

BJP to hold Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelans

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JAMMU: J&K BJP chalked out strategy for its Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelans, while other ongoing programmes of party like Micro Donation, Mann Ki Baat etc. were also discussed in a meeting held at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Ravinder Raina, President, Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accompanied by former J&K BJP President & former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh and J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul addressed the meeting of senior party leaders to discuss the Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelans and other ongoing programmes.

Former J&K BJP President & MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, Former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, Vice-Presidents Sham Lal Sharma and Shakti Parihar, General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Chief Spokesperson Adv. Sunil Sethi, Spokespersons Adv. Abhinav Sharma & Adv. R S Pathania and BJP NEM Priya



BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina speaking at Party workers meeting.

Sethi participated in the meeting.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, stressed for micro planning for Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelans.

He asked for conducting other programmes with active participation of booth level activists. He also asked the senior party leaders to ensure that all the party activists participate in flag hoisting functions on the Republic Day in maximum places but in small groups following COVID protocols.

He deliberated on the importance of Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelans, Micro Donation and Mann Ki Baat in his address.

He said that through these programmes, our ideal of always putting Nation First and the culture of lifelong selfless service by our cadre will be further strengthened.

Ashok Koul focussed on the strengthening of the organizational structure with these Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelans. He said that in view of prevailing Covid situation these Sammelans have to be carried out on the semi-virtual mode.

He also sought the details of the booths from the respective party leaders. He asked to concentrate on the involvement of prominent Civil society members and youth in the ongoing party programmes.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Monday informed that the power supply to Lalhaya, Salehar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 25 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Hotel KC Grand shall remain affected on January 25 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nanan, Barnoti and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 28, 30 and February 01 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Patel Nagar, Hatli Morh, Shiva Nagar, Sraswati Nagar, Azad Puram, Hazi Colony, Krishna Colony, Karan Nagar shall remain affected on January 27 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Jarai Chowk, Foot Bridge, Ward No. 10, 11, Old Bus Stand, Mukherjee Chowk and Ward No. 5 shall remain affected on January 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 from 9 am to 2 pm.

JU Home Science Department celebrates National Girl Child Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Home Science (Human Development), University of Jammu organized a talk on the topic "Celebrating Girlhood" to mark the National Girl Child Day.

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu Jammu was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, he stated that girl children are constrained by the socio-cultural and financial barriers in achieving educational goals especially in Science and technology in India though in Jammu University the ratio of female students is higher than the male students both in academics and research. He highlighted the importance of gender sensitization and awareness at the university level.

Dr. Manju Dhoundiyal, Deputy Director (Retired), NIPCCD, Ministry of Women and Child Development, GoI was the chief resource person

for the session. She delivered a very informative and thought-provoking talk on "Celebrating girlhood". She highlighted the importance and history of celebrating the National Girl Child Day and also focused on the situational analysis of girl child in India with a special focus on J&K UT. She was of the opinion that every girl child should have the right to live with dignity and the youth can act as a catalyst in bringing the girl child to the forefront. She also opined that females and their families should have a strong knowledge of the various laws and programmes that have been implemented by the Govt. of India from time to time as this will help in gender empowerment in real sense.

Dr. Dhoundiyal introduced Himaani who was a multifaceted personality. She interacted with the audience and shared her own life experiences focusing on four empowering strategies i.e., education, hobby, travelling

and learning languages. She enthralled the audience with her mesmerizing song on "Celebrating girlhood". She highlighted the importance and history of celebrating the National Girl Child Day and also focused on the situational analysis of girl child in India with a special focus on J&K UT. She was of the opinion that every girl child should have the right to live with dignity and the youth can act as a catalyst in bringing the girl child to the forefront. She also opined that females and their families should have a strong knowledge of the various laws and programmes that have been implemented by the Govt. of India from time to time as this will help in gender empowerment in real sense.

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SIF condoles demise of Ex-MLC Yashpal Sharma

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JAMMU: All J&K POJK 1947 Sharnathi Intellectual Forum on Monday their shock over the demise of former Member Legislative Council (MLC) and popularly known as Sher-e-Poonch, Yashpal Sharma. In a condolence message, Forum President Advocate Amrik Singh and General Secretary Surjit Singh said that the demise of Yashpal Sharma created a wedge in the J&K politics.

"We lost a strong minded leader who never bowed and compromise with the integrity and solidarity of the country and always stood for the betterment of Poonch people as well as for the development of this area," they said. In a condolence message, they conveyed their heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty for bestowed the departed soul in heaven and give strength to the entire family to bear this unbearable loss.

