

Modi Govt established lasting peace in J&K: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta and others at Durga Nath Mandir in Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Senior Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta affirmed that BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi has successfully established long lasting peace in the UT of J&K by envisaging productive steps which proved

prolific and rewarding. The BJP stalwart leader was speaking during visit to the Durga Nath Mandir on the auspicious occasion of Durga Ashtami, here at Dal Gate on Wednesday. Kavinder said that deep in heart every Kashmiri knows that tranquility is back and the days of

tumult and turmoil are over but it will take some time to endorse this positive change realized by the Modi Government after carrying out lot of painstaking and showing exemplary farsightedness. Kavinder said that Valley has witnessed sea change in the last few years as

Tricolour is flying high in every nook and corner, tourists have broken all previous records, security scenario is phenomenal and above all the people are enjoying the lucrative incentives provided by the Modi dispensation for their good fortune and life full of dignity and pride.

Earlier, the Management Committee and the Trustees of the Durga Nath Mandir felicitated Kavinder Gupta after he paid obeisance at the temple and prayed for peace and progress of J&K.

Those present on the occasion include Avtar Krishan Bhat, Kundan Kashmiri, Murariji Koul, M K Gulabi, Dr Raj Pandita and Ashok Bhat.

Raina inaugurates Bhandara at Ware House

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JAMMU: A mass bhandara was organized at Ware House-Nehru Market Jammu on Wednesday on the occasion of Durga Ashtami, wherein a large number of people including all traders participated with great enthusiasm. Ravinder Raina, President BJP JKUT unit inaugurated the Bhandara in the presence of Baldev Singh, Dy. Mayor JMC, former Minister Sat Sharma, former MLC Yudhvir Sethi and BJP leader Vinay Kumar. All the office bearers of bazaar Associations of Jammu City and office bearers of Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu also graced the occasion. Deepak Gupta, President of the Traders Federation Ware House-Nehru Market Jammu and other office bearers honoured the guests by presenting Chunri to them. A large number of people and commuters



Ravinder Raina, President BJP JKUT serving Bhandara.

took 'parsad' in the Bhandara. Ravinder Raina assured the traders of Jammu that he will arrange their meeting with administration very soon to solve all their problems they are facing regarding GST.

Raina said that BJP has always stood with the traders and will walk shoulder to shoulder with the traders in future also. Those who were present on this occasion include Munish Mahajan, Sr. Vice President, Abhimanyu Gupta, Vice President, Vishal Gupta, Secretary, Amit Gupta, Cashier

of the Federation, Rattan Lal Gupta, Former President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market, Yashpal Gupta, President Retailers Association, Ramesh Gupta, President Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha, Kirti Gupta, President Daal Merchant Association, Rajesh bhagotra, President Sugar Association, Ajay Gupta, President Potato Onion Association, Happy Singh, President Yuva Rajput Sabha, Anoop Mittal, President Kanak Mandi Traders Association, Sanjay Gupta,

President Raghunath Bazaar Businessmen Association, Krishan Lal Gupta, Chairman Rajinder Bazaar Association, Rajinder Gupta, President Link Road Association, Anil Kohli, President Apsara Road, Rajesh Dewan President Hari Market, Pooja Kapoor, President Residency Road Association, Neeraj Gupta, President Chamber of Traders Federation and his team members, Anil Gupta President Karyana Association, Kulbushan Anand, Chairman Swarnkar Sang, Arun Sethi, President Upper Jain Bazar Association, Vishwamitra Gupta, President Shiv Market Railway Station Association, Anil Gupta, President Bahu Plaza Association, Rajesh Verma, President Upper Dhonthali Bazar Association and Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu and his team members were prominent.

Anti-drug rally organised by Jammu Police at Domana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An anti-drug rally was organised on Wednesday by the District Police Jammu (Sub-division Domana) to raise awareness about the drug menace. The rally was flagged off by District Development Council Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan. The rally was attended by a gathering of around 350 peo-

Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu (ADM), Sandeep Sointra, Superintendent of Police Rural Jammu, Sub-Divisional Police Officer Domana, Station House Officer Kanachak and Station House Officer Domana along with other officials were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, DDC Chairman said, "it is our collective responsibility to fight

vide support to those in need." Other officials also emphasised the importance of staying away from drugs and leading a healthy lifestyle. They encouraged the youth to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drugs and to support their peers in making positive choices. The rally started from Higher Secondary School Domana and culminated at



Police officers and DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan leading an awareness rally.

ple, including youth, who were briefed on the issue. Block Development Council Marh, Surinder Kumar;

against the drug menace and protect our youth. We must come together as a community to raise awareness and pro-

Shri Jagdamba Banquet Hall in Purkho. Refreshments were distributed among students and volunteers.

