

Delay in holding elections in J&K serious concern of all sections of society: Bhalla

Visits martyred ITBP jawan's residence in Samba

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SAMBHA: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla accompanied by Ex MLA Yashpal Khandel, today visited villages Kali Bari, Abtal, Sadho, Rakh Amb Talli and Kraudi of Samba District to listen to grievances of villagers. The people expressed their anguish over delay in holding assembly elections as they claimed that their issues remain unaddressed and the administration works as per its wishes which often puts general masses in trouble.



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people at Samba.

The people also raised the issue of clean drinking water, shabby condition of roads, tail end villages not getting canal water etc. Earlier, Bhalla along with other Congress leaders visited the residence of martyred Joginder Lal, head constable of Indo - Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to express his condolence at his native village Avtal Katla in Samba District. The

ITBP paramilitary personnel were providing security cover to the polling team in Chattisgarh on November 17, 2023, that was returning following the election when the blast was triggered by Naxalites.

To express his solidarity with the bereaved family members, the Former Minister accompanied by other prominent people visited the residence of the martyred ITBP personnel. He expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul. He criticized the attack on the security personnel who were providing protection to the polling team. Bhalla criticized authorities for their inability to provide basic amenities to the villagers in the rural belt in Samba District. He said that Congress is committed for equitable development of people in all the regions of Jammu and Kashmir. However, the delay in holding elections in J&K has become a serious concern of all sections of society. The people have equally expressed their concern, but their concerns are not being given heed.

Free Mahadhyaan Shivir-3 will be held on Nov 25, 26



Power of Meditation Trust member Gaurav Vig addressing a press conference.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Life Coach, Power of Meditation Trust, Gaurav Vig, on Wednesday in a press conference at Press Club Jammu, announced the free Mahadhyaan Shivir-3, which will take place on November 25 and 26, 2023 at Panth Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

This Mahadhyaan Shivir-3 will be inaugurated on 25th November 2023 at 11 AM, he said adding that the Shivir will offer two days of intensive discussions and exercises on various topics related to self-realization, happiness, health, peace and spirituality through various techniques of Dhyaan. Participants will also learn practical skills to heal their body and mind, enhance their soul power and it's puri-

ty, and improve their quality of life in all aspects such as physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial and professional, Gaurav said. He added, "Everyone deserves to live a happy, healthy and peaceful life, so don't miss this chance. People of all ages and backgrounds, including many students, are expected to join the event."

Jamwal Pandit Biradari congregation on Nov 24

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JAMMU: Bi-Annual Congregation of All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari is being held on November 24, 2023 (Friday) at Data Dati Mandir, Purmandal.



This was informed by by President of Jamwal Pandit Biradari, Shatrughan Jamwal and Suresh Kumar Sharma General Secretary in a handout issued on Wednesday.

They requested all the Jamwal Pandit Biradari members to participate in congregation alongwith their families to seek blessings of Data Dati at Purmandal. "Community Langer is being organized by the Biradari members on the occasion besides a medical camp shall also be organized by the renowned doctors and free medicine will be provided," they said.

Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul inaugurated in Jammu North

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JAMMU: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, on Wednesday inaugurated the Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul in Jammu North at Bhawal. The inauguration was done by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha.



President SKJAVS Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri addressing students at Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul in Jammu North at Bhawal.

The Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul is providing free-of-cost Sanskrit education to the residents of Jammu villages, Mahant Shastri said adding that the initiative aims to teach Sanskrit to youths and children, moving from village to village. Mahant Rohit Shastri encouraged other villages to

reach out and take advantage of this initiative which emphasizes the cultural significance of Sanskrit, stating that it contributes to the development of culture and fosters world peace and social development.

The Sarpanch of Bhawal, Rajdev Singh Jamwal, mentioned that throughout his-

tory, India has never invaded the land of any other country, attributing this to the cultural influence of Sanskrit.

Mahant Rohit Shastri pleased to see people of all castes and creeds participating in the initiative, highlighting its inclusive nature.

The inauguration of the "Mobile Gurukul" coincided with the birth centenary of Late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak.

The vehicle for the Mobile Gurukul was donated by Rakesh Gandotra, the secretary of the trust, in honor of this occasion. Trust member Rakesh

Gandotra expressed the belief that the development of Devvani Sanskrit will not only fulfill the dream of India becoming a Vishwaguru (world teacher) but will also contribute to global development and peace.

The dedication of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust towards bringing Sanskrit into the mainstream and making it accessible to all sections of society is appreciated.

Various prominent individuals, including Pandit Dev Dutt Shastri, Naresh Raina, Rajeev Sharma, Rajan Sharma, and others, were present at the inauguration.

Nadda, Kavinder address election campaign rally in Dausa

Only BJP Govt can live up to expectations of people in Rajasthan

STATE TIMES NEWS
DAUSA: BJP National President J.P Nadda on Wednesday said that only BJP government can fulfill the aspirations of the people of Rajasthan as Congress regime has failed on all fronts giving a jolt of life to people who are regretting their decision to give a chance to its leadership to rule the State.



