

BJP distributes ration among needy



BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and others distributing dry ration among needy persons on Friday.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir led by its General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul distributed dry ration among the needy at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Friday.

BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, NEM Priya Sethi, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, Neeraj Puri, Ajay Gupta, Jyoti Devi, Dr. Makson Tickoo and others were also present.

On the occasion, around 200 ration kits carrying rice, flour and other essentials were distributed among the needy persons.

Ashok Koul, while distributing the dry ration amongst the needy, greeted all on the pious occasion of Makar Sankranti. He said that Makar Sankranti is considered a day of happiness and prosperity.

It is believed that taking a bath in the Ganges and other Holy Rivers on this day will be auspicious.

He said that "Surya Dev" is

especially worshipped on this day as a gratitude for blessing us with warm and glowing rays.

It is our tradition to help the needy with the essential items on this day, he said while distributing the dry Ration items.

Koul added that with the same spirit, high standards of public service in every field have been set by our people's Prime Minister Narendra Modi under whose leadership every needy person is being taken care of.

"In COVID period, no other country in the world has such a food security scheme which will take care of food for everybody", he added.

Koul also said that BJP activists from J&K always carried on their duty to serve the society under the programme "Sewa Hi Sangathan" and "Feed the needy".

He said that during the whole COVID marred period, BJP activists never rested and served the society working on the front foot just like a soldier.

Supreme sacrifice of cops, soldiers in Valley will not go in vain: Abhinav

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JAMMU: The supreme sacrifice by the cops of JKP and soldiers of army and other belt forces during fight against the terrorism will not go in vain as BJP Government in the Centre will avenge each and every death with no exception.

This was said by the Abhinav Sharma Spokesman BJP J&K in a statement issued here on Friday. The senior BJP leader said that another youth from Jammu region namely Rohit Chib SgCT has given supreme sacrifice in yesterday's encounter in Kashmir's Kulgam.

"Two other security men also received injuries while a Jaish terrorist was neutralized in the fierce gunfight in Kulgam. Hailing from Jammu's Jagti area Rohit Chib was actively involved in anti-terror operations in Kulgam area

since few years", Sharma said, adding that many youth of the Duggarland have given their lives for restoring peace in the Valley and the combat will continue till the time there is single terror monger present in the region.

He said that bravery of Dogras is world famous and they will either eliminate terrorists or caught them to decay behind the bars as no one will be allowed to eye on the sovereignty or integrity of the nation. Meanwhile, he extended condolence to the family of the deceased braveheart Rohit Chib. He said that the entire BJP is standing along with the bereaved family at this hour of grief. He said real tribute to the brave soldier will be elimination of all terrorists from the Valley and BJP Government at the Centre will realize this sooner than later.

Sikh leaders seek immediate implementation of HC judgment

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JAMMU: Welcoming judgment of J&K High Court regarding elections of District Gurdwara Prabandhak Committees in UT, a number of Sikh leaders urged LG Manoj Sinha to direct concerned authorities for immediate implementation of the judgment without any r delay.

While speaking during a meeting of various prominent Sikh leaders and organisations of J&K under the leadership of Mohinder Singh, Chief Organiser, Bhai Kanaiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K and ex-member DGPC Jammu, the Sikh leaders said that as per directives of High Court, the committees which are presently looking after affairs of Gurdwaras, cannot be allowed to continue further. "Court has further held that Government shall come up with an appropriate notification in terms of rule 63-C of

rules for constituting and nominating members to committees besides ensuring that none of the members of erstwhile committee, whose term has been expired, are nominated as member and directed to initiate process for conducting elections to Gurdwara Prabandhak committees," they added. The Sikh leaders requested LG to issue necessary instructions to Financial Commissioner Revenue and Secretary Law to initiate measures for effective implementation of the directives besides constituting a committee for smooth working of all Gurdwaras in J&K till elections.

Those who participated in the meeting included Darbinder Singh President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Rajinder Singh General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Raja Singh Sarpanch Member DGPC Jammu, Ravinder Singh

General Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Kulwant Singh Khajuria Joint Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Gajan Singh President J&K Motor Transport Company Association, Kuldeep Kour President Istri Akali Dal J&K, Gurmeet Kour General Secretary Istri Akali Dal J&K, Charanjeet Singh Retired SDM, Prof Yudhvir Singh Corporator, Charan Singh Bali Convenor Kashmir Province Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Surinder Singh Kala President Fruit & Vegetable Association, Harpreet Singh Chhotu President Youth Akali Dal J&K, Surjeet Singh Kukoo President Sikh Naujwan Sabha, Manmohan Singh Chairman Gole Gujral Jammu, S. Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Rasbir Singh, Paramjeet Singh Raina Ex-Corporator, Tejpal Singh and Kultar Singh.

