

"Balidan Divas" of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath on June 1



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JAMMU, MAY 30 : Surinder Bhagat, Chairman of the Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Trust, in a press conference held today at Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Samark Park, Shalamar, announced the upcoming "Balidan Divas" to honour the sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath. The event will take place on June 1, 2025, at the same location.

The programme will begin with a Havan ceremony at 9:00 AM, followed by a cultural programme at 11:00 AM. Various special dignitaries will also pay homage to Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath, remembering his invaluable sacrifice, he said.

Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath gave his life fighting for the implementation of reservation benefits for SC, ST, RBA, residents of LAC, socially and educationally backward classes, ex-servicemen, and physically challenged persons in Jammu and Kashmir. Due to Article 370, these reservations were not implemented until 1970. However, after his ultimate sacrifice, the people of Jammu and Kashmir finally secured these rights," Surinder said.

Surinder Bhagat emphasized the significance of the day and urged everyone to participate in the homage to honor the legacy of this martyr who fought for social justice.

Central University of Jammu Celebrates Hindi Journalism Day



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JAMMU, MAY 30 : The Department of Mass Communication and New Media at Central University of Jammu under the guidance and visionary leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, today organized a thought-provoking program on the occasion of Hindi Journalism Day. Addressing the event, Prof. Paramveer Singh from the New Media Department stated that Hindi journalism plays a crucial role in uniting society. Hindi journalism began with the purpose of social awareness. Prof. Singh highlighted the evolution of Hindi journalism in India and its growing influence in the era of digital media.

Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Hindi Department, remarked that the relationship between journalism and Hindi is deeply profound. While journalism serves to awaken society, Hindi, being the language of the masses, makes it even more impactful.

Dr. Umesh Kumar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mass Communication and New Media, emphasized that Hindi journalism is inherently social journalism. In the digital media era, there is a growing crisis of credibility. Hence, it is essential to maintain the trustworthiness of language. The importance of originality is also increasing significantly in the age of digital media.

Dr. Vandana Sharma, Assistant Professor in the Hindi Department, stated that values and culture are integral to language. She noted that if language is cultured, it will lead to the positive development of culture.

The event was organized by research scholars from the Department of Mass Communication and New Media, including Aditya Negi, Sunaina Harit, Neha Singh, Kumar Rishikesh, and Sujata Behara. The program was conducted by research scholar Kumar Rishikesh, while Sujata Behara delivered the vote of thanks. Anshu Kumari, a research scholar from the Hindi Department, recited a poem on Hindi journalism.

Present on the occasion were faculty members from the Department of Mass Communication and New Media, including Manish Prakash and Pushpalata, as well as research scholars from the Hindi Department, such as Dhruv Sharma, Aarti Gupta, Vaishnavi, and others.

JKUPSA President Highlights Shared Responsibility of Parents and Schools in Moral and Academic Development of Students

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SRINAGAR, MAY 30 : JKUPSA President Showkat Chowdhary, has expressed deep concern and solidarity with the Kashmiri Harvard School, Srinagar, in light of recent developments.

He underscored the need to avoid drawing premature conclusions until a thorough and impartial investigation is completed by the relevant authorities. Chowdhary also cautioned against the spread of misinformation and the dangers of one-sided narratives dominating media and social platforms. "Media trials and social media campaigns can irreparably damage the reputation of institutions and individuals", he said.

Showkat Chowdhary emphasized that while educational institutions play a vital role in students' academic development, the emotional and moral upbringing of a child is a shared responsibility between schools and parents. "We must understand the limits and scope of institutional responsibility. Schools primarily focus on academics, and while we strive to support our students holistically, active parental involvement is essential for a child's overall well-being," he added.

Referring to the current structure under the New Education Policy, Chowdhary noted that regular assessments and Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) are held to keep parents informed about their child's academic and behavioral progress. However, only 25-30% of parents regularly attend these sessions, which limits the effectiveness of collaborative development.

"When parents are disengaged, it becomes extremely difficult for schools to intervene meaningfully beyond the classroom. True child development demands joint responsibility," he observed.

Showkat Chowdhary reaffirmed JKUPSA's commitment to student welfare and disclosed that a resolution was passed to enhance counselling services in schools across the region.

