

# TTM Deptt CUJ celebrates signature Fest, Travelism-2024 on World Tourism Day with focus on ‘Peace and Tourism’



Faculty and students of TTM Department of CUJ during annual fest, Travelism-2024 to celebrate World Tourism Day.

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JAMMU: The Department of Tourism and Travel Management (TTM) of Central University of Jammu (CUJ) hosted its annual fest, Travelism-2024, to celebrate World Tourism Day. This year's theme, "Peace and Tourism," emphasized the integral role that tourism plays in fostering peace and unity across the globe.

The event was inaugurated with great enthusiasm by the Chief Guest, Dr. Vivekananda Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu, and the

Guest of Honor, Dr. Bharat Sharma, Faculty at Kaplan Business School and Swinburne University, Australia. Both dignitaries highlighted the importance of tourism in building bridges between cultures and promoting mutual understanding.

The Vice Chancellor and Patron of the event, Prof. Sanjeev Jain along with Registrar, Prof. Yashwant Singh, graced the occasion with their presence, offering invaluable support to the Department's efforts. Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman,

Head of the Department of Tourism and Travel Management, also addressed the gathering, focusing on the academic and professional dimensions of tourism in today's world. The inauguration was graced with the presence of the faculty of the different disciplines.

In their inspiring addresses, the dignitaries underscored the need for promoting the local tourism potential of the region, with Dr. Rai particularly emphasizing how peace can be cultivated through travel and cultural exchange. Dr. Bharat

Sharma shared global perspectives on tourism trends, encouraging students to seize international opportunities.

Travelism-2024 features an array of competitive activities including Startup Pitch, Ad-Mad Show, Solo Singing competition, Folk Dance competition, Fashion show- Style and Swag, Photography- snapping through my Phone, Rangoli making competition and Logo designing competition designed to engage and challenge students in various aspects of tourism and hos-

pitality. The students with maximum participation and positions have been conferred with the Mr. Travelism and Miss. Travelism -2024 trophies.

A major highlight of the event is "Bharat Ka Swad," where students from different states of India set up food stalls showcasing their local cuisines. This vibrant exhibition not only celebrates the diverse flavors of India but also offers a unique opportunity for students to experience the culinary richness of the country.

The food stalls have become a focal point, drawing large crowds eager to taste regional delicacies while supporting student initiatives.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Bharti Gupta, the Organizing Secretary of Travelism-2024. Heema Devi and Samriti Sharma kept the audience engaged throughout the event as the Masters of Ceremony.



## Upcoming rally of PM Modi a game-changer for Assembly polls: Yudhvir

Urges people to attend PM Modi's rally in large number



BJP contesting candidate from East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi and others at a meeting.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and contesting candidate from East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, has hailed the upcoming rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a game-changer for the ongoing election campaign in Jammu. Scheduled to take place shortly, the rally is expected to galvanize support for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the highly anticipated Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the rally, Yudhvir Sethi expressed immense confidence in the leadership of PM Modi, noting that his dynamic presence and vision have consistently inspired the people of Jammu. "Prime Minister Modi's visit is a defining moment for our campaign. His commitment to the

development and security of Jammu and Kashmir has resonated with every section of society, and this rally will reinforce the message that only BJP can ensure lasting peace and progress in the region."

Sethi emphasized that under the Modi government, Jammu has witnessed unprecedented growth in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and employment. The abrogation of Article 370, which Sethi highlighted as a historic achievement, has paved the way for Jammu and Kashmir's full integration into the national mainstream, leading to new opportunities and initiatives for the people.

"As we approach the Assembly elections, it is clear that the people of Jammu and Kashmir stand with PM Modi and the BJP. Our party

has consistently worked to uplift the marginalized, provide jobs to the youth, and ensure that every citizen benefits from the welfare schemes initiated by the Central Government. The upcoming rally will be a powerful display of the support that BJP enjoys across the region," Sethi added.

