

Unprecedented development showed BJP's commitment towards J&K: Kavinder



BJP leader and former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta starting development work.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Central Government headed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi stand fully committed for the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta while starting development work

of laying of tiles at Matador Stand Channi Himmat, Jammu in Ward No. 51. The development work was initiated with an estimated cost of Rs 45 lakh in presence of Chairman Public Health & Sanitation Committee JMC, Rajkumar Tarkhan, District President Vinay Kumar Gupta, Narinder Gupta Koki District Secretary Jammu and Jagdish Raj Proch Ward President.

The senior BJP leader said that while the government stands committed to overall development of every area especially in Jammu and Kashmir it is necessary that people also

ensure proactive participation by monitoring the works especially the quality of material used in the developmental works.

He also impressed upon the elected Corporators to display extraordinary activeness to ensure the overall development of their respective wards.

Among others who were present include Jeewan Singh Charak, Noor Mohd, Mohd Rafiq, Lal Don, Khush Mohd, Sarah Sain, Balbir Singh Charak, Anwar, Tariq, Mohd Ajmal, Naik Mohd, Sarah Din, Moi din, Sushi Kumar, Yasin Malik, Javed, Khem Raj, Vijay Kumar, Mangal Singh Charak, Pawan Kumar, Balraj Singh Charak, Sunny, Sukhdev Singh, Muqtair, Peer Mohd, Mirza Alam, Mohd Rafiq, Saqir Ahmed, Sandeep Charak, Majid, Deepak Kumar, Raghubir, Munir Khan, Yasir, Sahil, Raya, Abdul Rashid, Ashok Kumar, Rajinder Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Mirza Bhagat, Balvinder Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Dinesh Kumar and Vimal Sharma.

Modi Govt ensured progress in J&K as never before: Yudhvir



Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President J&K BJP addressing a public meeting.

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President J&K BJP on Sunday said that the government led by PM Narendra Modi has ensured progress in J&K as never before with people getting all the facilities and services without any hassle or hardships. The senior BJP leader was addressing a public meeting organized by Advocate Shaibaz Raza Chowdhary here in Ward No 71 Sidhra. A large number of people from Sidhra, Majheen, Ragoora, Dwara joined the meeting. Yudhvir said that the move of abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A has not only extended all the Constitutional rights to people of Jammu and Kashmir but also chartered a new era of development in the Union Territory. He said that the major boost has been given to industries, tourism, roads and railways, health-care and also education. Throwing light on the policies and programmes of BJP led Government at the Centre, Sethi said that much has been done towards strengthening the society and for the welfare of common masses.

"Tranquility in Kashmir is the testimony to the fact that people have started showing faith in the policies of Modi government and are negating the separatist ideology and terror mongers, which has lead to peace in most parts of the UT", Sethi said, adding that government has successfully devastated terror edifice in the UT and peace will soon take over the turmoil and normalcy will be restored.

Those who joined the meeting include Faqir Singh, Ex Sarpanch Sidhra, Alam Chowdhary, Ex Sarpanch Sidhra, Shiv Dayal Ex Naib Sarpanch Sidhra, Bishan Singh, Ashwani Kumar Thakur, Sarpanch Sagoon Panchayat, Sagar Singh, Chowdhary Fareed Ahmed, Farooq, Haider Ali, Yaqoob and others.

Shiv Sharma re-elected as J&K UT INTUC President

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JAMMU: Shiv Kumar Sharma has been re-elected unopposed as President of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) Jammu and Kashmir UT unit.

The election was held under the observation of Dr. Subash Sharma, National Senior Secretary INTUC from New Delhi at Trikuta Palace, Trikuta Nagar, here on Sunday.

The delegates from various affiliated unions/Associations took part in the election in which Shiv Kumar Sharma was declared elected unopposed. 62 Registered, Affiliated Unions and more than 200 delegates participated in the process.

