

NSF celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Ashfaqulla Khan

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programmed in University Campus and on the birth anniversary of Ashfaqulla Khan who laid his life for the country. Amid slogans "Ashfaqulla Khan" inqulaab Zindabad" 'Bharat Mata ki jai' and they paid tributes to Ashfaqulla Khan and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil.

Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC was the chief guest while, Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator and Zonal Secretary Central Zone JKNC, presided over the function and Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF was the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Ankush Abrol threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of Ashfaqulla Khan.

Abrol appreciated the initiative taken by the NSF member to remember the Birth anniversary of Ashfaqulla Khan. He said that the real tributes to the martyrs would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction. He exhorted the youth to refrain from drugs and intoxicants.

Abrol said that When Gandhi withdrew the Non-Cooperation Movement after the Chauri Chaura incident in 1922, so many Indian youths were left dejected. Ashfaq was also one of them. He felt that India should become free as soon as possible and so he decided to join the revolutionaries and also win the friendship of Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil, a famous revolutionary of Shahjahanpur.

Dr Vikas Sharma recalled the planning capability, boldness and feeling of nationalism in martyr Ashfaq and stressed upon the youth to follow his ideas. He appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

He also said that we will make Jammu and Kashmir free from drug addiction, extending helping hands to youth for intensive endeavour to create awareness among them. To achieve this motive, he declared that the NSF will put in every effort to get rid of the menace of drugs spoiling the youth. Dr. Vikas Sharma further said that the right tribute to Ashfaqulla Khan would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State. He said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavor to regain Jammu and Kashmir State.

Dr Sukhdev Singh also addressed and said that Ashfaqulla Khan was put to death by hanging on 19 December, 1927, at Faizabad jail. This revolutionary man became a martyr and a legend among his people due to his love for the motherland, his clear thinking and loyalty.

Irfan Ahmed, Chairman University Unit delivered the welcome address and Roshan Sharma District President delivered the vote of thanks.

Other prominent present on the occasion include Vikshay Vashist Secretary NSF, Abhishek Uppal Chairman District Unit, Gorav Partap, Zeeshan Ali Rather, Pankaj Sharma, Mohd Umar, Prince, Muneeb ul islam, Mohd Arbaz and others.

Ms. Rohini Raina Declares

Qualified for the Award of Ph.D

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : Ms. Rohini Raina, daughter of Shri Vishnu Prashad Raina and Smt. Kavita Raina, has been conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). She carried out her doctoral research on the topic "Deep Learning Approaches for Stratification and Segmentation of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia" under the guidance of Dr. Naveen Kumar Gondhi, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. During her Ph.D., Ms. Raina published several research papers in reputed journals and was honored with the Best Paper Award for her scholarly contributions. Her research was also supported by TEQIP-III funding from the Government of India, and she has further demonstrated her academic excellence by qualifying UGC-NET in Ph.D. She is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the AI/ML and Hons., Department of Computer Engineering and Applications at G.L.A University, Mathura. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University extends its heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Rohini Raina on this remarkable achievement and wishes her a bright and successful future ahead.

Indian Army Establishes Digital Learning

Centres at Basantgarh & Raichak, Udhampur

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : As part of its continued efforts to promote education, bridge the digital divide and empower the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Army, under Operation Sadbhavana, has established two fully functional computer laboratories at Government Higher Secondary School Basantgarh and Government Higher Secondary School Raichak in District Udhampur. Each lab has been equipped with 08 computers and essential accessories, providing students with access to modern digital learning tools and resources. This initiative aims to enhance computer literacy, improve academic outcomes and prepare young minds for future opportunities in an increasingly technology-driven world. Through such impactful initiatives, the Indian Army not only strengthens the bond of trust, development and progress with local communities but also reaffirms its commitment to nation-building beyond security responsibilities. These projects under Operation Sadbhavana continue to transform lives, enabling the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to step confidently into a brighter and more digitally empowered future.

Indian Army Organised Medical & Veterinary Camp for Gujjar & Bakkarwal Communities at Chattergala, Doda

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : The Indian Army successfully organized a Medical & Veterinary Camp at Chattergala for the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities as part of the ongoing Project Sadbhavana. The initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare and veterinary services to these communities, particularly in remote areas, enhancing civil-military cooperation and fostering goodwill. The camp offered free health check-ups, distribution of essential medicines and veterinary care for livestock, including vaccinations and treatments. Additionally, awareness drives on health, hygiene and the importance of proper livestock care were conducted to improve the overall well-being of both people and animals in the region. A total of 127 individuals from the local communities benefited from this initiative, receiving necessary medical attention and livestock care. The camp's success underscores the Indian Army's continued commitment to supporting rural communities, ensuring access to vital healthcare services and strengthening the bond of trust between the Indian Army and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The initiative also reflects the Indian Army's role in fostering sustainable development and enhancing the living standards of marginalized communities through its humanitarian outreach programs.