JDF condemn Mehraj's threats; disruptive actions against doctors, healthcare services in Doda

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JAMMU, MAY 30 :

The Jammu Doctors Forum (JDF), under the leadership of President Dr. Dushyant Chowdhry, Vice President Dr. Vikas Padha, and General Secretary Dr. Varinder Sharma, vehemently condemned what they called reprehensible actions of Doda MLA and Jammu and Kashmir AAP chief, Mehraj Malik, for his brazen attempts to intimidate doctors, particularly women doctors, and destabilize the hard-earned healthcare infrastructure in Doda. His actions are an affront to the sanctity of medical services and a direct threat to the safety and dignity of healthcare professionals serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The JDA members said, "We express our profound gratitude to the district administration, particularly the Doda Police, for their swift and decisive action in foiling Malik's planned march to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Doda, which could have unleashed chaos, endangered lives, and caused irreparable damage to the hospital's infrastructure.

The police's timely intervention prevented a catastrophe that could have resulted from Malik's incitement of a mob".

The doctors urged the district authorities to strengthen the existing FIR against Malik by adding Section 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which pertains to criminal intimidation by threatening public servants in the lawful discharge of their duties. This section, they said is critical to holding Malik accountable for obstructing government officials, including doctors, from performing their sacred duties.

The Jammu Doctors Forum assured that the members do this forum stand in unwavering solidarity with Dr. Madhu Chib, an associate professor at the Government Medical College, Doda, who has been subjected to vile, gendered, and derogatory remarks by Malik. His use of abusive phrases such as "ghaseetunga" (will drag you) and "will strip you naked" on social media platforms is not only a direct assault on Dr. Chib's dignity but also a shameful attempt to out-

rage the modesty of a woman doctor serving in challenging conditions.

The forum doctors said, these are not mere words—they are malicious threats that endanger the safety, professional integrity, and mental well-being of a dedicated public servant. Malik's taunt, "This hospital doesn't belong to your father," is particularly deplorable, given Dr. Chib's personal loss of her father over 12 years ago, revealing his callous insensitivity and arrogance.

It added, Malik's unauthorized entry into the hospital's labour room, accompanied by associates and live social media feeds, is a grotesque violation of patient privacy and hospital sanctity. Such reckless actions endanger vulnerable patients, particularly women, and create an atmosphere of fear among doctors, paramedical staff, and postgraduate students.

The doctors said that his repeated use of derogatory, unparliamentary, and communal language, coupled with incitement of mobs, poses a grave threat to the peaceful atmosphere of Doda and undermines

the healthcare system that has been painstakingly established to serve its people.

The FIR lodged against Malik under BNS sections 356(2), 79, and 351(2) is a step toward justice which address the crimes like defamation with intent to harm the reputation of a person through words, signs, or visible representations, punishable with imprisonment or fine, acts intended to outrage the modesty of a woman, and criminal intimidation by threatening to cause harm to a person's reputation, property, or safety, they said.

Malik's threats to drag and humiliate Dr. Chib, coupled with his incitement of mobs, unequivocally constitute criminal intimidation. We further demand that Section 351(2) be extended to include Malik's deliberate attempts to obstruct government officials, including doctors, from performing their duties, as his actions threaten the very foundation of public healthcare in Doda.

The Government Medical College and Hospital in Doda is a monumental achievement for

the region, eliminating the need for residents to travel to Jammu for basic medical care. Doctors, paramedical staff, and students work in hostile and challenging conditions to serve the people of Doda. Yet, Malik's relentless threats and mob-inciting tactics are making the hospital environment unsafe, pushing postgraduate students to consider migrating to other institutions and leaving staff and doctors in constant fear for their safety. His actions risk rendering this vital institution dysfunctional, jeopardizing a public health crisis in a region that has struggled for decades to secure quality healthcare.

The Jammu Doctors Forum demanded that the National Commission for Women (NCW) take suo moto cognizance of this grave matter and act swiftly to protect the dignity and safety of women doctors like Dr. Madhu Chib, who are being intimidated and humiliated by Malik's deplorable conduct. We also call upon the authorities to ensure exemplary punishment for Malik, who has a history of using foul language and making false statements, as evi-

denced by the non-bailable arrest warrant issued against him on March 17, 2025, by the court of special excise mobile magistrate, Jammu, in a case filed by former minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori.

The Forum doctors urge the people of Doda and Jammu and Kashmir to stand against Malik's divisive and dangerous tactics, which threaten the harmony and progress of the region. The government must recognize the sacrifices of doctors and healthcare workers who serve in far-flung areas under immense pressure. Malik's actions not only endanger lives but also jeopardize the safety of public property and the well-being of countless patients who rely on the hospital's services.

