

BJYM pays tributes to veteran leaders Kotwal, Chandrakant



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JAMMU: J&K Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) on Saturday paid floral tributes to former J&K BJP President and veteran party leader Daya Krishan Kotwal and RSS leader Chandrakant Sharma on their death anniversaries in a function held at Party Headquarters in Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

On the occasion, Amandeep Singh, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) National Media Incharge; Prabhari Jammu Kashmir and Arun Prabhat, President Jammu Kashmir BJYM and party cadre were paid glorious tributes to the veteran leaders.

While addressing the meeting, Arun Prabhat briefed about the life history of the veteran leaders and highlighted their contribution in strengthening the party. Arun Prabhat, while paying tributes to the great souls, said that Kotwal Ji was equally respected by members of all communities in erst-while Doda district. He said the contribution of the late leader will be always remembered. He also said that the RSS leader, Chandrakant Ji laid down his life following the path of his core values and added that we all must take lessons of patriotism from their lives. Prabhat,

said that during their life time, these great men provided their priceless services to the nation and society with their selfless deeds and even today everyone of us are being guided by their noble and incessant services for the society. Paying tributes to Late Daya Krishan Kotwal, Amandeep Singh said that he led the State Unit of BJP as its president from 1996 to 2002 and contributed a lot in strengthening the secular democratic fabrics of the State. He said that Kotwal Ji was a humble person who was accessible to all and always fought for the cause of the downtrodden.

Singh, said that Chandrakant Sharma fought for more than 3 decades against Pakistani terrorism and his heavenly departure was a great loss to the nation and society. He fought like a soldier against cowardly Pakistanis in J&K, he said and added that Kotwal was an embodiment of dedication and selfless struggle for the organization and its ideology.

NSS unit of GGM Science College participates in Save Tawi campaign



NSS volunteers of GGM Science College collecting wastes to save river Tawi from pollution.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan participated in Save Tawi campaign organized by JKPCC an effort to clean Tawi.

Poster competition was held on the themes 'River Tawi-The Lifeline of

Jammu City' and 'Say No to Single Use Plastic'.

NSS volunteers participated in the Save Tawi Sakh Visarjan on 9th April.

They monitored closely segregating the Saakh from other things like chunri, coconut, polythene, flowers etc so that our lifeline Surya Putri Tawi remains freed from pollutants.

CISF organises Marathon Run, other events to commemorate 15 years of deployment in DMRC Delhi

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NEW DELHI: To commemorate the completion of 15 years of CISF deployment at Delhi Metro Rail, CISF personnel presented various OPS demonstration during the program organised to celebrate the Induction in Delhi Metro the lifeline of Delhi.

In this series of celebration, the chief guest, Sheel Vardhan Singh, Director General, CISF flagged off a marathon 'Metro Run', comprising of 10 teams of CISF personnel.

The marathon commenced at 0400 hrs from various terminal stations of Delhi metro network and concluded at Central Park, Rajiv Chowk, Delhi.

The longest route of 42 kms of the marathon was between Raja Nahar Singh metro station to Central Park metro station, Delhi.

The metro run was followed by various demonstration by CISF personnel



DG CISF, Sheel Vardhan Singh and others during a programme.

at Central Park, Rajiv Chowk, New Delhi.

In his address, Director General, CISF appreciated the officers and personnel of the CISF Unit DMRC, Delhi and said that CISF is providing impeccable security to the DMRC and this has been made possible by the hard work, professionalism and commitment of the officers & men of the unit.

Later, he also inaugurated the Stone laying ceremony for the proposed accommodation of CISF personnel

at various locations across Delhi, where more than 1800 personnel of CISF unit DMRC Delhi will be accommodated.

Vikas Kumar, MD DMRC, Arvind Deep, ADG(North), Nina Singh, ADG (HQrs), Pramod Shripad Phalnikar, ADG(APS) and other senior officers of CISF FHQrs, NCR Sector, Unit Heads of Delhi based Units & Sr. Officers and personnel of CISF Unit DMRC Delhi were also present during the function.

BJP J&K Chief inaugurates Bhandara at Ware House

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JAMMU: A Bhandara was organized at Ware House-Nehru Market Jammu on Saturday 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 Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC, Purnima Sharma, Dy Mayor, Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CM, Kulbir Honda, SP City and Mamta Sharma, SP South.

All the office bearers of bazaar Associations 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.

The Bhandara was opened for all. A large number of people and commuters took 'Parsad' in the Bhandara.

While speaking on the occasion, Deepak Gupta, highlighted various welfare activities organized by the Federation for the poor and downtrodden.

