

SC community's welfare priority of BJP Govt: Kavinder

Distributes stationery, eatables among students of GMS Bahu Fort

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Kavinder Gupta has said that BJP Government at the Centre under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi is committed for the welfare and economic upliftment of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) in the country and treats their welfare as top priority. He asserted that during the last about eight years, while a large number of schemes have been launched for the benefit of each and every section of the society, at the same time the SC community has been receiving special attention in all matters and that too at all levels. The BJP leader expressed this while addressing a gathering during a programme at Govt Middle School, Ward No 47 Bahu Fort belongs to the Schedule Caste community and the former Dy Chief Minister along with Vinay Gupta, BJP District President and Corporator Sharda Kumari distributed stationary items and eatables among the students during today's programme. In his address, Kavinder highlighted various welfare schemes rolled out by the BJP Government especially for the members of Schedule Caste community. He appealed to the members of this underprivileged communi-



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta distributing stationery among students.

celebrations that falls on the 14th of April. It is pertinent to mention here that majority of students studying in the aforesaid Govt Middle School, Ward No: 47 Bahu Fort belongs to the Schedule Caste community and the former Dy Chief Minister along with Vinay Gupta, BJP District President and Corporator Sharda Kumari distributed stationary items and eatables among the students during today's programme. In his address, Kavinder highlighted various welfare schemes rolled out by the BJP Government especially for the members of Schedule Caste community. He appealed to the members of this underprivileged communi-

ty to come forward and avail the benefits of such schemes at the earliest. In order to apply for the same, he said that the BJP cadre especially its workers and activists are available 24X7 to help them in reaping the benefits of such schemes. He also acknowledged that the party has achieved the number one position in Jammu and Kashmir due to the commendable contribution of the Schedule Caste community as it has played a vital role in strengthening it. The former Dy CM asserted that Congress Party betrayed the Schedule Caste people for about seven decades and now Bharatiya Janata Party Govt at the Centre is leaving no stone

turned in welfare and progress of this much underprivileged community.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta conducted an interaction with the students as well as the teachers of the school on the occasion. While asking the students to make Dr Ambedkar as their role model, he asserted that there is no short cut to success and they must realize that the only key to achieve it is hard work from which they cannot afford to escape. He said that teachers mould the future citizenry of the nation and asked them to play a vital role in the transformed scenario with the world today having been reduced to a global village.

Among those who accompanied Kavinder Gupta during his visit to the school were Neeraj Puri, BJP Mandal President; Narinder Gupta Koki, BJP District Secretary; Karuna Khetri BJP District Vice President; Subhash Chander; Ajay Kumar; Nayan Gupta General Secretary and Vivek Patyal.

Youth Congress protests, flays LG Admn for terminating services of NHM workers

Reinstate services of NHM workers immediately: Uday

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JAMMU: J&K Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC) lambasted the LG Administration for terminating the services of NHM workers who were engaged during the peak of COVID-19 pandemic, demanding continuation of their services.

Led by Uday Chib, President J&K PYC, the Youth Congress activists assembled in front of GMC Hospital Jammu and joined the protest of NHM workers who were on protest for termination of their services.

Talking to reporters, Uday Chib said these NHM workers were engaged during the Covid pandemic at peak and they had put their lives at risk by treating the Covid patients. "The NHM workers were deputed to several government hospitals at the peak of the COVID-19 when no one wanted to leave their homes. Even the PM has



JKPYC members raising slogans during a Dharna in support of NHM workers.

also recognized the services of health workers by calling them as Frontline Warriors," he said.

Condemning the decision of government for terminating 1600 NHM workers, Uday Chib criticized use and throw policy of LG led Administration saying that these paramedics deserve regularization of their services as government had engaged them in 2019 to work as frontline workers in the health sector and now government is playing with their careers which are

highly uncalled for. He said at a time when new COVID variants were creating havoc across the country and the threat was looming large in J&K, their services should be regularized henceforth.