CO IRP 11th Bn accords send-off to 9 retiring police officers/officials



Commandant IRP 11th Bn, SSP Sandeep Mehta with retirees during a farewell function.

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ANANTNAG: IRP 11th Bn on Wednesday hosted a ceremony in DPL Anantnag to bid adieu to its nine officers/officials of the Unit which were of the rank of SIs, ASIs, HC and Followers who are superannuating at the end of this month. Commandant and the staff honoured each retiring officer/official with token gifts and wished the retiring officers/officials a very happy, cheerful and healthy retired life. The highlight of the function was that all the retiring

officers except one were handed over their pension papers complete in all respects from AGs office. Those who are retiring include SI Abdul Majeed, SI Mohd Maqbool, SI Ali Mohammad, ASI Mohd Hussain, ASI Mushtaq Ahmad, W/ASI Mahjabeen Akhter, HC Abdul Rashid, Foll Mohd Akram & Foll Abdul Rashid. Most of them have rendered more than 30 years of service and few of them shared their experiences too. The Commandant, Dy COs and all other staff members

gave a warm send off to their Colleagues on attaining their age of superannuation. Commandant of the unit, Sandeep Mehta, SSP while acknowledging the outstanding contribution of the retiring officers/officials appreciated their work and dedication towards their duties. He emphasized that the retirees should accomplish all their pending tasks which they could not complete due to the lack of time during service and can follow their hobbies too. He extended good wishes and healthy post-retirement life to them.

PRSI honours KB Jandial for his contributions in field of Public Relations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) honoured K.B Jandial IAS (Retd) for his exceptional contributions in the field of Public Relations as Director of Information for J&K at a function at Jammu held recently to honour six celebrities (Pride of Jammu). The other personalities honoured include Prof Shiv Nirmohi and Jitender Udhamपुरi (both Padam Shri awardees), Seema

Sehgal, Abhilasha Bahuguna and Ravinder Singh Jamwal. The awards were presented by the former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, Chairperson BOSE, Dr. Parikshit Singh Manhas and Dr. Ajit Pathak, National President PRSI. Seen in the picture are Dinesh Manhotra, General Secretary Press Club of Jammu and Opinder Sharma, Co-Converor PRSI J&K.



PRSI officials honouring K.B Jandial IAS (Retd) at Jammu.

Aakash BYJU'S launches third flagship at Vasant Kunj

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NEW DELHI: Aakash BYJU'S, India's leader in test preparation services, on Wednesday launched its third flagship in Delhi, after South Extension and Janakpuri, at Vasant Kunj, responding to the growing demand for its NEET, JEE and Foundation courses from the Capital. This new addition to the Aakash BYJU'S expanding pan-India network of centres, currently totaling 330+ in 24 states and union territories, reflects the institute's commitment to reaching its standardised direct coaching services to students where they live. Located in an area of 14952 sq. ft. of space in a prime location at Ambience Tower, Second Floor, Plot No 3, Sector- A, Pocket II, Vasant Kunj, the flagship has 17 classrooms and can



Abhishek Maheshwari, CEO Aakash BYJU'S along with Dr Yash Pal, Regional Director inaugurating centre.

offer direct classes to 2000+ students. Featuring connected and smart classrooms, it can also provide a seamless learning experience to the students of its hybrid courses. Currently Aakash BYJU'S has around 34 centers in the whole of

Delhi and NCR. The new flagship will be the 35th in the region. The flagship at Vasant Kunj, Delhi was inaugurated by Abhishek Maheshwari, Chief Executive Officer, Aakash BYJU'S along with Dr Yash Pal, Regional

Director in the presence of other company officials. In his comments about the launch of the new flagship, Abhishek Maheshwari, CEO, Aakash BYJU'S, said, "At Aakash BYJU'S, we believe in promoting student-centric education, which means delivering courses and bringing education to students wherever they are. Aakash BYJU'S is the only major player in the market with around 34 centers in Delhi NCR alone. Our key differentiator is not only the quality of course content but also its delivery that represents the right balance between online and offline modes. In short, we want to offer the best of both worlds - real and virtual, to boost the learning experience and outcomes of our students and help them realise their higher education dreams."

KPS organises Hawan on Durga Ashtami

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JAMMU: The Annual Hawan ceremony of Durga Ashtami (part of Navreh Samaroh) was celebrated with full religious ethos on Wednesday by Kashmiri Pandita Sabha (KPS), Ambphalla, here. The Hawan started on March 28 and culminated on Wednesday with Puran Ahuti. On the occasion entire executive body led by its President K. K. Khosa was present. Besides a large number of devotees, including life member of Sabha, the prominent members of the community who graced the occasion were P.K Zalpuri, A.K Braroo, T.N Bhat, B.L Bhat (Ex-MLC) and many others. After Puran Ahuti, the devotees were served with Prasad.

