

## NILM celebrates Birth Anniversary of BR Ambedkar at Ganga Nagar

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The National Incredible Literacy Mission (NILM), Jammu, today celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar at its Project Centre located in Ganga Nagar Bantalab with great enthusiasm and reverence.

The programme began with floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar, followed by awareness activities highlighting his life, values, and contributions to the nation. Students and staff participated actively and paid homage to the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavita Bali, Secretary NILM Jammu, highlighted the importance of Dr. Ambedkar's vision of equality, education, and social justice. She urged the students to adopt his ideals in their lives and



contribute towards building an inclusive and progressive society. She further added that education is the most powerful tool for empowerment, a principle strongly advocated by Dr. Ambedkar.

Students also expressed

their thoughts and shared insights into the life and achievements of Dr. Ambedkar, remembering his remarkable contribution to social reform and nation-building.

Among others, NILM officials who attended the

programme included Tania Dogra and Priyanka Sharma.

The programme concluded with a pledge by participants to uphold the values of equality, fraternity, and education in their daily lives.

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A deeply spiritual and uplifting programme featuring the recitation of Hanuman Chalisa and Durga Stuti was organized on the eve of Baisakhi at the Shiv Temple, Sector-7, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, witnessing an overwhelming turnout of devotees from across the city. The programme was organized by the temple management committee under the leadership of Shiv Kumar Jolly, who ensured meticulous arrangements for the smooth conduct of the event. The temple premises resonated with devotional chants, creating an atmosphere of peace, positivity, and spiritual energy as devotees joined together in collective prayers for harmony and well-being.

Participants showed im-



mense faith and enthusiasm while taking part in the recitations, which are considered highly auspicious and spiritually empowering. The event not only

strengthened religious sentiments but also fostered a sense of unity and community bonding among attendees ahead of the festival. The temple committee in-

formed that elaborate arrangements have been made to celebrate Baisakhi on April 14 (Tuesday) within the temple complex. Special prayer sessions, including recitation of Hanuman Chalisa and Durga Stuti, will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and devotees have been invited to participate in large numbers.

To enhance the festive spirit, the committee has also made arrangements for the distribution of prasad among all attendees, ensuring that every devotee is part of the celebrations. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Vijay Kamlash Ji, Reeta Sharma, Rajni Kohli, A.K. Arora, Shalu Rajesh Gupta, Mrs. Kapahi, Mr. Dhawan, Urnil Arora, Pandit Mohinder, Pandit Sethi, Pandit Vijay, and Head Pandit Pankaj Ji.

## J&K Tapeball Team Felicitated for National Championship Victory

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The Tapeball Federation of India (TFI) in collaboration with the J&K Tapeball Association (JKTA) organised a grand felicitation ceremony to honour athletes who brought laurels to the Union Territory by clinching the winner's trophy at the 2nd Senior Men National Tapeball Championship.

The championship, hosted by the Punjab Tapeball Association at Sultanpur Lodhi in Kapurthala (Punjab), witnessed an outstanding performance by the J&K team, which emerged as champions.

The function was attended by several dignitaries, with Vikram Randhawa as the Chief Guest and Jagar Singh as Guest of Honour. Prominent personalities from sports, administration and civil society were also present. The dignitaries congratulated the players for their achievement and lauded their dedication, discipline and team spirit.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest highlighted



that such accomplishments reflect the immense potential of the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and reiterated the need to provide better platforms and opportunities to nurture emerging talent. The athletes were honoured with certificates and mementoes in recognition of their hard work and commitment. The event also aimed to inspire young aspirants to actively participate in sports and contribute towards nation-building.

Chairman of TFI,

Paramjeet Singh Randhawa, expressed gratitude to all supporters and stakeholders for contributing to the success of both the championship and the felicitation ceremony. He also extended special thanks to Jagar Singh for his continued support towards youth development initiatives.

Reaffirming the federation's vision of transforming talent from "Street to Stadiums," he emphasised the importance of promoting discipline, fitness and national pride among

youth. Among others present on the occasion were Rakesh Singh Charak, Jagdev Singh Charak, Kuldeep Singh, Ankul Bhagat, Pardeep Kumar, Raman Sharma, Ashok Singh Jamwal, Munishwar Singh, Rohit Singh, Adithya Randhawa, along with parents and players.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to further strengthen the sports culture in the region and elevate tapeball cricket at national and international levels.

## Mega Medical Camp holds at Lolab Highlights Healthcare Awareness

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A mega medical camp was successfully organized at Gundmachar, Lolab by the Indian Army (Lolab RR) in collaboration with Quality Health Care Hospital Kupwara, in coordination with the District Administration Kupwara, marking a significant step towards strengthening healthcare outreach in remote areas.

The camp was formally inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara along with the Commanding Officer of Lolab RR. The event was also attended by the Managing Director of Quality Health Care Hospital Kupwara, BMO Sogam, Shri Abdul Rahim Wani (Joint Secretary, J&K Apni Party), and other senior officials.

Healthcare at the Doorstep

A large team of specialist doctors and paramedical staff provided: Free medical check-ups Distribution of medicines

Specialist consultations Thousands of beneficiaries, including women, children, and elderly citizens from various parts of Lolab, attended the camp. The initiative significantly improved access to quality healthcare



in this remote region.