BJP National President J.P Nadda and J&K leader Kavinder Gupta addressing election rally.

The BJP National President maintained this while addressing a mega election campaign rally in Dausa District of Rajasthan. Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister J&K Kavinder Gupta along with several party leaders from Dausa district of Rajasthan were also present.

Nadda said that there are many instances of BJP lead-

ership taking bold and daring steps in the country to resolve longstanding issues which the countrymen were confronting for long including Ram JanamBhoomi, Article 370, peace in Kashmir, etc. He said that Modi Government alleviated the population's problems by resolving aforesaid issues with extreme adroitness and with-

out firing even a single gunshot such critical issues have been lead to their logical conclusions therefore people of Rajasthan should also provide an opportunity to BJP to set things right in the state of Rajasthan as under prevailing conditions the population is suffering a lot on account of crime, corruption and carefree attitude of

those sitting at the helm. "The people of Rajasthan are yearning for a change, a change that can only be brought about by the BJP," Nadda said, adding "The BJP has a proven track record of development and good governance, and we are committed to take Rajasthan to new heights."

Pertinent to mention here that tomorrow i.e, November 23 will be the last of election campaign in Rajasthan and in the whole campaign rally abrogation of Art 370 from Jammu and Kashmir by Modi Government was the major highlight.

Kavinder Gupta, in his address, highlighted the BJP government's achievements at the Centre, including the rollout of various welfare schemes, the construc-

tion of infrastructure, and the promotion of economic growth. He said that the BJP government in Rajasthan will replicate these successes and bring about a transformation in the state.

The senior BJP leader said that people should support BJP for ensuring a fair deal for all in the state especially the poor and underprivileged as they are the worst hit due to corrupt regime led by Congress, which feels comfortable with rising crime graph and indifference of its leadership towards the people as public welfare term is not in the dictionary of the Congress governments whether in centre or in any of states ruled by this party, known for rampant corruption and high end crime.

LEAD to organise 'Mahotsav 2023- Jammu Kashmir Ladakh'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Preparations are in full swing for the much-anticipated "Mahotsav 2023 - Jammu Kashmir Ladakh" an event set to unfold an attractive blend of cultural heritage, art, and traditions from the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Scheduled for December 9th and 10th in Jammu city, this festival aims to rejuvenate and showcase the cultural richness of both the Union Territories, which has been somewhat forgotten or overlooked.

Ladakh, Jammu Kashmir Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD), the organizer behind "Mahotsav 2023-JKL", invites participation from various sectors, including Industrialists, Technicians, Small industries, NGOs, Cooperatives, Culinary artisan, Artists, Educators, and Administration Associates to be part of this two day event. This inclusive call extends not only to the people of Jammu and Kashmir but also to other states, fostering a deep understanding of the region's people, culture, and business dynamics, accompanied by a delightful experience of traditional Jammu and Kashmiri cuisine. The Mahotsav is an initiative that embodies the spirit of self-reliance and promotes the rich variety of Swadeshi goods and culture within our beloved regions. The festival promises to depict the diversity of three regions, portraying every class, culture, and ritual through many events.

After LEAD gathered the opinion of the people in both the Union Territories, cultural programs and various stalls will also be the center of attraction in this two-day festival. In the Mahotsav 2023, there will also be a seminar on various types of startups, possibilities of new industries and employment opportunities etc. in Jammu and Kashmir.

In this regard, prominent social workers like Sunil Shah, Manish Ahluwalia, CA Rajeev Gupta, Surinder Mohan Gupta, Vikram Gujral, Rajesh Gupta, Raman Suri, Sanjeev Sharma and Harinder Gupta etc. participated in the meeting of the organizing committee of the festival.

Agri Deptt conducts demonstration of Smart Seeder



Director Agriculture Jammu, Ram Savak inspecting smart seeder.

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JAMMU: Department of Agriculture, Jammu on Wednesday spearheaded an effort to promote eco-friendly agricultural practices through a field demonstration of the Smart Seeder here at Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore (Gajansoo), Marh.

The field demonstration of the Smart Seeder, guided by Er.Brij Rana, Assistant Agriculture Engineer and Er .Dev Raj, Subject Matter Specialist (Farm Machinery), showcased its ability to plant wheat seeds in a precisely tilled narrow band of soil. This technology ensures optimal seed placement by covering seed rows with soil using furrow closing rollers.

Operating with a 45 to 50 HP tractor, the Smart Seeder boasts a field capacity of 0.4 hectares per hour, consuming fuel at a rate of 5.5 litres per acre. Director Agriculture Jammu emphasized its remarkable performance in facilitating excellent germination, crop stand, and resilience to varying weather conditions.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture Jammu, Ram Savak, stressed the collective responsibility of farmers in curbing environmental contamination, particularly the hazards associated with stubble burning that deteriorates air quality and public health by causing dense smog.