Rangyug and 92.7 BIG FM Distribute Relief Cheques worth Rs. 2 lacs to Flood-Affected Families of Jammu on Diwali



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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : In a heartfelt initiative to support families affected by the recent floods in Jammu, Rangyug : Theatre for Social Change and Self Realisation in collaboration with 92.7 BIG FM distributed relief cheques worth Rs 20000 each to among 10 flood affected families, with the assistance of the District Administration, Jammu. The distribution ceremony was held at the DC Office Jammu in the presence of ADC Jammu Ansuya Jamwal JKAS and local officials.

The funds were raised through the special charity performance of Rangyug's acclaimed Dogri solo play "Chanchlo" performed by RJ Juhie, dedicated to the flood victims. The proceeds collected from the event were today handed over to ten deserving fami-

lies who are still struggling to make for the losses they suffered.

Speaking on the occasion, Ansuya Jamwal appreciated the collaborative effort, saying,

"This initiative beautifully reflects the power of art and community. Rangyug and BIG FM have shown how culture and compassion can come together to bring hope."

Deepak Kumar, Founder-Director of Rangyug thanked all the contributors who supported the charity show through open donations and tickets and said,

"Through 'Chanchlo', we wanted to use art as a means of healing and solidarity.

The people of Jammu once again proved that empathy is our greatest strength. The Jammu people deserve all the applause for standing by

the affected families in whatever way they could and it is because of these compassionate people that we could raise this amount."

Vikrant Sharma (Cluster Sales Head North) and RJ Juhie, representing 92.7 BIG FM, added,

"BIG FM has always stood for causes that matter. Under our initiative 'Hands for Humanity' we did some relief work with the help of civil society in some areas and joining hands with Rangyug for this charity show for relief drive was our way of giving back to the community that supports and listens to us."

The relief cheques were formally distributed by Deepak Kumar, Vikrant Sharma and RJ Juhie through the District Administration, Jammu ensuring that every contribution reached those who needed it the most. The teary eyed families expressed heartfelt gratitude to Rangyug, BIG FM, and the administration for their support and compassion.

This joint initiative stands as a testament to Jammu's resilience - a community that continues to rise together, stronger after every storm.

Role of Yuva in Swadeshi Movement is crucial: Rekha Mahajan

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AKHNOOR, OCT. 22 : The role of youth in driving the Swadeshi movement and building an Atmanirbhar Bharat is indispensable, said BJP Jammu & Kashmir Vice President and State Co-Incharge of AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Advocate Rekha Mahajan, while addressing a vibrant Yuva Sammelan in District Akhnoor.

The event was organised under the presidency of BJP District President Kuldeep Banotra.

District Prabhari Vinay Gupta, DDC Bhalwal Brahmana Bhushan Bral, District General Secretary Shakti, Mandal President and Programme Incharge Sahil Bral, speaker Gurpal Singh, Mandal Presidents also spoke on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Rekha Mahajan emphasized the importance of youth in shaping India's future. "The youth of today are not only the torchbearers of tomorrow but also the driving force behind the Swadeshi movement. Their energy, innovation, and commitment are crucial in realising the vision of a self-reliant India," she said.

She urged the youth to adopt the principles of Swadeshi by promoting indigenous products and supporting local industries. "Every small step towards using locally made goods strengthens our economy and empowers our nation. Youth must become ambassadors of this change," Mahajan asserted.

Highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, she added, "Atmanirbhar Bharat is not just a slogan - it is a mission to make India economically strong, technologically advanced, and socially empowered. The youth must lead this mission from the front."

She appreciated the organisers for mobilising the youth and encouraged regular such interactions to inspire young minds. BJP District President Kuldeep Banotra, in his address, lauded the enthusiasm of the youth and highlighted the importance of their participation in strengthening the party's grassroots network. He said that young minds,



when channelised in the right direction, can bring revolutionary changes in society. District Prabhari Vinay Gupta in his address said that youth are the backbone of the nation and must work collectively to promote the message of Swadeshi and Vocal for Local. He also appreciated the efforts of the organisers for their commitment to youth empowerment.

Sahil Bral and Gurdeep Singh shared their views, emphasizing the need for youth to blend modern education with traditional values to create a balanced and progressive society.

The proceedings of the programme were ably conducted by Shakti Singh.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks to all dignitaries and participants, with renewed enthusiasm among the youth to contribute actively to the Swadeshi movement and national development.

