

## DSS finalises arrangements for celebrating Samajik Nyaya Divas on Sep 23

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JAMMU: The Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) has finalized arrangements for celebrating Samajik Nyaya Divas on Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary on 23rd September 2021.

This was disclosed in a press statement issued by Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister, and President DSS, J&K, here on Saturday.

He said that this was decided in a meeting of the Working Committee of DSS held along with a meeting of the Coordination Committee of Dogra Sahayata Kendra at Dogra Hall Jammu.

Charak further said that Maharaja Hari Singh's declaration in his coronation speech, to provide Justice to all irrespective of caste, creed or faith, which was subsequently backed by the reforms and the legal framework for Social Justice introduced by him was a sterling testimony to his people centric ideology and policies which are remembered by the people



DSS president, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak and others during a meeting.

in all parts of the erstwhile Princely State of Jammu and Kashmir to this day. He further disclosed that the commitment to Social Justice during his rule will be recounted during the function where Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan had consented to be the Chief Guest.

He further said that it was also decided in the meeting that in view of positive contribution by the Dogra Sahayata Kendra during the second wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which had been appreciated by the administration as well as the civil society, it was decided to continue its

functioning by enlarging the scope of its activities.

He said it was decided that amongst other activities Dogra Sahayata Kendra will endeavor to provide assistance for girl orphans for educational purposes and marriage of those of marriageable age. It would also endeavor to provide necessary assistance to sick persons to the extent possible.

Charak further informed that it was also resolved in the meeting that a delegation of members of DSS and the civil society will meet the Chief Secretary on his visit to Jammu to request him to have the

work on the comprehensive conservation and adaptive reuse plan of Mubarak Mandi expedited so that it can be made functional as a self-sustaining Cultural Heritage Centre, in time for the celebrations proposed to be held in connection with the 75 years of India's Independence in 2022, as already announced by the Lieutenant Governor, J&K, Manoj Sinha.

He said that it was also decided to take up other matters pertaining to maintenance and accessibility of Jammu's memorials like the Balidan Stambh, Raja Jambulochan's memorial, etc. He further said that it was noted with concern in the meeting that moves appeared to be afoot to dilute the decision of the UT Administration to keep the Secretariat fully functional at both Jammu as well as Srinagar.

He emphasised that functioning of independent Secretariats at Jammu as well as Srinagar is expected to result in convenient resolution of problems of people

of both the provinces of the Union Territory round the year. He pointed out however, that the Secretariat at Jammu is not yet fully functional as a large number of positions continue to be vacant therein, despite lapse of a considerable period of time. It was resolved to reiterate the demand for filling up of the vacant posts in the Civil Secretariat, Jammu by posting of officers from the field into the Secretariat to make it fully functional.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting were Col. Karan Singh, Ajay Khajuria, Brig. M.S. Jamwal, Maj. Gen. Sunita Kapoor VSM, Col. Virinder Sahi, VrC, Samar Dev Singh Charak, Rajesh Gupta, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Amanat Ali Shah, Janak Khajuria, Ady. D.S. Chauhan, Virinder Kumar Gupta, Chhankar Singh, Raj Sagotra, Narinder Singh Jamwal, Kulbir Singh, Madan Rangila, Ravi Slatia, Qadir Hussain, Madan Lal Bhagat, Subhash Sharma.

## ZPHQ Jammu organizes debate competition on 'COVID-19 India's Response'

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JAMMU: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu Zone organized a debate competition on the topic 'COVID-19 India's Response' at Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, under the Civic Action Programme here on Saturday. Students from different colleges of Jammu district participated in the debate competition. Addl. Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh was the chief guest and the DIG JKS Range Atul Goyal was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The Chief Guest commended the collaborative work done by the police, doctors, civil administration and the people of Jammu in controlling the COVID situation in Jammu.

He appreciated the sacrifices made by each member of the society to make the anti-COVID measures successful. India has achieved an unparalleled success yesterday by administering 2 crore vaccine doses in a single day, he said.

Towards the end, he remarked "together we can and will defeat coronavirus".

During the competition 36 speakers of different colleges presented their views and also spoke about India's response to the COVID challenge.

The panel of judges consisted of Dr. Chanchal Angral Associate Professor GGM Science College Jammu, Dr. Shubra Jamwal Assistant Prof Govt. College of Education Jammu, Prof Mohd Qayoom Assistant Professor GCW Parade Jammu and Dr. Sonia Aneja Assistant Professor, Department of Law University Jammu. Police



ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh presenting prize to winners.

Officers/Officials of Jammu district and commanders of all the battalions were also present on the occasion.

Sakshi Bhat clinched 1st Position, Riya Choudhary secured 2nd Position where as Harsimrat Kour secured 3rd position. They were awarded with cash prizes of 5000, Rs 3000 and Rs 2000 respectively with participation certificate.

