

Major General Anupinder Bevli Inspires EBSB Cadets at NCC Training Academy Nagrota

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The NCC Training Academy, Nagrota, resonated with renewed zeal and patriotic fervor as Major General Anupinder Bevli, VSM, Additional Director General (ADG), NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh, accompanied by Brig D N Pandey, Group Commander, Jammu NCC Group paid an inspiring visit to the ongoing Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Camp – Jammu for SD/SW cadets of Rajasthan and JK&L Directors.

The much-awaited visit proved to be a shot in the arm for the young cadets, who assembled with palpable enthusiasm to draw inspiration from the senior officer's vast experience and visionary leadership. Major General Bevli was received with full ceremonial protocol, symbolizing the timeless values of ser-



vice, honour, and commitment that define the ethos of the National Cadet Corps. A key highlight of the visit was the ADG's interaction with the EXPA Team. He deeply appreciated the mentors - All of them former NCC cadets themselves - for their continued and selfless contribution in imparting life skills, leadership qualities, and curiosity among the cadets. Praising the inquisitive spirit of the trainees, he remarked that curiosity coupled with character is the cornerstone of excel-

lence. He reiterated that NCC cadets are the torch bearers of tomorrow, entrusted with the vital responsibility of shaping a strong, united, and progressive India. The visit culminated with an interaction at the firing range, where the JD/JW cadets showcased their remarkable precision and focus. Their impressive performance earned special appreciation from the ADG, making the moment both memorable and morale-boosting.

Major General Bevli's

motivational words struck a chord, urging cadets to aim high, stay grounded in integrity, and wear patriotism not just on their sleeves but in their actions. The visit proved to be a morale booster and a defining moment, one that will remain etched in the annals of NCC Training Academy, Nagrota.

Day-5 of EBSB-Jammu, kindled a renewed spark—fueling dreams, strengthening resolve, and inspiring cadets to march forward as exceptional leaders of tomorrow.

Winter Carnival 2026:

Day two enthralls thousands at Bhaderwah with star performances, cultural extravaganza

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The second day of the Winter Carnival 2026 was celebrated with great enthusiasm and splendor at New Bus Stand, Bhaderwah, today drawing a massive gathering of locals and tourists alike.

The mega event was organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the District Administration Doda and Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA).

The carnival featured a colourful blend of celebrity performances, local cultural programmes, ethnic food stalls and a street bazaar, offering visitors a complete cultural and tourism experience.

The highlight of the day was a power-packed musical performance by the renowned Punjabi pop singer G. Khan who mesmerized the audience with his soulful renditions and energetic stage presence, creating an electrifying atmosphere and leaving the crowd spellbound.

Adding rich local flavour to the celebrations, talented local artists Deepak Kumar, Vishakha Bhaderwah and Chirag Kotwal presented impressive cultural and musical performances, beautifully showcasing the region's artistic heritage and creative excellence. The traditional Daku Dance and other folk items further added colour and vibrancy to the festive occa-



sion. Stalls set up by various government departments attracted visitors by disseminating information about welfare schemes and development initiatives.

The event was graced by Chairman, District Development Council Doda, Dhananter Singh Kotwal; MLA Bhaderwah, Daleep Singh Parihar; Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh; SSP Doda, Sandeep Kumar Mehta; Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah, Sunil Kumar Butyal; Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Anil Kumar Thakur; Deputy Director Tourism, Pankaj Sasan; Deputy Director Publicity, Savita Chouhan; Chief Executive Officer, BDA, Sanjeev Sharma; ASP Bhader-

wah, Vinod Sharma besides other senior officers, public representatives, senior citizens, civil and police officials, Media persons and a large number of visitors from within and outside the Union Territory.

The guests lauded the Department of Tourism, District Administration Doda and the Bhaderwah Development Authority for their seamless coordination and exemplary efforts in organizing the Winter Carnival and for effectively promoting Bhaderwah as a major winter tourism destination of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairman DDC Doda applauded the efforts of the District Administration and BDA Bhaderwah for organizing a grand and well-coordinated event. He

emphasized the vast tourism potential of the region and stressed the need for further promotion to attract a larger influx of tourists.

