

Rana pitches for 'Integral Humanism'

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JAMMU: Observing that all religions stand for love, compassion and inclusiveness, prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday called for imbuing the spirit of humanism, saying this will guide society to overcome hate, animosity and bitterness that is pivotal for making this world a better place to live in. He emphasised on the philosophy of 'Integral Humanism'.

Speaking at a daylong conference on 'Payam-e-Insaniyat Aur Islami', organized by Anjuman-e-Islamia, Jammu, the prominent BJP leader said that strengthening anity and brotherhood, which is core of every religion, and inculcating the spirit of sacrifice for wellbeing of fellow human beings holds promise for better tomorrow and harmonious growth of the humanity.

Rana said the spiritual land



Anjuman-e-Islamia, Jammu members presenting memento to prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana.

of India has emanated the message of humanity from times immemorial and guided humanity to peace, prosperity and spiritual bliss. This glorious heritage and legacy has to be sustained and strengthened by spreading the divine message of love, compassion and righteousness. He hoped the people would preach and practice the divine philosophy by dealing with fellow human

beings with love and dignity.

Dwelling upon the time tested traditions and great secular ethos of Jammu and Kashmir, Rana said the people have lived to these traditions by maintaining anity and brotherhood despite for centuries. This spirit, he said, is not only to be preserved but also passed on to the posterity to sustain the harmonious growth of the society as a whole.

The Senior BJP leader lauded the efforts of the Anjuman-e-Islamia in strengthening the spirit of brotherhood between various segments of the society, saying unity in diversity has been the greatest strength of this beautiful country.

He said, "Notwithstanding the malicious campaign by the pseudo secularists, the BJP has been striving for providing adequate space to the people of this great country, irrespective of caste and region, to grow and flourish as proud Indians."

Responding to the overwhelming demand projected during the conference for establishment of a separate Shia Waqf Board, Rana termed it as a logical plea, since it exists in the rest of the country.

In his welcome address, the President of Anjuman-e-Islamia Syed Amanat Ali Shah said the organization

has been tirelessly organizing various events aimed at strengthening the bonds between various communities and bringing about harmony in the society.

Prominent among those who spoke on the topic during the conference included Maulana Mohammed Askari, Maulana Ghulam Hussain Hilori, Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui, Advocate High Court and Maulana Habib-ur-Rehman.

The Vice President Anjuman-e-Islamia Syed Afaq Hussain Kazmi deliberated upon the concept of equality in Islam and role of Islam in making a healthy society.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Prem Sagar Aziz, Maulana Syed Ali Badsha, Khalid Hussain, Aslam Qureshi, Kifayat Rizvi, Choudhary Arshad and Kuldeep Singh Jamwal.



Pediatrics Deptt of GMC Jammu observes International Childhood Cancer Day

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JAMMU: 15th of February every year is being observed as International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD). The theme of the occasion for the year 2022 is "Better Survival is Achievable # Through Your Hands".

To observe the day, Department of Pediatrics, Govt. Medical College, Jammu on Tuesday organized a programme at SMGS Hospital Jammu.

Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal & Dean, Govt. Medical College, Jammu was the Chief Guest of the programme, who appreciated Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Digra, Professor Pediatrics for his dedication and care provided to the cancer patients.

She encouraged the children with cancer and their parents to continue and complete the treatment.

Further, Head of Pediatrics Department, Prof Dr. Ghanshyam Saini emphasized that no child with cancer should be left without treatment.

He apprised that since the establishment of Pediatric Cancer Ward in SMGS Hospital, Jammu in 2014, more than 300 children have been registered and underwent treatment in this unit and the survivor rate amongst the children is comparable with any other Government Centre treating childhood



Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma speaking at a programme.

cancers in India.

Further, Dr. Roshni, Resident Doctor in Pediatrics delivered an awareness lecture about Pediatric Cancer, its symptoms and fast curing rate on its early diagnosis.

On this occasion, a painting competition was organized, in which the survivors and the children with cancer participated; it was followed by cultural activities. The chief guest, Dr. Shashi Sudhan distributed gifts to the children.

All the dignitaries present on this occasion were felicitated by Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma and Dr. Ghanshyam Saini. These include individual supporters and representatives of supporting NGOs which include Dr. Pooja Kawte, Pediatrician; Belu Lakra, Project Head "Ek Choti Si Muskan" Sparkle Club; Poonam Sethi, Chairperson Sparkle Club; Chetna Khullar, Joint Secretary Sparkle Club;

Sakshi; Simran and Purshotam Charak from AMMU Trust.

