

FANS celebrates Haifa Victory Day

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JAMMU: Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS) celebrated Haifa Victory Day on Thursday to commemorate the martyrdom of soldiers of three Indian Cavalry Regiments; Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad Lancers, who with their gallant and bold action librated Haifa from Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Haifa in 1918.

The programme was an interactive session and the topic was 'Emerging security scenario in Neighboring countries'.

There was rendition of National song Vandematram by Sh. Ajay Kumar.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj. Gen. SK Sharma, President FANS highlighted details of the complete operation which changed the history of the middle-east countries during 1st World War.



A dignitary speaking during a seminar.

Haifa is a strategically located port city in Israel, capture of which was very important for English forces to further their operations.

Fully fortified by enemy, Jodhpur Lances and Mysore Lancers, mounted on the horses, dashed in the Enemy lines with swords and spears and cleared the area, he said adding that in this valiant action, some of the soldiers also scarified their lives.

Former Director General DRDO, the Guest of Honour, Sudershan Kumar

spoke about the emerging security scenario in the neighboring countries.

He also highlighted the technological aspect of the challenges which lie ahead for our society.

Former Advocate General of J&K, U. K. Jallali stressed the need of remembering the historical aspects of the India and society is required to have a sense of pride for India's achievements in the past.

(Retd.) Lt. Gen Rakesh Sharma, was the Chief Guest for the function who spoke on the emerging

threats to our country in view of the changing geopolitical scenario in the neighbourhood.

He stressed the need for all the members of the society to be vigilant and United against nefarious designs of enemy.

Mohan Lal SSP also spoke on the occasion and discussed the emerging security challenges in the country.

Parshotam Dadhichi, Kshetriya Vayevastha Pramukh, RSS stressed the need of introducing Indian culture in the school curriculum and remain united and try to help the society.

Dinesh Gupta, Treasurer and General Secretary and Advocate Prem Sadotra welcomed the guests and gave overview of the programme.

The complete function was interactive in which other members of the society who joined, gave fruit-

ful ideas to the FANS, and stressed the need to involve students, youth in this awareness programme.

Gourav Jamwal Advocate and Media in charge FANS, ensured smooth interaction with all the participants. They also suggested to go to the border areas and spread the message of unity besides taking other burning issues to them.

Programme was attended by prominent citizens including

Senior Advocate U.K.Jalali, Lalit Aggarwal, Dinesh Gupta, Gourav Jamwal, Opinder Sharma, Ravinder Jamwal, M.P Singh Palli, Deepak Sharma, Diwakar Sharma, Deepali Sharma, Hunar Gupta, Sandeep Gupta, Balkrishan Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Harbans Nagoke, Atul Raina, Deepali Arora, Prof. V. Verma and SSP Mohan Lal.

Nehru played negative role in history of J&K: BJP

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JAMMU: Remembering last Dogra ruler of J&K State, Maharaja Hari Singh in an inspiring manner on his birthday, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, installed statue of Maharaja at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, Major General Govardhan Singh and other BJP senior leaders unveiled the statue amid much fanfare and presence of large number of prominent civil society members and party leaders and activists.

Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, DDC Vice-Chairman Suraj Singh, Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma, BJP Vice-Presidents Yudhvir Sethi, Sham Choudhary & Shakti Raj Parihar, Priya Sethi, Th. Narain Singh, BJP General Secretaries Sunil Sharma,

Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Bali Bhagat, Secretaries Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Arvind Gupta, Veenu Khanna, Anju Dogra, Spokespersons Brig. Anil Gupta, Balbir Ram Rattan & Dr. Tahir Choudhary, Parmod Kapahi, Karan Singh, Munish Sharma, Sanjay Baru, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Baldev Billawaria and other senior leaders were present on the occasion.

Statue of Maharaja Hari Singh was prepared and gifted by famous Jammu artist Ravinder Jamwal, the artist behind statues of Dogra heroes of Jammu.

