

Nadda's visit will boost morale of BJP cadre: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: As all eyes are set on the upcoming visit of BJP's National President J.P. Nadda to Jammu and Kashmir, it is likely to enthuse new passion and synergy within BJP cadre to make the party the force to reckon with in the Union Territory.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi in a statement released to the media on Sunday.

Yudhvir said that the visit of Nadda to Jammu on March 7 will redouble the enthusiasm among the party cadre as their leader is coming for the first time after the nullification of Articles 35A and 370. He said that the occasion will give ample space to the party workers to know more about the party ideology and groom themselves to become resolute public representatives in the coming times.

The senior BJP leader said that the Party is working on a mission mode regarding the



J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi chairing party workers meeting.

overall development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and sooner than later the region will become self-reliant with a boost in economic activity and guarantee of peaceful dwelling for which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are working day and night without taking any break whatsoever.

Sethi said Modi led Government has won hearts of minorities in the country, while other political parties in the past misused the minorities as their vote bank. He maintained that BJP is the only party that has provided healing touch to poor and it is committed to

carry on this legacy forward.

Highlighting achievements of BJP in J&K UT, Sethi said that establishment of AIIMS, ring roads, IIT, IIM, bridges, hydroelectric projects, expansion of Jammu Airport and many more. He said that the sort of development J&K has witnessed in these five years; it had never witnessed before.

Yudhvir asked the party cadre to fully utilize the opportunity of meeting the Nadda during his visit to Jammu as the same will enthuse zeal and zest in the party workers which is essential to meet the goals set up by the party in the Union Territory.

People suffering due to wrong policies of BJP Govt: Congress

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee, Jammu Rural, today said that the general public is suffering badly on account of economic slow-down, unemployment and unbridled inflation due to wrong policies of the BJP led government at the centre. In this context, District Congress Committee, Jammu Rural, held a meeting at village Gajansoo, on the outskirts of Jammu in which former minister Mula Ram, Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural, Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&K PYC and other senior Congress leaders were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the former Minister Mula Ram said that the miseries of the common man today are attributed to the wrong policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party Government at the Centre. Petrol and diesel prices are at all-time high having made history; LPG prices have doubled as compared to their prices before 2014 while the prices of vegetables, fruits, edible oils, pulses, eggs and other essen-



DCC leaders addressing a public meeting.

tials are out of reach of the common man, they lamented.

Mula Ram asked the BJP government at the Centre to immediately initiate drastic measures in order to bring down the fuel prices as these have a direct impact on all the products.

Hari Singh Chib, in his address, said that in view of the prevailing scenario across the nation today, there is a dire need to counter the fallacious agenda of BJP which has been befudding especially the people of the Jammu and Kashmir by propagating false narratives of unprecedented development and transparency galore in this sensitive region of the nation. He said that despite assurance by Home Minister

Amit Shah regarding restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir no road map has been prepared by the BJP lead Union Govt in this direction till date. Uday Chib said that the BJP has failed to fulfill the promises made to the people of Jammu before elections and instead it continues its wrong policies thus bringing nothing but miseries to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that BJP's promise of providing employment to the youth of J&K also turned out

AIPRUF seeks restoration of old pension scheme To hold UT-level protest on March 28

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JAMMU: A joint meeting of All India Pension Restoration United Front (AIPRUF) and Jammu & Kashmir Teachers Association (JKTA) was held in Jammu on Sunday at Maharaja Hari Singh Park to discuss future course of action regarding the restoration of old age pension scheme. The meeting was presided over by National Convener AIPRUF, Bhupinder Singh, who is also J&K President JKTA.

During the meeting the participants demanded scrapping of new pension scheme and restoration of old pension scheme. Speaking on the occasion, Singh said that new pension scheme is not a favourable scheme and mars rights of a Government employee. He further said that employees of J&K Government were raising demands for long, as removal of old pension scheme is against interests of employees. "We have submitted memorandums for the same to UT government several times," he asserted urging employees to participate in a nation-wide protest on March 28, 2022 at Jammu as well as Srinagar for restoration of old pension scheme.

