

Rattan Prabha installed as President of Inner Wheel Club Jammu Sampark

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JAMMU: The Inner Wheel Club Jammu Sampark held an impressive installation ceremony at the Regal Hall of Hotel Asia this evening, marking the formal induction of Rattan Prabha, Retired Principal, as the new President of the club. The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Sapna Gupta, a renowned gynaecologist, and Past District Chairman (PDC) Dr. Santosh Gupta, a noted academician.

The programme commenced with the rendition of the Inner Wheel Club song by several club members, followed by the collaring of outgoing President Anila Mengi and the calling of the meeting to order.



President of Inner Wheel Club Jammu Sampark Rattan Prabha posing with other members.

In her welcome address, Mrs. Mengi extended greetings to the Chief Guest, PDC Dr. Santosh Gupta, Chartered President Reva Raina, and incoming President Rattan Prabha. She also presented a brief report on the club's calendar of activities during her tenure. The highlight of

the evening was the collaring of the new President, Rattan Prabha, jointly by PDC Dr. Santosh Gupta, Chief Guest Dr. Sapna Gupta, and Chartered President Reva Raina. In her acceptance speech, Rattan Prabha emphasised the need for selective and qual-

ity projects to further the club's mission of serving humanity. She lauded the efforts of Chartered President Reva Raina for adopting the JDA Park, noting that the club has engaged a gardener on a monthly basis to maintain it. On the occasion, PDC Dr. Santosh

Gupta welcomed new members into the club by garlanding them with the Club Mala.

The ceremony also included the donation of a sewing machine and sanitary napkins as part of the club's ongoing community service initiatives.

The new President introduced her executive committee: Kusum Kesar as Vice President, Santosh Manhas as Secretary, Shyama Anand as Treasurer, Daisy Shams as ISO, and Sapna Gupta as Editor.

Over 50 members attended the ceremony, which concluded with light refreshments and a reaffirmation of the club's commitment to social service.

Priya Sethi felicitates DIG Shiv Sharma on Raksha Bandhan

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Former Minister and senior BJP leader Priya Sethi, along with BJP State Secretary Reema Padha and other prominent women leaders, visited the office of Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Jammu, Kathua, and Samba Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS, to tie rakhis and celebrate the festival that symbolises the bond of protection and respect between brothers and sisters.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi highlighted the cultural and emotional significance of Raksha Bandhan, noting that it is not just a festival but a reaffirmation of commitment towards the safety, dignity, and empowerment of women. She appreciated the role of the Jammu and

Kashmir Police in safeguarding the lives and honour of women across the region, especially in challenging circumstances. "Today, we celebrate not only the festival but also the spirit of security and brotherhood that our police force embodies," Sethi said.

BJP State Secretary Reema Padha echoed similar sentiments, lauding the dedication of the police personnel in ensuring the safety of women. She stressed the importance of trust and cooperation between agencies and law enforcement agencies, urging women to come forward without hesitation in reporting crimes. "The assurance of protection from our police is the true essence of Raksha Bandhan," Padha remarked. On his part, DIG Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma extended warm wishes to all the sisters of the region and

reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir Police to ensure their safety and security, regardless of caste, colour, creed, or religion. He appealed to women to promptly report any crime, including harassment or eve-teasing, and to make full use of Women Police Stations and Cyber Police Stations whenever needed.

Assuring that the police force is always ready to support women, Shri Sharma signed off his message with, "Be safe, be secure... Yours Brother," reiterating the force's dedication to protecting and supporting women in every circumstance.

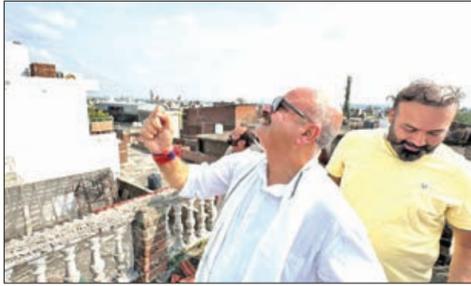
The interaction concluded on a warm and festive note, with rakhis tied, sweets exchanged, and a renewed pledge of mutual trust between women citizens and the police force.

Youth should reconnect with cultural roots through kite flying: Yudhvir Sethi

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Senior BJP leader and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, joined BJP karyakartas in flying kites at Purani Mandi area of Jammu East Constituency. The event was marked by vibrant festivities reflecting the traditional spirit of the festival. Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi urged the youth to reconnect with their rich cultural roots through kite flying.

"Youth should not forget traditional festivals and must take pride in celebrating our culture, which strengthens family and social bonds," he said. He expressed concern



Senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi flying kites at Purani Mandi.

over the growing trend of youngsters becoming engrossed in mobile phones and digital distractions, which often leads to disconnect from age-old customs. "Today's generation is increasingly engrossed in digital devices and social media, which has led to a decline in traditional activities

like kite flying. It's important for our youth to balance modern technology with our cultural heritage. Kite flying is not just a sport but a symbol of freedom and festivity that connects us to our roots. I urge young people to revive such traditions to keep our cultural spirit alive," Yudhvir Sethi said.