Hari Singh of POWER-GRID, Nazir Ahmed (Auto union) proposed the name of Shiv kumar Sharma which was seconded by Faiz Akbar Chouhan (WWEA).

Almost all delegates participating in the process supported the proposal of his name for the post of President of



Shiv Kumar Sharma re-electing as President INTUC Jammu and Kashmir UT.

INTUC- J&K UT Unit.

The result was officially declared by Central Observer Dr. Subash Sharma, National Senior Secretary, INTUC amid applause.

Being unanimously elected Shiv Kumar Sharma thanked Dr. Subash Sharma, Central Observer for smooth conduct of election process holding high the tradition of the organization.

The Central Observer dissolved the earlier existing body of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC)-J&K (UT) Unit and authorized the newly elected president Shiv Kumar Sharma to form the new body of INTUC-

J&K Unit.

Addressing the leaders & workers, Sharma said he is thankful to the delegates and workers of the fraternity and praised them for their enthusiasm and dedication shown by them during the process.

Sharma assured the workers belonging to the various fields of the working society such as farming. Dairy, labourers, artisans (Skilled Classes) and those employed in various Government Departments to continue the fight for their legitimate rights as usual.

Shiv Kumar Sharma appealed to the J&K Government to regularize all the daily wagers on priority basis.

Retired CAPF Warriors Association holds annual convention, highlights demands

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JAMMU: The annual convention of the Retired Central Armed Police Forces Warriors Association J&K was held on Sunday at Laxmi Palace, Santra Morh, Jammu during which various demands and problems of the retired paramilitary personnel were highlighted.

Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Narinder Singh Bhau was Guest of Honour. The function was presided over by J&K President of the Association, Ram Lal Dogra.

The programme started with paying floral tributes to the soldiers who were



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta and others paying tributes to martyrs.

martyred in terrorists attacks.

Ex-personnel from Paramilitary forces including BSE, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB and Assam Rifles, their family members and dependents were also present in the meeting.

During the function, the members of the Association

projected various demands as well as the problems being faced by them in front of the chief guest and guests of honour.

The major demand of the association was to remove disparity in the pay scales between Army and Paramilitary forces.

They demanded that on

the pattern of army military special pay, special pay should be granted to paramilitary personnel accordingly.

The Association also demanded implementation of OROP in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and restoration of old pension scheme as applicable before 2004. Ram Lal Dogra said government always adopted step motherly attitude with them as it failed to provide all benefits to paramilitary forces.

"We have not tolerate such behaviour of government further and continue their fight till our genuine demands are not met" he said.

He demanded to imple-

ment old pension scheme instead of new pension scheme, provide one rank one pension, 100% waive off in GST on the products in CPC canteen, constitute paramilitary Sainik welfare board at district level and provide Separate kendriya vidyalaya facility to paramilitary forces.

Speaking on the occasion, Chander Mohan Gupta said that Central Government under the bold leadership PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are working day in and day out for accomplishing the task relating to national interest. He assured the Association to discuss all its demands with high command for its resolution.

83rd Raising Day: Cultural programme organized at GC CRPF Jammu



Cultural group members and CRPF officials during a programme.

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JAMMU: The grand celebration of CRPF 83rd Raising day parade 2022 was held in Jammu for the first time. On this occasion, a Barakhana and a colorful cultural programme were also organized at Group Centre Jammu in the

evening.

During this event, the artists of CRPF from different states of India gave a wonderful performance of their dance art, not only this, the culture glimpse of Jammu was displayed in cultural programme through Dogri and Chhajja

folk dances in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Arts, Culture and Languages.

A highly commendable and impressive anchoring and announcement was made on this occasion by Kamal Sisodiya, lady officer of CRPF.

BJP miserably failed on all fronts: Hari Singh

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee, Jammu Rural, has castigated the BJP led Central Government for having miserably failed on all fronts.

