

BJP Govt relying on innovation, allegiance to promote tourism: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday said that the BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi is committed to promote tourism in a precise manner by bringing new ideas in the sector and through extreme levels of dedication by the stakeholders. He said that the new dimensions which have been added to promote tourism in J&K are unprecedented and the same have already started bearing fruits by tourists thronging the new destinations in large numbers. "The retreat ceremony at Suchetgarh border along with musical fountain in Bagh-e-Bahu is just the tip of an iceberg as far as tourism promotion in Jammu region is concerned because soon the Jammu Tawi Artificial Lake will start attracting more and more tourists as things are rolling fast", Kavinder said, adding that those associated with this sector should make it a point that they showcase



AJKTWA delegation presenting memorandum to Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta.

hospitality and warmth to the visiting tourists to flourish this sector in the region as never before.

The former Deputy Chief Minister was interacting with a delegation of All J&K Transporters Welfare Association who met him at his residence to project issues and demands. The delegation said that the members have been confronting many problems for the last more than two years. They said that the election of their association

is overdue and this has caused a lot of troubles to the taxi operator fraternity.

After assessing the situation, Kavinder rang up Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg, as he is responsible for the election of the taxi union, and put forth the demand of taxi operators.

After discussing the matter, the DC assured that he will take up the matter with RTO Jammu as the aforesaid election is prerogative of both DC Jammu and

RTO Jammu.

After getting satisfied by the response of DC Jammu, the BJP stalwart leader informed the delegation that soon the aforesaid election will be held and the long pending demand of the taxi operators will be fulfilled. He also appreciated the role of taxi operators in promotion of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Kavinder said he is aware of hardships being faced by taxi operators in J&K due to outbreak of Covid pandemic. He said that Modi Government committed for development as well as promotion of tourism of Jammu and Kashmir as well as people associated with this sector.

Getting the favourable response, the delegation members applauded the senior BJP leader for showing promptness in resolving their issue.

1st Zonal Convention on Natural Farming to begin on March 15



VC SKUAST-J Dr. J. P. Sharma and others releasing brochure of 1st zonal convention.

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JAMMU: To provide financial succor to the families of deceased Police personnel and also to boost the morale and instill competitiveness among the wards of serving Police personnel, the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned scholarship/reward of over Rs 2.25 lakh in favour of 35 wards of serving/deceased Police personnel.

Scholarship of Rs 5000 each has been sanctioned vide PHQ Order No 637 of 2022, in favour of 25 school going wards of deceased police personnel for the academic session 2020-21 & 2021-22.

These wards are pursuing education in different classes from primary to graduation.

DGPs Special Reward of Rs 10,000 each along with Commendation Certificate Class-I has been sanctioned vide PHQ Order No 638 of 2022, in favour of ten wards of serving police personnel who have qualified different Competitive Examinations during the year-2021.

Those wards include Umer Inayat and Raja Mehran for qualifying M F Sc examination while Prabjot Singh, Suhani Bhardwaj, Priya Devi, Rizwan Ahmad Dar, Inam Pathan, Sahil Ashraf and Aayush Khokhar have qualified B. Tech examination.

The scholarship and DGPs reward has been sanctioned out of the Central Police Welfare Fund.

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JAMMU: Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Dr. J. P. Sharma on Wednesday released brochure of 1st zonal convention of North India with title 'Natural

Farming: A National Priority for Human Health and Ecological Restoration' to be held on 15 and 16 March 2022 in SKUAST, Jammu.

The convention is being organized in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), SKUAST-J and

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).

Convention include various themes which are based on the National Conclave on Natural Farming held in Dec 2021 in Gujarat under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In this conclave PM has urged farming community to

Sant Nirankari Mission organises eye-checkup camp

Div Com hails SNM for welfare activities

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JAMMU: Sant Nirankari Mission, in the memory of Baba Hardev Singh Ji organised free eye-check up camps, cleanliness and plantation drives across India from 10 am to 2 pm today.

