BJP criticizes Congress for hatching conspiracy against PM in Punjab

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir taking serious cognizance of the lapse in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security in Punjab, has criticized Congress for hatching conspiracy against the most popular leader of the Nation.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, former Dy CM Dr Nirmal Singh (former BJP President), MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma (former BJP President), party General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul and party General Secretaries Adv Vibodh Gupta (former MLC) & Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal (former Minister) addressed a meeting of senior party leaders at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, J&K BJP Vice-Presidents Varinderjit Singh, Sham Choudhary (former Minister), Sham Lal Sharma (former Minister), Yudhvir Sethi, Shakti Parihar (former Minister) & Surjit Singh Slathia (former Minister), former legislature Devinder Singh Rana, Chief Spokesperson Adv Sunil Sethi, Spokesperson Adv Abhinav Sharma and religious & social organization Incharge Thakur Narain Singh also participated in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Raina said that chair of Prime Minister does not belong to a particular party as the person sitting on highest post is the representative of all citizens of the nation irrespective of region, religion or party. BJP senior citizen cell under the chairmanship of Jagdev Singh has also expressed serious concern over lapse in PM security in Punjab. Accompanied by Subash Gupta (State Co Convener), Inder Jeet Sawhney (District Co Convener), Dr Jagdish Gandotra (State Executive Member), Dr Satvir Gupta and many other members of the Cell, Singh demanded strict action against all those found responsible for the incident.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina addressing a meeting.

In a meeting held at Town Hall Jammu under the leadership of Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor and attended by Advocate Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor, Narinder Singh Jamwal Chairman of Public Health Sanitation Committee, Yash Pal Sharma Chairman Swachh Bharat Committee, Kuldeep Singh Chairman Social Justice Committee, Councilors of Jammu Municipal Corporation and senior leaders of BJP, all the participants condemned the unfortunate incident of security breach in Punjab. Rekha Mahajan, J&K BJP Secretary said that security of Prime Minister is a matter of national security and Congress has compromised on it for petty politics.

Coming down heavily on Punjab Government for breaching security protocol of Prime Minister, Sham Lal Langar Convener Trade and Industries Cell, BJP J&K, Nitish Mahajan, State Executive Member, BJP and Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener, Department of Training, BJP J&K said incident not only exposed law & order situation in Punjab but also highlighted the incompetency of Congress Government which is not acceptable in a democracy.

Congress conducts meeting on anticipated 3rd wave challenge in J&K

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JAMMU: Jagdev Gaga, IYC Secretary in-charge, Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress, while alleging administration's mismanagement in handling Covid crisis, have sought immediate review of measures to control the ongoing Corona pandemic.

He stated this during an emergent meeting of the party stalwarts after a sudden surge in Covid-19 cases in J&K the other day and overall alarming situation emerging as a result of the Omicron variant of the virus. The meeting was conducted through virtual mode to discuss the challenges posed by the probability of the third wave of the pandemic striking soon.

According to the press note issued by the party, the significant meeting was conducted on the directions of Rahul Gandhi, Krishna Allavaru, Incharge Indian Youth Congress; Srinivas BV, National President IYC; Smt. Rajani Patil, Indian National Congress J&K affairs; Ghulam Ahmad Mir, President JKPCC; Raman Bhalla, Working President JKPCC and Mula Ram, Vice President JKPCC and those who participated included Jagdev Gaga, IYC Secretary in-charge, Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress and Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&KPYC.

While accusing the Union Government of mismanagement in handling the Covid-19 pandemic, Gaga said that majority of the deaths in the second wave were due to improper arrangements made by the Government and its agencies.

Alleging that the UT Administration has miserably failed to handle the situation in J&K, Uday said JKPCC will leave no stone unturned in compelling the authorities in governance to address the problems and issues of the people on this count. He said that the party cadre in J&K right from the ground level to top is working relentlessly in making the people aware about the dire need to get their vaccination done at the earliest besides following all the SOPs and CAB sacredly to safeguard their precious lives as well as the society at large.

Uday Chib appealed to the Central as well as the UT Governments to take political and administrative steps to review measures to contain the pandemic and improve coordination between the governments besides collaborating with the civil society.

