NC District Vice President Ganderbal joins Apni Party



Senior NC leader Peer Mohammad Yousuf Shah and others after joining JKAP.

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SRINAGAR: Senior National Conference leader and District Vice President Ganderbal Peer Mohammad Yousuf Shah on Monday joined Apni Party at its office in Lal Chowk Srinagar. Shah who is also Deputy

Block Development Council (Dy BDC) Chairman Wakoora Ganderbal joined

the party along with his close associate Mohammad Younis from Kangan, in presence of Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, vice president Usman Majid, party media advisor Farooq Andrabi and Abdul Rashid Haroon provincial secretary. Addressing the ceremony, Shah observed that

Apni Party is gaining recog-

UDA celebrates National Press Day

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JAMMU: Democratic Alliance Jammu and (UDA), Kashmir celebrated National Press Day.

"National Press Day is celebrated to commemorate the foundation of Press Council of India. The day is symbolic of free and responsible journalism. We stand with journalists and media houses that strive everyday to bring out the truth," said Convenor UDA, Rajiv Mahajan.

"Press has always played an outstanding role in empowering the people and furthering national interest. Democracy cannot survive without a free and fearless press," he said and added. Press is the 4th Pillar of Democracy, which ensures that citizens are aware of the happenings and discourses in the country and elsewhere. Let us commit

United press responsibly and impartially.'

When the country came to a standstill in the wake of the coronavirus lockdown, it was the print and electronic media which provided the latest updates on the pandemic front.

More importantly, both print and electronic media have played an invaluable role in educating the masses and creating awareness on the precautions to be taken to combat COVID-19 and prevent spreading of deadly virus in the country, Rajiv

said Saying that it is unfortunate that print media of Jammu has been badly discriminated for the last five years, Mahajan urged LG Manoj Sinha to end discrimination in providing advertisement to local newspapers between Jammu and Kashmir regions.

ourselves to use freedom of

nition and credibility on the ground at a significant pace and he was motivated to join this party because of its clear and unambiguous socio-economic and political agenda. Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, Apni Party president Bukhari hoped that with their joining the party cadre will get strengthened on the ground in district Ganderbal and its adjoining

"Apni Party is a political platform for the people and particularly for all those aspiring political workers who do not believe in hoodwinking the masses with hollow sloganeering and emotive politics. Our aim is to work for the welfare of people and not to sell them dreams about the moon and the stars." he added.

'Modi's magic still growing across country'

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: From time and again, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proved that it has utmost trust of people and the same will be reflected in the forthcoming District Development Council (DDC) elections in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

This was stated by Parneesh Mahajan, Convener Training Čell, BJP, J&K, in a statement issued here today. Mahajan said that with the public centric and developmental decisions, the Modi led government has paved the way of national growth and development besides being on a path of public friendly governance.

"The bold decisions of PM Modi have always inspired the people of the country and under his patronage the BJP would

further evolve a more successful party in the country besides in the UT of J&K.

developmental The aspects which have been set for the UT after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35 (A) by the BJP led government would skyrocket the development and growth of J&K besides would eradicate the unemployment," Mahajan said. Mahajan said that the UT of J&K with the

Legislative Assembly would further strengthen the public-government relationship. About DDC elections, he said, "These elections would be going to be held in J&K and are the first major poll process after the abrogation of

73rd Annual Nirankari Sant Article 370 and would strengthen the grass root level democracy and huge STATE TIMES NEWS public participation." NEW DELHI: The 73rd Sangram Sena celebrates Diwali with orphans, specially-abled

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JAMMU: Continuing its 20 years old tradition of celebrating Diwali with the orphans and inmates of Old-aged Home, the Sangram Sena Jammu & Kashmir celebrated this year's Diwali with orphans, specially-abled children at Ved Mandir Amphalla. Various programmes were organised on the occasion. 20 different stalls of sweets, fruits were arranged for children, were blind and elders. This time, Bharatiya Modi Army has also joined hands with Sangram Sena in the cele-

brations. Eminent persons present on the occasion included R Raina President Sangram Sena, Capt R S Langeh Gen Secretary, Rajesh Banathiya Chief Organiser, A K Chopra Brij

Sangram Sena members distributing eatables among inmates of Ved Mandir Amphalla.