He also exhorted the well off people to come forward and be a part of this initiative taken by the Federation. Raising the issue of GST, Deepak Gupta



Ravinder Raina, President BJP JKUT serving Prasad at Bhandara.

said that warehouse traders pay Rs 300 crore tax annually, but today the GST department is harassing them the most and traders being fined lakhs of rupees for small clerical mistakes. Raising the issue of opening of Reliance stores in Jammu, the small traders of Jammu will be ruined. Gupta said that with the opening of One Best Price, all the small businessmen around it were destroyed and with the opening of Reliance Stores across the city, the whole of Jammu would be in the same condition.

Deepak also raised the demand to give ownership rights of shops to the shopkeepers of the warehouse and Nehru Market and also to provide suitable land for Godowns.

On this occasion, BJP President Ravinder Raina assured the traders of Jammu that he will arrange their meeting with Financial Commissioner Atul Dhullu and GST officers very soon to solve all their problems they are facing regarding GST.

Those who were present on this occasion include Munish Mahajan, Sr. Vc. President, Abhimanyu Gupta, Vc. President, Sham Lal Langer, General Secretary, 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, Sh. Rajesh bhagotra, President Sugar Association, Ajay Gupta, President Potato Onion Association, Amit Gupta, Corporator Ward 19, Anita Gupta, Corporator Ward 11, 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, Lalit Mahajan, President Bari Brahmana Industries Association, Rajinder Gupta, President Link Road Association, Anil Kohli, President Apsara Road, Rajesh Devan President Hari Market, Pooja Kapoor, President Residency Road Association.

Various social, political organisations condemn sacrilege act at Sidhra

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JAMMU: Expressing shock over recent sacrilege act regarding vandalism in Laxmi Narayan temple at Rangoor area of Sidhra, wherein half a dozen idols were broken by unscrupulous elements, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri asked police authorities to launch a massive hunt for nabbing the culprits besides booking them as per law of the land.

In a press statement issued here, Suri said that it is the most unfortunate, regrettable and shocking incident wherein idols inside a temple have been vandalised and broken using stones. Those involved in the crime, he added, also tried to break open store room but failed. "The temple was vandalised before also, after which devotees had installed new idols of Gods and Goddesses for worshipping. Repeated incidents of vandalism in the same temple and at the same site seems a game-plan of some unscrupulous elements who are trying to vitiate peaceful atmosphere in Jammu," he added.

IkkJutt Jammu President,



IkkJutt Jammu President, Adv Ankur Sharma and workers raising slogans during a protest.

Adv Ankur Sharma, while expressing grave concern over the incident, has asked the district and Police administrations to initiate measures for nabbing culprits responsible for the shameful incident, as earlier also such incidents had happened in past. He further said that earlier also, he had raised the matter with concerned authorities, but no concrete action was initiated at ground level to check such incidents, which have caliber to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu.

Condemning the sacrilege act, Jammu Muslim Front has also appealed to the district administration and J&K police to take strict action against those who disrespected a religious place. In a press statement issues

here, the JMF leadership said that all those responsible for the sacrilege act should be punished in harshest manner so that these incidents do not happen in future. He further said that civil administration must hold talks with the civil society members and members of all communities to make sure that the peace is not disturbed.

A number of workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) led by its President Ashok Gupta also took out a protest rally against desecration of temple and idols. While condemning the attack on temple, Gupta said that such attacks are carried out to disturb communal harmony. "Similar incidents have taken place in past in Jammu, however, this time

the attack, which came after many days, has raised several questions over working of administration," he added. Others present on the occasion included Birbal, Ashish, Suresh, Roshan, Devinder, Kalu, Bantu, Rakesh, Roop Lal and Prem.

Irate over temple vandalism incident, a number of Shiv Sainiks led by President J&K unit, Manish Sahni have sought stern action against culprits. The activists also submitted a memorandum to SSP Jammu demanding stern action against culprits. Speaking on the occasion, Sahni said it is third incident of vandalism in the temple during last few years. It is a cowardly attempt to flare up communal tension in the peaceful Jammu region during holy Navratras. Later, Shiv Sena leaders under the leadership of Manish Sahni called on SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli and urged Police administration to immediately curb such anti-social elements. Others who accompanied Manish Sahni included Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, Balveer Singh, Raju Handa, Deepak Sharma and Sumit Abrol.

Dr Rohit Gupta calls on CE Jal Shakti, discusses drinking water crises



Apni Party Provincial Secretary and District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta led delegation during meeting with Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department.

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JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary and District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta on Saturday called on Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department to discuss issues

related to drinking water in Jammu. In a statement to the press, Gupta met the Jal Shakti Department's Chief Engineer at his office where Superintendent Engineer, Jal Shakti Mission, Sunil Koul, Technical Officer to Chief

Engineer, Ajay Gupta, Technical Officer to Executive Engineer; Rakesh Gupta were also present. During his meeting with the officials of the Jal Shakti Department, he conveyed to them about the issues being confronted by the people in Jammu with regard to irregular supply of drinking water.