The kite-flying event saw enthusiastic participation from BJP workers and locals, who enjoyed the festive atmosphere and engaged in friendly competitions. The colorful kites soaring in the sky symbolized joy, freedom, and the spirit of togetherness. The MLA also highlighted the government's efforts to promote cultural awareness and community bonding through various initiatives. He assured that the BJP would continue to encourage activities that preserve and promote traditional values among the younger generation.

The event concluded with sweets distribution and warm wishes exchanged among attendees, reinforcing the festival's message of love and protection between siblings.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' is a movement to inspire patriotic fervour: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: In a spirited effort to promote the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kunjwani Mandal on Friday organised a workshop to encourage citizens to hoist the Tricolour at their homes on August 15.

District Vice President and Mandal Prabhari Narinder Singh, Mandal General Secretary, Vikram Singh and Vishal were present on the occasion. The event witnessed participation from party leaders, workers, and local residents.

BJP J&K Vice President Rekha Mahajan, while addressing the gathering, underscored the importance of the National Flag as a symbol of unity, pride, and sacrifice.



BJP J&K Vice President Rekha Mahajan with Kunjwani Mandal members at a workshop.

She said that the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative was not merely a campaign but a movement to inspire patriotic fervour in every household.

"The Tricolour is our identity and our pride. By hoisting it at every home, we express our collective respect for the nation and its martyrs," Rekha Mahajan stated.

She appealed to people to actively participate in the cam-

aign and ensure that the spirit of freedom reaches every citizen. She urged residents to join hands in making the campaign a grand success, stressing that the initiative was an opportunity to remind the younger generation about the sacrifices made for India's independence.

She reiterated the call for unity and said that the flag not only represents sovereignty but also the aspirations of 140

crore Indians. She explained the practical aspects of the campaign, guiding participants on the proper way to display the national flag in accordance with the Flag Code of India. The workshop concluded with a pledge by all attendees to reach out to every household in their respective areas, and encourage citizens to take part in the campaign wholeheartedly.

Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch celebrated Raksha Bandhan by tying Rakhi to a tree



Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch members tying Rakhi to a tree.

JAMMU: The Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) celebrated Raksha Bandhan by tying rakhis (sacred threads) around trees and planting new ones today in Jammu. Participants pledged to protect the environment and conserve trees. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the importance of trees and

promote environmental consciousness and preservation. The event, titled "Rakhi for Nature, Trees for Life," included the tying of traditional rakhis as a symbol of love and protection, followed by a tree plantation drive. Dr. Vivek Sharma, President of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh UT, stated that the issue of global warming and

the release of CO2 into the atmosphere are harming the environment. As a result, we are witnessing problems such as floods, rising temperatures, and natural disasters in today's world.

It is crucial to find a balance between progress and environmental protection. One meaningful way to achieve this is by tying a rakhi to a tree and making a promise to protect it.

Furthermore, Vivek Sharma stated that we will raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation. He emphasised that we will work with a mission to ensure our message reaches every corner of India.

Among those present on this occasion were Dr Rohit Sadotra, Majid, and others.

Rajni Sethi appreciates Centre's decision to organise 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program

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JAMMU: The Tiranga is not just a piece of cloth with three colours - it is the aam, baan, and shaan of our great nation. It symbolises the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India. Every thread of the Tiranga carries the sacrifices of countless freedom fighters and the dreams of over a billion Indians. Recognising its importance, the Modi Government has given a great message to the entire country: to hoist the Tiranga at homes, offices, schools, and all government institutions during the grand celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

In Jammu & Kashmir, this message holds a very special significance. Before 2014, the situation was drastically different. For many years, regional

political parties in J&K showed no respect for the Tiranga. Due to terrorism, separatist propaganda, and repeated calls for bandh, no one dared to hoist the national flag in many areas. Even more shocking was the anti-national mindset reflected in the statements of some leaders - a former Chief Minister even went so far as to say that if Articles 370 and 35A were abrogated, there would be no one left to hoist the national flag in J&K. Such remarks exposed the deep-rooted disregard for our nation's unity among certain political circles.

However, history took a decisive turn after 2014 with the formation of the Modi Government. The abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A on 5 August 2019 marked a new

chapter for Jammu & Kashmir: The Union Territory came under the complete jurisdiction of the Central Government, leading to a series of major reforms in governance, security, and development. Most importantly, the atmosphere of fear around the Tiranga disappeared. Today, from the snow-covered mountains of the north to the plains of Jammu, the Tiranga proudly waves at every government building, school, market, and public square.

The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, organised from 2 August to 15 August, is a remarkable initiative under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Its aim is to instil a deep sense of patriotism in the hearts of all Indians, especially the people of J&K. This campaign is not just about display-

ing the flag; it is about reviving our connection with the ideals it represents - courage, peace, and prosperity.