At the eye camp, patients were provided free eye checkup and those with cataracts were registered for surgery at government hospitals. Sant Nirankari Mission will provide free medication and spectacles to those in need.

In Jammu the camp was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer.

Speaking on the occasion, he appreciated the social activities of Nirankari Mission.

About 700 patients were screened in the camp and 150 diagnosed for cataract surgeries.

Ajit Singh Zonal, Incharge SNM Jammu said that the

Mission is spreading the message of love and compassion aiming to create a world without walls.

He said Sant Nirankari Mission will plant 50,000 saplings this day and will vow to take care of the planted saplings, in order to help reduce pollution levels and with the larger aim of helping increase the natural levels of oxygen in our surroundings, with these trees.

He said Sant Nirankari Mission is organizing the cleanliness and tree plantation campaign for the betterment

of human welfare, with the message that Pollution, whether within or outside is harmful. All these activities will be organised with due adherence to the Covid-19 safety protocol laid by the government.

Team of doctors present in the camp included Dr. Satish Gupta, Prof & HOD Eye GMC Jammu along with 5 doctors and one technician and Dr Neerupama Dogra along with two technicians from Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar, which worked under the supervision of Dr. Perupkar Singh.

Ravinder Raina encouraged the senior leaders to work on the booth level in view of upcoming Assembly elections.

Pensioners Welfare Federation seeks early resolution of issues

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JAMMU: Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Pensioners Welfare Federation/Sr Citizens Civil Society led by veteran Trade Union Leader Sampat Prakash as President, held a press conference in Jammu on Wednesday to highlight several long pending issues faced by pensioners of J&K and urged LG's administration to initiate necessary measures for resolving the same without any further delay.

Major demands highlighted on the occasion included releasing 18 months DA arrears of COVID period with DA installment of January 2022, releasing pay arrears to nearly 3000 pensioners of J&K Industries Department of 6th & 7th Pay



Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Pensioners Welfare Federation/Sr Citizens Civil Society members talking to reporters.

Commission, releasing arrears amounting to Rs 1 crore of pensioners of Gulmarg Development Authority for last many years, implementation of Minimum Wages Act in UT, One Rank One Pension formula for pensioners of J&K, resumption and restoration of J&K Consumer Courts, early return of Kashmiri Pandits to Valley etc.

Others members present on the occasion included Vice-Presidents Ghulam Hassan Talib, Sheikh Riyaz Ahmed & G M Chow from Kashmir, Jammu & Ladakh divisions respectively, General Secretary Mohd Ashraf Mir, Chief Spokesperson Nisar Ali Mir, Chief Organiser G M Magray and Patron Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Bhat.

Mayor inaugurates electric vehicle showroom at Panjtirthi

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JAMMU: Taking forward the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi's Flagship scheme "start-up India, Stand-up-India" Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation in presence of Advocate Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor on Wednesday inaugurated Jitendra Electric vehicle showroom at main Chowk Panjtirthi near Police station.

Narinder Singh Jamwal Ex-mayor JMC, Vijay Pahalwan I/c Professional cell /BJP convener U.T. of J&K, Satrughan Jamwal Prop. Of M/s Jitendra Electric vehicle showroom, Sham Lal Jamwal, Deepak Raina Retired DSP, Ashok Kumar & other prominent inhabitants of Panjtirthi & its adjoining localities were accompanied the mayor during the inauguration function.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor told that the JMC has already taken up Major initiatives in making Jammu city, neat, clean, green & environ-



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta inaugurating Electric vehicle showroom.

ment free by starting successfully door to door lifting of garbage from residential & commercial areas by introducing sufficient number of vehicles & autos in every ward of the city and then segregating the dry/wet waste at Solid waste management plant near Kot Bhalwal, Bandu rakh near Kunjwani Jammu.