A UT-level body of All India Pension Restoration United Front was also declared on the occasion with Tirth Singh Balwal as UT Convener, Abida War as Coordinator, Ray Raj Thakur as Advisor, Altaf Rasool as Organizer, Fardeep Choudhary as Chief Publicity Secretary, Narinder Nagra as Joint Secretary, Shah Ashiq as Press Secretary, Surinder Khajuria as Spokesperson and Farooq Daing as Secretary. AIPRUF also appointed District Conveners for all ten districts of Jammu division including Sikander Lal for Jammu, Sudesh Kumar for Udhampur, Kapoor Chand Sharma for Reasi, Mohd Shafiq Chuhlan for Poonch, Mani Ram for Kathua, Saqib Rounyal for Ramban, Ganesh Thakur for Kishtwar, Poonam Thakur for Doda, Subash Lal for Samba and Mohd Sadiq Poswal for Rajouri.

Prominent among others who spoke during the meeting included Akhtar Abbas Niazi, Joginder Dingra, Kamla Sharma, Sadaket Malik, Kuldeep Chand, Vikram Katoch, Abid Hussain, Dhruv Singh, Randeep Singh, Anchal Kumar, Kulbir Singh, Mohd Latief, Sangeta Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Ghulam Nabi, Surinder Singh and Kuldeep Singh.

Several women political activists join IkkJutt Jammu Party



Women political activists joining IkkJutt Jammu in presence of President, Ankur Sharma.

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JAMMU: Prominent female political activists along with their supporters on Sunday joined IkkJutt Jammu Party in presence of Party President Ankur Sharma, Secretary Deepmala Dubey, President IkkJutt Jammu Yuva Ajay Singh and other office bearers.

IkkJutt Jammu Party's organisational expansion is happening at a very rapid pace within the Jammu Province and people from all segments of the society are joint this political option regularly, Ankur said and declared that the party will

contest all the 43 Assembly Constituencies of Jammu Province in the coming elections and it is in this context that regular back to back joining programmes intended at electoral preparations are being organised.

"IkkJutt Jammu is the only political party which is exclusively a Jammu Province based party and has been fighting successfully for the rights and empowerment of Jammu," Ankur Sharma said and appealed everyone to join IkkJutt Jammu Party thereby owning responsibility to liberate Jammu from last 70 years' political paralysis.

JKRCEA delegation calls on Member Incharge J&K NCSC, discusses issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Reserved Categories Empowerment Alliance (JKRCEA) on Sunday called on Dr Anju Bala, Member Incharge J&K National Commission for Scheduled Castes at Katra and requested for directing J&K Govt to constitute an Internal Grievance Committee for looking into employment and service-related grievances of Scheduled Caste employees.

The delegation also discussed stalemate in implementation of reservation in promotions for SC, STs in J&K, role of bureaucracy and harassment of SC, ST employees besides several other issues faced by SC communities in J&K. In a memorandum submitted to Dr Anju Bala, the delegation said that Government of J&K led by LG Manoj Sinha vide GO No.232-JK(GAD) of 2022, dated March 2, 2022 on insistence of National Commission



JKRCEA delegation submitting memorandum to Member Incharge J&K NCSC, Dr Anju Bala.

for Scheduled Tribe constituted a Committee with terms of reference related to service matters of ST employees.

"It is a clear attempt on part of J&K UT administration to segregate two constitutionally similar categories having same constitutional rights with an intention to harsh and ignore scheduled caste communities in J&K," the members added, urging the National Commission for Scheduled Castes to issue an advisory to J&K administration for constituting a committee for looking into grievances and service-matter related issues of SC

employees and resolving the same.