Beyond Treatment A Movement for Awareness While addressing the gathering, the Managing Director of Quality Health Care Hospital emphasized that such initiatives are not merely about treatment but about creating awareness, prevention, and empowerment.

Key health programs highlighted included: Tuberculosis (TB) awareness and screening Hepatitis B & C screening

Non-communicable diseases (Diabetes, Hypertension) Women and adolescent health awareness School and Madrasa health screening Strong Message

on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

A powerful appeal was made to the youth regarding the dangers of drug abuse under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. It was emphasized that: "Drugs destroy not only individuals but families and the future of society. Youth must choose health, education, and purpose over addiction."

The speech highlighted the scientific and social impact of addiction, urging collective responsibility from families, institutions, and society. Importance of Education & Awareness The gathering was sensitized about the critical role

of education in: Preventing drug abuse

Avoiding exploitation Making informed healthcare decisions Special emphasis was laid on protecting rural populations from being misled by touts and unnecessary referrals, encouraging trust in qualified local healthcare systems.

Viksit Bharat Vision & Role of Youth

The program strongly aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat, emphasizing that:

A healthy and educated youth is the backbone of a developed nation

Awareness and discipline are essential for nation-building Rural and peripheral regions must be empowered equally

The youth of Kashmir, particularly Lolab, were encouraged to become contributors to national progress through education, health consciousness, and responsible behavior.

The camp received an overwhelming response from locals, who appreciated the initiative for bringing quality healthcare services to their doorstep. The program successfully addressed immediate medical needs while also leaving a lasting impact through awareness and preventive health education.

## LG Ladakh attends Hospital-renaming ceremony in Kargil

KARGIL, APRIL 14:

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena today attended the renaming ceremony of the District Hospital Kargil, which has been named in honour of late Qamar Ali Akhnoo, a respected social worker and public leader who made invaluable contributions to the region.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor extended greetings to public representatives, administrative secretaries, senior officers, doctors, medical staff, technicians, nursing students, and all those present. He said he felt privileged to be part of the ceremony and recalled that the decision to rename the hospital was taken without hesitation, as it was a fitting tribute to a personality whose life was dedicated to public service.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that honouring such personalities does not merely bestow respect upon them, but also elevates the values of the society that remembers and preserves their legacy.

He expressed his happiness at formally unveiling the name of Qamar Ali Akhnoo Memorial Hospital before the public.

Highlighting the life and contributions of late Qamar



Ali Akhnoo, the Lieutenant Governor said that he had served in various important capacities and had always worked selflessly for the welfare of the people. His contributions towards education, particularly in promoting women's education, were described as remarkable and worthy of deep appreciation.

The Lieutenant Governor noted that empowering women through education leads to the empowerment of entire families and society. He said that the work carried out by Qamar Ali Akhnoo continues to inspire present and future generations, and his legacy will remain alive in the hearts of the people.

Sharing his experience of visiting Kargil, the Lieutenant Governor said he had witnessed a strong spirit of public service and unity among the people. He appreciated the active participation of public representatives, religious leaders, and citizens in various programmes, describing their commitment to social welfare as commendable.

He encouraged everyone to continue serving Ladakh with the same dedication and sense of responsibility. Assuring his support, the Lieutenant Governor said he would always be available to contribute in any capacity for the welfare of the people and the region. The Lieutenant Governor

expressed gratitude to the organisers for giving him the opportunity to be part of the programme and reiterated his hope that the ideals and values demonstrated by Qamar Ali Akhnoo would guide society in the years to come.

He emphasised that social service does not depend on status or wealth, but on intention, compassion, and commitment.

Concluding his address, the Lieutenant Governor thanked the large gathering for paying tribute to late Qamar Ali Akhnoo and expressed confidence that the people would continue to honour his name by working for the betterment of society.

## NDA commemorates 135th Birth Anniversary of BR Ambedkar

JAMMU, APR 14: Nations Development Association (NDA), a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) with NITI Aayog, Government of India, in collaboration with MY Bharat Jammu under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, commemorated the 135th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar across multiple locations including Samba, Bishnah, Nagrota, Ramgarh, R.S Pura, Arnia, Akhnoor and other adjoining areas of the Jammu region.

Speaking on the occasion, Sushil Singh, Chief Functionary of Nations Development Association (NDA), underscored the enduring relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's vision in contemporary society. He emphasized the importance of education, social awareness, and active youth participation in fostering an inclusive and progressive nation, while reiterating NDA's commitment to grassroots-level initiatives across Jammu & Kashmir aimed at promoting social harmony and community development.

The programmes witnessed active participation from volunteers, youth, and local residents, who paid floral tributes and reflected upon the invaluable contributions of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a steadfast advocate of social justice, equality, and human dignity.



On the occasion, Principal Anju Bakshi of Bal Shishu Shiksha Kender Secondary School, Kalu Chak, Harvinder Singh, Branch Manager SVI Ramgarh, Happy Sharma, District President Samba, and Aakash Singh Charak, District President Jammu, along with other distinguished dignitaries and organizational representatives, graced the events and shared their perspectives on Dr. Ambedkar's ideals and their relevance in the present era.

The events focused on promoting the constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, encouraging participants to contribute meaningfully towards nation-building. The programmes concluded with a collective pledge to uphold these principles and work towards building a just, equitable, and progressive society inspired by the ideals of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

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