District President, Kapil Sharma, Raju Jamwal, Santosh Chib President Bharatiya Modi Army (Kissan Morcha), Ved President, Fighter Association, Sudhir Padha Chairman Divine Touch and Member Sewa Samiti, Mehra President

Jammu Pragrati Manch, Th Karnail Chand Shri Raghunath Mandir Sewa Samiti, Raju Jamwal President Sangram Sena Ward No. 8 Rehari, Rajesh Sharma (PP), Rakesh Langer President Ward No. 10, Sat Pal Sharma General Secretary DLF and Rajeev Mahajan.

Nirankari Mission. Amidst the prevailing condi-tions of COVID-19 pandemic, living. Sant Nirankari Mission adheres to the guidelines laid by the Government and plans to hold the Sant Samagam virtually to be viewed by devotees across the globe.

The decision has been welcomed with great enthusiasm by the entire Nirankari Fraternity.

The programme will be webcast on the Mission's website on 5, 6 and 7 December. It shall also be aired on Sanskar TV channel from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM on the same three days.

In the History of Nirankari Sant Samagams, this is the first time it will be held in a Virtual Format.

History of Nirankari Samagams dates back to 1948 when the first Samagam was

Samagam from Dec 5 held in the gracious presence of Baba Avtar Singh, who settled in Paharganj, Delhi, post partition and established the Sant Nirankari Mandal in 1948.

The 73rd Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam will focus on the theme 'Composure'- 'The Eternal Stability': to derive strength from the Formless God and lead a balanced, stable

In the fast changing materialistic world the need has arisen to provide stability to the human mind so that a balanced, stable living adorned with human values can be achieved for humans to mutually coexist and make this earth a heavenly place to live in. This can be achieved through Spiritual Enlightenment only.

The message of Spiritual Awareness will be highlighted with the vision of establishing an atmosphere of peace and serenity in the world on the basis of Truth, Love and Oneness.

Elaborating on the importance of the theme. SatguruMata Sudiksha draws analogy of a strong rooted tree which withstands the fiercest of

Trade Union leader Mohd Rafique Rather elected President EJAČ

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Eminent SRINAGAR: Trade Union leader and Chairman JK Teachers (JKTF), Forum Mohammad Rafigue Rather has been elected as President of Jammu and Kashmir Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) on Monday

The elections were held under the supervision of Election Commissioner Nazir Ahmad Khan, nominated by EJAC, along with other members who exercised due care and transparency during poll process. Representatives of almost all the Departmental trade unions and corporations took part in the voting held at PHE office Srinagar. During his maiden speech to a huge gathering of employees, newly elected President EJAC, Rafique



uine demands of daily wagers and casual labourers working in J&K shall be viewed seriously," he asserted.

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Rather further said that circulars and orders issued from time to time by the government of J&K to demoralise employees needs to be defended by democratic and legal procedure. He urged senior eaders of EJA to stand united and cohesive for immediate redressal of demands of employees. Rather also thanked all employees, who had come from far flung areas for his support, and assured them that EJAC will come upto their expectations for resolving their genuine issues besides protecting their self-respect. Rather also thanked persons from electronic and print media for the support.

Hotel Association Katra delegation calls on Comm Secy I&C, demands industrial estate



Mentor, Jammu Region Chapter of PHDCCI, Rakesh Wazir interacting with Comm Secy, I&C Manoj Diwedi.

and power tariff to Hotels. Shyam Lal Kesar, while speaking on the occasion, elaborated that J&K's main economy and indus-try is tourism and it becomes important to safeguard the same because economy and livelihood of entire state is dependent on it. Now when all religious and tourism related places all over India have een opened particularly in

ing the Mission is devoting itself to the service of Humanity in several ways. The Social wel-

fare activities of the Mission are being conducted by the Sant Nirankari Foundation and is actively organizing Blood Donation camps, cleanliness drives, Tree Plantation Drives, Medical

checkup camps etc. The Mission comes forth with all the possible necessary relief measures in any natural calamity, working in close coordination with appropriate and designated agencies.