J&K BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi coordinated with the artist in making the statue and also managed the whole course since the idea of installing statue in BJP office was finalized. Ravinder Raina termed the Maharaj as true nationalist and recalled

his role for Independence of Bharat.

He termed Maharaj as a great freedom fighter saying that his role in Round Table Conference was unmatched.

He also said that former PM Jawahar Lal Nehru played very negative role in the history of J&K and Maharaja Hari Singh and still today the important parts of J&K are in illegal occupation of Pakistan and China due to Pt. Nehru.

He said that Maharaj had to live last days of his life in exile due to Pt. Nehru and former CM Sheikh Abdullah.

"We will very soon hoist Tiranga in all parts of J&K like Gilgit, Baltistan, Aksai Chin etc. which were made parts of Bharat through final Instrument of Accession by Maharaja Hari Singh," he stressed.

Jugal Kishore thanked the artist for gifting the statue to BJP.

Maharaja opened doors of temples for Dalits: Balbir

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JAMMU: Paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on his birth anniversary, Jammu and Kashmir, BJP, Spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, said that the Dogra ruler got the doors of temples opened for dalits in his princely state, which brought an end to the practice of untouchability to great extent.

He said that such an approach on part of Maharaja towards the people, who were considered untouchables in pre-independence period, itself speaks that the ruler treated every citizen of J&K equal, irrespective of his or her caste, creed, gender or religion and discriminating on the basis of one's caste had no place in policies and programmes of Maharaja Hari Singh.

Balbir said that history stands witness to the fact that the dalit community was ill-treated and discriminated and the members of the community were not treated as human beings, which was perhaps worst type of inhuman treatment. He said that all this was prevalent massively prior to the independence of the county. The spokesperson said that Maharaja Hari Singh needs all the appreciation for his decision to allow the dalits to entre temples and perform pooja. He said that barring the dalits to enter temples, fetch drinking water from ponds without prior permission from the members of other community and studying in schools by sitting aside students of other castes, were the stigmas, which dalits had to go through but no one came forward to convince the society that they too



BJP J&K Spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh.

were human beings.

He stressed upon the people belonging to the 'dalit samaj' to remember great ruler Maharaja Hari Singh for what he did for their dignified life in Jammu and Kashmir.

Balbir also paid tributes to Maharaja by offering flowers at his newly installed statue in the premises of BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Court awards 8 years imprisonment, one lakh fine for availing loan on forged documents

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JAMMU: Additional Session Judge Anti-corruption Jammu Ritesh Dubey today awarded 8 years imprisonment and a fine Rs 1 lakh to Rajinder Singh for cheating and forgery and acquitted Tarsem Lal , Subash Chander Chopra then Chief Manager SFC, Sudershan Kumar Bali then Assistant Manager Transport SFC and Mool Raj Sharma then Senior Assistant SFC Jammu.

The case of the prosecution briefly is that the complainant Mangat Ram lodged a complaint that he is ex-serviceman. He purchased a Bus bearing no. JKQ-5349 in October 1988, in partnership with one Kaka Ram. This Business did not turn out to be profitable as such, he sold the said Bus in June 1989 to a party hailing from UP and the route permit of the said vehicle was deposited with RTO, Jammu.

In the year 1991, Rajinder Singh approached him along with one Jai Singh @ Raja Dalal, for the purchase of above said route permit, the deal was struck, and he was made to sign various forms and documents brought to him by the accused namely Rajinder Kumar @ Shinda. His passport size photograph was also taken by the said Rajinder Kumar, on the pretext of transfer of said route permit.

