

SI Vijay Singh remembered on his 32nd Balidaan Divas

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JAMMU: A Havan and Pooja were organised to remember Sub Inspector Vijay Singh on his 32nd Balidaan Divas at the residence of his sister Shrimati Mamta Singh, wife of Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister, Jammu and Kashmir.

SI Vijay Singh was the son of the late Inspector Purshottam Singh Narania, JKP and the late Shrimati Rama Narania of Talab Tillo, Jammu.

He was among the first causalities of the treacherous Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

He attained Veergati on July 18, 1992 while fighting head-on with Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorists in Doda town.

Havan was followed by the distribution of Prasad among the prominent citizens of Ban village and the family members. Tribute was also paid to the Martyrs who achieved Veergati while fighting Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir: The operation of 18th July 1992 was a combined action by Jammu & Kashmir Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to apprehend a dreaded local terrorist Mohd. Jamshed aka 'Damma' was hiding in his own house in



Tribute being paid to Sub Inspector Vijay Singh on his 32nd Balidaan Divas.

Eidgah Mohalla. Locals of Doda say that at that time half of Doda was under the occupation of terrorists. Police learned that Jamshed had come to visit his house and could be arrested.

SI Vijay Singh was deployed in District Police Line Doda and at that time his duty was near Govt. Hr Sec School, Doda. His superiors ordered him to arrest Jamshed. He gathered his men and a CRPF party was also attached to him. He led his men and reached the house which was already cordoned off. Many attempts were made to surrender the terrorist but all failed. Despite being only armed with his service revolver, SI Vijay Singh didn't hesitate and without wasting any time initiated the forced arrest and called Jamshed to come out. He was hiding in the attic. As SI Vijay Singh tried to climb into the attic, Jamshed

tossed a grenade towards him.

Vijay Singh tried to catch the grenade and toss it away from his party. In this attempt, the grenade exploded a few feet away from him and a big splinter pierced his left thigh. A few other CRPF personnel were also wounded.

As per the locals, as the grenade exploded, the terrorists sitting in their hideouts started firing at the police installations all across Doda town. In the ensuing chaos, the evacuation of the wounded was delayed.

When the firing stopped a few hours later, the evacuation was attempted and SI Vijay Singh was found dead with a wound as big and deep as an adult man's fist in his left thigh. He had tried to stop the bleeding by inserting his socks in the wound and tying his belt around it but the delayed evacuation and excessive blood loss led to his

martyrdom. SI Vijay Singh was a probationer at the time of his martyrdom.

He was his mother's love. An unmarried youth of 28 years with a handsome physique and 6 foot 2 inches of height. A proficient shooter and his favourite toy was his Single Barrel 12 Bore shotgun. He had lots of friends in Jammu and around who even today remember him as a man who didn't know fear.

This fearlessness came from his ancestors. He came from the family of Army and Police background. His ancestors belonged to the village Moori, near Katra-Domel. They answered the call of Maharaja Gulab Singh and settled in Baral, Tehsil Palandari now in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. His great-grandfather Thakur Kohar Singh was the last Jageerdar of Baral.

Th. Kohar Singh achieved Veergati on 23rd October 1947 while fighting Tribal Hordes led by the Pakistan Army. His Grandfather Lt. Col. Vakeel Singh, Sena Medal, AVSM, 4th Jammu and Kashmir Rifles (Pateh Shilji), was a veteran of the 1947 Indo-Pakistan War and less known but historic 1956 border clash of

Husseinwala.

At the time of the clash at Husseinwala Lt. Col. Vakeel Singh was CO of the 4th JAKRIF (Pateh Shilji). On the night of 18th-19th March 1956, Pakistan tried to capture the Husseinwala Canal Headworks which as per the Raddcliffe Commission was allotted to the Indian Union but Pakistan rejected it. In the ensuing battle, the 4th JAKRIF killed around 500 Pakistanis and lost only 4 men. This historic battle paved the way for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles into the Indian Army along with its Officer Corps.

