

## People want BJP to form 1st elected Govt of J&K UT: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that people of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have overwhelmingly extended their support to Bharatiya Janata Party and want that the first elected Govt in J&K UT should be that of BJP.

He expressed this while addressing meeting of Shakti Kendra Pramukhs and Booth Presidents of Sidhra and Ragoora area on the outskirts of Jammu city here today.

The senior BJP leader, while chairing the meeting, said that it is the result of people's undaunted faith and confidence in Bharatiya Janata Party besides the performance of the incumbent BJP Govt at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi that as of today the party has a very strong base across the Union Territory. He complemented the Shakti Kendra Pramukhs and Booth Presidents of Sidhra and Ragoora for constantly activating the party workers and activists in their



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi along with other leaders during a meeting at Jammu.

concerned areas who worked relentlessly at the grass roots level for the people further strengthening the party in the area.

Sethi expressed satisfaction and pleasure over the working of the party workers and activists whose efforts have paid the dividend. He said that they are the foot soldiers of the party and it is because of them that today Ragoora and Sidhra have become BJP strongholds.

Yudhvir Sethi said that the people of the area are much happy and satisfied with the policies and programmes of BJP that have been transforming the nooks and corners of Jammu and Kashmir taking it ahead towards the realiza-

tion of the PM's dream of 'Naya Jammu Kashmir'.

The senior BJP leader asked the Shakti Kendra Pramukh and Booth Presidents of the area to continue serving the people in Ragoora and Sidhra areas and making them aware about the achievements of Modi led Govt at the Centre at the National and International level and especially the landmarks achieved by it in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that people today can themselves see how the menace of terrorism has been reined in and peace restore in J&K. Moreover, they have for the first time witnessed unprecedented development across the region.

Yudhvir Sethi urged the Shakti Kendra Pramukh and Booth Presidents of the area not to only maintain the people's trust and confidence in BJP but also take it to higher levels till the elections are finally held for the J&K Assembly and they get a fair chance to bring the BJP Government to power in J&K as per their aspirations.

Prominent among those who were present include Omkar Singh, Shakti Kendra Pramukh, Bishan Singh, Suresh Jamwal, Ram Singh and Vinod Kumar Booth Presidents, Sagar Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Mohan Singh, Darshan Singh and Subash Singh.

## Clean India 2.0 conducted by NSS GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS Unit II GGM Science College Jammu inaugurated "Swachh Bharat Clean India 2.0 Campaign" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The campaign started on Gandhi Jayanti October 2nd to 31st 2022. During this month-long campaign, a number of cleanliness activities were organized to promote 'Jan Bhagidari'; the efforts to involve the residents of the cities in this campaign. Clean India 2.0 a mega event conducted by the NSS Unit II under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Rajesh Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan. NSS unit II of GGM Science college on 2nd October Gandhi Jayanti participated in Fit India Plog run 3.0 covering the Bus Stand Ghumat Area. The volunteers along with the dignitaries of JMC took Swatchta pledge. They covered 3km and collected 6



NSS volunteers and faculty members of GGM Science College during cleanliness drive.

kg of waste collected and handed it to JMC. The NSS volunteers participated in Save River Campaign by JKPCC during the sakhvisarjan during Navratri celebration on 3rd and 4th October 2022. The Cleanliness of river tawi was done by NSS unit II. The segregation was done by the volunteers and the segregated waste was sent to JMC solid waste MRF of IPCA for disposal in an environmental friendly manner by JKPCC and NGO Disha Organization. The chunris coconut leaves flowers polythene recovered were sent to recycle.

The fresh flowers were separated separately and were sent to Nagrota to make incense sticks. The waste collected by NSS volunteers unit II at harkipowdi Polythene 11 kg, Cardboard 34 kg, Plastic Bottles 27 kg, Chunnri 37 kg, Wet Waste 120 kg, Fresh Flowers kg; TOTAL = 243 kg. Mega Swachhata Drive under the aegis of Clean India 2.0 was conducted on 19th October 2022. The volunteers participated in drive and collected 61 kg plastic trash around their surroundings and handed over to JMC for proper dispos-

al. Mega swatchta drive was again carried out in college campus and the area surrounding the college on 28th October 2022.

The 15 kg collected trash and plastic waste were handed over to municipality vehicle. All the NSS Volunteers involved in Clean India 2.0 campaign participated enthusiastically and actively in making it successful collecting 325 kg plastic waste and disposing off to JMC for necessary action. The College Principal praised the NSS Unit for the successful completion of Clean India 2.0 activities.

## Ashok Sharma appointed Secretary J&K Dharmarth Trust



President Dharmarth Trust, Adv Ajay Gandotra welcoming Ashok Sharma on his appointment as Secretary of Trust.

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JAMMU: Chairman Trustee of Jammu & Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, Dr. Karan Singh on Tuesday appointed former IPS Officer and SSP (Retd), Ashok Kumar Sharma as the Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust.

