

Kavinder, Rahul initiate SC Basti Sampark Abhiyan in Valmiki Colony

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) continued its relentless efforts to connect with the community through the "SC Basti Sampark Abhiyan" in Valmiki Colony, Ward No. 20 Gandhi Nagar. Organized under the dynamic leadership of Ward 20 Councillor Rahul Kumar, this event witnessed the presence of esteemed guests, including the Former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta. The highlight of the event was the presence of Ex Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his insightful address, Kavinder threw light on the overarching objectives of conducting the Basti Sampark Abhiyan. He emphasized the importance of strengthening the bond between the govern-



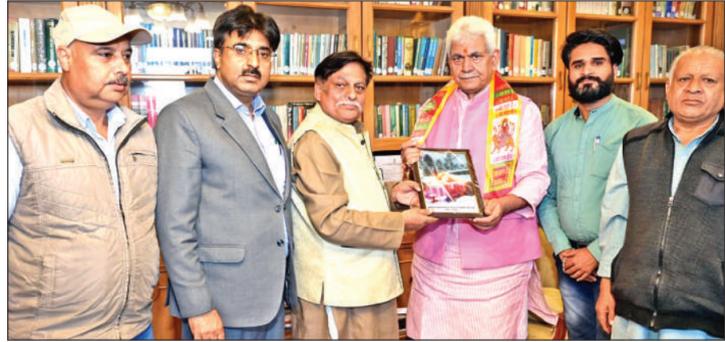
Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, Councillor Rahul Kumar and others during the campaign.

ment and the citizens, especially those residing in marginalized communities. He underlined the commitment of the BJP to address the needs and concerns of every citizen, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future. Rahul Kumar, Councillor of Ward 20, took the opportunity

to showcase the remarkable achievements of the Modi Government. He highlighted the transformative policies and initiatives undertaken by the government for the welfare and development of the nation. He expressed his gratitude to the residents of Ward No. 20 Gandhi Nagar for their contin-

uous support and trust in the BJP. He said BJP remained dedicated to its mission of empowering every citizen and ensuring the welfare of all sections of society. "SC Basti Sampark Abhiyan is just one of the many initiatives through which the BJP aims to engage with and serve the people," he

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STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: A delegation of Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Committee from Tikkar, Kupwara called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday.

The members of the delegation led by Mohan Lal Padroo discussed the development of Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan at Tikkar, Kupwara. The delegation also apprised the Lt Governor

about restoration of historical structures within the premises of the Temple. Later, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Chairman All J&K Folk Artists Association also called on the Lt Governor.

Kusht Mukti Abhiyan evokes huge response in Jammu Div



An official flagging off awareness vehicle.

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JAMMU: Kusht Mukti Abhiyan Rath was flagged off by Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma from Kusht Ashram Bhagwati Nagar to mark Gandhi Jayanti, here the other day. The event was organised by Dr. Sushma Mattoo, Zonal Leprosy Officer Jammu. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness about cause, transmission, sign and symptoms, treatment, prevention of leprosy and social stigma associated with the disease among

the community. Inmates from Kusht Ashram including children performed a cultural program that was appreciated by all present in the function. 15 ABHA IDs were generated for the members of Kusht Ashram. Deputy Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Controller of Stores Jammu Dr. Ritesh Khullar, Epidemiologist Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Venerologist, Medical Superintendent Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Nodal Officer NCD, Medical Officer MMU Jammu and officers and officials from the

Directorate of Health Services Jammu were present on the occasion.

Kusht Mukti Abhiyan was also observed in health institutions of all districts of Jammu division. A variety of activities were conducted that included flagging off of Rath, rallies, pledge taking ceremony and awareness in Health institutions, Schools, Anganwadi Centres and among the community. Cleanliness drives were also held in health institutions. Emphasis was laid on early detection and its treatment which is provided free of cost at all health institutions so as to eradicate leprosy from the root level. On the occasion Information, Education and Communication material on the disease was also distributed amongst all field functionaries and the general masses by the health department.

7-Day camp on Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign concludes at GCW Gandhinagar

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JAMMU: NSS Unit 1 of Government College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu on Tuesday concluded a 7-day camp dedicated to the Swachhta (Cleanliness) campaign. The camp aimed to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and instill a sense of responsibility towards maintaining a clean and green environment. The camp, which ran from September 26 to October 2, 2023, witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS Volunteers who actively engaged in a variety of activities centered around promoting cleanliness and environmental conservation. Activities conducted during the 7-day camp included on Day 1, Two-Minute Talk on Swachhta Hi Sewa The



Faculty members along with NSS volunteers who bagged prizes.

