

## Congress committed to ensure equal rights for every citizen: Bhalla

### J&K Mahila Congress organises convention

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JAMMU: Dubbing BJP-led government at the Centre and BJP-controlled Administration in the Union Territory (UT) as anti-people, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Vikar Rasool Wani on Saturday regretted that instead of solving basic problems of people, the Saffron Brigade has been shamelessly pursuing politics of hatred and divisive. "It is high time to educate people about the evil designs of BJP to save the future of our younger generation," Wani said while addressing a one-day convention organised by J&K



Senior Congress leaders during a convention at Jammu.

BJP stresses early constitution of VDCs as VDGs, releasing remuneration

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stressed for the quick implementation of order of Village Defense Guard Scheme (VDGS) in a meeting of VDC members conducted at BJP headquarter here.

JKBJP general secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul accompanied by BJP's VDC Cell Convenor Basant Raj Thakur addressed a gathering of VDC Cell members from around the region who gathered there to express their concern about non-implementation of the order at the ground level.

A resolution was passed in the meeting in which it was stressed that the order issued by MHA stating that the members of the Village Defence Group (VDG) would be designated as the Village Defence Guards (VDGs) instead of earlier designation of VDCs should be implemented as early.

In addition, it was stressed to press for the early release of their remuneration to facilitate their living.

Ashok Koul, in his addressed stressed that the BJP fully supports the just cause of VDCs and have followed their case since very beginning.

BJP VDC Cell Convenor Thakur Basant Raj in consultation with BJP President Ravinder Raina and General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul also announced new Cell team. Mohan Lal has been nominated as Incharge Udhampur-Jammu; Ajeet Wazir as Incharge of Kishtwar Doda; Suresh Sharma as Incharge of Ramban Reasi; Uttam Chand and Surej Singh as Incharge of Jammu, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri and Samba.

Rajesh Sharma has been nominated as Convenor of District Doda; Sandeep Shan as Convenor of District Kishtwar; Kunj Lal as Convenor of District Ramban; Sukh Dev as Convenor of District Kathua; Ashok Singh as Convenor of District Samba; Daleep Singh as Convenor of Poonch; Ashok Singh as Convenor of Jammu; Puran Singh as Convenor of District Reasi.

Narinder Singh nominated as Overall Incharge of all VDCs of Jammu Division.

## SDM Marh organise meetings with stakeholders for Jhiri Mela

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JAMMU: North India's biggest Mela wherein more than 15 lakh people are expected to visit, as it couldn't be organised for last 3 yrs due to COVID pandemic, is set to start from November 7 to 16.

SDM Marh Rajeev Khajuria, who is Mela officer also, conducted marathon meetings with local Pujaris, Mahants, prominent citizens, PRI members & all other local stakeholders for smooth & successful conduct of this year's Mela as he maintained that no function of this much magnitude can be successful without the active involvement and cooperation of local stakeholders and advised all of them to receive lakhs of devotees visiting from inside and outside the country with love and respect as they all come out of devotion and faith for their revered deities Bua Kodi & Baba Jitto Mal who sacrificed their lives for

state of "financial emergency" has been created by the present Government. She expressed surprise that instead of protecting interests of the weaker sections, BJP-led regime is only serving interests of the corporate world.

Speaking on occasion, J&K Congress Working President Raman Bhalla

said that every section of the society is bearing brunt of anti-people policies being pursued by the BJP government. He said that unemployment is growing like never before and backbone of common people is broken due to inflation and skyrocketing rise in prices of essential commodities. Bhalla further said that Congress is committed to ensure social, educational, economical, and political empowerment of J&K people.

"We are committed to ensuring equal rights and the same opportunities for every citizen of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Program will be Gopujan

## Jt Dir CBC convenes meeting of Field Officials, private registered troupes of Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The Joint Director of Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Regional Office, Jammu, Ghulam Abass on Saturday chaired a meeting of the Kashmir based field officials of CBC and the Private Registered Troupes (PRTs) of the bureau at Srinagar.

The meeting was held to review the recently concluded Integrated Communication and Outreach Programs (ICOPs) in Ladakh region as well as to discuss issues concerning the PRTs.

Abass said that reaching out to the people at the grassroots level, especially in rural areas, is at the heart of CBC's mandate of public outreach. He said that use of folk and traditional perfor-



ing arts is an integral part of the government information delivery mechanism and the PRTs have an important role in the success of the awareness campaigns.

During the hour-long meeting PRTs raised the issue of programme fee enhancement as well as called for regular allotment of programmes. Some troupe leaders also suggested coordination with the district administration for allotment

of programs in events like Independence & Republic Day celebrations and during campaigns like Back to Village.