Yudhvir Sethi, who has been actively engaging with his constituents in the East Constituency, expressed his optimism about the upcoming elections, stating that the BJP is poised to win with a decisive mandate. "I am honored to represent the East Constituency and stand by PM Modi's vision for a New Jammu and Kashmir. Together, we will achieve greater heights of development, unity, and prosperity." Yudhvir Sethi urged all party workers, supporters, and the general public of East Constituency to gather at 9:30 AM at Indira Chowk to move towards MA Stadium to attend PM Modi's rally in large numbers, stating that this event will mark a crucial turning point in the campaign. "This is not just a rally; it's a movement for change and progress. Let's all join hands to strengthen the vision of Prime Minister Modi and ensure a resounding victory for BJP in the upcoming Assembly polls."

## BJP heading towards clear mandate, will form its first ever exclusive government: Sham

Slams Congress, NC, PDP for neglecting Jammu region



BJP candidate for Jammu North constituency, Sham Lal Sharma addressing public meeting.

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JAMMU: BJP candidate for Jammu North constituency, Sham Lal Sharma on Friday said that Congress, NC, PDP never voiced for the cause and welfare of Jammu people, but their politics remained focused on Kashmir valley only.

It is BJP that not only registered concern about Jammu people but always advocated and fought for the welfare, equal justice and fair treatment with this region.

Addressing public gatherings at various wards in Jammu North constituency, Sham said that BJP is poised to get a clear mandate to form its next Government in Jammu Kashmir with first ever Dogra Hindu Chief Minister, which was a long cherished demand and dream of people of this region. He said that the long wait is over and after 8th October the BJP will fulfil the wishes of Jammuites.

Maintaining that Congress, NC, PDP always discriminated against Jammu on all fronts and people continued to suffer

for justice, but no one listened to their plight. These parties made all out efforts to undermine the rich Dogra culture, heritage and their sacrifices for the cause of the nation as well as Jammu Kashmir. Now the time has come when the people of this region will give them a befitting reply and elect an exclusive BJP headed government, Sham asserted.

Assuring the people to fill the gap within a shortest possible time, adding that BJP after coming to power will give focused attention to the overall development of Jammu region for which it remained neglected for over seven decades. The government will work with the power of a double engine as the Central Government will ensure free flow of funds for the development of every neglected area. Whatever promises and guarantees have been made by the party in its manifesto will be implemented on ground without wasting any time, Sham assured.

Holding fully responsible to NC, Congress and PDP for the turmoil and bloodshed in Kashmir during the

past over three decades, Sham said that these parties misled the people, made false promises and hollow slogans in the name of so-called Self Rule and Autonomy in Jammu Kashmir. Instead of working for the welfare of people and providing justice to the needy, they supported the pro-Pak agenda, anti-national forces, promoted separatism, communalism and incited peoples' sentiments against India. Now onwards nobody will be buying their false promises and green pastures and they will face ugly defeats in the elections, he asserted.

He urged the workers to step up their public outreach efforts, contact every individual voter to cast their votes for the BJP to ensure a peaceful, secured and prosperous Jammu Kashmir.

Prominent among those who addressed the gatherings included Mandal Presidents Ravish Mengi, Suresh Khajuria, Ex Corporators Sunita Gupta, Mohinder Kumar, Ashok Singh Manhas and Suraj Padha.

## Dr. Jasrotia calls on J&K voters to ensure victory for Bharat, not Islamabad

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JAMMU: Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, the BJP Spokesperson, has termed the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir elections as a "decisive moment" for the future of the region and the nation. Drawing a parallel to the intense anticipation of an India-Pakistan cricket match, Dr. Jasrotia emphasized the national importance of these elections, urging every citizen to ensure J&K's victory in India's democratic framework.

He hailed the abrogation of Article 370 as a landmark step that has paved the way for equality, justice, and development in Jammu & Kashmir. He highlighted the historical injustice faced by the Dogra community of Jammu, dating back to the Nehru-Sheikh alliance, which, according to him, disproportionately favored Kashmir over Jammu. "For decades, Jammu was sidelined, and the rightful demands of its people were ignored," Dr. Jasrotia said, recalling how even prominent leaders like Prem Nath Dogra were denied their due

recognition. The BJP spokesperson issued a strong warning about the involvement of external forces in the region's politics, pointing to recent statements by Pakistan's defense minister, which he claimed aligned with certain elements in the political landscape. Dr. Jasrotia described this as a matter of "national pride and security," framing the elections as a battle for the "soul of Jammu & Kashmir and India."

