J.K Educational Society; Kamal Gupta, a Senior Educationist; R.S Chib, Kanta Andotra, Arvind

Mahajan, Rajesh Sharma, K K Tiwari, KK Sharma, Dr Brij Kohli, Kamal Gupta, Pankaj Dogra, Ashok Khajuria, Qazi Sayeed Beig, Gurpal Singh, KK Bakshi, Manmeet Singh, Capt RK Sharma, Ramesh Chander, RL Sharma, Advocate PD Sharma, Arun Kumar Sharma, Pardeep Singh, Aman Kalra and M Tariq.

Chairpersons of the JK College, Bhartiya College, Surya College, Ranjit College, Rajiv Gandhi College, MC Khalsa, Sher-e-Kashmir College, Kalra College, SVS, Kalra Kud College, New Age College, Bhim Singh College, Tariq College, Guru Gang Dev College, Poonch College, Cosmic College, R S College, R B College, Lal Bahudhar Shastri College, Sacred Heart College, Doda College, Chenab College, New Millennium College, Ashoka College, Bhargava College, K C Gurukul

College, Ranjit College of Education, Galaxy College, Vimal Muni College were also present.

The members also took exception to the news article appearing in press, in which some misguided members of FORCE, have tried to form a separate body. All participating members have described their action, as an act of indiscipline and an effort to destabilize FORCE, and hence was condemned by them unanimously.

The members in the meeting said that this decision have been taken by them in isolation without consulting the senior leadership of FORCE and which amounted to damaging the prestige and image of FORCE.

A resolution to this effect was passed unanimously in favour of Harbans Singh in which he was requested by all the members to continue as the

President of FORCE.

All the members expressed their confidence in the presidentship of Harbans Singh and authorized him to reconstitute the executive body of FORCE, and also warned those elements who are trying to tarnish the image of FORCE.

Harbans Singh was requested by all the signatories of the resolution to forward a copy of this decision to the NCTE, Department of Higher Education J&K, UT; and Jammu University for their kind information.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Pankaj Dogra, Chairman, Surya College of Education, Kathua; and the proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Ashok Khajuria, Director, Bhartiya College of Education, Udhampur; and Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Ranjit College of Education, Jammu.



DGP visits Baltal; reviews security, other facilities for Amarnath Yatra



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh and Div Com Kashmir V.K Bidhuri visiting Baltal base camp.

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SRINAGAR: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Wednesday visited Baltal and took a review of the security arrangements and other facilities put in place at the Base Camp. He also inspected the deployments enroute from Srinagar to Baltal.

The DGP was accompanied by Div Com Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri and SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borker and other officers from Ganderbal District.

During his visit, the DGP also reviewed logistic arrangements at Baltal, and enroute and also inspected parking facilities for yatri vehicles, besides the communication arrangements. He also took stock of the CCTV Cameras, drones, and additional security measures aimed to monitor the security of the Yatris. He also visited JPCR and took stock of

its functioning besides took a round of yatra camp and hangers. He also interacted with the yatris and reviewed facilities being provided at the camp.

While interacting with the officers at JPCR, the DGP emphasized for maintaining high level of coordination to conduct the Amarnath Yatra smoothly and said that strict adherence to security protocols be ensured for regulating the yatra in a desired manner. He directed that all possible assistance should be provided to the yatris.

The DGP emphasized upon the officers to supervise the arrangements personally with proper briefing to the deployed personnel in their respective jurisdictions. The DGP also directed for strengthening of communication networks and real time coordination and dissemination of information. He also visited the Hospital at Baltal

and took a review of the medical facilities.

While interacting with the media, the DGP said that his visit alongwith Div Com Kashmir to Baltal was aimed to review the security and other arrangements being provided to the pilgrims. He informed that better medicare facilities are available for the yatris and added that JPCR is functioning as the coordinator between different departments besides the security agencies and pilgrims. He said that this year additional rescue teams have been deputed for assistance and help to the yatris. Security and other arrangements are being monitored round the clock through CCTV cameras and drones, he said, adding that all the planned security arrangements have been put in place for smooth and secure Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Dr Jitendra asks G20 countries to rise above differences, address global challenges

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MUMBAI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday asked the G20 countries to "rise above differences" and address global challenges confronting the world and also act as G20 member responsive for global well-being in the spirit of one family.