Jammu region is again facing the wrath of terrorism after a long gap. Regions of Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Kathua and Doda have witnessed a surge in Terror activities and in recent attacks, many Army, Air Force, Police, CRPF and VDG personnel have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Martyrs of the Nation have to be remembered and their stories must be passed on to the younger and next generations so that they can also get inspired to fight for our freedom and peace.

Sinha pays obeisance at Mata Sidhlakshmi Asthapan, Lokbhawan, Anantnag on Har Bah Joins devotees in Maha Yagya organised by TSPT



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paying obeisance at Mata Sidhlakshmi Asthapan, Lokbhawan, Anantnag.

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ANANTNAG: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid obeisance at Mata Sidhlakshmi Asthapan, Lokbhawan, Anantnag, on the auspicious occasion of 'Har Bah'.

He prayed for the well-being of all and peace and prosperity of J&K. The Lt Governor also joined the devotees in the

Maha Yagya, organised by the Terathraj Sidhlakshmi Peeth Trust (TSPT), on Ashadh Shukla Paksha Dwadashi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon the people from all sections of the society to work together with the administration to preserve and protect the ancient shrines and places of religious impor-

tance.

He also reiterated the commitment of the government to improve facilities for the pilgrims of holy pilgrimages in Jammu Kashmir.

Syed Fakhrudin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; members of Terathraj Sidhlakshmi Peeth Trust and devotees in large numbers were present.

Training programme on fruit, vegetables preservation concludes



Director Horticulture Jammu, Chaman Lal Sharma presenting certificate to an entrepreneur.

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JAMMU: The Department of Horticulture Jammu is imparting training to the farmers especially women farmers in the art of processing of fruits and vegetables.

In this context, a one month training programme on Fruit and Vegetables Preservation concluded here on Thursday at Fruit and Vegetable Craft Centre, Chand Nagar Jammu wherein Director Horticulture Jammu, Chaman Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest.

During the programme, the Director distributed certificates among the 64 women farmers for successfully completing the one month training course in the presence of Chief Canning and Processing Instructor, Gul Sayed and Assistant Director, Satish Kumar.

While addressing a large gathering of women farmers, the Director urged them to come forward and avail incentives under different schemes of the department for setting up of small fruit and vegetables processing units. He asked them to form Self

Help Groups (SHG's), associate with the Horticulture Department and assured that the department will help them in setting up of Micro Food Processing units for the value addition of fruit and vegetable products which will not only provide employment opportunities, but also become self reliant and can play an important role in enhance-

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JAMMU: Vice-President J&K BJP & former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma impressed for the release of all dues including Gratuity, GP Fund, Leave Salary, and Commutations for the Pensioners, at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sham Lal Sharma accompanied by Er. Dil Bahadur Jamwal, Convenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Puneet Mahan, Convenor Health & Medical Cell, and Prema Nanda, Secretary Mahila Moreha was listening to the grievances of the masses.

A large deputation of

ing the family income.

The training was imparted to the participants for the processing of fruits and vegetables to convert it into value added products such as Jam, Pickle, Preserve, Candy, Sauces, Squash, Jelly's etc and more than 2000 budding entrepreneurs have been trained by the department thereby exploiting entrepreneurship by establishing more than 150 micro processing units by the beneficiaries with the assistance of the department.

The participants also appealed to the women farmers to get themselves trained in the art of fruit and vegetables preservation and set up small processing units with the assistance of the department and also thanked the department for providing such training courses.

Pensioners approached BJP headquarters and requested Sham Lal to pursue their genuine demand of releasing their dues including Gratuity, GP Fund, Leave Salary, and Commutations.

They requested that they served the state for their whole lives and now after their retirement, they are falling short of money for the want of their dues to plan for their retirement half of their lives.

