

BJP providing succour to common man under Sewa Hi Samarpan Abhiyan: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party is providing succour to common man reeling under difficulties due to corona stress as this biggest political outfit of the world is celebrating Sewa Hi Samarpan fortnight to celebrate PM Narendra Modi's 20 years in public life.

This was stated by BJP Vice President J&K Yudhvir Sethi while addressing a gathering during a medical camp held by the BJP leader in collaboration with Manipal Super Specialty Hospital in Jammu East Constituency.

Over 150 persons visited the camp and availed the benefit of the facility which was made available by Yudhvir Sethi under BJP's country-wide endeavour to provide succour to common man as part of birth-day celebrations of PM Modi.

Besides examining the visitors for various ailments free blood sugar, BP, weight and physical check up also carried out in the camp.



BJP Vice President J&K Yudhvir Sethi handing over medicines to a needy.

The doctors also provided free medicines to the people who were diagnosed for various diseases.

Yudhvir Sethi informed that under Sewa Hi Samarpan Abhiyan BJP aims at reaching out to the maximum people so that they become aware of party's policies and they should also know that there is a PM whose birthday is celebrated among common people.

He said that BJP J&K has envisaged various public friendly programme under the aforesaid Abhiyan to provide much needed help and assistance to

the needy sections of society. He made it clear that even after the culmination of Sewa Hi Samarpan Abhiyan, the BJP in Jammu will continue to extend support to the people as and when required because the activists of the party work with missionary zeal and selfless attitude.

Among others who were present include Arun Sethi, Nischal Anand, Vipin Sharma, Vineet Gupta, Vinay Sharma, Gulshan Prajapati, Vinay Gupta, Shivam Sharma, Neeru Anand, Anuradha Sharma, Ranju Sharma, Sheela Sethi, Surekha, Babli and Vandana Tahrani.

JKRDS pays rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, Shastri

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JAMMU: A meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Rural Development Society (JKRDS) held on Sunday at its regional office, Jammu under the chairmanship of Vice-Chairman Babu Ram Paul (former Minister).

In this meeting various issues pertaining to the overall development of the society were discussed and various strategies were formulated for the future course of action.

All the member reposed their full faith and confidence on the leadership of the Chairman of JKRDS Mubarak Gul (former Speaker) and Vice Chairman Babu Ram Paul (former minister). On the occasion rich tributes were paid to the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries.

The Vice-Chairman of the society highlighted the role and contribution with firm determination of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle and subsequently the role of Lal Bahadur Shastri as Prime Minister of India.

He said that Lal Bahadur Shastri gave us a great slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" for strengthening the unity, integrity and prosperity of the nation.

Babu Ram Paul further said that we all should follow the path of non-violence shown to us by Mahatma Gandhi which is most relevant in the present scenario to make a happy and prosperous society. The members unanimously decided to work with zeal and spirit to strengthen the society at the grass-root level and pledged to work under the active guidance of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the society.

The Vice-Chairman also appreciated all office bearers and workers of the society for their great contribution for strengthening the cause of the society.

Those who were present and spoke on the occasion include R.K Chanyal (Adv), K.L Abrol, Hemraj, Ashok Koul JKRDS, Brahm Dutt Sharma, Sat Paul Shabotra, Harbans Lal, Surjeet Dalotra, Dr. Gaurav Bharat and Dr. Gurpreet Singh.

J&K PYC resents re-employing retired engineers in RDD

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC) on Sunday opposed the Government move of re-employing retired engineers in Rural Development Department on contractual basis.

Ajaz Ahmed Choudhury, Vice President of Congress Youth Wing, while talking to media persons in JKPC headquarter, said that there are more than 70,000 educated unemployed engineers and earlier engaged skilled graduates who are working in the department on a paltty consolidated salary of Rs 11,000 per month in the UT who are in a state of distress with no employment.

He said engagement of retired engineers on contractual basis by the bureaucrat driven JK Government will disproportionately affect the young employed as well as unemployed engineers.