The Deputy Commissioner thanked the people of Bhaderwah for their enthusiastic participation and overwhelming support. He expressed gratitude for the immense love and appreciation shown by the public towards both local and non-local artists, especially the son of the soil and Indian Idol winner Chirag Kotwal, along with renowned Punjabi singer G. Khan.

MLA Bhaderwah also commended the efforts of the District Administration, BDA Bhaderwah and the security forces, including the CRPF.

Jammu Province Bank Employees Federation concoures 4th conference, appoints new office bearers, central committee members

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Jammu Province Bank Employees Federation affiliated to All India Bank Employees Association just concluded its 4th Conference at Indian Institute of Public Administration, Jammu.

The Conference was attended by about 150 delegates and observers representing different affiliated Bank unions and units of the Federation from all over Jammu Region. The conference was attended and inaugurated by the tallest Bank employee's leader, Com. C.H. Venkatchalam, General Secretary AIBE. Com. Venkatchalam unfurled the AIBE flag and also lit the traditional lamp. Thereafter, various bank employee leaders offered floral tributes to stalwart leaders of the Bank Employees movement.

The inaugural session of the confer-

ence was presided over by Com. Tara Singh, President of the Federation. JPBFE leaders thereafter honoured Com. General Secretary by offering him bouquets of flowers and shawl. Com. Venkatchalam adored the dais of the conference along with special invitees including Com. Ashwani Pradhan, General Secretary PNBOA, Jammu Kashmir Ladakh, Com. Pawan Gupta, Divisional Secretary, Northern Zone Insurance Employees Association (NZIEA) Com. Sandeep Gupta President Canara Bank Retiree's Federation and Com. I.B. Zutshi Veteran Trade Union Leader, Chairman of the reception committee. All the comrades and dignitaries present in the hall were welcomed by Com. I.B. Zutshi Chairman reception committee. The main highlight of this session was the thunderous and eloquent address of Com. Venkatchalam who in his address summed up the country's socio-economic scenario and stressed

the role of Bank Employees movement in strengthening the Banking sector of the country via the working-class movement of the country. Com. highlighted the government's negative policies with regard to Banking sector, which aim at privatizing the public sector banks and in giving favours to corporate sector in looting the common man's hard-earned money. AIBE has all along stood as a rock against such policies. AIBE, he assured will in future also stand in favour of public sector Banking. He said that we are fighting hard for implementation of days Banking and agitation program is going on all over India. In this connection all India Strike will be observed by Bank Employees on 27th of January, 2026. He called upon entire working class to gird up their loins for any future struggle that may have to be called in defence of public sector Banking. The session was also addressed by Com

Pawan Sharma Demands Equal Syllabus Relaxation for Summer Zone Students

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Senior BJP leader and State Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir, Pawan Sharma has launched a scathing attack on the National Conference-led Omar Abdullah government, accusing it of deliberately ignoring the academic plight of Summer Zone students and playing petty regional politics with the future of lakhs of students.

Pawan Sharma strongly demanded immediate 15% syllabus relaxation for Summer Zone students, at par with Winter Zone students, stating that the NC government's refusal to act is callous, discriminatory, and deeply anti-student.

"The academic year in the Summer Zone has been virtually destroyed due to Operation Sindoar and devastating floods, which forced prolonged closure of educational institutions.

Despite this harsh reality, the Omar Abdullah government is sitting with folded



hands, showing zero sensitivity towards students," Sharma said.

He said that class work remained suspended for weeks, teaching schedules collapsed, and students lost precious academic time.

"To now force students to complete the full syllabus is nothing short of institutional cruelty," he asserted.

Sharma questioned the selective compassion of the NC government. "When Winter Zone students face

disruption, they are rightly granted 15% syllabus relaxation. But when Summer Zone students suffer due to security operations, floods, landslides, and infrastructural bottlenecks, the Omar Abdullah government turns blind. Is this Omar Abdullah's idea of justice?" he asked.

