

Give unemployed youth Diwali bonus by granting age relaxation in recruitment: Bhullar urges LG Sinha

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JAMMU: General Secretary J&K Pradesh Youth Congress, Nimrandeep Singh Bhullar criticized the callous attitude of the Jammu and Kashmir Government for not showing serious concern towards the problems being faced by youths. Addressing a delegation of more than 250 unemployed youth from various districts of J&K, Nimrandeep Singh said that the unemployment among the youth was on the rise in Jammu and Kashmir owing to the anti-youth policies of the BJP Government.

He said that unemployment is the result of the inefficiency, incompetence and the negative policies adopted by the Central Government towards youth and employment generation.

Singh said that since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic since 2019, the youth are facing serious consequences due to lack of job opportunities in the Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that it is a cause of serious concern that the unemployed youth whose age has crossed 30, having any least opportunity for government job. He mentioned that JKSSB has advertised UT Cadre 800 post of Sub Inspectors but the maximum



JKPYC General Secretary, Nimrandeep Singh Bhullar handing over memorandum to DC Jammu, Anshul Garg.

age limit for applying this job is 28 which is sheer injustice with the unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir, who have not provided a single opportunity since the outbreak of Covid pandemic.

"The maximum age limit for the open merit aspirants in the recruitment of Sub Inspectors should be 35 years of age. The justification of fixing the maximum age limit to 28 is injustice with the unemployed youth," he said. The youth who have waited for job opportunities in government services and the fixing age limit for them which has no justification in the prevailing circumstances in J&K, he added. Singh mentioned there are several states in the Union Territory where in the age criteria for belt forces are a maximum of 35 years. He emphasized that the Jammu and

Kashmir Government should also follow the other states as since the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A from the erstwhile state, youth are the major sufferer. Singh along with Barinder Pratap Singh Bathyal JKPYC Secty. put forward the demands of unemployed youth and requested government to look into the matter for early redressal of the current issue related to their career future of youth.

Later, the unemployed youth headed by Nimrandeep Singh Bhullar submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg in support of their demands. He also mentioned said the unemployed youth will also submit the copy of memorandum in each district headquarters / Sub-Division Headquarters and Tehsil

Headquarters of Jammu & Kashmir.

Singh further that that it is the youth and their employment which is always in the election manifesto of all the political parties, but unfortunately when these political parties came to the power; at that time these political parties and their representative start ignoring them. Singh also appealed to the LG's administration to look into this matter related to the age relaxation and listen to their views for early redressal, as unemployed youth delegation tried their level best and unfortunately didn't seek time from LG Sahab.

He appealed to Lt Governor to give unemployed youth a Diwali bonus by giving them one time age relaxation in JKP SI recruitment exam, as in many states the age bar of this said exams is 33 and 35 as well.

Those who accompanied Singh were Sheezad Choudhary; Rajeshwar Singh, Gourav Singh, Jatinder Singh, Jaspreet Singh, Anshuman Singh, Amit Verma, Ishfaq Parrey, Musadiq Badana, Balvinder Choudhary, Bishan Kumar, Basharat Ahmed, Shoukat Assab, Vaneet, Trilochan Singh and many others were present.

Rana lauds workforce for nation building, national integration



Vishwakarma Committee members felicitating ex-MLA Devender Singh Rana.

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JAMMU: Lauding the huge contribution of skilled and unskilled work force, former MLA and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said the construction workers were great source of national integration with their presence beyond boundaries of their native places.

"Like elsewhere in the country, the construction workers portray a mini India in Jammu and Kashmir with some coming from far away Bihar, UP, Billaspur etc", Rana said while flagging off a Vishwakarma Rally at Katra to commemorate Vishwakarma Day.

He said Vishwakarma represents the universal ethos of the Sanatan Dharma

'Vasudeva Kutumbkam' and it is heartening that given their skill they are making presence of India felt in every part of the world by dint of their determination and vision. They are the builders of the nation and contributing even in the building of the entire world', he said while saluting the valour and hard work of the workers.

