

PM Modi's charisma made BJP choice of all: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Predominantly the BJP has not remained a political outfit anymore rather it has become a movement which is empowering people across the country to make India Vishvaguru.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta while addressing a party programme here at Sainik Colony wherein scores of people joined the party fold and vowed to disseminate the policies and plans of the party among the people. Those who joined the party on this occasion include Vikram Singh, Er Sourav Sharma, Vivek Naraina, Shashant Singh Pawar and scores of others.

"Undoubtedly the nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has ruled India uninterrupted since 2014, has become the country's dominant party after winning two general elections decisively and steadfastly expanding its pan-Indian footprint", Kavinder said, adding that the recent Assembly polls have shown the world the popularity of the BJP and the liking of people towards its leadership.



BJP leader Kavinder Gupta and others during a party programme at Sainik Colony, Jammu.

The senior BJP leader said that main opposition party, Congress, is adrift and enfeebled; the once-powerful regional parties appear to have exhausted much of their potential; and therefore there is no credible challenger to party's leadership in the scene making it significant for BJP to act responsibly in taking India to new heights of progress.

Kavinder said that PM Modi's charisma is unchallengeable and that is the reason that no other entity in the country can face his fame thus making BJP the choice of all.

Former MP Shamsher Singh, while addressing the gathering, said that BJP is the only party having an ideology to drive the country to pinnacles of prosperity by way of ensuring all round development for which PM Narendra Modi has opened floodgates of funds especially for the UT of J&K. He urged the new entrants to party fold to give their 100 percent in making BJP more vibrant and people-friendly party.

Earlier, while welcoming the new entrants to party fold, Kavinder said that every Indian should become

part and parcel of BJP to help government to become more decisive and confident to fast-pace the development and protect the country from external threats like that from Pakistan and China.

Those who also addressed the gathering include Vinay Gupta, Narinder Singh, Gurmeet Randhawa, Ved Sharma and Col Gurbaksh Singh. Others present include Narinder Singh Bunt, Sucha Singh, Narinder Gupta Koki, Pushpinder Singh, Ravi Bakshi, Raman Sharma, Umesh Sharma, Kali Das and Rakesh Choudhary.

10 days off-campus training on 'Dairy Farming & Vermin Compost Making' concludes at Leh

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LEH: A 10 days training programme on 'dairy farming & vermi compost making' conducted by State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI-RSETI) in village Shara Leh concluded on Sunday.

A total of 34 unemployed youth were trained in it from village Shara, village Sharnos and village Phuktsey of Kharu block.

On the occasion, the certificates of participations were distributed by Councillor of Ego constituency Sonam Thardot who was the Chief Guest of the occasion in presence of Sarpanch of village Sharnos and Director RSETI Leh.

Sonam Thardot thanked RSETI staff for conducting training programme at village Shara which is situated at a distance of 60 km from Leh center.

He advised trainees to create a self help group of village to avail full benefit of Government schemes.

The participants were trained theoretically and practically in dairy farming and vermi compost by



Dignitaries posing with participants after certificate distribution ceremony.

officials of animal husbandry, horticulture department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Leh and Defence institute of Higher Altitude Research Leh.

The trainees were also taken for field visit at KVK Leh, Dihar Leh, village Phey and Stazur dairy farm Thiksay Leh.

The programme was also assessed online by Officials of National Academy of RUDSETI which included viva by NAR officials through video conferencing and then online exam.

Anil Singh, Director SBI RSETI Leh congratulated all the participants on successful completion of 10 days training.

He advised trainees to avail KCC under animal husbandry scheme.

He maintained that the purpose of this training is to be a successful entrepreneur and to generate the employment not only for one self, but for others also.

He also told them that the institute will make timely and regular follow up with each participant through personal visits, tele calls and through letter / e-mail also.

He maintained that the institute will conduct more of such training in future depending upon the local requirement. The vote of thanks was presented by Sonam Chozang, Faculty SBI RSETI Leh.

BRO fails to provide timely compensation to injured casual labour

■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: T Norboo, who lost 60 per cent of his right hand including three fingers, in a stone-crusher machine on November 13, 2020 near North Pullu while on duty as a Casual Paid Labourer (CPL) with 54 RCC of Border Road Organisation (BRO) is still struggling for due compensation despite lapse of 16 months. "I wasn't paid anything by BRO till date. Even my job as a CPL was terminated from the time I met with accident," Norboo told STATE TIMES.