By encouraging every household, shop, school, and office to hoist the Tiranga, the campaign reinforces the idea that the flag belongs to every citizen, not just to government institutions. In J&K, the sight of the Tiranga fluttering freely everywhere sends a strong message: that the days of fear, suppression, and separatist dominance are over. Even many political personalities who once distanced themselves from the national flag now stand with it. This transformation is the result of consistent efforts by the Central Government to restore normalcy, promote unity, and instil national pride

in the region. It is the moral duty of every Indian to respect the Tiranga. This respect should not be limited to ceremonial days like Independence Day or Republic Day but must be part of our everyday lives. Hoisting the Tiranga is a simple yet powerful way to express our love for the nation, to honour our martyrs, and to commit ourselves to the progress of India.

As we celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, let each fluttering Tiranga in J&K and across India remind us of our shared history, our sacrifices, and our common destiny. Let us all contribute wholeheartedly to Har Ghar Tiranga and show the world that the spirit of India is united, unshakable, and forever proud.

Koul addresses 'Har Ghar Tiranga' workshop at Nowgam Railway Station



J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul addressing a workshop.

JAMMU: Under the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the Chanapora Constituency of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K on Saturday organized a special workshop at Nowgam Railway Station, Srinagar.

The event was graced by Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (Organization), Jammu and Kashmir, who addressed party workers, local residents, and railway staff gathered for the occasion. In his address, Koul emphasized the importance of the national

flag as a symbol of unity, pride, and sacrifice. He lauded the enthusiasm of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in embracing the campaign and reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to fostering a strong sense of national identity and patriotism across every household.

Ashok Koul was accompanied by the BJP District President Srinagar Adv Sheik Salman, the District Srinagar team and Chanpora Constituency team. "The Tricolour represents the hopes and

dreams of every Indian. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this campaign aims to instill pride in our rich heritage and pay tribute to the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for our nation," said Koul.

The workshop saw participation from BJP workers, youth volunteers, and members of the local community, who pledged to hoist the national flag at their homes from August 13 to 15, in line with the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

CAT quashes Patwari suspension over 'Baseless' allegations in Land Fard controversy

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JAMMU: In a significant order exposing procedural lapses in a controversial land case, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench, has quashed the suspension of Patwari Pranav Dev Singh, terming the action "without foundation and arbitrary." The tribunal has further directed the Revenue Department to initiate a fresh inquiry and conclude it within six months.

The case pertains to allegations against Singh, who was accused of irregularities in issuing fards (revenue records) related to khasra numbers 5552 and 5561 in village Kanger, Tehsil Bhalwal. Singh, who prepared the revenue documents in his capacity as Patwari, was suspended via Divisional Commissioner Order No. 18 of 2024 dated July 27, and attached to a remote office on July 31.

However, the tribunal, comprising Members Rajinder Singh Dogra (Judicial) and Ram Mohan Johri (Administrative), found no evidence

linking the applicant directly to the issuance or attestation of the controversial fards, noting that such powers lie with the Naib Tehsildar or Tehsildar-not the Patwari.

Importantly, the court observed that the issue had already been settled by multiple authorities, including the Anti-Corruption Bureau, which concluded that the sale and subsequent issuance of fards was not barred under law. The CAT also highlighted that despite issuance of a charge sheet almost a year ago, no inquiry had taken place and Singh remained suspended without receiving subsistence allowance—a violation of administrative norms.

"The applicant cannot be made a scapegoat," the Tribunal stated, emphasizing that administrative lethargy cannot justify prolonged suspension without inquiry. It ordered the cancellation of both the suspension and attachment orders and mandated the department to conduct a fresh, transparent investigation within six months.

Dr O P Sharma set record of 'The Eldest Ph D Scholar' in World



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JAMMU: Dr. O.P. Sharma from Bagnoti, Nowshera in Rajouri district has set a world record as the Eldest Ph.D. Scholar, according to the International Book of Records.

Renowned for his academic dedication, Dr. Sharma has also been honoured as a Grand Master for achieving an astounding 108 academic degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

His remarkable accomplishments reflect his lifelong commitment to education and serve as an inspiration for learners across all ages and backgrounds.

Sanskrit nameplate unveiled at MP Jugal's residence on World Sanskrit Day



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma install Sanskrit nameplate.

JAMMU: In a commendable initiative for the preservation, promotion, and reinstatement of Devavani Sanskrit in daily life, a Sanskrit language nameplate was unveiled today on the main gate of the residence of Member of Parliament from Jammu Lok Sabha constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, on the occasion of World Sanskrit Day. The nameplate was installed by State Awardee Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust.

During the event, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma said that Sanskrit is not merely a language, but the foundation of India's culture, civilization, and knowledge tradition. He stated that Sanskrit possesses a unique power that connects us to our roots and acquaints us with our glorious past. He praised the efforts of

Mahant Rohit Shastri, adding that he felt proud to have a Sanskrit nameplate at his residence and would work to expand this initiative throughout the region so that every household can display an identity in Sanskrit.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Sanskrit is the soul of our mother culture. Bringing it to the masses and re-establishing it in everyday life is the responsibility of all of us. The nameplate installation campaign aims to convey the message that Sanskrit should not remain confined to scriptures but should be vibrantly present in our homes, institutions, and every corner of society. This year, on World Sanskrit Day, our resolution is to install Sanskrit nameplates at as many homes as possible so that future generations remain connected to their cultural roots.