

## Mr Sanjay Aggarwal Chairperson FADA Jammu calls on Transport Commissioner J & K



**GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, DEC 19**

A delegation of Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations Jammu (FADA) headed by its Chairperson, Mr Sanjay Aggarwal and accompanied by FADA Jammu Senior Members and Regional Directors Mr Davinder Batra, Mr Pardeep Jain, Mr Ankur Mahajan, Mr Sahil Mahajan, Mr Manik Batra, Mr Vikas Rathore, Mr Ravinder Gandotra, Mr Rohit Gandotra, Mr Kanav Aggarwal Mr Ashish Gupta and Mr Pratik Jain, had a detailed meeting with Mr Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Transport Commissioner J & K in his office. The purpose of the meeting was to address the various issues faced by automobile dealers of J & K.

Mr Aggarwal raised the issue of Unauthorized sales channels running in J & K in the field of automobile sector. He said that in J&K a parallel unauthorized channel is being operated by car brokers involved in selling of vehicles, not authorized by automobile manufacturers and even they are not registered with J & K Transport department.

They are working without any trade certificate and are involved in unfair trade practices. These brokers are getting vehicles from outside J & K, which is adversely affecting the automobile dealers in J & K who have made substantial investments and also effecting revenue generation of UT of J & K. To curb this practice he recommend introduction of additional tax on vehicles purchased from outside J & K like done by Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh.

Regarding benefits under scrappage policy he said that, in J & K, discount should be given to customers on registration tax on new vehicle after scrapping its old vehicle whose life has ended under Vehicle Scrapping Policy. With old vehicles being scrapped, the demand for new vehicle will raise and State will get revenues through GSTs and road tax he added. He mentioned that Punjab Government and UT of Chandigarh has ordered for 25% concession on registration against scrappage of ELV from RVSF in case of non transport vehicles and 15% in case of transport vehicles.

He suggested that Exemption of Road Tax on Hybrid Vehicles should be given in J & K as per the green initiatives taken by the Government of India. He mentioned that Chandigarh UT administration and Uttar Pradesh has made amendments in its electric vehicle policy by exempting the hybrid vehicles purchased. Mr Aggarwal recommended Formation of Automobile Service Center Cluster in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Automobile Service Centre works as an industrial activity and should be established in the industrial area. In this regard we propose the formation of an automobile service center cluster in the industrial area of various districts of the Jammu and Kashmir region. A designated area in the industrial estate should be earmarked for formation of Cluster for Automobile service Centre.

Mr Aggarwal also recommended One State One Trade Certificate in UT of J & K for "Ease of Doing Business". He said that as on date if a dealer is doing his business in different districts of UT of J & K, he

has to obtain Trade Certificate for all the districts, which is against the principles of "Ease of Doing Business". One State One Trade Certificate will help the dealer to do business at any location of the J & K UT with only one Trade Certificate, with ease and without any hindrance he added.

Issue of physical inspection of commercial vehicles, Model approval TAT, and registration of used cars were also discussed. Mr Aggarwal raised the issue of Tax on Tax. He said that the GST imposed on Road Tax should be stopped. Double taxation is not applicable as per laws. Mr Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Transport Commissioner J & K gave a patient hearing to all the issues raised and the suggestions given by FADA Jammu. He said that the issues that were discussed today were quite valid. He assured to solve the issues raised in due course of time and take up the suggestions given with the higher concerned authorities. He also informed the delegation that J & K's Scrappage Policy is almost complete and will be notified soon and the benefits of scrappage will be given to people of J & K too. Mr Vishesh Mahajan also suggested the delegation to create awareness about the safety measures while driving among the customers who visit their showrooms. Mr Vinay Samotra, Joint Transport Commissioner and Mr Pankaj Bhogtra, RTO Jammu were also present in the meeting.

## Dr. M.L Dogra felicitated with Vishawa Ratan Samman- 2024



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Dr. Mohan Lal Dogra, a multifaceted personality in the field of Performing Art and Education, hailed from Jammu and Kashmir UT, has been honoured with the prestigious "VISHAWA RATAN SAMMAN-2024" award by the Founder Worthy wellness Foundation (NGO), recognized by Govt. of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs. On the basis of trek record of Dr. Dogra's excellence contribution in this field as a Director of Folk Music & Dance, Dr. Dogra has set benchmark for the promotion of Folk Music and dance drama, also known as Musical Plays. His exceptional work and dedication have earned him various prestigious awards, making him a true legendary icon in the world of Performing Art. Dr. Dogra's enthusiasm and dedication in promoting India's rich Folk Dances and Folk Songs culture have been evident in his numerous accomplishments, including the authorship of high-selling books, the creation of original Dogri songs, and the financial

support he provides to hundreds of artists under his mentorship.