In an order issued here by Dr. Karan Singh, Ashok

Kumar Sharma has been appointed as Secretary of the Trust with effect from 1st of November 2022.

Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President of the Trust, welcomed Ashok Kumar Sharma to the Trust by presenting him a bouquet in presence of staff of Trust's Central Office. He hoped that with

the joining of the new Secretary, the Trust would gain new heights with his rich experience. On the occasion of his appointment, Ashok Kumar Sharma said that he was grateful and felt privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of such a historic organization, with a prestigious legacy and a colossal contribution to society and religion in Jammu & Kashmir. He added that he would provide his best services, with full dedication for achieving the purpose of the Trust. Sanjay Gupta, President Raghunath Bazaar Businessman Association along with his team felicitated the new Secretary for assuming the charge.

Later, the Secretary Ashok Kumar Sharma also held a brief introductory meeting with the Dharmarth Trust's employees.

## PIL regarding disposal of garbage: DB seeks affidavit regarding steps for compliance of laws from Director ULB Kashmir

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, directed Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, to file comprehensive affidavit, indicating all steps, as mentioned before this Court in order to ensure compliance of laws on the disposal of the garbage.

DB further directed that the needful shall be done by or before the next date of hearing. The petitioners shall be at liberty to file the response. DB also directed the Executive Officers, Municipal Council, Baramulla and Sopore to ensure collection of garbage and its dumping at the site identified and the same shall also be done in case of other Municipal Councils. In the event, affidavit is filed, the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, need not to appear on the next date of hearing. The PIL has been filed by Central Anqaf Committee Tarzoo seeking immediate stoppage of dumping of municipal solid waste, biomedical waste on the land (Ramsar Wetland) contained under survey No. 90 situated at Dharmambal, Ningli Tarzoo Sopore which falls within the delineated periphery pillars of Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA) and also within the limits of Hygam-Ningli-Tarzoo Tourism Development Authority. When PIL came-up for hearing, Mathoor Masoom, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir and Tariq Ahmad Reshi, Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sopore, are present in person. DB observed that during the pendency of the instant PIL and in terms of order passed on 14.09.2020, the Court while noticing the seriousness of the matter, having reference to illegal dumping of municipal solid waste within the demarcated area of Wular Lake and also carrying out unauthorized construction in the said area, directed the

Municipal Committee, Sopore, to take steps for removal of municipal solid waste forthwith, dumped within the demarcated area of the Wular Lake, with further direction that the Municipal Committee, Sopore, shall place on record the site plan, the location of the dumping site before the Court, before the next date of hearing. The Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Baramulla, was also directed to verify the position and submit a report before the Court. DB also noticed that in terms of order dated 28.10.2020; the respondents were directed to remove all encroachments, which have come within the boundaries and on the banks of Wular Lake in any case within 200 meters of the Wular Lake. The Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Baramulla, had informed the Court that the Committee of the officials of the Revenue Department, Flood Control and Irrigation Department and the Forest Department had identified the

land in Baramulla as well as in Sopore for creation of a solid waste landfill. The respondents were directed that no obstruction shall be caused by any person to the setting up of this site and if need arises, the Police shall ensure provision of adequate security to enable setting up of the garbage dumping sites. Respondents were further directed to undertake the awareness drive in the area to educate people in devising the generation of work, solid and liquid waste, as also preventing garbage dumping and littering of the area.

DB observed that while dictating the order, the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir present in the Court, submits that a comprehensive plan was prepared for ensuring cleanliness/collection of garbage and its disposal in tune with the scheme of law. She further submits that the establishment of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is a time consuming affair, but the Department has already initiated the process of

designing these MRFs for further preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) from the PWD and R&B Departments. She further submits that the plan for execution will take some time, but in the meanwhile, the garbage is dumped at Jetty Khawabagh, Baramulla, so far as collection of garbage from Municipal Council Baramulla/Municipal Council, Sopore is concerned. It is further submitted that the land measuring 40 Kanals, transferred by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir in terms of order dated 05.04.2022, situated at Damamabal, Sopore, near Sofi Akbar Road, has not been used for dumping, as the NOC has not been issued by the Pollution Control Board. It is further submitted that some Municipal areas in Kashmir under the jurisdiction of Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, are already in the process of completion of the MRFs, which may be commissioned in near future.

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## Gopashtmi celebrated with reverence at Trimurti Gau Shalla

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JAMMU: The Gopashtami festival was celebrated with reverence and gaiety at the holy shrine Trimurti Gaushala Gurah Pattan. Special Goumata (cow) worship was done by Mahant Yashpal of Baba Ballo Ji Devsthan Mathwar. A large number of cow devotees participated in the worship.

Celebrated on the eighth day during waxing phase of the moon in the month of Kartik (October-November), Gopashtami is considered as auspicious day of the year. According to legends, Lord Krishna was allowed to herd cows for the first time on this day by his foster father Nand. Till then, he used to graze calves.