Medical Board Leh has issued a Disability Certificate, Unique Disability ID, showing 60 per cent disability of his right hand. On Friday, when Norboo approached the Assistant Labour Commissioner's office in Leh to seek Labour Court's intervention for getting his due compensation, the Labour Office was assured by concerned BRO authority that his dues will be cleared within a week. Speaking on the occasion, he



said that if BRO failed to pay due compensation within a week as assured, a notice to 54 RCC BRO will be served. Norboo was shifted to Army GH hospital in Nubra after initial treatment at North Pullu on the day of accident. His son, who was selected in Army few days earlier, managed to admit his father, Norboo, in an Army hospital in Chandigarh on December 11, 2020 where he was treated till January 12, 2021.

Over last 16 months, Norboo has been running from pillar to post seeking compensation against the loss he suffered while on work.

The BRO has apparently taken a long time to compensate him for the loss on account of a minor spelling mistake with Norboo's first name, which is an insignificant justification.

Yuva Chetna urges PM to constitute National Youth Commission

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JAMMU: The National Convener of Yuva Chetna, Rohit Kumar Singh on Sunday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to constitute a National Youth Commission to empower the youth which comprises 60 per cent of the total population of India.

Further elaborating, he said, "if there are commissions for farmers, women, backward etc. in the country, then why not a commission for the youth of the country who are the future of the nation".

He said that youth of Jammu and Kashmir did not flourish in the past which has caused a lot of damage to the society and Yuva Chetna is constantly striving for the progress of

the people of the country.

Commenting on the development of the nation, he said that if we want to make India a Vishav Guru, everyone will have to work hard.

He further said that the J&K is the crown of India and everyone should work to increase its glory.

He said that people of all religions live in India, everyone has equal respect and rights and we should remain united to fight against the anti-national forces.

He further said that our campaign for the strengthening of democracy and Constitution will continue and for that we have to visit every district of Jammu and Kashmir and take the organization to the village level.

JPDA seeks PM's intervention to stop 'unethical & allurements tactics' in pharma biz

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JAMMU: Expressing concern over "unethical and allurements tactics" adopted by multi-brand companies involved in the medicine business, Jammu Pharmaceutical Distributors Association (JPDA) on Sunday sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in safeguarding this 'noble trade' in the interest of healthcare.

JPDA President Rakesh Gupta claimed that "price war and massive discounts" had paved the way for "spurious and sub-standard" medicines in the market.

"We have highlighted the issue of pharmaceutical manufacturing companies selling most of the medicines at different prices to different sectors despite having the same maximum retail price (MRP) in September and December last year but our pleas went unanswered," Gupta told



JPDA President Rakesh Gupta talking to reporters.

reporters here. He said drugs are pushed into Jammu and Kashmir through unauthorised channels from different states by people who are not authorised stockists which is "not acceptable to us".

"The state drug controller has taken various effective measures to check the medicines available in the open market but when the delivery is directly made in the home of the patient, it cannot do anything," Gupta said.

He said the price war that has been started in Jammu Kashmir and at pan-India

level has led to unhealthy and unethical allurements practices of offering huge discounts in the trade of medicines.

"Our trade is governed by the Drug Price Control Order which clearly defines the profit margins at the wholesale and retail level. After complete silence and inaction on the part of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority and the Competition Commission of India, it is our moral duty to make sure with the best of our intelligence and ethical behaviour to thwart any attempts by anyone to push sub-standard

Khellani-Goha Highway work to be done in double shift: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Khellani-Goha road National Highway-244 work in district Doda will be done in double shift, in order to make up for the delay on account of pandemic and to ensure that the entire project is completed, partly within this year and partly by next year.

This was disclosed here today by Union Minister and MP Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, Dr Jitendra Singh after he received a briefing and update about the status of the various NHIDCL (National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited) projects in Jammu & Kashmir from the Managing Director (MD) NHIDCL, Chanchal Kumar.

Pertinent to mention that Chanchal Kumar, a 1992 batch IAS Officer, has recently taken over as the new MD of NHIDCL after having served for several years as Principal Secretary to Chief Minister of Bihar; Nitish Kumar

Dr Jitendra Singh said, it had always been his firm belief that the major national projects started by a Member of Parliament (MP) should be sought to be completed within the term of the same MP. In case of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, he cited the examples of Keediyar-Gandiyl bridge in Kathua and major national projects like Devika River Rejuvenation project in Udhampur; North India's first Biotech Park in Kathua and first-ever National Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants in Bhaderwah, which were initiated through his efforts as an MP and are now complete or



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh receiving a briefing and update about various ongoing NHIDCL projects in J&K from Managing Director NHIDCL, Chanchal Kumar, on Sunday.

nearly complete. Chanchal Kumar said that the Minister had very minutely gone into the details of each of the ongoing NHIDCL projects both in Jammu as well as in Kashmir regions and had spent nearly one and a half hour discussing every small detail of every aspect. He said, the Minister was keen that efforts must be made to expedite the projects so that COVID related delay could be made up to the maximum extent.