Dr Anju Bala, Member I/c J&K National Commission for Scheduled Castes gave a patient hearing to visiting delegation and assured that Commission will leave no stone to protect constitutional rights of in-service and other SC communities of J&K.

Those who were part of delegation included Prof (Dr) G L Thapa, Mohinder Bhagat, Senior Journalist Sudhir Kumar, T C Bavouria (Retd Dy Secy), Sunesh Bhagat, G L Rahi and Romesh Kumar.

Corporator inaugurates drain works in Sainik Colony



Councilor Ward-69, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa starting drain work.

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JAMMU: BJP leader and Councilor Ward-69 of Sainik Colony, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa on Sunday kick-started drain work at Gurdwara Guru Singh Sabha Sainik Colony. Speaking on the occasion, Councilor said, "Gurdwara Committee, during an interaction, demanded for constructing a drain behind Gurdwara. As Gurpurab celebrations are followed by Guru Ka Langar, waste-water used to flow on roads due to absence of drains. It is really a matter of satisfaction that JMC has accepted the proposal for construction of drains and released funds for the purpose."

She further added that there is drastic improvement in the number of works sanctioned, pace of work and their quality. "This is a changing face of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I will like to assure all residents that works for improvement of colony will be taken with concerned Departments, at the earliest," she added. Expressing gratitude towards the Councilor for development of area, Sardar Joginder Singh highlighted problem of shortage of water in Sainik Colony and urged for resolving the same.

Others present on the occasion included Prakash Kour, Hemneet Kour, Babledeep Kour, Mohinder Singh, Kulbir Kour, Manmeet Singh, Sudershan, Joginder Duttia, Paramjit Singh, Narinder Singh and Harbhajan Singh.

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JAMMU: Grandparents are special for every child. Their best-time stories are integral part of everyone's growing-up years. They are also wise and experienced ones, we turn to in times of trouble. Their knowledge is invaluable and their love is unconditional. To express gratitude towards them for their unending inspirations, Unique Public Senior Secondary School (UPSSC), affiliated by CBSE, celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sunday within school campus.

The programme started with lighting of ceremonial lamp by Chief Guest, Ravinder Raina, President J&K Bharatiya Janata Party and special guests including Purnima Sharma (Deputy Mayor JMC), Geetu Anulakh (DDC), Sonu Anulakh (Sarpanch Khandwal), Ashish Kumar (Sarpanch Hakkal), Badrinath (Sarpanch Kotli) and Paramjeet Singh (Ex-Corporator).



Chairman of the School, Jasbir Singh presenting memento to Chief Guest, Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP President.

The celebration commenced by the Saraswati Vandana performed by the students followed by welcome speech by the Principal, Ravinder Kour, who said "we are all gathered on this day we fondly celebrate as Grandparents' Day. It is my privilege to welcome all the parents and grandparents of the little and a little bigger children studying in this institution. On their behalf I extend a hearty welcome to each one of you present here today."

"Whether maternal or paternal, grand parents have a very important role to play in their grand children's lives," she said.

Tiny tots in colourful attires, with seniors boys and girls in Punjabi traditional dresses, were all excited to perform before their grandparents.

Grandparents felt proud to see their grandchildren performed on stage.

Tiny tots presented welcome dance to welcome their grandparents. Children also spoke about their grandparents passionately. This was succeeded with dance on Dadi Amma song. Teachers also presented a dance on the occasion. Bhangra was performed by the senior students of the school.

Chief Guest Ravinder Raina

Rejuvenation of VDCs will help in ending terrorism soon: Danish

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JAMMU: Danish Mishra, Co-Incharge Social Media Department and Prabhari Jammu Poonch Lok Sabha Seat BJP J&K said that MHA's decision to rejuvenate Village Defence Committees (VDCs) after changing their nomenclature to Village Defence Groups in Jammu and Kashmir will strengthen security edifice which in turn will help in wiping out terrorism sooner than later.