The Jammu Doctors Forum reiterates its commitment to ensuring quality healthcare for all and will not be cowed by threats or intimidation. We call for immediate and stringent action against Mehraj Malik to safeguard the healthcare system and restore the confidence of doctors, staff, and students in Doda.

Protest by J&K Youth Congress against BJP M LA's Remarks against Indian Air Force

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JAMMU, MAY 30 :

"BJP has stooped to new lows by attacking Indian Armed Forces for Political Gains": J&K Youth Congress

On the directions of AICC Secretary Krishna Allavaru, Incharge IYC and IYC National President Uday Bhanu Chib, the J&K Pradesh Youth Congress staged a massive protest in Jammu on Thursday against BJP leaders, particularly BJP MLA from Udhampur East, R.S. Pathania, for their recent derogatory remarks targeting the Indian Air Force. In a bold symbolic gesture, Youth Congress workers burned an effigy of Pathania, registering their anger and outrage over what they called a "deeply shameful and unpatriotic" attack on India's armed forces. The protest was held under the leadership of Maan Singh Rathore, Indian Youth Congress Secretary Incharge for J&K, and led by JKPYC members, the protest saw slogans raised against the BJP's alleged hypocrisy-praising the military during political rallies while accusing them for local administrative disputes. Following the protest, a FIR com-



plaint was lodged by General Secretary JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney and other signatories against RS Pathania for his remarks.

Maan Singh Rathore, speaking on the matter said that the uproar stems from recent comments made by MLA R.S. Pathania during a public event in Udhampur, where he accused the Indian Air Force of encroaching on land without compensating locals.

Such statements not only politicize defense matters but also undermine the sacrifice and service of the armed forces, he said.

"How can the BJP, which never misses a chance to take credit for military operations like Operation Sindoor, now stoop to targeting the same Air Force for political mileage?" said Maan

Singh during the protest. "These statements are not just irresponsible—they are an affront to every soldier guarding our borders." "This is a new low for the BJP," said Maan Singh. "You cannot take credit for the bravery of our armed forces and then vilify them for your own political convenience."

General Secretary JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney, also speaking on the matter, further called Pathania's remarks "shameful" and "unpatriotic." He added, "The Indian Air Force has always stood as a pillar of national security, especially in times of crisis."

Targeting them for land disputes is not only baseless but dishonors their commitment to the nation." He also accused the BJP Leader of tearing official documents in public and inciting unrest

among locals, calling it a "theatrical stunt" aimed at inflaming public sentiment instead of pursuing legal resolution.

The J&K Youth Congress has demanded an official apology from the BJP and urged the party to clarify its stance—whether it truly supports the armed forces or seeks to exploit defense matters for vote-bank politics. As the protest concluded, the Youth Congress reaffirmed its unwavering support for the Indian Air Force and all defense personnel, urging all political leaders to act responsibly and avoid dragging national institutions into political controversies.

Youth Congress leaders including Adv. Ranjoth Singh, State General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney, Divyash Verma, Happy Randhawa, Swarnveer Singh, Anas, Divya Sharma, State Secretaries Dr. Suhaib, Akhil Bogia, Jai Sidh Bhalla, Anmol Kohli, Working President District Azhar Beigh Kishthwar, Assembly President Ravinder Singh, Dr. Akshay, Yashwant Pathania, Rohit Sodhi, Vikram Singh Wazir, Rahul Katal, and others were present.

Vikramaditya Singh reviews arrangements for Annual Mela at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple



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GANDERBAL, MAY 30 : Vikramaditya Singh ji, former MLC and Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, accompanied by Yuvrani Chitrangada Singh ji, today paid a solemn visit to the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tula Mula in District Ganderbal. He took stock of the arrangements being made for devotees ahead of the Annual Mela.

The Trustee was accorded a warm welcome by the President of the Trust, Dr. P.S. Pathania and Temple Priests, amidst the chanting of Vedic Mantras at the sacred shrine. On the occasion, Yuvraj Vikramaditya Singh along with Yuvrani Chitrangada Singh ji paid obeisance at the Sacred temple, performed puja rituals, and prayed for peace, harmony, and well-being of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Following the puja, the Trustee chaired a detailed review meeting with the Trust President and officials of J&K Dharmarth Trust to oversee the ongoing preparations for the Mela and Pujas. He took note of various arrangements including security, sanitation, accommodation, water, and power supply to ensure that devotees visiting from across the region and beyond do not face any inconvenience during the celebrations.

