

Guru Ravi Dass Jayanti celebrated

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JAMMU, Feb 5: In connection with the 646th birth anniversary of Guru Ravi Dass Ji various functions were organized at different places across Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir today.

The main function in connection with Guru Ravi Dass Jayanti was held at the temple of Guru Ravi Dass Ji at Krishna Nagar, Canal Road, near GGM Science College, Jammu. A large number of devotees participated in the function and offered special prayers at the temple. It was organized by Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha, Jammu (J&K), led by its president, Piran Ditta.

Former Minister and Working president of JKPC, Raman Bhalla was the chief guest while former Chief Secretary, BR Kundal guest of honour. The head of Trade and Commerce Cell of JKPC and president Katra

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Hoteliers Association Rakesh Wazir was special invitee to the function.

While speaking on the occasion, Bhalla and Kundal congratulated people on this occasion and appealed them to follow the teachings of great Saint, Guru Ravi Dass Ji. They said the teachings of Guru Ravi Dass Ji are more relevant even today. The great Saint gave the message of love, brotherhood and equality. Wazir also addressed the gathering and congratulated the people on this occasion.

Piran Ditta, president, Guru Ravi Dass Sabha while speaking on the occasion referred to the teachings and message of Guru Ravi Dass Ji. He said Sant Ravi Dass Ji has shown the path of love, brotherhood and equality.

He demanded that new



Devotees offering prayers at Guru Ravi Dass Ji temple at Krishna Nagar in Jammu on Sunday.

Parliament complex at Delhi be named on the name of Dr B R Ambedkar. He also demanded that reserved category employees from Jammu region, posted in Kashmir be adjusted in Jammu region and a definite transfer policy be framed for them as they are facing threat to their lives in Kashmir. He also demanded that their pending salaries should also be released.

Several senior members of the Guru Ravi Dass Sabha, including senior vice president Dr Rajpal Hans, general secretary Darshan Rana, treasurer Raj Kumar Raja, Ramesh Hans and Joginder Digra also spoke on the occasion.

Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Rappura Mangotrian took out 'Parbhat Pheri' in connection with the Parkash Utsav of great Guru.

BJP Anusuchit Jati Morcha (SC Morcha) celebrated Guru Ravi Dass Jayanti at Party office Trikuta Nagar, Jammu today. State office bearers of SC Morcha, district body team members, DDCs, BDCs, Corporators and many others paid floral tributes great Guru. BJP SC Morcha president Neelam Langeh, state Parbhari

was the guest of honour. The speakers threw light on the life of teachings of Guru Ravi Dass Ji.

A t B h a d e r w a h, Guru Ravi Dass Sabha under the leadership of Swami Raj took out a Jhanki/Shobha Yatra in the town and adjoining areas in connection with the Guru Ravi Dass Jayanti. S D Sabha president, Varinder Razdan and many others also accompanied. Razdan and Swami Raj while speaking appealed people to follow the teachings of great Guru.

Similar functions were organized by various district and tehsil units of Guru Ravi Dass Sabha and other organizations across the region today.

NEP-2020 is in keeping with India's global ascent: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Feb 5: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new National Education Policy (NEP-2020) is in keeping with India's global ascent.

The Minister said, NEP-2020 supplements Start-Up ecosystem with the promise to open new career and entrepreneurship opportunities for students and youth in India.

Delivering keynote address as Chief Guest at the DAV United Festival titled "Celebrating Unity" at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Singh said that DAV institutions are the most suited one to implement the NEP-2020 in an efficient fashion as their foundational values matches with the core theme of the New Education Policy and that is Nationalism.

Dr Jitendra Singh promised that the Science & Technology Ministry



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address as Chief Guest at the DAV United Festival at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi, on Sunday.

is taking on board education institutions to promote Start-Up movement in India. He said, because of the impetus given by Prime Minister Modi by his call for "Start-Up India Stand-Up India" from the ramparts of Red Fort on Independence Day in 2015, the number of Start-Ups in India has grown to about 90,000 from about 300 to 400 in 8 years from 2014 to 2022.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, DAV Institutes can become a medium of transformation of India by re-look-

ing into the syllabus and fine-tuning with emerging technological and innovative interventions like Artificial Intelligence, Geospatial and Space Applications and Drone revolution in all sectors.

The Minister promised that DAV Institutes adopt Mentorship Programmes and students be encouraged to explore young scientist scholarship schemes and junior ones in Atal Tinkering Labs.

