

DSS visits Jambulochan Memorial, Balidan Stambh & Ranbhir Canal

Demands preservation of monuments and rich culture of Duggar Pardesh

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An urgent and important meeting of the members of the working committee and special invitees of Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K was held at the Sabha Bhawan, Dogra Hall Jammu wherein all participants extended full support to Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, President, Dogra Sadar Sabha and former Cabinet Minister, in his sustained struggle on behalf of the DSS for promoting Dogri language along with its various dialects and for the revival and rejuvenation of Dogra culture and traditions, upgrading Jammu Doordarshan Kendra and starting of Duggar Satellite Channel by the Government of India, effective measures for protection of Dogra heritage including the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and other historical forts, palaces, temples, ponds and the iconic Ranbir Canal, promoting business and tourism in all districts of Jammu region through organisation of Jammu Festival/Duggar Festival to mark Baisakhi Celebrations in a big and befitting way.

In this regard, Charak along with members of the working committee and special invitees visited the Raja Jambulochan Memorial opposite Ranbireshwar Temple, Jammu. The participants paid glorious tributes to Raja Jambulochan and lauded the Municipal Corp. Jammu for starting renovating this heritage site under the prestigious Smart City project. Speaking on the occasion, Charak mentioned that this Memorial Park was established on 13th April 1994 after installing the Statues of the Raja Jambulochan and the Lion and Goat drinking water at the same pond, on the auspicious occasion of Baisakhi Celebrations with an aim to promote the Duggar Festival. He urged the district administration to give due focus to this heritage site and



maintain it properly with the functioning of fountain in the park.

Later, Gulchain Singh Charak along with the working committee members visited Balidan Stambh in Jammu where rich and heartfelt tributes were paid to the martyrs of the national defence forces who had sacrificed their lives in the line of duty since 1947. It was demanded that a small tuck shop and a sale outlet must be established at the Balidan Stambh from where the visitors could purchase information leaflet/brochure about the martyrs, mementos, light eatables, etc.

The former Cabinet Minister also reiterated that the construction work of Balidaan Stambh at Pratap Park Srinagar with names of Armed forces martyrs who have saved, defended and protected Kashmir has not yet started after the Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation Stone in June last year. This proposed monument will link Kashmir with the nationwide families of martyrs who would visit the site as an emotional pilgrimage and further strengthen national tourism and integration.

Later, Shri Charak along with members of the working committee and special invitees visited Jammu's first Power House near Canal Road

in Jammu and raised serious concern over deplorable condition of the historical Ranbhir Canal and Power House constructed over that which was built by the Maharaja Partap Singh. He mentioned that the work of Ranbir Canal was completed in 1905 and then a Hydro-Electric power station, designed by Div. Engineer Lala Makkan Lal, started its operation in 1909 with power generation of 1,250 (Horse power). The participants expressed anguish over the poor state of this heritage Canal and as the present government must take necessary steps to preserve this heritage building. He also demanded that the historical Ranbir canal be declared a protected monument and preserved and developed on the lines of Sabarmati river front in Gujarat with solar panels that augment power supply to Jammu. He emphasized the necessity of a serious initiative from the UT government side in this regard and regretted that such an initiative was lacking till date. Charak said that the people of Jammu wholeheartedly supported the UT administration led by the Hon'ble Lt Governor with the hope that important measures like the those mentioned earlier will be taken to protect and promote the cultural identity of

Jammu region, but it is not understandable why the government is dragging its feet on these vital issues. He stressed that the LG administration must take immediate steps to address the above mentioned issues raised by the Sabha and the local artists, singers, dancers, musicians and painters. He said that these classes of artists have a great capacity to influence public opinion through their respective art and their voice should not be ignored.

Charak endorsed the long pending demand of Dogra Sadar Sabha and Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association before the Union Government to upgrade the Doordarshan Kendra Jammu to the status of Duggar Satellite Channel so that this medium effectively serves to educate, entertain, and awaken the masses on heritage, culture, modern science and technology, welfare schemes, etc. by making the best use of Dogri language, culture and invaluable legacy.

