

JKPDD lights up remotest habitations of Kishtwar

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Jammu, Mar 22 : With its commitment to taking reliable and quality supply of power to every corner of J&K, the Power Development Department has successfully connected four more habitations of Kishtwar district to the Electricity Grid recently. The Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Ashok Sharma formally declared the villages 100 percent electrified by switching on the light in the presence of local residents. Although these habitations were getting limited power from DG sets provided by the department, yet their connectivity to the grid would mean that these habitations would see power in its truest sense for the first time since independence.



These four habitations which are now connected with the grid include Pethgam, Bungam, Chinab Dindoo and Watsar of the mountainous sub division Chatroo of district Kishtwar. All of these villages are located in a difficult terrain and receive heavy snowfall

during winter making them practically inaccessible and unapproachable. Speaking on this development, Ajay student of Watsar habitation said, “we are grateful to both Centre as well as J&K Government and especially the power department for bringing power to our lives. Earlier, we were dependent on day light or DG sets which were installed by the Government but now we are happy that we have regular supply of power,” he said. Another local from Bungam habitation also thanked the Government for their efforts in connecting their villages with the Grid. We are happy that our villages are now getting power supply and our children are able to study easily with the availability of

power, he stated by adding that earlier the Power Department has provided DG sets to our villages but the power supply was very limited. To complete the electrification project of all four habitations, the power department had to create new power infrastructure including a distribution transformer of 25 KVA capacity in each habitation and about 13.5 km HT line and 3.3 km LT line costing nearly Rs 60.32 lakh. Earlier this year villagers in Ganouri-Tanta village in the mountainous Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir saw the light of an electric bulb for the first time when the Power Corporation extended the grid tending the decades of darkness in their lives. The electrification work of the village was taken up on the

order of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, after a group of locals put forward the demand before him at the last “LG Mulaqaat” programme. Similarly three villages located right on the LoC in North Kashmir's Kupwara district were also electrified by connecting them to the National Grid. These villages too earlier getting only limited power through DG sets. The remote hamlets of Kupwara and Kishtwar, have difficult terrain and face similar kind of challenges. While one is located very close to the LoC in Kashmir. The hamlets of Kishtwar are hilly and experience heavy snow in winters making many of them inaccessible for most parts. This is why extending the grid right to the last corners is a truly challenging task.

All J&K Thakur Sabha hold emergency Meeting in Ramnagar



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Udhampur, Mar 22 : An emergency meeting of All Jammu and Kashmir Thakur Sabha was held in village and Panchayat Halqua Nallah Mallian under the Presidentship of Keerat Singh Thakur State President of the Sabha. The meeting attended by almost maximum dignitaries of Thakurs from various corners of far-flung areas of District Udhampur and reviewed the situation of the joint house of Suraj Singh Malli and his 5 Sons who got burnt on 12.03.2021 due to accidental fire. The aggrieved families are in a very shocking situation as they are living in open sky and in tents provided by the Administration. In the present time, participants showed their full sympathy and mercy towards the affected families. On this occasion community members are with them during this testing time. Thakur Sabha assured full cooperation wherever they feel and need their help and Support. As the matter has already come in the notice of All

J&K Thakur Sabha through Social Media. Many donors from Bani, Basantgarh, Latti, Chenani, Ramnagar, Ghordi, Udhampur, Moungrri, Panchari and Reasi areas according to their capacity in Thakur Sabha Account. On the occasion Thakur Sabha President hand over the same amount of Rupees Rs 51000 in Consultation with the Core Committee Members. Moreover Thakur Sabha is highly thankful to all the donors who have donated the same amount which is being earned by them with so many hardships for this humanitarian cause. Sabha can also assure them to keep in touch with them for any help where they need. Senior Vice president Kuldeep Singh Thakur, Vice President Ranbir Singh Thakur, cashier Sher Singh Thakur, publicity Secretary Jagdish Singh Thakur, core committee members Romal Singh Thakur Retired Range Officer and Ex. Sarpanch Diwan Chand Thakur, District Udhampur President Arjun Singh Thakur, Ex.Sarpanch Nallah Mallian Govind Singh Malli, etc.