In his inaugural address at the G20 Science Ministers meeting here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India recognizes the significance of international collaboration and knowledge sharing in addressing the complex challenges of our times and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been repeatedly reiterating this from time to time at every international forum.

India's Science Minister called upon to leverage the collective wisdom, expertise, and resources to foster a culture of innovation, promote sustainable development, and ensure a prosperous future for all. The Minister urged the G20 nations to move ahead with a profound agenda to excel in inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering the inaugural address at 'G20 Science Ministers Meet', at Mumbai.

Referring to the fact that a number of Member States are represented at the highest level in their national science hierarchy, Dr Jitendra Singh said, this group has potential to address major global challenges, as we did recently while combating Covid pandemic. He emphasized that during India's G20 Presidency, we stand committed to advancing global research and innovation for a better tomorrow.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, as the world grapples with the challenges of climate change and depleting natural resources, it becomes imperative to harness renewable energy sources efficiently. He

emphasized that G-20 members should remain committed to our Net Zero goals and continue to work on sustainable development and renewable energy and expressed satisfaction that the world has witnessed substantial growth in solar and wind power installations in recent years. Our scientists have been working tirelessly to discover and create materials that can revolutionise the energy sector, making it cleaner, more affordable, and accessible for all, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra underscored that G20 nations must harness the power of technology and innovation to drive the

transition towards cleaner energy sources and promote eco-innovations, such as smart grids, energy-efficient buildings, and sustainable transportation systems, as these initiatives not only mitigate environmental impact but also foster economic growth and create new avenues for job creation.

Dr Jitendra expressed concern that while some of the G20 members are facing water scarcity and challenge of water quality, some others are moving in that direction.

He said, Precision irrigation, Innovative clean water technologies, such as water purification systems, desalination techniques, and wastewater treatment technologies are to be further augmented and implemented. The Minister added that as we move towards a more sustainable future, it is crucial to explore innovative approaches that minimise waste generation and maximise resource efficiency. We recognize the importance of adopting circular economy principles in the bio sector, which focuses on reducing waste, recycling

valuable materials, and promoting a sustainable and regenerative approach to economic growth. He said, we also recognize the role of research and innovation in the adoption of Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) as accelerators that can advance the progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and commit to support actions in promoting the same.

India hosted a total of 5 meetings and conferences across India under priority topics of i) Materials for sustainable energy; ii) Circular bio-economy; iii) Eco-innovations for energy transition; and iv) Scientific challenges and opportunities towards achieving sustainable blue-economy, which signifies the importance of Research and Innovation for inclusive societal development and growth.

BJP lashes out on Mehbooba Mufti for spreading misinformation on land allotment scheme

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President J&K, Ravinder Raina on Wednesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced a comprehensive land distribution scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) which has provided land to lakhs of homeless people across the country.

Addressing the media, Raina said the PMAY scheme, which has been implemented in various regions of India, received a grand launch in J&K under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. "The program's aim was to extend the benefits of land ownership to those who had been deprived of it for years. With this move, the central government sought to uplift the lives of the landless population, empowering them with a tangible asset and the opportunity to build their homes," he said.



Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President J&K, Ravinder Raina.

"Unfortunately, rather than supporting the welfare of the people, some local politicians, including Mehbooba Mufti, have chosen to exploit the situation for their political

gains. These politicians, known for their controversial propaganda theories, have resorted to instigating unrest among the people of J&K," he added.

Expressing concern over these actions, he, condemned the approach adopted by these politicians. Raina emphasized that the primary focus of the PMAY scheme is to provide land and housing to those in need, regardless of their political affiliations. He further said that the scheme aims to uplift the lives of the landless, giving them a fair chance to thrive.

The BJP President urged all political parties to set aside their differences and work together to ensure the successful implementation of the PMAY scheme in J&K. He said that political propaganda should not overshadow the transformative impact the scheme can have on the lives of the landless population.

