

Ramdev gives 'diksha' for 'sannyas' to 100 disciples

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 31: While creating a new history on his 29th 'Sannyas Divas', Yogarishi Swami Ramdev dedicated to the nation hundreds of 'sannyasies'



Swami Ramdev along with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat performing 'sannyas' rituals of his disciples on the bank of River Ganga at Haridwar.

(hermits) accomplished in the field of Ashtadhyayi, Mahabhashya Vyakaran, Vedas, Vedangs and Upanishads. These 'Sannyasies' include 60 scholarly celibate (brahmachari) brothers and 40 scholarly sisters. On the occasion, Ramdev also gave 'diksha' to about 500 'naishtik' (atheistic) brahmacharis.

Speaking on the occasion, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said that the biggest sacrifice is of the parents of the new hermits who raised their children and dedicated them to the country, religion, culture and humanity. "Dedicating such a large number of hermits to the service of the country at once is like estab-

lishing 'Ramrajya', realizing the sage tradition and fulfilling the dream of a future spiritual India," he added.

Swami Ramdev said that the new hermits are getting committed to a big resolution while

showing flowers. Keeping in mind the cleanliness of Mother Ganga, all the hermits were tonsured in Rishigram itself. Symbolically, all the hermit initiates immersed in the 'Shikhasutra' and 'Yagyopaveet Pateet' in the holy water of the mother Ganga.

After bathing in the Ganga, all the sages left their white clothes and wore saffron clothes. After that, 100 hermit initiates were given holy 'sannyas' resolution by anointing with Ganga water 108 times with the mantras of 'Purushukta' on their heads by Swami Ramdev and other prominent saints.

In the programme, Acharya Balkrishna being a hermit is the biggest responsibility and pride by being free from all desires, irrational desires and sensual pleasures. "For a hermit, the purpose of life should be to maintain continuity in Guru's loyalty, duty and dedication," he added.

living in the limits of 'sannyas', Vedas, Guru and Shastras. "Entering directly into 'sannyas' from 'brahmacharya' is the greatest act of bravery," he asserted. Ramdev said that in the form of these hermits, they are dedicating the successors of their sages to the propagation of Indian culture and tradition.

Before this, considering the deities, sages, Surya, Agni etc as witnesses amidst Vedmantras, the main 'Virja Hom' and 'Mundan Sanskar' were performed for all Sannyasies initiates. They were brought with a procession to VVIP Ghat Haridwar where Swami Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna welcomed them by



BJP J&K In-charge of All Cells, Rakesh Mahajan poses for a group photograph with conveners and co-conveners of various Cells of the Party.

Mahajan discusses overall functioning of BJP Cells

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JAMMU, Mar 31: BJP J&K In-charge of All Cells, Rakesh Mahajan here today convened a meeting of conveners and co-conveners of various Cells of the Party to take stock of their working at ground level.

The meeting discussed overall functioning of the Cells at ground level in general and the progress in collection and depositing of Samarpan Divas funds at the end of financial year.

Other significant issues deliberated at the meeting included constitution of State level teams in J&K besides discussing the role of conveners and co-conveners in ensuring that strategy for success of the Party in the elections be it Panchayati Raj, ULBs or even the Assembly elections, is followed with full enthusiasm in letter and spirit.

The meeting also focused on the performance at ground level in creating awareness among the people at grass roots level about

schemes launched by PM Modi led Union Government for every section of the society.

Rakesh Mahajan while addressing the gathering dwelt upon the modus operandi adopted by the Party workers under the leadership of conveners and co-conveners in connecting to the people at ground.

He impressed upon all those present on the occasion to reach out to the people at their doorsteps and ensure that the benefit of schemes launched by PM reaches to all.

Rakesh Mahajan said that the volume of Samarpan Divas funds should be taken to optimum heights in the next financial year starting on 1st April 2023 as this fund is ultimately utilized for the public service and welfare of the common people.

He asked Party workers to remain prepared for PRI, ULB, Assembly and Parliamentary elections.

The meeting concluded with co-incharge All Cells, Ved Sharma's vote of thanks.

Workshop on Anastomosis technique held in GMC

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JAMMU, Mar 31: The Department of Surgery, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu organized a one-day workshop on Suturing/Anastomosis techniques and Staplers for Senior



Principal GMC Jammu Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma along with HoD Surgery Dr Ratnakar Sharma and other faculty members during a workshop.