Cong holds protest against massive price hike, rising unemployment

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Jammu, Mar 22 : AICC General Secretary Incharge J&K Affairs Smt. Rajni Patil JKPC Chief GA Mir, several former ministers and legislators and other senior leaders of the party along with hundreds of workers were arrested by the police today while leading a massive protest march against unprecedented price hike, rising unemployment and several other issues besides seeking immediate restoration of statehood to J&K. Smt. Rajini Patil and Shri G.A. Mir along with several former Ministers, Legislators, Corporators, functionaries of PCC, DCC Urban & Rural, leaders of frontal wings like Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, Seva Dal, NSUI, Minority Wing, OBC Wing, SC/ST, EX-Servicemen Wing, held as massive protest demonstration at Jewel Chowk against the record breaking rise in price of petrol, diesel, LPG and other essential commodities due to unprecedented

tax terrorism of BJP Govt., large scale unemployment besides seeking restoration of statehood and holding of earlier Assembly elections. A large number of Congress activists marched towards Raj Bhawan taking out funeral procession of Gas Cylinders and carrying placards in their hands, raising slogans against BJP Govt. demanding immediate rollback of hike in petrol and diesel prices. The protesters were taken into custody by a heavy contingent of police force and boarded into Police Buses and detained at Dist. Police Lines Gandhinagar. Prominent those arrested besides Smt. Rajni Patil, JKPC Chief G.A. Mir include former Ministers Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla, Kanta Bhan, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Rajnish Sharma, Manmohan Singh, Hari Singh Chib, Indu Pawar, Th. Shiv Dev Singh, Ashok Dogra, Krishan Bhagat (EX-MLAs), Shah Nawaz, Pawan Raina, Sanjeev

Panda, Shashi Sharma, Uday Bhanu Chib, Rajesh Sadotra, Sunny Parihar, Gurdarshan Singh, Smt. Zahida Khan, Praveen Sarwar Khan, Suresh Dogra, Rajveer Singh, Dr. Rashid Choudhary, Swarn Singh, Gajjan Singh, Ravinder Singh, Mohan Choudhary, Sahil Sharma, Dr. Karan Bhagat, Corporators Dawarka Choudhary, Bhanu Mahajan, Ritu Choudhary, Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Pritam Singh, Narinder Gupta, Vandana Sharma, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Madan Malagar, Kapil Singh, Kulbushan Sharma, Satish Sharma, , Aijaz Choudhary, Ricky Dalotra, Amrit Bali, Gurmeet Kour, Sonu Dogra, Vijay Sharma, Sanjay Manhas, Vijay Chib, and several others leaders senior leaders were taken into preventive police custody and taken to Police Lines. Speaking on the occasion Smt. Rajni Patil said that BJP is looting the people in the name of taxes,” she said and questioned the BJP-led government on what basis does it decide on the prices

of petroleum products every day and the explanation for “subjecting people of J&K to this cruelty”. “BJP Govt. is mercilessly looting the public with hiked fuel prices, especially during a raging pandemic! I want to ask why is this hike in petrol and diesel prices when international crude oil prices are low?”. She said petrol and diesel prices directly affect the common people but the Centre has not formulated any policy to deal with the economic slowdown and they passed on the burden to the masses.”No government can ignore people's voice. Hike in petrol and diesel prices will have to be reversed,” she demanded. She said when the Congress-led UPA was in power, relief was given to people even though international crude oil prices were soaring while the Modi government has been raising petrol and diesel prices, burdening the common people and the farmers already facing hardships due to the corona virus pandemic.

Farewell accorded to outgoing SSP Romesh Angral

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Poonch, Mar 22 : Ex-MIC Yash Pal Sharma accorded a farewell to the SSP Poonch Romesh Angral on his transfer at a function held at Navgraha Temple. According to a statement, Ex-MIC Yash Pal Sharma speaking on the occasion praised the outgoing officer for his dedication and commitment to the assigned duties as SSP Poonch. He congratulated the officer for his new posting. Later on, a memento was presented to outgoing SSP Poonch as a token of love and wished him good health and success in his endeavours. Eminent persons who were present at the occasion were President Municipal



Council Sunil Sharma along with his Councillors ,Advocate Zaman ,President Dashnami Akhara Basant Ram ,President khaka Nawan Satish kumar ,President Guru Ram Das Sewa Society Daljit Singh

,Taj Mir ,Sajjad poonchi ,Serpanch Jhulas Pares Ram ,Serpanch Ajote Raju and others . “Outgoing SSP Poonch thanked Yash Pal Sharma and express gratitude to him for applauding his role,”