Dr. Dogra work experience in the Directorate of Field Publicity and Song and Drama Division, Ministry of Information and broadcasting, Government of India has enabled him to promote the traditional culture of Jammu and Kashmir, light and sound performances in national festivals like Kumbh Melas, Haridwar, Allahabad, Ladakh Festivals and Sadbhavna Samrohs and Autumn Festivals Navratra Festivals in various states of India. "Dogra's main theatre productions are Maa Sheran Wali, Raja Mandlik, Katholi Main Ganga, Ram Charit Manas, Bhasmasur, Doli, Rang Dori Deo in Dogri / Kamauni, Hindustani theatre style are well recognized by many reputed organisations. Dr. Dogra one of the few names of the country, who has made a unique contribution in establishing folk Theatre workshops for children of Govt. Schools in coordination with J&K Social welfare departments, cultural performances, Musical Plays (Opera's) Jammu and Kashmir and other

states of India. He has created over three dozen Dance drama spectacles based on health and eradication of social evils which represent the ethos, aspirations of the society and started a weekend two shows called Saturday musical Play and Friday Music Concerts based on Health and to get rid of menace drug abuse which are uploaded on social media frequently.

Dr. Dogra's work has paved the way for his recognition from the Media houses and he has been decorated with more than 30 awards from the Government & non-governmental organizations at National and at international levels, such as, cultural bonanza award-1995 on world population day by Ministry of Health and Family welfare, Information Broadcasting for best Production on Health, Child marriage in Jammu and Kashmir, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao 1995, Life time Achievement Award-2016 by Nav Dogri Sansthan, biggest India's Historical awards, Bharat Bhushan Award-2022-23, by Icons of Asia-2022 by Global of empire events, Rashtriya Samaj Seva Rattan-2021 by Global human rights foundation, and Influential Indians award-2021 in best man of Excellence creation (Cultural) award from the Song and Drama Division, Government of India, Global Health care Award - 2023 and Global Educational excellence award 2023 by NURCLM, On 27th May 2023 New Delhi & Rashtriya Pratibha Samman 2024 from Golden sparrows organization at Teen Murti Bhawan New Delhi, India. Felicitating Dr. Dogra with this award prestigious Sh.V.K. Magotra, Managing Director of Bhartiya Lok Sangset Kala Sansthan remarked that Dr. Dogra has added another feather in his cap and brought laurels for proud Dogras of the region.

## Counselling Lecture for Female Students Organized by Women Development Cell and IQAC at GDC Ramnagar

**GY CORRESPONDENT RAMNAGAR, DEC 19**

The Women Development Cell in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College Ramnagar successfully organized a counselling lecture for female students under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnish Chand Anthal, Principal GDC Ramnagar. The program aimed to provide guidance and support to female students, fostering their personal and academic growth. The event commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Prof. Manmohan Singh, Head of the Department of History, who greeted the attendees and highlighted the importance of the session. This was followed by an insightful and empowering lecture by Prof. Eisha Gohil, Head of the Department of Psychology and Convener of the Women Development Cell. Prof. Gohil shared valuable advice on addressing challenges faced by



female students and emphasized the significance of mental health and self-confidence in achieving their goals. In his concluding remarks, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnish Chand Anthal appreciated the initiative taken by the Women Development Cell and IQAC, emphasizing the college's commitment to supporting its students holistically. He encouraged

female students to take advantage of such platforms and assured them of the institution's continued efforts to address their concerns and aspirations. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from various faculty members and a large number of students, making it a grand success. The interactive session was well-received and left a lasting impact on the audience.