He alleged that the government has terminated them in violation of the High Court order.

Uday Chib still the corona cases are being reported in J and K and the government has terminated the services of NHM workers who worked day and night

in treating Covid patients by putting their lives at risk.

Uday asked the government if Covid cases would suddenly rise in J and K as like the foreign countries then who will treat the Covid patients BJP State President Ravinder Raina or LG Manoj Sinha himself under whose Administration such decisions have been taken arbitrarily.

Sahil Singh Langeh, State General Secretary J&K PYC, who was earlier detained by police while staging a protest in support of NHM workers a few days ago, assured the protesting NHM workers that the Youth Congress will continue its protest till their demands are met.

Among those who joined the protest include Deepanshu Bhatt JKPYC Spokesperson, Happy Randhawa DYC President Jammu Urban, Jhonny and others.

Shiv Sena protests against anti-social elements

'Won't allow anyone to create religious frenzy'



Shiv Sena activists raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Shivsena unit of J&K today staged a strong protest against the anti-national and anti-social elements, who are hell bent upon to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu and Kashmir.

In this context, Shivsena activists under the leadership of president UT J&K Manish Sahni assembled in front of Party Head Office in Jammu. The protesters carried placards displaying message "Shanti Ke Dushman Hai Haa" , "Dusharnik Unmaad Paida Karana Band Karo." Talking to reporters, Sahni

described Jammu as a symbol of communal harmony and secularism. He said all efforts must be made to strengthen the secular fabric of the region, which is pluralistic in nature. He said the state is passing through a difficult phase and there are forces which are trying to create a regional divide and communal divide in the state for votes. He said everybody is placing the regional interest and regional aspirations above the integrity of the state, which is a matter of serious concern and will harm the nation's interest in the long run.

He cautioned such mischievous elements who tried to create communal disharmony and disturb the secular fabric, asking them to desist from their nefarious antics. He said that along with target killing in Kashmir, vigorous efforts are being made to break the mutual brotherhood in Jammu.

Sahni said that the communal harmony and social fabric of Jammu and Kashmir is not weak enough to create frenzy before elections like in other states. Whatever efforts the anti-social forces may try, due to the vigilance of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the police, they will not be able to succeed in their objective. He appealed to all to uphold the traditional values of brotherhood and coexistence and together identify, isolate and defeat elements who are bent upon disturbing peace and harmony in Jammu.

Sahni also appealed to the police administration to expose their masters by using third degree against the miscreants who have been caught.

AIVF J&K UT unit honours Mayor JMC, decides to start membership drive



AIVF, J&K UT unit office bearers honouring Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta.

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JAMMU: Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta was felicitated and honoured by the members of the All India Vaishya Federation (AIVF), J&K UT unit at a function organized here on Monday.

The function in which Chander Mohan Gupta was chief guest was attended by Sham Langer; Suryansh Jain, Varinder Gupta, Atul Aggarwal, Rajiv Mahajan, Devender Seth and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor said, "Today the Vaish community in all sphere of life is establishing new standards of success not only in production & distribution but in education, arts, medicine, technology, politics, administration, journalism, etc."

He said in all these fields they

have achieved notable distinction and registered their presence. J&K President of the Federation Sham Langer discussed various issues of Vaish community residing in J&K UT. He appealed all Vaish community members of the J&K UT to come under one platform to save themselves from the administrative harassment and also to regain high and respectable place in the society.

He also appealed all Vaish community members to step forward and let us pledge ourselves to lay the foundation stone of the golden future of our people and participate in the growth of this nation.

AIVF J&K unit members decided to hold next meeting on April 17, 2022 to discuss future plans particularly commencement of membership drive.

Billawaria starts blacktopping work at Ward-56

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JAMMU: Taking forward the basic mantra of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria kick started the work of blacktopping at Ward 56 Gangyal in Gandhi Nagar constituency. This construction work will be done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

The locals expressed their gratitude to Billawaria for taking up this work on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that with the start of these works, the long pending demands of the people have been redressed. He directed the officers of the concerned department to complete the works within a stipulated time frame and ensure the quality of work.