> This year in the hard times of COVID-19, the Mission has contributed its help to the country in various ways. The Mission had distributed rations and essential items among the needy people all over the country. PPE kits, masks, sanitizers have been provided to health workers and hospitals.

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Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam will be held by the Sant Nirankari Mission on 5, 6 and 7 December, 2020 in a virtual form in the presence of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, Head of Sant

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Rather applauded honest efforts of election commission which worked tirelessly for the elections. Rather maintained that the election Commission has fulfilled long pending demand of around 5 lakh employees of J&K UT by taking the democratic process to logical end. He further expressed gratitude towards all heads of units affiliated with EJAC for

EJAC leader addressing gathering after elections.

facilitating election process. "EJAC is the only integrated platform of employees which came into being to restore honour and dignity of employees since decades. To strengthen the basic structure of EJAC and to maintain its Unity will remain my first priority. Demands of employees working in various departments will be taken on priority and genCommerce and General Department, Manoj Diwedi on Monday.

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The delegation comprised of Association's Chairman Shyam Lal Kesar, former President Shiv Kumar Sharma, Sr Vice President Virender Kesar. Vice Presidents Sumit Khajuria & Rohit Dubey. While interacting with

delegation, the Commissioner Secretary I&C Manoj Diwedi said that as requested by

Association, every effort would be made to establish Industrial Estate an around Katra wherein products particularly related to Vaishno Devi pilgrimage, Ayurveda and other products, whose raw material is available around Katra like Chavanparash, packed Prasad of Vaishno Devi, dry fruits, local Pickles, masalas, Honey, Vaishno Devi Patkas, Jute Bags, Vaishnodevi Chunris

and photographs etc would be manufactured.

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provide employment to

people just like Patanjali,

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Wazir further said that

tourism has been declared

as Industry and likewise all

benefits of industry should

be provided to it including

re-imbursement of GST

Haridwar.

competitive states like Uttrakhand, Himachal Rakesh Wazir, while Pradesh, Rajasthan, speaking on the occasion. Kerala, Goa etc, the same are still closed or partially said that establishment of opened with restrictions in such Industrial Estate besides adding on to reli-J&K Shiv Kumar Sharma & gious sentiments and Yoga

Virender Kesar, emphasised for special package to the Tourism Industry because it is the only Industry which is the worst sufferer of pandemic.

Diwedi listened to the delegation patiently and assured that sympathetic consideration to each and every point would be given.

Congress committed to secularism, strengthening integrity of nation: Secretary AICC Kuldeep Raj Chairman BDC. have fallen flat," he said. "What

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JAMMU: Congress on Monday said it will regain its lost ground in the upcoming DDC elections in Jammu and Kashmir by defeating the communal and divisive forces in the country

"People should remain guard against the forces that pose a challenge to the basic idea of India and secularism promoted by the Congress. Congress workers should be ready to defeat the designs of the communal and divisive forces in the country. This was observed by former Minister Himachal Pradesh and Secretary AICC, Sudhir Sharma while chairing workers meet of Block Bhalwal today.

Prominent among those who addressed the meeting include Raman Bhalla Vice President PCC, Th. Balwan Singh General Secretary PCC Manmohan Singh General Secretary PCC, Hari Singh Chib President DCC Jammu Rural, Udey Bhanu President JKPYC, Jung Bahadur Block President, Vibhishan Singh and

Expressing hope that the party would regain its lost ground in J&K, Sharma said, "The party will emerge stronger in J&K. The workers must carry out the programmes and achievements of the party to the masses more vigorously in the wake of coming elections to

DDC.' He said Congress has made huge contributions and sacrifices for unity and integrity of country will never compromise to retain this at any cost.