Deputy Mayor starts work of tubewell at Sainik Colony



Dy Mayor Jammu, B.S Billawaria and others during start of work of tubewell.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, on Wednesday started the work of tubewell with the estimated cost Rs 65 lakh at Sainik Colony. Nariender Singh Jamwal (Bunty), former JMC Chairman & Corporator was the present. The work of tubewell will be taken up under

Prime Minister's Jal Jeevan Mission. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor said that people of Jammu and Kashmir are thankful to Prime Minister for according top priority to the development of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the approx 65 lakh rupees for accomplishing the establishment of tube well and its allied works. He said that after com-

pletion of the development work the people of Sainik Colony will no longer face the water crisis. Billawaria also said that all out efforts will be made in near future to ensure further development in Jammu areas. Ravi Bakshi, Parmodh Chib, Umesh Sharma, Kamal Netra, Gopal Khajuria, Saroj Manhas and Bodh Raj were present.

DYM urges Jammuties to participate in Ram Navami Shobha Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Executive body of Dharmik Yuvak Mandal (DYM) in a meeting held here on Wednesday discussed the arrangements pertaining to smooth conduct of Ram Navami Shobha Yatra to be taken tomorrow. It was also informed in the meeting that Shobha Yatra will comprise 15-20 Jhankis based on the life and preaching of Bhagwan Narayan Purshottam Ram. Special attraction will be Jhankis as well as participants from outside the J&K which will be the first time in the history of this Shobha Yatra that Jhankis of high standard will participate, they said adding that route of the Shobha Yatra will be illuminated by various trader associations and the wel-

come of the Shobha Yatra will also be done on the Yatra route as per previous practice. Executive body members appealed to all the Social /Religious Trade organisations to participate in the Shobha Yatra enmass to make the Shobha Yatra more impressive in the city of Temples. Later, the DYM team met various office bearers of the various trader associations and discussed various welcome arrangements planned by them. Prominent among those who were present in the meeting were Anil Sharma (President), Er. Gopal Sharma (General Secretary), Nischal Anand (Treasurer), N.R Gupta, Kuldeep Anand, Dharni Dhar, Vishal Gupta, Yash Pal Gupta and Deepak Gupta.

ICCR Jammu organises cultural programme 'Dogri Sangeet and Nritya'



Rajesh Kumar, Regional Director, ICCR and Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister along with others at a programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Regional Office, Jammu & Kashmir organised a cultural programme of Dogri Sangeet and Nritya, which was performed by different local artists under "Horizon Series" on Wednesday at K.L Sehgal

Hall, here. The event began with a lighting of lamp performed by Rajesh Kumar, Regional Director, ICCR and Chief Guest Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister along with other dignitaries. Welcoming the guests, Rajesh said that the main purpose of ICCR is to develop and strengthen inter-cultural bond,

enhance mutual understanding and promote harmonious relationships between India and other countries and its people through such cultural and educational initiatives. At the same time, ICCR makes efforts to promote local art and culture, and providing opportunities to the artists in the field of art, music, dance, drama etc., Today's performance

was started with local singers namely Nirbhay Singh, Sapna, Udhay Singh and Sunny and they sung some of famous Dogri songs, which were praised by the audience. After this, Dogri dance/Nritya were also performed by group other local artists namely Harshita, Tanya, Manashvi, Khushi and Kavita. Another striking feature of the programme was the versatile anchoring done by presenter Rajni. The Chief Guest was impressed and praised the entire event and given message to protect our local art/culture. The programme was coordinated by Reena Salathia, Cultural Officer, ICCR, RO, Jammu. The vote of thanks was presented by Rajesh Kumar.

Jackson Cultural Institute to hold 'Duggar Star Awards 2023' on April 2



Jackson Cultural Institute of Society & PKS Films Creation members during a press conference in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In order to nurture and conserve the Dogra heritage and culture, the Jackson Cultural Institute of Society & PKS Films Creation has decided to hold a function to felicitate Dogra artists of Jammu. While addressing a press conference at Press Club of Jammu on Wednesday, the members of Jackson Cultural Institute of Society informed that the Dogra artists will be pre-

sented awards on April 2, 2023 during a programme 'Duggar Star Awards 2023' to be held at Abhinav Theatre. The members extended invitation to all citizens for attending the function. Prominent among those present on the occasion included J R Sharma Jackson, Poonam Rani, Pawan Sharma, Manjeet Singh, Madan Rangila, Subhash Jamwal, Akram Khan, Ravi Sharma and Hariket.