Member NCM Rinchen meets LG Ladakh to discuss issues related to minorities in Ladakh

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LEH: Member, National Commission for Minorities (NCM), Rinchen Lhamo, on Friday met the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K Mathur to discuss issues related to the minorities in Ladakh.

Member NCM Rinchen Lhamo shared that she would strive to work on issues related to the minorities in Ladakh over the next three years.

Lt Governor Mathur shared that the UT Administration has submitted proposals of around Rs 450 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) to the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Lt Governor expressed hope that the proposal would soon be approved by the Committee set up by the Ministry.

Member NCM Rinchen Lhamo informed Lt Governor Mathur about her plans to take necessary steps for the benefit of the minorities in UT Ladakh.

JKACCL organises Punjabi Kavi Darbar

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JAMMU: On the second day of 4-day Poetry Festival a UT level Punjabi Kavi Darbar was organized by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages at K L Saigal Hall, this afternoon.

The event was presided over by renowned Punjabi poet and writer Ajit Singh Mastana. Punjabi poet Harjeet Singh, Dr. A S Amn Additional Secretary and Dr. Javaid Rahi Chief Editor of JKAACL were in the presidium.

Ajeet Singh Mastana in his presidential address stated that the Punjabi Kavi Darbar has provided a platform to poets of different regions of J&K to recite their poems in front of young and upcoming writers of Punjabi. He appreciated the Academy for its endeavor to develop regional languages.

A poet reciting her poem during the festival.

He said organising a literary festival in various languages of the region will promote regional culture and language like Dogri, Hindi , Punjabi and Urdu.

Dr. Javaid Rahi in his welcome address stated that the objective of this event is to develop and propagate the poetic tradition of Jammu and Kashmir. He said Academy is going to hold more mega events in 2022.

Dr. A S Amn said that this was a historic even wherein the 100 poets drawn from all areas of Jammu and Kashmir are participating and today they discussed Punjabi literary tradition and its movements with special regard to Punjabi poetry.

The prominent poets who recited their poems on the various themes were Prof. Raj Kumar, Dr. Adarsh Parkash, Prof Nirmal Vinod, Shyam Bihari, Naresh Kumar Udas, Maharaj Krishan Moosa, Sanjeev Bhasin, Dr. Dogra, Pawan Khajura, Dr. Parshotam Kumar, Vikram Sahi, Amita Mehta, Dr. Jaspal Singh, Suman Paul and Sonia Upadhyay.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Popinder Sing Editor Punjabi.

The prominent poets who recited their poems including Ajit Singh Mastana, Baljit Singh Raina, Sawami Anter Nirav, Harjeet Singh Uppal, Surinder Neer, Rajinder Singh, Dr. Snober, Amarjeet Kour, Resham Kour, Amanpreet Kour, Balwinder Singh, Bhupinder Singh Bharga, Bachan Bharti, Suraj Singh Suraj, Jang Singh Varman, Saran Singh, Gurnam Singh Arshi, Gurpreet Kour and Prabhjot Singh.

On Mufti's death anniversary, PDP resolves to strengthen resistance

PDP leaders paying tributes to Mufti Mohd Sayeed.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party on Friday paid glowing tributes to its founder and former Chief Minister Mufti Muhammad Sayed on his sixth death anniversary.

On the occasion the PDP leaders resolved to strengthen the battle of resistance against onslaught on democratic, constitutional and legal rights of Jammu and Kashmir residents by divisive and communal forces. The party leaders assembled at party headquarters here and paid floral tributes to the deceased leader remembering his contributions and service to the erstwhile state. Speaking on the occasion Vice President Abdul Hamid Choudhary said that PDP workers have faced the worst over the last few years due to constant plot to weaken PDP across Jammu and Kashmir. "We have stood by the rest of time and all the measures to weaken PDP has only strengthen ur resolve to stand firm on our agenda", he said adding that the battle of resistance aimed at restoration of constitutional and legal rights of JK residents was tough but "nothing was impossible if we have the determination and will". He said that political life of Mufti Muhammad Sayed is a guiding force for PDP cadre where "service before self" was the main principle. General Secretary Amarinder Singh Reen said that death of Mufti Sahib was turning point for Jammu and Kashmir. "Had he been alive today the situation of Jammu and Kashmir would have been all together different", he said adding that the best tribute to the great leader was to follow the path shown by him and strengthen the organisation he founded for service of people.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Additional General Secretary Ab Rashid Malik, former legislator Firdous Tak, state secretaries Rajinder Manhas, RK Pardesi, Satpaul Singh Charak, Ranveer Singh Manga, Sardar Sukhvinder Singh, Sohit Sharma, Nadeem Khan, Balbir Singh, Gh Mohiud Din Sheikh, Bari Shah, Ashok Jogi, E Peter, Varinder Singh Sonu, Sunil Bhat, Majid Shah, Chattar Saini, Joginder Singh, Chuni Lal, Mohd Shafi, Rajat Randhawa, Neeraj Chandel, Dimple Anand , Parth Sharma, Swaran Singh Shanty and Ch Parvez Waffa Media Coordinator JKPDP.