In such a condition, the Government move to recruit retired engineers to fill the shortage in Panchayat,



JKPYC Vice President, Ajaz Ahmed Choudhury talking to reporters.

Rural Development Department on contractual basis is gross injustice towards the unemployed engineers, said PYC leader Ajaz Choudhary.

Impressing upon the incumbent government to shun the policy of reengaging retired govt employees, he held that such short-sighted arrangement will only add to the mounting woes of our youth in Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that the much hype created by the incumbent administration on creating job extravaganza is yet to fructify and generate results.

"Every day we hear from

the local and Central government on giving our youth a sense of entitlement but all that has turned out to be mere announcements. Contrarily our youth are facing incremental assaults on their future," he said.

J&K Youth Congress demanded revision in the Government decision in this regard besides creating employment avenues for educated unemployed engineers with immediate effect.

Others present in press conference include Manpreet Singh PYC secretary office I/C, Happy Randhawa DYC W. President Jammu Urban, Asif and Ajay Lakhotra.

Rekha felicitates Jammu's local weaver couple on Gandhi Jayanti



BJP leader, Rekha Mahajan, felicitating local weaver couple.

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JAMMU: As a mark of tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on Gandhi Jayanti, Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, Rekha Mahajan, felicitated local weaver couple Buta Ram and his wife. It was also a follow up of the call of PM to promote local weavers and strengthen efforts for a self-reliant India. She was accompanied by District General Secretary Divya Jain, Sarojini

Sharma & Leela Chhetri.

Rekha Mahajan, on this occasion, said that we should be vocal for handmade products and salute all those associated with our vibrant handloom and handicraft sectors. They have made commendable efforts to preserve the indigenous crafts of our nation. Time has come to recognize the contribution of the weavers of the country, she said. Rekha further urged the people to spread information about these handloom and handicraft products around the world to benefit the local artisans.

"The more the world knows about our handlooms and handicrafts, the more our local artisans will be benefitted," she added.

MEA should take up security issue of Sikhs with Pak Govt: Virenderjeet

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JAMMU: The Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) should take up the issue of the security of Sikh families living in Pakistan with the government there as the members of this minority community are being targeted again and again in different parts of this neighbor country.

Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir BJP, Varinderjeet Singh, said this while condemning the killing of Sardar Satnam Singh in Pakistan's north western city of Peshawar, who was a well known Hakeem, living there for the last twenty years and running his clinic to earn livelihood. He said that the Indian government should talk to Pakistan in strongest words to identify and punish those who shot dead Sardar Satnam Singh. He also urged upon the Human Rights Organizations to take note of this killing and take up the issue of the security of the minorities in Pakistan with Imran Khan government.

Varinderjeet Singh mentioned that it is not the first killing of a Sikh in Peshawar and the need of the hour is to be hard on such people who are posing threat to the lives of minorities there as it would induce a sense of security among the community.

AAP expresses solidarity with protesting students

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JAMMU: Aam Aadmi Party Jammu Province endorses the protest of students who have been denied admission in state run colleges for undergraduate courses during current academic session despite having obtained remarkable achievements in their previous examinations.

It is highlighted that these students who could excel well in their academic pursuits are not being considered for admissions in government run colleges of the city falling under administrative control of the Cluster University.

Om Parkash Khajuria, Convener, Jammu Province, Gen. Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Wg Cdr Mahesh Chandar Sudan (Retd) & Dy SP Joginder Singh Chib (Retd), while addressing a press conference, said that these students would have not met this ill-fated situation in their academic career



AAP leaders talking to reporters.

if the administration responsible for implementations of Cluster University concept has worked as desired and created required facility and faculty to undertake task as established under the provision of Jammu Cluster University Act 2016 centrally sponsored under RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) 2013.