Trimurti Gaushala has around 40 cows whose care has been taken by Trimurti



Gopashtami being celebrated at Trimurti Gau Shalla.

Gaushala Committee headed by President Ravi Kumar Verma, Chairman Gopal Sharma, General Secretary Parshotam Sharma, Sevadar Dr Rahul Sharma, Sonu Sharma, Kar Chib, Bishan Dass, Bola Ram, Bhushan Kumar, Ashwani Sharma and others.

Hundreds of devotees came to worship cows in the belief that 33 Crore gods reside in a cow. Hence, worshipping one cow is equal to praying to these

Gods, "said Mahant Yashpal Sharma Ji". Ex Minister Choudhary Sukhmandan also paid obeisance on the occasion.

Ravi Kumar Verma President Trimurti Gaushala while speaking on the occasion said that the gaushala committee is serving the cows with full dedication without any greed. He said that the Gaushala committee does not take any donation in cash or account we only take straw or fodder etc for the cows.

## Apex Body, KDA call for peaceful protest across Ladakh today

### ■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: Both Leh and Kargil districts are all set to organise peaceful protests on Wednesday against Government of India failing to hold timely talks with the leaders of Ladakh regarding Ladakh's demands including full-fledged Statehood, Sixth Schedule, additional Lok Sabha seat and Rajya seat, and solution to the growing unemployment crisis. In this regard a meeting was held under the leadership of Chairman Apex Body of People's Movement for Sixth Schedule Thupstan Chhewang in Leh and it was attended by Nambardars/Gobas and Civil Society President/representatives. Other members of the Apex Body also attended the meeting. Goba Association's



Chairman Apex Body, KDA and other leaders during a meeting.

President and executive members also attended the meeting with Nambardars / Gobas of Leh district. Later, presidents and representatives of civil societies of Leh including Merchant Association Leh Ladakh, All Ladakh Tourist and Travel Trade Alliance, All Ladakh Transport Association, Ladakh Taxi operator Co-operative Ltd., All Ladakh Tour Operator Association, All

Ladakh Guest House and Hotel Association, Ladakh Tempo Traveller Operator, Mazda Union Leh, 407 Union Leh, 207 Union Leh, Biker Association Leh, Ladakh Bus Operator Union Leh, Truck Union Leh, and All Ladakh Unemployed Youth Association (ALUYA) attended the meeting and extended support to the call for protest. In Kargil, the Kargil

## MAM College organises Parent-Teachers Meet

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JAMMU: Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu organised Parent Teacher Meet in the college campus. Parents of students from different streams/semester like BBA, BCA, BA, B.Sc. graced the event and share their insights and suggestions.

The program started with the welcome address of the principal Prof. (Dr.) Surinder Sharma, who highlighted the development works being carried out in the College and the various achievements of the meritorious students. He also briefed about upcoming NAAC accreditation process of the Institution. Shartik, a student of Music Department and Haider played the melody strings of guitar with Divya, Palak and Antriksha as playback singer which enthralled the audience with their musical performance.

## NHM employees call on BJP J&K Chief, highlight issues

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JAMMU: National Health Mission (NHM) Employees Association deputation led by Rohit Seth, President JK NHM Employees Association met Ravinder Raina, BJP President, J&K (UT) on Tuesday at BJP Office, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The deputation comprised of Surinder Khajuria District Jammu President NHM, Rajiv, Narinder and other apprised Ravinder Raina of the problems and demands of the NHM employees such as staff working in NHM be regularized as regular govt. employees with minimum wage grade equivalent to their counterparts in the health and other departments; disparity of salary between the NHM staff of UT of Jammu and Kashmir; Delhi, Haryana, Leh and several other states; in several cases, these meagerly paid NHM Employees in vari-



NHM Employees presenting memorandum to BJP J&K Chief, Ravinder Raina.

ous cadres has been posted in far flung areas away from their homes which is a great injustice as well as financial burden on them, it is therefore respectfully requested a policy for their adjustment in places nearest to their homes. May kindly be framed. A memorandum to this effect was also submitted to the BJP President by the deputation on behalf of the thousands of NHM Employees.

Besides this the issue of inclusion of the NHM for consideration by the High Power Committee constituted to

examine and consider regularization of various categories of employees was also taken up and by the deputation, Ravinder Raina BJP President assured the deputation that the matter of NHM employees was also examined and considered by the said committee at the earliest. He also assured the NHM Employees deputation that he will take up all the genuine demands of the NHM employees with the concerned and appropriate authorities and take personal initiative for their redressal.

Prof. Neeraj Sharma and Dr. Vishal Sharma coordinator IQAC of the college gave a brief profile of IQAC and also talked about various initiatives taken by the college management for the betterment of the student. The parents gave their valuable suggestions and interacted with the faculty members.

Palak Madan, students of 1st semester recited beautiful poem especially dedicated to the parents and the teachers. Nitasha, Sarah, Yuvika, Navjot compered the proceedings of the programme. Yuvika Jasorita, student of 1st semester gave the formal vote of thanks.