## Kavinder slams Rahul Gandhi for assaulting BJP MPs in Parliament

**RAHUL SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR HIS MISCONDUCT**

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Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, strongly criticized Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for allegedly assaulting BJP MPs Pratap Sarangi and Mukesh Rajput during a protest inside the Parliament premises. The clash arose over Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In a press statement issued today, Kavinder accused the Congress of engaging in "cheap politics" and spreading misleading nar-

ratives about Home Minister Amit Shah's statements. He highlighted the Congress's historical mistreatment of Dr. Ambedkar, saying, "Congress systematically insulted and slandered Babasaheb Ambedkar during his lifetime and for decades after." He contrasted this with the BJP-led NDA government's efforts under Prime Minister Narendra Modi to honor Ambedkar's legacy and preserve his contributions. "Home Minister Amit Shah presented undeniable facts and evidence in Parliament regarding the BJP's respect for Dr.

Ambedkar. The Congress is indulging in petty politics to divert attention from these truths," he added. The senior BJP leader raised pointed questions about Congress's record, asking, "Why did Pandit Nehru campaign against Dr. Ambedkar and ensure his defeat? Why did Congress delay awarding Dr. Ambedkar the Bharat Ratna for over 40 years?" He accused the Congress of continuing to mislead the public with false narratives and called on the party to answer these questions. "The people of India are well-informed and will not

## NSF tribute of 97th Death anniversary of Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqulla Khan

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National Secular Forum University Unit paid tributes to Saheed Ram Prasad Bismil and Saheed Ashfaqulla Khan on their 97th Death Anniversary at University Campus. Amid slogans "Ram Prasad Bismil Zindabad" "Saheed Ashfaqulla Khan Zindabad" "inquilaab Zindabad" "Bharat Mata ki jai" and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil, Sh. Ankhush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest and Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary, JKNC presided over the function. Dr. Sukhdev Singh State President NSF and TR Sharma (RET KAS) was the guest of honour.

Sh Ankhush Abrol appreciated the initiative taken by the NSF member to remember the death anniversary of Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqulla Khan. Sharma said that the tributes to the martyrs would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction, female foeticide and dowry. He exhorted the youth to



refrain from drugs and intoxicants. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vikas Sharma threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqulla Khan. He also said that Ashfaqulla Khan was put to death by hanging on 19 December, 1927, at Faizabad Jail. This revolutionary man became a martyr and a legend among his people due to his love for the motherland, his clear thinking and loyalty.

Sh TR Sharma addressing on this occasion said that Many freedom fighters laid down their life for the

sake of the independence of this country. One of the youngest people to walk to the gallows fighting for India's independence was Ram Prasad Bismil.

Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF said that Ram Prasad Bismil was an Indian poet, writer, revolutionary and an Indian freedom fighter who participated in the Mainpuri Conspiracy of 1918, and the Kakori Conspiracy of 1925, and fought against British Raj. Bismil was hanged on 19 December 1927 by the British for his revolutionary activities.

Speaking on the occasion,

Vikshay Vashisth state Secretary NSF said that J&K suffered immensely due to misadventures of Centre Govt.

Gourav Partap Singh University Unit President delivered the welcome address: Roshan Sharma President Jammu District was delivering the vote of thanks.

Among those who spoke on the occasion included, Roshan Sharma, Abbashek Uppal, Inam Nasser, Ashwanti Sharma, Farhan Khan, Ajay Singh, Arun Sharma, Aditya Sharma, Ashaf Ahmed, and others.

## Handicrafts, Handloom Department Poonch organises one day mega awareness camp

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The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom organized a one-day mega awareness camp at Dak Bunglow Poonch, aimed at promoting the rich art and crafts of the Pir Panjal region. The event was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, as the chief guest. Under the supervision of Assistant Director Handicrafts/Handloom Poonch, Joginder Mangol, the camp showcased a variety of traditional crafts, including Crewel embroidery, Chasme Bul-Bul blankets, Loits,

Chikri woodcraft, traditional Gojri



and a vibrant folk fiesta featuring traditional Gojri and Pahari songs, celebrating the cultural heritage of the region. During the event, the Deputy Commissioner distributed cheques to newly formed cooperative societies, sanction letters to loan recipients, and appreciation letters to eminent artisans and craftsmen from District Poonch, recognizing their contributions to preserving and promoting local handicrafts. This initiative not only highlights the artistic talents of the region but also aims to enhance the livelihoods of local artisans through support and recognition.

Topics, pottery, Sozni embroidery, basket weaving, and staple embroidery. Attendees enjoyed live art sta-