

## BJP celebrates Atal ji's birthday as Sushasan Diwas across J&K

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, celebrated the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee as Sushasan Diwas (Good Governance Day) at booth level at various places across Jammu and Kashmir:

BJP district Jammu led by its President Parmod Kapahi paid floral tributes at the statue of Atal ji at Atal Chowk, Panjirthi, Jammu in a programme organized by former Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, party vice-Presidents Sham Lal Sharma & Anuradha Charak, General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, former Minister Bali Bhagat, former MLA Devender Singh Rana, former MLC Charanjit Singh Khalsa, former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Chander Mohan Sharma, Rajeev Singh Charak, Veenu Khanna, Anju



Senior J&KBJP leaders during celebration of birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Dogra, Ayodhya Gupta, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Dr. Tahir Choudhary, Parduman Singh and others were amongst the prominent present in programme.

Jugal Kishore, while paying warm tributes to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, said that Bharat Mata will always remember his services for the centuries to come. He said that Atal ji was a friend of everyone and tried to create friendly relations even with neighboring, nation Pakistan. Kavinder narrated the life

instances and the significance of virtues of Atal ji. He also mentioned the high social and political values, Atal ji had imbibed in the Nation.

Sat Sharma said that today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is progressing with the same principle in mind, which ensures benefit to the last person standing in the last line in society. Sham Lal asked all to imbibe the spirit of strong nationalism in their hearts. He added that Atal ji was a dedicated politician, poet and social activist.

Vibodh Gupta said that good

governance was the vision of Atal ji which provides governance embedded with virtues of dedication and discipline.

Dr. Devinder Manyal said that Atal ji enjoyed the faith of other governments even when he was the leader of opposition. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K, led the programmes in Kashmir at BJP State office in Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar. The programme witnessed the enthusiastic participation of various wings of the party and members. Simultaneously, a med-

ical camp was organized at Natipora, Srinagar, in presence of Ashok Koul, underscoring the BJP's commitment to community welfare.

Ashok Koul said that Vajpayee ji's principles of governance and their enduring 's of much relevance in today's context. He reiterated the party's dedication to upholding Atal Bihari Vajpayee's legacy of good governance, development, and inclusive growth for all sections of society. The events served as a testament to the BJP's unwavering commitment to the ideals cherished by the late statesman.

BJP State Mahila Morcha led by Moreha State President Sanjita Dogra accompanied by General Secretaries Reema Padha, Neha Mahajan, Anita Gandotra, Vaishno Devi, Neeru Anand, Prerna Nanda, Poonam Gupta, Geetanji Mahajan Suman Raina, Monika Khosla including Mahila Morcha members of Kashmir held a programme at party office, Kachhi Chawni, Jammu.

## Nirbhay Bharat Foundation celebrates Tulsi Puja Diwas



Mahamandaleswar Shri Mahant Shri Rameshwar Das Ji Maharaj and others at Tulsi Puja.

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JAMMU: Tulsi Puja Diwas was celebrated by Tarun Uppal, founder of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation under the guidance of Mahamandaleswar Shri Mahant Shri Rameshwar Das Ji Maharaj at Kameshwar Temple Akhnoor: A large number of Tulsi plants were distributed among the devotees visiting the temple.

Many dignitaries were present in this program including Mahant Ram Simran Das, Rajan Gupta (Pradhan Sarv Shakti Sena), Ranjit Singh

(BJP District President Akhnoor), Prabhat Singh, Narendra Singh, Ravindra Singh and many others.

Addressing the program, Tarun Uppal said Tulsi is known as one of the holiest and most sacred plants in India since ancient times. It is considered auspicious to perform Tulsi puja every day and seek blessings. Every year on December 25, Tulsi Puja Diwas is celebrated across the country.

According to the Hindu scriptures, Goddess Lakshmi

resides in the holy Tulsi plant and is the Goddess of happiness and prosperity. It is also believed that the Tulsi plant is very dear to Lord Vishnu and the ones who perform Tulsi Puja are blessed with Lord Vishnu's blessings.

Any person who applies dripping water from Tulsi leaves on their forehead, is equivalent to a holy bath in the river Ganges. It is believed that worshipping Tulsi Mata gives happiness and prosperity. During this, Tarun Uppal also wished happiness and prosperity in the country.

