

DDC Chairman, MLAs Inaugurate New FORCE Motors Authorised Workshop at Bhagtha Near Katra



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JAMMU, NOV. 05 : In a significant development for the automobile sector of the region, DDC Chairman Reasi, Sh. Saraf Singh Nag, along with Hon'ble MLAs of AC 57 & 58, Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma and Sh. Kuldeep Raj Dubey, inaugurated the Authorised Workshop of FORCE Motors at Bhagtha near Katra.

The newly established facility offers comprehensive services, including vehicle repair, sale of genuine spare parts, and maintenance for the entire range of Force brand vehicles. The workshop will cater to customers from both Reasi and Udhampur districts, providing them quality services at their doorstep - a much-needed relief for those who earlier had to travel to Jammu for such facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Chairman Sh. Saraf Singh Nag commended Force Motors for its pivotal role in strengthening India's healthcare and transport sectors. He highlighted that the majority of the country's ambulance fleet comprises Force vehicles, known for their durability and performance. He further added that nearly 90% of passenger vehicles operating in the nation's tourism sector are manufactured by Force Motors, which demonstrates the company's commitment to quality and reliability.

The Entrepreneur and Proprietor of the new workshop, Ranjeet Singh, expressed his deep gratitude to the dignitaries, company officials, and local administration for their continuous support in setting up the venture. He said that the workshop will not only provide efficient after-sales service to Force vehicle owners but also open avenues for local employment and skill development.

The event was attended by Sarpanches Mangal Singh (Katra), Krishna Singh, and Ranbir Thakur, along with senior officials of Force Motors - Mr. Joshi (Business Head), Mr. Sandeep Rana, and Mr. Rajinder. A large number of locals and media representatives were also present, marking the event as a proud moment for the people of Reasi and adjoining areas.

Bassa Biradari Mail Draws Thousands to Kothay Chohala



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JAMMU, NOV. 05 : The Bassa Biradari Mail, a revered spiritual congregation, was held with great pomp and fervor at Datta Uttam Devthan in Kothay Chohala today, drawing around two thousand devotees from Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab. The sacred event, which began with a Havan ceremony and concluded with a Preeti Bhoj, was graced by District Development Council Member Vidya Motan as Chief Guest.

While speaking, Vidya Motan today stressed the need for promoting literacy within the Bassa Biradari community, urging its members to work collectively towards this goal. Motan emphasized the importance of education in empowering individuals and communities, and called upon the biradari members to take proactive steps in spreading literacy.

Motan also appealed to the community to contribute generously towards the development of Uttam Dev Asthan, a sacred place of worship, highlighting the need for its upkeep and maintenance. She expressed confidence that with collective efforts, the biradari can achieve significant progress and prosperity.

Key office-bearers of the Datta Uttam Devthan Committee, including Hony Captain Ram Chand, Subedar Karam Chand (Retd), Sub Inspector Darshan Kumar (Retd), Deputy Kumar, Badar Ram, Daleep Kumar, Sampuran Chand, Chaman Lal, Lect Ghara Ram, Rajinder Kumar, Panch Yog Raj, Rashpal Chand, Tilak Raj, Bhushan Lal, alongside other dignitaries, lent their presence to the occasion.

Messrs R.L.Kaith, Des Raj Kaith, Naresh Kumar Kaith and Jagdish Raj Kaith also graced the occasion as special invitees.

The Mail was a resounding success, reaffirming the unshakeable faith and unity of the Bassa Biradari.

NMOPS J&K urges All NPS Employees to Join the Historic National Pension Convention at Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi

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JAMMU, NOV. 05 : The National Movement for Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS), Jammu & Kashmir Unit, has issued a fervent appeal to all employees under the New Pension Scheme (NPS) across the Union Territory - including trade union leaders, employee associations, and public sector workers - to actively participate in the One-Day National Convention being held on November 25, 2025, at Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi, under the banner of NMOPS.

In a joint statement, UT President Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, along with office bearers including Hilal Ahmed, Rohit Sharma, Dr Karamjeet Singh, Sandeep Bhat, Raman Kumar, Ajeet Singh, Harpreet Kour, Tarun Gupta, Mohammad Shuib Munshi, Neetan Kalyan, Amar Mooman, Sartaj Choudhary, Mohd Mahroof, G.R. Choudhary, Vijay Singh, Anjum Nassar Sheikh, Ghulam Murtaza Khan, Sushil Kumar Sharma, Ashaq Hussain, Jalil Ahmed, and Vikee Pandita, reaffirmed that the convention aims to unite government employees from across the nation on a single platform to demand the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) - a legitimate and long-standing right of the working class.

