

Mehbooba's remarks against BJP have no takers in country: Kavinder

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JAMMU: The unfounded remark made by PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti against the Bharatiya Janata Party has no takers in the country as her divisive agenda has already been exposed badly.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta in a statement issued to media persons here on Saturday.

It is pertinent to mention that the former Chief Minister has said that what BJP and RSS are propagating is not Sanatan Dharam because it teaches inclusivity and BJP is working exactly opposite to that idea.

The senior BJP leader

Refuting what was alleged by the PDP chief, Kavinder said that PDP has been exposed badly for indulging in anti-national activities with its activists facing law in the matter. He said that Mehbooba is bound to trigger such needless controversies to satiate her divisive agenda as she is struggling to regain lost ground even in her one-time strong bastion, the Valley.

He said that PDP is a spent force now and its chief is trying her best to revive the party which she herself devastated by toeing the anti-national line and neglecting the aspirations of the people of J&K.

The senior BJP leader

said that no one in the UT of J&K gives importance to her rants which are baseless and meaningless also because BJP needs no certificate from her to prove its credence.

He said that Mehbooba needs to do a lot of self introspection before blaming others for her party's decimation which has left her dejected and distressed.

Kavinder said that BJP has emerged as the resounding force in J&K due to its even-handed policies therefore the outlandish stand taken by Mehbooba will make no difference as BJP has become a force to reckon in J&K.

The event took place in Govt

Pre-launch of 'Take it Eazy' in Kashmir



Nalanda Way Foundation members during pre-launch of the 'Take it Eazy' programme.

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Srinagar: Nalanda Way Foundation, an organisation that uses visual and performing arts to help children from disadvantaged communities in India, organised a pre-launch of the "Take it Eazy" programme in collaboration with UNICEF and Directorate of School Education, Kashmir.

The programme was

launched by the Chief Guest, Director School Education of Kashmir, Dr. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, and attended by teams from the Innovation & Counselling Cell along with the Cultural Wing of the Directorate. During the pre-

launch event, the project was introduced to students and teachers in Kashmir.

"Take it Eazy" is a project that aims to address the mental health and wellbeing of adolescents aged 13-17. It uses an innovative storytelling methodology, where two characters discuss and resolve issues of adolescents in a fun and engaging story. Listening to "Take it

NC nominates office bearers for District Samba

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JAMMU: With the approval of Provincial President J&K National Conference Jammu Province Rattan Lal Gupta, Adv. Sudhagar Chand Gupta District President Samba nominated Office bearers of District Samba.

Balbir Singh, Saleem Mohd and Mittar Paul Singh shall be Senior Vice Presidents, Satish Singh, Dr Lal Mohd, Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr. Pritam Chand, Ramesh Bhagat and Raman Kumar Sharma shall be Vice Presidents, Ram Kumar, Bahadur Singh, Madan Lal and Ali Hussain shall be Secretaries.

Tara Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Ravinder Singh, Hassan Din, Parshotam Lal, Parveen Rajan, Parvez Kadri and Ravi Sharma shall be Joint Secretaries. Rajesh Vaid shall function as cashier. Tara Chand shall be Press secretary.

While Hazi Aziz, Surjeet Singh, Thoru Ram, Yash Paul, Gurdas Chand, Ram Dhan, Ramesh Chander, Tilak Raj Sharma, Babu Ram, Rajini Devi, Suryia Begum, Riyaz Malik, Mr S. Kuljinder Singh, Ram Lal, Rehmat Ali, Kaptan Singh, Joginder Kumar and Ram Lal shall be executive members.

Haji Hashim Ali, Ashok Attri and Om Parkash shall be special invitees. Joginder Kumar has been nominated as Block President Vijaypur. Sat Paul as Block President Ramgarh and Swaran Singh shall be Block President Bari Brahma.

Gupta congratulated the newly constituted District Committee and hoped that the District Committee will reach to the gross root level to mitigate the sufferings of the people of District Samba.

GC CRPF Jammu organises cleanliness drive



CRPF officers and Jawans during a cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: In Group Centre (GC) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Jammu under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was organized under supervision of Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG GC Jammu.

In this sequence, on Saturday, a cleanliness drive was conducted outside the CRPF Camp. In this cleanliness drive P.C. Gupta, Commandant, Ajay Sharma, Asst. Comdt, Rajesh Kumar; Asst. Comdt, Umesh Chandra, AC(M), Jaswinder Singh, AC(M), Atul Chandra Baro including Subordinate Officer and Jawan of GC CRPF Jammu participated enthusiastically. During this, P.C. Gupta

addressed everyone present there and briefed about the importance of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan being organized under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and inspired them to maintain cleanliness in their daily life. He said that the objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is not only to clean the surroundings, but with the participation of every citizen to create a garbage free environment by planting more and more plants, providing toilet facilities and to build a clean India.