RPI delegation calls on Sheetal Nanda

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JAMMU: Republican Party of India (RPI) J&K president Tanveer Hussain on Friday met senior Administrative LAS officer in Jammu & Kashmir, Sheetal Nanda and apprised het about the problems faced by people in far-flung areas.

Hussain was accompanied by RPI vice-president Raj Kumar Goyal and provincial Secretary Aditya Tickoo

During the interaction Hussain raised the issue of slow pace of implementation of social welfare schemes in far-flung areas of J&K.

"We urged the government to implement the social wel-

fare schemes properly and target the right people and families in different districts of J&K", Hussain said.

He also apprised Nanda about the power curtailment in the far off villages Gool, Doda, Warwan, Poonch, Nowshera, Kalakote, Bani, BasoHli during the winter months which is making the life of people miserable.

RPI delegation appealed to the government to take steps to ensure that people in snow bound areas get basic amenities of life, especially ration, water supply and power supply adequately so that they don't suffer during the winter months.

NAHEP-IDP SKUAST-J organises lecture on nanotechnology

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JAMMU: National Agricultural Higher Education Project Institutional Development Plan (NAHEP-IDP) SKUAST-Jammu, under the guidance of Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, organized online guest lecture for the students and faculty members on 'N a n o t e c h n o l o g y Applications in Agricultural Pest Management'.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Deepa Bhagat, Principal Scientist, Organic Chemistry, ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural

Insect Resources, Bengaluru.

Dr. Bhagat talked about her innovations on delivery of pheromones and fertilizers using nanogels and commercial potential of these technologies.

She also discussed about different types of sensors such as Pheromone Nano-sensors, Urea Sensor, Pesticide Sensor, Oxalate Sensor and Virus Sensor which can be very handy tools in precision agriculture.

Dr. Bhagat made reference to different chemical processes involved in devel-

opment of nanogels/nanosensors and patents granted.

The lecture was attended by more than 100 participants comprising of students and faculty members.

Earlier, Prof. B. C. Sharma, PI of IDP-NAHEP & HoD, Agronomy gave an overview of the NAHEP-IDP project and welcomed the speaker and participants.

Proceedings of the programme was conducted by Prof. Sanjay Guleria, HoD, Biochemistry and Associated Scientist NAHEP-IDP. Prof. Vikas Sharma, Co-PI, IDP-NAHEP & HoD Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry presented vote of thanks.

APHQ condoles demise of father-in-law of ADGP Armed

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JAMMU: With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of the Father-in-Law of S.J.M Gillani- ADGP Armed J&K who departed for his heavenly abode on January 12, 2022 (Wednesday) at his Home Town Guwahati, Assam.

A meeting of all the officers and staff members of Armed Police Headquarters J&K led by Mahmood Ahmed-SSP Staff Officer to ADGP Armed J&K was held at APHQ Jammu today in which the department condoled the demise of Father-in-Lawof S.J.M Gillani and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Director RDD visits Kulgam; reviews progress, achievements of RDD in district

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KULGAM: The Director, Rural Development Department (RDD) Kashmir, Tariq Ahmad Zargar on Friday visited Kulgam and chaired a meeting of officers to review progress on different flagship schemes under implementation in the district.

During the meeting, the Director reviewed progress and achievements made under PMAY-G, MGNREGA, B2V, 14th FC, RGSA, CAPEX and other flagship schemes.

The Director was informed through a powerpoint presentation that against the target of 14.80 lac mandays, 14.68 lac mandays have been

achieved with a release of an amount of 37.56 crore as wages.

It was also informed that there is 100 percent geo-tagging of works and the district has made 99 percent timely payment with 100 percent Aadhar seeding.

It was also revealed in the meeting that u 14th-FC 3651 works stands completed with an estimated cost of 37 crore.

ACD informed the chair that under District CAPEX 2021-22, expenditure of 11.36 crore have been made and 801 works stands completed.

He also apprised the chair that 61, B2V-3 works have been completed with an expenditure of 2.81 crore

and under PMAY-G out of 1714 units 1401 structures have been completed with an expenditure of 20.44 crore.

Director instructed the concerned to redouble efforts to achieve targets well in time and to identify land for construction of new Panchayat Bhawans under RGSA and to prepare forest convergence plan.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, District Panchayat Officer, Executive Engineer REW, Block Development Officers, AEE and other officers of the Rural Development Department.

JEDF demands suspension of bio-metric attendance, ration distribution system

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JAMMU: Expressing grave concern on the rapid surge in the COVID positive cases in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir; Convenor, Jammu East Development Forum (JEDF) Sushant Gupta has appealed to LG Manoj Sinha to suspend biometric attendance in all Government offices till situation improves. In a press statement issued here, Gupta has said that J&K Government has started biometric system for getting ration from Government depots, which is not good in present scenario as it can spread infection further. He further requested the concerned authorities to suspend the system for some days for saving people from the dangerous infection, which is spreading fast these days.