He concluded with a clarion call for the people of J&K to ensure that the victory celebrations take place in Delhi, signifying progress for India, rather than in Islamabad. "The responsibility lies with every voter in J&K to make this election a win for democracy, peace, and development," he said, quoting the patriotic sentiment, "Sare Jahan Se Achha, Hindustan Humara."

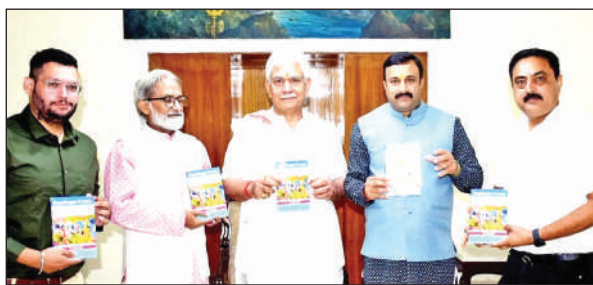
As Jammu & Kashmir prepares for its crucial elections, Dr. Jasrotia's statement is a reminder of the significant political and national stakes involved.

## LG releases Hindi book titled ‘Visnudharmottarapuram mein Raj Tantra’

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday released a Hindi book titled "Visnudharmottarapuram mein Raj Tantra", edited by Prof. Sharat Chander Sharma. The book was written by late Dr. Dev Rattan Shastri.

The Lt Governor con-



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha releases Hindi book titled "Visnudharmottarapuram mein Raj Tantra".

gratulated and extended his best wishes to the editor and everyone associated with the publication.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Kailash Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust, along with Trustee and other members of the trust including Sunil Sharma and Samartha Sharma were also present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

# With eye on the ‘vote’ of POJK DPs, Political ‘Parties’ have ‘remembered’ the ‘1st Victims of Pakistan Aggression', why?

### ■ DAYA SAGAR

The process for elections to 1st Legislative Assembly of UT of J&K has been initiated nearly 5 years after October 2019. Elections for Phase-I and Phase -II have been over. Elections for phase -III will be held on 1st October. The political parties have 'also' shown concern for the POJKDPs 1947 ( families displaced from areas of Indian state of J&K occupied by Pakistan in 1947 ( even 1965/1971) during these elections . BJP has claimed that it was only after BJP came to power in 2016 GOI ordered to pay Rs.5.5 Lakh as one time settlement to POJK DP families where as no earlier government had cared for them and have many more welfare proposals for them in times to come . The Congress party ( Sh. Raman Bhalla , Working President) has not lost the sight and has said that NC- Congress Government had in recommended to Government of India Rs.30 Lakh as one time settlement and in case Congress alliance is voted to power they will see that Rs 30 Lakh is paid as one time settlement. It is not out of place that NC- Congress government had not recommended Rs. 30 Lakh , the recommendation was for Rs. 25 Lakh / per family at uniform rate to all families and that too was technically not correct because settlement has to be proportionate to the loss suffered by individual families. Any Congress could

be asked why did they not agitate and impress upon govern of India to pay Rs. 30 lakh or Rs 25 Lakh when government decided in 2016 to pay just Rs 5.5 Lakh and now during elections they have remembered that.

The families of the subjects of erst-while princely State of J&K ( which acceded to India nearly two and half month after Dominion of India became independent and that too after Pakistan openly engineered attacked on the then Princely State ) who had been displaced from the areas illegally occupied by Pakistan and had not been paid the claims for the properties left behind by them pleading that they were not like other refugees from Pakistan and had been staying in their own country after getting displaced from the areas which "too belong to their own country".

