

J&K BJP pays rich tributes to CDS Gen Rawat, others in Shradhanjali Sabha

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JAMMU: J&K BJP paid rich tributes to CDS General Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat and 11 other army personnel Lieutenant Colonel Harjinder Singh, Brigadier L S Lidder, Wing Commander P S Chauhan, Squadron Leader Kuldeep Singh, JWO Pradeep Arakkal, Junior Warrant Officer Rana Pratap Das, Havildar Satpal, Lance Naik Vivek Kumar, Lance Naik Sai Teja, Naik Jitender Kumar and Naik Gursewak Singh in a Shradhanjali program at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, former BJP President & Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, Vice-Presidents Sham



BJP leaders paying tributes to General Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat and 11 other army personnel.

Sharma, Shakti Parihar & Anuradha Charak, former MP & former President Shamsher Singh Manhas, former President Ashok Khajuria, former President Sat Sharma, General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, Secretaries Arvind Gupta & Rekha Mahajan, Chief Spokesperson Adv. Sunil Sethi, Narinder Singh

Bunty and others were amongst the prominent present on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina while giving warm tributes to CDS Bipin Rawat said that the Nation will always remain indebted to him for his services. He said that the untimely loss of General Rawat has caused an irreparable loss to the Nation and the three forces as he was surely a pioneer in pushing wide ranging of reforms to bring synergy

between the three wings of Armed forces. He was a hardcore Nationalist by heart and died like no ordinary man, he said.

Speakers paying tributes to the National heroes emphasized on the strong leadership qualities and revolutionary thinking of CDS Bipin Rawat. They said that the CDS always instead on the modernization of Indian Army. They said that the Son of India may never return but it should be our

collective duty to keep flame of his memory alive in our hearts which will be a befitting tribute to him. They said that a soldier never dies, only hangs his boots and as such the mission goes on and on. Priya Sethi earlier delivered the introductory speech. All those present kept 2 minutes silence to pray to Almighty for the Moksha to the departed souls.

Brig. Gupta, General RK Sharma, Cell Convenor IGP (Retd.) Sudhir Singh Dogra, Sat Sharma, Shamsher Singh Manhas, Kavinder Gupta, Nirmal Singh Ex-Servicemen Cell Convenor Col. Gurbaksh Singh Gill Conducted the proceedings of Shradhanjali program and provided the details about the life of CDS Bipin Rawat, his wife and other Army personnel who lost their precious lives in the tragic helicopter crash.

Five-day workshop on New Media concludes at JU

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JAMMU: The five-day workshop on "New Media" organized by the Department of painting, Institute of Music and fine (IMFA), University of Jammu concluded on Saturday.

Prof Chamal Lal, Urdu Department, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function, who distributed certificates among the participants of the workshop.

Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal (IMFA), Dr. Milan Sharma, HDO Painting Department also grace the occasion. Speakers described the workshop as most informative as it was conducted by a reputed artist, Abhijit Pathak of the country, who during these five days interacted with various



Chief Guest presenting certificates to participants.

subjects of media art with profound interest.

Prof Chamal Lal lauded the efforts of IMFA for organizing a media workshop for the 1st time in the history.

Praising the painting made by the students during the five days, Prof Chamal Lal stressed the students to maintain brotherhood & communal harmony through their painting. He further said

under the headship of Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, IMFA is gaining more & more popularity among the society.

Abhijit Pathak while speaking on the occasion thanked the IMFA and said that the students of IMFA have all qualities of becoming a good painter in near future. Dr Milan Sharma, HOD Painting presented a formal vote of thanks.

CEC reviews grievances of villagers in Kharu sub-division



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson chairing a meeting.

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LEH: A delegation led by former Chairman/CEC, Gyal Wangyal called on the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson to discuss the issues and grievances of the villagers of the Kharu sub-division. Taking note of the issues, the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson convened a meeting on Saturday to discuss and

resolve the grievances with the concerned district and sub-divisional officers/officials of Leh/Kharu respectively.

The village representatives raised their grievances to the Chairman and sought his intervention in addressing the issues.

The issues include construction of link roads with black topping, the requirement of medical sub-centers, drinking water facilities during winters, renovations of community halls, establishing mobile towers, developing command area lands, agriculture, and horticulture, issues regarding irrigation and flood control, etc.

Taking note of issues, CEC Gyalson directed concerned district officers and sub-divisional officials to revisit and address the grievances raised by the villagers.

The meeting was attended by Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphe, former CEC, Gyal Wangyal, ACD Leh, SDM Kharu, HODs/officials of various departments of Leh district as well as Kharu sub-division and village representatives from the villages.



CEO Jammu, Suraj Singh Rathore during visit to GGPS Thathrian.