camp began with informative and inspirational talks emphasizing the significance of the 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' initiative, encouraging students to actively engage in cleanliness efforts. On Day 2: Poster Making Participants showcased their creativity through poster-

making sessions, illustrating the importance of cleanliness and encouraging others to adopt a cleaner lifestyle. On Day 3: Cleanliness Drive at Home Students practiced what they preached by organizing cleanliness drives within their homes, fostering a

sense of responsibility for cleanliness in their immediate living spaces. On Day 4: Planting Saplings in Waste Bottles for Green Wall An eco-friendly initiative was undertaken to plant saplings in waste bottles, promoting recycling and contributing to the creation of a green wall for a sustainable environment. On Day 5: Slogan Writing Students showcased their literary skills by crafting compelling slogans aimed at inspiring the community to uphold the values of cleanliness and hygiene. On Day 6: One-Hour Shramdaan at Heritage City - Kanji House, Upper Gumat, Jammu Participants engaged in a one-hour 'Shramdaan' (voluntary labor) at the heritage city, Kanji House in Upper

Gumat, Jammu, demonstrating their commitment to preserving historical sites through cleanliness efforts. On Day 7: Cleanliness Drive at College Campus: On the last day of camp a campus-wide cleanliness drive, symbolizing the students' dedication to maintaining a clean and hygienic educational environment. The 7-day Swachhta hi Sewa Campaign Camp was a resounding success and it concluded on Tuesday with the felicitation of NSS Volunteers who bagged prizes during the camp by Principal of College, Prof Minu Mahajan in the presence of NSS Programme Coordinator Prof Mala Bhasin and NSS Programme Officer of Unit-1 Prof Sugandha Mahajan.

Billawaria receives praise from BJP J&K Chief

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria received praise from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir UT President, Ravinder Raina.



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina along with Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria during public meeting at Ekta Vihar.

While addressing the public meeting at Ekta Vihar in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, President Ravinder Raina said that BJP is the only party which believes in ensuring holistic development of every region and Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi government is based on the core principles and working on the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas". President Ravinder Raina said that Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi has given India a different identity in the world, due to which every Indian is proud today. He

said that the world leaders are bowing their heads in respect of Prime Minister Modi who follows the policy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Ravinder Raina expressed confidence in the ability of Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria to bring positive change in the area. He appreciated the proactive approach of the Deputy Mayor and asked him to continue his efforts for the benefit of the residents of the city. Ravindra Raina said that Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria is an exceptional leader who has consistently demonstrated his commitment for the betterment of Jammu city. Raina said that the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of Deputy Mayor Billawaria have yielded remarkable results, which has led to his Improvements are beginning to be seen in various

areas across the jurisdiction. He emphasized that Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria continues to serve as the Deputy Mayor of Jammu, exemplifying his strong work ethic as he works round the clock to meet the needs of the citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Bharatiya Janata Party President Ravinder Raina for visiting the area and addressing the meeting. Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Baloria said, "I am deeply honored by Ravinder Raina's visit to our region. His presence and encouragement inspire me to continue my dedicated service to the people of Jammu. Deputy Mayor Said that he had the opportunity to discuss the welfare and development of Jammu with Chairman

Ravinder Raina during the visit. Deputy Mayor Jammu appreciated Ravinder Raina for his keen interest in witnessing first-hand the progress and development initiatives in the region. Deputy Mayor Jammu Mayor Jammu assured President Ravinder Raina of his unwavering commitment to work tirelessly for the betterment of the city and its residents. He expressed his commitment towards the development of the city by focusing on essential services and infrastructure that improve the quality of life for all residents. Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Sunil Sharma, Pawan Chib, Jugal Kishore, Ajay Pratap Singh, Nikhil Bhasin, Rakesh Sangral, Surjit Kumar, Captain Sarup Singh, Gurvinder Singh, Rinku Singh and others were present.

Saryara Sabha delegation calls on DC Jammu, demands sports infrastructure in Bahu Fort

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JAMMU: A delegation of Saryara Sabha Bahu Fort on Tuesday called on Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya and sought his intervention to develop sports infrastructure in Bahu Fort area.



Sabha members calling on Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya.

Led by its President Parshotam Lal the delegation consisted of Vikas Punia general secretary, Chairman Mahatma Atma Ram Ji Trust Pritam Chand, Member trust Tarseem Lal and President Youth wing Kamaljeet Saryara. At the outset, the delegation congratulated the officer for taking over as Deputy Commissioner of Jammu District. They apprised the chair about poor or negligible sports infrastructure in Bahu Fort due to which the youth and children find it hard to remain in touch with

physical grooming, which is also a necessity part of overall wellbeing and development of children. The requested the deputy commissioner developed a sports ground at vacant land on Bahu Fort road by leveling the existing path and further creating a cricket net, volleyball and basketball court, open air gym and jogger park for the health and recreational benefits of local residents. The delegation said that development on the main

road of Bawe Wali Mata temple road also adds on to the beautification efforts of Jammu under Smart City initiatives and benefits locals in a large way. After patiently hearing the delegation the deputy commissioner assured all possible assistance for promotion of sports. He also appreciated the effort of social organizations like Saryara Sabha for taking up such issues for the larger benefits of society.