BLSKS celebrates Vishwakarma pooja with enthusiasm

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : To celebrate the Vishwakarma Day & promote the traditional culture of J&K, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan performed in it's musical play "Vishwakarma" today in collaboration with Sangam Tru Art production at Durga Bhawan, disco more, Janipur Jammu. The Play was written and Directed by Dr. M.L. Dogra, renowned writer and director, former Regional Director of song and drama division, ministry of information broadcasting, Government of India. The program was inaugurated by V.K. Magotra, Former Regional Director of Directorate of Field Publicity, Government of India as Chief Guest. J.K. Raina, Freelancer Producer Director TV, Mukesh Singh, Media Person Jammu were the Guest of Honor. The Programme was commenced with the Sanskrit famous Shlok "Om Adhar Shaptey Namho Aur Om Kumeyo Namho Om Ananatham Namho Om Prithviye Namho" & songs were "Vishwakarma Teri Jai Ho



- Vishwakarma Teri Jai Ho", "Ayo ayo Sab Jawano Majzoor Kasbi te kasano", "Mahare Thadre Loke De Khuliye Nasib Ji Thona Rozgar Sabe Nai Hona Koi Garib ji". The programmed was concluded with the Vishwakarma ji Arti "Hum Sab Utare Teri Arti Vishwakarma ji". The music of the play composed by Master Sanjay Kumar Pashi, renowned music composer & guitarist.

The chief guest lauded the efforts of the organizers in making such awareness colorful programmes & wishing you all happy Vishwakarma Puja with divine blessings and prosperity.

Vishwakarma Day is celebrated in some regions after Diwali because the timing of the festival

is also called the divine Carpenter, is mentioned in Ring Veda, and is credited with Sthapatya Veda, the science of mechanics statues and pictures of Vishwakarma are normally installed in every workplace and factory. All workers gather in one common place and perform the puja (reverence) Vishwakarma puja is also celebrated a day after Diwali, along with Govardhan puja. This ritual usually takes place within the factory premises or shop floor, and the otherwise mundane workshops come alive with fiesta. Vishwakarma Puja is also associated with the buoyant custom of flying kites. This occasion in a way also marks the start of the festive season that culminates in Diwali.

Besides above singers, musician, actors, students & participated in the programme are M C Kotwal, Zulekha Bano, Shivani Chadha, Naiya Digra, Poli Devi, Rajeev Salotra presented the enthralled performance & the coordinator of the programme Master Deepak Kumar Dogra presented vote of thanks.

varies depending on local traditions and calendars. While traditionally observed in September (Bhadra month), it is celebrated on the day after Diwali, which is also considered the fourth day of Diwali celebrations and falls before Bhaiya Dooj. Earlier welcoming the audience Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan, through the light on Vishwakarma karna day is a day of celebration for Vishwakarma, a Hindu god, the divine architect and one of the fourteen precious thing born of the Sumudra Manthan. He constructed the holy city of Dwarka where Krishna ruled, the Maya Sabha of the Pandavas, and was the creator of many fabulous weapons for the gods. He

Billawaria felicitates sanitation workers of JMC

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, felicitated the sanitation workers of Jammu Municipal Corporation, acknowledging their relentless dedication and selfless service towards maintaining cleanliness in the city. The felicitation ceremony was held during a simple yet deeply emotional event - the "Diwali Milan Programme." While addressing the gathering, Billawaria said that sanitation workers are the true karmayogis who, regardless of the weather - be it the scorching heat or the chilling cold - work tirelessly day and night to keep the city clean and beautiful. He stated that cleanliness is not just a campaign but a mass movement and these sanitation workers are the frontline warriors of this mission. He added that while we celebrate Diwali by lighting lamps and bursting crackers at night, it is these same sanitation workers who ensure that by the next morning, the streets and neighbourhoods, once littered, are restored to cleanliness through their hard work. Billawaria highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through the Swachh Bharat Mission has transformed cleanliness and hygiene into a national commitment. He said this mission can only be successful when every citizen takes collective responsibility for maintaining cleanliness and respects those who are continuously engaged in this noble work. He further emphasised that society must draw inspiration from these sanitation workers, who serve selflessly without expecting praise or recognition. "Diwali," he said, "symbolises the victory of light over darkness, and when our city shines bright and clean, the joy of the festival multiplies." On this occasion, all sanitation workers were presented with certificates of appreciation, sweets, and gift items. Billawaria extended his heartfelt Diwali greetings to them and said that the contribution of sanitation workers deserves recognition from every section of society. He also urged the Municipal Corporation and local bodies to regularly encourage and support such workers so that they continue to perform their duties with even greater enthusiasm. He concluded by appealing that festivals like Diwali should inspire everyone to take a pledge that cleanliness is not just the duty of sanitation workers but the moral responsibility of every citizen.