Rana hoped that the workers from Jammu and Kashmir as also from other parts of the country will continue to contribute in the development in this part of the country-be in the government sector or the private sector. He said the workers from here and outside are complement and supplement to each other and inspiration to all for

working in all the conditions.

He greeted the workers for giving dignity to labour and building a new Jammu and Kashmir as shining part of India, the emerging world leader. He hoped the occasion to be observed with gaiety and fervor in true spirit of the glorious ethos of Jammu.

Organised by Vishwakarma Committee and Mazdoor Dastkar Union, the Janki was attended by Som Nath Khajuria, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Angrez Singh besides large number of people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

The other speakers also greeted the people on Vishwa Karma Day and called upon the workers to continue to contribute in the development of the country with grit and dignity they are known for.

Rana complimented the organizers, President Jugal Kishore, Vice President Raj Kumar Verma and the other members including Mohammed Munshi, Ashok Kumar, Mohammed Iqbal, Dev Raj (General Secretary), Ramanand, Raj Kumar and Deep Kumar.

Jaundice, dengue cases being monitored in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Taking note of recent rumours of jaundice epidemic and dengue outbreak in Kashmir valley, the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir, on Friday clarified that all such claims are false and baseless.

Regarding the rumoured epidemic of jaundice in Habba Kadal, Gadood Bagh, an expert team visited and investigated the cases today. It was found that 3 such cases were reported from 3 different houses with different onset periods having no co-relations to each other. Moreover, various water samples were also collected for MPN count and further measures will be taken by the Department based on test results.

Similarly, the Department has taken cognizance of 21 reported cases of dengue and has put in place a detailed strategy for prevention and management of dengue cases in the valley through divisional and district level rapid response teams, regular surveillance, early diagnosis, and prompt treatment.

Today every 'Bharatiya' feels proud of its heritage: BJP

Party leaders virtually attend unveiling of Shree Adi Shankaracharya's statue by PM



Senior BJP leaders and others virtually attending inauguration of Shree Adi Jagat Guru Shankaracharya's renovated Samadhi at Kedarnath Dham by PM Narendra Modi.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP senior leaders virtually attended the inauguration of Shree Adi Jagat Guru Shankaracharya Ji's renovated Samadhi at Baba Kedarnath Dham, Uttarakhand by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In the programme, renovated statue of Shree Adi Jagat Guru Shankaracharya Ji was thrown open for public after complete renovation. The Prime Minister emphasized the Government's work in reviving the cultural centres, including the construction of Shree Ram temple in Ayodhya and the building of a better ropeway to

access Shree Hemkund Sahib Gurudwara, while addressing a meeting after offering prayers at the shrine and unveiling the Adi Shankaracharya statue.

Prime Minister also stressed that Shree Adi Jagat Guru Shankaracharya joined the whole Nation around 1200 years back. Indian philosophy talks about human welfare, looks at life in a holistic way. Adi Shankaracharya did the work of making the society aware of this truth," PM Modi said. In Kashmir; J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Union MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh, former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. CM

Kavinder Gupta, BJP General Secretary Sunil Sharma and other party leaders accompanied by prominent saints viewed the live programme from Shree Shankaracharya Temple, Kashmir. In Jammu, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, BJP Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, Sanjay Baru, Prem Gupta, Sanjita Dogra, Dinesh Gupta, Rajiv Charak and others party leaders along with Sadhus/ Sant Samaaj witnessed the programme at Shree Ranvieshwari Mandir, Jammu. In Udhampur; BJP vice-President Pawan Khajuria along with Sadhus/ Sant Samaaj witnessed at Devika Shiv Mandir.

In Kathua, BJP District President Gopal Mahajan, former MoS Rashpal Verma, Ashanand Khajuria, Rajesh Mehta, Kulbhushan Singh and others along with Sadhus/ Sant Samaaj witnessed the event at Narsingh Mandir, Ghagwal, Kathua.