"Since its formation the party has remained committed to the principle of secularism and socialism and for strengthening the unity and integrity of the nation. "It was the Congress party under whose banner the entire country irrespective of caste, creed, colour or religion joined hands and fought against the mighty British rule", he said, the party provided the much- needed able lead-

ership to the country that resulted in the country emerging as one of the great powers in the world. Sharma vowed to



Former Minister Himachal Pradesh Govt and Secretary AICC, Sudhir Sharma speaking during workers meet.

defeat the communal and divi-J&K as well as the strengthensive forces" in J&K who were ing of democratic institutions creating an "atmosphere of disfor devolution of power to the cord". "Congress will defeat the people for their better participadesigns of communal and divition in governance."Congress sive forces creating atmosphere struggled for the implementation of the provision of 73rd and of discord and will not allow them to play with the emotions 74th amendments in the state of people for political gains," he to fully empower the said. My perception and under-Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and finally it succeedstanding of the situation is that Congress will emerge as the ed," he said "It is the result of the amendlargest party in the next assemed law that women have got 33

bly elections," he said. "The Congress is the only secper cent reservation in all tiers ular and unifying force and it of PRIs besides Scheduled will continue to safeguard the Castes and Scheduled Tribes," secular fabric of the country he said. "I want to remind you and the state," he added. (people) about the promises made by BJP in Jammu dur-

Sharma said his party always stood for equal development of

happened to those promises, have they fulfilled any single promise during their rule Sharma questioned and asked the people to give a befitting reply to BJP and other opportunist forces for exploiting them and playing with their emotions, from time to time," he said. "BJP is in habit of playing religious & emotional cards for electoral gains and emphasized the people to defeat their nefarious designs to ensure the victory of Congress party with a thumping majority," Sharma

urged people. Sharma emphasized the people to forge unity and ensure victory of Congress Candidates, for the fact, it is the Congress Party alone which has the capability of safeguarding the interests of the people, besides ensuring that they do not suffer further on account of employment and others facilities they deserve. Raman Bhalla described Congress party as "strong" and "vibrant" in J&K, capable enough to defeat antipeople forces in the country and

that Congress Party has never compromised on its ideology, principles for the sake of power.He said the party shall remain committed to the cause of strengthening people and working for the peace, progress and overall development of the State. He said that the Congress "alone" stands guarantee to secular fabric, diversity and unity in the country.

He said the party will remain committed to fight and defeat the "fascist", "communal" forces posing threat to secular fabric of the country.

He said, the country is "in great danger under BJP rule.' Bhalla felt confident that people have "realized that it is the Congress party, which has never sacrificed its ideology for power, rather it always preferred to remain out of power." He said Jammu and Kashmir was a symbol of unity and multiplicity, "but since the BJP assumed power, the things worsening and started attempts were made to pollute secular fabric and unity in the state.

DDC elections: BJP candidate Gandhary Singh files nomination from Pancheri



Ch. Vikram Randhawa along with BJP candidate Th. Gandharv Singh and others after filing nomination for Pancheri territorial constituency.

STATE TIMES NEWS UDHAMPUR: BJP's preparation for DDC elections in full swing as Ch. Vikram Randhawa (Election Udhampur Incharge District) has started campaigning in the area. Th. BJP ` candidate

Panchs Gandharv Singh on Monday filed nomination for Pancheri territorial constituency. Many prominent personali-

Sharma, Bimla Devi and Balwan Singh (BDC Chairpersons) accompanied the candidate. Many Sarpanchs and of various

ties of the region-Pawan

Gupta (Ex-minister), Baldev

Sharma (Ex-MLA), Jeevan

Panchayats along with social activists were present on the occasion and showed faith in policies of BJP.

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ing the election in 2014 which