Sanjita Dogra addressed Women Sammelan, administered oath of Self-Reliance



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AKHNOOR, OCT. 22 : Sanjita Dogra, the State General Secretary of BJP Jammu and Kashmir and State Headquarter In-charge, today addressed a women's conference organized under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Self-Reliant India Campaign) in Akhnoor. Senior BJP leader and district in-charge Vinay Gupta was also present with her at the event. It was organized by BJP Akhnoor District President Kuldeep Raj Sharma.

During the programme, Sanjita Dogra administered an oath to the women present, encouraging them to join the Self-Reliant India campaign and become self-sufficient. Through a special

sankalp patra, she conveyed the message of prioritizing self-reliance in their lives.

In her address, Sanjita Dogra said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is rapidly moving towards self-reliance, and in this mission, the role of women is most important.

When a woman becomes self-reliant, not only her family but the entire society becomes empowered. She added that it is the BJP's endeavor to ensure that every woman recognizes her skills, inner strength, and rights to become an empowered citizen.

Vinay Gupta stated that the core focus of BJP's policies has always been to reach the last person

standing in society. Atmanirbhar Bharat is not just a campaign, but a people's movement. This sammelan is an inspiring initiative in the direction of making women self-reliant.

Kuldeep Raj Sharma said that the women in his district are highly talented. He expressed pride in providing a platform through which they could express their views and be inspired to move towards self-reliance. He affirmed that BJP has always been committed to women empowerment and such programmes will continue in the future.

A large number of women participated in the event and pledged their contribution to the Self-Reliant India mission. The sammelan proved to be not just inspiring for women, but also a significant step toward social transformation.

DDC Bhushan Baral, Women's Wing District President Rajni Sharma, District General Secretary Shakti Bhagat, Pallanwala Mandal President Geetu Ji, DDC Sushma Devi, DDC Nisha Devi, and Gurpal Singh also shared their views.

Black Day: SOS International honours PoK martyrs, slams govt neglect

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : S.O.S. International - An Organization for PoK Displaced Persons - observed Black Day with participants from Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Poonch, and Gilgit districts paying homage to martyrs who made supreme sacrifices defending Jammu & Kashmir against Pakistani Army and tribal invaders aiming for demographic change.

The event, led by Chairman Rajiv Chuni, featured speeches by VK Datta, Ved Raj Bali, Bhairam Singh, Amarjeet Singh, Jagjit Singh, Daleep Singh Chib, Dharam Vir Gupta, and others.

Proceedings began with floral tributes to genocide victims, two minutes of silence for those who saved the state, and a Sarva Dharma Prarthana. On October 22, 1947, the first bullet struck a PoK DP, halting invaders; 70,000 unarmed civilians were butchered, women abducted and raped in horrific atrocities - marking this as Jammu & Kashmir's darkest day.

Addressing the gathering, Chuni declared: "We

take pride as saviors of Jammu & Kashmir from Pakistani clutches, yet our progeny languish in unhygienic camps for eight decades without aid - the third generation suffers in history's worst neglect."

He detailed S.O.S. International's efforts securing a relief package under the Omar Abdullah government: Rs 25 lakh ex-gratia per 1947 family, professional college reservations, and 8,500 jobs for educated PoK DP youth. Shockingly, the Centre ignored the last two components. Of Rs 9,096 crore recommended, only Rs 2,000 crore was sanctioned in 2016; just Rs 1200 crore distributed, Rs 600 crore pending. Chuni called this "slow poisoning" of DPs.

Mocking India's PoK claims, he said: "Officials repeatedly declare PoK integral to India yet fail to stop CPEC railways and roads on our ancestral lands. China-Pakistan built dams earlier too. If PoK is ours, ban their constructions." Retrieving Gilgit-Baltistan, he added, would secure half the nation; blocking CPEC would avenge 1947.

Chuni accused the

Centre of shabby treatment: "PoK DPs are bona fide J&K citizens; Articles 370-35A never harmed us. We backed their abrogation for equal rights like Valley migrants - instead, discrimination doubled." In 'Back to Village Programs' several central schemes reached Valley migrants' doorsteps; zero for PoK DP camps. LG and secretaries visited Valley camps - none came to ours.

He demanded full package implementation, satellite towns like Valley migrants, and reversal of land grabs by the tillers despite High Court orders. Chuni urged eight reserved assembly seats in J&K, a PoK DPs Development Board, and Poonch-Mirpur-Muzaffarabad-Gilgit scouts for LoC/LAC duty and youth jobs.

Jagjit Singh stressed upgrading PoK DP education to harness their intelligence for nation and society, honoring their patriotism.

Dharam Vir Gupta called for smart ID cards, cultural clubs to preserve fading heritage, and leveraging the community's valor to strengthen India.