

Yudhvir, Priya start Langar at Lakhdatta Bazar

'Efforts must be made to strengthen secular fabric of Jammu region'

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Monday called for collective efforts for steering the Union Territory to the pinnacles of development, progress, peace and prosperity. He said the BJP Government at the Centre is endeavoring for uplift of the people of all the three regions of the State, irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

This was stated by Sethi while addressing a gathering during a Langar organized by Hanuman Mandir Lakhdatta Bazar Committee here at Lakhdatta Bazar. Senior BJP leader and former minister, Priya Sethi; BJP East Mandal President Parveen Kerni and Convener Ward 11, Amit Mahajan were also present.



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi and former minister, Priya Sethi serving Langar.

Sethi, who was the chief guest on the occasion, said that the BJP Government under the stewardship of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has taken several initiatives for the welfare of people of the three regions of J&K. He solicited the cooperation of the people in realizing the dream of making the state economically

vibrant and prosperous.

Describing Jammu as a symbol of communal harmony and secularism, he said all efforts must be made to strengthen the secular fabric of the region, which is pluralistic in nature. "Jammu has all along fought the forces which have been trying to create communal disharmony or

promote divisiveness", he asserted. He appealed to one and all to uphold the traditional values of brotherhood and coexistence and together identify, isolate and defeat the elements who are bent upon disturbing peace and harmony in Jammu. Later, Sethi interacted with the traders of Lakhdatta Bazar and listened to their issues. Referring to the demands put forth by the traders of the area, Sethi assured that he will take up all their issues with the authorities concerned for their early redressal.

During the Langar, SHO Zaheer Manhas was also honored for their services.

Others who were present include Kartar Gupta, Amit Luthra, Rakesh Mahajan, Satpal Suri, Amit Gupta, Jain and Ankur Suri.

J&K needs New Youth, Sports & Recruitment policy: Jasvir

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JAMMU: Jasvir Singh, District Councilor of Panchairi Moungrri in Zilla Vikas Parishad, Udhampur, on Monday said that the need of the hour is to formulate a new and effective Youth, Sports and Recruitment policy for Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing the press conference, he said that a new J&K is the determination of all of us in which everyone should get equal opportunities for development and inclusive development can be ensured.

There is immense potential for development in J&K and the young generation is very talented.

According to him, the future of Jammu and Kashmir also depends on how well we will channelize human resources and especially youth power in a positive direction and creative



Councilor, Jasvir Singh taking to reporters at Jammu.

works. He stressed that the need of the hour is to have a new youth, sports and recruitment policy for Jammu & Kashmir.

For this, the suggestions of the general public are important and especially the suggestions of the younger generation should be taken in this policy making, he said.

Organizations like NSS, NYKS, NCC, Bharat Scouts & Guides have played an

important role in social development and nation building.

The contribution of many NGOs in this is also commendable. The youth of Jammu and Kashmir have the ability to lead the country in sports, but for that it is necessary that they get full support and a better platform.

He said that many allegations were raised by the youths after the recent examination conducted by JKSSB regard-

ing the examination is worrying as the same is our main selection board.

After some time it will conduct the examination of Sub Inspector for J&K Police.

He demanded enquiry in this regard so that the credibility of JKSSB is maintained as the same is to recruit employees for various government departments of Jammu and Kashmir. He also demanded engagement of leftout NYC's and regularization of temporary employees with respected honorarium.

He expressed confidence that the Lieutenant Governor's administration would take positive steps on the issues raised by him and said that the youth of the entire Jammu and Kashmir are determined to make their best contribution in building the new Jammu and Kashmir and nation together.

DBPS pays tributes to Major Somnath



DBPS members paying tributes to Major Somnath Sharma (PVC) at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) on Monday paid rich tributes to Major Somnath Sharma PVC, an Indian Army Officer, who was the first recipient of ParamVir Chakra.

A function was held under the DBPS President Ved Parkash Sharma. The function was started with Hawan and Desh Bhakti Bajan.

Ved Parkash Sharma along with senior BJP leader Chander Mohan Sharma,

Social Activist Ex-DC B.S Jamwal, Senior Member of Sabha Advocate PC Sharma, NMC President Subash Shastri and BBDST President Balwant Singh, General Secretary Ramesh Sharma highlighted the great role of Major Somnath Sharma who laid down his life while defending the Srinagar Airport from the attack by Pak Army on Nov 3, 1947.