Addressing booth level meeting of Congress Primary and Active members at Paloura Ward No 60 falling in Jammu North Assembly, Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural, said that the party realizes that people are facing severe problems only because of Bharatiya Janata Party's anti-people policies besides absence of any result oriented policy in its hoax agenda.

He said that the BJP led Union Govt has failed on all fronts especially in handling the Jammu and Kashmir situation that has been shattered after its division into two Union Territories.

Hari Singh also raised serious concern over targeting



DCC leaders addressing a public meeting.

killings in the Kashmir Valley. He urged the government to take serious note of the issue of political killings in Kashmir and devise a fool proof strategy for providing adequate security to all the political leaders irrespective of their party affiliations.

Hari Singh exhorted upon party workers to strengthen the party at grass roots level by addressing their problems.

He assured that Congress has always stood with the people of Jammu and

Kashmir through their thick and thin and shall continue to pursue its endeavours towards addressing the issues and problems of the people.

Uday Chib, President J&K Pradesh Youth Congress has recalled that at the time of creation of J&K Union Territory the then Governor had promised to provide 50000 jobs to J&K youth but nothing has been done in this regard till date.

He emphasized that the worst hit during the BJP

government is the youth of the country and especially the J&K UT because after passing of seven years the government is still devoid of any concrete plan to create jobs and end the curse of joblessness.

"It is hurtful that NDA who at one point of time when BJP was in opposition had promised 2 crore jobs every year has no strategy to give even a 100 jobs to frustrated youth," he said, adding that enough time has been elapsed therefore it is important for government to come out of self-praise mode and do something concrete on ground so that youth be given opportunities to lead a dignified life.

Among others who were present include Som Nath Sharma, Chander Mohan Sharma, Virender Mehta, Tarun Vaid, Parshotan Kumar, Anil Sharma and Sat Chib.

Slathia terms PAGD as classic case of foes turning friends for power

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SAMBA: Pradesh BJP Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia on Sunday described Peoples' Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) as classic case of foes turning friends with only motivation of grabbing the power and subjecting the people, both in the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region, to exploitation and discrimination. Addressing a public rally at Village Smailpur in Bari Brahmana area of the Samba District, Slathia lashed out at the PAGD constituents for testing the political understanding of the people, who know what they were up to just three or four years ago. It does not need rocket science to Google to find out the choicest invectives they



J&K BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing a public rally at Village Smailpur.

were hurling against each other. Now coming under the same umbrella is to make a common cause for what they have lost politically, no matter if it amounts to hoodwinking the public opinion by presenting themselves as custodians of the public cause.

On the contrary, he said, the BJP has come up with an inclusive agenda of development, growth, investment and creating opportunities for the youth-skilled, unskilled and edu-

decades, he added.

Surjeet Singh Slathia criticized the PAGD constituents for pursuing divisive and negative politics that has been a major contributing factor to discontent among the people, particularly the youth.

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cated. The initiatives put into action will transform Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of region, religion, caste or ethnicity. He said the BJP believes in Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, which has been guiding force behind governance.

Slathia urged the BJP workers to further galvanize the party to make it strong enough to meet the aspirations of the people.

The Pradesh Vice President was accompanied by BDC Chairman Darshan Singh Jogeshwar Singh Vice President BJP Samba, Vijay Singh Vice President BJP Samba, Yash Manhas Mandal Secretary Dilawar Singh, Sarpanch Balwant Singh Angrez Singh Daljeet Singh Brijpal Singh, Bhagwan Singh and others.