Former Legislature Ch Fateh Mohd passes away

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JAMMU: Veteran leader and two time Legislature, Chowdhary Fateh Mohammad passed away at his residence at Gandhi Nagar here, this morning. He was 97. As per family sources, he was not feeling well for the last few months.

Born in a village Darsopur, Miran Sahib, Jammu to Zaildar Chowdhary Hashim Ali, in December 1924, Ch. Fateh Mohammad was a Member of Legislative Council (MLC) for two times between 1972 to 1978 and 1978-1984.

In late sixties he served as Managing Director, JAKFED in J&K. He was an active member of Indian National Congress (INC) for around five decades.

He survived with three sons including Parvez Chowdhary Addl. SP and Habib Choudhary SE PDD.

Many leaders and scholars expressed deep condolence on his demise including Ch Talib Hussain Ex Minister, Masud Choudhary former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Javaid Rahi Founder of Tribal Foundation, noted writer K D Chopra and others.

Expressing grief over the demise of Fateh Mohd, J K P C C Chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir in his condolence message, said in his passing away, the party has lost an industrious soldier.

"His passing away has created a void, which will not be easy to fill for many years. I express my sympathies with the bereaved family, and followers of his, I share their grief and pray for the fortitude to them in these trying times," Mir said.

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla also condoled the demise Fateh Mohd and remembered his contribution to the society and welfare work he did during his lifetime for the tribal community. He prayed for the peace of the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

India under Modi leading 21st century Digital revolution: Dr Jitendra

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HYDERABAD: India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the 21st century Digital revolution.

This was stated here today by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh while delivering the inaugural address at the two-day 24th National Conference on e-Governance.

The Minister said, India has emerged as a data powerhouse in the World and it is taking all steps under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for data protection through legislative and other measures. Dwelling on the Conference theme "India's Techade - Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World", Dr Jitendra Singh said, Digital India has helped ease access to services for millions of people, particularly the poor and needy in the country. He said, whether it's issuance of Aadhar card, driving licence, birth certificate or payment of electricity bill, water bill, or income tax return, these can now be processed via Digital India platform faster & easily and even in villages, these things are being done through Common Service Centres.

Referring to "Techade" aspect, Dr Jitendra Singh quoted the Prime Minister as saying, "This decade is going to enhance India's capabilities in digital technology & its share in the global digital economy. That's why top experts are looking at this decade as 'India's Techade," said Narendra Modi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the CPGRAMS today has been adopted and implemented across all the Central Ministries/ Departments, Attached, Subordinate and Autonomous bodies and the year 2021 witnessed 21 lac PG cases being received on the CPGRAMS with 19.95 lac cases being redressed.

The Minister in his concluding remarks said that the National Conference has given us a platform to recognize the achievements in the e-Governance domain and we will acknowledge and award those today who are working faithfully in making this decade India's "Techade". He said, the Conference strives to promote the inherent potential that lies within a digital revolution and establish a blend of both-competitive and collaborative spirit.