Others present on the occasion were VM Magotra, N.C Sharma, M.L Sharma, Pt.

Somnath, Satyanand, Shiv Ram, Jagan Nath, Gurdass Sharma, Satpaul Sharma, Sojanya Sharma, M.L Padha, Brita Ram, K.L Sharma, Girdhari Lal, Sunil Sharma, Prem Balotra, Kishore Sharma, Pt. Ajay Sharma, S.S Baru, Jia Lal, Rajesh Bargartra, Davinder Sharma (Babu), Surinder Sharma (Corporator), Sanjay Baru (Corporator), Sri Kerni, Anku Khajuria, Rohan Sharma, Anuj Sharma, Rahul Gupta and Balbir Singh.

JMC seizes 35 Kg substandard meat, imposes fine

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JAMMU: On the directions of Commissioner JMC, Avny Lavasa, Municipal Veterinary Officer; Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma along with other team members of JMC conducted a surprise drive in different areas of Jammu City to ensure the sale of wholesome and good quality meat and meat byproducts to the consumers.

The surprise drive started from CPO Chowk and covered Amphalla, Janipur, Paloura Talab, Bantalab areas etc.

During the drive, various meat shops, chicken shops & fish mongers were inspected and about 35 Kg of substandard meat was seized and later on disposed of properly along with a fine to the tune of Rs. 28000 was also imposed to the meat sellers for selling unstamped and substandard meat.

Notices have already been served to various meat shops owners to install black colour glasses in their shops and do not hang the meat outside their shops. Meat & chicken shop owners were instructed to keep separate bins with black polythene to collect the daily waste generated on account of refused/inedible meat & chicken parts for further proper disposal through JMC vehicles. Municipal Veterinary Officer has appealed to all the shopkeepers dealing with meat/chicken products to maintain hygienic environment in and around their shops and sale only stamped meat, also adhere with the directions & guidelines issued by the JMC from time to time so that good quality of meat shall reach to the consumers.

It was also impressed upon all the meat sellers/handlers to ensure personal hygiene like wearing Masks, head caps, aprons and gloves and frequent using of hand sanitizers.

He said that such surprise drives will be conducted on regular basis and strict action which may include sealing of shops shall be initiated against the defaulters.

LG Mathur visits Bactrian Camel Farm & PHC at Chuchot



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K Mathur during visit to Bactrian Camel Farm in Leh.

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, on Monday visited the Bactrian Camel Farm and the Primary Health Center (CHC) at Chuchot.

Director, Animal and Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries, Dr Mohammad Raza, briefed LG Mathur of the issues related to the Bactrian camels in Ladakh, including the need

for their conservation.

Bactrian camels are a major source of attraction at the Hunder sand dunes in the Nubra sub-division.

LG Mathur later visited the Primary Health Center at Chuchot. He inspected the overall infrastructure.

LG Mathur also visited the Choglamsar market to assess the availability of fresh vegetables and meat/chicken.

Warm send-off accorded to SI Madan by Traffic Police City Jammu



SSP Traffic City Jammu, Dr Koushal Sharma and others according farewell to Sub Inspr Madan Singh.

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JAMMU: Senior Supdt of Police Traffic City Jammu, Dr Koushal Sharma on Monday presented a note of recognition to Sub Inspr Madan Singh on his superannuation after rendered 38 years of unblemished service in J&K Police.

Rajpal Singh Additional SP Traffic City Jammu congratulated him for having a successful career and wished him healthy and blissful post retirement life.

On the occasion, DySP (T) City South Bikram Kumar recalled the services of the retiring officer and said that the officer worked with dedication throughout his career;

who earned name and fame by the dint of his diligence, commitment and exemplary devotions towards his duties. SI Madan Singh thanked all ranks of police for their love and cooperation in his service career.

The farewell function was

Warm farewell accorded to retiring SA

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JAMMU: Staff and officers of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Jammu accorded warm and affectionate farewell to Akhtar Begum, Senior Assistant in the Research and Production wing of the department of Animal Husbandry Jammu. Akhtar Begum retired on Monday after rendering over 38 years of dedicated service to the department.

The staff extended warm wishes and prayed for her happy, healthy and prosperous post retirement life.

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JAMMU: The Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF) Jammu and Kashmir unit won the national award and was adjudged as 'CTEF Blooming UT' in the 35th Annual conference of CTEF organised by CTEF Punjab & Chandigarh Chapter in collaboration with Dev Samaj College of Education Chandigarh, from January 29 to 30, 2022.