After a gap of 13 years, he received a letter from J&K State Financial Corporation (hereinafter referred as SFC) on 17-04-2004 whereby he was asked to pay an amount of Rs.15,49,495/ on account of a loan for vehicle no. JKQ2B-2174, registered in his name which he had never purchased or

owned. On inquiry from the office of RTO, and SFC Jammu, he knew that vehicle no. JKQ2B-2174 stood registered in his name, and accused no. 2 Tarsem Lal s/o. Rattan Lal, who was unknown to him, had been shown as guarantor on the loan documents prepared in the office of SFC, Jammu. The accused, in a criminal conspiracy with each other, manipulated fake and forged documents, obtained a loan in the name of complainant, and purchased vehicle No. JKQ2B-2174, without his consent and knowledge etc.

A Preliminary enquiry was initiated by the Crime Branch and after registration of FIR, challan was presented.

Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu Ritesh Dubey after hearing both the sides observed that with respect to the charge against the accused official of SFC, I have kept into consideration that a line has to be drawn between a negligent performance of official banking business and criminal misconduct. It cannot be forgotten that the banking business involves such loans in their every day functioning. But to attract the criminal consequence, some overt acts or omissions which are of unimpeachable character need to be established.

And in view of the observations made herein before, the material and evidence tendered by the prosecution is not of such a character as may point to one and only one hypothesis which is the guilt of the accused SFC officials.

Court further said that at the same time, the evidence tendered by the prosecution points to one and one

hypothesis of guilt of accused no. 1 Rajinder Kumar @ Shinda and in view of the observation made herein before, the prosecution has succeeded in proving the charge for offences under sections 420/467/468/471 against the accused Rajinder Singh.

Court further said that the prosecution has not strengthened its chain of events so strongly by the evidence led by it, as has not been weakened by any reasonable doubt. However, since the offences are not established against the accused except accused No. 1, the offence of criminal conspiracy under section 120-B RPC is held not established against the accused no. 1 also and convicted Rajinder Singh for offences under sections 420/467/ 468/471. He shall undergo simple imprisonment of three years each for the commission of offences under sections 420/468 RPC. He shall also suffer simple imprisonment for a term of five years each for offences under sections 467/471 RPC. All the said sentences of imprisonment shall run concurrently. The accused No. 1 shall also pay a cumulative fine of Rupees one lac for all the offences committed by him failing which he shall suffer a further simple imprisonment for a period of one year which shall be in addition to his substantive sentence of imprisonment.

Court further ordered that other accused are acquitted of the charge for the offences under sections 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) JK PC Act and 161/120-B/ 420 RPC, framed by this court. Proceedings against accused No. 4 who has died, stands dropped.

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JAMMU: Division of Agricultural Economics & Agri Business Management (AEABM) and Agribusiness Incubator, SKUAST-Jammu organized a webinar under the patronage of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu.

The webinar was organized to discuss the relevance of Agri-Entrepreneurship in taking the country forward towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Prof. Sharma expressed that the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign is a launch-pad to boost entrepreneurship, nurturing innovation and development of an environment for rural-urban symbiotic development.

He was speaking as a Chief Guest on the occasion.

Prof. Sharma observed that the development of entrepreneurship lies at the heart of this campaign and is one of the most important tools that will put us on the path of becoming more self reliant.

Encouraging the creation of an environment of innovation and entrepreneurship, he urged the individuals to adopt this campaign to transform local India into global India.

Earlier he gave a brief outline of the Agriculture sector and how most of it is unorganized. He pointed out that the only way to uplift this sector is by gradually shifting from the concept of Agriculture to Agri-Business.

Prof. Sharma also outlined the importance of processing and value addition for doubling the income of farmers that will eventually help in the achieving the overall goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Earlier, Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, Prof. & Head, Division of AEABM and I/c Agri Business Incubator, SKUAST-Jammu formally welcomed the distinguished guests, learned speakers and all other participants of the webinar.

She also gave a brief overview of the RKVY-RAFTAAR Project operational at Agri-Business

Incubator, SKUAST-Jammu and briefed the participants about the various activities being undertaken under the project in order to support budding agri-entrepreneurs and help them in securing funding from the Govt. of India.

