

# BJP Jammu district North Working Committee vows to achieve 50-plus target in assembly elections

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JAMMU: Every single field worker of Bharatiya Janata Party will not leave any stone unturned in ensuring unprecedented success of the party with a target of 50 plus seats in the J&K Assembly elections.

This was the outcome of party's Jammu district North Working Committee introductory meeting held here, today under the chairmanship of BJP district president Oni Khajuria at Marh constituency. The meeting was held in presence of senior BJP leaders including Member Parliament Jugal Kishore, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Vinay Gupta Seh Prabhari, Ajay Sharma and Surinder Kumar General Secretaries Jammu District North, Karan Singh, Nand Kishore and Shiv Dev Singh. It is pertinent to mention here that the newly appointed office bearers of Marh, Nagrota and Jammu North, 10 Mandal



BJP Jammu district North Working Committee leaders after the meeting.

Presidents and all the office bearers of District Jammu North attended the meeting displaying enthusiastic participation. Member Parliament Jugal Kishore who was the Chief Guest on the occasion in his address on the occasion said that Mission 50 Plus is our target for the impending Assembly elections in J&K and BJP will undoubtedly form its own government in Jammu and Kashmir with absolute majority. He said that it is the foot soldiers of the party working 24X7 at the grass roots level including the booth level

whose efforts will get credited with the achievement of the aforesaid goal. Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu while addressing the meeting while congratulating and welcoming the newly appointed office bearers, said that while taking up various issues in today's meeting, the main focus is on the Party's agenda of achieving 50-Plus target. He said that the Party High Command has appointed new office bearers to ensure a combination that can best coordinate to achieve the aforesaid

set goal. He said that there is a huge responsibility on all the party leaders, workers and activists and especially these remaining present amongst the people at grass roots level and addressing their concerns and issues. He said that the tempo now needs to gear up as elections to Assembly are expected to be declared any time. Bharat Bhushan while prompting the party cadre to fully devote themselves to the cause of the organization, asked them to work incessantly till the Assembly elections and reach out to the common masses with full vigour and knowledge. He also asked them to gain full knowledge about all the welfare

schemes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the Union Government and take them to the needy population ensuring benefit to the last person in the queue.

He said that there is a need for conducting interaction with the people making them aware about the ground realities of the society. He asked the workers and office bearers to visit every hamlet in their region and take the party achievements to them and tell them that only BJP has empowered the common masses and raised the status of the Nation across the globe. He added that only BJP took concrete steps to mitigate the sufferings faced by the various sections of society in J&K.

Oni Khajuria complimented the BJP leadership in showing faith in his capabilities by nominating him as the president of the newly created Jammu district North unit. He said that huge responsibility has been put on his shoulders and he would work as per the expectations of the party.

# Minorities' safety priority of Govt: Khatana



MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana addressing a meeting at Ware House Jammu.

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JAMMU: MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday asserted that safety of minorities is the utmost priority of the present regime led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and special focus has been made for the upliftment of the down-trodden sections of the society during past eight years.

Addressing a largely attended meeting organized by Charanjit Singh at Ware House here, Khatana said that during past seven decades Congress and other parties only exploited minorities doing nothing for uplifting their status. He said that BJP government neutered the Article 370 and gave compensation to

refugees from Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, gave citizenship rights to Balmiki community, Gorkhas and West Pakistan refugees who were denied right to life, education and job by the previous governments.

He said that developmental projects are in the progress and new investments are flowing in which would generate employment opportunities in near future. Khatana assured the refugees and minority community members that their issues would be addressed on priority and he would personally monitor it. He said that Naya Jammu and Kashmir is the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and for its

realization all the ministries and departments are working in unison. During past three years border tensions and crossings have seen a declining trend, terrorists are on the run and violence has gone down considerably, he said, adding a new dawn of peace and tranquility has ushered in J&K. Speaking on the occasion, Dy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria said that Smart City project is aimed at transforming the Jammu city and improving its infrastructure. He said that JMC is for improving the living standards of the people and would work 24x7 to achieve this. Bhupinder Singh Pola presented the vote of thanks.

# BJP District Jammu conducts office-bearers meet



J&K BJP Seh-In-Charge Ashish Sood chairing office-bearers meet.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), District Jammu conducted its office bearers' meet under the leadership of its President Parmod Kapahi at Eden Garden, Jammu.

The meeting was inaugurated and addressed by J&K BJP Seh-In-Charge Ashish Sood, MP(Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former BJP President & former Minister Sat Sharma, J&K BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, former Minister Priya Sethi, Secretary Veenu Khanna, Prabhari District Jammu Rajeev Charak, District President Parmod Kapahi, Vibhaag Organizing Secretary Inderjeet Khajuria and other senior leaders.

Ashish Sood, while addressing the meeting, asked District

office bearers to serve the people and establish the distinguished role of BJP as the most selfless party.

He also focussed on the importance of strengthened booth structure in the organization.

