

LG felicitates Dr Rahul, Dr Yash Pal among 50 COVID warriors



Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha honouring Dr Rahul Gupta and Dr. Yash Pal Sharma during a function at SKICC, Srinagar.

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JAMMU: Appreciating the services rendered by the Health Care workers, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha on Thursday honoured 50 Health Care Workers (COVID Warriors) at a function organised by National Health Mission, J&K at SKICC, Srinagar.

Recognizing the selfless services rendered by the COVID Warriors in managing and handling the pandemic during both the waves as well as wide vaccine coverage in the UT of J&K, LG Manoj Sinha has applauded them for

their dedicated hard work.

"These warriors have put relentless efforts without even caring for their own lives and the lives of their family members. With the efforts of these Health Care warriors, Jammu & Kashmir was successful in keeping the positivity rate of patients and mortality rate within controllable limits," LG said Lt Governor added. He also acknowledged that the doctors and Health care workers in J&K have set an example for the entire nation.

Among the prominent awardees, were Dr Rahul Gupta (Prof. Head Chest

Disease Hospital GMC, Jammu), Dr. Rajeshwar Sharma (Medical Superintendent, Chest Disease Hospital, Jammu), Dr. Yash Pal Sharma (Managing Director, JKMSCL, Jammu). Many other doctors, paramedics, nurses, nursing orderlies and drivers were also honoured for their relentless efforts.

Among the prominent guests present were Advisor to Health & Medical Education, R.R Bhatnagar; Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Vivek Bhardwaj and Chief Secretary UT of J&K, Arun Mehta.

JKPYC seeks dismissal of MoS Ajay Mishra, arrest of his son for Lakhimpur violence



General Secretary JKPYC, Nimrandeep Singh speaking at a Dharna.

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JAMMU: General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Youth Congress, Nimrandeep Singh, on Thursday sought immediate dismissal of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra and the arrest of his son who has been named in an FIR by the Uttar Pradesh Police after the death of eight people, including four farmers in violent clashes in Lakhimpur Kheri.

Nimrandeep Singh, who has not been allowed to

visit Uttar Pradesh by the state government, demanded that Union Minister Ajay Mishra should be immediately dismissed from his post and his son arrested forthwith.

The Union Minister should be booked for the same offence as his son as he is trying to protect him, he added.

He questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence after such a big incident and said he has not uttered a single word.

"It is a shame that the

prime minister and home minister, whom the minister directly reports to, have not uttered a word on this cold blooded murder. The absolute silence from the ruling dispensation has made "jungle raj" thrive in UP and other BJP-ruled states of the country," he added.

The senior J&K PYC leader said there should be a probe on how other people died in the violence.

Nimrandeep Singh also condemned UP Police for stopping Senior Congress Leader Priyanka Gandhi from visiting Lakhimpur Khara and arresting her on the way.

He said that law and justice are under siege in BJP's rule as anarchy is in air. He said that Congress will fight tooth and nail the arbitrariness of the BJP Government and will root it out to once again establish rule of law in the country.

PM Modi's prolific policies made BJP a household name: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Thursday said that people-centric policies adopted by PM Narendra Modi have made BJP a household name in the country.

In a statement issued here after receiving the communiqué about his elevation as National Executive Member of BJP, Kavinder expressed gratitude towards the Party High Command for posing faith in his abilities to work with added zeal in making BJP more vibrant and close to the hearts of the people. He specifically thanked BJP President J.P Nadda and national leadership for according him the responsibility to work under the capacity of National executive of the party.

Kavinder said that he will focus on making BJP more robust and people's first choice. He said that already BJP is number one party of the country and he will try to add more sheen to the outfit. He assured the national lead-

Priya Sethi inaugurates 'Wedding & Festive Carnival'; asks women to become Atmanirbhar

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JAMMU: Former Minister & senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader, Priya Sethi along with Sanjita Dogra, President BJP Mahila Wing, Jammu and Kashmir, inaugurated the 'Wedding and Festive Carnival' organized by Divya Abrol here today.

After taking a round of the exhibition at the carnival, Priya Sethi appreciated Divya Abrol for the strenuous efforts put in by her in organizing such a useful and inspiring event in the City of Temples.

While lauding Divya for marvelously managing her skills to maintain balance between the personal and professional lifestyles, Priya Sethi said that today's women are not lagging behind men in any field and it would not be wrong to state that women have excelled better than their male counterparts in many sectors.



Former Minister, Priya Sethi visiting stalls after inaugurating 'Wedding and Festive Carnival'.

The senior BJP leader said that today's women play a significant role in supporting financial position of their families as majority of them are working women, either as employees or as entrepreneurs in different fields. Even the defence forces have not remained the exclusive domain of males with the entry of females in these defence services, she asserted.

Briefing about the collection displayed and available at the carnival, she said that due to

meticulous planning and tireless efforts of Divya, the people of Jammu will now get an opportunity to purchase all the wedding related material under one roof here. She said that females across the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory must take Divya as their inspiration and role model and follow the suit to make them Atmanirbhar.