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JAMMU: Chief Education Officer Jammu, Suraj Singh Rathore visited Govt Girls Primary School, Thathrian on Saturday to assess situation arisen due to illegal erection of poles and transformer by L&T Company led by Ravi Thakur. The action of L&T Company has already been

CEO visits Primary School Thathrian; directs removal of poles, transformer installed within premises

away from Kindergarten of school.

During his visit, the Chief Education Officer assessed the situation and had a threadbare discussion with staff and Corporator Ashok Singh Manhas. He further said that nobody has taken any permission from the department and moreover, the department will not allow them to install the same in school premises.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Singh Manhas also opposed erection of poles and transformer in school premises illegally and asked the concerned authorities to expedite the process of its removal from school premises failing which he along with students and staff will stage a Dharna.

Pt Rumil thanks all for successful completion of Bhairav Bhandara



Priest of Shri Bhairav Mandir and Shri Kaal Bhairav Trust, Pt Rumil Sharma talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Priest of Shri Bhairav Mandir and Shri Kaal Bhairav Trust, Pt Rumil Sharma, on Saturday conveyed his gratitude to the people, businessmen and various government departments for their participation and cooperation in Vishal Bhairav Bhandara celebration at Shri Pracheen Kaal Bhairav Mandir here.

Talking to reporters, Pandit Rumil Sharma informed that

large number of devotees from different parts of the J&K UT paid their obeisance at the 'Temple to seek the blessings of Shri Kaal Bhairav.

He also expressed gratitude to district administration especially Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Rajiv Langar and Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg or granting permission which made the Bhandara successful. He also prayed for peace and prosperity.

JASC Sanastha expresses resentment over alleged attempt of land-grabbing

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SRINAGAR: In a meeting of Jagat Amba Sharika Chakreshwar Sanastha (JASCS), Hari Parbat held at Srinagar, serious note was taken of repeated activities of few anti-social elements who are hell bent to vitiate already sensitive environment of Kashmir. The members condemned their action and demanded immediate action against people attempting to encroach land of Hari Parbat Sanastha at Srinagar by cutting trees and removing fencing. President of Sanastha Ranjeet Gurkha has sought the immediate intervention of the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir in the matter and urged him to protect the ancient Hindu religious shrine of Kashmir. Gurkha further alleged that unfortunately some revenue

officials are also trying to shield land-grabbers with ulterior motives and misguiding people that Government has taken the control of land in 2010, which is totally wrong and illogical. "When the Government can't take possession of shrines and land belonging to other commitments, how can it take possession of land of this holy shrine of Hindus," said Gurkha, adding that if Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) senior leader, Sanjay Saraf, Dr Sandeep Mawa renowned social activist and SHO Nowhattaaseer Hamid Khan had not timely intervened, the land Mafia would have grabbed the land. He demanded immediate arrest of all land Mafia responsible for the act and felling of lush green trees. Gurkha further said any attempt to trespass

the holy shrine will hurt religious sentiment of Hindus in general and Kashmiri Pandits in particular as they

are emotionally attached to the holy shrine, which is also known as Sidh Peeth in Hindu religious scriptures.

Mahajan Sabha releases financial assistance for needy

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JAMMU: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) has released an amount of Rs 1,84,100 as financial assistance for weaker sections of society. An amount of Rs 1,52,100 was released for providing assistance to 169 beneficiaries including poor widows and needy students while an amount of Rs 22,000 has been released for marriages of two needy girls. An amount of Rs 10,000 has also been released towards medical expenses of a needy person of the community for his treatment.

While speaking on the occasion, JCMS President Romesh Chander Gupta said that Mahajan Sabha is always committed to help poor and needy persons and always works for upliftment of economically weaker sections.

Others present on the occasion included Shiv Partap Gupta, Om Parkash Mahajan (Kaku Shah), Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary), Surinder Gupta, Dr Mohan Lai Gupta, Yash Pal Gupta, Vipin Gupta, Atul Gupta and Prabhu Dayal Gupta and Sanjay Mahajan.

Power employees resent formation of JKGCL, call for work boycott from Dec 18

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JAMMU: A meeting of Power Employees and Engineers under banner of JKPEECC- an amalgam comprising various unions led by Sachin Tickoo, General Secretary JKPEECC and Convenor PEECC Jammu, Jaipal Sharma Chairman JKPEECC Jammu & President DEA, Sanjeev Bali PPEU, Anil Slathia Lineman & Workers Union, Kulbir Singh EEU, H D Singh TEFT, Arun Gupta PDDEU, Balbir Singh Draftsman Association, Jasbir Singh ITI Employees, Gurmeet Singh, Purshottam Kumar CNGEU was held here on Saturday to discuss the issue of formation of a joint venture company namely JK Grid Company Ltd (JKGCL) with JKPTCL and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd as its constituents. The coordination committee deliberated the modalities of company being incorporated and strongly resented the

move of Government not taking the employees' representatives on board. Terming the decision as a unilateral, the participants said that it is injustice with employees' future career prospects. The members further discussed the communication received by the UT administration from Ministry of Power dated September 1, 2021 which was purely an advisory in nature. In backdrop of above stated communication, a draft agreement of a proposed joint venture between JKPTCL and PGCIL Ltd got leaked into the public domain invoking sharp criticism as the step has been initiated without taking employee associations in confidence.

