

DSRS organises lecture on "Current Situation in Bangladesh: Impact on India's Security"

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu, organised a lecture on "Current Situation in Bangladesh: Impact on India's Security".

Lecture was delivered by Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor and Bureau Chief of Times Now, Jammu and Kashmir. Programme was presided by Prof. Dipankar Sengupta, Department of Economics, JU.

Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam welcome the main speaker of the programme Pradeep Dutta and Chief Guest Prof. Dipankar Sengupta.

Prof. Virender Koundal, Director, DSRS told about



Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor and Bureau Chief of Times Now, J&K and others at a programme.

the topic of discussion.

Prof. Dipankar Sengupta discussed the Bangladesh liberation movement and its links with the current situation in Bangladesh.

Prof. Sengupta argued that from 2009 onwards, despite achieving the required economic development by the

Sheikh Hasina Government in Bangladesh, corruption, unemployment, low income, inequality and suppression of political opponents became dominant features of her dynastic or family rule in Bangladesh. Therefore, along with these issues, students protest against the

reservation became immediate cause for the downfall of Sheikh Hasina's regime in Bangladesh.

While discussing the current situation in Bangladesh, Pradeep Dutta discussed existing political scenario and events that have happened after the exit of Sheikh Hasina. He argued that "4-M" - Military, Mullas, Madrassa and Mohamad Yunus - have become the decisive factors in Bangladesh political system and argued that democracy has been replaced by the mobocracy in which political opponents and minorities are being targeted by the activists and radical elements. Dutta argued that current situation emerged from an unexpected exit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He also discussed the role and interests of the

US, China and Pakistan in Bangladesh and Indian Ocean region. The US is interested to create a Christian country in the region and military base in Saint Martin Island. China's interests are linked to its Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) programme. Pakistan also wants influence in the affected country through various radical elements existing in the territory of Bangladesh.

PG. students Prachi Sharma, Raghav, Anish and Sonali Punia raised some pertinent questions linked to India's national security and interests in the context of current situation in Bangladesh.

Programme was attended by the faculty members from the various departments of the university. Prof. Virender Koundal presented a vote of thanks.

Zorawar releases devotional Dogri album "Chandi Maiya Ji"



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others releasing devotional album.

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JAMMU: Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Chairman of Team Jammu and a prominent BJP leader, released the devotional Dogri Bhajan "Chandi Maiya Ji" at a function held on Tuesday at the Press Club of Jammu. The event was graced by notable guests including Subash Nanda, Regional Marketing Head of Kamdhenu Paints; Suneet Raina, Director of Shree Institute of Education; and Darshan Kumar Pataka, President of J&K Jagran Sewa Samiti. The devotional album, produced and presented by

Deepak Kumar, features music composed by Sahil Nath, lyrics by Vikrant Sonu, and is directed by K K Malhotra. The video was shot at various picturesque locations in Jammu, adding a local flavor to the presentation. Deepak Kumar, known for his popular bhajans and Dogri songs, has been lauded for his contribution to regional music.

During the release, Zorawar Singh Jamwal congratulated the team behind "Chandi Maiya Ji," expressing his hope that the album will make a significant impact in the music industry and be well-received by audi-

ences nationwide. He praised Deepak Kumar, fondly referred to as "Jammu Ka Kishore Kumar," for his dedication and talent in bringing Dogri music to the forefront.

Jamwal emphasized the need for the Jammu and Kashmir UT government to support the music and film industries, providing a platform for emerging artists to showcase their talent. He highlighted the positive influence of devotional and spiritual activities on youth, noting that they help deter social issues and promote mental and physical well-being.

Additionally, Jamwal celebrated Jammu and Kashmir's rich cultural heritage, stressing the importance of communal harmony and the deep-seated devotion of its people to deities like Chandi Mata. He underscored that the region's diverse cultural and religious landscape is a testament to its enduring spirit of unity and faith.

Himakaul Kalanidhi performs street plays across J&K under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program



Himakaul Kalanidhi artists presenting a street play.

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JAMMU: In a remarkable celebration of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, actress Bhasha Sumbli's theatre troupe, Himakaul Kalanidhi, organized a series of street plays across Jammu and Kashmir.

The performances, held in

Jammu, Reasi, and Akhnoor, drew large and enthusiastic crowds, and were conducted under the aegis of the National School of Drama, New Delhi, and the Ministry of Culture. The play, titled Major Ajay Singh Jasrotia Amar Rahe, paid tribute to

the bravery and supreme sacrifice of Jammu's own Kargil War Hero, Major Ajay Singh Jasrotia, Sena Medal (P). Major Jasrotia was martyred during Operation Vijay but heroically saved the lives of six of his unit's men before taking his last breath for the country.

The play, written and directed by Bhasha Sumbli, featured performances by artists Soham, Sahil Bazaz, Rajat, Sahil Sharma, Shriya, Harshita, and Bhawani Singh. The music for the production was arranged by Kuldeep Kalla.

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, Secretary of the Jammu Club and former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on Tuesday extended his commendations to Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu, following the institution's significant achievement in the latest National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

The University of Jammu has climbed to the 50th position among India's top universities, a notable leap from its previous



Secretary Jammu Club, Gaurav Gupta congratulating Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor JU.

rank of 63. This advancement highlights the University's dedication to educational excellence and its growing national prominence. Prof. Rai expressed deep

appreciation for Gupta's acknowledgment, attributing the success to the visionary leadership and unwavering support of the University's Chancellor, Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha.

