

Shiv Sena demands restoration of traditional route to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine to revive business

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded the restoration of the traditional Shree Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra route with first Darshan at Kol Kandoli Mata Temple in the overall interest of pilgrims and the business of Jammu region.

Under the leadership of party state president Manish Sahni, Shiv Sainiks sought to resume the traditional Yatra of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi besides reviving the business of Jammu at Maharaja Hari Singh Statue, located on the Surya Putri Tawi bridge, Jammu.

Trains moving towards Katra have taken out of the pilgrimage itinerary historical Raghunath temple, Shivkhodi, Bawe Wali Mata, Kol Kandoli, the second Deva Mai temple from Maa Vaishno Devi Yatra.

The bypass road and the express highway have been further keeping the pilgrims



Shiv sena activists raising slogans during a protest.

from many important destinations. Sahni said that business class of Jammu, which is largely dependent on religious pilgrimage stands badly affected, which needs to be saved today.

Sahni said that Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra is one of the most revered shrines of Hindus and lakhs of devotees from all over India and abroad visit this holy shrine to pay their obeisance every year thus being a major contributor in J&K's economy.

He said that it is an acknowl-

edged fact that after providing direct rail link to Udhampur and Katra the business of Jammu received a great setback.

Sahni adding that we are not against the expansion of rail and national highways, but the half-hearted Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra cannot be accepted.

Sahni said that today many leaders including BJP have suddenly started chanting "Jammu Jammu".

Sahni urged the Home Minister Amit Shah and the Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha to reduce the number of direct trains going to Katra, increase the halt of trains in Jammu, along with railway station at Nagrota and Kol Kandoli besides the easy road link.

He asserted that this would definitely ensure a big boost to the maximum pilgrim tourist footfall in these areas for economic revival.

On this occasion President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh, Sandeep Bhagat, Vikas Divan, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Youth Wing Binny Mahajan, Women Secretary Geeta Lakhotra, President RS Pura Balveer Singh, Rajesh Handa, Surendra Many leaders and activists including Kumar, Pooja Rani, Ghulam Rasool Lone, Subhash Sudan, Dimple, Raj Kumari, Sumit Abrol, Balbir Singh, Neelam Devi and Sahil Kumar were present.

BJP conducts training workshop

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JAMMU: J&K BJP conducted 1-day Training Workshop for the party's senior leaders ahead of upcoming District level training workshops at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul chiefly addressed the workshop accompanied by former BJP State President & former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former BJP State President & former MP (Rajya Sabha) Shamsher Singh Manhas and former BJP State President & former Minister Sat Sharma.

Training workshop was coordinated by State Incharge Training Department Dr. Parneesh Mahajan accompanied by Department Co-Incharge Anil Bhagat.

Ravinder Raina while addressing the workshop emphasized on the importance of organizational



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul speaking at a workshop.

training to nurture the personality of party activists. He said that every tall leader of BJP we know today has gone through these extensive training workshops conducted by the party from time to time.

He said that these workshops act as a beacon to guide the activists through every process of public life teaching him the basic party ideology.

He also empathized on the District level training programs for taking the party policies and ideology

to the ground level activists.

Ashok Koul thoroughly guided the various leaders on the topics to be covered in the upcoming District level training workshops. He asked all the trainers to properly equip themselves with the training material of their respective topics while emphasizing that the training workshops must be conducted for minimum of 3 days including the 2-night stay of all the trainers as well as the attendee party activists.

Ravinder Raina, Ashok

Koul, Dr. Nirmal Singh, Shamsher Singh Manhas, Sat Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Priya Sethi, Munish Sharma, Rajiv Charak, Satish Sharma, Dr. Parneesh Mahajan and Manjeet Singh Jasrotia trained the trainers for the upcoming District level training workshops.

Dr. Parneesh Mahajan conducted the proceedings during the training workshop and later thanked all the senior leaders for their guidance to the district trainers.

Mayor inaugurates Vatika in Ward-9



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta inaugurating a Vatika.

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more development amenities to the people of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor along with Advocate Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor JMC on Monday inaugurated a well furnished and beautiful Vatika by upgrading the already existing one just in front of Hari Palace Hotel on main road opposite Manda.