Delegation of Sub Committee of LAC of UP Legislative Assembly calls on LG



Delegation of Sub Committee of LAC of UP Legislative Assembly calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at Srinagar on Wednesday.

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SRINAGAR: Delegation of Sub Committee of Local Audit Committee (LAC) of

Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly on Wednesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at

Raj Bhavan.

The members of the Sub Committee led by its Chairperson Suneel

Kumar Sharma shared their views on the ongoing developmental scenario in Jammu Kashmir. They appreciated the successful conduct of the G20 summit recently held in Srinagar.

Earlier, Sayeema Farooq, Sports Coach, Kayaking also called on the Lt Governor and discussed promotion of water sports in J&K.

The Lt Governor assured her all the support from the UT administration.

Parkash Purab of Hargobind Sahib celebrated in J&K

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JAMMU/ SRINAGAR: Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib was celebrated with religious fervour. The Main function in was held Gurdwara Tali Sahib. Devotees paid obeisance at Gurudwara throughout the day. The programme was organized by District Gurudwara Parbhandak Committee Jammu in which devotees from all parts of Jammu participated.

Besides prominent local Parcharaks Surjit Singh, Ragi Jatha's of Bhai Harjinder Singh Srinagar Waley and Ragi Jatha of Principal Sukhwant Singh Jawadi Taksal Ludhiana recited Shabad Kirtans and their recitation of Gurbani Kirtan was the main attraction for the Sikh Sangat of Jammu.

Another prominent



Ragees reciting Gurbani at Gurdwara Tali Sahib in Jammu on Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib.

Parcharak Giani Ajit Singh Alamgeer Ludhiana Waley also participated in the programme.

DGPC Jammu also honoured three Sikh candidates who cracked UPSC this year namely Nameet Singh, Major Abhinandan Singh, Parasanjeet Kour, Avleen

Kour JKAS, Jt Director Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department Jammu, Harvinder Singh who has been appointed as Korfball Coach of India Team, Dr Harpreet Kour who completed her PHD in Punjabi, Dr Navneet Kour

Social Activist, Sonika Gupta Corporator Ward No-30 for her contribution in various developmental work of Gurudwara Sahib and some other officers also.

Balvinder Singh Vice President while addressing the Sangat elaborated the achievement and works done by DGPC Jammu during the

period of their one year tenure.

Ranvir Singh Jt Secretary, Harjit Singh member &Incharge Dharam Parchar Committee DGPC Jammu also addressed the Sangat. Jagpal Singh Cashier DGPC Jammu, Tejinder Singh and Avtar Singh Members

DGPC Jammu were also present.

Surjit Singh Gen Secretary coordinated the Stage and S Ranjeet Singh Tohra President DGPC threw light on the life of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib.

The Sikh community of Kashmir Valley celebrated

Guru Hargobind Singh Jayanti here to mark the birth anniversary of the sixth Sikh guru.

The Sikh devotees thronged the gurudwaras in Srinagar and elsewhere in the Valley to mark Guru Hargobind Singh's birth anniversary.

Devotees at Chatti Padshahi Gurudwara in Rainawari highlighted the importance of the day. "Shakti ke bina bhakti nahin hai aur bhakti ke bina shakti nahin hai (without strength, one can't be devoted, and without devotion, one can't have strength)," Jagbeer Singh, a devotee, said.

He said Guru Hargobind Singh was skilled in several warfare techniques and had fought against cruelty of all kinds. The 6th Sikh guru came to Kashmir with emperor Jahangir, he added.

There are 10 Sikh gurus in total.

The message of gurus is to connect with God and worship wholeheartedly, said Bhai Harbans Singh, head member of the gurudwara.

Guru Hargobind Singh prayed for the betterment and prosperity of all of mankind, Bhai Harbans Singh said, adding that he taught us to respect everyone without any bias.

"Guru Hargobind Singh came to Kashmir around 1616 and devoted himself to curing the people of Kashmir suffering from smallpox," he said.

J B Singh, another devotee, said a large number of people come to gurudwara with devotion to celebrate the Sikh guru's birth anniversary. "The message of this day is to promote brotherhood and harmony for the country," he said.