

Randhawa tours Bhour Kothey area, asks JMC officials to identify development works for execution

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa under Public Outreach Programme conducted tour of conducted tour of Bhour Kothey area of JMC Ward Number 73 of Jammu South RS Pura Assembly Segment.

Randhawa was accompanied by Vijay Sharma Mandal President, Inder Khajuria, Mukhan Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Pushkar Sharma, Ashok Kumar, Narinder, Vinod and many others.

During the tour, Randhawa took first hand appraisal of the issues being faced by the people.

While interacting with the visiting leader, the people apprised him about the issues including dilapidated condition of roads and drains, damaged street lights, etc.

While speaking, Former Legislator, who was accompanied by the officials of the



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa visiting Bhour Kothey under Public Outreach Programme.

Jammu Municipal Corporation, flayed the Municipal authorities for ignoring the area (Ward Number 73).

Despite falling under the ambit of Jammu Municipal Corporation, the area is having no proper lanes and drains, street light and other basic amenities.

"The area has been ignored as no development works have been carried out in this area and for this, only JMC authorities are responsible", Randhawa said and asked the

accompanying JMC officials to chalk out a plan and draft a proper estimate to carry out development works in this area as soon as possible.

"A detailed estimate of the development works will be made and very soon, the area will have all the basic amenities", Randhawa assured the people.

He also asked the people to identify the development needs of their area so that work can be enlisted for execution by the JMC.

Randhawa added that BJP

Government led by PM Narendra Modi has done tremendous work to ensure that every section of the society gets its due share.

Former Legislator while referring to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about Jammu and Kashmir said that while the economically marginalized segments of the society have been brought under Ayushman Bharat scheme as part of health for all across the country, it has been made applicable as Ayushman Sehat in the Union Territory with benefits of Rs 5 lakh medical cover to every family without any economic slab.

"Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has come up with an inclusive agenda of development, growth, investment and creating opportunities for the youth-skilled, unskilled and educated. The initiatives put into action by the visionary Prime Minister

Narendra Modi will transform Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of region, religion, caste or ethnicity", he said.

The BJP leader said that PM Modi gave special attention towards J&K with abrogation of Article 370 remaining the turning point for the region which has opened the floodgates of development and end of turmoil that lasted for over three decades under the meek dispensations of Congress and other parties.

"Gigantic Vaccination programme, fight against COVID, digital revolution, cashless transactions, etc are among unpteen other schemes and policies which the BJP regime have realized and helped India to become one of the developed countries across the world", Randhawa said, adding that the opportunity should be well utilized to disseminate all this among the masses to bring more people to party fold and strengthen party at grass roots level.

GDC Marh organises Basic Computer Course for students

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JAMMU: Government Degree College Marh on Tuesday organised 10-day Basic Computer Course for the students lacking exposure.

The computer training course was conducted during winter break (01-01-2024 to 10-01-2024) with an aim to equip students with essential computer skills, fostering digital literacy and enhancing their employability.

The course was inaugurated by Principal of College, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. He emphasized the need of computer literacy among students and expressed his satisfaction on the commencement of 10 days course exclusively for the students of college.

Students enthusiastically attended the course and were extremely happy to be given an opportunity of learning basic computer skills keeping in view of the



GDC Marh students and faculty at Basic Computer Course.

holistic demand of computer skills in present scenario as the dependency of modern world on computer has increased manifolds.

It is pertinent to mention that the College has utilized its own resources for organizing the course. Students who attended the course were: Simran Chover (B.Sc Sem 3rd, 31173004), Komal Bhagat (B.Sc Sem 3rd, 311730035), Diksha Devi (B.Sc Sem 3rd 311730038), Konika Shama (B.Sc Sem 3rd 311730034), Neenu Sharma (B.Sc Sem 3rd 311730040), Honey Arora

(B.Sc Sem 3rd 311730041), Neha Kumari (B.A Sem 3rd 311710023) and Sneha Bhagat (B.A Sem 1st 111710026).