The leadership emphasized that OPS is not merely a financial framework but a pillar of social justice and post-retirement dignity, safeguarding the livelihood of employees who have devoted their lives to public service. They expressed strong disapproval of the existing NPS, which they said fails to ensure financial security and leaves retirees exposed to economic vulnerability.

Chief Spokesperson Mohd Mahroof Choudhary described the upcoming convention as a defining moment in the national struggle for pension justice.

This gathering will symbolize our unity, strength, and unyielding resolve to reclaim our rightful pension benefits.

Gupta Intensifies Door-to-Door Campaign in Panchayat Dansaal, Nagrota Constituency

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NAGROTA, NOV. 05

: To accelerate the fervent display of grassroots mobilization ahead of the crucial Nagrota Assembly by-election, BJP senior leader and BJP Prabhari Akhnoor District Vinay Gupta conducted an intensive door-to-door campaign in Panchayat Dansaal, a key rural pocket within the Nagrota Constituency. Leading a team of dedicated party workers and local volunteers, Gupta's spirited outreach aimed to bolster the candidacy of Sushri Devyani Rana, the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) official nominee and the beloved daughter of the late Nagrota MLA, Devender Singh Rana. This campaign underscores the BJP's unwavering commitment to carrying forward the legacy of development and inclusive governance that defined Devender Singh Rana's tenure, while resonating with the aspirations of the constituency's residents.

The door-to-door initiative, which unfolded under clear November skies, saw Gupta and his entourage visiting numerous households across Dansaal's winding lanes and verdant farmlands. Accompanied by local Sarpanches, Panches, and BJP booth-level agents, the campaign focused on direct interactions with families, farmers, women self-help groups, and youth collectives. Vinay Gupta, known



for his affable demeanor and deep-rooted connection to the region's socio-political fabric, emphasized the transformative vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, highlighting how it has ushered in an era of peace, prosperity, and empowerment in Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that "Devyani Rana is not just a candidate; she is the embodiment of continuity and renewal."

Her father, Devender Singh Rana, was a visionary leader who bridged the gap between policy and people. Today, we are knocking on every door to ensure his dreams of a self-reliant Nagrota become a reality," Gupta articulated during one such interaction at the home of a local farmer, where he pledged enhanced irrigation facilities and agricultural subsidies under BJP's pro-farmer schemes.

In Dansaal, a panchayat characterized by its agricultural vibrancy and close-knit communities, Gupta highlighted specific BJP achievements tailored to local needs: the construction of all-weather roads connecting remote hamlets, the establishment of solar-powered streetlights to combat rural darkness, and skill-training programs that have empowered over hundreds of local youth with employable expertise in sectors like horticulture and tourism. He added that "The Modi government's mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is not a slogan-it's a lived reality in Nagrota. Under Devyani Rana's leadership, we will accelerate this momentum, ensuring every household benefits from equitable growth," he asserted while distributing campaign literature and BJP memorabilia to enthusiastic supporters.

As the by-election draws nearer, the BJP's campaign machinery is in overdrive, with Vinay Gupta's door-to-door blitz in Dansaal serving as a microcosm of the party's groundswell. Her emergence also aligns with the BJP's push for women's leadership, reflecting the party's broader national agenda of Nari Shakti.

DGPC Jammu Organizes Grand Gurmat Samagam to Commemorate 556th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji:

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JAMMU, NOV. 05 :

The 556th Parkash Purab (Birth Anniversary) of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj was celebrated with immense devotion, reverence, and enthusiasm by the Sikh community and followers of Guru Nanak Sahib across Jammu. The central Gurmat Samagam was organized by the District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu at Gurdwara Yaadgar Sri Guru Nanak Sahib, Chand Nagar, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A large number of devotees from all walks of life thronged the Gurdwara premises to pay their obeisance and seek blessings on this sacred occasion.

The program commenced with melodious Shabad Kirtan rendered by eminent Ragi Jathas, including Bhai Balvinder Singh Ji and Bhai Gurbhej Singh Ji, both Hazuri Ragis from Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar, and Bhai

Simranjit Singh Ji, Kathavachak from Gurdwara Panjhokhra Sahib.