Suneet Kumar Raina Councillor of Ward No. 9, Dinesh Gupta councillor of Ward No. 18, Booth Presidents of ward no. 9 namely Amit Singh, Neeraj Katoch, Tahir, Shakher

Soni, Deepak Kumar, Madan Lal and other prominent inhabitants namely Kuldeep Mahajan, Sanjay Sharma, Raghunandan, Mitu Kumar as well as Anil Kumar Gupta Executive Engineer Project Division, Raman Kapahi Assistant Executive Engineer (Project Division) & other supervisory staff of Health Section of JMC were also remained present there during the inauguration function.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor told that large number of senior citizens as well as general public passers through the area for

morning/evening walk on daily basis and in rainy days as well as during scorching warm weather they were facing great hardships due to non availability of proper shed/ sitting arrangements in the area and in order to provide relief to them, the concerned councillor has taken a keen interest by developing a well furnished Vatika by way of constructing a kanopi in the centre, installing benches for sitting purpose & other allied facilities to beautify the site so that the visitors can take full benefit of this Vatika situated in a very eco-friendly atmosphere and all this development works has been executed by the project division of JMC with an estimate amount of Rs 09 lakh.

He further told that JMC is committed to provide best possible development amenities in every ward of the city in a very uniform manner and also appeal to the general public to come forward & cooperate with JMC & other allied agencies so that Jammu can be made neat, clean & green city.

Dream of making India a 'Vishav Guru' will soon come true: Varinder Kaur



BJP National Mahila Morcha Vice President & Incharge J&K, Varinder Kaur along with other BJP leaders.

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JAMMU: National Mahila Morcha Vice President & Incharge J&K Varinder Kaur made her first visit to the Jammu and Kashmir state after taking over as the in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir, where she was accorded a grand welcome by the Mahila Morcha at BJP Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Varinder Kaur, while addressing the Mahila Morcha, said that the Mahila Morcha is doing excellent work in Jammu and Kashmir, who had implemented the Modiji's schemes at ground level and conducted various awareness campaign in which spe-

cial emphasis was given on schemes to provide employment to unemployed youth and also on Jan-Dhan yojana, Ujjwal and toilet facility in different villages under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Varinder Kour said that the Government of India has taken important steps to control inflation, in which a lot of relief has been given to the public by reducing the price of petrol and diesel and many schemes have been made in which women are getting benefits. She also expressed her gratitude to Modiji for the end of Triple Talaq.

She said that India has created history on the world

stage by achieving the goal of 100% Covid vaccination by running the vaccination campaign on a war footing to deal with Covid, which is a great achievement. She said that the dream of the Modi government is to make India a world guru, for which every Indian has to contribute so that dream can be realized soon.

J&K BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal while praising the work of J&K Mahila Morcha, said that during the time of Coronavirus, Mahila Morcha workers organized various awareness camps so that every needy gets benefit and risked their lives not keep-

ing in their mind the consequences of Covid-19.

He said that in the DDC elections in Jammu and Kashmir, BJP Mahila Morcha played an active role in making the elections successful, besides they also played an important role in making Union Home Minister Amit Shah rally a big success.

All Morcha in-charge Munish Sharma applauded the work of Mahila Morcha and said that they have contributed significantly in strengthening the BJP in the state. He gave the detail insight into the forthcoming party programmes in which he mentioned that Mahila Morcha has major role to

play. Mahila Morcha State President Sanjita Dogra said that the Mahila Morcha is putting lot of efforts to ensure that the public welfare schemes initiated on the prerogative of PM Narendra Modi are implemented at the grass root level and ensure that every needy gets the benefits of schemes.

She said that during the Covid period, for the eradication of Covid, chanting of Gayatri Mantra was organized from house to house, in which Mahila Morcha had played an active role in making the work a complete success by contributing diligently.

National Executive Member BJP Mahila Morcha Updesh Andotra, Jammu Kashmir Mahila Morcha in-charge Anuradha Charak, Co-in-charge Venu Khanna also counted the achievements of the government.

Mahila Morcha General Secretary Neha Gupta, General Secretary Urvashi Gupta and state office bearer, along with all District Presidents and their respective general secretaries graced the occasion.

Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra felicitated

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Library Incharge Honorary Professor Kulbhushan Mohtra was felicitated by BJP senior leaders at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

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Senior BJP leaders said that the book named "A saga of Sacrifices-Praja Parishad Movement in Jammu & Kashmir" written by Kulbhushan Mohtra has been



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina felicitating J&K BJP Library Incharge Honorary Professor Kulbhushan Mohtra.

appreciated by highlighting the prominent personalities from J&K "like Late Rishi Kumar Koushal from Rishi the Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself in the National Executive Meet of BJP at Delhi.