The former Minister called upon all political parties to join together for the cause of Jammu and get over the tendency to outdo each other but join together in one voice for betterment of Jammu, restoration of Dogra heritage and our pristine culture, monuments, language and ethos. He

made it clear that the Dogra Sadar Sabha is a responsible 120 year old organisation and it never makes any illegitimate and irrational demands. The DSS has remained in the forefront to appreciate the good steps whenever taken by the government, but it will not remain behind in projecting and supporting the genuine demands of the people of Jammu. So, the government must consider the said demands and also the other unfulfilled demands raised from time to time, and fulfill these immediately.

Dogra Sadar Sabha, the 120 years old a democratic and secular organization of all Dogras, the founders of this erstwhile J&K state urges to all the political parties and the leaders taking part in the upcoming elections to refrain from engaging in divisive campaign based on religion and other factors. They further emphasize the importance of maintaining proper brotherhood and unity among all the communities. In the end, DSS requested Hon'ble LG to kindly expedite time bound action on it so that the site gets in some shape by the Independence day-2024.

Prominent among others present in the meeting were: Col. Karan Singh, Prem Sagar Gupta, Ghulam Ahmed Khwaja, Gambhir Dev Singh, Maj Gen. Sunita Kapoor, Col. Dr. Virender Sahi, Rajesh Gupta, Kuldeep Wahi, Abdul Majid, Jagdeep Singh, Chhankar Singh, Raghuvir Singh, Khajur Singh, Parshotam Singh Charak, Narinder Singh, Ravi Singh Slatia, Balwant Saini, Faqir Singh Kamal Singh, Pritam Singh, Kehar Singh, Chhaju Singh Jamwal, Om Prakash, Ram Dass Billoria, Chuni Lal, Sh. Bhagwan Singh, Sh. Devinder Singh, Amanat Ali Shah, Pritam Singh Charak, Adv. Mohd Nageem, Ahesham-ul-Haq, Prem Pal Singh, Dr. Samar Dev Singh, O.P Sangra Mohinder Singh & Romesh Gupta & Raj Kumar Thappa.

"Rising tide of peace in J&K"

Mehbooba riled as youth embrace harmony, ditch separatism: Raman Suri

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Condemning Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti's statement wherein she accused J&K government of "harassing" families of separatists, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri argued that Mufti's discontent stems from the increasing inclination of youth towards peace and prosperity, a shift away from separatist activities. He highlighted PDP's failure during its tenure to facilitate the socio-economic advancement of young people, leaving them vulnerable to violence and nepotism.

Raman Suri said that during PDP rule, backdoor appointments shattered youth, incompetent people were appointed on many Boards and Corporations, and youngsters drawn towards separatism were never asked to come onboard mainstream but now, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has opened ample opportunities for them and many Lakshpati Didi's are scripting history on socio-economic front, Mehbooba Mufti is finding flaws in them. Suri accused Mufti of perpetuating unrest in the Union Territory by resisting the mainstreaming of separatist families and their disavowal of divisive ideologies. He argued that Mufti's condemnation of statements from the relatives of jailed separatist leaders, who have renounced separatism, reveals her aversion to the region's shift towards peace



and development. Suri emphasized the importance of Mufti's responsibility, as a former Chief Minister, to support the region's youth as they embrace a future of harmony and progress.

The biggest enemy of youth, PDP, used them only to promote itself, and when it came to help youngsters become part of the decision-making institutions, she and her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed chose to appoint their own relatives like brothers and daughters on key political and administrative posts, thereby marring the career of several educated and skilled youth of Jammu and Kashmir. Mehbooba Mufti brought her brother to head a ministry in J&K, who failed and left the erstwhile state, and when it came to contest local body polls, she chose to boycott the same and jeopardized the political career of thousands of aspirants of her own party. Having failed to bring youngsters to the mainstream, she is now issuing sermons to J&K government and accusing it of harassing families of separatists, who are willingly joining mainstream and are abandoning

politics of hatred and division. Mehbooba Mufti, Raman Suri said, wants unrest to prevail in the Union Territory (UT), which is why she is not able to digest the families of separatist leaders joining mainstream or distancing themselves from separatism or its ideology. Had she been the supporter of youngsters, she would not have chosen to condemn the statements of jailed separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah's daughter Sama Shabir and Hurriyat patriarch Syed Ali Geelani's granddaughter Ruwa Shah, where they distanced themselves from the separatist ideology.