Speaking on the occasion, the employee leaders said, "Formation of Joint Venture Company 'JK Grid Company' in haste without discussing the modalities of each and every clause with the employee representatives under the banner of

Jammu & Kashmir Power Employees & Engineers Coordination Committee shall not be acceptable to employees and the move shall be opposed tooth and nail. The trust deficit between employees and Government on this issue has further increased due to unilateral approach adopted by the government." The employee leaders urged Lieutenant Governor and Principal Secretary PDD that such decision should be put on hold and talks with coordination committee be initiated to deliberate on the issue to dispel apprehensions of employees, failing which the coordination committee shall be forced to proceed on UT-level 'Work Boycott Call' from Dec 18, 2021. The coordination committee held similar meeting under leadership of Munshi Majid Ali, President JKPEECC in Kashmir region and decided same agitational programme.

Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations to begin at Balidan Stambh from today

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JAMMU: Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations will commence at Balidan Stambh, Jammu from December 12, 2021 with musical evening programmes, which will be open for all citizens. These programmes are being organised by Tiger Division under the aegis of Rising Star Corps of Western Command. The prominent artists from Jammu & Kashmir will mesmerize the audience in the Musical evenings from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. The musical evening will be open for all. On December 12, the opening ceremony will start with Gazal evening. This will be followed by 1980s & 1990s Musical evening on December 13, 2021. Musical evenings are also planned on December 17-18, 2021.

For smooth entry and exit inside Balidan Stambh, the audience and general public will utilise the parking space of Zoravar Auditorium of Jammu University. No parking facility will be available in premises of Balidan Stambh.

Dr Jitendra inaugurates International Science Festival, emphasises 'sustainable' Start-Ups with livelihood

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PANAJI: 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 inaugurated the India International Science festival (IISF 2021) here today and emphasised "sustainable" StartUps with livelihood who, he said, would be the key to the future economy of India.

Describing the youth who comprise more than 70% of India's present population as the country's greatest asset, the Minister said, just as we stress on sustainable goals, time has come to stress on sustainable StartUps.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Jitendra Singh called upon the youth with right kind of aptitude to think of generating alternate means of livelihood by exploring avenues in sectors like Agriculture, Dairy, Animal

Husbandry, Healthcare, Education, Pharma, Logistics and Waste to Wealth through innovative Start-ups eco-system. He said, making the lives of people easy with technology the start-ups are not only thriving in tier 3 and 4 markets but also impacting the lives of rural people and customers, besides creating huge job opportunities. The Minister said connecting rural India with advanced solutions and services, these start-ups are emerging as innovative and accelerating programmes for the digital India campaign.

Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of State (MoS) for the Ministry of Tourism and Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shripad Naik, Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant, Secretary Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr M. Ravichandran, President Vijnana Bharati, Dr Vijay Bhatkar and senior scientists and officials joined today's Inaugural Function.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the theme of 4-day IISF 2021 is 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - "Celebrating Creativity, Science, Technology and Innovation for a prosperous India". He said, India is celebrating the 75th year of its Independence and it is time to lay down the road map of scientific progress for the next 25 years, when India celebrates the Centenary of Independence.

Some of the main events at the inaugural function are Science Village, Traditional Crafts and Artisan Meet, Games and Toys, Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats Fest, ECO-FEST, New Age Technology and Mega Science and Technology Expo.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the series of India International Science Festival (IISF) is an integral part of India's long-term vision in developing and widening the spectrum of

scientific temper for sustainable development and new technological innovations in India. He said, it also aims to build a strategy for rural India through the advancement of Science and Technology.

The Minister informed that IISF will provide a platform to young students, scientists and technocrats from across India for exchange of knowledge and ideas and also supporting flagship programmes like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', 'Swasth Bharat Abhiyan', 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Smart Villages', 'Smart Cities', 'Namami Gange', 'Unnath Bharat Abhiyan' initiated by the Prime Minister in the last seven years. Dr Jitendra Singh said that this year India is celebrating 75th year of Independence as Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the ideas of five pillars to celebrate it, which will be reflected through various programs in IISF 2021.