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BJP celebrates Lohri with religious fervour

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its senior leaders celebrated the pious festival of Lohri across the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The main function of Lohri by the BJP was observed at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, where the senior party leaders danced to the tunes of traditional songs on the drum beats around the Holy Fire of Lohri. In between offerings to the Holy Fire, and exchanging wishes, the party leaders enjoyed the traditional mixture of popcorn, peanuts, rewri, gajak etc. on the occasion. J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, former Dy. CM



BJP leaders and workers celebrating Lohri at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Kavinder Gupta, Vice-Presidents Anuradha Singh Charak, Sofi Yusuf & Aseem Gupta, General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Devender Singh Rana, Vikram Randhawa, Tilak Raj Gupta, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Prabhat, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, Roshan Choudhary, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Balbir Ram Rattan, Ankit Gupta,

YV Sharma, Prem Gupta, Sanjay Baru, Rekha Mahajan, Naresh Singh, Puneet Mahajan, Ankush Gupta and other BJP leaders joined the occasion at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina extended greetings to all the residents of nation. He said that this festival brings happiness, peace, and prosperity to every person. He also wished

the people for the pious occasion of Makar Sankranti on the occasion, on which the Sun God enters the Utrayan. Jugal Kishore Sharma said that the auspicious event of Lohri corresponds with the beginning of 'Magh' month, which initiates only a day after Lohri indicating the finish of cruel winter and extended the message of Universal Peace and Love to all.

Ashok Koul said that it is always pleasurable to celebrate the "Lohri" as this gives the indication of brotherhood among us with the lovely change in weather in anticipation of good fortune for the whole world.

Kavinder Gupta, while extending the greetings of the Lohri festival to everybody, especially to the residents of J&K, prayed for the prosperity of Jammu &

Kashmir.

Former Minister Sat Sharma, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, Vice President Yudhvir Sethi, Parmod Kapahi, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Prabhat Singh, Rajni Sethi, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Kuldeep Kandhari, Keshav Chopra, and other party leaders celebrated the occasion of Lohri with religious fervor at the party office, in Kachi Chawni, Jammu.

Sat Sharma greeted people and said that "Lohri" depicts of our cultural ethos and exhorted them to celebrate such occasions together with all their near and dear ones.

Shamsher Singh Manhas said that the festival depicts a profound love of nature, plentiful reap, and humans and also marks the realm of activeness among all living creatures.

DBPS celebrates Lohri with enthusiasm

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) Chanakya Chowk on Saturday celebrated Lohri Festival with enthusiasm and fervour.

A religious function was organised in the premises of Sabha in which a large number of members/prominent citizens, social and religious activists participated in it.

DBPS President Ved Parkash Sharma presided over the function. While Senior BJP Leader Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma was the Chief Guest. Puran Ahuti was given to the Goddess of Fire and Arga of Dry Fruit etc. was offered by all participants. Ved Parkash urged to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for declaring 22nd of January 2024, as Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act so



Members of Sabha celebrating Lohri.

that people could participate in Bhagwan Shri Ram Pran Pritisha programme in Ayodhya. Sharma also appealed to general masses to celebrate this day as Diwali Festival. Sabha Vice-President Verindar Mohan Magotra, Retd. Commissioner JMC Soujanya Sharma, B.S. Jamwal Ex. DC, Subash Shastri, Adv. PC Sharma, N.C. Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, Ritiz Khajuria, Madan Lal Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Shiv Ram Sharma,

Pt. Barita Ram Sharma, M.L. Padha, Gurdas Sharma, Puran Sharma, S.S. Baru, K.L. Sharma, Prem Balotra, Som Nath, Girdhari Lal Sharma, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), Rajesh Bargotra, Satpal Sharma, Kanav Sharma, District President BJYM Raman Sharma and Abinayak Sharma highlighted the importance of Lohri Festival and appealed to the people of state to maintain communal harmony and brotherhood.

Dogri Sanstha releases Calendar for 2024

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu released calendar for next year 2024 in a simple but an impressive function organized at Dogri Sanstha, Karan Nagar, Jammu. This years' calendar has pictures of 6 prolific Dogri writers Rattan Kesar, Padam Dev Singh Nirdosh, Ram Lal Sharma, Mohan Lal Sapolia and O.P. Sharma Sarthi.

On this occasion, Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu said that Sanstha has been releasing calendar every year with the focal point of making the young generation aware of their elders who have contributed immensely in preserving mother tongue Dogri. He further added that although they are not with us physically but will ever remain in our memories thanks to their colossal con-



President Dogri Sanstha Jammu Prof. Lalit Magotra and other members releasing Calendar for 2024.

tributions in Dogri literature. Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary of Sanstha while sharing his views on the concept of having the pictures of eminent dogri litterateurs on the calendars said that it is an effort not to recall their contributions only but also paying homage to the stalwarts of Dogri literature by Dogri Sanstha, a pioneer organization working for preserving

and promoting mother tongue Dogri and Duggar cultural traditions since it was formed way back in 1944.