Jugal said that the BJP holds the distinction of being a truly democratic party. BJP gives opportunities to ground-level activists based on their level of dedication, he added.

Sat Sharma said that the District Jammu has now more active role to play after the reorganization of the District along with the due responsibilities.

Yudhvir Sethi spoke on the true integration of all the cultures of India under the vision of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat by Modi ji and the achievements of Modi-2.0.

Priya Sethi focussed on the ground work to be done by the BJP activists. She said that their works should reflect the ideology and working style of party. In his Presidential address, Pramod Kapahi thanked the party seniors for putting faith in him and whole new team of District Jammu. He said that they will work sincerely for the extension of party activities into every nook and corner of the District while carrying on with the development and other organizational activities at the ground level.

Veenu Khanna spoke on the Mann Ki Baat, the popular AIR programme by Modi.

Inderjeet Khajuria spoke on the forthcoming party programmes. Naveen Sharma spoke on the utilization of Saral Data and the web portal initiated by BJP.

J&K BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra sung Vande Mataram. Organizational Song was sung by District General Secretary Kuldeep Kandhari. Condolence note was read by District Vice-President Jaideep Sambyal. Meeting proceedings were conducted by District General Secretary Adv. Rajesh Gupta.

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party Minority Morcha celebrated "Minority Rights Day" in the party headquarters Trikuta Nagar here on Sunday in order to spread awareness and promote the rights of religious minorities.

Newly elected President Minority Morcha J&K Ranjodh Singh Nalwa was felicitated on this occasion.

The event was marked by felicitation program and speeches by prominent figures.

By highlighting the plight of marginalized minority communities and stressing the importance of respecting their rights, it was a strong overture in favor of peace and harmony in Jammu as also throughout India. Moreover, by bringing together a diverse group of people to share their experiences and struggles related to minority rights, it demonstrated an unwavering commitment to creating a more tolerant society that values the contributions and culture of all its citizens.



Senior BJP leaders during celebration of Minority Rights Day at Jammu.

BJP state Chief Ravinder Raina delivered a powerful and thought-provoking lecture on the importance of respecting minority communities. He explored the human rights implications of discrimination against ethnic, racial, religious, cultural, sexual and linguistic minorities. Drawing extensively on course material and historical examples, Raina advocated for greater appreciation and protection of diversity in all its forms. He highlighted how targeted policies and campaigns that promote inclusion can support the success of minority groups. His lecture was received with a

round of applause from the attentive audience and offered valuable insight into how societies can overcome bigotry to build more equitable societies for everyone.

State BJP general secretary Ashok Koul in his address emphasised on the importance of respecting the rights of minorities. With an extensive career in both social and public service, Koul focused his address on highlighting the diverse cultures and communities who exist within India and the need to celebrate this diversity. He stressed that every person has rights which must be protected regardless

of their background or beliefs, "It is imperative for our society to foster an environment based on respect for all individuals," he claimed. He further urged people to strive for a society without discrimination. "Always be mindful of how we can embrace fundamental human rights for all citizens equally, fostering greater understanding between individuals and ideologies," he added.

Ranjodh Singh Nalwa thanked the state as well as central leadership for the honour to represent minorities in Jammu and Kashmir. Singh further said that he will work

wholeheartedly for the minority communities in J&K up to the entire satisfaction of the party and the society. He also focussed on the rights of minorities in India noting that it was essential for individuals belonging to minority communities to be permitted to lead their lives with complete autonomy and dignity without any discrimination based on their faith, caste or creed. He highlighted key issues such as access to employment, education and healthcare opportunities. In addition, he stressed on the importance of upholding freedom of speech, thought and expression for all citizens irrespective of their religious affiliations. He concluded his remarks by stressing that minority rights must remain at the centre stage of policy initiatives inspired by inclusivity agenda.

Prominent among those who expressed their views on the occasion included Sheikh Bashir, Bupinder Singh, Santokh Singh, Ikhlaz Wani, Intiaz Bhat, Harpal Singh and others.

# Rasm-e-Chehlum of ex-ADGP Masud held

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JAMMU: Rasm-e-chehlum of EX- Additional Director General of police (ADGP) and former founding VICE CHANCELLOR of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah university (BGSBU) Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary was held on Sunday at his residence Gandhi Nagar, here.

Late, Dr. Masud Choudhary was the chief patron of the Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust (GDCT). He was also a prominent educator, social reformer, thinker and administrator his contribution to the Society is commendable. He was popularly known as Baba-e-Quom of Gujjar Bakerwal community of Jammu and Kashmir.

Hundreds of people drawn from all walks of Life paid rich tributes to late.

A large number of people from all walks of life including political, religious and

social personalities participated and prayed for the departed soul.