"This indicates that these students are being victimized not for their poor performance in pre requisite examinations but for the inefficiency of responsible administration in hiring

required human resource both teaching and non-teaching and up gradation of infrastructure in terms of buildings, furniture, laboratories and other educational gadgets to derive benefit of modern concept of education," they said.

Aam Aadmi Party extended full support to protesting students and expressed unflinching solidarity with them.

They urged that Lieutenant Governor to prevail over the responsible administration so that these students do not suffer any more.

Annuling of Articles 370, 35-A increased miseries of common man manifold: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Reacting to the statement of RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium at Jammu University regarding annulling of Article 370, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, former Minister and senior National Conference Leader said that Article 370 and 35-A has increased miseries of common man of Jammu and Kashmir manifold.

Sadhotra was addressing youth National Conference workers at Simbli in Marh. He added that Dr. Bhagwat is in Jammu for four days, he must have also got feedback from his own people.

National Conference leader said that since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A, a feeling of identity crisis, insecurity of jobs and land has housed the minds and hearts of



Senior NC leader, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing public meeting.

common man of Jammu and Kashmir especially Jammu.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir especially Jammu are feeling that BJP has betrayed with their huge mandate, he said.

Fast rise in unemployment has frustrated the youth he said adding that moreover, trade is also being snatched by the people other than the residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

Senior National Conference leader asserted that timing of annulling Article 370 and 35-A in 2019 was not appropriate to push the agenda of Sangh Parivar to annul Article 370 and 35-A.

It was time to jointly face the challenges of terrorism from across the border and challenges on China border, he said adding that peace is the foremost need of this region of the Country for sustainable

development to make strong nation.

When we say India First then it should not be only lip service but in practical it should be, said Sadhotra.

It is first time in the political history of Jammu and Kashmir that all parties and leaders from both the regions are demanding full-fledged state before Assembly Elections as a matter of Confidence Building Measure, Sadhotra said.

Our Central leadership should show magnanimity and give full Statehood to the people of J&K to instill trust.

Others who spoke were Ghar Singh Corporator, Swarn Singh Manhas, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Prof. Nasib Dass, Ravi Kumar, Rishi Kumar, Kusum Kumar, Sandeep Sharma, Surinder Kumar, Jasbir Singh and Balbir Singh Langleh.

BJP Govt's performance pathetic, people suffering to hilt: Hari Singh

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JAMMU: BJP Government has attained expertise in making big claims but on ground its performance is dismal with people suffering on all counts as civic edifice, healthcare, education, employment, tourism, businesses are all passing through an abyssmal phase.

This was said by Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural during a meeting with the people of Raipur-Domana area. Rajni Bala Corporator Ward No 60 was also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the prominent people of the area present in the meeting raised sev-



President DCC Jammu Rural, Hari Singh Chib and others during a programme.

eral issues pertaining to the dearth in civic edifice especially roads, lanes, PHE infrastructure, contaminated water supply, etc. They said that despite tall claims by the BJP representatives and the government which is indirectly being steered by the

Centre's Modi Government, the situation with regard to amenities and public utility services in the region is pathetic.

After listening to the plight of people, Hari Singh Chib said that the people have made a big mistake by

voting to power the BJP and the need of the time is to root it out as soon as possible and install Congress Government to ensure good governance in the country. He said that BJP cannot offer anything except big hollow promises like bringing back black money, eradicating corruption, teaching a lesson to China and Pakistan, etc.

Chib however assured the people of the area that he will mount pressure on the helmsmen to ensure the facilities which the locality is lacking shall be made available sooner than later.

Endorsing the points raised by Hari Singh Chib,

Corporator Rajni Bala said that there is huge shortage of funds as mismanagement is ruling the roost with accountability nowhere in sight. She expressed her dismay and disability to work for the people in absence of adequate funds and proper assistance from those manning the affairs of Jammu.

Rajni Bala said that the moment she will get the funds, she will immediately take up pending works but till the time BJP leadership is reluctant to give sufficient funds she is bound to sit idle and see the people of her ward facing hardships and bad times.