He further added that "Under Jammu smart city project" many more projects have either been completed or under progress for the beautification of Jammu. He also praised Satrughan Jamwal owner for opening such unique

Shiv Sena welcomes resumption of Amarnath Yatra

Priority should be given to locals in Yatra arrangements: Sahni

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena leaders have overwhelmingly welcomed the preparations for the resumption of the Amarnath Yatra-2022, especially in view of the fact that it had to be stalled continuously for the last three years due to the abrogation of Article 370 in the year 2019 followed by the Covid-19 pandemic compulsions.

Shiv Sena J&K state unit chief Manish Sahni while addressing media persons during a press conference held at the party's state central here today said that in view of the government claims that terrorism has been wiped out from Jammu and Kashmir, we request the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to secure the

Yatra route instead of taking the 'Amarnath Yatra' under security cordon.

Manish Sahni said that the facilities provided to the pilgrims of Amarnath Yatra should be optimum so that they can visit the religious and tourist places of Jammu and Kashmir as per their wish and complete the journey with pleasant experiences back to their home states across the nation.

Sahni also appealed to the Lt Governor to fully secure the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway before the pilgrims embark upon this most revered pilgrimage.

He said that the highway craves for regular repair, starting the Banihal tunnel and improving the basic facilities at all the

base camps including Pahalgam. Sahni specially raised the issue of development of world famous tourist destination and main base camp Pahalgam and demanded immediate removal of the ban on construction and repair of commercial and private buildings and houses.

Along with this, there has been a demand for a special relief package from the government to all the businesses related to tourism including Pithu, Pony, Taxi and Hotel.

On this occasion Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, Secretary Nagina Khan, Rajesh Khajuria were present.

BJP holds Combined District Core-Group Convention of Jammu region

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held Combined Core Group Convention of all organizational Districts of party from Jammu region.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina chaired the meeting accompanied by MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, party General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, former Minister Sat Sharma, party General Secretaries Sunil Sharma (former Minister), Adv. Vibodh Gupta (former MLC) & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manay (former Minister) and Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Chander Mohan Gupta.

Ravinder Raina encouraged the senior leaders to work on the booth level in view of upcoming Assembly elections.



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina speaking at a convention.

He asked them to reach the booth level workers and strengthen the party at ground level.

He also prompted them to identify the lacunas in the delivery of the benefits of the government funded public welfare schemes to the targeted underprivileged population.

He said that Modi government has done unprecedented work for the public welfare and attributed this success to the decades of selfless service

by the dedicated workers of the party.

He asked them to work tirelessly in the coming months to fulfill the aim of BJP's Chief Minister in Jammu &

by the dedicated workers of the party.

He asked the senior leaders of the party to devote their dedicated time into their respective booths and allotted areas to gear up the party activities.

JNU Professor delivers lecture at ongoing Science Festival 'Vigyan Sarvatra Puja'

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JAMMU: Dr. Deepak Kumar, Professor of History of Science and Education, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was introduced by Prof. Rajnikant, Director, College Development Council and Convener of National Science Day celebration titled "Vigyan Sarvatra Puja" at University of Jammu.

Prof Deepak Kumar in his lecture focused on the development of Indian civilization and highlighted the various traditional approaches to Indian historiography emphasizing colonization of European scholars, who reconstructed early Indian history. He also stated that Indologists, such as the

German Max Muller, relied heavily on the Sanskritic tradition and saw Indian society as an idyllic village culture emphasizing qualities of passivity, meditation, and other worldliness.

He emphasized the strong scientific traditional knowledge of India in the field of Mathematics and Vedic Chikitsa (medicine and surgery) as well as also harbours the strong architectural knowledge as seen in Jantar Mantar, Taj Mahal etc.

Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Co-convener, Competitions and Awards presented a vote of thanks.

Subsequently, two short films on Anna Modayil Mani and Harman Sharma were also screened for the audience.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Wednesday informed that the power supply to Lalyana, Salehar, Gadigarh, Dhrap, Indra Nagar, Sunderpur, Satravy, Chakro and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 24 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Bari-Brahma Town, Teli Basti, Dyansar, Kathroli, Birpur Complex and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 24 and 27 from 9 am to 4 pm.