Residents and 3rd year Postgraduates in the Skill Lab, in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Principal and Dean of GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma who complimented the Department for organizing such a workshop for the Residents for the first time. She urged the HoD Surgery to make such workshops a regular feature in the Department, especially for the first year PGs so that the Residents can learn the basic skills to benefit the patients ultimately.

surgery) said that the Department is doing all types of surgeries and the waiting time of elective surgery has been considerably reduced despite shortage of manpower. He further said that the Department intends to send PGs in batches for advance trainings and requested

the Principal and Dean for permission. During the workshop, the Residents were given hands on training on how to do gut and vascular anastomosis on sheep Aorta and intestines. They were also given training on use of different types of Staplers. Dr Ratnakar Sharma was the expert and other faculty members viz. Dr Zahoor, Dr Vikrant Singh, Dr Sanjay Sharma, Dr Rajni Bhardwaj, Dr Manmeet and Dr Rahil also participated in the Workshop.

Dr Kailash Singh (Assistant Professor, Surgery) conducted proceedings of the Workshop.

Dr Ratnakar Sharma (HoD

Cong to go on offensive, hold month long Satyagreh

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JAMMU, Mar 31: Congress today decided to go offensive and chalked out a detailed strategy to hold a month long, 'Jai Bharat Satyagreh' from block in all districts of Jammu and Kashmir, on the issue of disqualification of Rahul Gandhi and politics of vendetta by the Modi led BJP regime.

As per directive of AICC, a meeting of senior PCC leaders, ex-legislators, DCC presidents, front leaders, councilors, Block presidents and others, was held at PCC headquarters under the chairmanship of PCC president Vikar Rasool Wani, attended by several senior leaders including, working president Raman Bhalla, Ex-DyCM Tara Chand, former minister Mula Ram, Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Balwan Singh, Mannohan Singh, Balbir Singh, Rajnish Sharma, TS Bajwa, Hari Singh Chib, Shabir Ahmed Khan, Gurbachan Kumari

Rana, Indu Pawar, Ved Mahajan, Shah Nawaj Choudhary, Kuldeep Raj Verma, KC Bhagat, Pankaj Dogra, Rajesh Sadhotra, Sheikh Mujeeb, Babal Gupta, Suresh Dogra, Karan Bhagat, Vijay Sharma, Rajveer Singh and others.

Briefing the meeting the PCC chief apprised the leaders from various districts about the month long schedule of Satyagreh at all constituency and Block levels and asked all DCC presidents to chalk out detailed programme in consultation with senior leaders and Block presidents in the district, from Sunday onwards to expose the Modi Govt and BJP on the issue of Rahul Gandhi's disqualification and other policies of suppression and vendetta against opposition especially Rahul Gandhi and Congress party leaders.

He apprised the meeting he said that the Congress party shall

not take it lying low, the way Modi Govt and BJP is trying to crush the voice of opposition and weakening the democracy in the Country. The Modi Govt wants opposition Mukht Bharat and Congress Mukht Bharat, whereas these slogans are anti-democracy. It shows the mindset of BJP which wants to retain power by hook and crook.

As per AICC directive, at some stage of Satyagreh, all like minded opposition parties shall be associated. The meeting discussed the schedule of programs in each District and Block levels, which shall be coordinated by senior PCC leaders and monitored by AICC through PCC at State/HQ levels.

All DCC presidents and Block heads shall actively organize Satyagreh in their respective areas, to be attended by senior leaders deputed to co-ordinate the districts and report to PCC and AICC.

Two interstate narco suppliers nabbed with huge Indian currency, heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Mar 31: Samba Police has arrested two top interstate heroin suppliers and recovered huge Indian currency amounting to Rs 16,71,520 as well as heroin (chitta) worth Rs 20000 (approximately) from their possession. The vehicle used in illicit narco-smuggling has also been seized.

"A police party comprising of ASI Rajeev Singh and Senior



Officials of Ghagwal Police with arrested narco suppliers and Indian currency recovered from their possession.

Magistrate Charanjeet Singh Raina and gazetted police officer (Deputy SP Headquarters Mohd Usman) following proper procedure, during which Indian currency notes amounting to rupees 16,71,520 and heroin ('chitta') worth Rs 20,000 approximately was recovered from the possession of the two persons travelling in the vehicle.

The spokesperson said that the vehicle was seized on the spot and the accused persons were arrested. "In this connection, a case under relevant sections of NDPS Act has been registered at Police station Ghagwal and investigation started," he said, adding, the investigation of the case is being monitored by Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

The arrested interstate heroin suppliers have been identified as Harpreet Singh alias Raju and Happy, son of Malkeet Singh and Ranjeet Singh alias Kalu son of Darshan Singh, both residents of Devidass Pura (tehsil and district Amritsar).

