

SMVDU Faculty Member Conducted Session at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu



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Professor Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs conducted "Awareness session on Opportunities after 12th Class" in his alma-mater Govt Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. Professor with his 12 class batch mate Mr. Subash Chander Sharma, Retired Assistant Director, Handicrafts interacted with students from different streams of 12th class. Students are motivated through Presentation on revolution in leaders, educational and job opportunities available to students.

Now, various opportunities after 12th class are available for higher education in full time or part time with work.

Professor also highlighted various programs available at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, such as B.Tech, B.Arch. and B.Design programs in various branches along with FYUG programs (BA, BSc, BBA, Design your Degree Program) for arts and commerce and science students of school. It is order of day for all 12th students to join higher education program to increase Gross enrolment Ratio in Higher education with

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Marking a notable moment in literary circles, debut novelist Kartikeya Vajpai unveiled his book *The Unbecoming* in New Delhi at a thoughtfully curated evening organised by the Prabha Khaitan Foundation under 'Kitea' - its book launch initiative. The event brought together writers, scholars, and avid readers to engage with the novel's philosophical themes. The gathering saw a strong turnout, creating an atmosphere of quiet reflection that mirrored the novel's philosophical depth. The launch discussion featured a distinguished panel comprising Dr. Karan Singh, Dr. Murl Manohar Joshi, Acharya Sri Pundrik Maharaj and Geshe Dorji Damdul, who reflected on the central themes explored in the book like identity, inner clarity, purpose, and the process of unbecoming. The panel examined contemporary ambition, resilience, and the modern search for meaning, emphasising the importance of introspection in navigating an increasingly restless world. The session was moderated by Kathak exponent and granddaughter of Pandit Birju Maharaj, Shrinji Kulkarni - Ehsaas Woman of the Prabha Khaitan Foundation. The audience responded with

Dr. Karan Singh, Murl Manohar Joshi among distinguished panel at Prabha Khaitan Foundation book launch event



attentive engagement, underscoring the resonance of the themes discussed. The book carries forward by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Swami Sarvapriyananda, whose contributions were referenced during the evening as affirmations of the book's spiritual and philosophical authority, situating it within a living tradition of inner enquiry and compassion. Speaking at the launch, author Kartikeya Vajpai said, "The Unbecoming is rooted in the understanding that much of our suffering comes from clinging to identities shaped by fear and expectation. It is basically the only thing that limits you as an individual. So, be formless, be thoughtless and liberate yourself from your self-created image and the perceptions others impose upon you. Unbecoming is a quiet return, an invitation to allow life to reveal its purpose. In the imposing one upon it. In modern

life, inner enquiry is essential. It allows us to act with clarity while remaining grounded in presence and awareness." Reflecting on the book's engagement with learning and personal evolution, Dr. Karan Singh noted the continuity between the novel's themes and the Dalai Lama's philosophical heritage, stating, "People often ask how one can combine public life with spiritual life. For over 75 years, it is indeed possible, provided one has a deep commitment to both inner self and public life. Kartikeya has beautifully combined these dimensions very effectively in *The Unbecoming*. As with every first novel, the author's presence is deeply felt. The book reflects the harmony of outer life and inner quest. I congratulate Kartikeya on his first novel and wish it great success." Speaking at the launch Dr. Murl Manohar Joshi said, "In *The Unbecoming*, Kartikeya brings

together proficiency, efficiency and attention into a thoughtful philosophy of living. Drawing from ancient wisdom and translating it through the discipline of cricket, the book shows that balance is achieved through awareness, where silence becomes strength and spirituality becomes a way of exercising control."

Talking about the book Acharya Sri Pundrik Maharaj said, "This book offers a thoughtful reflection on identity beyond roles and achievements, reminding us that true learning is an inward and continuous process."

Commenting on the resonance between the novel and the message of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Geshe Dorji Damdul said, "The Unbecoming, the book by Kartikeya Vajpai, by the very title, as can be seen in the foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the book, is very inclusive and compassionately driven by a sense of wisdom. The connotation of the title of the book as can be imbibed by various audiences - unbecoming of bad habits to participate in the unhealthy thought process - to be united with one's true nature of purity of mind and thus embrace all beings with skilful compassion - is truly profound to be embraced by all readers of the book."