Mehbooba Mufti, being a former Chief Minister, must issue responsible statements, knowing that these young girls have not distanced themselves from their families but said goodbye to the ideology of separatism, thereby sending a strong message amongst the youngsters that Kashmir is looking towards the new horizons of peace, prosperity, and development, in which youth is taking an active part and writing their own destiny.

Mehbooba Mufti herself, while taking the oath of office, had pledged her loyalty to the Constitution and unfurled the Indian flag on many occasions, and now, when young boys and girls are distancing themselves from the separatist ideology and pledging their loyalty to the "sovereignty of India", what exactly is irking Mehbooba, she must explain, said Raman Suri.

BSP only alternative to J&K electorates, says Darshan Rana

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Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has intensified its election campaign for the Lok Sabha J&K candidate Jagdish Verma. On Thursday, Bahujan Samaj Party, meetings were organized in villages Kalyana, Balesar, Qutub Nizam, Symbol Camp and Thikaria of Suchetgarh and RS Pura assembly constituency and appealed to the people to give their full support to Bahujan Samaj Party. During these meetings, J&K president of Bahujan Samaj Party Darshan Rana was Was chief Guest.

Darshan Rana today claimed that BSP is

spreading its roots in Jammu and Kashmir and it is the only alternative with the electorates of Jammu and Kashmir. Rana described the concept as the key to retrieving back the glorious ethos of inclusive Jammu and Kashmir to its pristine glory again by adopting the policies of BSP and to strengthening it. He said that the BSP is a way forward to respect the urges and aspirations of all the regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir with none being discriminated against or dominated politically, socially, and economically. Each one, irrespective of region, religion or caste, must have equal rights

regarding resources and governance.

Rana said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want change and only Bahujan Samaj Party can bring this change. He said that the public has understood that there is a lot of difference between the words and actions of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Congress Party, National Conference and PDP governments.

These political parties have always betrayed the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Seniors party Leaders Hari Chand, Raja Singh, Bishan Dass Bhagat, Raja Kumar Bhagat and Gurdev Singh and others were also present.

Sculptor Ganesh Sharma honoured with "Intl. Appreciative Doctorate Certificate"

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Well known eminent senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma, son of the soil, honoured with "Internationally acclaimed Appreciative Doctorate Certificate" for art, literature and media. The "Internationally Accredited Doctorate Certificate" in art, literature and media, presented virtually by Palace of Culture University of Sciences, literature, arts and world peace in collaboration with " Mesopotamia Lions Union " for Culture and Peace, Iraq. Dean of the university, Dr SabreenAllam, Chairman of the Board of Directors Dr Ben Mariam Perfume and the President of "Mesopotamia Lions Union " Dr Omar Al - Baghdadi congratulated to Mr. Ganesh Sharma and wishes more success in future endeavours. The president Dr Omar Al - Baghdadi presented virtually this internationally acclaimed Doctorate Certificate with proudly and joyfully to Mr. Ganesh due to his pioneering role in spreading the art and culture of peace and love among the people of the world from more than forty years. It is to mention here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma belongs to International border village Sanoora of Samba district, and presently residing at Hiranagar, of district Kathua. Mr. Ganesh Sharma's art works brought so many laurels to him and as well as to Jammu and Kashmir UT. His art works are in permanent collections in many government galleries as well as in private galleries, he is awarded so many times at State, National and International levels.

JKBS remembers legendary singer Lal Chand Yamla on his 111th birthday

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The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha Members to paid tributes to Punjabi singer Lal Chand Yamla on his 111th Birth Day in a brief function held at Surya Vihar here today. Lal Chand Yamla was born on March 28, 1914 in a Chanjotra family of Batwal community at Chakk no. 384 in Lyalpur District of Pakistan. His songs still resonate with his admirers across the globe. To his credit, Lal Chand Yamla has hundreds of songs including the famous 'Das mein ki Pyar wichon khatya', 'Satgur Nanak Teri Leela nyaari ae', 'Satguru Nanak Aja', 'Jag Deya Chanana Tu', 'Chitta Ho Giya Lahoo', 'Jewani Meri Rangili', 'Sacha Souda', 'Jodi Vech Ke', 'Mukh Tera Chann', 'Aar Tanga Paar Tanga', 'Jorhi Rab Ne Mila' and 'Whisky Di Botal Wargi'. His association with Mohinderjit Kaur Sekhon is well noted. Also, his association with Alam Lohar is well remembered. There have been so many singers in Punjab but Lal Chand Yamla was completely unique, JKBS/General Secretary R.L.Kaith.

