

Bhalla calls on AICC President, discusses prevailing political scenario in J&K



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla calling on AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge.

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JAMMU: AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge asked JKPCC leaders to get united for fighting anti-people and anti-youth policies of ruling BJP and defeat their divisive agenda in Jammu and Kashmir, to strengthen the party and gear up their activities keeping an eye on forthcoming Assembly elections. He appreciated JKPCC leaders and cadres for their struggle and commitment to fight against the communal and divisive

forces in Jammu and Kashmir. The AICC President was interacting with JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, who met him at New Delhi. Bhalla apprised Kharge about political situation in J&K and ongoing organizational activities of party. He also discussed the feedback from the workers and people about the functioning of present government and the role being played by Congress to represent and highlight the issues of peo-

ple of J&K. He also discussed various measures for further strengthening the party in J&K. He also briefed Kharge about the socio-political developments prevailing in J&K, besides having a detailed discussion on different issues confronting people especially, rising unemployment, economic losses, lack of development and other issues. AICC President told Bhalla to activate cadre at various levels in order to highlight issues of people and expose the failures and falsehood of BJP and the failures of the Centre Govt in J&K to come up to the expectations of the people on various vital commitments. The party should highlight the issues of people in J&K with a view to launch an offensive against BJP for their failures on various fronts besides neglect and failures to fulfill commitments with people of J&K, he added.

BJP pays tributes to Pt Prem Nath Dogra on his birth anniversary

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir celebrated birth anniversary of tallest Dogra leader and Sher-e-Duggar, Pt. Prem Nath Dogra with great enthusiasm by throughout the region. BJP leaders performed Hawan and Yagya at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Chowk, followed by garlanding of the statue of Pandit.



BJP J&K leaders paying tributes to Pt. Prem Nath Dogra.

Jeet Angral, and others also paid tributes on the occasion.

Ashok Koul appealed the party workers to work dedicatedly for the welfare of the people. He said Pandit Ji as a mature personality, was equally respected by his opponents as well.

Jugal Kishore said that Modi Government at the Centre is the strong government that has not only given befitting reply at the borders to the enemies but has also put the nation on the path of progress on most modern lines.

Kavinder said that we will

spend our last breath in the service of Bharat Mata but will never let forces inimical to national cause to derail the ongoing peace and development process.

Priya Sethi said that Pt. Ji was a great soul who was instrumental in leading agitation for the pride of common people. Senior BJP leaders conducted similar programmes across the region to remember the great leader of the soil. Munish Khajuria presented vote of thanks. Vinay Gupta conducted the stage proceedings.

BSS performs Kali Mata Puja, distributes blankets among Sadhu Samaj



BSS members and others distributing blankets among Sadhus.

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NAGROTA: Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS), Panjgrain Jammu performed Kali Puja of the Mother Goddess Shakti at the Ashram premises, Panjgrain Nagrota. A religious programme was held in the evening in which besides other dignitaries Swami Bhaskaranandaji Maharaj, Joint Secretary of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Swami Sarbesananda, Leader of All India Sangha Pracharak, Swami Bedantananda, Secretary of BSS Haridwar Branch, Swami Parasarananda, Assistant leader of All India Sangha Pracharak, Uchit Singhal, Station Director of Jammu Tawi Railway Station and Raj Kumar Gupta, President of Fruit and Sabzi Mandi and Gau Raksha Samiti J&K were present. Uchit Singhal, Station Director of Jammu Tawi Railway Station gave a brief speech on Bharat Sevashram Sangha. He discussed the importance of Kali Mata

Pujan and the implication of Goddess Kali Mata. Langar was distributed among the participating Sadhu Samaj and other devotees after completion of Puja. More than 1000 devotees were blessed with Kali Mata Prasadam. Swami Bhaskaranandaji also gave a sermon and a religious discourse to the hundreds of devotees coming from Jammu region at the Ashram. The locals appreciated the gesture of the Sangha.

On this occasion, the Sangha members in presence of the other dignitaries distributed blankets among the Sadhu Samaj.

Tariq appointed Apni Party's Social Media Analyst

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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Apni Party on Tuesday appointed Tariq Mohi ud Din as the Social Media Analyst of the Party. Besides the new assignment, he will be carrying out already-assigned responsibilities. In this regard, a formal order has been issued from the party headquarters.

JKPF holds function to celebrate Accession Day

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JAMMU: To celebrate the Accession Day besides making masses aware of importance of day, especially youth, a general body meeting was organised at Kameshwar Temple (Bharat Mata Mandir) at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu by Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Forum (JKPF) on Tuesday, wherein importance and history of the day was highlighted.

Speaking on the occasion, the members said that October 16 is an historic and one of the landmark days in the history of Jammu & Kashmir, as it is the day on which Instrument of accession was executed by Maharaja Hari Singh in 1947, for acceding princely state of Jammu and Kashmir to Indian Union. The accession was accepted by the then Governor General Lord Mountbatten. At the outset, the participants also paid homage to the Maharaja Hari Singh who signed the Instrument of Accession.