It is not out of place to mentions here that Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the then Prime Minister of J&K, did feel and understand the plight and conditions of the people who were forced to flee from the areas of Jammu & Kashmir occupied by invaders / forces aided and abetted by Pakistan in October 1947/ thereafter ) and named them as Displaced Persons (DPs) from Pakistan Occupied Areas of J&K ( POJK DPs) vide order No. 1476-C of 1950 dated 16.12.1950 issued under his ( Sheikh's) own signatures where as . se who had left Jammu & Kashmir and had gone to new born Dominion of

Pakistan (West Punjab) on their own were termed as migrants in the same order. Many families had left their hearths even without any 'change over' clothing, many could not carry even the property documents, some members of many families could join other members after months of reaching to safer areas , many displaced persons /families had seen their near ones killed / tortured/ raped before their eyes, many young girls/ women were even killed by their own me nfolk to save their honour; many woman committed 'suicide' by jumping into rivers / open wells to save their honour. Those who could manage to save their life moved to safer areas of J&K or managed to reach other Indian state

Late S. Bachan Singh Panchi had been struggling for convincing the Government of India and Government of J&K under the banner of J&K Shranarthi Action Committee for providing compensation to them for the properties / assets left behind in any form in case claims cannot be paid due to technical reasons and he had even made a petition before the Rajay Sabha in 1978 S. Panchi . It was on 26th June 2013 that memorandum addressed to S. Man Mohan Singh Ji, the then Honourable Prime Minister

was submitted on behalf of POJK DPs by J&K Sharnarthi Action Committee through Divisional Commissioner Jammu by Adv Ronik Sharma under the guidance of M.K. Raina the GS of J&K SAC.

It was only in 2014 that the then NC-Congress government in J&K had initiated ( D.O. letter No. Rev/Rehab/08/2011 dated 20-10-2014 for Rehabilitation @Rs.25 Lakh / family one time full and final settlement of the claims of the POJK Displaced Persons of 1947 AND Chammb Displaced Persons 1965/71 ) some propos-

als w.r.t to POJK DPs where in among other things it was recommended to GOI that a one time settlement of Rs.25 Lakh be paid to each displaced family of 1947 times (also to those of 1965/1971 war times). Objections to the proposals made by the J&K government were made by POJK DPs & the people working in their cause like that it was not fair to pay same amount to all the families irrespective of the value of the assets / properties left behind and it was also not fair to pin the total number of affected families since no any regular registration for count of displaced families had been done upto then and so strangely 5300 families staying outside after displacement were excluded from the proposals.

Not only that One Hundred Eighty Third Report on problems being faced by refugees and displaced persons in J& K was presented to Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2014( that was also laid on the table of Lok Sabha on 22nd December 2014) and was drawn by a sub-committee on Action Taken on 137th Report on Rehabilitation of J & K Migrants of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs (2013) with Rajiv Pratap Rudy MP as convener that visited J&K during first week of September 2013 for interaction with affected people and State Government had recommended that one settlement of Rs.30 Lakh be paid to each 1947 times displaced family and had also suggested for a regular registration of all the displaced families. No doubt the here too recommending one time settlement of Rs.30 Lakh for all families at uniform rate was not technically fair . But approvals of Government of India for disbursement of one time settlement to POJK DPs were conveyed to J&K Chief Secretary vide letter No. 31/01/2011-R & SO dated 22-12-2016 s/d by Director Rehabilitation ,FFR Division, MHA, GOI but that was not even for Rs 30 Lakh per family but for only Rs. 5.5 Lakh per family.

In reply to Public Grievance registered in PG portal vide registration number PMOPG/E 120161 05093 19 dated 24.11.2016 by Daya Sagar -Shri S.K.

Parida U/S to GOI, vide No.191212013-R&SO dated the 13th January, 2017 , Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India (FFR Division) 2'd Floor, NDCC-I Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi, had conveyed : "Sir, I am directed to refer to your grievance regarding rehabilitation package of Rs. 2000 crore for displaced persons settled outside State of Jammu & Kashmir: 2. In this regard, it is stated that Government of Jammu & Kashmir has identified 36,384 displaced families from Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) of 1947 and Chhamb of 1965 & 1971 and sent a proposal for one time settlement of these displaced families. Accordingly, central assistance of Rs. 2000 crore for one-time settlement of these displaced families to be disbursed "

No doubt large population of POJK DPs are presenting living in the areas of J&K that will go to polls on 1st Oct 2024 and so have remembered the political leaders.

Anyhow in case the political parties eying at power seat are atleast now serious let them make it public that they will get a total number could through a regular registration of all POJK DP families of 1947 and would settle their dues on uniformly for all but by getting assessed the actual value of the assets left behind in 1947 at todays value.

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