

# Ensure hoisting of Tiranga on all houses in Jammu: Sukhnandan

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior BJP leader, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar set target of ensuring that the National Flag is hoisted on all houses in Jammu as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga programme.

Announcing after Tiranga Bike Rally from Gajansoo to Marh in Jammu on Wednesday, the former Minister said the National Flag would be hoisted from August 13 to 15 under the programme to mark the platinum jubilee celebrations of our Independence.



Former Minister, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar speaking at a programme.

BSF 12 Bn Commandant Dilbag Singh along with soldiers participated in today's bike rally.

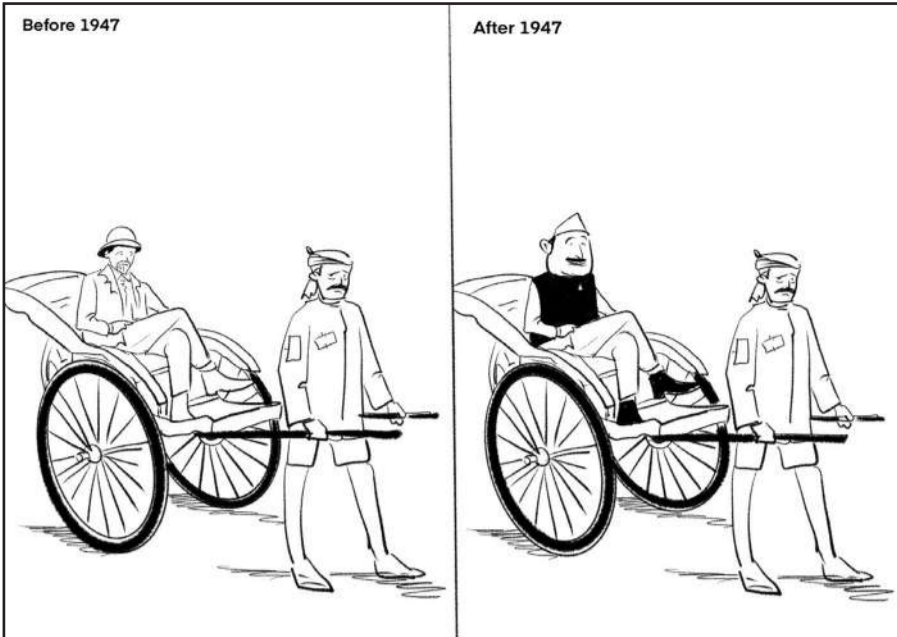
The former minister said the BJP is keen that maximum houses should hoist the national flag in each all

assembly constituencies in J&K, he said, and pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given a call for hoisting the national flag on more than 20 crore houses in the country to celebrate the occasion of the country's 75th Independence Day as a mega national festival.

To achieve the target, we have made arrangements and also crated awareness among all. Cycle and bike rallies like today will also taken out during this week in different areas, said Sukhnandan Kumar. The party volunteers

would take up a campaign to contact residents welfare associations, youth organisations and various associations to join hands in making the programme a success by hoisting the national flag, Ch Sukhnandan said.

Senior BJP leader said "Tiranga" is our pride and we are very fortunate people to have Narendra Modi as our worthy Prime Minister, who has launched "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign and taken effective measures to ensure reach of the campaign to every citizen.



# Awake from slumber, redress grievances of lawyers: Bar to Admn



Lawyers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Continuing its ongoing agitation, J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu under the leadership of its President, senior Advocate M K Bhardwaj held a protest at District Court Complex, Janipur on Monday in support of their long pending demands. The Bar members abstained from work in all Courts on account of protest. The lawyers' are protesting for long pending

demand regarding construction of multi storey-building for housing all judicial works i.e., Registration work, CAT, DRT, AFT and other Tribunals within the a single premises. The lawyers have resolved to keep their protest going on till redressal of all their grievances. All the office bearers including Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Surjeet Singh Andotra, Aditya Sharma, Amandeep Singh, Rohit Sharma, Gagandeep Singh

Lucky, Yaseer Farooq Khan, Karanjeet Singh Johal, Naresh Kumar besides many senior & young lawyers participated in the protest.