Earlier, in his "Mann Ki Baat" the Prime Minister had told that "Kamal Pushp" named portal will be formed to highlight the contributions and sacrifices of prominent social and political personali-

ties who worked selflessly for the Nation from all over India. Kulbhushan Mohtra compiled the names and works of such 108 personalities in his works to be added to the above-said portal so as to bring their works before the general masses.

Kulbhushan thanked the senior party leadership for the applause and said that he will leave no stone unturned in serving the party and the society selflessly.

BJYM demands one-time 5 years age relaxation to SI aspirants

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, JK, sought one-time age relaxation for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory in the recruitment of Sub-Inspector in JK Police Department. In a statement issued here today, Arun Prabhat, President JK BJYM unit, said that since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in 2019, the youth had faced serious consequences due to this lethal virus. He said that it is a cause of serious concern that the unemployed youth whose age has crossed 30, having the least opportunity for government jobs. Arun Prabhat mentioned that JKSSB has advertised UT Cadre 800 post of Sub Inspectors but the maximum 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. Arun Prabhat mentioned that the JK Government has granted one time age relaxation in JKPC (KPS) exams from 32 years to 37 years and the same relaxation should be given to aspirants of SI posts in J&K Police especially in view of the situation after the pandemic. "There are several states in the country where the age criteria for belt forces are a maximum of 35 years," he added. The BJYM leader demanded that the maximum age limit for the open merit aspirants in the recruitment of Sub Inspectors should be 33 years of age by providing a one-time five years age relaxation. 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 JK, he added. Arun Prabhat appealed to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene in this matter and resonate with this pressing plea of the youth who have surpassed the age barrier. He asserted that the aspiring candidates who want to appear in SI examination and desire to serve the country with all their zeal must be provided with this opportunity so that their energy is channelized towards the right direction.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Monday informed that the power supply to Suhagpur, Kotli Janowal, Part of Arnia, Trewa, Gangyal Industry, Greater Jammu, Preet Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 09 from 09 am to 02 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramgarh, Rangoor and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 09 from 09 am to 04 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Khour, Gidgyl, Hospital and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 10 from 10 am to 04pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Digiana Industry, Sanjay Nagar, Bishnah Town, Kotli, Dabbar, Deoli, Sarore and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 10 from 09 am to 02 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Nanan, Barnoti and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 10 from 09 am to 05 pm.

Vigilance Awareness Week observed at SMVDU



Officials and students taking pledge at SMVDU.

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KATRA: The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from October 26 to November 1, 2021 throughout the country, themed, "Independent India@75: Self Reliance with Integrity" also commemorating the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The NSS, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, conducted different activities to celebrate vigilance awareness week. The Run for Unity was

organized for students, faculty and staff members in collaboration with the Board for Sports Activities. The run was flagged off by the Vice Chancellor, Padma Shree, Prof. R.K. Sinha.

A session on vigilance awareness was also conducted for students. The various activities conducted during the session including screening of videos related to corruption in daily life, slogan writing, sharing of views on corruption by students and

faculty members, etc.

To spread awareness about complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers) posters were displayed at various offices of the university.

Online Integrity Pledge was also taken by university employees during the week available at CVC's website. Offline Integrity pledge ceremony was also conducted for class four employees of the university.

NC Women Wing organises protest against rising prices in Jammu

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JAMMU: Binla Luthra, Ex-MLA, Vice President Women Wing, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference organized a protest rally from Sher-I Kashmir Bhawan to Mandir Chowk Jammu against the rising prices and deterioration of law and order situation in the Union Territory. Large number of women workers participated in the rally displaying banners against price rise and unemployment.

While addressing the rally, Binla Luthra lambasted that BJP led government for its failure to mitigate the problems of the people and main-



NC Women Wing workers raising slogans during a protest.

tain law and order. She said that rising prices is the major concern of the people particularly women folk. BJP led government has miserably failed to contain price rise and provide jobs to the unemployed educated youth in the

UT. They don't allow us to protest, she added.

Those who were present on the occasion include Vijay laxami Dutta, Rashida Begum, Bharti, Pinki Khalsa, Jyoti, Savita, Rani, Rita, Nitu and Raj Rani.