

Rekha urges Mandal units to celebrate Good Governance Day on Vajpayee's birth anniversary

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JAMMU: Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the government for its achievements in eight years of rule, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan on Tuesday said Modi has carved out a new identity for India at the global level.

The meeting regarding the program of 25 December in RS Pura Jammu South Assembly Constituency to celebrate "Good Governance Day" (Sushasan Divas) and also listen to PM's Mann Ki Baat at Kumar Palace, Kullian, RS Pura Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Narinder Singh National Secretary, Sham Choudhary Ex-Minister, Garu Ram Bhagat, Ex MLA, Secretary BJP J&K, and Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, Sarpanch and Seh Prabhari Adv Dev Raj Sharma, Pawan Singh Corporator and Co Incharge of Programme, Ex District President H S Pummy, Chairman Municipal Committee Satpal Puppi,



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan speaking at a programme.

Mandal Presidents, Bikram Sandhu, Vijay Sharma, Ranjit Singh District office bearers and Councillors.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu South under the leadership of Rekha Mahajan has urged all its Mandal units to actively take part in "Good Governance Day" to celebrate former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday on December 25.

She said it is our duty to take part and celebrate the late Prime Minister's birth anniversary as "Good Governance Day".

Rekha has directed all its Mandal units to organise sev-

eral programs on 25 December like PM's Mann ki Baat, 'Kavi Sammelans', debates, poetry recitals, meetings to discuss the former PM's life and how the Modi government is taking forward Good Governance.

She said every karyakarta of Party till booth will participate in this Programme .Rekha said the birth anniversary of Vajpayee was declared as Good Governance Day by the Modi government in 2014.

Dr Narinder Singh clarified to people the achievements of the Modi government and how they have benefitted from various schemes

launched in the past eight years.

The outreach program will focus on reaching out to the beneficiaries of various schemes of the Modi government, including the Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, PMGAY, Jan Dhan Yojana, etc.

Sham Choudhary also emphasized that the aim to observe this day is to let the students and citizens of the nation know about the duties and responsibilities of the government they need to fulfill. Good governance day acts as a reminder to the government about their responsibilities, and the government

should be unbiased, transparent, and development-oriented. Ayodhya gupta asked the public to continue to extend support to BJP at all levels to ensure that the country touched new pinnacles of peace and progress in the coming times. He said that the policies of the BJP have long-lasting opportunities for the people which might steer the country and its population to an extreme level of development and prosperity.

Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, Seh Prabhari Adv DevRaj, Former District President H S Pummi, and Pawan Singh also Spoke at length on the occasion.

Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Akash Chopra, and the felicitation of guests and vote of thanks were Presented by Pushpinder Singh Charak.

District Vice Presidents Vikram Sharma, Shalu Gupta, Secretary Pummi Choudhary, Ramnik Singh, Navin Bharati and Corporators were also present in the meeting.

DGPC Jammu calls on Chairperson National Commission for Minorities, discusses issues



DGPC delegation presenting memorandum to Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman of National Commission for Minorities.

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JAMMU: A delegation of District Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu led by Ranjeet Singh Tohra President and comprising Balvinder Singh Vice President, Surjeet Singh Secretary, Ranvir Singh Joint Secretary, Jagpal Singh Cashier, Gurmeet Singh Incharge Dharam Parehar DGPC Jammu called on Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman of National Commission for Minorities at his office in Delhi and discussed various issues pertaining to Sikh Community.

Vice President S Balvinder

Singh elaborated in detail various long pending demands of Sikh Community including inclusion of Sikh Youth of Kashmir Valley in special employment package, inclusion of Sikh member in J&KPSC, inclusion of Punjabi in J&K official Language Bill 2020, implementation of 27 per cent reservation for Lubana Samaj at par with other States, implementation of Anand Marriage Act 2012, additional ex-gratia for NoKs of those 14 persons killed in anti-Sikh riots in Jammu, making arrangements for ensuring political reservation for Sikhs, pro-

viding OBC status to Sikhs living in Kashmir, etc.

Chairman National Minority Commission gave a patient hearing and assured the delegation that he would take up the issues with concerned ministries and other appropriate forum at the earliest. He also assured the deputation that he would take up the issues pertaining to Sikh Community, which are in domain of J&K UT with LG Manoj Sinha during his upcoming visit. DGPC delegation also met Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee and discussed in detail various issues of Sikh Community of J&K UT.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises activities under AKAM



Students during a programme at GCW Bhagwati Nagar.

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JAMMU: GCW Bhagwati Nagar organized a poetry recitation session and a singing event based on the theme of Patriotism under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

To keep the spirit of the freedom movement alive such poems, which have a poetic fervor and were best captured by legendary Indian poets, were recited by the participants like Azadi ka Geet by Harivansh Rai Bachan, Pushp ki Abhilasha by Makhan Lal Chaturvedi, where the mind is without fear by

RabindraNath Tagore.

