

Article 370 abrogation gave new lease of life to Valmikis, asserts Kavinder

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JAMMU: The revocation of Article 370 from the erst-while state has given a new lease of life to Valmiki community members who live on the land that was allocated to their ancestors when they shifted to Jammu from Punjab's Gurdaspur district on the invitation of the erst-while State Government in 1957.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta while addressing a gathering after starting development work worth Rs 28 lakh in Valmiki Colony, Ward 20 Jammu.

Kavinder said that it's a dream come true for the people who earlier were victims of prejudice of successive governments that ruined the future of many under the garb of Article 370.

"It is unbearable that political parties having a particular mentality hobnobbed for years together to dent the interests of aforesaid communities in the Union Territory.



Former DyCM Kavinder Gupta inaugurating dev works.

The BJP after decoding their evil intentions took revolutionary steps to satiate the desires of WPRs, Gorkhas, Valmiki Samaj and others so that justice prevails in J&K without any prejudice or bias", he said.

The senior BJP leader asserted that 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' will now be visible on ground with the participation and share of all the sections of the society in welfare schemes and developmental projects.

He asserted that it is indeed good development that the abrogation of Art 370 has brought smiles on the faces of

the people of the State, barring a few, who used to consider themselves as the 'masters' and had no concern for common citizens but always focused on self interests.

Among those who were present include Vinay Gupta, BJP Jammu District President; Ankush Gupta, BJP Jammu District General Secretary; Narinder Gupta (Koki), Secretary BJP Jammu District; Rahul Kumar, Councillor Ward 20; Neeraj Puri, President - BJP Gandhi Nagar Mandal; Rachit Khosla, Secretary - BJP Gandhi Nagar Mandal; Sandeep Gupta, BJP

District Executive Member; Ricky Gupta, Mohit Seth, Vijay Verma, Gharu Bhatti, Rinku Gill and Vijay Pal.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta also visited Ward 50, Channi Himmat, Jammu and took stock of the problems being faced by the residents of the ward.

During his interaction with the residents of the area, the former Deputy Chief Minister was apprised by the public about the lack of basic facilities.

Taking note of all the genuine demands, Kavinder assured to get their grievances redressed at the earliest. He asserted that it is his duty to fight and work for the public of his constituency.

Later, Kavinder Gupta along with party workers listened to the 83rd episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme 'Man ki Baat', during his visit to Ward No 50, Channi Himmat.

Kavinder said that PM Modi deserves full appreciation for connecting with the

people at grass roots level through the most popular and accessible in the remotest areas of the nation.

Referring to the statements of the PM during his today's Man Ki Baat, the former Dy CM said that the Prime Minister in this programme addressed all sections and issues and even shares the achievements of the nation and the government.

He welcomed landing of the armed forces by PM on the 50th-anniversary celebrations of India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war that will take place next month besides highlighting the new trend of job seekers becoming job providers through the medium of Start-ups. He said that people today have full faith and trust in the PM as they know that the nation is in safe hands of Modi. Corporator Neena Gupta, Poonam Gupta, Sarojini Sharma, Pawan Kumar, Balwan Singh, Shiv Kumar Gupta and Sham Kapoor were present on the occasion.

Those undermining UT status want corruption, nepotism to continue in J&K: Suri

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JAMMU: "Politicians who are trying to exploit the sentiments of common people by stating that the Union Government demoted erst-while J&K state by converting it into Union Territory (UT) are the same lot who, while taking advantage of the absence of important central laws, looted the state exchequer and unleashed corruption and nepotism here".

This was stated by BJP J&K Executive Member Raman Suri, who added that converting J&K into a Union Territory was the right decision taken at a right time, that not only allowed all central laws to be extended here but also gave the people of Ladakh their desired UT which no previous government ever cared for. In addition, several central laws extended to J&K empowered many agencies to nail the corrupt, uproot anti-national elements and keep a check on terror funding.

Raman Suri said that in addition, it has been repeat-

edly said that J&K will get statehood at a very appropriate time, which will be none other than the time when complete peace will dawn here, corruption and corrupt will be nailed, administration will be weeded out of militant sympathizers, an order be brought into governance, dead wood will be shunted out, all institutions will be streamlined, dead lying departments will be winded up and most importantly, black sheep will be identified and made to face law of the land.

He said, those making hue and cry about statehood are the ones who encouraged corruption, seemed to be sympathisers of militants and never wanted J&K to progress like other states and UTs. Today development works worth crores of rupees are taking place in J&K without pilferage of money, investors are rushing towards J&K, youth is finding a fair way of recruitment and bad people are on the run.