While giving a patient hearing to the cultural parties, Abass informed the meeting that the allotment of the programs to PRTs is being done strictly in accordance with the budget allocation. He said that CBC, RO, Jammu is committed to the equitable and just

## AAP leader, eight members join BJP in Jammu

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JAMMU: Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Satish Sharma Shastri and eight activists joined the BJP here on Saturday, saying only this party can strengthen the nation and serve people.

BJP president of the union territory Ravinder Raina and MP Jugal Kishore Sharma welcomed them to the party at its headquarters here.

Ashish Abrol, Rakesh Shastri, Rakesh Bali, Ashok Sharma, Deepak Sharma, Sunita Devi, Charu Abrol and Madan Lal Sharma were the others who switched over to the BJP from the AAP.

Raina said Shastri was a



dedicated social worker and hoped that all the new members abided by the party's principles.

Shastri said he repented his earlier decision to join the AAP and that only the BJP can strengthen the nation. "I am now feeling

alive, enlightened and ready to serve the people," he added.

Jugal Sharma said the gates of the BJP are open for all those who want to serve the people and strengthen "nationalist forces".

## ADGP Security inaugurates Conference Hall, Officers' Mess

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SRINAGAR: The Addl. DGP Security, J&K, Dr S.D. Singh Jamwal on Saturday inaugurated Conference Hall & the GOs Mess at Central Pool Kashmir to suffice the requirements of the security police personnel.

Soon after the inauguration programme, the ADGP inspected infrastructure and other facilities available in the premises. He also then interacted with the officers and Jawans and also took stock of the functioning of the establishment.

In his welcome address, Sheikh Zulfiqar Azad SSP Security Kashmir thanked the Chief Guest for gracing the occasion. He expressed his gratitude to ADGP Security for his constant support, guidance and leadership.

He disclosed that this time special arrangements have been made from administration side to ensure smooth, secure & satisfactory conduct of mela & soul touching experiences for pilgrims as Laser show on the lives of Mata Vaishno Devi & Baba Jitto Mal, big LED displays on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from Central Bureau of Information, cultural programs, wrestling competitions, Dogra Pagri wearing competition & departmental stalls shall be main attractions of this year's Mela.

## JKGRS Amphalla to celebrate Gopashtami on Nov 1

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JAMMU: A special function will be organized by Jammu and Kashmir Gau Raksha Samiti (JKGRS), Amphalla on the occasion of Gopashtami on November 1, 2022.

Giving information about Gopashtami, Raj Kumar Gupta said that on the day of Gopashtami, Bhagwan Krishna's father Nand Maharaj had entrusted Bhagwan Shri Krishna with the responsibility of serving the mother cow since then this day is celebrated as Gopashtami.

Gopashtami will be celebrated on November 1, 2022 in the traditional way at Ambphalla Gau Shalla, Jammu.

Program will be Gopujan



JKGRS member Raj Kumar Gupta addressing a press conference.

at 9 am to 9:30 am, Havan: 9:30 am to 11:00 am, Satsang at 12 noon to 12:30, seminar and felicitation ceremony at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, Bhandara from 2 pm to onwards.

Jammu and Kashmir Gau Raksha Samiti, Amphalla requested all the people of the UT to come on this occasion and get the blessings of the mother cow.

Other members present during press conference were Tripti Shastri and Shubham Langer.

Annual congregation of Prashar Biradari on Oct 31

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SAMBA: The 39th annual Congregation of Prashar Biradari will be observed on Monday, October 31st at Village Odh of District Samba. President Rampaul Sharma said that the congregation shall start with the worship of Mata Satyawati and Baba Bank Nath (Yogi Baba) followed by Hawan, Kirtan, Jhanda Pujan. The devotees from Jammu Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal, Delhi, UP, Maharashtra, Chandigarh shall take part in the congregation. Dozens of followers shall install stalls of Sweets and food. The congregation shall conclude with community fest. All the members of Biradari are invited on the occasion.

## KPS holds meet to discuss emerging scenario, seeks compensation for families of martyrs

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JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit Sabha Jammu held a meeting today to review the situation emanating in the aftermath of latest instances of forced migration of some Kashmiri Pandit families from valley. The meeting was held under the leadership of Sabha President, K K Khosa.

The members noted with concern that despite of viral videos in social media as well as the visual media showing abandoning of their movable and immovable properties by these unfortunate families, local administration is in a state of complete denial of any such development.

PM package employees have been protesting for the past six months for the fulfillment of their legitimate demands after the valley

saw a spate of targeted killings mainly of minorities including that of their colleagues. Instead of sympathizing with the employees and allaying their fears the UT government has been using all kinds of coercive measures including holding up of their salaries for the past four months in certain cases. The members expressed shock and disbelief over the manner in which the UT administration has been treating package employees especially when their sense of security has received a big hit due to the targeted killings in the valley including that of their colleagues. KPS members appealed to LG Manoj Sinha to release pending salaries of all employees and provide adequate compensation on humanitarian grounds of families of

Puran Krishan Bhat and Sunil Pandita, who got martyred in terrorist attacks during past two months.