The Conference was organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in association with the State Government of Telangana.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Department of Social Forestry
J&K, Jammu
ABBREVIATED SHORT TERM AUCTION NOTICE

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, it is hereby notified for the information of public in general and timber dealers/extraction contractors in particular that the **sale of trees/felled stuff** of different species on the basis of **"as it is where it is"**, existing in below mentioned locations of Social Forestry Divisions of **Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur & Ramban** shall be held through an **open auction** at Office Complex of **Regional Director**, Department of Social Forestry, opp. Nittoo Lane, Talab Tillo, Jammu /Video Conferencing / e-mode on the dates/ time mentioned below as per the short term Auction Notice No:- DIR/DSF/M&E/1650-62 Dated. 06/01/2022.

The detail of the stocks to be put to auction are given below:-

S. No.	Name of Location / Unit	Species		No. of trees	Est. Vol. Timber (cft)	Est. Qty. of Fire-wood (Cfts)	Earnest Money Shape of CDR	Date Auction	Time
I.	S.F. Division, Jammu								
1	V.W.Lot, Bhagwati Nagar	D. Sissoo	Timber	1 (2 Logs)	3.57	0.00	Rs.500/-	18/01/2022	12.00 Noon
			Fire-wood	09	0.00	6.30			
		Eucalyptus & Broad Leaved Species	Fire wood	06	0.00	46.00			
		Total		16	3.57	55.25 Cfts			
2	Gorkha Nagar Suha-Fort, Strip Plantation (near house of Sh. Manjal, Corporator)	Eucalyptus	Timber	07	902.72	-	Rs. 450/-		
3	Gorkha Nagar Strip Plantation 234.	Eucalyptus	Timber	06	881.19	-			
		Total		13	1783.91				
4	Strip Plantation Ward No 33, Gandhi Nagar Jammu	Eucalyptus	Timber	14	745.40	-	Rs. 270/-		
		Broad Leaved		2	-	3.53			
		Total		16	745.39	3.53			
5	Satrajan Strip R.S Pura (Near House of Sh. Girdhari Lal)	Eucalyptus	Timber	11	593.59	12.93	Rs.250/-		
			Fire						
6	Strip Plantation Siddhar Satrajan (near house of Sh. Satpal)	Eucalyptus	Timber	04	71.52	6.72			
			Fire						
		Total		15	665.11	21.65			
7	Strip Plantation Purana Pind to Siddhar (near house of Sh. Des Raj Bhagat)	Eucalyptus	Timber	07	203.08	15.60	Rs. 200/-		
			Fire						
8	Strip Purana Pind R.S Pura	Eucalyptus	Timber	8	449.14	-			
		Total		15	652.22	15.60			
9	Strip Plantation (Manokar to Dooli) Bishna (near house of Lakhbir Singh)	Eucalyptus	Timber	15	412.41	51.98	Rs. 1600/-		
			Fire						
10	Strip Plantation Mahalshah (near house of Smt. Jeero Devi)	Eucalyptus	Timber	04	187.62	12.39	Rs. 2000/-		
			Fire						
11	Strip plantation Mahalshah (near house of Sh. Sunil kumar)	Eucalyptus	Timber	04	325.95	-			
		Total		8	925.98	74.37			
12	Strip plantation Sari Rakhwal (near house of Sh. Som Nath)	Eucalyptus	Timber	02	526.11		Rs.550/-	18/01/2022	12.00 Noon
13	Strip plantation Sari Rakhwal (near house of Suresh Kumar)	Eucalyptus	Timber	4	747.80	-			
14	Strip Plantation Nughsari Flora	Eucalyptus	Timber	17	1543.905	-			
		Poplar		3	324.59				
		Total		20	2041.894	-			
15	Strip New Partap Canal Jourian (Near S.B.I Bank)	Eucalyptus	Timber	7	412.233	19.324	Rs.550/-		
		Poplar		3	310.371				
		Lucenia	Firewood	1					
16	Strip New Partap Canal Khour	Eucalyptus	Timber	9	1337.804	-			
		Poplar		3	694.403				
		Total		21	2755.817	19.324			
17	Inst. Plantation G.G.M Science College Jammu	Eucalyptus	Timber	95	2732.096	208.320	Rs. 11,000/-		
II.	S.F Division Kathua								
1	V.W.Lot Jatwal-II	Eucalyptus	Timber	3	153.83	-	Rs. 1000/-	18/01/2022	12.30 Noon
		Teak	Timber	1	6.0	-			
		D. Sissoo	Timber	5	62.05	5.76			
		Sim	Fire-wood	1	-	0.02			
	Total			10	221.48	4.38 Cfts			
III.	Social Forestry Division Udhampur								
1	Dubliganj V.W.lot	Chir	Timber	07 Logs	189.07	-	Rs. 1000/-	18/01/2022	12.00 Noon
		Broad Leaved Species	Fire-wood	-	-	70.09			
		Total		07 Logs	189.07	70.09 Cfts			
2	V.W.lot Chinkah	Poplar	Timber	25	525.13	160.38	Rs. 2500/-		
IV.	Social Forestry Division Ramban								
1	V.W. lot Halla	Broad Leaved Species	Fire-wood	380	-	206.862	Rs. 1200/-	18/01/2022	12.30 Noon
		Total		380	-	206.862 Cfts			