Patriotic songs were also sung in a melodious voice by the participants who enthralled the audience.

Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol appreciated the efforts and spirit of the students towards their motherland.

She emphasized that the students should practice universal brotherhood, harmony and secular approach for the progress of the nation.

The programme was organized by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Coordinator Career Counselling Cell and Prof. Nisha Bhagat.

DPs of 1947 holocaust highlight their demands

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JAMMU: A one day conference of Displaced Persons (DPs) of 1947 from POK was organised by Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC), under its President Gurdev Singh in which the participants submitted a unanimous resolution of demands to the Government through Press. Religious dignitaries Sant Tejwant Singh of Dera Sant Pura Danna and Mahant Swami Balbir Dass (108) participated in the conference besides BJP National Gen Secy Dr. Narinder Singh, Vikram Randhawa former MLC and Paramjeet Singh.

While addressing the conference Gurdev Singh said that the bare footed and empty handed DPs whose family members were massacred in the holocaust of 1947, remained unlooked after by the former Governments for 67 years adding that now have great hopes at the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for their final settlement.

Expressing gratitude to PM



Gurdev Singh addressing conference of Displaced Persons of 1947 from POK at Jammu.

Narendra Modi and his Govt. for providing ex-gratia relief of Rs 5.5 lakhs to each DP family, he regretted that out of 26,319 POK families, relief has only been provided to approx. 21,000 families and over 5000 families are still pending as the scheme has been closed in mid-way by GOL. He appealed to both the senior leaders and other BJP leaders present in the conference to take-up all the DPs issues with PM and his govt. for their early redressal. JKSAC moved a resolution in the form of Charters of Legitimate Demands which h include Implementation of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs Report No. 183, Registration of DPs families to ascertain their total strength migrated in 1947, Compensation for properties

left-out by DPs in POK, Compensation for remaining families having deficiency in allotted land, Strict implementation of laws framed to hand-over allotted land to DPs, Mutation of Evacuees/State land under DPs dwellings in different DPs recognised colonies including DPs settled on abandoned Railway lines from Jammu Cantt to Suchetgarh, RS Pura, Rent for DPs lands under the illegal occupation of Indian Army in J&K, Enhancement in quantum of one time compensation to Rs 30 Lakhs as recommended by Joint Parliamentary Committee and extending duration of scheme for Grant of one time compensation till all the pending cases are covered, Reservation/De-freezing of 8 Assembly seats out 24 seats in

J&K Legislative Assembly for POK displaced persons of 1947, Employment package for the descended children of POJK DPs/families of 1947 in Government Jobs, Reservations in Government Jobs, and Admissions in Professional Colleges/Courses in various disciplines,

While addressing the conference both the senior BJP leaders Dr. Narinder Singh and Vikram Singh Randhawa said that they are also sons of DPs and have also suffered pain of migration and are seized of all the issues concerning the final settlement and are committed to take-up the issue to the final conclusion. Both the leaders said that central govt. is very keen to resolve the issues as per the JPC report which is under their consideration.

Wadhwa makes students aware on environment protection

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JAMMU: Kewal Krishan Wadhwa, a senior citizen, social activist and member of Red Cross Society visited the Government High School, Muthi, here.

He enriched the students about moral and ethical values, ban single use plastic and environment protection.

Emphasizing the need to protect and conserve environment, Wadhwa propagated sustainable ways in all walks of life.

His primary focus was on the

alternatives to polythene in order to minimize the plastic waste. He presented saplings to students and staff, whose birthday fall in the month of December and also planted saplings in school premises.

A handmade cloth bag was presented to Headmaster and he also encouraged the staff to make five cloth bags and distribute among their known so that the drive should continue to various market items which will replace "Single Use Plastic Bags" automatically.

Demolition drive launched in Khushalsar Lake periphery

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SRINAGAR: The District Administration Sringar on Tuesday undertook an anti-encroachment drive along the banks of Historical Water Circuit of Khushal Sar and evicted part of water body from illegal occupants. The drive was launched by special anti-encroachment team headed by Tehsildar Eidgah, Ishfaq Ahmad Khan during which about 5 kanals of water body in the Lake was retrieved from illegal occupants.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner has stated that such anti encroachment demolition drives will continue with more vigour in the future so that pristine glory of the historical water channel is restored in the larger public interest.