He emphasized that reaching the 50th rank for the first time

represents the collective efforts and commitment of the entire university community. This achievement not only honors the University but also opens new avenues through special privileges under various government and UGC schemes. Prof. Rai pointed out that the University's innovative "Design Your Degree" concept is setting a benchmark for higher education institutions across the country. Further enhancing its educational offerings, the University has introduced new skill development programs in cutting-edge fields such as Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT, aligning with the latest technological advancements. Gaurav Gupta praised

Prof. Rai for the University's outstanding progress and its role in setting a high standard for academic excellence. He underscored that the University's achievement signifies a growing reputation and reflects its commitment to providing top-quality education. Gupta expressed confidence that Jammu University will continue to lead by example, inspiring other institutions nationwide.

He encouraged the students to work diligently and contribute to sustaining the University's prestigious status, reinforcing the importance of collective effort in maintaining and enhancing the institution's achievements.

People have full faith on policies, programme of Modi Govt: Yudhvir Sethi

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JAMMU: In a dedicated effort to address the concerns of the local residents, Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of the J&K BJP, today conducted a meeting at Ward No. 4 in the Jammu East constituency. The meeting witnessed enthusiastic participation from the community, eager to share their issues and seek resolutions. The meeting was organized by Arun Sethi, General Secretary East.

Yudhvir Sethi interacted with the people, attentively listening to their problems and concerns.

He resolved most of the issues on the spot by engaging with the concerned



Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of the J&K BJP, chairing a meeting.

authorities telephonically. This immediate response was greatly appreciated by the attendees, who felt reassured by the swift action taken.

Yudhvir said that the BJP remains dedicated to its mis-

sion of reaching every individual in society, ensuring that government welfare schemes benefit even the most marginalized.

He emphasized the Party's unwavering commitment to the welfare of general public.

He said that BJP is committed to address the day-to-day problems being faced by the people and the party is making a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people. "Our party is dedicated to

ensuring that the voices of the citizens are heard and their problems are addressed promptly. We believe in providing effective solutions and making a tangible difference in the lives of the people," he stated.

He asserted that only BJP can fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and address their issues on a priority basis. He further assured the residents that their remaining issues would be followed up rigorously until a satisfactory resolution is achieved. The BJP's commitment to serving the public and improving the quality of life for all citizens remains steadfast.

DB directives in PIL regarding infrastructure facilities in Schools of UTs of J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) concerning the enhancement of infrastructure facilities in primary and secondary schools across the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, the Division Bench of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, comprising Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta, has directed the Commissioner/Secretary of the School Education Department, Jammu, to submit a detailed action taken report by the next hearing.

During the recent proceedings, the Court noted that Vishal Sharma, DSGI for the Union Territory of Ladakh, had been instructed on July 26, 2023, to file an affidavit outlining the steps taken to improve school facilities in Ladakh. In response, the Director of School Education, Ladakh, submitted an affidavit on November 24, 2023, detailing the progress of various infrastructure projects from 2020-21 to July 31, 2023. The affidavit highlighted that out of several sanctioned works, such as drinking water facilities and girls' toilets, many projects remain incomplete. For

instance, of eight sanctioned drinking water facilities, only two were finished, and similarly, many toilets and boundary walls remain pending.

The Bench expressed concern over the delay, particularly in completing essential facilities like toilets and drinking water for girls.

They instructed the Director of School Education, Ladakh, to file an updated affidavit indicating the current status of these projects-completed, in progress, or yet to start-and to adhere to the Court's previous directions. Additionally, the Court remind-

ed the Commissioner/Secretary of the School Education Department, Jammu, of a December 18, 2023, order to address issues related to student hygiene and to personally oversee these improvements. The Commissioner/Secretary was also directed to convene a virtual meeting to discuss the progress and report back to the Court with the outcomes.

This ongoing judicial review aims to ensure that infrastructure improvements in schools are timely and effective, addressing critical needs in the education sector.

DB directs respondents to file ATR detailing all evictions/actions taken against encroachers from Kahcharie/State land

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta, while hearing a contempt petition in Public Interest Litigation (PIL), directed respondents to file an action taken/latest status report on the next date of hearing, detailing all evictions/actions taken against the encroachers from the Kahcharie land/State land. When the mat-

ter was taken-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that Statement of facts/Compliance report has been filed; wherein paragraph 4 mentions that the total Kahcharie land across all the villages in the entire Tehsil Kupwara, as per records, amounts to 25,438 Kanals 5 Marlas. Of the aforementioned encroached land, 12,242 Kanals have been retrieved till date during anti-encroachment drives, as reported by field staff. Out of said retrieved land, approximately 850 kanals have

been handed over to various Government departments. The report further mentions that all illegal entries concerning State and Kacharie land in revenue records have been expunged and no State or Kacharie land is recorded in the name of any encroacher in revenue records.

It is further stated in the report that the removal of encroachments on Kahcharie land/State land is an ongoing process, conducted regularly in strict adherence to the orders passed by this Court.

HC upholds detention of member of Drug Mafia

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court upheld the detention order passed by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir whereby Bashir Ahmad Ganaie put under detention who is allegedly member of Drug Mafia.

The UT of J&K in their counter affidavit, have contended that the detainee is clandestinely dealing in illegal business of narcotics and in order to carry out this illegal trade, he is exploiting the immature minds of the younger generation. It has been submitted that the detainee is supplying drugs to the immature

youth. He is a member of drug mafia which is hell bent to spoil life and career of younger generation by selling drugs to them; that the design and conduct of the detainee is to lure teen aged youth and school going children into the menace of drugs by the sale and usage of these drugs; that the activities of the petitioner have posed a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people of the area.

Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides observed that this Court do not find any ground to interfere in the impugned order of detention. The petition lacks merit and is dismissed accordingly.