The internal resource persons who imparted training in (MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint) were Samit Gupta (Junior Assistant) and Mohit Kalotra. Students expressed their extreme happiness in getting trained in computer course included preparing accounts excel sheets, MS Word, MS PowerPoint and thanked the college authorities for their constant support.

KP leaders for concrete time-bound rehabilitation policy of KPs in Valley

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JAMMU: The forceful exodus period of Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) from the Valley has passed more than thirty-one years but no serious effort has been made by any previous Government in these years in this direction by framing any tangible and concrete return and rehabilitation Policy for these displaced people in the valley which has demoralized them heavily.

In a statement issued today, prominent leaders of the Community, M.K Yogi, Vinod Pandita, and Vishal Jotshi have jointly

appealed to the Prime Minister and Home Minister of India to frame a concrete time-bound rehabilitation policy for the settlement of Kashmiri Pandits back in valley with honour and dignity as they have full faith and pinned great hoped in present Government.

Yogi and Pandita Said that union Government has done tremendous and laudable development in all the spheres in the country and have expressed sanguine hope that a tangible and concrete rehabilitation policy be framed at the earliest

so that this long genuine pending demand of displaced migrants is fulfilled for sake of justice and equity.

The leaders said with the formation of a concrete rehabilitation policy, would pave the way for early return and rehabilitation of displaced communities back in the valley.

Yogi and Pandita also appealed to Lt. Governor J&K for the creation of fresh ten thousand posts for the educated unemployed youth of Kashmiri migrants as the unemployment among educated KP Youth is on the rise.

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JAMMU: Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Chapter called on Prediman Krishan Bhat, the New Commissioner State Taxes (GST) of Jammu and Kashmir and congratulated him and discussed various problems faced by dealers in Jammu regarding GST.

Rahul Sahai was accompanied by Raj Dua Co Chair PHDCCI Jammu, Kuldeep Gupta, Chetanya Sharma and Pursharth Sharma ,Resident Executive of PHDCCI Jammu Chapter.

Sahai stressed about the delayed GST Reimbursement issue faced



PHDCCI Jammu Chapter delegation calling on Prediman Krishan Bhat, New Commissioner State Taxes (GST).

by the existing industries and said SGST Reimbursement is the only prominent incentive for the existing industries, it should be given on time.

Sahai flagged issue faced

and submitted representation regarding the subject.

Sahai also suggested that a advisory committee of prominent organizations should be made so that the working relationship of the industries and the GST Department becomes smoother .

Sahai also flagged the issue of GSTR-1 not going timely and said lot of members are facing technical errors these days regarding this and said it should be resolved at the earliest.

PK Bhat Commissioner State Taxes J&K listened to the delegation patiently and said that these all are very relevant issues and will try to

resolve them at the earliest.

PK Bhat said PHDCCI should tell all the dealers to avail benefit of the amnesty scheme given by the govt. He said it's the last chance and dealers should take maximum benefit out of it. Bhat said we are going to reduce inspections for industry reimbursements to 1 from 4 in near future and also are working on other beneficial schemes for dealers too. Bhat said we are here to facilitate dealers and not to harass them and we believe in collecting tax with data not with inspections. He said that our doors are open for all for any kind of problems faced.

Lecture on Spirituality in Modern Life organised at JU

Palga Rinpoche underscores importance of cultivating calmness in mind and body through meditation

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JAMMU: In a seminar organised by the Ladakh Phanday Tsogspa in collaboration with Yuva Bharat and Buddhist Department at the University of Jammu, the Head of the Department, Prof. Shoiab Malik along with Parmit and Dr Chhering Tandup, welcomed esteemed guests.

Chief Guest, His Eminence Palga Rinpoche, a distinguished spiritual leader, emphasised the crucial connection between modernity and spiritual practices.