Calling it a case of deliberate regional discrimination, Pawan Sharma said the NC government has once again exposed its anti-

Jammu mindset, treating students of Ramban, Reasi, Udhampur, Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri and Poonch areas as second-class citizens.

"The National Conference has always been quick to indulge in emotional politics, but when it comes to real governance—especially education—it has failed miserably. Students are not vote banks; they are the future of Jammu & Kashmir," Sharma said.

Reiterating BJP's commitment to equal opportunity, transparent governance, and student welfare, Pawan Sharma urged the Lieutenant Governor's administration to step in and correct the injustice being perpetuated by the NC government.

"Education should never become collateral damage of political arrogance. The Omar Abdullah government must wake up now, or it will be held fully responsible for destroying the academic future of Summer Zone students," Sharma warned.

Army Organised Medical Camp at Kotli, Akhnoor

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Troops of the Crossed Swords Division under the aegis of White Knight Corps in coordination with civil medical authorities, organised a two-day Medical Outreach and Health Awareness Camp at Kotli village on 16-17 January 2026.

The camp catered to approximately 150 civilians, few Gujar & Bakarwals, who were provided with free medical examination, eye check-up, consultation by doctors and distribution of essential medicines. The medical team also conducted health education sessions focusing on basic healthcare, hygiene, preventive medicine and early identification of common



ailments. The initiative was aimed at enhancing healthcare accessibility in remote areas while fostering strong civil-military cooperation and reinforcing the Army's commitment towards welfare of the local populace. The response from the vil-

lagers was encouraging, with widespread appreciation for the professional medical support and outreach efforts.

Conduct of Women Health Camp by Indian Army at Village Chhatri, Kishtwar

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Continuing its sustained efforts towards the welfare of people residing in remote and underserved areas, Indian Army conducted a Women Health Camp at village Chhatri, District Kishtwar of Jammu and Kashmir with an aim of promoting health awareness and providing essential medical support to women in the remote area. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local population, with 30 women benefitted from the initiative. During the camp, women were provided with general health check-ups, medical



consultations, basic diagnostic services and free medicines. Special emphasis was laid on women specific health issue, nutrition, hygiene and preventive healthcare, ensuring holistic care and guidance.

The medical team also interacted with the partici-

pants to spread awareness about early detection of common ailments, maternal health and the importance of maternal medical check-ups. The initiative was well received by the local community, who expressed their gratitude towards the Indian Army for its continued support and outreach. Such welfare activities reflect the commitment of Indian Army towards community development and strengthening civil military relations, while contributing to the overall well-being of the people in the region.

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Ashwani Pradhan and Com Sandeep Gupta, who on behalf of Bank officers and Bank retirees assured all support to any such movement that the AIBE may launch in future.

After the inaugural session, the main working session of the conference or Delegate session was called.

In this session Com Arun Kumar Gupta, General Secretary, tabled the main document of the conference "The General Secretary's Report". This report gave a valuable gist of Federation's activities during this period. The report was placed for general discussion before the Delegates. Nearly ten comrades spoke on the report and the report was passed unanimously.

Com. Lucky Jamwal, Treasurer placed before the session the statement of accounts which also were passed unanimously. Then, the panel prepared by the outgoing Central Committee was placed before the ses-

sion for its approval and the new office bearers were elected unanimously.

The new office bearers/Central Committee Members of the Federation are elected as under:

1. PRESIDENT - COM. TARA SINGH, PNB, CURRENCY CHEST NARWAL.
2. VICE-PRESIDENT - COM. RAGHAV ABROL, BOI, SATWARI.
3. VICE-PRESIDENT - COM. LATI RAM, INDIAN BANK, AKHNOOR.
4. VICE-PRESIDENT - COM. ANIL SOTRA, UCO BANK, RESIDENCY ROAD.
5. GENERAL SECRETARY - COM. ARUN KUMAR GUPTA, JPBFE
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7. SECRETARY - COM. HARMINDEER SINGH, CBI, R.S. PURA.
8. ORGANISING SECRETARY - COM. AVtar SINGH, P&S BANK, BARI BRAHMNA.