A webinar was organised by the Dev Samaj on the occasion.

After the technical sessions and deliberations of the Webinar, a National Board meeting of all CTEF State Chapters' Presidents and Secretaries was also held.

Among the various

Presidents and Secretaries who participated in the Annual Board meeting from different states, were the CTEF Jammu and Kashmir State President Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal and State Secretary Dr. Ramzan Ali.

As customary, the CTEF Annual State Awards were declared during the valedictory session of Conference for various categories of Awards as unanimously adjudged by the Jury. The CTEF Jammu and Kashmir won the national award and was adjudged as 'CTEF Blooming UT'.

This was third time that the CTEF Jammu & Kashmir State won the national award on the basis of performance in the field. The 35th Annual

Conference of Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF) and a webinar on the topic "Emerging Trends in Education: Transforming the Global Scenario" were organised by CTEF Punjab & Chandigarh in collaboration with Dev Samaj College of Education Chandigarh.

The Key objective of the CTEF is to strengthen the teacher preparation programmes with a major focus on the professional development of the teacher educators. The CTEF has a membership of over ten thousand individuals and institutions across the country.

Besides the Indian states, it has opened its chapters in countries like Bangladesh, Nepal,

Mayor lays foundation stone of Community Hall in Roop Nagar



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta during visit to Aap Shambu Mandir, upper Roop Nagar.

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more development activities to the citizens of Jammu, Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta along with Shamsher Singh Manhas Member Parliament Rajya Sabha and Rekha Manhas Councilor of Ward No. 62 on Monday laid foundation stone of construction of a community hall at first floor within the premises of Aap Shambu Mandir upper Roop Nagar area.

Suresh Khajuria, Mandal President Muthi Paloura, Sukhdev Singh Jamwal, Satpal Chib President Aap Shambu Mandir Committee along with prominent inhabitants of the area as well as Deep Kumar

Sharma, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rakesh Kumar, Junior Engineer and other supervisory staff of works division III and sanitation section were also present. He further told that an amount of Rs 27.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for this prestigious work.

He directed the concerned engineers accompanied with him to personally monitor the quality of work on daily basis and get it completed within the stipulated time period as the Holy festival of Mahashivratri is coming in the first week of March 2022 and during which people from all walks of life comes at this religious site along with their family members for Darshan of Bole Shankar.

ASSOCHAM shares economic survey's optimistic growth projections

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JAMMU: ASSOCHAM on Monday said it shares the prognosis of the Economic Survey that the Indian economy is well placed to take on the challenges of 2022-23, riding on the back of continuous reforms in supply side and safety nets to the vulnerable sections of the society, hit by the Covid 19 pandemic.

"While the 8-8.5 GDP projections for FY' 23 are on the back of a high base of 9.2 per cent in the current financial year, ASSOCHAM is of the view that the Indian economic growth can surprise us on the higher side.

Even as the pandemic is still raging in most parts of the world, its latest variant is less damaging; Besides with 75 per cent of eligible Indians fully vaccinated and the booster doses being rolled out, India would be far better prepared to take on the challenges," ASSOCHAM

Secretary General Deepak Sood said.

He said the advance estimates suggest manufacturing to be growing by 12.5 per cent in the current fiscal while services would expand by 8.5 per cent. "Traditionally, services grow at a faster pace. Clearly the Covid impact on contact intensive industries is reflecting even as the manufacturing has been aided by supply side reforms.

Once the impact of PLI scheme kicks in, we expect the manufacturing to be leading the growth for the foreseeable future". Robust performance in exports has also helped the manufacturing.

Sood said the Economic Survey is right in its assessment about the investment scenario. The private investment recovery is still at a nascent stage, though there are increased activities in the brown field projects. The

heavy lifting would still be needed by the government capital expenditure. "We expect it in the Budget".

Good thing is, as the Survey has pointed out, that the Government has the fiscal capacity to maintain the support, and ramp up capital expenditure when required.

Schemes like Credit Guarantee with 100 per cent guarantee for additional funding of Rs 4.5 lakh crore to MSMEs have provided a critical relief to the sectors, severely hit by the pandemic. More such measures are expected in the Budget.

The Survey has re-emphasised the government's asset monetisation and disinvestment agenda which spells out bare minimum presence of the government ownership even in the strategic sectors. Successful completion of Air India disinvestment should infuse confidence for the roadmap.