

# Prominent political, social personalities from Rajouri join BJP



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina and other leaders welcoming new entrants.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prominent political and social personalities from Thannamandi area, Rajouri joined Bharatiya Janata Party in the presence of party President Ravinder Raina at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and party leader Thakur Randhir Singh accompanied party President on the occasion. Mushtaq Khan Contractor A

Class, Shahnwaz Khan Naib Panch, Shakeel Khan, Abdul Hamid, Sadeeq Khan Ex-Service Man, Ajaz Khan, Mohd. Rafiq Naib Panch, Shamsheer Khan, Gulfraz Ahmed, Mehmood Khan and others from ThannaMandi area, Rajouri along with their dozens of supporters joined BJP on the occasion. Political leaders belonged to NC, PDP and other political parties. Raina said that everybody irrespective of region or religion wants to

join the BJP as a result of the keen and dedicated efforts of BJP workers led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. New entrants said that due to the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today everybody is keen to join BJP.

They assured the senior party leadership that they will work in accordance with the party principles and especially for the common masses of the region.

## Union Govt through Delimitation Commission spearheading historical betrayal: IkkJutt Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Delimitation Commission proposing clubbing of Muslim majority Districts of Jammu Province with Muslim Exclusive South Kashmir for the purposes of reorganizing Parliamentary seat is a decisive step towards implementing Dixon Plan or Vajpayee-Mushraff formula or Greater Muslim Kashmir formula.

This was stated by IkkJutt Jammu president Ankur Sharma while reacting to second Draft of Delimitation Commission. These formulas, he said, envisaged resolution of Kashmir Problem with Pakistan through handing over Muslim majority areas of J&K to Pakistan in a certain manner and over a certain period of time.

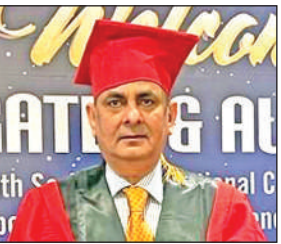
Under the formula, he said, River Chenab shall be the dividing line or new

boundary. Necessarily entire Kashmir and almost 50% of Jammu Province will be given to Pakistan.

Union Govt through Delimitation Commission is apparently spearheading this historical betrayal against the Nation, he said.

Two years back, he said, the Union Govt in line with Greater Muslim Kashmir/Vajpayee-Musharaff formula had attempted to create new Administrative Units in J&K by clubbing Muslim majority districts of Jammu Province with Muslim Exclusive Districts of Kashmir Province. Since this was opposed tooth and nail by all nationalists in the region, given that failure, Govt is now using Delimitation Commission as a tool for executing biggest betrayal against the Nation, he added.

## Rajesh Sharma FICCI Co-Chairman conferred within Honorary Doctorate



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rajesh Sharma, a seasoned FMCG specialist, has been at the helm of introducing and successfully establishing several national and international quality food brands in J&K as well as other northern states, was conferred an Honorary Doctorate by

French University, Ecole Supérieure Robert de Sorbon, on January 30 at Leela Hotel, Gurugram. Rajesh Sharma is a former state chairman of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in J&K and has been voicing the development agenda central to Jammu and Kashmir. His efforts have led to a growth of business ecosystem and facilitated Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The honorary doctorate is not just an achievement for Rajesh Sharma, but also a matter of pride for the state's business community.

## Arbitrary rule in J&K, Congress will fight for youth: Mula Ram

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Condemning recent decision of Government to withdraw all advertised posts from J&K Public Service Commission (JKPSC) and J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB), former minister and vice President, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Mula Ram said that present Government is working arbitrarily in J&K, caring least for the welfare of J&K people. In a joint press statement issued here with Th Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Rural Jammu, BCC Raipur Domana, Block Congress Committee Marh, Youth Congress Committee Marh & Raipur Domana, the former minister said, "Government is working directionless with no clarity or vision to deal with growing unemployment.

account the amount of mental stress and psychological state of unemployed youth."

He further said that Government has failed on all fronts and there is poor management in handling unemployment crisis which is rising with every passing day. "Recruitment agencies should have been allowed to continue recruitment process but it was not done and instead of adopting a pro-youth policy, LG's administration directed withdrawal of all posts already referred to JKPSC and JKSSB prior to October 31, 2019 for which selections have not been finalized till date along with all those in which case are pending in Courts," he asserted, adding that J&K people have fed-up with the LG's administration and eagerly waiting for elections and statehood. He further reiterated that Congress party will fight for statehood and the untimely decision of LG's administration for the welfare of J&K youth.

# Long cherished dream of Jammu Youth comes true: Prof Dhar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: It was a long-cherished dream of students of the Jammu region and that of the civil society, to have a Postgraduate course in Journalism and Mass Communication in the University of Jammu, said Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu.

Prof Dhar said that in the changing scenario, when the media is playing a pivotal role in various facets of working and has become robust in various modes, there was a dire need to impart education to the youth of this region. Thus it was planned to start MA in Journalism and Mass Communication Studies.

He conveyed sincere gratitude to Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K and Chancellor under whose leadership, University of Jammu got its Department of

Journalism and Media Studies.