People Feeling Cheated due to misgovernance of BJP Govt: Tarachand

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Jammu, Mar 22 : Former Dy CM Tarachand today heavily criticised the misgovernance of BJP government due to which common masses are feeling Cheated. He blamed the government for failing to tackle prices and making life difficult for the common man. There is no doubt that there has been a significant increase in Poverty and hunger. He was addressing the Congress worker's meeting at Village Nathal in Chaamb Constituency which was attended by hundreds of people and Congress workers. He said, there is rule of untruth and injustice in the country. Whoever raises his or her voice has to bear the brunt of the government's



anger. Addressing on the Occasion, former Dy CM said by increasing the prices of Petrol diesel and LPG Cylinders again, the Modi Govt has made it clear that it was not concerned about the problems of the Common people, he said. Common people are badly hit by inflation, petrol and

diesel prices are increasing continuously despite the low prices of Crude oil in the International market. Accusing the government of profiteering off “people misery” he demanded reducing the prices by partially rolling back the excise duty. The truth is that as GDP “nosedives” the

prices of gas diesel and petrol continue to rise unchecked, he said. He also said government are elected to ease the burden of people and at the very least, not work directly contrary to their interests. Every citizen is anguished and deeply distressed regarding the spiralling fuel and gas prices. India is witnessing systemic erosion of Jobs, wages and household income. Others who attended the meeting include Madan Lal Sharma, Jagdish Raj Sharma, Omprakash Sharma, Pt Dwarka Nath Sharma, Gautam Sharma, Bharat Priye, bodh raj, Rajkumar, Deep bhagat, Vijay Chib, Shotu ram, Sarpanches, Panchs, and members of Municipal Committee, Block Office bearers and other delegates.

Delegation of AJKPAA meets Harsh Dev, submits memorandum seeking regularization

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Jammu, Mar 22 : Reiterating the demand of regularization of contractual lecturers engaged on Academic Arrangements in various Polytechnic colleges all across the State, a 20 member strong delegation of All J&K Polytechnic Academic Arrangements Association (AJKPAA) led by Mr. Gagan Pratap Singh met Mr. Harsh Dev Singh former Education Minister here in Jammu today. The deputation drew the attention of the ex Minister on three core issues viz-a-viz regularization of the contractual lecturers, revision of the salaries, payment of retrospective benefits as an interim relief. The deputation



submitted the detailed memorandum to the him while apprising him about the miserable plight of the contractual lecturers who have been rendering their services in various Polytechnic colleges with honesty, zeal and passion for the duration ranging from 5-28 years on a paltry salary of Rs.15000/- per month. It also

brought to the notice of the Mr. Singh that there were almost 300 clear vacancies of lecturers and demonstrators lying vacant in all the 24 Polytechnics of J&K against which nearly 144 Academic Arrangements were engaged during the past several years, and as such there was no financial implication for the State government to

regularize them against the clear vacancies. Mr. Harsh Dev Singh after giving a patient hearing to the grievances of the Academic Arrangements working in the Polytechnic colleges assured the delegation that he would fight from streets to Supreme Court for the contractual lecturers/demonstrators engaged in Skill Development department until justice was delivered to them. Prominent among those who spoke on the occasion included Mr. Vicky Sharma, Vidhu puri, Sandip Kour, Harjinder Singh, Rakesh Bhat, Bhupinderjeet Kour, Pooja Gupta, Himani Dubey, Monika, Ruchi Mahajan, Harmeet kour, Ankush Gupta, Umesh Gupta, Shivali Sharma and others.

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Jammu, Mar 22 : Having failed to elicit any favourable response from the people on numerous allegations laid against the Bharatiya Janata Party, JK Pradesh Congress has now come up with a new narrative of “economic crisis” in J&K. AICC leader Incharge J&K Affairs while addressing her party members has blamed BJP for ignoring genuine needs of the people and advised it to “Keep political agenda aside and instead address economic crisis in J&K.” While such a narrative may be necessary to raise the down in boots morale of its beleaguered cadre but in reality it is not only false but

bereft of any facts supported with appropriate data asserted Brig Veteran Anil Gupta, BJP Spokesperson. Daily BJP bashing without substantial and valid issues has become a normal routine of the Congress leaders after much below the par performance in the recently held DDC elections. These statements display their frustration and fail to impress the people who have also got used to this routine rhetoric. Unfortunately, the party's Incharge of J&K affairs is also falling in the same trap instead of doing introspection of causes for the party's poor performance for which she has been dispatched here stated Brig Gupta.

It is the Congress which despite claiming to be the oldest party of the country lacks any ideology as is evident from the electoral alliances stitched for the forthcoming elections but continues to stick to its political agenda of appeasement politics. BJP on the contrary is an ideology based party with proclaimed policy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. It has a singular agenda for J&K and that is “Vikas” (holistic development of the UT without regional or religious discrimination) asserted Brig Gupta. For the first time ever J&K has spent highest Rs 65,000 crore during FY 2020-21 despite being marred by the Covid pandemic.