Note :- (The felling / extraction charges of the felled / extracted trees / stuff, if any shall be paid as per actual by the successful bidder duly calculated by the DFO concerned at the time of auction. This amount shall be exclusive of the bid amount)

The auction through open bid will be conducted in accordance with the following terms and conditions:-

01. **Eligibility criteria / Minimum requirements for bidding.**
   a) Only PAN Card holders shall participate in the auction process.
   b) Only those bidders shall participate in the Auction process who have deposited the EMD prescribed for the purpose.
   c) Only the Indian nationals shall participate.
02. **The intending bidders are advised to inspect the stocks notified to be auctioned prior to their participation so as to have a correct assessment regarding quality/quantity of standing/ fallen trees/converted volume of stuff and estimated quantity of timber/ firewood and other working conditions.**
03. The prospective bidders shall have to deposit earnest money, as reflected above, in the shape of CDR of any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank of India payable at the respective Divisional Head Quarter pledged to the Divisional Forest Officers of respective Social Forestry Divisions, which should reach the respective offices/ Divisions by or before **18/01/2022** up to **10:00 AM** in respect of **S.F Division Jammu and 18/01/2022 up to 04:00 PM** in respect of **S.F Division Kathua, Udhampur & Ramban** which shall be treated as security deposit in respect of the successful bidders. The CDR of the bidder who will not participate in the Auction will be forfeited. CDRs of unsuccessful bidder's shall be returned.
04. No person shall be allowed to participate in the auction unless he/she deposits the earnest money within the stipulated time as mentioned condition No: 2 of this notice.
05. The bids should be quoted / offered in open in presence of other bidders. No telegraphic/postal bid shall be entertained.
06. ***The successful (highest) bidder shall have to deposit 50% of the bid amount in the shape of Cash/ CDR of any Nationalized /Scheduled Bank of India payable at the respective Divisional Head Quarter ON SPOT, over and above the earnest money.***
07. ***The sale (excluding Fire-wood), covered under this notice are subject to the levy of all taxes in vogue at the time of auction.***
08. In case the day of auction is a holiday, or any unforward situation arises due to any eventuality/ circumstances, the auction will be held on the next working day at the same venue and time.
09. Any other condition / clearances which otherwise are not specifically mentioned shall form to be abide by the successful bidder as per existing rules/act in vogue.
10. **Indemnity:** In case of any dispute, accidents during the course of execution of the contract, the contractor shall be bound and solely responsible to meet and settle down all the claims at his own risk and cost; and shall indemnify the department against any sort of liabilities.
11. **Payment to Labour :** The contractor shall have to make timely payments to all labourers engaged by him and it is the sole responsibility of contractor .The department will not entertain any claim on account of non-payment of wages to the labourers by the contractor.
12. **Local laws and Rules :** The contractor shall abide by all regulations and laws of forest / labour laws, wildlife (civil/criminal) Revenue, Fisheries and other Authorities, including Municipalities, Town Area Committees etc. For any violation he shall be liable to be dealt with under the relevant laws. No compensation what so ever on this account shall be payable to the contractor by the department.
13. **Insurance :** Any accidental or incidental occurrence during the course of execution shall be entirely liability of the contractor. The contractor has to observe due care and caution as not cause damage to life / honour/property or cause mishap, nuisance. The insurance cover of the team members working for the project shall be responsibility of the contractor.

No: DIR/DSF/M&E/1663-71
Dated: 06/01/2022

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