As far as the Khellani-Goha project is concerned, Dr Jitendra Singh was of the strong opinion that considering the importance of the project, the work should be undertaken in two shifts. Accordingly, Chanchal Kumar assured the Minister that he will immediately issue the necessary orders and try to elicit maximum cooperation in this regard from the construction agencies and concerned contractors.

Goha-Khellani-Khannabal National Highway NH-244 linking Khellani-Sudhmahadev-Khellani-Chattroo-Khannabal will provide an alternative route of road transport, which will not only provide ease of travel and rev-

enue but would also be important from the security point of view. As per the timeline fixed after the pandemic, phase-I of Goha-Khellani road is likely to be completed by December this year, while the further stretch upto Chattroo in district Kishtwar is likely to be completed by February 2023.

Meanwhile, the two-laning of Chenani-Sudhmahadev road section of NH-244 is likely to be completed by March this year except for a major bridge.

Construction of bi-directional tunnel on the Khellani-Khannabal section has also been undertaken and it is likely to be completed by October this year at a cost of Rs 76.49 crore.

Among the projects in Jammu district, the MD NHIDCL gave the Minister an update about the four-laning of Jammu-Akhnor section of National Highway-144A.

The major NHIDCL projects in Kashmir valley about which the Minister was apprised include Zojila bi-directional tunnel, Z-Morh tunnel, upgradation of of Baramulla-Gulmarg Section of NH-701A, construction of new two-lane Anantnag Bypass connecting NH-244 and NH-44.

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JAMMU: Former MLC and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Vikram Randhawa on Sunday asked the party cadre to aware the masses about the schemes launched the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi so as to strengthen the party at the grass root level.

He stated this while chairing a meeting to strengthen the organization from the booth-level, and reach out to prospective voters from all segments and age-groups so as to get their support the party in every booth.

Former MLC said that various flagship schemes were launched by the Central



Senior BJP leader, Vikram Randhawa along with others.

Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi including Ayushman Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan

Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, etc for the benefit of the common masses.

"As a beneficiary, a man or woman will receive the Ayushman Health Card which will enable him or her to avail cashless treatment and hospitalisation and with the Golden Card, he or she can avail the benefits of the

Antim Asha Foundation conducts legal awareness programme



Women Lawyers and Antim Asha Foundation members during a programme.

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JAMMU: Women Advocate Foundation in collaboration with Antim Asha Foundation conducted the legal awareness programme at Bhagwati Nagar on Sunday. The camp was for awareness on legal rights and entitlements among the citizens, especially the child, Senior citizens and other marginalized section of the society.

Adv. Pooja Uppal, Adv. Shakti Kumari and Adv. Shaveta Chopra provided awareness

about the legal rights.

The Antim Asha Foundation Director Neelam along with Nirmal Kak, Vikas Kumar and Shivali Gupta members of Antim Asha Foundation enlightened people with different schemes of social welfare and also ensured their support to general public.

Special Guest Asha Sharma, President BJP Mahila Morcha Talab Tillo Mandal along with Vice-President Anita Sharma also present.

J&K BJP holds review meet of district Prabharies

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by party General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, party General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal chaired the meeting of party's District Prabharies at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Sunday.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, asked the party Prabharies to extensively work to ensure reach of public welfare schemes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government at the ground level.

He said that the Modi government is working for the welfare of all the communities who were earlier denied even the basic benefits by earlier governments which were



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina chairing party workers meeting.

being run by Congress, NC and PDP. He said that the significant number of communities from J&K were earlier feeling left out but now have been given rights in the LG administration on the resourcefulness of Modi Government. He said that on the similar lines, soon the OBC community will also be given due right in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Ashok Koul, in his address,

sought the reporting of organizational activities by the party's District teams. He further asked the party Prabharies to reach up to the booths and conduct continuous meetings to ensure implementation of public beneficial schemes by contacting needy persons. He asked them to personally reach up to the booth level in a stipulated time frame prompting them to complete the booth meetings in a month's time.