Border Area Aspirational Block Mankote Needs Immediate Intervention: DDC Imran Zaffar, Ex-BDC Chairperson Amanullah Highlight Ground Realities Before IRS Vivek Gupta

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detailed and meaningful interaction took place today during the visit of IRS Vivek Gupta, IRS, to the Aspirational Block Mankote. On this occasion, Ch. Imran Zaffar, DDC Member Mankote, along with former BDC Chairperson Ch. Amanullah, held an in-depth discussion with the visiting officer and apprised him of the harsh ground realities faced by the people of this border block.

During the interaction, the public representatives highlighted that Aspirational Block Mankote is a sensitive border area and continues to suffer due to its geographical location and prolonged neglect. They informed that frequent cross-border shelling remains a serious concern, often resulting in injuries to civilians. In such emergency situations, the absence of a properly equipped hospital becomes life-threatening for the local population. They strongly emphasized that the establishment of a full-fledged hospital in the block is no longer a demand but an urgent necessity to save precious lives. DDC Member Ch. Imran Zaffar stated that due to



continuous shelling, fear, and lack of basic facilities, the overall development in the block has remained severely affected. He added that despite being declared an Aspirational Block, Mankote still lacks many essential services that are fundamental for human dignity and safety. He further highlighted that Mankote lies along a long and highly sensitive border stretch, which makes strengthening of education infrastructure extremely important. They stressed that quality education facilities are crucial not only for the future of children but also to prevent youth from falling into despair and migration. However, representatives appealed to IRS Vivek Gupta Ji to take serious note of these issues and ensure that the

needs immediate intervention from the concerned departments. Another major issue raised during the discussion was the poor condition of road infrastructure and connectivity. Ch. Amanullah pointed out that many villages remain poorly connected, making access to healthcare, education, and markets extremely difficult. In times of emergencies, bad roads further worsen the situation and delay medical assistance. They urged the administration to prioritize road upgradation and connectivity projects in the block. The public representatives appealed to IRS Vivek Gupta Ji to take serious note of these issues and ensure that the

Yuva Rajput Sabha Extends Open Invitation to Entire Rajput Community for Coronation Ceremony of Newly Elected President

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Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) today held a press conference in Jammu wherein an open and heartfelt invitation was extended to the entire Rajput community to participate in the coronation ceremony of the newly elected President of Yuva Rajput Sabha, Sh. Mandeep Singh Rimpy. The ceremony is scheduled to be held with traditional dignity and collective enthusiasm, during which the State Team and District Presidents of YRS will also be formally announced, marking the beginning of a new organisational chapter for the Sabha. Addressing the press conference, Adv. Pankaj Singh stated that Yuva Rajput Sabha has always worked as a unifying platform for all sections of the Rajput community, cutting across biradari, regional and political differences. He said that the coronation ceremony is not merely a formal event but a historic occasion symbolising unity, pride and collective resolve of the Rajput community. He extended a respectful



invitation to all biradari heads, representatives of various Rajput clans, Rajput political representatives including elected MLAs across party lines, Sarpanches, Panches, Corporators and other respected and prominent members of the community to grace the occasion and bless the newly elected leadership. He emphasized that YRS believes in inclusive leadership and collective participation, which has been the cornerstone of its journey. Former President of Yuva Rajput Sabha, Sh. Vikram Singh - Vicky, while addressing the media, said that the organisation has grown into a strong voice of the Rajput community due to the unwavering support and faith of the people. He expressed confidence that under the leadership of Mandeep Singh Rimpy,

YRS will further strengthen its social, cultural and youth-oriented initiatives. He added that the coronation ceremony will reflect the spirit of discipline, tradition and unity, and will serve as a platform to bring together Rajputs from all walks of life under one banner. In his address, Sh. Mandeep Singh Rimpy, President, Yuva Rajput Sabha, expressed gratitude to the Rajput community for reposing faith in his leadership. He said that the forthcoming coronation ceremony will not only be a moment of honour but also a reaffirmation of the Sabha's commitment towards safeguarding the dignity, rights and heritage of the Rajput community. He assured that the newly announced State Team and District Presidents

will work tirelessly at the grassroots level to strengthen organisational initiatives. He leadership and address social issues concerning the community. He appealed to all sections of the Rajput society to participate in large numbers and make the event a grand success. Prominent members present during the press conference included Rajinder Singh, Rajesh Singh, Ranjit Singh, Mahinder Singh, Ramesh Singh, Mohan Singh, Rakesh Singh, Bhabu, Nitu Singh, Balbir Singh, Avtar Singh, Kulku, Bhanu Pratap Singh and Vishal Singh, who collectively echoed the call for unity and active participation of the community in the forthcoming coronation ceremony.

MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat Unveils Development Projects Worth Rs 40 Lakh in Bishnah

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Continuing his mission to transform the Bishnah constituency into a Model of Modern Constituency, local MLA Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat today inaugurated a series of significant development projects totaling 40 lacs. The initiatives, which span across several villages, focus on two critical pillars of rural development: the stabilization of the power supply and the improvement of local sanitation through upgraded drainage systems. The highlight of the day was the dedicated push toward resolving long-standing power fluctuations in the border belt. Dr. Rajeev inaugurated the upgradation of four electric transformers to ensure consistent voltage and minimize power outages for residents. The electrical infrastructure works include:



Upgradation of two transformers at Village Nandpur, one at Village Bahadurpur and one at Village Joian. In addition to the power sector, the MLA inaugurated a vital lane and drain project at Village Kotla, aimed at improving the hygiene and connectivity of the internal village roads. Following the inaugurations, a grand function was held at Village Kotla, where hundreds of locals gathered to welcome the

turnout of local leadership and social activists. Prominent among those present were Shri Girdhar Gopal, Mandal Pardhan Arnia, Raj Choudhary, former Sarpanch; Kuldeep Raj, former Sarpanch; Rattan Lal, Retired ZEO and Lambardar; Arjun Singh, Social Worker; Ramesh Saini, former Chairman Arnia Municipality; Supinder Sharma, General Secretary Arnia; Sonu Pant, Parbhari, Naresh Kumar, State Vice President Mahasaba Biradari, Capt. Bodh Raj, Capt. Sukhdev Raj, and Hav. Pura Chaud. Other notable attendees included Sham Lal (Booth President), Girdhar Lal (Booth President), Suresh Kumar Billa, Ravail Choudhary, and social workers Madan Lal, Vipin Bhagat, and Lal Chand Bhagat. The MLA expressed deep gratitude to the community for its proactive approach in addressing the developmental needs of the region. The event saw a massive

India marching towards global superpower status under PM Modi: Dr. Pardeep

PM Modi's global recognition, Oman's highest civilian honour a triumph of India's foreign diplomacy

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As India steadily advances towards the goal of Viksit Bharat, emerging as a decisive global and strategic superpower, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership continues to earn unprecedented global recognition, said Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, India Incharge, J&K BJP. Dr. Pardeep stated that India's growing influence in global trade, diplomacy and strategic partnerships reflects a long-term national vision that will deliver enduring benefits to every citizen and firmly position Bharat among the world's leading powers. Dr. Pardeep Mahotra lauded Prime Minister Modi for being conferred the highest civilian award of the Sultanate of Oman, calling it a proud moment for the nation and a clear validation of India's rising stature on the global stage. He noted that this honour from Oman adds to a long list of international



recognitions received by PM Modi from several countries, particularly from the majority of the Gulf nations, showcasing the trust and respect India commands worldwide. He emphasized that Prime Minister Modi has become the only global leader to receive top civilian honours from five out of six Gulf nations, a rare distinction that highlights the success of India's people-centric and inclusive growth and national resilience as India moves towards Viksit Bharat. Highlighting recent economic diplomacy, he said the honour from Oman comes soon after the signing of the India - Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on December 18, 2025, a landmark pact that will significantly boost Indo-Gulf economic ties. The agreement, Oman's first FTA in nearly two decades, provides zero-duty access for over 98 percent of Indian exports, expands market access

and accelerates investment flows, directly benefiting farmers, traders, exporters and businesses. Dr. Pardeep pointed out that from the UAE and Australia to the UK and now Oman, India's FTA engine is firing on all cylinders under PM Modi's decisive leadership. These agreements demonstrate India's transformation into a major global economic force and reinforce its role as a key pillar of international trade and strategic cooperation. Dr. Pardeep Mahotra further added that the world today clearly recognizes Bharat's pivotal and prominent role in shaping global economic and strategic outcomes. He said Prime Minister Modi's leadership has ensured that India is not only heard, but respected globally, firmly setting the nation on an irreversible path towards becoming a developed, self-reliant and powerful Viksit Bharat.