Sanjita Dogra appreciated the efforts made by Divya Abrol in organizing the carnival. She said that this carnival

will provide ample opportunities to the youth of Jammu to highlight their rich culture.

While lauding the Modi led Union Govt for focusing on Women Empowerment, Sanjita Dogra appealed to the women of Jammu and Kashmir to come forward and avail the benefits of multiple schemes launched by the Central government especially for the women.

Divya Abrol in her brief address thanked Priya Sethi for sparing her valuable time for the Carnival. She highlighted how she grabbed the opportunity of becoming a job provider instead of a job seeker that ultimately resulted in her becoming self dependent besides economic boost.

Among others who accompanied the former minister include Geetanjali Mahajan, Neena Gupta, Suman Raina, Anita Gandotara, Urvashi Gupta, Neha Mahajan and Poonam Gupta.

Festivals help in strengthening bonds of brotherhood & communal harmony: Bhalla

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Navratras, former Minister and senior Congress leader Raman Bhalla today participated in the magnificent Shobha Yatra, taken out from Bage-E-Bahu Bawe-Bali Mata with religious fervour and gaiety amidst chanting of Bhajans and hymns in praise of Maa Vaishno Devi towards famous Mahamaya Mandir.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that such festivals symbolize unity in diversity besides highlighting composite culture of J&K. These events also provide a common platform to the people irrespective of caste, colour and creed to interact with each

other and share their culture and traditions which further help in strengthening bonds of brotherhood and communal harmony. Extending greetings to the people in general and pilgrims in particular on Navratras, Bhalla said that the festival provides an opportunity to the visiting yatis to have a glimpse of our rich cultural heritage and peaceful co-existence of people of different faiths. He said that efforts must be made by the Lt Governor Administration to create additional infrastructural facilities at Bawe Bali Mata temple to meet the increasing rush of pilgrims effectively.

Lauding the role of various

local associations connected with the Navratra festival, Bhalla said that such events could not get successful without the active participation of the locals.

Highlighting the fast growing popularity of the festival, Bhalla said the yearly event was started for popularizing the Holy Cave Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi as a major pilgrim destination of the State.

He asked Government to make all out efforts to provide all modern line basic amenities to the visiting pilgrims from across the country. He said the devotees of Shri Mata Vashino Devi Jee and Shiv Khori is increasing day-by-day.

SSP Traffic Jammu Rural decorates newly promoted ASIs



SSP Traffic Rural Jammu Mohan Lal Kaith posing with newly promoted ASIs.

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JAMMU: Pipping ceremony for newly promoted Traffic personnel of Traffic Jammu Rural was convened today by Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic Rural Jammu Mohan Lal Kaith here in his office chamber.

Ten Head Constables of this Unit who have been recently promoted to the rank of

Assistant Sub Inspector by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu were decorated by the SSP.

The promote Head Constables include Lakshman Singh, Khurshid Mohd, Abdul Qayoom, Sardari Lal, Kulwant Singh, Mohammad Abdullah, Surinder Kumar, Bhupinder Singh, Vinod Kumar and Davinder Kumar.

Congress condemns selective killings in Kashmir Seeks urgent measures to check targeted killings; safety, security of innocents especially minorities

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JAMMU: Congress has taken strong exception to the unabated and selective targeted killings in the Kashmir Valley and demanded the Central and UT administration to ensure foolproof safety and security of people, especially the minority communities in the Valley.

Expressing grave concern over the rising incidents of selective and targeted killings in the Kashmir Valley, JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Vice President Raman Bhalla, General Secretaries Yogesh Sawhney and Thakur Mannohan Singh strongly condemned the gruesome killings of two school teachers including Principal, both belong to minority community, today morning and expressed deep shock and sympathies with the families of martyred. They described the emerging situation due to the series of selective and targeted killings as grave and grim, as only two days ago the terrorists killed Makhan Lal Bindroo and two others at will. It is very unfortunate and highly condemnable and has caused sense of insecurity and fear in the minds of innocent civilians, especially minority community



Senior Congress leaders addressing a press conference.

and non-locals. Those who stayed back and remained there all through the period of terrorism and are now getting martyred in the hands of terrorists and when the Centre Govt. and UT Administration claim normalcy and termed the situation under control. The Govt. must wake up to the situation and ensure the safety and security of innocent people especially the minority community who are feeling more unsafe now. Sharing the detail of selective killings, Sharma said that on the 1st day of this year, jeweler Sat Pal Nichal was martyred by terrorists and 25 civilians have been martyred till date. He said that since October 2019 when five workers from West Bengal were martyred in Kulgam, on October 15, 2019 Seth Kumar Daily Worker from

Chhatisgarh and Charanjit Singh Truck Driver from Punjab, on October 28, 2019 Truck Driver from Katra- Jammu were among those martyred by terrorists.

He said that the owner of Krishna Dhaba Akash Malhotra too become the victim of selective killings. The series of such selective killings has created fear psychosis amongst innocent people especially the minorities and others including the PM Package employees and others. The situation is alarming and reverting towards 1990, they said, asking the Govt. of India to wake up and take urgent measures to check this process immediately. They also demanded adequate ex-gratia relief to the families of the victims, although no money compensate the loss of lives to the victim families.