While speaking on the occasion, M K Bhardwaj categorically stated that today's demonstration is a mark of protest for awaking the administration from its deep slumber to do needful at the earliest. Bar President divulged that due to the shifting of Courts and Tribunals outside the Complex, lawyer fraternity and general public are facing insurmountable hardships. Moreover, as all sisters Bar Associations are also facing same problems, there is a need to raise similar type of multi-dimensional complexes in all Courts. He urged UT administration to take immediate steps to resolve all long pending demands' issues of lawyers at the earliest, failing which Bar Association would be forced to intensify its protest.

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Tradition of Samvada is to be reinvented and revitalised. Our very concept of Samvada is not mere communication but positive and constructive communication. Healthy discussion and creative dialogue have played a great role in the progress of this great nation. The distinctiveness of our knowledge tradition is marked by its unique nature of imparting wisdom.

It was neither a one-way affair nor a two way lane. Yes, the mode and form of Bharatiya communication has always been multifaceted. The whole society takes part in it; not only that, nature too is taken into consideration. Hence, our style of Samvada is comprehensive, and to understand it properly, we've to see and feel it in its totality, writes J Nandkumar in the opening chapter of his book 'Lok, Beyond Folk'.

The book was unveiled at a function here on Monday at the Press Club Jammu where



Chief Justice (Retd), Permod Kohli speaking at a programme.

many intellectuals drawn from universities participated.

These lines above have been extracted from Nandkumar's write-up 'Lokmanthan: Vision and Mission'.

In all, there are 16 chapters in the book edited by Nandkumar and three have been contributed by him.

The titles of two other chapters by him are 'Developing Vision Through Vaad and Samvaad' and 'Decolonising Bharatiya Minds'.

The program was organised jointly by Panchmad Shodh Sansthan, Chandigarh and

# Book 'Lok, Beyond Folk' by Nand Kumar released

Value System, he stressed.

He pointed out that there was need for conscious decolonisation, not only in case of polity, but also in language, culture, customs, education and several other vital fields.

In the write-up on this subject in the book, he writes: 'In post-Independent Bharat, the so-called eminent historians and Left academicians took upon themselves the task of carrying forward the colonial project of deculturation. They continue to use the same techniques and tools as their colonial masters did in the past to 'divide and rule' the nation and to impose notions of racial superiority.'

In his presidential remarks, Chief Justice (retired) of Sikkim Permod Kohli said that our (Bharatiya) ethos so ancient and wise that if we are able to internalise them, Bharat can easily become 'Vishva Guru' in the times to come. Our culture is such that it talks of 'Dharma' (Righteous Conduct) among masses and lays emphasis on

that. Various universities should come forward and encourage the scholars to do doctoral research on eminent personalities like Swami Vivekanand.

The programme was conducted by Ajay Sharma, Academic Coordinator of JKSC and vote of thanks was presented by Virender Koundal, Vice President of JKSC. teaches in the Economics Department of Jammu University.

Dr Gautam Mengi, Daya Sagar, Professor K L Bhatia, O P Gupta, Rajan Sharma, Adv.Harsh Vardhan Gupta, Sahil Sharma, Bachababu of the Central University of Jammu, some academicians of Cluster University of Jammu, besides Faculty members of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu, were among those present in the audience. K B Jandial, former IAS, G L Raina, former MLC and Dr Shreya Bakshi of Central University of Himachal Pradesh also participated in the interactive session later.

# Power employees, engineers hold protest against Electricity Amendment Bill 2022

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JAMMU: A number of employees and engineers of Power Development Department (PDD), under the banner of Jammu & Kashmir Power Employees and Engineers Coordination Committee (JKPEECC) held protests in all district headquarters of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh UTs, supporting call of National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOEEE) for nationwide protest against introduction of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022, which will open up distribution of power for private play-



PDD employees during a protest at Jammu.

ers and profitable areas will be taken over by private companies, thereby resulting into a monopoly, just like the one presently going on in telecom sector.