Another major deputation requested the former Minister that the Gun Licenses in the region are not renewed for many years. They represented that in view of the escalat-

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SRINAGAR: A group of 28 probationary IPS officers (76 RR batch) from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad, visited the Police Headquarters J&K as a part of their Study-cum-Cultural tour. During their visit, the officers interacted with R.R. Swain, Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, and other senior officers, gaining valuable insights into the workings of J&K Police.

In his welcome address, M.K. Sinha, ADGP (Headquarters/Coordination) PHQ/Security J&K, introduced the officers to the geographical uniqueness of the region alongside the distinct policing-related challenges. Thereafter, he underlined the crucial position held by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in the overall security grid. It was followed by



DGP J&K, R.R. Swain interacting with probationary IPS officers (76 RR batch).

a detailed presentation by Iftikhar Talib, SP Operation, Srinagar, who briefed the probationers on the pivotal role played by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of Jammu & Kashmir Police on the anti-terror front.

His presentation covered the genesis of SOG, its achievements, and future

challenges. His presentation also focused on the capabilities of SOG covering both intelligence generation as well as conducting kinetic operations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director General of Police J&K shared his thoughts on the unique challenges faced by the Jammu and Kashmir

Police over the past three decades.

He also dwelled upon topics like hybrid terrorism and the coordinating role of the Jammu & Kashmir Police among the various security and intelligence agencies operating in the region.

The probationers were also engaged in an absorb-

ing question-and-answer session where the senior officers responded to the queries, fostering a deeper understanding of the UT's law enforcement machinery and its different constituents.

Following the interaction, Saurabh A. Narendra, IPS (P) presented the vote of thanks on behalf of the visiting group.

The session concluded with the presentation of a memento to the coordinating officer, Sandeep Singh, by the Director General of Police J&K.

DGP J&K also received a souvenir from the Director General, SVP National Police Academy (NPA).

Nitish Kumar, ADGP CID J&K, VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir, B.S. Tuti, IGP (Headquarters/POS) PHQ/ Traffic J&K, Nisha Nathyal, DIG (Headquarter) PHQ, AIsG of PHQ, and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

Sham Lal for release of dues of pensioners



Vice-President J&K BJP & former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma interacting with people.

ed tension due to the Pakistan-sponsored terrorist incidents in the Jammu region, their Gun licenses should be renewed at the earliest.

Many other deputations

from the areas like Patta Kathua, Hiranagar, Budgam, Rajpura Samba, Ghara Hiranagar, Manda Jammu, Katli Samba, Dagiana Bishnah, Barnai, Talab Tillo, Rehari Colony,

Sunderbani, Gandhi Nagar, Baba Kailakh, Trikuta Nagar, Kud, Nanak Nagar, Janipur, New Plot, RS Pura, Manpur Billawar, Khairi Raipur Bantalab, Sarwal represented the issues like construction of link road in Rajpura, closing of meat shop near Mandir Hiranagar, construction of path in the field, street light repairs, repair of Mark 2 Handpumps at Katli, revenue issues, electric poles installation, JPK bank issue, JJM DPC related issue, land compensation, protection wall at nallah in Trikuta Nagar, Property dispute, repair of tube well and other issues.

Sham Lal, while listening to the issues patiently, asked for a robust grievance redressal mechanism at multiple levels. He said that the public issues are mostly related to their day-to-day needs and development concerns which should be addressed promptly.

He said that in order to make the lives of people easier and solve their issues, BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working day and night 365 days a year.

He said that the party is concerned with security-related matters, development, and day-to-day

issues alike and commits its cadre to unabated service to the nation and society. He especially emphasized the issues of Pensioners and pressed for their quick disposal.

Dil Bahadur Jamwal deliberated on the issues presented and shared that more than 40 deputations visited the party headquarters to present their issues before the party leadership.

Puneet Mahajan said that many issues represented were sorted out on the spot and telephonic and written communications were made with the concerned departments for the others.