Open Consumer Complaint Centers in every district of J&K: Shiv Sena

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JAMMU: The Shiv Sena J&K unit has raised its voice for the protection of the rights of consumers, and demanded the opening of Consumer Complaint Centers in every district of J&K.

led by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K unit scores of the party activists, local residents along with customer Deepak Kumar; demonstrated against a mall in Janipur against misbehavior, arbitrariness and



Shiv Sena activists raising slogans during a protest.

sale of substandard and almost expiring goods to customers.

Sahni said that complete information to the state metrology and the concerned food inspector have given , but no-one reached the spot.

Even their consumer support helpline does not work.

Sahni said that claims are made about the protection of consumer rights. There is even a provision for action against misleading advertisements.

"But in Jammu and Kashmir, the consumer protection forum is only in the court complex at Janipur in Jammu and the court complex at Srinagar. The information of which is not even with the public, except for the above two districts, no forum is active anywhere. Although under the law, there should be a consumer forum in every district of the state , but so far this forum has been estab-

lished only in files," he added. Sahni appealed to the Lt Governor to take serious note of consumers' problems and direct the authorities concerned for opening of consumer complaints centers in every district of the Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, including complainant Deepak Kumar, Shiv Sena President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, President Kamgar Raj Singh, Vice President

Vikas Divan, President Youth Wing Binny Mahajan, Balbir Singh, Sumit Ahrol, Rajesh Handa, Ghulam Rasool Lone, Amit Kumar Pawan Singh was present.

Reduction of excise duty, tax on petrol, diesel shows Govt's commitment to people's welfare: Kavinder



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta celebrating Diwali with security personnel.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Dy Chief Minister; Kavinder Gupta has overwhelmingly appreciated the steps taken by Central Government for reducing the Excise Duty on petrol and diesel and termed it as a Diwali Gift to the people of the nation. He also appreciated the Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha for further reduction of taxes on petrol and diesel in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

In a statement issued to media here today, Kavinder Gupta said that taking such steps shows the government's

commitment towards people's welfare as the reduced fuel prices will have a direct impact on bringing down the prices of all commodities.

This is ultimately going to provide immediate relief to the people across the nation. He said that the Modi led Union Govt takes due care of all the sections of the society and the commitment of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this regard can be very well gauged from the fact that he celebrated this Diwali with the security forces along LoC in Nowshera thus boosting their morale. He said that this was

the Prime Minister's fourth Diwali celebration in J&K thus reflecting his strong commitment towards this sensitive Union Territory as well as the personnel guarding the nation's borders.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta also celebrated this Diwali with security personnel. He said it is necessary to keep them in the best of spirits as they are the real defenders of the safety and security of the nation and its people. He also distributed sweets among the forces' personnel who are ever ready to lay down their lives in defending the nation.

Vishwakarma Day celebrated with religious zeal

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JAMMU: The Vishwakarma Day was celebrated with religious zeal and vigour by Vishwakarma Temple Committee under the supervision of President of Committee, Ram Lal, at temple premises on Friday. On the occasion, 'Vishwakarma Puja', Hawan and Bhajan Kirtan were organized which were attended by all the member of the Committee besides a number of locals.

Speaking on the occasion, Ram Lal highlighted the history and importance of Vishwakarma Day, which is as old as Diwali. He urged participants to follow the teachings of Bhagwan Vishwakarma, who is also known as creator of world. He further reiterated the long pending demand of committee regarding declaration of a 'Gazetted' Holiday on Vishwakarma Day and urged the Government to fulfill the same as a

mark of tributes to Bhagwan Vishwakarma.

Supporting the demand for declaring a holiday on the occasion, Mahinder Lal, Working President said that a number of people associated with technical works or other works being carried out with help of different types of tools and machines, observe an undeclared holiday on Vishwakarma Day and hoped that Government would initiate necessary measures to fulfill their long pending demand.