The calendar has been designed by Pawan Verma, well known Dogri poet and theatre activist. The function was attended by galaxy of eminent personalities including working committee members and executive body members of Sanstha.

Public Darbar vital in bridging gap between stakeholders for better policy formulation: Mandeep Kaur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, on Saturday presided over a grand Public Darbar at Bari Brahmana, here.

Addressing the gathering, Mandeep Kaur emphasized the significance of Public Darbar in bridging gaps between various stakeholders for better policy formulation. Acknowledging the impact of the public darbar, she stated that the recorded issues would play an instrumental role in the planning process, assuring the locals that their concerns will be addressed through coordination with relevant departments.



Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD Mandeep Kaur handing over Grah Pravesh key to PMAY(U) beneficiary.

Commissioner Secretary said, "The Public Darbar is a vital platform for engaging with the citizens and understanding their needs and aspirations. We are committed to delivering on our promises and ensuring the welfare of the people of district."

She also emphasized the

pivotal role of public support, particularly from women, in achieving the vision of a Swachh Bharat. She called for active enforcement and supervision of public to realize this vision. During the interaction, various concerns and demands were voiced by the public. Some prominent demands included blacklisting of

contractors with incomplete works, repairs of government school, improvement of drainage systems in Bassi Kalan and proper sanitation and water drainage in Ward 2 industrial area. Other issues raised encompassed the congestion of roads, increasing strength of Safai Karamchhari, efficient pension disbursement, and the demand for on-the-spot camps to address pension issues. During the darbar, Mandeep Kaur flagged off road sweeping vehicles provided by Power Grid Corporation to ULBs in the District Samba, showcasing a commitment to sanitation and cleanliness in urban areas.

She also paid a visit to Material Recovery Facility, Bari Brahmana and

inspected door to door collection system and site of J&K Housing Board in Birpur alongwith the Revenue officials of District Samba

Commissioner Secretary also distributed certificates to participants of the Amrit Kalash yatra. She also handed over Grah Pravesh keys to PMAY(U) beneficiaries and beneficiaries of the PM-SVANidhi Scheme, as well as those associated with the Fisheries Department. She also felicitates Beneficiaries under HADP.

DC Samba Abhishek Sharma; Director ULB Puneet Sharma; DDC members, Asha Rani and Suriya Begum and senior officers of District Administration were also present during the darbar.

Out of 1140 MW, 88 pc power is utilized in J&K, remaining is sold outside J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir, Hydro Power projects are developed in both State and Central sectors. Out of the existing installed generation capacity of 3500 MW, 1140 MW is contributed by UT-owned plants, including projects like 900 MW Baglihar, 110 MW Lower Jehlum, and 110 MW Upper Sindh. The remaining 2300 MW comes from central sector plants, with prominent ones being Salal, Dul-Hasti, Uri, and Kishanganga. During winters, power houses in J&K, under both central and state sectors, generate a maximum of 600 MW against their rated capacity of 3500 MW due to a fall in water levels in the rivers. However, with the peak demand reaching up to 3200 MW in winters, it becomes evident that J&K's power demand cannot be solely met by hydroelectric power plants.

Out of J&K's own power houses, a major portion of electricity generation is from the Baghliar Hydro Electric Project (BHPEP), producing approximately

900 MW. Other locally owned power generation plants, including Upper Sindh, Lower Jehlum, Chennani, etc., collectively generate around 200-250 MW. This totals approximately 1100-1140 MW through UT's own generating stations, which drops to around 200 MW in winters. The remaining power requirement during winters is met through Central Generating Stations (CGS) both within and outside J&K. Of the total installed capacity of 1140 MW in the UT sector, a major share of around 1030 MW (88% of total capacity) is utilized in J&K, while the remaining 150 MW is sold outside J&K, honouring agreements executed in 2009, initially through PTC, later bilaterally with Haryana.

In the existing situation, J&K requires more power from thermal generators to meet its base load requirement. Solar generation could provide balancing support to hydro plants to some extent. The Government of India has set Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) targets,

making it mandatory for every State/UT to procure some quantum of hydro and solar power to meet a proportion of power demand. J&K, being a hydro-rich state, has to rely on thermal power, particularly during winters, to meet the base load demand. As such arrangements are being made to bank hydro with other states in exchange of thermal power whenever there is surplus situation.