Romesh Sabherwal, President JKPF, threw light on the magnanimous personality of Maharaja Hari Singh and his patriotism. Adv Raghu Mehta Vice President JKPF spoke on the genealogy of Maharaja Hari Singh and his contributions towards welfare of society like abolition of child Marriage, Sati Pratha besides promoting free primary education and opening a number of schools, both for boys and girls.

The meeting was attended by 70 prominent residents of locality, including Sat Paul, Surinder, Ajay Gupta, Lucky Puri, Indu Puri and Sanjay Gupta. Proceedings were conducted by Vikas Sharma and Prof Dr Rajiv Rattan General Secretary JKPF while formal vote of thanks was presented by Ashok Gupta.

Former Minister, Kulgam delegation call on LG

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SRINAGAR: Sunil Sharma, former Minister on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here.

The former Minister discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of public importance including welfare issues of VDC members, JKPCC employees, besides agricultural-related issues. Later, a delegation of local residents of Kulgam led by Abid Hussain Khan, District President BJP Kulgam apprised the Lt Governor on various developmental issues of the Kulgam district pertaining to establishment of Women's Degree College at Kulgam and Devsar; upgradation of Primary Health Centre at Devsar & Killam; Polytechnic College at Killam; Railway station halt point at Sangran; Boarding school; children park at Gundipora; widening of Vessu to Devsar road; strengthening of road network; besides other welfare issues of fruit growers. The Lt Governor while interacting with the former Minister and the members of the delegation assured them of appropriate redressal of their genuine demands on merit.

BJP celebrates Deepawali with religious fervour

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, organized Deepawali Milan and celebrated the occasion with religious fervour amid Vedic Aarti and distributed sweets at the party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP general secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul accompanied by MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, Devender Singh Rana, former Minister Abdul Ghani Kohli, Charanjit Singh Khalsa, Sunil Sethi, Rekha Mahajan, Prabhat Jamwal, Baldev Billawaria, Tilak Raj Gupta, Dr. Pardeep

140th Nirvan Diwas of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati observed

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JAMMU: Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg, City Chowk observed 140th Nirvan Diwas of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati on eve of Deepawali, who attained Nirvan on the day. He was founder of Arya Samaj and laid its foundation in 1875 at Kakarwadi, Mumbai. The reforms made by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati will always be remembered in society as he preached for eradication of Sati Pratha, Child marriage etc besides supporting women empowerment etc. He was the first saint to proclaim that India is for Indians and also was the pioneer to initiate freedom struggle in 1847. The programme commenced with Vedichawan wherein members of all Arya Samajs of Jammu and Kashmir participated with fervour. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Balwan Singh (General Secretary). Rich tributes were paid to



President Arya Pratinidhi Sabha J&K, Arun Chaudhary being honoured at a programme.

Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati by Sukriti Chaudhary (Sanchalika Arya Veerangana Dal) followed by Shradhanjali by Prof Dr Pratibha Purandhi and Prof Dr Satya Priya.

Children of Arya Veerangana Dal and Arya Girls Pathshala, Kachi Chawani recited poems and delivered speeches in memory of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati. The programme

was conducted under aegis of Arun Chaudhary (President - Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu and Kashmir) who was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He was profusely garlanded and felicitated by Arun Gupta (President - Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg, Jammu) who also presented formal vote of thanks. The programme was followed by Langar.

SVLARC releases 'Vishwakarma Reporter-2022' Magazine

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JAMMU: On Vishwakarma Day 2022, Shree Vishwakarma Library and Research Centre (SVLARC), New Plots, Jammu on Tuesday released its Community Magazine 'Vishwakarma Reporter'.

On the occasion Kuldeep Kalgotra, (Prop JK Timbers, Gangyal) was Chief Guest and Dr Chanchal Bhasin (Dogri writer), Advocate Ashok Basotra, Advocate Rohit Verma, F.C Satia (General Secretary Prajapati Sabha), Sham Lal Basson (Corporator) and J.R Sagar (Actor) were the special invitees.

All executive members of the Library congratulated the people connected with magazine and hoped readers shall enjoy its contents.

Ram Lal (Principal rettd.) Chairman of the Library lauded the role of editors for their efforts to bring out this publication.

Ramesh Angotra (Convenor), of the Library conveyed that magazine is playing big role in eradication of social evils, inspiring the youth for education and bringing the awareness among the masses in remotest of the corners of J&K UT.

Kuldeep Kalgotra said such publications go a long in integrating the community.

On this occasion three students were also honoured for their outstanding achievements. They were Sneha Dhiman for her bronze medal in Gymnastics in Senior category at National level in Gujarat; Vishal Verma for his gold in 1500M Race in DAV National sports Cluster level athletic meet at Ludhiana, and Nitin Viridhi for his selection as Prosecution Officer.