Jammu Bar urges Chairman PSC to postpone main examination of PO in view COVID

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In view of present prevailing COVID-19 (Omicron) pandemic situation, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Senior Advocate M.K. Bhardwaj urged Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC), J&K to postpone the main examination of Prosecuting Officer.

Senior Advocate M.K. Bhardwaj was chaired a meeting of Association, here on Monday.

"We have received number of representations from the aspi-



President JKHCB A Jammu, Senior Advocate M.K. Bhardwaj speaking during a meeting.

nants of the Prosecuting Officer Examination 2021 regarding postponement of the main examination in view of present prevailing circumstances," he said and unanimously resolved that the present situation is not cordial to conduct the main examina-

tion of Prosecuting Officer. It is also pointed out that examinations is to be conducted by the PSC from January 31 to February 10, 2022 and many of the reports are suggesting that the same period is the peak of 3rd wave and in view of the same it is impossi-

ble for the aspirants of the PO main examination to participate in the present circumstances.

The meeting was attended by other office bearers of the Association, namely M.P Singh Palli (Vice President), Surjeet Singh Andotra (General Secretary), Aditya Sharma (Joint Secretary), Amandeep Singh (Treasurer), Rohit Sharma (YLA President), Gagandeep Singh Lucky (YLA Vice President), Yaseer Farooq Khan (YLA General Secretary), Karanjeet Singh Johal (YLA Joint Secretary), Naresh Kumar (YLA Treasurer) & other young members were also present.

CEC reviews public health preparedness for COVID-19 in Leh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson (the Executive Councillor for Health) chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the public health preparedness for COVID-19 in Leh district on Monday.

Director Health/CMO Leh briefed the Chairman with the current scenario of Covid-19 and the rising number of positive cases in the district.

He also informed the Chairman that the spike in positive cases is a major concern in Leh and sought assistance from the Hill Council and the District Administration for containing the spread of the disease in the district.

The meeting also discussed in detail a multi-pronged strategy to defeat the new variant of the deadly virus especially among the susceptible population who haven't been inoculated till now.

The officials also deliberated on reopening of imparting Coaching/Tuition on-site with strict adherence to Covid Protocols in the district.

Furthermore, CEC Tashi Gyalson advised DC Leh to enforce all measures to suppress the spread of the virus.

He also instructed law enforcement agencies to enhance surveillance and ensure strict implementation of Covid SOPs and Covid Appropriate Behavior (CAB) among the general public in the district.

The meeting was attended by DC/CEO LAHDC Leh, Director Health/Chief Medical Officer Leh, ADC Leh, Tehsildar Leh, and Dy. S.P. HQ. Leh.

Mayor starts development works in Chowadhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more & better development & civic amenities to the citizens of Jammu, the Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta JMC along with Sobat Ali Councillor of Ward No 74 and Narinder Singh Jamwal Ex. Chairman of Health & Sanitation Committee JMC, also councillor of Ward No. 70 conducted an extensive tour in the various localities of Chowadhi & its adjoining localities met with the locals, listened to their grievances.

Then Mayor started the much awaited construction of drains in the newly developed colony namely Maharaja Gulab Singh Nagar Chowadhi with an estimated cost of Rs.10 lakh.

The Mayor directed the



Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta starting development work.

concerned Engineer wing to keep strict vigil on the ongoing works on routine basis and make it sure that the best & durable construction material be used and get it completed within the stipulated time frame.

R.K Mahajan Executive Engineer, Khalid Iqbal Assistant Executive

Engineer and other supervisory staff of Engineering Division -I, Rajinder Kumar Sanitation officer alongwith concerned sanitation staff of the ward as well as Ashutosh, Verinder Manhas and other prominent inhabitants of the area were also remained present there during the occasion.

Dr. Mohammed Deen conferred with Shravasti Environmental Award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Shravasti Foundation recently announced the recipients of Shravasti Awards 2021.

Dr. Mohammed Deen Darokhan from Ladakh was conferred with the Shravasti Environmental Award - Caring for Farmers and Nature.

Dr. Deen has dedicated himself to environmental rescue and ecological protection since he became aware that the melting of the Himalayan glaciers was causing an enormous and urgent threat.

In 1991, Dr. Mohammed Deen and his wife Razia Sultana worked together on regional carbon neutrality and self-sufficiency in their home-



Dr. Mohammed Deen Darokhan

town of Ladakh by establishing Ladakh Environment and Health Organisation (LEHO) with a vision to strive for environment conservation, organic farming, culture heritage, social values through self-sustaining development modules based on local renewable natu-

ral resources. A former bureaucrat of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Deen retired as Commissioner / Secretary in 2008.