CUJ starts week long wildlife celebrations



Students and faculty of Department of Zoology, CUJ during the programme.

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JAMMU: The Department of Zoology, Cluster University of Jammu, has dedicated week long events to commemorate World Wildlife Week, 2023 where in the students, staff and others will participate in letter to spirit for "Global Partnership for Wild life Conservation". The department will organize different events like documentaries, essay writing, quiz competition, poster making, visit to wildlife area/Zoo and setting up of a wild life gallery. In the first day of the

event documentary programme was organized. In the event, welcome address was given by Dr. Anupriya Sachar. Further proceedings regarding the documentary were presented by Dr. Satinder Kaur (DRS/Coordinator Zoology). She presented views about World's wild life week. She explained conservation methods of wild life in the way -Let us save them for the planet." "The animals can survive and flourish only if the humans have the will to make this dream come true "Happy

World Wildlife Day." It will not change the world if you will save one animal but it will certainly change the world for that one animal. In the documentary, importance of wild life, relationship between animals and ecological factors were presented. The event signifies behavioural responses, their parental care, nideulous and altruistic behavior were beautifully projected. Among the students, faculty members of the concerned department also graced the event.

CAT directs FC Home to consider reviewing of SSP's suspension

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JAMMU: Judicial Member Central Administrative Tribunal Rajinder Singh Dogra directed Financial Commissioner, Department of Home, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (Respondent No. 1) to consider reviewing the suspension of the SSP Ramesh Kumar Bhat JKPS of 1999 Batch. This significant order has been passed in a petition filed by Ramesh Kumar Bhat who was placed under suspension vide order dated 21.06.2021, pending inquiry into his conduct. It has been submitted that more than two years have elapsed; however, the order of his suspension has not been reviewed. During the course of arguments Sr. Adv Gagan Basotra submitted that the suspension of the applicant needs to be reviewed in terms of sub rule-3 of Rule 31 of Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 and integrity certificate

needs to be issued in his favour which is a pre-requisite for induction into IPS. Senior counsel also relied on the case of Ajay Kumar Choudhary Vs Union of India and others in which the Supreme Court has held that suspension of a Government servant shall not be extended beyond a period of three months, if within this period the Memorandum of Charges/charge-sheet is not served on the delinquent officer/employee. CAT after hearing both the sides observed that the order of suspension of the applicant was passed on 21.06.2021, and now a period of more than two years has elapsed, however, the order of his suspension has not been reviewed. Normally, suspension cannot be extended beyond a period of 180 days at a time. From the records, it also appears up till now neither any charge memo has been issued nor any further steps have been taken by the respondents to initiate the

disciplinary proceedings against the applicant herein. CAT disposed of the petition with the direction to Financial Commissioner, Department of Home, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to consider reviewing the suspension of the applicant while keeping in view the judgment passed by Supreme Court in the case of Ajay Kumar Choudhary (supra) as well as provisions of Rule 31 of Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. CAT also directed Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to consider issuing the integrity certificate to the applicant as per rules. Before taking any decision, the applicant shall also be afforded an opportunity of hearing. The whole exercise shall be undertaken within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Rich Harvest School reigns supreme in Urban Games

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JAMMU: Rich Harvest Athletes did wonders in the recently concluded National Urban Games. U-14 Cricket team decimated their nearest rivals to win the top slot and a trophy. U-17 Cricket team bagged the 2nd position and a trophy. The avid skaters grabbed 4 medals which



Faculty members along with winner students posing for photograph.

comprised 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. The Pencak Silat participants won 10 medals which included 4 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronzes and in Badminton 1 gold medal. The Head of the Institute, Anita Bhatia, congratulated the winners and wished them the very best for the forthcoming events.

Mula Ram bereaved



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JAMMU: Kanta Bhagat, wife of former minister and senior Congress leader Mula Ram passed away on Oct 1 2023. Family sources said that Kanta Bhagat complained of chest pain at around 11.30 pm, provided normal treatment at home and then was rushed to Government Medical college Jammu where she was declared as dead apparently due to severe Heart attack by the doctors.

A large number of people's from all walks of life attended the funeral procession which started from their residence Patta Borhi (Bhagat's Vatika). She had blessed with two sons and two daughters. The people of Jammu had condoled the sad and untimely demise of Kanta Bhagat, wife of former minister Mula Ram Bhagat.