Their registration as displaced Kashmiri Pandit families should be granted to them by the relief organization so that the loss of their only bread-winner does not leave them in wilderness and in a state of complete helplessness, they added.

Those who attended the meeting included J L Zutshi (Sr Vice President), Ashwani Kaul (Vice-President), S L Bagati (General Secretary), G J Kampassi (Secretary), Subash Dhar, B L Tiku (Treasure), Jitender Parimoo, Deepak Dhar, Anil Wakhloo, Asha Kitchloo, Prof R K Ganjoo, Satish Khoda, V K Bakshi and V K Mukhi.

## Rs 1 lakh cost imposed on DGP J&K for litigation burden suffered by petitioners

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court imposed costs of Rs 1 Lakh to Director General of Police J&K for litigation burden suffered by the petitioners for the situation not of their making.

This significant order has been passed in a petition filed by Kala Ram & ors who are successors-in-interest of late Sharda Ram and all of whom have come to succeed to a piece of property existing in the form of a plot of land measuring 07 Kanals 18 Marlas falling under khasra no. 247 in 3 OWP No. 1302/2015 village Kartholi, ward no. 12 Bari Brahma, so the dumping of coal consignment and supply transported through Railway for the J&K Police at the vacant site of plot property of the petitioners was perhaps invitingly serving the convenience of the Police Establishment.

The only saving satisfaction of the situation for the petitioners was that they were at least tempted with offer of monthly rental for the use and occupation of their plot property by the J&K Police least realizing even that was to prove a mirage for them.

Justice Rahul Bharti after hearing Adv Ashok Basotra for the petitioners observed that this court in the light of facts and circumstances as

said plot property of the petitioners, and, thus, the petitioners' silence and submission was read as their consent to let the use and occupation of their plot property by the Police Establishment for dumping of coal stock. It is pertinent to observe here that as the plot property is in the very close vicinity of the Railway Station Bari Brahma, so the dumping of coal consignment and supply transported through Railway for the J&K Police at the vacant site of plot property of the petitioners was perhaps invitingly serving the convenience of the Police Establishment.

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Justice Rahul Bharti after hearing Adv Ashok Basotra for the petitioners observed that this court in the light of facts and circumstances as

payment of the entire rent for the period 2013-14 to 2017-18 as per assessment made by the respondent no. 2. The aggregate amount so payable to the petitioners is to bear interest @ 9 per cent p.a. with effect from October 2018 onward till actual payment of the entire amount. Consequently, this Court quashes the respondent no. 3's Order no. 558 of 2016 dated 19/02/2016 as being arbitrary and baseless.

Justice Rahul Bharti further said that the compliance to the directions of this court hereby given shall be carried out by respondent (DGP J&K) within period of two months from the date of receipt of the rent assessment report. Justice Rahul Bharti further observed that disposal of this writ petition cannot be without burdening respondent with exemplary costs for the litigation burden suffered by the petitioners for the situation not of their making and as such an amount of rupees 1 lakh is awarded as costs payable in favour of the petitioners and to be paid by DGP J&K.

## Mayor starts construction work of Nallah in Baba Lal lane

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JAMMU: Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma and Narotam Sharma, Concellor Ward No 3, Old City Jammu jointly inaugurated construction work of Nallah near Baba Lal temple with the estimated cost of Rs 55 lakh and the work is being executed through Urban Environmental Engineering Department, Jammu.

The local people of the area had been demanding construction of this Nallah for over a decade and its construction would provide them a sigh of relief. The Mayor assured the local people present there that JMC will try to sort out all minor and

major issues of the people in phased manner. The Mayor also appreciated the local councillor for his constant effort of raising infrastructure in ward no 3 old city. The prominent people besides mayor and Narotam Sharma include Senior BJP Leader Yudveer Sethi, Vinay Gupta, Parveen Kheri Ashwani Gupta, Parveen Babbar, BJP Jammu district president Vinay Gupta, Narinder Koki, Amzad Shekh, Sanjay Sharma, Sanjay Abrol (Booth presidents), Saroj Gupta, Vidya Devi, Jugal Gupta, Sahil Khajuria, Subash Sharma and others were present on the occasion to grace the event.

## Vivek Chess Academy felicitates Soham

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JAMMU: Asian Youth Bronze medal winner Soham Kamotra was honoured by Vivek Chess Academy for bringing laurels to the Union Territory of J&K.

Soham remained part of the Academy as a young trainee for four years of initial training, a handout issued by the Academy here on Saturday mentioned.

Soham was warmly welcomed by the young students of Academy and the coach, Vivek Bharati. Important to mention here that Soham won Bronze



medal in the Asian Youth Chess Championship. Being part of the team, he also won two more medals for India thus made it a tally of three. Soham thanked all the players for warm welcome and wished them good luck.