DC Kupwara visits fire victims at Kalaroose

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din on Friday along with concerned officers visited Kalaroose and provided Rs.10,000 to the family whose residential house got damaged in a fire incident, yesterday-night.

He also provided kitchen utensils and other essential stuff among the affected family. The relief was given under the District Red Cross Fund.

On the occasion, the DC directed concerned Tehsildar to assess the loss of property and recommend the case for relief under SDRF norms.

Armed Forces Veterans Day observed at Kupwara

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KUPWARA: The Zila Sainik Welfare Office Kupwara on Friday celebrated Armed Forces Veterans Day to honour the sacrifice of veterans in serving the nation.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din who is also Chairman Zila Sainik Welfare Board presided over the function. Zila Sainik Welfare Officer; Javaid Ahmad Zargar; prominent veterans and Widows of the district participated in the celebration.

Addressing the function, the DC emphasized the role of army veterans towards the service of the nation and highlighted the welfare measures taken by the district administration from time to time for the development and welfare of ex-servicemen of the district.

On the occasion, the DC urged all the participants for implementation of Covid appropriate behaviour including usage of masks, hand hygiene and maintaining of social distance.

The Zila Sainik Welfare Officer also spoke and highlighted the activities of the Office. Prizes were also distributed among the widows and veterans at the occasion.

Director Agriculture visits vegetable clusters of Maloora

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SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal on Friday stressed for pushing the boundaries in terms of awareness and innovations when it comes to round the year availability of vegetables to add new dimensions to the economic transformation of the farming community.

The Director said this during his visit to the vegetable clusters of Qamarwari Zone of the district.

He acknowledged the collaborative efforts of the farmers and department in making the export of vegetables (from Kashmir to international destinations like Sharjah, Dubai) dream come true. He added that it was an unprecedented move and has opened a new global window for the Agriculture

products from Kashmir.

Iqbal reiterated the importance of a more vibrant marketing strategy. He asked for redesigning/reshaping of different marketing models to increase the export of Vegetables from Kashmir. He said for the promotion of trade at international level, implementation of an effective marketing policy has a big role to play.

On this occasion, Joint Director Agriculture Marketing Mohammad Qasim Gani presented a detailed blueprint for providing marketing facilities to the farmers at their door steps. He informed the Director of various steps taken by the Department for the promotion of trade, financial security of the farmers.

Earlier Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar apprised

the Director of various interventions by the department for the promotion of vegetable cultivation on modern scientific lines. He enumerated the steps taken by the department to attract more people towards the vegetable sector. Earlier, the Director visited various progressive farmer fields and hi-tech Poly houses and inspected different agriculture activities and asked the concerned officers to ensure every technical support to the farmers and work in a coordinated manner.

During the visit, Director was accompanied by Joint Director Marketing M. Qasim Ghani, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Srinagar, and Agriculture Extension Officer Qamarwari besides other senior officers of the district.

Virtual/ physical performing of 'Surya Namaskar' Aasan held at Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: The Youth Services and Sports office (YS&SO) Anantnag on Friday organized a large-scale Virtual/ Physical performing of 'Surya Namaskar' aasan under 'Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' campaign at different venues of the district at Zonal level.

The programme was inaugurated at District Headquarter Anantnag by

following the directions from the activity section of YS&SO Anantnag. The different Zonal Physical Education Offices of the district also organized the said programme at different locations by adhering to CAB.

In strict adherence to CAB and other SOPs, the least number of staff and students as per the Government Guidelines participated in the Surya

Namaskar events.

The participants showed a lot of interest in the event as they all believe that such events improve physical fitness, mostly when they are in home isolation due to Covid-19 restrictions.

On the occasion, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Anantnag interacted with all participants virtually and encouraged them for participation despite harsh winter climatic conditions.

Animal Husbandry Bpora approves 66 KCC diary cases, conducts 10th District-Level KCC Camp

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BANDIPORA, Jan 14: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, the Department of Animal Husbandry on Friday organized tenth District Level KCC Camp at Office Complex of Block Development Officer, Nowgam.

KCC Cases belonging to the areas of Nowgam, Ganastan, Gaadkhud, Ankul, Shahgund, Gund Jahangir, Naidkhai, Sumbal, Shilvat, Trigam, Gunde Nowgam, Payeen Nowgam, Zalpora, Rakh Sultan pora and Nasbal were discussed with the bankers, beneficiaries and were approved on spot.

The Camp was presided over by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Bandipora, Dr G A Lone and marked the participation of Lead Bank Manager Bandipora, Concerned Bank Managers, Nodal officer, Concerned Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and the beneficiaries.

66 Dairy KCC Cases were settled on spot to generate part time employment and livelihood support to the beneficiaries.