Ghou-Manhassan resident Shammi Kumar constructs home with assistance under PMAY scheme

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Ghou-Manhassan's Ward No. 5 resident Shammi Kumar has constructed his pacca house with the financial assistance he received under PMAY scheme. Shammi gives credit to Ex Dy Chairman, Municipal Committee Ghou-Manhassan Krishan Lal Kaith who helped him a lot in obtaining the said financial assistance. Speaking on the occasion, Krishan Lal Kaith said, The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a housing initiative launched by the Government of India in 2015 with the aim of providing affordable housing to all citizens. The scheme targets the shortage of affordable housing in India, particularly in urban areas, by offering financial assistance to those who cannot afford their own home. Under the PMAY scheme, eligible beneficiaries can access interest subsidies on home loans and direct financial assistance for the construction of houses. Among others present on the construction site include Messrs Tilak Raj, Madan Lal, Kartar Chand, Rajesh Kumar and Raj Mistry.

Notorious drug peddler arrested, heroin recovered

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REASI, MAR 28:

In continuous drive against Drug Abuse launched by District Police Reasi under Operation Jeevandan, surprise naka & checking is being conducted to check the offenders & criminals. Police team of Police Station Reasi laid a surprise naka at Sulla area, while conducting surprise checking, apprehended one person namely Rashid S/O Mohd Aslam R/O W. No.02, Reasi and co-passenger namely Shajad Ahmed S/O Abdul Aziz R/O W. No.08 Reasi. During checking the Naka incharge recovered heroin like substance (2grams) from the dashboard of the said vehicle. On this FIR No.60/2024 US 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Reasi and investigation is ongoing to unearth backward and forward linkage. The whole operation was led by SHO Reasi Chaman Gorka under supervision of DySP HQ Reasi Neeraj Padyar-JKPS.

NCC Directorate JK&L maintains winning streak in basic mountaineering course at Darjeeling

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Cadet Mohit Knathia of NCC Directorate Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh maintained edge in a very demanding Mountaineering Course at Darjeeling. Cadet Mohit of GDC Kathua belonging to 4 JK NCC Battalion of Jammu Group excelled amongst 42 candidates by finishing at the Podium as the Best Student on the Course. The Cadet excelled in 14 Km Physical Endurance Test, Glacier and Ice Climbing, Sports Wall Climbing, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Rock Craft, Tent Pitching, Map Reading, Written Tests and Discipline. The effort by the cadet complimented by the right selection and continuous motivation by the Battalion Commander, Colonel Ram Madhukar Sharma and ANO Lt Daya Ram speaks volumes about the involvement of all stakeholders in facilitating the Victorious Will amongst the Cadets. Such performances go a long way in sustaining the motivation and inspire many cadets to challenge their human efforts through their indomitable spirit built over a period of time. This performance would serve as an inspiration to more students from the institutes to live their dreams by joining and excelling in the NCC.

'Padhega India to Badhega India' organized at Hatha Seri, Rajouri

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Education is one of the most important instrument for social, economic and political transformation in any society. A good School infrastructure for student provides a comfortable, secure, safe, focused and sound learning environment. Indian Army in its attempt to provide quality education to the students of remote of Hatha Seri conducted various events for Upgradation of Schools. The events were to spread awareness amongst students about importance and significance of literacy and various initiatives by Government for education. As part of welfare measure furnitures were also given for overall upgradation of school. During the events, motivational lectures were given on, "To Join Armed Forces and importance of Education in Life". With this initiative, Indian Army once again extended a good gesture towards consolidation of military-civil bond.