The other eminent personalities present on the occasion were Dr. Pramod Kalsotra, Dr. Dara Singh, Medical Superintendent, SMGS Hospital, Jammu; Dr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Dy. Medical Superintendent, SMGS Hospital, Jammu; Professors of Department of Pediatrics: Dr. Ashu Jamwal, Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma, Dr. Mohd. Razaq; Associate Professor: Dr. Anuj Bhatti; Assistant Professors: Dr. Ravi Parihar, Dr. Koushal Kumar Khajuria; Lecturers: Dr. Anumodan Gupta, Dr. Mousin Mustafa Batt, Dr. Pooja Bharti, Dr. Sanjana Sharma, Dr. Rajneesh Kumar, Dr. Pallavi Sharma and Dr. Shah Nawaz.

In the end, Prof Pediatrics, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Digra presented vote of thanks.

Five Jammu districts all set to get LPG through pipelines, IOCL on job to lay set-up

■ SANJAY SHARMA

JAMMU: Consumers in five districts of Jammu province shall be the first to get facility of gas pipeline right in their household kitchens thus getting rid of already in vogue tardy cooking gas cylinder supply system.

In first phase, five districts of Jammu Province that shall be getting the facility just like other cities are Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Udhampur for which a period of two years has been fixed by concerned agencies and authorities and soon people will get the facility on the pattern of Delhi, Noida and other cities.

With Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL) already carrying out expeditiously the work of laying gas pipeline work from Bathinda



to Jammu & Kashmir, the work will be entrusted to Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) as pipeline reaches Lakhanpur which will spread supply line across the Union Territory. As per the scheme, residential houses in the aforesaid five districts of Jammu region will be linked with natural gas pipeline and later, the pipeline work will

be taken upto Srinagar. A senior IOCL officer informed, the company has got the contract to lay gas pipeline in five districts of Jammu and work will be completed in a maximum period of two years. After completing pipeline work, the company will provide gas pipeline connections to households in these five districts.

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According to GAIL, which is engaged in the work, the pipeline work has been extended upto Gurdaspur and would reach Lakhanpur very soon.

It is pertinent to mention here that in the pipeline gas is much cheap as compared to LPG gas besides being safer as compared to cylinders used for gas supply. The aforesaid five districts will get pipeline supply for 24 hours as per their requirement through duly installed gas-usage meters. As per reports, more than 27 lakh connections will be installed initially. The gas pipeline was announced for Jammu & Kashmir in Union Budget 2021-22 as it could not be started earlier in 2011 due to several reasons.

BJP ruining economy, destroying business culture of J&K: Congress

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RAMBAN: JKPC membership drive with slogan 'Aayo Chalein Congress Ke Sath, Badlein Pradesh Ke Halaat' organised by District Congress Committee Ramban, started on Tuesday under the leadership of JKPC President G A Mir along with JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla besides Ravinder Sharma Chief Spokesperson

Congress, Yogesh Sawhney JKPC General Secretary, Gulzar Ahmad Wani Ex MLA, Sewa Dal Chairmen Vijay Sharma Babbi, Transport Department



Congress leaders during a public meeting at Ramban.

Chairmen Gajan Singh, Parnav Shagotra Ex-Youth President.

Speaking on the occasion, Mir accused BJP Govt in J&K of being a total failure on all fronts, especially in employment generation, and claimed that there is no 'double engine government' in J&K as claimed by BJP leadership. Asserting that BJP Government in J&K proved disastrous and ominous in every aspect, he said that amid administrative disarray, BJP was only indulging in flip-flops and opportunist politics. Highlighting betrayals of BJP with refugees, small and marginal Farmers, unemployed youth, residents of ALC areas, Bhalla asked people to fight for their rights. "Communal politics is

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against secular ethos of Jammu and Kashmir and those perpetrating it are doing a disservice to the people," he said, adding that his party would continue to cleanse degenerated political atmosphere by strengthening secular fabric, which is corner stone of J&K. JKPC Chief Spokesman Ravinder Sharma accused the central government of ruining economy and destroying business culture of country. Yogesh Sawhney slammed BJP Government for plunging J&K into unprecedented political uncertainty by failing to maintaining law and order, adopting anti-people policies and indulging in politics of hate. "The present dispensation has failed in meeting challenges faced by J&K people of J&K," maintained.

Mudgal reviews functioning of Cooperatives Deptt



Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review working of the department.

Secretary stressed for rationalization of staff, strengthening of three tier structure of Cooperative Societies, expediting registration of Cooperatives Societies in general besides Tourism Cooperatives, Women Cooperatives, SC, ST and ALC Cooperatives in particular.

She asked the officers to achieve the target of registration of 1000 new Cooperatives Societies earmarked by the Lt. Governor. She also directed the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies to work for registration of at least one cooperative as a model cooperative at district level which will act as an umbrella Cooperative having linkages with other small scale Cooperatives to boost up their business activities.

Regarding merger of Cooperative Acts, Registrar Cooperative Societies J&K informed that a committee shall be constituted to examine the issue and furnish the recommendations in this regard so that the same are submitted to Law Department for vetting.

