

Congress committed to ensure equal rights for every citizen: Bhalla

J&K Mahila Congress organises convention

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.

Mahila Congress in connection with 'Sankalp Bharat Jodo' campaign at Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, J&K Mahila Congress President and former MLA Indu Pawar lashed out at the Narendra Modi-led government over the rising prices of essential commodities as well as unemployment, saying a

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 women.

"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.

JKGRS Amphalla to celebrate Gopashtami on Nov 1

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 Amphalla 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 Tript Shastri and Shubham Langer.

BJP stresses early constitution of VDCs as VDGS, releasing remuneration

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stressed for the quick implementation of order of Village Defence Guard Scheme (VDGS) in a meeting of VDC members conducted at BJP headquarter, here. J&K BJP 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 Surejeet 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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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

the cause of justice to peasant community irrespective of religion and race and also remembered & worshiped throughout the region. This Mela also boosts the local economy of the area & attracts tourists visiting Mata Vaishno Devi and Shiv Khori shines from all over the country. 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 Amrut 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.

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



Joint Director CBC Regional Office, Jammu, Ghulam Abbass chairing a meeting.

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, Abbass 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

allocation of programs to the PRTs, both in Jammu as well as Kashmir regions and assured the troupe leaders that their genuine demands would be placed before competent authority for redressal. On the issue of allotment of programs to PRTs in the campaigns being organised by district administration as suggested by some troupe leaders, Abbass said that the matter will be taken up with administration of Jammu and Kashmir at an appropriate level.

The meeting was also attended by Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer; Anantnag, Sikkander, Field Publicity Assistant, Srinagar and Mohammad Iqbal Khan, Field Publicity Assistant, Anantnag apart from troupe leaders and members of the PRTs of the Kashmir region.

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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 inspite 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 to families of

Annual congregation of Prashar Biradari on Oct 31
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: The 39th annual Congregation of Prashar Biradari will be observed on Monday, October 31st at Village Odh of District Samba. President Rampal 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.

AAP leader, eight members join BJP in Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina welcoming new entrants into party fold at Jammu.

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".

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ADGP Security inaugurates Conference Hall, Officers' Mess

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.

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Jammu Kho-Kho meet begins



Kho-Kho teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu District Kho-Kho (men and women) Championship got underway at Green Fields ground, here on Saturday. President J&K Kho-Kho Association, Manmeet Singh was the chief guest, who declared open the event amidst interaction with the participating teams and their officials as

also the technical penal of the event. In total, seven teams of men and six others in women are taking part in this event, a handout issued here today informed. Among others, who were present included B.S Tirthi, Harjeet Singh, Anil Sharma, Ajay Gupta, Dheeraj Sharma and Pankaj Malhotra. The technical penal comprised Amrinder Pal Singh, Jagdev, Sahil Dev and Sandeep Sharma.

The Results: MEN: NIS Juniors bt Jamu Sanskriti School 10-03; SAI Club bt Parivartan-B. WOMEN: PG JU Club bt Parivartan B by an inning and 11 points; NIS Club bt Parivartan A by one point.

Mayor starts construction work of Nallah in Baba Lal lane

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma and Narotam Sharma, Concillor 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 Kemi Ashwani Gupta, Parveen Babbar, BJP Jammu district president Vinay Gupta, Narinder Koki, Amzad Shekh, Sanjay Sharma, Sanjay Abrol (Booth presidents), Sarooj 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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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



Vivek Chess Academy members honouring Asian Youth Bronze medal winner, Soham Kamotra.

medal in the Asian Youth Chess Championship. Being part of the teams, 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.