Prof Dhar termed the occasion historic as the Department had invited Dr Ajit Kumar Jha as a keynote speaker, who has an illustrious career spread over several decades.

Prof Dhar complimented Prof Shyam Narayan Lal and Dr Vinay Thusoo for their efforts and resilience in helping to start the much awaited Department.

He expressed hope that with this beginning the Department will flourish and achieve the goals in future for which it is being established.

Earlier, Dr Ajit Kumar Jha, Editor, CNN News 18, former Editor, India Today and Outlook delivered a mesmerising lecture. Dr Jha is an M litt. from Oxford University, Ph D from University of California, Los Angeles, MA from JNU in Political Science.

He has been Founding Editor of Qatar and Oman Tribune in Doha and Muscat and Resident Editor of the Times of India, Indian Express and the Hindustan Times.

In his keynote address spoke on "The Rise, Decline, Rise of Indian Media. The story of the three milestones: Print, Broadcast (TV) and Social Media."

In his address, Dr Jha spoke in detail about the story of the Indian media industry, which is one of the largest, oldest and like Indian democracy, one of the most vibrant, fiercely independent media industries in the world.

Its growth rate is the fastest in the world and in the last 25 years it has grown exponentially, in an unprecedented manner globally, said Dr Jha.

He further said that the purpose of this lecture is an attempt to understand

the remarkable story of growth of the Indian media, its rise as well as its decline.

He exhorted that those were also the times when the print industry, once dominated the medium but today has begun to slow down growing only a few percentage points but it is also remarkable to observe that Broadcast Industry (TV) began expansion only after 1991 but has replaced the print industry in simple dominance (volume, revenue, viewership etc), even though not in quality.

However, the Social-media (digital media or online media), which began as a baby, has grown exponentially in the last decade.

Earlier, Prof Shyam Narayan Lal, Incharge, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies in his eloquent welcome address thanked

Vice-Chancellor for his vision, support and determination for starting the Department in the University.

Due to his persistence, the University is witnessing the establishment of a professional course in University, he said. Prof Lal also introduced the keynote speaker to the august gathering.

Dr Vinay Thusoo, Coordinator, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu conducted the event's proceedings and presented a formal vote of thanks.

Among others, Prof Jasbir Singh, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Controller of Examinations, Prof Suman Jamwal, Head, Department of History, Dr Anil Gupta, students and staff were also present on the occasion.

## Placement Drive concluded at GGM Science College 5 students placed as Trainee Quality Engineers in TA Digital

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Government Gandhi Memorial Science College organized an online placement drive for pass out Graduate students across the colleges of Jammu Division with TA Digital, Newark, California, United States, an innovative digital transformation agency, delivering digital experience, commerce and AI solutions for the position of Trainee Quality Engineer with Job Band A1.

A total of 221 pass out graduates from various Graduate streams appeared in an online written test out of which 23 candidates were shortlisted for technical interview and HR round. A total of five candidates were finally selected for the job namely Shriya Mahajan, Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu, Diksha Dhar, Women College Gandhi Nagar Cluster University of Jammu, Jatin Sharma, University of Jammu, Kajol Mankotia, Women

College Gandhi Nagar, Cluster University of Jammu and Tarun Singh GCET, Jammu.

They have been selected for the position of Trainee Quality Engineer, with Job Band A1, at Company's Hyderabad Office. During their probation-cum-training period, the annual CTC (Cost to Company) will be Rs. 3.65 lakh -pa. On successful completion of probation cum training period, they will be Associate Quality Engineers with Job Band A2.

The annual total compensation would be revised to Rs. 4.40 lakh/Pa.

Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tickoo the placement drive was coordinated by Dr. Kumar Sourabh (Sr. Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science) and Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (Sr. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics) of GGM Science college, Priya paul (HRM) TA Digital and Vinay Srikant (HRM) TA Digital.



Shiv Sena activists raising slogans during a protest.

# Shiv Sena holds protest against Govt's anti-youth policies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena J&K unit on Saturday staged a strong protest against the decision of Jammu and Kashmir UT administration for cancelling all the advertised posts in reference to PSC and SSB before October 31, 2019, terming it as inhuman and playing with the future of the youth of the Union Territory.

Led by Manish Sahni, President J&K Shiv Sena unit, the party activists assembled in front of Party's Central Office in Jammu and raised slogans against this decision of Jammu and Kashmir and the Central Government.

Talking to reporters here, Sahni said that BJP's central and state leaders and ministers had made a lot of boast of providing employment to the local youth of Jammu and Kashmir, which is proved a Jumla today.

Now the BJP, which

claims to be the benefactor of the youth, has been exposed due to such decision, he added.

"This decision of government has harassed the youth of Jammu and Kashmir physically, mentally and financially which can never be tolerated and forgotten," Sahni said, adding that the youth who have applied for the jobs had paid huge fees and they are waiting for written examinations and getting jobs after successful in physical examination.

The youth, who were constantly being assured, was dreaming of getting a job, which was shattered by a harsh decision of LG administration, he said.