Participation certificate with mementos were also given to all other participants. The objective of organizing said event was to inculcate a sense of patriotism among the students.

At the end ADGP Jammu thanked all the jury members, participants and committee members for organizing the event.

**Cartoonist Shekhar exhibits 71 cartoons on 71st birth anniversary of Modi**

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JAMMU: To celebrate the 71st Birth Anniversary of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chander Shekhar an eminent cartoonist created an online exhibition in which he exhibited 71 different cartoons on Narendra Modi.

This unique initiative of Chander Shekhar is being lauded by the folks alongwith the netizens.

It is pertinent to mention that, Chander Shekhar always creates different piece of work and take it to virtual mode.

Sharing his views, Chander Shekhar said, 'I have made numerous cartoons on the work done by Modi and choose 71 best cartoons for the exhibition. My Cartoons were on the topics like black money, GST, Acche Din, I am Chowkidar, on price hike Kashmir issue of exit polls along with many other cartoons in which I tried to portray the good work done by the present Government."

Known by the name of Bunty Cartoonist, he has already created a niche for himself in the arena of cartoons and caricatures and has proved his mettle many times and have been recognised by cartoonist fraternity of India.

His eloquent caricature of novelist and critic Khushwant Singh has won him the award of 'Best Caricature' from amongst 800 entries received from across the nation sketching recurrent personalities belonging to various fields and walks of life.

The jury excluded many of the outstanding pieces of high quality work to give him an award. He was invited in National and International Cartooning Festival to showcase his cartoons.

## IIPA organises webinar on PMFBY

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in collaboration with its J&K Regional Branch organized a webinar on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) a flagship scheme under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary (Agriculture) Government of India was the lead discussant while B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch was the co-discussant.

Agarwal in his detailed presentation informed that PMFBY is the world's biggest crop insurance scheme which was initiated after intense deliberations to meet the chal-

lenges of the sector and also to scale up the Indian agriculture for the 21st century. While narrating the contours of the scheme, he emphasized that all farmers engaged in Food & Oilseeds crops and Annual Commercial/Horticultural Crops can avail the benefits as PMFBY provides comprehensive rich coverage to farmers against all non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post harvest stage.

He said that it is imperative to create awareness about PMFBY amongst farmers and bridge knowledge gaps among various implementing stakeholders through various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Capacity Building activities. B.R. Sharma in his remarks

said that this scheme is a big step towards the welfare of farmers in the long run. He further said that in the context of Jammu & Kashmir, there is a greater need to create awareness at the grass root level and also design region specific capacity building programme so that the coverage of the scheme can be enhanced. He assured that IIPA, J&K Regional Branch can provide requisite training and capacity building support.

S.N. Tripathi, IAS (Retd) Director General IIPA New Delhi in his opening remarks, while welcoming all the participants and spoke about the need to make Indian agriculture a self-reliant agriculture and how the various schemes especially PMFBY can help the farmers. Joint Secretary (Credit) from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare in her remarks said that scheme now lays emphasis on leveraging technological solutions. She said that National Crop Insurance

Portal and various apps like CCE Agri App, Crop Insurance App, Loss reporting/Assessment App etc are available which can be used by various states and UT by providing geo-coded village maps. Prof. Ashok Vishandass, Professor (Applied Economics), IIPA New Delhi conducted the proceedings while Professor Alka Sharma, Hon. Secretary IIPA J&K Regional Branch presented a formal vote of thanks. The

webinar was attended by Director Agriculture (Jammu), various officers of the Department of Agriculture and members of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch. In this policy horticultural crops are also covered 29 crore farmers application have been insured with sum insured of over Rs 10 lakh crore there are 19 empanelled general insurance companies, it is a voluntary scheme. Dr Sanjay Agarwal has asked for involving the panchayat bodies through J&K Authority. He

asserted that the aforesaid articles were always hurdles in the path of progress and development of this erstwhile State of J&K. He asserted that now the people are happy and satisfied with complete integration with India and J&K is today on the real path of development in letter and spirit. Wanchoo asserted that all round and unhindered development of J&K is BJP government's top priority and to accomplish this goal PM Narendra Modi has opened all the floodgates of funds so that no sector remains untouched from this initiative. He said that J&K has been witnessing unprecedented development since the PM Modi led govt

of Article 370. Responding to the statement of Mehbooba Mufti, the BJYM leader said that she is living in a fool's paradise and is daydreaming about restoring Articles 370 and 35-A as the same are gone once for all. However, issuing such statements by a former CM is indeed a matter of serious concern that deserves full condemnation. Chetan Wanchoo said that abrogation of Article 370 was the main demand of people of J&K that had been over due and BJP has fulfilled this long pending demand of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He

## J&K Bank CMD meets PHDCCI delegation

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Srinagar: As part of his outreach to the various trade and business associations in the J&K UT, J&K Bank Chairman & MD R K Chhibber along with his management team on Saturday held an elaborate meeting with the delegation comprising of members of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kashmir Chapter) led by its Mentor Mushtaq Ahmed Chaya to discuss mutually significant issues.