The celebrations culminated with a Langer for the devotees. The members of the organising team included Raman Chhotra, Ramesh Angotra, Om Kataria, Janak Raj Changotra, Rattan Lal, Joginder Angotra, Rattan Lal, Adv Amarjeet Chagotra, Vishal Angotra, Kunal Angotra, Jitender Jajua, Ashok Salgotra and Balwant Kataria.

Singh Jamwal, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Dev Singh, Pramod Kapahi, Sanjay Baru, Tilak Raj Gupta, Abhijeet Jasrotia, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Sanjay Khanna, Prem Gupta, Kulbhushan Mohtra, Praduman Singh, Ved Sharma, Ashwani Churungoo, Makson Tikoo, Gourav Pargal, Kuldeep Dubey, Shubh Chander Verma, Brijesh Rana, Brahmjot, Naresh Singh, Ankush Mahajan, Pawan Singh, Govind Sareen, Ghulam Nabi Dar, Jangbir, Neha Mahajan and others were amongst the prominent BJP leaders present on the occasion.

Ashok Kaul in his greetings wishing all the BJP activists and the countrymen, said that the occasion teaches us to follow the path of truth and fight for the right cause.



DSS members performing Puja on Diwali.

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K celebrated the Deepawali, the festival of lights at its Sabha Bhawan with great joy and enthusiasm. Col. Karan Singh Jamwal, Vice President along with members of the Core Group performed Pooja Arghana.

Extending his greetings to

the members of the Sabha in particular and people of Jammu Kashmir in general Col. Singh said that this festival of lights may bring joy, happiness, peace and prosperity to the people of this great Country. This festival signifies the victory of light over darkness which also means the triumph of good over evil and

J&K BJP celebrates Diwali with fervour



BJP workers celebrating Diwali.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP organized Deepawali Milan and celebrated the occasion with religious fervor amid Vedic Aarti and distributions of sweets at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, General Secretary (Org.)

Ashok Kaul, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, and other senior party leaders performed the Pooja.

BJP Vice-Presidents Varinderjit Singh, Yudhvir Sethi, General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, BJP Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, former MLA Baldev Raj, Girdhari Lal Raina, Arvind Gupta, Prabhat

DSS J&K celebrates Deepawali with enthusiasm

knowledge over ignorance, he added. He further said that this auspicious occasion should be celebrated in an eco friendly way which means noise free and pollution free Deepawali.

The President Dogra Sadar Sabha (J&K) Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, who could not attend the function due to being out of station, conveyed his best wishes and Diwali greetings to all the citizens of J&K and members of Dogra Sadar Sabha and their families. Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Brig. M.S. Janwal, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Ravi Singh Slatia, Amrik Singh, Janak Khajuria, Madan Rangleela, Dr. Vidya Sagar Sharma and Kulbir Singh.

Sanitation Drive launched by JMC at Transport Yards

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JAMMU: JMC in its continuous efforts to ensure sanitation in Jammu City, on Friday launched a special sanitation drive as per the directions of Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation in Transport Yards Narwal, here.

The sanitation drive was started from Yard No. 6 and covered most of the areas from sanitation point of view.

During the drive the Health Officer interacted with shopkeepers and other business establishments and made them aware about user charges and added that every business establishments should keep dustbins so that the same can be lifted properly by the

JMC.

The Commissioner JMC appealed to the shopkeepers of Transport Nagar as well as general public to cooperate with Jammu Municipal Corporation and use identified places for disposal of garbage.

She also stressed to avoid use of polythene to the extent possible which is the major cause of blockage of drains and Nallahs.

She stressed for putting every possible efforts in achieving goal of making city Jammu Clean & Green and aim of Swachh Bharat Mission and added that such type of special drives shall continue in future to cover every nook and corner of the city from sanitation point of view.