While elaborating on the divine life and universal message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Bhai Simranjit Singh Ji emphasized that Guru Nanak Sahib's teachings of Naam Japna, Kirat Karni, and Vand Chakna hold timeless relevance. He highlighted Guru Sahib's tireless journeys across the world to spread the message of peace, equality, humility, and selfless service. He further stated that Guru Nanak Sahib's firm stand against oppression, his advocacy for women's dignity, and his belief in universal brotherhood continue to inspire humanity even today.

Apart from the distinguished guests from outside Jammu, local Ragis and Parcharakas who participated in Shabad Kirtan included Bhai Ranjit Singh Ji, Bhai Harpreet Singh Ji (Chohala Sahib), Bhai

Gian Singh Ji, and Bhai Satinder Singh Ji, Parcharak, Guru Granth Sahib Study Circle, Jammu, who also shed light on Guru Sahib's teachings and philosophy.

Various stalls were also set up by religious organizations and the Health Department to serve the visiting devotees. The Guru Ka Langar was served continuously throughout the day to all devotees, symbolizing the message of equality and humility. The stage proceedings were conducted by S. Surjeet Singh, General Secretary, DGPC Jammu. S. Ranjit Singh, President, DGPC Jammu, while addressing the gathering, extended heartfelt gratitude to the civil administration and the entire Sangat for their cooperation and active participation in making the event a grand success.

Senior officers from the civil and police administration who graced the occasion included DIG

From Dansal to Bhalwal, People's Support Will Shape a New Nagrota: Anil Sharma

Anil Bats for Establishing National Law University in Nagrota

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JAMMU, NOV. 05 :

Anil Sharma, Independent candidate from the Nagrota Assembly Constituency and President of the All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), today addressed a press conference in Jammu and expressed deep gratitude to the people of Nagrota for their incredible support during the election campaign.

While interacting with media persons, Sharma thanked the people, especially the youth and women of Nagrota constituency, for their massive response and warmth. "I was not sure that I would receive so much love and attention from the people," he said. "The trust shown by residents across all four blocks including Dansal, Nagrota, Bhalwal, and Mathwar has strengthened my resolve to work even harder for their development and dignity."

He noted that despite being the gateway to Jammu and Kashmir, Nagrota has faced years of neglect, with poor infrastructure, limited job opportunities, and weak basic amenities. He said the innocent people of all four blocks of the constituency continue to face irregular water supply, erratic electricity, and broken roads. Sharma promised to address these issues on a war footing.

Referring to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's



recent statement in the J & K Legislative Assembly about establishing a National Law University, Sharma said the best location would be within the Nagrota Assembly Constituency. "Nagrota deserves this recognition as it lies on Jammu Srinagar National Highway and connects multiple districts of Jammu," he added.

He informed the media that around 80 percent of people who interacted with him during his campaign, especially women and elderly villagers, complained about the scarcity of clean drinking water. "People allege that the Jal Jeevan Mission has become a source of corruption, and on the ground, it has failed to deliver the desired results," he added.

Reiterating his developmental blueprint as mentioned in his election manifesto, Sharma said his vision is based on modern infrastructure, youth empowerment, women's welfare, and people-centric growth. He pledged uninterrupted electricity, clean drinking water, all-weather roads, and the creation of a

multi-specialty healthcare centre in the constituency.

On being asked about the attempts by some political parties to divide voters on the basis of caste and religion, Sharma said he firmly believes in unity, equality, justice, and the rule of Constitution of India. He explained that his mission, "Ekta Sankalp," is inspired by the teachings of Guru Parshuram Ji and Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, two great luminaries who showed the path of courage, knowledge, and justice for all.

He said Guru Parshuram Ji taught that real strength comes from good character, discipline, and humility, not from power. Likewise, Dr. Ambedkar devoted his life to creating an India based on equality, brotherhood, and justice.

Highlighting Nagrota's immense potential in religious and adventure tourism, Sharma said, "Nagrota can become a model constituency."

He added that the boundaries of Nagrota constituency touch four districts including Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, and Reasi, and there is huge potential for the area to be developed as a business circuit as well.

He called upon the local youth, to rise above divisive politics and support a movement built on development, dignity, and transparency. "My politics is not about promises but performance," he affirmed.