Under this cleanliness drive, the garbage was cleaned from the surrounding area of the camp premises. Along with this common citizens were also motivated to maintain cleanliness.

The party is committed to work for class less society

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JAMMU: Balwant Thakur, the Cultural Diplomat of India to Mauritius, accorded a rousing reception on his arrival in Jammu.

A formal function was held at Natrang which followed his interaction with the artists in which he shared his experiences of handling cultural affairs at the global level.

Balwant Thakur is currently heading the world's biggest Cultural Centre of India abroad which is based in Phoenix, Mauritius.

Considered to be the highest position of Culture, Balwant Thakur has added new feathers to this assignment by giving a new flip to the showcasing of India abroad.

The Cultural center which Balwant Thakur is heading is one of the most sought after destinations of Mauritius which always buzzes with outstanding cultural conclaves and spectacles.

This is the first visit of



Natrang artists welcoming Director, Balwant Thakur at Jammu.

Balwant Thakur in Jammu after he took over as Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture in the month of June, 2021.

He is the first cultural figure of this region who has made it to this highest International position.

During his visit to the City of Temples, he has planned to hold a series of meetings with Government departments, cultural organizations and artists to explore new possibilities of holding International Indian Cultural festivals in Mauritius and other countries

to be organised in connection with the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

It is pertinent to mention here that prior to this, Balwant Thakur was appointed as Cultural Diplomat of India to South Africa and he headed the prestigious Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Johannesburg for over two years.

In South Africa amongst many out of world events, he organised special programmes commemorating Gandhi@150.

Mauritius which is known as

the paradise island has huge thrust for Indian culture amongst the masses.

Currently over 2,000 Mauritanians are learning different disciplines of Indian music and dance and Indian Cultural Centre has dedicated ensembles of music, dance and theatre which keep performing regular programmes.

In today's interaction, Balwant Thakur gave an overview of the new approaches the world is initiating to preserve and propagate culture.

Other than India the thrust and respect for culture in very high and surprisingly few economies are surviving on cultural showcasing thus attracting the whole world towards their cultural attractions.

He laid stress on the quality work which only can create more demand for Indian culture.

Despite the fact that India is the oldest and unique culture of the world but we have not been able to generate the required thrust which other nations have created.

On the occasion he shared

17 days long Hastashilpi's 'Silk India-2021' expo begins at Kala Kendra



Customers looking at sarees at Silk India-2021.

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JAMMU: India is the number one producer of silk in the world for which there is a huge demand both in the national as well as international markets.

Different varieties of silk are reared based on climatic and geographic conditions of which only four namely Tassar, Eri, Mulberry and Muga are the prominent ones.

Tassar and Muga are wild varieties of silk cultivated by silk worms fed on organically grown trees. Bihar, Assam and Chattisgarh are the States where Tassar and Muga are produced.

On the occasion of Marriage

"Hastashilpi" organised 17 days 'Silk India-2021' at Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu Expo from November 12 to 28.

"Various Silk Saree Weavers, Handloom Clusters and Silk Co-operative Societies are showcasing their products in exposition. The intention of organizing such expo is to make silk accessible and reach out directly to the customers, without the moderator to the weavers and artisans" said, Hastashilpi organizer T. Abhinand. "Arini Silk Sarees, Crepe & Georgette Silk Sarees, Chiffon Silk Sarees, Tassar silk sarees and suit, Kanjeevaram Silk Sarees & Wedding Sarees will also be displayed."

Designer fancy Sarees, Darmavaram Silk Sarees, Raw Silk & Tassar, Jute Silk Sarees, Dhaka Silk Sarees, Handloom Silk Cotton Sarees, Silk Blends Sarees & Stole, Silk Shawls, Uppada, Gadwal, Paithani Sarees, Mangalagiri & Pochampalli Silk Sarees and much more products throughout country in this silk expo," he added.

Many more silk products such as Hand Block Print Sarees, Suit & Silk Bed Covers, Designer dress materials & Border, Lazies, Kurtis, Bhandani Sarees, Hand Woven Matka & Assam Muga Fabrics, Aporva Silk Sarees, Baluchari, Dhaka Masli, Gicha Sarees, Boutique Sarees, Kantha Sarees, Zordoshi, Lucknow Chikan Work Sarees, Bhagalpur suits, Printed Silk Sarees, Banarasi Sarees, Reshma plain and Butti sarees, Maheswari, Chanderi Silk Sarees & Suit and Kota silk, Mulberry silk with temple border, Banaras Jamdani, Hand-woven sarees will also be displayed.

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