She informed that two batches of Agri-entrepreneurs have already been successfully rolled out by the Incubator and a total of 14 start-ups have managed to get a healthy grant-in-aid from the GOI.

Dr. Bikram Singh, Dean FoA, SKUAST-Jammu who was the convener of the programme gave the opening remarks.

He discussed about the opportunities in Agriculture & its allied sectors and how entrepreneurship development is imperative for bringing in a positive change in the agriculture sector.

The expert speaker for the session, Sanjeeva Shivesh, Founder & CEO, The Entrepreneurship School, listed out the main factors that deter the Indian youth from taking the path of

entrepreneurship and self reliance.

He observed that a change in mindset is absolutely essential for fostering in an era of innovation & entrepreneurship in the country.

The other expert for the day, Dr. Asha Kapoor, Director training & learning, Global Solutions India discussed about the latest trends in the field of Agri-Entrepreneurship.

She earmarked some of the new opportunities waiting to be capitalized in the field of modern Agriculture.

Technical team consisting of Dr Manish Sharma, Professor and Head, Statistic and Computer Science, Dr. Rajan Salalia, Senior Scientist (Entomology), Dr Punit Choudhary Sr. Scientist and Head KVK Jammu, Dr Sachin Gupta Associate Professor (Pathology), Dr. Devinder Sharma, Assistant Professor, Entomology and Dr. S. P. Singh, Assistant Professor, Division of Agricultural Economics and ABM,

SKUAST-J helped in smooth conduct of the webinar on virtual platform.

More than 450 registrations were received for the webinar across the country which includes Scientists, line department officers, students and farmers. At the end vote of thanks was given by Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Associate Professor, AEABM.

He observed that as agriculture is the mainstay of the Indian economy, it will play a very crucial part in the journey towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat. He also listed the various schemes that have been rolled out by the Govt. of India in order to support the development of entrepreneurship and innovation in the field of agriculture & its allied sectors.

She also shared success stories of innovative farmers who took on bold challenges through Agri-entrepreneurship and made a name for themselves and their surrounding farming community.

CAIT J&K urges PM to roll out e-commerce rules

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JAMMU: Expressing gratitude towards Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for taking various important steps to bring much desired reforms in e-commerce sector in furtherance of vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Digital India', Neeraj Anand, President, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh UTs urged the Prime Minister to roll out e-commerce rules under Consumer Protection Act (CPA).

In a letter written to the Prime Minister, the President CAIT, J&K and Ladakh UTs, said that CAIT strongly align with this vision which would enable small traders to adopt digital commerce under Digital India programme, thereby putting all efforts to establish supremacy of the law and providing much needed playing field for all stakeholders. "It is gratifying to note that the draft rules of e-commerce under Consumer Protection Act have been greatly welcomed by one and all barring few vested interest entities who are habitual critics of any reformative step of the Government. As expected few organisations in the country are bent upon creating roadblocks to ensure that reforms are derailed and e-commerce sector should remain in the hands of few of the dictatorial forces," he added.

"As per announcement, the last date of submission of objection on the draft ecommerce policy was 21st July, 2021 and since then more than one and half month has passed, we presume that by now the suggestions must have been studied. Therefore, in wake of ensuing festive season of country, traders across the country are waiting for immediate rolling out of e-commerce rules so that thousands of e-commerce entities can conduct their businesses in a structured way," he asserted.

MIMC Geriatric Home receives donations from BMCT



MIMC receiving donations from BMCT.

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LEH: Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC) on Thursday received a truck load of donations from Buddhist Mission Charitable Trust for Mahabodhi Maitri Geriatric Home.

MIMC, Leh, UT of Ladakh acknowledged with utmost humility the truck-load ration items, very kindly donated by the Founder-Chairman and Members of Buddhist Mission Charitable Trust (BMCT), GT Road, Khaira, Dr. Ambekar Nagar,

Phillaur, Punjab for Mahabodhi Maitri Geriatric Home, MIMC Campus, Leh, which houses 33 male and female inmates.