After superannuation from government service, he took the responsibility of President LEHO, a voluntary assignment that Dr. Mohammed Deen still performs successfully and dedicatedly at the age of 75. Establishment improved solar greenhouse technology and building of passive solar houses are some of the results of LEHOs 30 years of struggle.

More than 300 greenhouses have been constructed. According to LEHO, the Ministry of MNRE, GOI, has already adopted the design and the technology and funded Ladakh Renewable Energy Development Agency (LREDA) for its propagation.

ABVP organizes Blood donation camp at SMGS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Mahanagar unit organised blood donation Camp at SMGS Hospital, Shalamar on the occasion of 125 birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in which 32 ABVP activists including 10 girls donated blood.

The activists urged the people to donate blood to

save precious lives. ABVP Jammu Kashmir State Secretary Mukesh Manhas said blood is a most precious gift which one must give to others. When the country is fighting with COVID 19 pandemic and blood shortage, the ABVP is trying to help the society.

ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Secretary Chahat Anand said every youth must donate blood to

Gupta assails HM's response to J&K's overwhelming demand for restoration of statehood, seeks jobs for unemployed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Strongly criticising the response of Home Minister Amit Shah to the overwhelming demand of the people of Jammu and Kashmir with regard to restoration of statehood, National Conference Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta on Monday expressed surprise over conveniently ignoring the commitments made in Parliament.

"By backtracking from the assurances, the issue is now being tagged to 'appropriate time', which is admission that situation is not normal in J&K is not normal despite the claims of the Centre and the BJP", Gupta said in a statement issued from Sher-i-Kashmir Bhavan here.

Gupta referred to the rhetoric and routine promises held out during the so-called good governance conference by the Home Minister, saying the people of this part of the country cannot be misled anymore as they know the gimmicks by the BJP led dispensation at the Centre, which is totally insensitive towards the issues confronted to Jammu and

Kashmir.

He said the people of marginalised Jammu and Kashmir are craving for restoration of their snatched rights and guarantee over the safeguard of the legitimate rights of the permanent residents over jobs, lands and businesses.

Referring to the burgeoning unemployment problem and denial of jobs to skilled, unskilled and professional youth in the central projects being carried out in Jammu and Kashmir, the Provincial President said this is injustice and discrimination as the locals are the primary stakeholders.

He said the LG's administration should not test the patience of the youth, who feel terribly let down.

He said unemployment has to be tackled as a priority with guarantee to the permanent residents in government jobs.

Besides, he also sought 70 per cent jobs for educated unemployed youth besides hundred per cent recruitment of skilled and unskilled workers of Jammu and Kashmir in the central government estab-

lishments operating in the state besides IIMs, IITs.

Gupta decried the lackadaisical attitude of the administration and said that an elected representative is on protest over denial of jobs to locals in Kishtwar but nobody finds it necessary to take cognizance and sort out the issue.

He expressed concern over cancellation of the police recruitment drive at the last moment despite the eligible aspirants having prepared for the process.

He sought the process to be expedited for the larger interest of the border youth, as also others who have been desperately craving for the jobs.

He said that Omar Abdullah led government had launched on-the-spot recruitment in the police during his tenure and this initiative had rekindled hope among the unemployed, especially enterprising youth, who were longing for making a career in the belt force.

He said the border and rural youth could be assets for any belt force given their physical standards.

The Provincial President

hoped that the Lt Governor's Administration will pick up the thread in this regard and go for a massive on spot recruitment process in the rural and border areas.

He said tackling unemploy-

ment has to be a priority for any dispensation, especially in Jammu and Kashmir which has limited scope in the private and corporate sector due to absence of industries and big business houses.

Dr Jitendra interacts with girl achievers, StartUps excelling in innovation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: On the occasion of National Girl Child Day, today, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh interacted with girl achievers and StartUps, from across the country, who have excelled in the areas of Science, Technology and Innovation.

He stressed upon sustainable StartUps with viable livelihood linkage and new vocational opportunities.

Dr Jitendra said, several government schemes are instilling confidence among children to think innovatively, look for out of the box solutions for different problems and also to break the barriers of the past to undertake unconventional initiatives.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's exhortation that "Innovation is the key to realising the dream of new India," Dr Jitendra reiterated all government support and help to young achievers and said empowerment of girls will lead to a better tomorrow.

After giving a patient hearing to all the Girl Achievers, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences will take all steps for fruition of innovative ideas and asked them to fully associate themselves to take all help and support. The Minister noted with appreciation that young daughters of India are taking a lead in Scientific Innovations.