Indian Army Organises Free Medical Camp for Civilians at Phulungu & Basantgarh, Udhampur



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JAMMU, NOV. 05 : The Indian Army organised a free medical camp at Phulungu village, Dudu Basantgarh, reaffirming its commitment to the welfare and well-being of local communities in remote areas. The initiative aimed to provide accessible healthcare to villagers who have limited medical facilities. During the camp, a team of Indian Army Medical Officers and healthcare staff conducted essential health check-ups, distributed free medicines and provided consultations on general health, hygiene and preventive care. The event received an enthusiastic response from residents, who expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Indian Army's efforts.

This initiative highlights the Indian Army's enduring dedication to promoting public health, strengthening civil-military relations and improving the quality of life in far-flung regions of Jammu & Kashmir.

GURPURAB Celebration at IDPS Akhnoor



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JAMMU, NOV. 05 :

International Delhi Public School, Akhnoor, celebrated Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurpurab with great devotion and enthusiasm.

The entire campus was filled with divine energy as students and staff came together to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who preached the eternal message of love, equality, and selfless service to humanity.

The school had the honour of welcoming Bhai Sardar Tarseem Singh Ji, a renowned spiritual leader of the Sikh com-

munity. He was warmly received by Chairman Shri S.P. Sharma, Managing Director Dr. Dheeraj Sharma, Principal Mr. Vinay Khajuria, and Headmistress Ms. Aanchal Gupta. His enlightening discourse inspired everyone to follow the noble teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji - Naam Japo, Kirat Karo, Vand Chhako.

The celebration commenced with a peaceful Prabhath Pheri, followed by a soulful Prayer and Shabad Kirtan that filled the atmosphere with devotion. Students showcased their talents through a heart-touch-

ing Skit, a beautiful Poem recited by Ekjot Kaur, and a thrilling Gatra performance, symbolizing courage, discipline, and faith. Dr. K.C.S. Mehta, Director Academics delivered an inspiring speech on the timeless relevance of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's philosophy.

The event was gracefully managed by Ms. Rajni Sharma, while the meticulous preparations were carried out by Ms. Sharanjit Kaur and Ms. Sharandeep Kaur. The programme concluded with the distribution of Guru Prasad, spreading sweetness and gratitude among all.

To mark the sacred occasion, students of Classes I and II visited the Gurudwara Sahib, where they offered prayers and sought the blessings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The celebration at IDPS Akhnoor truly embodied the divine spirit of Gurpurab - a day of devotion, peace, and reflection on the eternal teachings of the great Guru.

JU School of Biotechnology, JKSTIC host One-Day Workshop on "Startups and Skill Development: Translational Research from Lab to Market"

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JAMMU, NOV. 05 :

The School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the JK Science Technology & Innovation Council (JKSTIC), on Wednesday successfully organized a one-day workshop on "Startups and Skill Development: Translational Research from Lab to Market" here, University Campus.

The event brought together scientists, academicians, entrepreneurs to encourage research scholars and students to leverage their scientific research and knowledge into viable startup ventures and market-ready innovations. The workshop was convened by Director School of Biotechnology, Prof. Sanjana Kaul and Additional Director JKSTIC, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat.

Assistant Director JKSTIC Shruti Khanna and Associate Professor School of Biotechnology University of Jammu Dr Ritu Mahajan acted as organising secretaries.

The event was inaugurated by Dean Academic Affairs, University of Jammu Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



In his address, Prof. Joorel highlighted the need to integrate research outcomes with the entrepreneurship initiatives to boost innovation - driven growth in the region. He underscored the importance of the workshop and stated that the three key pillars of academic and scientific growth are teaching, research and the extension of research through its transformation into field applications. He emphasized that the true value of research is realized when ideas are translated into tangible outcomes.

The Guest of Honour, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Jammu Prof. Yash pal Sharma, delivered an insightful address, encouraging students and researchers to think beyond publications and patents, focusing instead on the real-world applications of their work and pursuing a visionary, goal-oriented career path.

Prof. Sharma highlighted

that India's true strength lies in research across diverse domains such as agriculture, medical sciences and others, noting that the nation currently ranks fourth globally in terms of economy and with persistence and collaboration across disciplines, is poised to reach the third position soon. Prof. Sharma also noted that the government has been supporting the startups, contributing significantly to the bioeconomy and promoting translational research and concluded by emphasizing that success in these endeavours requires trusted leadership and personal discipline.

Earlier, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Director School of Biotechnology and Convenor of the workshop, welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. She reaffirmed the vision of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University and thanked him for encouraging conduct of such events in the Campus.