Despite all this, if still these

politicians are trying to undermine the credentials of Union Government or exploit sentiments of people by issuing their vague statements without any facts, it establishes that they are scared of their misdeeds done in the past and don't want the Union Territory of J&K to be cleared off all muck and filth rooted by them during their tenures as ministers and chief ministers.

Some of the former ministers and chief ministers are continuously issuing statements criticising UT status of J&K, which means they never wanted Ladakh to get what it had always been dreaming of and asking for. Their statements also establish that they don't want corruption, militancy or nepotism to be out of this place. Had they been saviours or well-wishers of the people of J&K, they would have cared to atleast appreciate weeding out of the corrupt and nailing of militants in the UT before asking for statehood at this stage.

Modi Govt launched specially tailored schemes for minorities: Yudhvir



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi addressing workers.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi has urged the BJP Minority Morcha cadre to ensure that the people belonging to minority sections avail full benefit of the schemes launched by the Modi led Union Government for welfare of minorities in Jammu and Kashmir.

He passed these instructions to the activists and workers during a meeting of BJP Minority Morcha held under the chairmanship of Asif Gill, District President BJP Minority Morcha here today. Yudhvir Sethi presided over the meeting in the presence of Praveen Kerni, President BJP East Mandal. In his address, Sethi threw

light on multiple schemes launched by Modi Government tailored specially for the welfare of minorities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given standing instructions for ensuring all round development of J&K UT and it is because of such instructions that the areas which were discriminated earlier by the successive governments have now come to limelight through colossal development visible on ground be it in terms of roads, lanes, drains and other civic infra that has been revamped and is being implemented in a fair and equitable manner with no prejudice against

rural or urban pockets.

The senior BJP leader said that it is the duty of every foot soldier of BJP i.e, workers and volunteers to make the people aware about the achievements of the Modi Govt. He especially directed the Minority Morcha cadre to disseminate the awareness among masses about the people centric policies and schemes launched by the government especially for the poor and downtrodden sections.

Yudhvir Sethi also stressed upon BJP Minority Morcha workers and activists to work relentlessly 24X7 on ground to strengthen the party base at grass roots level.

Among others who were present include Pala ji, State Executive Member JK UT Minority Morcha; Hanif Choudhary, General Secretary Minority Morcha, Anil Mattoo, Caleb, Renu, Aruna, Jaspal Singh, Binny Sotra and Samson Gill are Vice Presidents; Franklyn, Wilson Mattoo, Ravi Yousuf, Shabir Hussain, Yusuf Don, Raj and Arun as District Secretaries; Israel Office Secretary and Davis Rocky, Spokesperson.

Shiv Sena urges LG for proper maintenance of Kol Kandoli temple

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JAMMU: Expressing serious concern over the alleged apathy and neglect of Kol Kandoli Temple by Union Territory Administration especially Jammu and Kashmir's Tourist Department, Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit on Sunday urged the government to take due care of the aforesaid temple which is considered to be the first Darshan of Shree Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage.

The concern was expressed after the Shiv Sena team led by the party state president Manish Sahni visited the sacred temple here.

Later addressing the media persons Shiv Sena President Sahni said that religious sentiments of the Hindus are



Shiv Sena President Manish Sahni welcoming new entrants into party fold.

being hurt due to apathy and neglect viz-a-viz Kol Kandoli temple the reference of which can be found in multiple religious scriptures including the Puranas.

This Puranic temple, which has been separated from rail and road, is being neglected.

A sacred part of the tem-

ple, where the Mata used to swing with her Sakhis in the form of a "Kanjak", is within the boundary wall of the army.

This part of the temple was not opened for the devotees under the guise of Corona SOP.

According to Puranic beliefs, here is the sacred

Intensive Acting Workshop 'The Thinking Actor' culminates

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JAMMU: "The Thinking Actor", an Intensive Acting Workshop culminated here Sunday at Natrang Studio with the presentation of 'Navrasas Demonstration' followed by a scene work 'The Methods' which was based on a story of Anton Chekhov and directed by talented National School of Drama alumni, Bhasha Sumbli and Sunil Soni.

It was a visual treat to watch the presentation embellished by creative set design, rich light design and soulful music.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Natrang, Balwant Thakur complemented the participants who got trained from the learned and experienced mentors and asserted that this endeavour of Natrang has certainly yielded fruitful result in the overall growth of the young theatre aspirants of Jammu.