Progress under CAPEX, Distt Plans in Jammu Div reviewed



Director Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare Jammu, K. K. Sharma chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare Jammu, K. K. Sharma chaired a meeting of the officers to review the progress under CAPEX, District Agriculture Plans & Deliverables at Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu on Tuesday. The physical and financial achievements/expenditure under various centrally sponsored schemes and CAPEX Budget 2022-23 were discussed threadbare in the meeting.

At the outset, Director Agriculture reviewed in detail the status/progress of various deliverables under departmental schemes and district Agriculture Plan including National Food Security Mission(NFSM), Seed Distribution, Diversification(Mushroom & Bee-Keeping), Soil Health Cards (SHC), Protected culti-

vation, Fertilizer/Pesticide samples, Plant Health Management services besides Farm Mechanization, AIF & PMFME. He impressed upon the officers to identify and resolves the bottlenecks in successful implementation of farmer welfare schemes.

Director took latest update under Social Sector Schemes like PM KISAN, PMKMY, e-Shram, KCC and directed for regular reporting of the same. Progress concerning top 20 Urea buyers, liquidation of stock held in PoS machines and model fertilizer retail Shops in the respective districts was also reviewed in the meeting. The Director also received Feedback regarding preparedness of Rabi 2022-23 season.

Director asked for need based operation of e-plant clinics in the districts for facilitation of the farmers. He further impressed upon the offi-

cers to report the activities under B2V4 on daily basis. Progress under new initiatives, 14 online services of the department and functioning of paddy procurement mandies was also discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was attended among others by Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), Joint Director Agriculture (Extension & Mushroom), Deputy Director (Central), Agronomist (Vegetables), DSSO, Agriculture Chemist, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings), Plant Protection officer, Agriculture Research Engineer and Sectoral Heads of different Schemes of Agriculture Department. Chief Agriculture Officers/representatives of all districts of Jammu Division were also present in the meeting.

SMC Corporators raise various developmental issues

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Corporators from Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on Tuesday called on the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex, here and sought his intervention in redressing their concerning issues.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone and other concerned were present on the occasion. At the outset, the Corporators apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the issue of providing permanent accommodation to the Corporators. They also sought intervention of DC in execution of developmental works in SMC Wards.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient

hearing to the issues and demands projected by the City Corporators and assured redressal of their genuine issues and demands under the jurisdiction of Srinagar Administration.

He urged them to submit a Ward wise developmental plan so that it is considered and incorporated in the annual Action plan for overall welfare and development of the City.

They demanded replacement of poles and worn out conductors in the electrical network in different wards.

The DC said that issues pertaining to basic amenities not covered under the Urban developmental plan shall be adjusted suitably under other schemes in vogue.

He impressed upon the Corporators to continue efforts in raising developmental issues of the public in their respective Wards for the larger interest of the public.

CS reviews establishment of industries under NIP



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a virtual meeting.

put to notice for cancellation of their allotments. He asked them to give these to other applicants who are waiting for the allotment for establishing their units.

The Chief Secretary was informed that during the year 2022-23, 197 units with an investment of Rs 542 cr and employment to 2202 persons have come under production in Jammu Division. In Kashmir Division some 401 units have come under production with an investment of around Rs 300 cr and employment generation for 4120.

It was given out that 70 units in Jammu have initiated

work on ground with a projected investment of Rs 1454 cr. Similarly in Kashmir Division38 units with a projected investment of Rs 952 cr have initiated work on ground. Besides it was added that the total employment potential of all applications is nearly 2.8 lakh persons.

The meeting was further apprised that 314 lease deeds have been executed till date and more 295 are under process. Moreover, land has been allotted to 519 new units in Jammu Division and 1122 units in Kashmir Division.

In the ensuing month it was revealed that 55 lease deeds had been executed and 30 have deposited the premium. In addition,132 lease deeds are under execution and 35 units have initiated work on ground during this month. The meeting also came to know that work in 4 industrial estates has been initiated during this period.

The meeting also deliberated that a total of 529 units in Kashmir Division were granted general extension upto June, 2022 by APCC. Out of which 401 units have come into production, about 85

units have completed construction of factory shed and require further extension of 6 to 12months for coming into production.

Similarly a total of 325 units in the Jammu Division were granted general extension. Out of which 160 units could come into production and were granted Permanent Registration whereas 2 units merged/amalgamated into existing units.

It was informed that a slew of policy measures to promote ease of Doing business have been initiated. In this direction some 161 e-Services majorly G2B services pertaining to 17 Departments are being provided on a single window portal.

As far as BRAP-2022 is concerned it consisted of 352 reform point suggestions for implementation. J&K has achieved 100 % implementation in 247 points, partial implementation in 52 points and 53 points are yet to be complied. It has been given out that as per the earlier directions of the Chief Secretary 100% implementation is targeted till the end of this month.