While speaking on the occasion, President JKEEGA, Sachin Tickoo said, "Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 was listed for tabling in Parliament. NCCO-

CEE demanded that it should not be rushed through and instead should be referred to Standing Committee on Energy of Parliament, adding that main stakeholders, i.e., power consumers & employees should be given an opportunity to place their viewpoint. The central government has not made any effort to discuss the issue with engineers and employees and move to de-license power distribution is no way to ensure efficient and cost-effective electricity supply to citizens. Govt seems more concerned over the profitability of private power companies than protecting consumers' interests." The

employees urged Government of India to send Electricity Amendment bill 2022 to standing committee of Parliament for discussion with all stakeholders including employees of J&K.

Prominent leaders who were present during the protest included Jaipal Sharma President DEA, Ashok Kumar Dubey Senior Vice President, Jasbir Singh ITI Employees Union, Anil Slathia Lineman & Workers Union, Akhil Sharma PDL TDL Union, Tarun Gupta PDEU, Pawan Sharma, Rajinder Singh TEF and Balbir Singh from Draftsmen Association.

# EPFO Jammu holding Pension Adalat on Aug 10

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JAMMU: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office - Jammu is organising outreach programmes 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' and Pension Adalat on August 10, 2022 here at its Regional Office, Railway Road from 10 AM onwards.

Rizwan Uddin, Regional PF Commissioner-I will personally hear the grievances/issues of all stakeholders.

Nidhi Aapke Nikat is a public outreach programme that endeavours to address the problems/grievance of all stakeholders including employees and employers by bringing them on a common

platform and to increase awareness and sensitize them about the new initiatives undertaken in their interest by the organisation (EPFO).

Pension Adalat provides a platform to existing and prospective pensioners for closer interaction with EPFO officers to understand the provisions of EPS 1995 and seek resolution of their pension related grievances such as non-receipt of pension, Digital life certificates etc.

The EPFO office has invited all the stakeholders to attend the above programme for quick disposal of their grievances and/or to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO.

# LG's message on eve of Ashoora

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha remembered the sacrifice of the martyrs of Karbala on the eve of Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram.

In his message, the Lt Governor said, martyrdom of Hazrat Inam Hussain (AS) and his companions has guided the humanity to strive for justice, values and righteousness.

The Lt Governor prayed for peace and prosperity in J&K, and urged the people to be kind, compassionate and work for the needy and underprivileged.

# ABKMS to take out Rath Yatra from Jammu today



ABKMS National President, Th Mahinder Singh Tanwar talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Akhil Bhartiya Kshtriya Maha Sabha (ABKMS) to take out a third Rath Yatra from Jammu to New Delhi on August 9 to create awareness about the reservation policy.

It was stated by ABKMS National President, Th Mahinder Singh Tanwar in a press conference here on

Monday. He said that third Rath Yatra from Jammu to New Delhi is being taken out to create the awareness in the public about the struggle they have started about the reservation policy in the jobs etc to the people of this country on the basis of economic conditions instead of caste basis.

"We are demanding reservation on economic basis and preservation of Kshatriya history," he said.

"The Rath Yatra will be started from Rajtilak Bhawan, Purani Mandi Jammu on August 9 by the Mahasabha. The purpose of this Rath Yatra is to create awareness about reservation on economic basis, social harmony and preservation of history in the country. The Yatra after passing through Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh will conclude at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on October7," he said.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar on Monday reviewed the progress of ongoing projects of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) being executed under the Smart Cities Mission of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) here at a meeting of the concerned officials.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar directed the officials of JSCL to hold meetings with stakeholders to resolve the bottlenecks, if any and to expedite the execution of the ambitious projects.

CEO, JSCL, Rahul Yadav gave a detailed presentation on the status of completed and ongoing projects.

The meeting was attended by additional CEO JSCL, Hitesh Gupta, Project

# Div Com reviews progress of ongoing Jammu Smart City projects



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

Director Sunil Thusoo, Technical officer to CEO Sham Lal Kapoor, and other officials of JSCL.