He also appreciated the workshop directors for their



Artists performing during workshop.

praiseworthy efforts in imparting wholesome training to the youngsters and also mounting a highly professional and impressive presentation with them.

The show began with an intense nine emotion series called 'Navras Abhyas' which was demonstrated beautifully by a batch of nine actors.

This was followed by a presentation of a scene work, 'The Methods' which bares the philosophy and manoeuvres of an expert bachelor seducer, Peter, who demonstrates his foolproof methods

to influence the young wife of his close friend, Nikolaich, comparatively a simpleton.

Peter showers adulations on latter's wife, Irena, in an attempt to secure her, who later gives in but retaining her sobriety and unbending dignity.

It is a series of scenes that, give us a strong sense of Chekhov's take on the human condition. The story exposes the ridiculous, tender, outlandish, ludicrous, innocent, and weird frailties of human beings.

The scene work had 14

actors playing just three characters, as their alter egos, apart from Chekhov, who was the unifying element in the scenes, introducing them, commenting on them, and occasionally playing a role in them, but as a quirky version of the celebrated author.

The artists who participated in the presentation included Mahikshit Singh, Shivam Singh, Priya Sharma, Meenakshi Bhagat, Gautam Sharma, Diksha Pandita, Sagar Gupta, Kushal Bhat, Abhinav Sharma, Bhawani Singh Bali, Mohit Kaul, Prohitdeep Singh, Bhabik Sambyal, Palshi Dutta and Kajal Pandita.

The lights of the play were designed and operated by Bhasha Sumbli whereas the set design and the sound were operated by Sunil Soni. The presentation was coordinated by Neeraj Kant, Mohd. Yaseen and Brijesh Avtar Sharma.

Govt Degree College Reasi observes NCC Day

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REASI: Govt. General Zoravar Singh Memorial Degree College Reasi on 28th November 2021 observed NCC day by organizing an online "Card making Competition" event under "Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" initiative. The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces and the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, is observing the 73rd anniversary of its raising on Sunday, November 28. The NCC was formed on 15th July 1948.

However, the NCC day is observed throughout the country, on the fourth Sunday of November, because, it was on that day in 1947 that the first units were raised in Delhi.

Students were asked to make cards for their fellow cadets and write messages also for wishing "A Happy NCC day".

A number of students sent their entries in online mode.

First position was bagged by Yashika Abrol of B.A Sem-II, second by Nidhi Singh Thakur of B.A Sem-I and third by Vasudha Devi of B.A Sem-III.

The event was organized by Dr. Anu Sharma, NCC Officer (Girls) and Prof. Sunil Magotra ANO, Boys under the patronage of Dr. Chander Shekhar, Principal of the college.

He congratulated the winners and lauded their efforts. College organizes various events from time to time to celebrate various important days.

Earlier Poster making, Slogan writing, National Anthem singing competitions were organized in connection with "Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

Progress on NTEP in Budgam Distt reviewed

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BUDGAM: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza who is also Chairman District Health Society on Sunday convened a meeting here to review performance of National TB Elimination programme (NTEP) in the district.

During the meeting, the performance of NTEP was discussed threadbare by the Chairman with the participants wherein strategies to further enhance the programme performance after achieving TB free status were also discussed.

The DDC issued directions to go for one month's aggressive ACF activities to better the presumptive examination rate.

He also took an opportunity to discuss the present



DDC Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza chairing a meeting.

scenario of Covid, Ayushman Bharat and other programmes.

In this regard, the DDC said that there is a need to carry all the programmes under the umbrella of 'Ghar Ghar Dastak'. He stressed upon this initiative to win the war against COVID-19 and stop the spread of Covid-19 in the district.

The DDC further issued instructions particularly

in relation to aggressive sampling, contact tracing, vaccination, surveillance etc to mitigate the challenge posed by COVID-19 pandemic.

He also emphasized for PMJAY SEHAT registration and exhorted upon the concerned to increase registration to 3k per day. The DDC warned that in case the target is not achieved within five days, Nodal officers shall be

dealt with no work no pay policy. This was categorically conveyed to the BMO's as well.

The meeting was attended by CMO Budgam Dr Tajamul Hussain Khan, MS District Hospital Budgam Dr Ayub Fateh Khan, DTO Budgam Dr Adhfar Yasien, all the BMO's, Nodal officer's/ RMO's of respective blocks, staff of CMO office and DTC Budgam.