In a statement issued to media persons, Danish said that a lot has been done in J&K after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A to end the hegemony of those working against the interests of the country and those who were hell-bent to vitiate peace and tranquility.

Mishra said that by reviving the VDCs under changed classification viz VDGs, the centre has taken care of security edifice in far off areas falling in difficult terrains of the J&K UT as lately the desperate terror mongers after feeling the heat of security forces' tight grip have indulged in reviving terrorism in far off hamlets.

The BJP leader said that the rejuvenated VDGs will give new dimensions to combat against terrorism by ensuring security at village level and also giving confidence to people living in hinterland because it is not possible for the government to reach out to villages situated in distant places with small populations.

Mishra emphasised that VDCs is a time tested option before the government to contain terrorism and it is likely that this time the reviving of the same will act as last nail in the coffin of terrorism in J&K UT.

Grandparents' Day celebrated at Unique Public School

was impressed by the efforts of the students.

Speaking on the occasion, Raina said, "These days, children often don't respect or have time for the elderly and go about doing their own work. The school is doing a great job of reviving moral values in our society." He advised all the students to work harder in life to get sure success. He also narrated one or two incidents of his childhood to inspire the students. All the other special guests also stressed on the inculcating moral values besides education among the young generation.

"The school's decision to celebrate Grandparents' Day is expected to bring about a positive change in the outlook of the present generation, they said. The Chairman of the School, Jasbir Singh, in his vote of thanks, appreciated the students and faculty members of the school for their efforts to make the celebration successful.

Opposition creating unwarranted hue & cry over Ukraine issue: Langar

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Langar, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Convener Trade and Industries Cell, Jammu and Kashmir has lauded the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Govt for rising to the occasion and evacuating Indians including students stranded in war torn Ukraine.

In a statement issued to media here today, Sham Langar said that it is really a proud moment for people of this nation that Modi Government is being lauded worldwide for making all possible best efforts in evacuating Indians stranded in Ukraine. He said that as per the national and international media reports, even the citizens of Pakistan and Turkey are waiving Indian Flags for their safe passage out of the war-torn country. He asserted that this in itself proves that how strongly the nation has been represented by the Modi Govt at the international level so much so that today India has become a force to reckon with globally.

The senior BJP leader said that Modi Govt took a commendable timely decision and sent four Union Ministers to Ukraine's neighboring countries who have been involved in relentless efforts to ensure that every Indian gets safely evacuated out of the war zone and back to their homes in India.

Sham Langar lashed out at the opposition leaders for unnecessarily crying hoarse over the issue despite nation having taken optimum measures to ensure safe evacuation of its citizens. He accused the opposition of presenting a disappointing picture of India by resorting to such unwarranted behaviour and attitude. He said that these opposition leaders have not taken their decision by the people positively and it is out of utter frustration they have become sadistic and derive pleasure in criticizing every decision of the Union Govt even if such decisions are in the best interest of the nation and globally acclaimed and lauded.

The senior BJP leader said that people at large do fully acknowledge the exceptional achievements of the PM Modi led Govt at the Centre and the results in the ongoing elections and thereafter are undoubtedly going to prove the undaunted faith, trust and confidence reposed in the Pradhan Sevak PM and the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Livpure launches smart range of home appliances in Jammu

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JAMMU: With the onset of festive season in India, Livpure Private Limited, one of the leading consumer durable brand, on Sunday launched its Smart Range of Home Appliance in Jammu which include High Recovery RO Saves 20000 Ltrs. Of water in a year and Smart AC & Coolers.

Commenting on the initiative, Anil Attri -Branch Head, J&K- Livpure India Pvt. Ltd. said, "Livpure is



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one of the most loved & trusted brand by consumers in India. As a consumer centric brand, Livpure has always been committed to delivering

with a best-in-class experience for its consumers. We are confident that Livpure will enable the consumers to enrich their lifestyle."