## Vajpayee gave Country a corruption free government after decades of loot by Congress: Darakhshan



Chairperson Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi paying tributes to former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Srinagar.

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Srinagar: BJP National Executive Member & Chairperson Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Monday paid tributes to former Prime Minister & founder of BJP, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth anniversary at Srinagar. BJP Media Head Kashmir Sajid Yousuf Shah & IT Incharge Er Suhai

Bashir Bhat also attended the event of tributes. Many party activists and the security personnel also paid floral tributes.

While speaking to media on the occasion, Dr Andrabi said that Vajpayee Ji had predicted the rise of BJP in India and the country was indebted to him for nourishing highest political values in India. He was a visionary and his policies have led the

country to great excellence.

Dr Darakhshan said that Vajpayee Ji was the epitome of peace & nationalism in India.

"We celebrate this day as Good Governance Day because Vajpayee gave the country a clean corruption free inclusive government after decades of corrupt anti democratic practices of Congress and it's allies", said Andrabi.

## Winter Theatre workshop inaugurated at Natrang Jammu

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JAMMU: Natrang's most sought-after Winter Theatre workshop for Children -2023 was inaugurated here today at Natrang Studio Theatre with the lighting of traditional lamps by Natrang President and founder Director Padmashree Balwant Thakur.

In his inaugural address, Balwant Thakur said that this unique camp would provide an opportunity to children to enable them to explore their immense inner creative and artistic abilities. The timings of the camp will be 3:30 pm to 5:30pm daily and the children will have the occasion to get trained under professionally trained directors including accomplished actors/directors like Neeraj Kant, Anil Tickoo and



Natrang Director Balwant Thakur with participating students and other artists.

Sumeet Sharma who are considered as one of the most accomplished theatre trainers and directors of children theatre.

Sunny Mujoo will be the dance director of the workshop. The workshop is being coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen who is a National Scholarship and Fellowship

holder in the field of Theatre.

Every year Natrang gives an opportunity to children to creatively utilise their winter break with learning beyond the textbooks. Similarly this year too, Natrang is having a 15 day winter camp for children where they will work on personality development, confidence building, sharpen-

ing of communication skills, acting, play making process and much more with the help of highly innovative creative games and theatre exercises. Theatre is a sophisticated expression of basic human needs.

Those who attended the inaugural session of Winter Theatre Workshop included

Advik Sharma, Mehak Chib, Araiya Shan, Anadika Pandoh, Soujanya Shekhar, Ruhaan Chandan, Samrat Sharma, Supria Gorka, Aarjav Jain, Adeesha Singh, Jayaditya Singh, Prial Ashok Gupta, Desha Jain, Niddha Mahajan, Hriday Vashishth, Haardik Vashishth, Sahil Narwalia, Dheeraj Kotwal, Suneha Angural, Priya Kumari, Palshin Dutta, ?Sukriti Singh Jasrotia, Muskaan Sharma, Arun Sharma, ?Amit Rana, Arun Dev Verma, ?Vansh Pandotra, Vanshika Thakur, ?Radhika Sharma, Sushant Singh Charak, Sanket, Vishal Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Deepshikha Sharma, Sunaina Sharma, Parul Sharma, Sneha Mukesh and Shriya Devi.

## Delegation of FTII meets MP Khatana, list issues

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JAMMU: A delegation from the Federation of Trade & Industry of India (FTII), led by its president Dr. Sanjay Bansal, met BJP MP Rajya Sabha (Nominated), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, to extend their heartfelt congratulations for his dedicated efforts in raising pertinent issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir during the recent Parliament session.

Delegation comprised of Sandeep Mengi, Vice president FTII, Sanjiv Aggarwal, Parashant Singh. The delegation expressed

their appreciation for MP Khatana's commitment to advocating for the welfare and development of the region. Dr. Sanjay Bansal, President of FTII, acknowledged Er. Gulam Ali Khatana's proactive stance in addressing key concerns that impact the trade and industrial sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted several pressing issues, including the delay in the establishment of a dry port in Jammu, concerns related to turnover incentives, the need for a freight subsidy,



Delegation FTII calling on MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana.

granting freehold rights on leased land, and the establishment of a common godown

facility at a centralized location. Er. Gulam Ali Khatana assured the FTII delegation

## Double engine Govt betrayed J&K refugees: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference and former Minister, has accused the double engine government, led by the BJP, at the Centre of betraying the refugees of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly those from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

The meeting was Presided by Parvinder Singh Block President Gandhi Nagar, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban JKNC, Jammu,

that he would actively take up these crucial matters at the appropriate forums. He emphasized the significance of addressing these challenges to foster economic growth and industrial development in the region.