GMC to operationalise OTs and Labour room soon

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Jammu, Mar 22 : A meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal Govt. Medical College and Associated Hospitals regarding various issues pertaining to operationalization of Mother and Child Hospital (MCH) Gandhi Nagar keeping in view Covid-19. The meeting was called in view of the denotification of the Gandhi Nagar hospital by Director Health Jammu. It was decided in the meeting for early operationalization of OTs and labour room at SMGS AND MCH Gandhi Nagar Jammu for Gynae & Obst. Covid patients.

After threadbare discussion it was decided in the meeting that the existing post-partum care (PPC) area in SMGS Hospital, Jammu shall be used for the management of Obst & Gynae Covid-19 positive patients. It was also decided in the meeting that the Covid-19 positive new born babies shall be kept in the paediatric surgery OT and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) shall be done at outside the PPC by installing a Kiosk. The PMC was apprised during the meeting that most of the equipments are available for starting of the OTs. She stressed upon the start of Covid OT also in addition to non Covid theatres in view of the

upward trend of Covid -19. It was also decided in the meeting that for the time being SMGS shall work as Covid-19 dedicated hospital also until MCH Gandhi Nagar is fully operationalized. The meeting was attended by Dr. Surinder Kumar HOD Obst & Gynae, Dr. Ghanashyam Saini, HOD Paediatric and Dr. Samriti Gulati HOD Anaesthesia, Dr. Jyoti Hak Professor, Obst & Gynae, Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Administrator GMC & AH, Sonia Vaid, Deputy Director Planning (P&S); Dr. Manoj Chalotra, MS SMGS, Dr. Arun Sharma, MS MCH Gandhi Nagar and XENS Civil, Mechanical and Electrical.

SS organizes bhandara on occasion of 51st Maharudra Yagya

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Jammu, Mar 22 : Jammu and Kashmir Sangram Sena, Jammu has celebrated on the occasion of 51st Maharudra Yagya, Aap Shambu Mandir, Kol Kandoli Nagrota with following programmes. Maharudra Yagya Bhandara, Hawan, Kanya Poojan, Bazurag Adar Samaan, Bhandara following were present in the function Baba Chanchal Singh was the Chief Guest and Sh. Neeraj Banathia and Sh. Kuldeep Singh Kotwal (IPS) SSP Control Room was the guest of honour, Sh. Satpal Sharma Gen. Sec. DLF, Sh. Shakti Dutt Sharma (Gen Sec. VHP), Sh. Brig. Mehra (President Jammu Pragati Manh), Sh. Raju Jamwal, Sh. R. K. Raina, President Sangram Sena., Sh. Kishore Kumar Sharma (Sarpanch

Nagrota), Sh. Lala Kishore Kumar Sharma (Sarpanch Nagrota), Capt. R.S. Langeh, Gen. Secy., Sangram Sena, Sh. Sudhir Padha, Chairman Divine Touch and Member Sewa Samiti, Sh. Rajesh Banathia, C.O. Sangram Sena, Th. Karnail Singh, Shree Raghunath Mandir Sewa Samiti, Sh. Raju Jamwal President Sangram Sena Ward No. 8, Rehari, Sh. Kapil Sharma, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Sangram Sena Youth President, Sh. Sanjay Gupta, Joint Secretary, Sangram Sena, Sh. Shiv Kapoor, State Secretary Sangram Sena, Dr. A.K. Chopra, Jammu District Sangram Sena, Rajesh Sharma (PP), S. Sukhvinder Singh, Vice President Freedom Fighter and many renowned personality of the state. In addition many devotees invited the programme and enjoyed the taste of Yagya Bandara.

Programme on women empowerment organised

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Jammu, Mar 22 : A program was organized on the subject of 'Empowering women, prosperous society' at ward number 58 Jeevan Nagar in Gandhi Nagar Constituency. The program was organized by social worker Kulbir Kour while senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria was mainly present. In this program, information was given about women empowerment, development of girl education, tips to become self-reliant and to stay away from anti-social elements. BJP leader Billwaria said that women will not get their rights until they become aware. For this it is necessary that every woman should be aware of her rights and be ready to avoid anti-social elements. e said that dedication and devotion to women empowerment is a must. Women will be empowered, then the country will develop. He said that in the name of the country, including Bharat Mata, Gau Mata, Maa Saraswati, Maa Lakshmi, Maa Durga, all worship the girls with respect to their mother power, but no one wants.