CRIME REPORT

18 bovines rescued, smuggler arrested

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REASE: In a swift and effective operation, Police Post Bhambla successfully foiled an attempt of bovine smuggling in the Bhambla area. Acting on a tip-off from a reliable source, police received information that some individuals are transporting bovine animals in a Tata Mobile bearing Registration No. JK02BK 0804 from Chowki Choura towards Kashmir for illegal sale. Upon receiving this information, a police team was immediately swung into action and apprehended the bovine smuggler, identified as Mohd Akram, son of Mohd Sadiq, resident of Siot, Tehsil Sunderbani, District Rajouri.

The suspect was found in possession of four bovine animals, which he was transporting without any valid permission from the concerned authorities. The police have taken the animals into custody and are conducting further investigations to ascertain the full extent of the smuggling operation.

A case FIR No. 38/2024 U/S 223 BNS 11 (1) PCA Act has been registered at P/S Pouni, and an investigation has been initiated to unearth the forward and backward linkages of the smuggling operation. The whole operation is led by ICPP Bhambla and SHO Pouni under supervision of DySP HQs Reasi.

Samba Police also foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, rescued fourteen bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized a vehicle used for the illegal transportation of bovines.

A Police team of Police Post Mansar headed by Incharge PP Mansar under SHO PS Samba while performing vehicle checking duty at Naka Mansar, intercepted a truck bearing registration No. JK02AP-8887 coming from Samba side for its checking. During checking of the vehicle, fourteen bovines were found laden inside

which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place and vehicle used in the transportation has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 192/2024 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registration at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

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BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Tangmarg headed by SHO Police Station Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Zeeran Tangmarg, intercepted a vehicle (load carrier) bearing registration number JK05D-9395 driven by Tariq Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Qadir resident of Hathishat Sopore. During search, 5 kgs of contraband Poppy Straw like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station Tangmarg where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized on spot.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tangmarg and investigation has been initiated.

ADM imposes Rs. 50,000 fine on erring trader & edible oil manufacturer for sub-standard products

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RAMBAN: Out of Seven cases reviewed, by Additional District Magistrate Ramban (ADM), Varunjeet Singh Charak, who also serves as Adjudicating Officer Ramban, two were decided with imposing Rs. 50000 penalties levied against the Trader, including Edible Soyabean Oil Manufacturer, M/S Spire Industries SIDCO Bari Brahmana Jammu, for the sale & Manufacturing of sub-standard Edible Oil. These violations are in direct contravention of the FSS Act-2006. Other cases were deferred to the next hearing due to the absence of respondents.

This enforcement action targeted multiple manufacturers, wholesale dealers, and retailers found to be violating the provisions of the FSS Act-2006.

This action is part of a robust enforcement drive aimed at ensuring compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006 (FSS Act-2006) and to provide the consumers with the quality and standard edible items.

The ADM, acting as the Adjudicating Officer, underscored the importance of adhering to the legal standards governing the food and pharmaceutical industries. The ADM issued strict warnings to the offending Food Business Operators (FBOs), directing them to comply rigorously with the Food Safety and Standards Act and its associated regulations. He cautioned that any future violations would result in even more severe penalties.

4 vehicles for illegal mining seized

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SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Police has seized four vehicles across the district Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Vijaypur, SHO PS Ghagwal and SHO PS Purmandalwhile performing patrolling duty in their respective jurisdictional areas, have seized a dumper bearing registration No. JK21K-5558 and three tractor trolleys without registration Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

Cyber Cell recovers defrauded amount of Rs 3 Lakh

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JAMMU: Cyber cell DPO Jammu, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online frauds and cyber crime, has successfully recovered hard earned money of the complainant. The complainant received a call from unknown person for SIM upgradation and on his instructions clicked on one app and lost his money.

During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, acted swiftly and exhibited the ultimate professional excellence which resulted in recovery of Rs 300000. Further investigation is underway.

District Police Jammu, equipped with advanced technology and expert human resource remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.