He underscored the importance of cultivating calmness in mind and body through meditation in today's world, where youth grapple with confusion and



His Eminence Palga Rinpoche, a spiritual leader delivering lecture at JU.

sensitivity, often resorting to destructive paths.

His lecture was enlightening and inspired youth to follow the right path and participate in positive events.

His eminence Palga Rinpoche , main speaker of the seminar has also focused more on practices

of modernity and spirituality.

He said that in modern world we need to focus on calmness of our mind and body through the practices of meditation. Today's youths are confused and more sensitive towards their life. Prof. Virender Kundal, Guest of Honour

and Director, Department of DSR, JU has spoken of need of practices of spiritualism and simultaneously hard work Like Swami Vivekananda and many more saint for the achievements of ultimate goals of Vishaw Guru when the country will observed it's 100 independence day.

This insightful seminar has initiated valuable discussions on the intersection of modernity and spirituality, providing a platform for addressing the challenges faced by today's youth and emphasising the importance of spiritual practices for a harmonious society.

Earlier, Prof. Shoiab Malik, Head of the Department, Buddhist

Department has welcome the guests. Parmit, has mentioned about the aims and objectives of Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa. Dr. Chhering Tandup Se. Assistant Professor and Convenor Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa has given the brief introduction of His Eminence Palga Rinpoche.

The session was followed by question answer sessions and His Eminence has replied all the genuine questions.

The formal vote of thanks has been presented by Dr. Chhering Tandup, Assistant Professor, Bhadarwah Campus and Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa Convenor. The event was efficiently managed by Dr. Thinley.

Inspired by PM Modi's vision, several youths join BJP: Rekha



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan posing with newly joined members and senior BJP leaders.

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JAMMU: Inspired by PM's vision, several youths joined Bharatiya Janata Party here at party headquarters, Jammu. The mass joining was led by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan in the presence of former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, Prabhari District Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, Mandal President and Vice Chairman Cantonment Board Bharat Bhushan, Vistarak Ashok Naidu, District Vice President and Prabhari Gandhi Nagar

Mandal Narinder Gupta, Mandal General Secretaries Rachit Khosla and Suraj Raina. Y

Uvna Morecha Mandal President Vikram Rao organized the joining. Kavinder highlighted the soaring popularity of the BJP, asserting its role as the viable replacement for dynastic political parties in J&K. "BJP means inclusiveness, BJP means advancement, and we are delighted to see the youth of J&K proudly holding the party flag," Gupta said. Rekha Mahajan, in her

address, expressed gratitude for the overwhelming trust bestowed upon the BJP by the people. Welcoming new members, she proclaimed that J&K has experienced freedom from separatism and exploitation politics over the past few years.

Rekha credited the peaceful environment in J&K to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fulfilled "Modi ki Guarantee" which enabled youth to lead secure lives due to unprecedented development in infrastructure, tourism, and innovation sectors.

Rekha Mahajan stated that during the past 70 years, only family rule was visible in J&K. The biggest change in the present time under the leadership of Modi Sarkaar is the empowerment of an ordinary citizen having no political backing and, therefore, it is time to bring a positive change."

Modi's governance reforms helped mainstreaming of Northeast: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the inaugural session of 2-day Regional Conference on e-Governance at Guwahati on Tuesday.

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GUWAHATI: Addressing the inaugural session of 2-day Regional Conference on the theme "e- Governance" organised here on Tuesday by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with Government of Assam, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance reforms have helped mainstreaming of Northeast. The union Minister said, path-breaking decisions were taken by this government for the development of Northeast, that are visible in the quality of life of the people of this region.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Northeast today is being cited as an example of Modi's development model".

The Minister further said that series of reforms were brought in by the Union government for ease of governance and ease of delivery of services. "The Prime Minister's Awards were given a new format. An objective criteria was made based on flagship schemes. The idea was to let all the districts compete. As a result, now we have participation of more than 750 districts and we have received some of the best excellence awards from North East." "We started the Swachhata campaign and 1162 crore rupees was raised by just selling scrap and waste. The initiative brings positive changes across the country," he informed.