The interaction concluded with a mutual commitment to continued collaboration between the Federation of Trade & Industry of India and Er. Gulam Ali Khatana to work towards the resolution of these issues and promote the overall welfare of Jammu and Kashmir.



JKNC Addl General Secretary, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and other party leaders addressing public rally.

apprised the senior functionaries about the problems being faced by the people of Block No 3 Gadigarh with regard to shortage of basic amenities like scarcity of power, water, roads, and medical facilities and civic amenities, etc. Addressing a

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JAMMU: Dozens of devotees led by Narotam Sharma former Councillor JMC and BJP leader on Monday organised Ram Jhanki in old city Jammu. Ram Jhanki is being organised to celebrate Kalash Staphna ahead of inauguration of Lord Ram Temple in Ayodhya on 24th of January next year: Narotam informed that two Kalashes have been placed in old city one in Ram Ashram Peer Kho and another in Laxmi Narayan temple, Dhakki Sarajan. He also appealed the local devotees to



Devotees led by Narotam Sharma former Councillor JMC taking out Ram Jhanki in old city Jammu.

visit these two shrines and pay their obeisance to the Kalash.

The prominent people who also attended the procession include Vidya Devi, Dhan Saroop Gupta, Sarooj Gupta,

Suresh Gupta, Anuradha Sharma, Ramesh Sudhan, Rattan Kumar, Sanjay Abrol, Satpaul Raina and Lucky Mehra were also present.

## Anita Thakur condemns terrorist attack on Army vehicles

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JAMMU: General Secretary Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Anita Thakur condemned the recent attack on Army vehicles in Bafliaz area, in which 5 soldiers were martyred and others wounded.

She extended heartfelt condolences to the families of brave soldiers and urged upon the Administration to review, strengthen and enhance security grid so that militants don't go unpunished and they are eradicated.

## DBPS celebrates Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya's 162nd Birth anniversary



DBPS Members paying rich tributes to Bharat Ratan Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya on his 162nd Birth Anniversary.

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pritinidhi Sabha (DBPS) on Monday celebrated Bharat Ratan Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya's 162nd Birth anniversary by organizing a function in the premises of the Sabha here. Senior BJP Leader Chander Mohan Sharma who was Chief Guest of the function called for emulating values and principles of great freedom fighter Bharat Ratan Pt. Madan Mohan

Malaviya's nationalism simplicity and social reform which Malaviya's pursued throughout his life.

President DBPS, Ved Parkash Sharma said that Uttar Pradesh in particular and nation as the whole cannot forget the services of Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya's who function as its vice chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University from 1919 to 1938. Senior Member of the Sabha

Advocate P.C. Sharma highlighted on the life of Malaviya's said that Malaviya's was one of the founders of that Malaviya's was one of the founders of Bharat Scouts and Guides.

He also said that he founded a highly in fluently English Newspaper. He was also the chairman of Daily Hindustan Times from 1924 to 1946

Retired DC B.S.Jamwal, Prominent social activist Subash Shastri, Akhil

Bhartiya, Dharam Parchar Sewa Samiti convener Sunil Sharma while paid rich tribute to Malaviya's and described him as a great patriot and recalled his contributions in different capacities.

Sabha office bearers namely Pt. V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, M.L. Padha, Shiv Ram Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, K.L. Sharma, Davinder Sharma (Baboo), S.S. Baru, Barita Ram Sharma, Gurdass Sharma, Sat Paul Sharma, Raman Sharma, Rajesh Bargota, Prem Balotra, Ritiz Khajuria, Shiv Chander Sharma, Arnab Khajuria, Balwinder Singh Bhatia, Ravi Sharma, Kanav Sharma District President (BJYM) also paid tributes to Late Bharat Ratan Atal Behari Vajpayee on his 99th Birth Anniversary.