Secretary directed the Registrar Cooperative Societies (RCS) to furnish a project proposal to the administrative department regarding establishment of Superbazaars in every district headquarter. She asked to engage one Chartered

Accountant for existing functional Super Bazaars at Jammu and Kashmir.

She also directed for installation of dashboards to monitor the registration process of Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations. She also asked the Deputy Registrars to make local masses aware about e-portal, so that they may be able to register their Cooperatives/FPOs through online registration.

While reviewing progress under Capex budget 2021-22 of Cooperative Department, Secretary directed the Deputy Registrars to take up the matter with executing agency regarding timely completion of works with 100% utilization of funds by ending March, 2022.

Secretary said that switching over to e-office has brought considerable improvement in disposal of official business besides establishing accountability by monitoring statistics of file movement thereby improving public service delivery. The meeting was attended by Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Shafqat Iqbal online while Additional RCS Jammu, Director Finance, Additional Secretary Cooperative Department, Joint Registrar Audit/Special Jammu, Deputy Director P&S and all Deputy Registrars, District Audit Officers, General Managers of Superbazaars and Assistant Registrars participated in person.

Dental surgeons back on streets seeking jobs

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Dental surgeons are once again on streets demanding creation of posts for their recruitment in different hospitals across J&K. The protesters claimed that police has detained 35 dental surgeons in a bid to debar them from disrupting traffic in Jammu. The Dental Surgeons Association has demanded that government should advertise vacant posts of dental surgeon for their recruitment as many surgeons have become over-aged in wait for jobs. "Jammu & Kashmir is facing many challenges out of which unemployment is among major ones. More than 5 lakh to 6 lakh educated and qualified youth are reportedly unemployed or earning minimum wages on daily-basis.

According to reports, approximate 8,000 qualified unemployed dental surgeons are awaiting creation of posts across J&K and not a single dentist has been hired by Government during last 13 years. It seems there is no respite for increasing number of jobless dental surgeons in J&K, but Government is constantly claiming that till date there is no any vacant post while proposal for creation of 280 posts has been referred to Finance Department last year for approval.

Many senior dental surgeons, who are presently working in Government Dental College, Srinagar have also demanded creation of more posts for young dentists. "We have dental chairs procured with huge funds in every SDH and district hospital but there is no dental surgeon for using these chairs," they said.

Earlier in July 2021, J&K administration decided to provide financial assistance to 400 dental surgeons under Mission Youth, so that they can start their own clinics. Pleading case of unemployed dental surgeons, prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana has also urged administration to come to their rescue by initiating process to fill-up at least 587 recommended vacancies pending since 2018. Moreover, the Unemployed Dental Surgeons Association has also demanded creation of a separate directorate for dentistry to ensure regulated and smooth functioning of this important discipline of medical science besides ensuring implementation of National Oral Health policy in J&K.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer and Additional Director General of Police Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Tuesday co-chaired a coordination meeting of Deputy Commissioners, Senior Superintendents of Police to review measures taken by them to curb illegal extraction of minor minerals, implementation of Covid SoPs and resolving land and other related issues of Police Department.

The meeting was attended in Div Com office in person by SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Director Geology and Mining, O P Bhagat; Assistant Commissioner General Jammu, Additional Commissioners with Div Com, Assistant Commissioners and other concerned officers, while Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of other districts of division participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

While reviewing mining related issues, the Divisional Commissioner instructed the DCs, DMOs to develop an effective mechanism to keep a close check on illegal mining and take legal action against the perpetrators. The ADGP also directed the SSPs to activate Nakas, ensure random checking of GST bills, colour coding forms and also provide Police assistance to the officers whenever required. The Div Com asked for proper demarcation of mining blocks. The DMOs, Revenue officials were asked to ensure that mining is done within demarcated space. The Div Com also directed that the District level task force including DCs, DMOs to randomly conduct field visits to the notified mining blocks to check form A and issue show cause notices to contractors in case of violations, if any. He further asked to devise multiple measures to check illegal mining like activation and strengthening of Nakas,

installation of CCTVs etc. The Div Com also instructed the DCs to ensure that there was no overcharging of minerals from the public.

The officers also reviewed pendency of SRO 43 cases in the districts and directed the Deputy Commissioners to send a consolidated list of cash compensation for further proceedings. Meanwhile, the Div Com and ADGP also reviewed implementation of Covid appropriate behavior in the districts and the DCs, SSPs apprised about the status of fine collections. The Divisional Commissioner instructed the DCs to expedite the process of preparation of revenue papers, follow all the land acquisition, requisition cases of Police so that the requisite land was transferred to the Police department for various departmental purposes.

The Div Com and ADGP highlighted the importance of institutions of DC & SSP in a district and exhorted all officers to work in close coordination.