Prominent who attended the Rasm-e-chehlum includes Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Member Parliament Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Inspector General of Police Suleman Chowdhary, Bhupinder Kumar Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education (H & M E) Department, Ex-Ministers Dilawar Mir, Qazi Mohammad Afzal, Advocate Murtaza Khan former MLC, Ex-Minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, Senior Advocate Jammu and Kashmir High Court Sunil Sethi, Ex-MLC Rahim Dad, Dr. Javaid Rahi Retired Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nisar Ahmed, ex MLC Dr. Veeri.

# LFO-BHF organises awareness drive on menstruation



LFO-BHF members distributing oxy-biodegradable sanitary napkins among participants.

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JAMMU: Live For Others-Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) organised awareness drive on "Menstruation-A Taboo In Society" at Durga Nagar, Muthi, here under Project R-SAP.

The main motive of this project was to create awareness on menstrual hygiene and to focus on the taboo related to it.

Members of LFO-BHF

cleared the myths related to periods and focused on the facts related to it so that girls and women would feel free and mentally strong.

It was donation cum awareness programme in which around over 500 oxy-biodegradable sanitary napkins were distributed.

Navya (Vice President of Jammu Province, LFO-BHF) delivered an awareness lecture.

Shruti (Volunteer Of LFO-BHF) while showing concern said that In India, menstrual health is still considered a taboo subject, leaving women exposed to misinformation and myths associated with menstruation and we should do our best in clearing the myths and doubts related to this very topic.

Other volunteers present were Stuti Abrol, Shruti, Neha and Taniya.

# JKBSG conducts Basic Course for Scout Masters

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JAMMU: J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides (JKBSG) conducted Basic Course for Scout Masters and Lady Scout Masters at State Headquarters, Gandhi Nagar Jammu from December 12 to 18, 2022.

The course was inaugurated by Nasreen Khan State Secretary cum Administrative Officer, JKBSG.

He was impressed with the vision and mission of Scouting and Guiding and the Principles of the movement. In the Course 36-unit

leaders took active part.

The course was conducted by M M Sharma (ALT) under the guidance and directions of Nasreen Khan (State Secretary cum Administrative Officer) JKBSG.

The course was visited by H. L Dogra (State Treasurer), Gurdeep Singh (District Secretary Samba) and other council members of JKBSG.

This was the 1st course which was supported by the Membership Growth cell of Bharat Scouts and Guides NHQ. Usha Chunni SOC

(S), R. P Kotwal STC(S), Neelam Gupta LT, K. L Sharma (Pre-ALT), Kanchan Sharma Pre-ALT, Manjeet Kour Pre-ALT, Uma Jamwal Pre-ALT, Rita Sharma HWB were the trainers of the course.

On the closing day, Wg. Comdr. M M Joshi (National Commissioner for Special Programmes cum State Commissioner AR(S) JKBSG) was the Chief Guest who distributed the Kits received from NHQ to all the unit Leaders.

R. P Kotwal (STC) presented a Vote of Thanks.



Participating Scouts & Guides Masters posing for a photograph.

# ICICI Foundation sets-up milk processing unit at village Gurwal

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JAMMU: Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Samba, Rahul Dev and block Programme Manager Seema Sharma have jointly inaugurated a state-of-the-art milk processing unit at village Gurwal, which is set by ICICI Foundation under Project Manager, Binmi Thakur, BDO Parvinder Singh and CF, Balwan Singh to offer fair and competitive prices to farmers.

ICICI Foundation contributed 75 per cent of the total cost of the Milk processing unit.

It provides unit machinery like Deep freezer, milk and Khoya making machine, milk



Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Samba, Rahul Dev inaugurating milk processing unit.

analyzing machine, weight machine and solar panel to women group with 75 per cent subsidy. 25 percent of contribution was made by the women group of Gurwal village.

The Milk Processing Unit is named as 'Gurwal Mahila Village Organization'.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Samba, Rahul Dev pointed out that the milk unit

would pave the way for economic prosperity of local women.

"The processing unit would ensure fair prices to the rural farmers and boost their income," he added.

# J&K Bank REWA conducts health checkup of retired employees

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of core committee members of J&K Bank Retired Employees Welfare Association (REWA), Jammu, a meeting materialized with the agenda of conducting a full body health checkup of all the retired employees and officers who are members of the association.

The health checkup was undertaken at Deewan Junj Ghar, Sarwal in partnership with Atulya Lab and took place on Sunday. Earlier, the test of 150 members was undertaken on September 25 and now the



J&K Bank retired employees attending health checkup camp.

remaining 100 members were tested by the competent technical medical team

who conducted the requisite full-body checkup of the remaining members who

benefited from this full-body checkup which is unique as the initiative is first of its kind encompassing 58 parameters, and is being spearheaded by executive committee members consisting of Mohinder Singh (President), R.K. Bhan (General Secretary), P.P Gupta (Vice President), Ved Gupta (Cashier), Arun Kumar Gupta (Secretary), Iqbal Singh (Executive Member) and venerated members of the association.

The full body test was free of cost for all the members and the charges were borne from the corpus of the association.