Members of the BMCT, Phillaur, Subhash Chandra and Narinder Pal, brought the donated truck-load ration items all the way from Phillaur to Leh bearing the long and tiresome road journey.

This donation items-loaded truck, left Phillaur on 16th September, 2021 and reached Leh on 22nd September, 2021 covering a

distance of more than 750 kms.

Founder-President MIMC, Leh Bhikkhu Sanghasena expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Founder-Chairman

S.L Gindha and Members of BMCT, Phillaur for their goodwill gesture towards Mahabodhi Maitri Geriatric Home, Leh.

"This generous donation will inspire and encourage MIMC to render even greater humanitarian services towards the hapless and helpless elderly and differently-abled persons who badly need security , comfort and love at the fag end of their lives," said Bhikkhu Sanghasena.

The items donated included 50 bags of Atta /wheat flour, 40 bags of rice, 10 bags of sugar, refined oil, pulses, various types of Dals and Masalas.

Control of J&K Gurdwara Board, DGPC Jammu main cause of Wazir's murder: Sikh bodies

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JAMMU: Various Sikh bodies including Sikh Intellectuals Circle J&K, Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), International Sikh Federation, J&K Sikh Council, Sikh Students Federation and Sikh Nojawan Sabha Guru Nanak Nagar, Jammu have demanded sustained investigation into the deep-rooted conspiracy angle behind the murder of T.S Wazir, as after sustained consultations with various Sikh organizations and prominent gross-root level Sikh leaders and workers we have come to conclusion that control of J&K Gurdwara Parbandhak

Board & DGPC Jammu is the root cause of T.S Wazir's murder.

Senior Sikh leaders of these organizations including Narinder Singh Khalsa, Bhai Ram Singh, Ranjit Singh, Prof. Surinder Singh Wazir, Harmanan Singh, Ajmeet Singh, Harasis Singh, Ravinder Singh, Jatinder Singh Lucky, Manmohan Singh Khalsa, Avtar Singh, Kuljeet Singh, Amarjit Singh Bablu, Manmeet Singh, Manjit Singh, Hardev Singh, Baldev Singh, Rajinder Singh, Nirman Singh, Ajab Singh, Amrik Singh, Inderjit Singh and others while addressing a joint press con-

ference in Jammu said that T.S Wazir being chairman of J&K Gurdwara Parbandhak Board, Prominent leader of NC, Ex-MLC & Chairman of Transport Association, he was connected with the masses of J&K at grass-root level and after his mysterious murder entire society and particularly his party cadre, transport community and the minority Sikh community of J&K have been badly hurt and a sense of insecurity and deep rooted conspiracy behind this murder is looming large on their minds.

Sikh leaders, said with one voice, that we want to bring it in the notice of investigating agency that certain mysteri-

ous elements had hatched many conspiracies in the past against T.S Wazir, particularly to dislodge him from the chairmanship of J&K Gurdwara Parbandhak Board & also to grab the control of DGPC, Jammu by hook or crook.

Consequently, in 2011 T.S Wazir was even framed in a fake murder case by all such mysterious elements with concocted witnesses wherein T.S Wazir was ultimately acquitted by the judiciary.

Similarly all such mysterious elements who were closely associated with the murderers of T.S Wazir, had in fact initiated a disinformation and defaming campaign

against respected T.S Wazir, & his close associates, on social media, since nearly 2 years, they said.

"We are of the firm belief that all such mysterious elements, those who always failed to dislodge, Wazir democratically from J&K Gurdwara Parbandhak Board and DGPC Jammu are also responsible for motivating the murderers of Wazir for this heinous crime," they said.

They appealed to the investigating agency to seriously scrutinize all such mysterious elements and these factual angles pointing towards the conspiracy angle behind the murder of T.S Wazir.