Dharmarth Trust, Sanatan Dharam Sabha to organize grand Shoba Yatra on Shree Ram Navami

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Jammu & Kashmir Dharmarth Trust in collaboration with Santan Dharam Sabha, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, and other Religious Organizations, is set to organize a Grand Rath/Shoba Yatra on the upcoming Shree Ram Navami, as per past practice. In this regard, a joint meeting was held at the Central Office of J&K Dharmarth Trust on Shalamar Road, Jammu, to discuss the smooth conduct of the Yatra. The meeting discussed various aspects of the smooth conduct of the Shoba Yatra. Brig RS Langeh, President of the Trust, and Ashok Kumar Sharma, SSP Redd, Secretary of the Trust, chaired the meeting in which members of the Santan Dharam Sabha,

Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, and other Religious Organizations were present. The Trust President sought the continuous support of the organizations in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Shoba Yatra and requested people to lend their support to the event. He urged the people of Jammu to participate in the Shoba Yatra and let us all come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion with harmony and joy. The Secretary informed that this year, the traditional route of the Shoba Yatra would be changed due to ongoing construction works at Raghunath Bazar. He informed that the Rath Yatra shall start from the Shree Raghunath Ji Temple Complex and pass through Residency Road, Rajinder Bazar, Kanak Mandi, City

Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazar, Gita Bhawan, Ranbireshwar Temple, Shalamar Road, Indra Chowk, Har Market, and finally culminate at Raghunath Ji Temple. He also appealed to the District Administration to provide all possible support to make this Yatra a grand success.

Those present at the meeting included Sh. Prabhat Singh, Working President, Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Jammu; Sh. Sanjay Gupta, General Secretary, Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Jammu; Sh. Anil Sharma, President, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, Jammu; and Sh. Gopal Sharma, General Secretary, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, Jammu.

Eminent media persons interact with Faculty of SCERT, Jammu

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The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Divisional Office Jammu successfully convened a 01day Orientation Program focused on Media and Institutional Policies on 28th, March 2024 featuring Dr. Anil Saumitra, Regional Director Indian Institute of Mass communication, Northern Regional Campus Jammu and Sh. Pardeep Dutta, Senior Editor Times Now. The program was convened under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, the Joint Director, JK-SCERT Jammu. The programme aimed to provide insights into the role of media in shaping institutional policies with a specific focus on educational sector and paved the way for enhanced understanding of mass media and communication. The program commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief guest Director SCERT, J&K (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Joint Director SCERT, Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor in the presence of other dignitaries and the rendition of the National Anthem. The orientation session emphasized on emerging trends, challenges and opportunities in the dynamic landscape of media and education. Welcome address was presented by Asstt. Professor Smt. Arti Gupta, Convenor of Press Release and Media Committee. She extended a warm welcome to the guest



speaker Sh. Pardeep Dutta and Special Guest Prof. (Dr.) Anil Saumitra. She dispensed a brief overview of the program emphasizing the council's commitment to foster collaboration between media professionals and educational stakeholders.

Pardeep Dutta, captivated the audience with his profound knowledge and expertise in Media and Institutional Policies (Dr.) Anil Saumitra, having a teaching experience of more than twenty five years as a senior journalist and academician, shared his words of wisdom and underscored the importance of aligning communication efforts with institutional policies to ensure transparency, credibility and consistency. The program accentuated the critical role of media in shaping institutional policies and capacity building among stakeholder. Joint Director SCERT Jammu extended her gratitude to Director SCERT Prof Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas for presiding over the event and for his unwavering support to convene

such programs. She congratulated all the committee members for their tireless efforts, and encouraged the faculty to leverage the acumen gained from the program and she expressed her hope that such type of collaborations with persons of eminence will go a long way to enlighten the SCERT faculty. Director SCERT Jammu applauded the efforts of JD, SCERT for organizing such programs and appreciated the efforts of the committee members.

The programme was moderated by Mrs. Monica Sharma, Academic Officer (AO) SCERT Jammu, and was attended by the faculty of SCERT Jammu. The program was managed by Assistant Prof. Arti Gupta, & her team members namely Mrs. Monica Sharma, Mrs. Rukshana Gulbadan, Mrs. Neena Puri, Mrs. Manisha Chun, Mrs. Neeraj Jamwal. Technical support was provided by Mr. Navneet Gupta, Mr. Deepak Kumar and Mrs. Lakshmi Puri. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Manisha Chun AO.