Guru Gobind Singh's Prakash Utsav's arrangements reviewed

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JAMMU: Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Harvinder Singh on Tuesday reviewed the arrangements for Prakash Utsav marking the birth anniversary celebration of Guru Gobind Singh on January 5, 2023. The ADC sought a detailed brief about arrangements being made by different departments for smooth observance of Prakash Utsav celebrations in the district. It was informed that on January 3, 2023 a Vishal Nagar Kirtan will be taken out from Gurdwara Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Chand Nagar at 9.30am which will culminate at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu. The ADC instructed the officers from concerned departments to ensure that all kinds of facilities are made available for the auspicious occasion.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Patoli Brahmana, Doordarshan, Sangrampur and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 21 from 9 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Lalle-Da-Bagh, Lower Muthi, Lakshmi Vihar, Balwant Vihar, Udheywala, Anand Nagar, Nachillian, Nagbani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 21 from 9 am to 11 am. The power supply to Raghunath Bazar, Residency Road, Wazarat Road, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 21 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Sikh community delegation, Rana call on LG, discuss issues of public importance

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JAMMU: Former Legislator, J&K, Devender Singh Rana met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday at the Raj Bhavan.

Devender Singh Rana held an exhaustive discussion with the Lt Governor on several issues of various sections of the society including of Daily wagers, Asha Workers, SC & KP Migrants, welfare of families and children of Martyrs. Discussions were also held on the development of

Industry and cooperative sector in J&K and fast track recruitment of vacant posts in government departments.

The Lt Governor assured Rana of due consideration and appropriate action on all genuine issues highlighted by him.

Meanwhile, 28-member delegation of the Sikh community also called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The delegation led by Ajit Singh, Chairman, All Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Co-ordina-



Sikh delegation members calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

tion Committee, comprising prominent Sikh community members including- Kulwinder

Singh, President, DGPC Samba; Jaspal Singh, President, DGPC Udhampur;

Saboo Red, Ladakh Police emerge winners in 1st LG Cup Archery Tournament

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, attended the prize-distribution ceremony of the 1st LG Cup Archery Tournament organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports and Archery Association of Ladakh at NDS Stadium.

He handed over certificates and trophies to the winning teams.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk; Councillors, LAHDC Leh-Tsering Sangdup, Stanzin Chosfai, Lobzang Sherap; Principal Secretary, Sanjeev Khirwar; Joint Director, DYSSS, Moses Kunzang; DYSSO Tsering Tashi and other government officials were present in the event.

Congratulating the winners and the participants, LG Mathur stated that three LG Cups, including LG Polo Cup, LG Cup Ice Hockey Tournament and LG Cup Archery Tournament, have been organised in Ladakh to date.

He stated that young players from Ladakh are bringing laurels to the region through their



Winner women team receiving trophy from LG Ladakh, RK Mathur at Leh.

participation in various national and international tournaments. He also stated that there is tremendous potential for sports among the Ladakhi youth.

LG Mathur advised that the LG Cup Archery Tournament may be organised as per international-level standards from next year onwards to enable archers from Ladakh to bring national and international glory to the region. He expressed hope to see the participation of more youth from Ladakh in both national and international tournaments in the future.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, stated that Ladakh has seen tremendous growth in the sports sector after the formation of

Ladakh as a Union Territory. Saboo Red and Ladakh Police emerged as winners of the men's and women's team events, respectively. Toyeba Fatima from Kargil and Padma Dorje from Leh won the women's and men's individual gold medals, respectively. Sonam Choshpel won gold in the specially-abled category. 75-year-old veteran archer Sanaullah was also felicitated during the event.

A total of 14 men, 15 women and specially-abled teams from Leh and Kargil took part in the LG Cup Archery Tournament.

Earlier, Principal Secretary, Sanjeev Khirwar, welcomed the guests, while Joint Secretary, Archery Association of Ladakh, Tsewang Dorje, gave the vote of thanks.

in a planned manner to ensure equitable and just development of all citizens of the UT.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the visiting delegation that all their genuine issues would be taken up for immediate redressal.

JKCCPEU delegation calls on Comm Secy PDD, submits memorandum of demands

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu & Kashmir Coordination Committee of Power Employees Unions (JKCCPEU) called on Commissioner Secretary, Power Development Department, Rajesh Parshad in Jammu under leadership of Balbir Singh Jamwal, President, Draftsman Diploma Holders Association, J&K. Deep Mehra, Manjeet Singh, Tejinder Dutta, Kulbir Singh, Jasbir Singh, Yog Raj Singh, Ranjit Kumar and Pawan Kumar were the members of the delegation and submitted a Memorandum of Demands to the officer.

Rajesh Parshad patiently heard the delegation and assured that all possible efforts will be made to resolve the high-lighted issues, especially DPC of Tech-III, so that maximum PDL/TDL employees are regularized on priority basis. Major demands highlighted on the occasion included conducting DPC of Tech-III as per final seniority list, holding DPCs after every six months, handing-over control of Employees Welfare Fund to concerned Managing Director/Chief Engineer for proper disposal and distribution, granting pending salaries to daily-wagers, devising a policy for their regularization etc.