Dwelling on the National Education Policy-2020, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the new policy came when it was most desired as India was jumping up the developmental ladder very fast and its curriculum

must reflect the new and emerging realities of the world. He said, for aspiring to become a Global Leader, one must have global benchmarks, parameters and global achievements.

Dr Punam Suri, President of DAV College Managing Committee and Arya Pradeshik Pratinidhi Sabha in his welcome address said that there are 948 DAV Schools, Colleges and Institutes spread over 23 States of the country. He informed that even in a Naxal infested State of Chhattisgarh, DAV has 72 institutes and promised to increase the DAV penetration in South India.

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ADG Kashmir conducts security review

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SRINAGAR, Feb 5: The Additional Director General of Police Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, today reviewed security of South Kashmir during the meeting of the top officers of the area.

Kumar visited Police District Awantipora and chaired a review meeting regarding security scenario, anti-militancy operations, law and order, anti-drug drive and other issues related to day-to-day policing.

The meeting was attended by DIG Rayees Mohammed Bhat, DIG Sujit Kumar, DIG CRPF D P Upadhayay, SSP Awantipora Mohammad Yousif, SSP Anantnag Ashish Kumar Mishra and other senior officers of Police and CRPF officers.

During the meeting, ADGP appreciated the efforts of Police for maintaining law and order in the

district. He took stock of the overall security situation and counter insurgency operations.

He emphasised upon the officers to adopt a professional approach while dealing with counter insurgency operations. He also urged officers to strengthen the general security grid and ensure great synergy and coordination among the agencies working on ground. He also emphasized upon the officers to keep strict vigil over the militant associates and take all necessary measures under law against them.

The ADGP also directed the officers to complete investigation of pending cases on priority. He also laid stress on strengthening the police-public relations, service-oriented policing which will help in gaining the confidence and trust of general public.

One killed, 3 injured as motorcycle hits pedestrians

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UDHAMPUR, Feb 5: A young woman was knocked to death while three persons were injured when a motorcycle hit two pedestrians near Gandhi Puli on Dhar Road, here today.

The deceased was identified as Shoba Devi (28), wife of Lt Raj Kumar, resident of Partagan Ramnagar. She was walking on the roadside when a motorcycle skidded off the road and hit her.

Another pedestrian as well as motorcyclist and pillion rider were also injured in the accident. Locals took the injured persons to District

Hospital Udhampur and doctors referred them to GMC Hospital Jammu where Shoba Devi succumbed to her injuries.

The other injured, undergoing treatment at hospital, were identified as Pardeep Sharma (47), son of Bhagat Ram, resident of Head Post Office Udhampur (pedestrian), Rahul Sharma (20) son of Baldev Raj (motorcyclist) and Jugal Kumar (21) son of Rattan Lal (pillion rider), both residents of Barmeen.

Udhampur Police has registered a case in this connection.

JKTMA discusses issues of Teachers/Masters, demands DPC

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JAMMU, Feb 5: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teacher/Master Association (JKTMA) was held under the chairmanship of State President Rakesh Singh and State General Secretary Vivek Gupta to discuss the burning issue of DPC of Teachers/Masters.

While speaking on the occasion, Rakesh Singh strongly urged to Principal Secretary Alok Kumar to release the DPC list of IC lecturers in the discipline of Botany and Zoology as there is great dearth of Botany and Zoology Lecturers in the Govt Senior Secondary schools due to which students are compelled to opt for some other subjects inspite of their interest in these subjects.

Association further demanded to de-recognise all the Post Graduate degrees in Science stream acquired via distance mode and not consider such degrees for benefit of DPC keeping in view their regular laboratory oriented practicals which are lacking in distance mode degrees due to which Public Service Commission also not entertains such degrees for direct recruitment of Lecturers and also denies to regularise all such Promotee IC Lecturers. Those regularised were granted one time exemption by School Education Department in the past and benefit of such one

time exemption was already provided more than three times, which raises question mark on the credibility of SED, observed Mr Singh.

Singh urged to conduct DPC by 100 percentage promotion quota on one time basis keeping in view decision of State Administrative Council so that more and more teachers become Lecturers in order to fill up vacant posts of Teachers, paving the way to adjust Grade-II and Grade-III teachers on GLT posts who are at present working against supernumerary posts.

Association also opposed any move of SED to make policy of screening for promotion as it will only breed corruption/favouritism/ nepotism and possible paper leakage. Singh said that such move may also delay the process of DPC by making process of promotion more cumbersome and lengthy by involving more agencies in the said process.

Association urged Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to enhance the Grades of Teachers in UT of Jammu equivalent to their counterparts in other UTs and also make B Ed minimum educational qualification for the recruitment of Teachers.

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