SSP Samba Benam Tosh said that during the last two and half

months, total 17 top suppliers of heroin ('chitta') including three lady heroin suppliers have been arrested in Samba district and action under law has been initiated against several other narco-suppliers involved in the illicit narco-trade.

He said, however, the vehicle was chased and stopped. "The checking of the vehicle and personal search of the duo was con-

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AAP protests against arrest of Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain

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JAMMU, Mar 31: Aam Aadmi Party J&K, Jammu unit, organized a peaceful protest at Main Road Gandhi Nagar, here today, against arrest of former Deputy CM of Delhi, Manish Sisodia & Health Minister Satyendar Jain as a result of Modi Govt's alleged political vendetta.

Several AAP leaders, including female faces & activists stood in a long queue at Main Road Gandhi Nagar, adjoining Hotel Asia, with black ribbons on their shoulders and placards and banners in their hands having slogans against the arrests.

While addressing the media persons on the occasion, AAP leaders Amit Langer and S Gurmeet Singh Baaghi, strongly condemned the Modi regime for arresting AAP leaders Sisodia & Jain in false cases just to defame the pro-people mission of Kejriwal Government.

While speaking, AAP leader Agya Kour also criticized Modi Govt for filing ED sponsored manipulated FIRs against the

former AAP ministers. Sushma Malhotra, another woman activist of AAP, also condemns Modi Govt for arrest of former AAP ministers merely as a result of political enmity to stop the healthcare of poor & education of Dalits. "BJP never wants education for poor as it is merely keen to exploit the poverty for a paid vote bank," Malhotra further alleged.

Prominent AAP leaders, who attended the peaceful protest demonstration included Deep Singh, founder & National Council Member J&K; Maj Gen (Retd) R S Jamwal, Farooq Ahmed Bandy, Nirmal Mahana, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S Amrik Singh Sasan, Gulzar Hussain, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Matto, Ram Pal Khajuria, Sandeep Singh Parihar, Shadi Lal, S Ranjodh Singh, Sukhdev Kumar Sangral, Tripta Devi, Neha Dogra, Sudesh Kumari, Ram Pal Akhnoor, Om Parkash Akhnoor, Amer Jit (Tony), Balvinder Singh, Ravinder Kumar Akhnoor & others.



Romesh Khajuria, chairman WWEPC speaking at a capacity building program held at Udyog Bhawan Jammu on Friday.

WWEPC organises capacity building program

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 31: The Wool and Woollens Export Promotion Council (WWEPC) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry organized a capacity building program here to encourage new entrepreneurs and exporters to join the export industry and to educate them on Government export policies and incentive schemes.

Addressing those who attended the program including industry's tycoons, ex-chairmen, and other dignitaries, Romesh Khajuria, chairman WWEPC said, "WWEPC serves as the international face of Indian Woollen & Wool Blended Textiles, helping Indian exporters have a presence in the global market."

He said while the woollen textile and clothing industry is not as big as the cotton and manmade fibre-based textiles and clothing industry, it plays a significant role in linking the rural economy with the manufacturing industry.

"The industry offers a diverse range of products, from textile intermediaries to finished textiles, garments, knitwear, blankets, carpets, and technical textiles. This industry also caters to civil and defense requirements for warmer clothing," he said.

According to him, India

exports woollen products to more than 150 countries worldwide. In 2021-22, he said, India exported woollen products worth USD 619 million, excluding woollen carpets, registering a growth of 24% over the previous year. "The total export of woollen products, including carpets, worsted yarns,

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and suiting, was USD 1.10 billion, with a growth rate of 25%," he further said.

"The Government has taken various steps to develop the woollen industry, such as providing concessions on import duties on raw wool and textile machinery, offering subsidies under the TUF Scheme, MAI Scheme, and PLI Scheme, and approving seven PM Mitra Textile Parks to transform India's textile sector and generate employment," he added.

Khajuria said the WWEPC has played a dynamic role in promoting exports from India and maintaining business relations between India and foreign countries since its establishment in 1964.

Meanwhile, he thanked the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Textiles, Piyush Goyal and officers of the ministry for their constant support in successful conduct of the program.



Kavinder Gupta flanked by other party leaders meeting public delegations at BJP office in Jammu on Friday.

Kavinder for enthusiastic participation in BJP's Foundation Day celebrations

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 31: Former Deputy Chief Minister and senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Kavinder Gupta, has called for enthusiastic participation from people in the party's Foundation Day celebrations.