On hearing him, the Jal Shakti Chief Engineer assured that his department would look into the complaints and accordingly will redress them.

They also assured that the water supply system would be improved in coming days and the fast complaint redressal mechanism has also been strengthened.

KPS organises annual Hawan ceremony on Durga Ashtami



KPS members and others performing Hawan during Durga Ashtami.

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JAMMU: The Annual Hawan ceremony of Durga Ashtami was organized on Saturday by Kashmiri Pandita Sabha (KPS), Ambphalla, here.

The Annual Hawan started on April 8, 2022 and culminated on Saturday with Puran Ahuti. On the occa-

sion entire executive body led by KPS 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 Kuldeep Khoda (former Director General of Police & CVC, J&K), Ajay Bharti

(Ex-MLC), Prof. Ashok Aima, P.K Zalpuri, Sushel Aima, B.B Bhat, A.K Raina (Vice-President AIKS), Dr. TK Moza and T.N Bhat. After Homa the devotees were served with Prasad.

During Hawan continuous Bhajan and Kirtan were sung by women and all other devotees.

Chairman HISI greets people on Ram Navami

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JAMMU: Chairman, Healthy India Stronger India (HISI), Hira Lal Abrol, on Saturday greeted people on Ram Navami and prayed that the occasion would be the symbol of peace, progress and prosperity in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The Chairman observed that the celebration of festivals, which was an important part of our glorious heritage, strengthened communal harmony and brotherhood and reinvigorated the secular ethos. He prayed for peace and well-being of the people of the UT.

He said the J&K UT takes pride in its multi-religious and multicultural ethos which have given it a special place in the country. He also installed hoard-



ings of Shri Ram Darbar at various places in Jammu to welcome the devotees for participating in Rath Yatra to be taken out on Ram Navami on April 10 (Sunday) at 4:00 PM from Shri Raghunath ji Temple.

He appealed to people to listen to and recite Shri Ram Chalisa on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami and seek the blessings of Bhagwan Ram for prosperous life.

Mankotia calls on Kejriwal

Kejriwal assures to draw comprehensive plan for J&K's development

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NEW DELHI: Former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia on Saturday called on Aam Aadmi Party National Convener & Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal at Delhi here to discuss the political scenario of Jammu and Kashmir. Balwant Singh Mankotia joined Aam Aadmi party yesterday at Delhi. During his meeting, Mankotia discussed current political scenario of J&K and the problems of the people in the absence of a politically elected government. He also apprised him of various problems including unemployment, insensitive unaccountable government, lack of development being faced by J&K.

The meeting lasted for 50 minutes during which Mankotia discussed the worsening security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and the only rhetoric by the current government. He also discussed strategy for the upcoming J&K assembly elections.

AAP National Convener and CM Delhi Arvind Kejriwal assured to take up the issues of importance for the people of Jammu and Kashmir so



Former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia calling on Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal at Delhi.

that aspirations of the people of both the regions especially youth are addressed. He said that AAP would draw a comprehensive plan for Jammu and Kashmir so that Union Territory flourishes in all aspects.

He appreciated Mankotia for his continuous efforts to raise the genuine issues of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

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JAMMU: National Students Union of India (NSUI) on Saturday celebrated its 52nd Foundation Day by hoisting its flag at Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Office in Jammu.

On the occasion, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, JKPCC spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, General Secretary Sh. Yogesh Sawhney and Ved Mahajan (Ex-MLC) were present as Chief Guests.

The programme began with the hoisting of the flag



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing NSUI activists.

by the Raman Bhalla, Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney and in the presence of NSUI office bearers.

Bhalla threw light on his-

tory of NSUI, which is the largest democratic students union of the world and had been formed by late Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi by amalgamating

Kerala student union and West Bengal Chattr Parishad merged and NSUI was founded on 9 April 1971.

Ravinder Sharma and Sawhney added that NSUI is one of the largest student organisation that relentless works day and night for the welfare and right of the student community throughout the nation.

While taking to the student, Sunny Parihar State President NSUI Jammu and Kashmir said that the NSUI takes the pledge to work for the betterment of the student community in

the future also and will organize a host of activities in future which will benefit the students of the state in a larger Interest.

He added that politics and students are not two different things but are things that go hand in hand.

Other NSUI leaders who organised and joined today celebration programme were Nipun Gandhi, Ajay Lakhotra, Anuj Sharma, Dilawar singh, Yasser Rashid, pawvaz, munish, Harsh, Vishu, Saiyam, Zia Choudhary, Sanam, Akhil and Aneek.