Over the last four years, J&K has not signed any Power

Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for selling power outside J&K from its power houses; the same quantum has been maintained as per previous PPAs. In contrast, new PPAs have been signed to procure power to the tune of 3000 MW for J&K, including 900 MW of hydro from under construction Joint Venture (JV) projects namely Pakal Dul, Ratle, Kiru and Kwarof Chenab Valley

Power Projects(CVPP) and 1600 MW of solar power from different CPSUs at a nominal price in2023. Recently, UT Administrative Council has

accorded procurement of 500 MW of firm power from thermal generators for which the PPA signing is in process. This doubles the capacity/availability of power to J&K in the coming years. As regards to under construction JV projects of CVPP (with 51% stakes held by NHPC and 49% by J&K Government), the projects are being developed through Debt-Equity model in the ratio of 70:30 at total cost of 22200 Cr. J&K's equity contribution comes as grants from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), while the debt portion is secured through loans from banks.

For raising the necessary loans its essential for the CVPP to execute advance PPAs for selling power post-commissioning of the projects. The tariff for the sale of power is assessed through established procedures and determined by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).

The tariff of the said CVPP projects ranges between Rs. 3.92 to 4.64 per unit. J&K's has signed PPAs for 900 MWs of power

from the said projects, considering the additional requirement of Hydro-based power in the existing power portfolio and the pricing, while for the remaining quantum, the CVPP has signed PPAs with other States. In terms of tariff charges, Jammu and Kashmir offers one of the lowest tariff rates to its consumers in various categories, underscoring its commitment to providing affordable electricity to its residents. During the current financial year, the electricity duty on the power has also been withdrawn. One significant challenge is that only 55% of consumers have electricity meters installed at their houses, while power consumption often exceeds the agreed loads by the consumers. It is pertinent to mention here that the Indian Electricity Act mandates the supply of power through meters only. Therefore, the department encourages consumers to install meters at their residences, pay based on consumption, and avoid flat-rate billing, states the J&K UT's official spokesperson.

Secy CA visits Srinagar Airport, reviews proposed expansion project



Secretary Civil Aviation, Aijaz Assad chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Secretary Civil Aviation (CA), Aijaz Assad on Saturday visited Srinagar Airport to review the existing infrastructure as well as proposed expansion plan of Srinagar Airport here today.

The Secretary, during the visit, also chaired a meeting with senior officers in which detailed deliberations were held progress of project expansion of Airport as well as challenges in smooth operations at Airport during poor visibility conditions of winter season.

Addressing the officers

during the meeting, the Secretary passed on strict directions to the concerned agencies on matter related to transfer of land adjacent to the drop gate, vacating of the CPWD quarters, handing over of patch of land as well as other important matters related to smooth execution of the project.

During the meeting, Director Airport Srinagar gave a detailed presentation highlighting the various facilities and proposed Srinagar Airport Expansion plans, including hindrances fave at the proposed site. The meet-

ing, among others was attended by Officiating Apd/Jgm(e-c),AAI, Senior Commandant CISF, ADC Budgam; Commandant CRPF 35 BN, SM(Engg-civil), AAI, SM(Ops), AAI, APM Vistara, SM Spicejet and APM Air India.

The Secretary, during the visit, also inspected airside area, proposed apron expansion site, terminal building expansion site, city-side, AAI residential colony, CPWD residential colony, proposed location of CISF barracks, site of AAI quarters as well land proposed to be acquired by AAI.

Rajnath approves Rs 10 Lakh insurance for BRO's Casual Labourers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to launch a Group (Term) Insurance Scheme for Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs) engaged by Border Roads Organisation/General Reserve Engineer Force for the ongoing project works. This scheme will provide the insured value of Rs 10 lakh

as an insurance in any kind of death to CPLs family/Next of Kin.


Keeping in view the severe risk posed to the lives of CPLs posted in hazardous work-sites, inclement weather, inhospitable terrain and occupational health hazards, and considering the deaths occurred/reported during their engagement, the provision of insurance coverage

on humanitarian grounds will prove to be a great morale booster to the CPLs.

This scheme will serve as a social security and welfare measure to the CPLs working in remote and far-flung areas of the nation. It will go a long way in securing the livelihoods of their families.


It may be recalled that the Raksha Mantri had recently approved many welfare

measures for the betterment of the CPLs. These include Preservation & transportation of mortal remains and Transport Allowance entitlement of the attendant; Enhancement of Funeral Assistance from Rs 1,000 to Rs 10,000; Advance payment against ex-gratia compensation of Rs 50,000 as immediate help in case of death etc.



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Corrigendum

With respect to the e-NIT No. 50/WLW/JZ of 2023-24 i.e. construction of Duck Shed at Jambu Zoo, 1. Only L1 bidder has to submit extra CDR after opening the financial bid, 2. Additional CDR will be released after completion of the work certified by Engineering Wing, 3. EMD will be released on submission of Additional Performance Security before the allotment of work.

The bid submission end date is hereby extended till 16-01-2024.

No. WLW/JZ/3662-63
Dated: 12/01/2024
DIP/J-13862/23
Dated: 13/01/2024

Sd/-
Additional Wildlife Warden,
Jambu Zoo, Jammu