Highlighting the significance of in-situ paddy residue management, the Director Agriculture urged farmers to adopt latest technologies to maintain soil health and societal well-being.

Mahesh Verma, Joint Director SLUB/Farms, who was present on the occasion, welcomed the Smart Seeder technology, sowing wheat across an area. He advised the farmers to utilize this technology provided by Department of Agriculture, while expressing contentment with its efficacy in managing crop residues and contributing to sustainable agricultural practices. Kuldeep Raj, Farm Manager SMF Chinore also guided the farmers to adopt this technology through department and take benefits of subsidy from Department of Agriculture.

JKAACL organises seminar on life, teachings of Guru Nanak Dev

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) on Wednesday organized a one Day Seminar on Life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji here in the K.L. Saigal Hall .

The Seminar was inaugurated by lighting of traditional lamp by the Guests. The Inaugural session of the seminar was presided over by Khalid Hussain, Punjabi writer, Ajeet Singh Mastana presented the keynote address on "Life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji". S. J.P. Singh, former IGP J&K shared the presidium with Popinder Singh Paras, Editor Punjabi JKAACL. Special numbers of Sada



Dignitaries releasing books during a seminar at Jammu.

Sahit Punjabi and latest Sheeraza publications of JKAACL were also released on the occasion by the dignitaries. The exhibition of JKAACL publications was also displayed on the occasion.

At the outset, Dr.Shahnawaz, Editor Cum cultural Officer, JKAACL welcomed the guests on

behalf of Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL.

In his presidential address, Khalid Hussain appreciated the efforts of JKAACL specially the Secretary Bharat Singh for taking JKAACL to the new heights by organising such literary and cultural activities. He said that the teachings of Baba Nanak Ji are the message of peace and

harmony and we all should follow them.

Chief Guest S. J.P.Singh, in his address, said that the teachings and philosophy of Guru Nanak Dev Ji which he spread in 15th Century are still relevant and applicable. He further said that under the leadership of Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL is doing commend-

able job. The inaugural session was conducted by S. Popinder Singh Paras, Editor Punjabi JKAACL

The inaugural session was followed by paper reading session in which Dr.Pritam Singh and Dr. Jasbir Sama presented papers on different shades of Life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The session was presided over by Dr. Jitender Udampuri while Dr. Arvinder Singh Ann, former Additional secretary, JKAACL was guest of honour.

The paper reading session was followed by Kavi Darbar in which poets Bachan Bharti, Bhupinder Singh Bhargav, Devinder Singh Dhanjal, Balkar

Singh, Balwinder Singh, Devinder Singh, Baljit Singh Raina, Surinder Kaur Neer, Amrajit Kour Neer, Amprit Kour, Harpal Singh Pali, Harbhajan Singh, Suraj Rattan, Suraj Singh, Saran Star, H. S Uppal, Nirmal Vinod, Manjit Singh Kamra, Amrit Kour Neer, Satwanta Singh, Dr. M.P. Prabhjot Kour, Anin Banhali and others presented their poetry. This session was presided over by Renowned Poet Dr. Baljeet Raina and Harjit Singh Uppal. The proceeding of the Kavi Darbar was conducted by Amprit Kour. S. Popinder Singh Paras Editor Sheeraza Punjabi presented the vote of thanks.

BJP cadre will craft this mighty country peaceful, prosperous and advanced: Koul

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GANDERBAL: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, addressed a Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan of District Ganderbal at Town hall, Ganderbal.

Former MLC Surinder Ambardar, District President Ganderbal Mohd Amin Shah, Gayur Andrabi, Sajid, Sahil Bhat, Mudassir Wani and prominent BJP leaders accompanied Ashok Koul during the Sammelan.

Ashok Koul while



BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul speaking at a programme in Srinagar.

addressing the Sammelan focused on the dedicated mass working of the party cadre. Discussing the organizational matters with the party cadre, he focused on

strengthening the party at booth level. He also apprised the party cadre of the forthcoming programmes and asked them to organize them with fer-

technologically advanced", said Ashok Koul.

Ashok Koul emphasized on the crucial role of Shakti Kendra Pramukhs in the organization, and termed it as very vital to achieve this aim. He said that they (Shakti Kendra Pramukhs) need to work dedicatedly with the goal "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwaas". Mohd Anin Shah thanked the senior party leadership for their guidance and appreciated the party cadre for their active participation in the Sammelan.

However the BJP cadre will keep working day and night on a mission mode to craft this mighty country peaceful, prosperous and

Jai Shiv Shakti Mandir Welfare Committee reconstituted

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JAMMU: The members of the Jai Shiv Shakti Mandir Welfare Committee Thathar Ploura, Ward Number 59 in Jammu organised a meeting to reconstitute the committee and some members were added to it on Wednesday. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sarjeet Dogra.

Pertinently, the committee was framed in 2006 for the welfare of the society in general and management of the Mandir in particular.