Plus Two Lecturers' Forum to hold elections, highlight issues

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JAMMU: A meeting of All J&K Plus Two Lecturers' Forum was held on Sunday under the leadership of its President, Deepak Sharma wherein the Forum decided to hold elections. Various others issues concerning Plus Two cadre were also discussed threadbare during the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Deepak Sharma said that elections of forum are long overdue and could not be held due to COVID-19 but same would be organized now and Election authority would be announced soon. All members should fight for cause of cadre under banner of 'All J&K Plus Two Lecturers Forum' which has been spearheading issues of cadre since 1975. The members of the forum take a strong note regarding misuse of ban-

ner of Forum by ex-District President Jammu and further said that they don't stand party to his decision to celebrate Lecturers Day on his own. Deepak Sharma informed house that during a meeting with Principal Secretary SED B K Singh, the officer has assured that Assured Career progression (ACP) in favour of Plus Two Lecturers will soon see light of day and provision of Vice Principal with two advance increments would also be there in all higher secondary schools. Expressing gratitude for resolving many issues of the cadre, Sharma demanded expediting of regularisation of all incharge incumbent/retiree lecturers including left-out lecturers and other officers including Principals, pending for want of various reasons, in a single go as there is no legal

hurdle now. The Members present hoped that other demands including removal of pay anomalies, vocational status to Principals/ Head of schools, provision of charge allowance in all promotions/placements, restoration of 40 per cent college quota, provision of earned leave to teaching community and regularisation of Physical Education Lecturers would also be resolved on priority basis. Proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Vice president Anil Sharma and District President Jammu Vijay Verma. Others present in the meeting included N S Jamwal, Sanjay Bhagat, Imtiaz Qazmi, Ashok Sharma, Fazal Hussain, A R Giri, Jatinder Sethi, Anis Ahmad, Lok Sewak, Anwar Khan and Ajay Sehgal.

Omar tried to underplay obnoxious & villainous happenings in Valley: KPS

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JAMMU: Reacting to statement made by Omar Abdullah, Vice President National Conference regarding film 'The Kashmir Files', the Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) led by its President K K Khosa said that it is shocking to see that a person like Omar, who has been Chief Minister of J&K for six long years, reacted in such a manner to underplay obnoxious and villainous happenings in valley during the holocaust period and thereafter when entire population of Kashmiri Pandits was forced to leave their homes and hearths due to targeted onslaught of Jihadists and terrorists on hapless minorities.

In a press statement

issued here, President KPS said that it is more shocking that he tried to justify an indefensible folly of ruler of the time, his father Dr Farooq Abdullah who virtually abandoned people of J&K and fled away to London leaving them to fend for themselves. "Yes this wrongdoing could have been condoned if the erstwhile Chief Minister would have stated that it was an error of judgment to have acted in such a manner. By trying to pass the buck on to Governor Jagmohan, who took charge after exodus had already begun and to BJP, and not to V P Singh led Government of India in which Mufti Mohammed Sayeed was the Home Minister, Omar Abdullah

has shown his naivety despite having been in politics for years holding key constitutional posts like Chief Minister, Union Minister, Member Parliament and Member Legislative Assembly. Another surprising and interesting aspect of his reaction and feigned ignorance is that despite having chaired umpteen meetings of Unified Command in his capacity as the Chief Minister with army core commanders as his security advisors and having been privy to every input from the security establishment he has tried to escape from his own culpability as Chief Minister," he added. "I would advise him to understand and appreciate the changed

environment in the aftermath of the abrogation of Articles 370 & 35A and use all his energy in creating a congenial atmosphere in the valley to facilitate the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits back in valley with dignity, honour and full sense of security. He and his party must also facilitate the recreation of harmony and goodwill between majority and minority communities without which it is impossible for peace and normalcy to return in the strife-torn Kashmir," asserted Khosa, adding that taking cover under lame excuse of a movie is not behove of the scion of a political party that has ruled the erstwhile state of J&K for decades.

Nauroz bolsters spirit of mutual love among people: Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohd Altaf Bukhari extended his greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the occasion of Nauroz and said this day symbolises the unique cultural heritage of the valley alongside strengthens the bonds of brotherhood and amity all across.

Bukhari said that the name Nauroz means 'newday' and I hope this occasion leads to a harbinger of peace, brotherhood and prosperity in the region. I extend warm greetings to the people of entire Jammu and Kashmir especially to our Shia brethren.