Sahni said that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir would not forgive the present government for this anti-youth decision. He said that the BJP only understands the language of "hurt on votes" and the youth of the state has geared up to answer in this language.

"In all the five states where in the elections are

going to held including Uttar Pradesh, the injustice and playing with the sentiments of youth of Jammu and Kashmir has reached the public through the use of social media under the Pol Kholo campaign and the BJP will be exposed," Sahni said, warning BJP to get ready to face the wrath of youth of the country in the forthcoming elections in five states.

Among those who were present included Women Wing President Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, Sandeep Bhagat, Women Secretary Vaishnavi Hindustani, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, President Youth Wing Binny Mahajan, Sumit Abrol, Mangu Ram, Pawan Singh, Neelam Kumari and many others were present.

## Medical camp organised at 160 Bn CRPF



Doctors examining CRPF personnel during a camp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A medical camp was organized at 160 Bn CRPF under supervision of Rajesh Sankhla and Angom Naresh Singh, 2-I/C 160 Bn in association with Ministry of Ayush, Government of India with collaboration of Medical Officers of Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Rajendra Nagar,

Bantalab, Jammu. Talat Anjum, Research Officer, Botany, Dr. Minakshi Soori, Research Officer Pathology, Dr. Vasundhara Parihar and Sumanlata carried out medical examination of Jawans of 160 Bn, and sensitized them about the hazards of COVID-19, its precaution and treatment.

The Jawans were also counselled about the various ailments like Diabetes, Heart-Attack, Patty liver, Migraine etc. which are increasing day by day due to unhealthy lifestyle and various types of pollutions.

The counsellors also stressed upon the importance of maintaining healthy life style.

On this occasion, various immunity booster medicines were also distributed amongst Jawans.

Dinesh Kumar Sharma, D/C, Ajay Kumar Singh, D/C and S.L Fotra, MO-160 Bn. were also present.

Rajesh Sankhla, 2-I/C conveyed his gratitude towards the Ministry of Ayush and apprised that 160 Bn. CRPF is much conscious about the health of their Jawans, hence used to arrange such type of medical camps regularly to get them acquainted about maintaining better health.

## Sikh organisations seek continuation of relief scheme for PoJK DPs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of various Sikh organizations of J&K was held under the chairmanship of Mohinder Singh, Chief Organiser Bhai Kanaiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K and ex-member DGPC Jammu, which was attended by a number of representatives of Sikh community. During the meeting, threadbare discussions were held regarding notice issued on January 24, 2022 by Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Jammu regarding closure of scheme to provide relief assistance for one-time settlement of displaced families from Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Chhamb under Prime Minister Development

Package (PMDP) 2015.

Expressing anguish over the notice, the participants said that displaced families from PoJK and Chhamb have been betrayed as Prime Minister, during his visit to J&K, has promised that all displaced families of PoJK will be provided a sum of Rs 30 lakh each but till date only Rs 5.5 lakh have been provided to some of the families while Rs 24.5 lakh are still pending. This notice shows Government is just making mockery of the miseries and sufferings of refugees, said Sikh leaders, adding that if Rs 30 lakh as one time settlement of refugees of 1947, 1965 and 1971 will not be provided, the refugees would be forced to launch a decisive struggle. They further alleged that if we compare policies of Government for

settlement of Kashmiri migrants with that of PoJK refugees, it seems that Government has adopted a step-motherly towards displaced families from PoJK. The members further urged the Government to invoke the notice and continue the scheme in the larger interest of Displaced persons.

Those who attended the meeting included Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh, Ravinder Singh Sarpanch, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Gajan Singh, Kuldeep Kour, Gurmeet Kour, Charanjeet Singh (KAS) Retired SDM, Prof Youdhvir Singh, Charan Singh Bali, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Mannohan Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Rasbir Singh, Tejpal Singh and Kultar Singh.

## Hotels & Lodges Association seeks financial relief for budget hotels

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Hailing the recent decision taken by the UT administration regarding waiving off 50 per cent passenger tax admissible in various types of vehicles w.e.f, April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021; Chairman, All Jammu Hotels and Lodges Association, Inderjeet Khajuria has said that the decision would definitely provide a relief to transporters of J&K who suffered huge losses on account of COVID-19 induced nation-wide lockdowns and restrictions leading to non-operationalisation of public transport.

Speaking during a meeting of the association held in Jammu, Pawan Gupta, President of the association said that tourism sector is worst sufferer due to COVID pandemic and lockdowns and needs adequate support from Government. The association

urged J&K administration to come to the rescue of tourism fraternity, viz. hoteliers, Dhaba-owners, travel agents, dealers of Shawls and dry fruits and particularly budget-hotellers as all of them have great expectations from the Government. "Dying budget hotel industry is in dire need of financial relief package plus exemption in water, electricity, municipal charges and other departmental fees till J&K becomes COVID-free," said Gupta adding that necessary support from the Government would help a lot in revival of sinking budget hotel industry.

Those who attended the meeting included M L Sharma, Pritam Sharma, Anil Khajuria, Baldev Raj, H S Manhas, Sunil Suri, Swarn Singh, Varun Gupta, Sankul Gupta, Manpreet Singh and Nishant Gupta.