Vikramaditya Singh issued specific directions to the management for ensuring adequate facilities and seamless coordination among staff members, emphasizing the need for cleanliness, proper signage, medical assistance and round-the-clock support services within the temple complex.

Later, the Trustee took a comprehensive round of the temple premises and interacted with the staff and caretakers. Vikramaditya Singh reiterated the Trust's unwavering dedication to preserving the rich cultural and religious heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, and ensuring that all pilgrims can participate in the sacred occasion with devotion and dignity.

BJP Kashmir Displaced District celebrated 300th Jayanti of Rani Ahilyabai Holkar at Jagti



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JAGTI, MAY 30 :

The BJP Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) organized a grand program at Shiv Mandir, Jagti Township, to commemorate the 300th birth anniversary of Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar, the revered ruler of the Holkar dynasty in Malwa, then a part of the Maratha Confederacy.

The event was graced by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), as the Chief Guest. Also present were Girdhari Lal Raina (Ex-MLC, BJP Spokesperson, and District Prabhari KDD), Rajeev Pandita (District President KDD), former KDD President Chand Jee Bhat, General Secretaries M.L. Bhat and Vimal Raina, Mahila Morcha President

Dolly Raina, Mandal President (Tika Lal Taploo Mandal) Pyare Lal Pandita (Osheen Pandita), along with several senior BJP leaders and party workers.

The program commenced with floral tributes offered at the portrait of Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar. Dolly Raina presented the details of the event and welcomed the dignitaries.

In his keynote address, Ashok Koul described Ahilyabai Holkar as a divine and courageous leader who demonstrated valor on the battlefield while maintaining a nurturing and just approach in governance. He praised her lifelong dedication to the service of the people and the revival of cultural nationalism beyond the borders of Malwa. He emphasized the

Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment to promoting cultural nationalism and remembering unsung heroes of India's glorious past. He urged the community and party workers to study and honor the lives of great national personalities, which instills a spirit of valor, pride, and strong national character.

Girdhari Lal Raina, in his address, elaborated on the life and governance of Ahilyabai Holkar, highlighting her commitment to justice, equality, and the reconstruction of key centers of Sanatan Sanskriti. He criticized mainstream Indian historians for neglecting her contributions, noting that several foreign historians have recognized her rule as the pinnacle of the Holkar dynasty.

In his presidential address, Rajeev Pandita provided the background of the event and hailed Ahilyabai Holkar as a divine soul who, despite numerous challenges, dedicated her life to delivering a just and dignified rule to the people of Malwa.

K V K-Ramban joins national movement for 'Viksit Krishi' under VKSA

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JAMMU, MAY 30 :

Krishni Vigyan Kendra-Ramban has joined the historic pan India movement for a 'Viksit Krishi' under 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' (VKSA) in Ramban district along with officers and officials of agriculture and allied departments. Speaking about VKSA, Dr. Parveen Kumar SMS at the Kendra told that the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Government of India has decided to start a fifteen days mass awareness and sensitization campaign 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' for the Kharif season w.e.f May 29 to June 12. Under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan 2025, Government aims to reach out to about 1-1.5 crore farmers through dedicated 2000 teams comprising of scientists, officials and farmers. The campaign is running simultaneously in more than 700 districts of the country. Each day, the teams are conducting three meetings per district



to educate farming community about farming innovations related to Kharif season crops and various government initiatives. About 10 to 12 lakh farmers will be daily engaged through these meetings. Dr. Raj Kumar Nodal Officer of the Kendra further told that the in district Ramban one team comprising of scientists from KVK-Ramban and officers/officials of various departments including agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, animal and sheep husbandry are on the job visiting various Panchayats according to the schedule covering whole district. He further told that the campaign aims to sensitize the farming community of scientific

cultivation practices of various crops grown in Kharif season, aware them of climate resilient practices, seed varieties, promoting proper use of fertilizers, avail benefits of various government schemes and benefits of subsidies, managing soil health through regular soil testing.

Expert lectures are being given on Natural Farming, soil health management, information about government schemes to bridge the gap between lab based research and field level practices ultimately leading to a boost in crop productivity through best and sustainable agricultural practices. Farming community is appreciating the initiative of government.