The celebrations beginning April 6th to April 14th will include various programs, including plantation drives, felicitation of meritorious students, awareness programs, felicitation of key voters, meeting and interacting with the beneficiaries of Central Government schemes, hoisting of flags at all levels including the Booth level, etc.

Additionally, salutations will be offered to all the Bharatiya Janata Party veteran leaders who contributed their lot by devoting their lives for the party's future that made the long journey of the party a great success, beginning from merely two seats in the Parliament to over three hundred today.

In a statement, Kavinder Gupta said that the devotion and

sacrifice of veterans have made the BJP the world's largest political party.

He urged the party cadre and the people to participate in the fortnight celebrations, which will begin from April 6 to April 14, with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor.

Gupta said that with the BJP and Central Government fully committed to the unprecedented development of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed today, there is every reason to make the celebrations unique this year in J&K.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta also held a Janata Darbar at Party headquarters and listened to issues of the general public. After giving them a patient hearing, he got some of the issues solved telephonically on-the-spot.

Regarding the rest of the issues, he assured them that these would be soon taken up with the concerned authorities on priority and solved at the earliest. Senior BJP leaders Priya Sethi and Munish Gupta accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister.



Director Information giving bouquet to Jawahir Lal Raina on his superannuation.

DIPR bids affectionate farewell to Raina on superannuation

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 31: The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) bid a warm farewell to Head Assistant Jawahir Lal Raina, who retired on superannuation today.

An impressive function was organized at the Auditorium of DIPR, in which Director Information, Akshay Labroo; Joint Director Information (Hqrs), Naresh Kumar; Joint Director Information Jammu, Deputy Director Information (Central), Subhash Chander Dogra; Deputy Director Information (AV), Deepak Dubey, Deputy Director (PR) Jammu and other officers and officials of the department participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Information, Akshay Labroo hailed Jawahir Lal's role in

DIPR and congratulated him on his retirement.

He extended his best wishes to the official for his post-retirement life and opined that post-retirement life could be dedicated to the betterment of society.

The officers and officials of DIPR also appreciated Jawahir Lal for his dedicated service career in the department and congratulated him on his superannuation.

During the event, several officers of DIPR who spoke on the occasion highlighting Jawahir Lal Raina's contributions to DIPR have been invaluable and his hard work, dedication, and commitment to the department are commendable.

They reaffirmed that the department will miss his valuable presence, and everyone at DIPR wished him a happy and fulfilling post-retirement life.



Participants of national seminar posing for a group photograph.

SPMR College organizes national seminar on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation"

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 31: Research and Development Cell and Institution Innovation Cell of Government SPMR College of Commerce under the aegis of G-20 organised one day national seminar on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation" for the students and faculty from different colleges of Jammu Division.

Principal, Dr Surinder Kumar, who was the chief guest on the occasion, highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation in higher educational institutions. He lauded the efforts of organising committee for taking such initiative and also urged the faculty to conduct more such events in the near future.

Dr Pooja, Coordinator RDC and Convener of the event formally welcomed the resource person Prof (Dr) Dipanker Sengupta and all the participants.

Dr Dipanker Sengupta, Professor of Economics, University of Jammu discussed various drivers of the economy—land, labour, capital and knowledge and highlighted the importance of research in creation of such knowledge and innovation. He stressed on the need of more venture capitalists in Jammu and

Kashmir for its economic development and further highlighted the need for creation of more platforms where inventors and investors can collaborate.

More than 50 participants including faculty from different colleges of Jammu division participated in the seminar. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr Jagmeet Kaur and Prof Deepshikha Sharma, Organizing Secretary of the Programme accorded the formal vote of thanks.

The entire event was coordinated and managed by Dr Pooja, Coordinator RDC, Dr Parveen Singh, Coordinator IIC, Prof Deepshikha Sharma, Dr Fayza, Prof Charandeep Handa, Dr Deepak Pathania, Dr Sumeet Kour and Dr Rajneesh.

Other faculty members present on the occasion were Prof Barbara Kaul, HOD Commerce, Prof Savita Jamwal, Dr Monika Malhotra, Dr Sandhya Bhardwaj, Prof Ashu Manhas, Prof Reeta Menia, Prof Shreya Sharma, Malik Ajaz Iqbal, Dr Jaswinder Singh and Dr Gurcharan Singh.

The programme was technically assisted by Jai Mohan, Kewal, Arun Sharma and Kulveer Singh.