The meeting was informed that 45 percent of total projects were completed, while 53 percent projects are in the execution phase and only 2 percent projects are in tendering phase.

"The work in progress for the ambitious projects includes Development of Tawi River front, establish-

ment of Integrated Command & Control Center (ICCC), Road improvement from Dogra Chowk to KC Chowk, construction of Library cum Cafeteria at Mubarak Mandi, Improvement of 23 s Street Junction, Development Apsara Road "High Street" Gole Market, Cycle Tracks at five locations, Repository at Kala Kendra, Light & Sound Show at Bahu Fort, Approach Road to Bahu Fort

and Rejuvenation of rivers & water bodies" the meeting was told.

Enquiring about Tawi River Front and Integrated Command & Control Center, the Divisional Commissioner said that the twin projects are crucial for Jammu City and Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha is directly monitoring their progress.

He asked JSCL to hold detailed meetings with all stakeholders, including the Government departments to resolve the hindrances and expedite the pace of work for timeline completion of the projects.

Reviewing the status of Cafeteria at Mubarak Mandi, the Divisional Commissioner asked the Corporation to maintain highest safety standards while executing the

project. On the improvement of 23 junctions, the Divisional Commissioner directed the JSCL to explore the feasibility of the development of more rotaries across the city to enhance their aesthetic value.

The meeting was also informed that many projects like Cycle tracks at five locations, Light & Sound Show at Bahu Fort and others would be completed in the coming months.

# Har Ghar Tiranga Various activities being organised across Shopian

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SHOPIAN: As part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' are being conducted by different departments and schools in the district. Painting, National Anthem singing, essay competitions, quiz programmes, debates and seminars are being held in various Govt. Degree Colleges of the district. Besides, Tiranga Rallies, Flag hoisting on buildings, homes are also being held across the district. The school students belonging to all education zones are also taking part in quiz, essay, painting and debate competitions on varied topics of National Symbols, National Monuments, Freedom Struggle and other related topics.

# 3-day Hasthshilp Rakhi Mela inaugurated at Handicrafts Showroom Janipur

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JAMMU: The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu District on Monday organized a 3-day Hasthshilp Rakhi Mela cum Awareness camp here at Handicrafts Showroom, Janipur to provide Artisans of Jammu District a platform to exhibit/ sell their products specially prepared for the Festival of Rakshabandhan.

The Mela hosted under the Guidance Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vivek Bhardwaj, would continue till August 10, 2022.

The Chief Guest Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts and

Handloom, Jammu inaugurated the event in presence of Fareed Ahmed Kohli, Deputy Director Administration, Megha Baogia, Deputy Director Planning and Assistant Director Handicrafts, Jammu, Sonika Parihar.

A number of Artisans from across Jammu District are participating in the event to showcase/sell their handmade products. In his inaugural address, Dr. Vikas Gupta highlighted the handholding being offered to the artisans by the department to make their products market competitive and earn good returns. "A number of Artisans/weavers and Cooperatives



Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts & Handloom visiting a stall.

registered with the Department have become self reliant by availing

the schemes of the Department" he said. The officer laid emphasis on boarding the products of the Artisans on e-commerce platforms to enable them to get access to national and international markets. He urged the Artisans present to liaison with the department to get themselves registered on e-commerce platforms. Deputy Director Administration, Fareed Ahmed Kohli laid emphasis on maintaining close coordination between the Artisans and the department to give a new lease of life to the crafts of Jammu Division. Deputy Director Planning, Megha Baogia

explained benefits of different schemes of the Department. Earlier, Assistant Director Handicrafts, Jammu Sonika Parihar, highlighted the huge potential of handmade products with attractive designs and high quality of craftsmanship. Later, the Chief Guest gave away Appreciation Certificates to Artisans, Diploma Certificates to the trainees and Registration Certificates to the newly registered Cooperative Societies. The program was concluded with vote of thanks. The HTOs, AHTOs and other officials of the Department were also present.