Dr. Jitendra also spoke on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and

Monitoring System (CPGRAMS). "It is not only a means of involving citizens but also a means of binding the entire country," he said, adding that initiatives such as the Civil Services Day, Good Governance Index, and regional conferences have given a massive outreach to NE.

Emphasising that the regional conference on e-Governance serves as an important platform to transfer knowledge and practices that can be mutually beneficial, Dr Jitendra said, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the government is taking several strides in the field of IT and new age technologies for better delivery of good governance to citizens, he added.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that fulfillment of the objective of self-reliant India that requires working towards Vision 2047, which includes major parts of technological enhancements and drawing optimum solutions, our focus would be developing capabilities of officers during early years of their career, so that they have about 20-25 years to contribute towards building a glorious and self-reliant India during Amrit Kaal of next 25 years, he added.

Dr Sehrish assumes charge as Secretary Public Grievances, CEO ERA



Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar assuming charge as Secretary, Public Grievances.

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JAMMU: Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar on Tuesday assumed charge as Secretary, Public Grievances and Chief Executive Officer, J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA).

Soon after assuming the charge, Dr. Sehrish chaired a meeting with the senior officers of Department of Public Grievances and J&K ERA during which she was briefed about the functioning of both the organizations in detail.

While chairing the meeting of Department of Public Grievances, Dr Sehrish was informed about the activities and

achievements of the department besides highlighting other aspects of their functioning. She was informed that the department has set up two toll free call centres for registration of grievances (Jammu 18005722327 and Kashmir 18005722328).

Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar, while taking stock of working of ERA, was briefed about the broader contours of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project being presently executed by J&K ERA in the UT. She was apprised that as on date 183 sub projects, out of the total of 213, taken up for execution under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi flood Recovery Project have already been completed registering 86 per cent completion rate.

Dr. Sehrish exhorted upon all the officers of J&KERA to continue working in mission mode while complying with all quality parameters and timelines to ensure that all the sub-projects taken up for execution under JTFRP are completed expeditiously.

VC, CUJ inaugurates FDP on Indian Knowledge Systems under aegis of UGC-MMTTC

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JAMMU: The UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Central University of Jammu is set to host a comprehensive Faculty Development Program (FDP) from January 9th to 18th, 2024, under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof Sanjeev Jain. It is designed to offer an in-depth orientation and sensitization on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), this FDP aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's objectives.

During the inaugural event, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, highlighted University's commitment to embracing and promoting traditional knowledge systems in contemporary education. In light of the dynamic nature of teaching-learning pedagogy, development of faculty in all disciplines is the highest priority of our University, he added.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of UGC-MMTTC, Central University of Jammu, informed that this FDP program is the second in the series that the centre is slated to offer. The FDP pro-



VC CUJ, Prof Sanjeev Jain and others at a programme.

gram includes 170 faculty members from various educational institutions across India, aiming to bridge the gap between traditional Indian knowledge and modern pedagogical methods. She also informed that the MMTTC is designed to implement the key changes to the current higher education system to revamp and reenergize it and thereby deliver high-quality higher education with equity and inclusion.

The inaugural session was conducted by Dr Amita Gupta. While presenting a formal vote of Thanks, Dr. Bijender Kumar informed that the eminent experts from different universities across the country will be conducting the session during the next ten days.

The FDP is spearheaded by an energetic organizing team that aims to enrich educators with a nuanced understanding of IKS and its integration within the current educational framework.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of UGC-MMTTC at the university, leads the initiative alongside Dr. Akshay Kumar, the Deputy Director.

Dr. Bijender Kumar, Program Coordinator, and Dr. Amita Gupta, Program Co-Coordinator, have been instrumental in shaping the program's structure and content.

The FDP is a significant step towards realizing the objectives of NEP 2020, which emphasizes the incorporation of Indian knowledge and ethos in the education system.