The Bank's President & Special Secretary to CMD Karanjit Singh, President Anil Deep Mehta and Zonal Head Kashmir (Central-1) Syed Shafat Rafi, Vice Presidents Tasaduq Ahmad Dar and Syed Shujaat Hussain Andrabi were also present at the meeting

besides members of PHDCCI including Chair PHDCCI, Baldev Singh, Chair PHDCCI Showkat Ahmed Chowdhary and Regional Director PHDCCI (J&K) Iqbal Phayaz Jan and other executive members.

Speaking on the occasion, the CMD said, "Having a systemic role in the functioning of the region's economy, J&K Bank remains sensitive to both concerns and expectations of people especially of those belonging to trade, commerce and industry; for the growth of Bank is directly linked to their financial

vital role in supporting the commercial and industrial ventures during tough times, the participants said that their emotional connect with the Bank was unique and exceptionally strong, which could not be forged with others.

The delegation requested the Bank to delegate more powers to branches, support circumstantial defaulters, reduce procedural formalities and settle insurance claims timely besides further improving customer services at the branch level.

Earlier, at the outset, Mushtaq Chaya thanked the Bank's CMD for his valuable presence at the meeting. In his remarks, he pitched strongly for routing the entire industrial development package of Rs 28400 Cr through J&K Bank. Acknowledging the Bank's

## BJP to undertake cleanliness drive on banks of water bodies: Ashok Kaul



J&K Bank Chairman & MD, R K Chhibber chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir will undertake rigorous cleanliness drive especially on the banks of various water bodies including rivers, riverlets, brooks and ponds etc. at 71 places since it was 71st Birthday of Modi.

He directed the team members to complete the projects before 7th of Oct.

as these are the cherished goals of PM Modi. He asked them to complete this goal well within the time span of 20 days of "Sewa Aur Samarpit Abhiyaan" programme being undertaken by the party in which various Sewa programmes are being undertaken at the ground level.

Kaul also asked them to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd of October by making special cleanliness drive and promote Khadi and Swaach Bharat Departments on the roadmap for the cleanliness drive to be conducted by party activists.

Kaul asked the Namami Gange team to undertake cleaning of banks of rivers,

and Swaach Bharat Abhiyaan Departments of party at party headquarter, here.

He laid stress on inculcating virtues of independence and impartiality, moral stability, ethical approach, empathy and precision in pursuit of Justice. He exhorted upon the Judicial Officers to maintain high standards of integrity in their professional as well as personal lives. Society expects judges to make decisions in a fair and impartial way on the basis of the rule of law, he added.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Director, J&K Judicial Academy who expressed gratitude to the visiting Resource Person and participants with a hope that the deliberations and discussion in the programme will be enriching and act as a catalyst in the pursuit of justice.

Earlier, Mohammad Akram Choudhary, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, contributed towards development of the training programme.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul was chairing a joint meeting of Namami Gange

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JAMMU: Youth Wing of Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday held a protest and burned effigy of Imran Khan to send a strong message to Pakistan to stop aiding and supporting the terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, the protesters, in the shape of a rally, paid tributes to J&K Police constable, Bantu Sharma, who was trapped unarmed and martyred by the Terrorists near Shamford School at Wanpoh in district Kullgam of Kashmir.

They (protesters) while paying tributes Bantu Sharma prayed to the God for eternal peace to the brave soldier, who has sacrificed his life for the security and integrity of the Nation.

Led by Rajat Singh Manhas, the agitating youth raised slogans against Pakistan and its minorities, but

our forces are strong enough to teach the Pakistan sponsored terrorists a lesson. Today's protest was aimed at showing solidarity and support with the family of Bantu Sharma.

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The killing of Bantu

Sharma, who along with his family dared not to leave the home in Kullgam, was a planned act to terrorise the minorities, but

## BJP holds protest, burn Imran's effigy over killing of JKP Cop



BJP Youth wing burning the effigy of Pakistan Prime Minister, Imran Khan at Jammu on Saturday.

Prime Minister, Imran Khan for inciting the otherwise peaceful people of Kashmir and supporting the terrorism. They have no religion and they are killing those young brave men who are fighting the enemy for the security and integrity of the Nation.

Among those prominent

present in the protest were Sudesh Singh Manhas, Happy Singh Jamwal, Shubham Singh, Aman Singh, Jaipal Mehta, Surinder Singh and Honey Manhas.