He said that the local people should personally monitor the quality of the ongoing development



BJP senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria starting blacktopping work at Ward-56.

works in the areas so that the pace of development can be improved.

Highlighting the achievements in Ward 56 Gangyal area, Billawaria said that several exemplary measures have been taken to improve the living standard of the people in the ward adding that for this purpose Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has provided liberal funding under various developmental sectors for developing every corner with improved basic amenities.

He said provision for adequate drinking, water facilities, improved power, medicare facilities and

infrastructural facilities to the people besides better lanes and drains are being paid first attention.

He said that the JMC is committed to provide sustainable development of Jammu and various development projects are in the pipeline.

He appealed to the people to do their part in keeping the Jammu city neat and clean.

Ranjit Singh, Mulkh Raj, Hardeep Singh, Ashok Sharma, Ram Lal Bali, Om Nath, Jugal Kishore, Bachan Lal, Kuldeep Raj, Bhola Ram, Abhinandan Sharma and other dignitaries were present.

JKHCBAJ condemns vandalism of Hindu Temple at Sidhra, demands strict punishment to culprits

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JAMMU: The J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu (JKHCBAJ) held a meeting under the chairmanship of M.K. Bhardwaj, Sr. Adv & President JKHCBAJ in which all the office bearers namely M.P.Singh Palli, Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra, Adv. General Secretary, Aditya Sharma, Adv. Joint Secretary & Amandeep Singh, Adv. Treasurer of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu participated and strongly condemned the

vandalisation at Hindu Temple at Sidhra Bye-pass, Jammu on April 9, 2022 by miscreants.

Bhardwaj, while addressing the meeting, urged upon the UT administration and police authorities to take immediate steps to identify and arrest the culprits without any delay and further urged upon the administration to strengthen the security around the whole of Jammu province in order to curb such type of incident and ensure that such incidents should not be repeated in future.

He said that some miscreants and unsocial elements have tried to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu in order to create communal disturbance and tension among the peace loving people of Jammu.

The members present in the meeting strongly condemned the sacrilegious act of desecration of Hindu God Idols in Sidhra Temple and demanded exemplary punishment for the culprits, as such incidents has the potential to flare up communal tension in otherwise peaceful atmosphere of Jammu. They asked people

of Jammu to come forward and expose such miscreants who want to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere and create communal divide.

The members present in the meeting expressed that this is an unpardonable act which has not only hurt the sentiments of Hindu religion but of all members of civilized society, therefore, it is high time to act promptly to restore the confidence across all sections of the society.

Among others the meeting was also attended by many senior and young members of the Association.

ABGGRF's Navratra celebrations conclude with pledge to protect 'Mother Cow'

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JAMMU: As part of the celebrations of the Chaitra Navratras, All Bharatiya Gurukul and Gaushala Research Foundation (ABGGRF) on Monday celebrated the ninth Navratra i.e. Ram Navami with great pomp and religious fervour all over the world including India.

In this regard, ABGGRF's Jammu and Kashmir UT unit organized a grand programme at Shridhar Gaushala in Gadighar beginning with the New Year as per Hindu calendar on first Navratra and concluding today on the ninth Navratra on Ram Navami. It is

pertinent to mention here that the programme was conducted by the ABGGRF team led by its National Youth General Secretary and State Organizer Sunil Sharma as per the instructions of National President Param Pujya Guru Ji Gautam Rishi. On the concluding day today a large number of people attended the celebrations at the Sridhar Gaushala. Besides conducting the traditional rituals as per the Hindu culture and philosophy, the occasion witnessed a session dedicated to special care of the cows in the Gaushala followed by providing special feed to the aforesaid cows. Prominent

among those who attended the grand celebrations were ABGGRF National Youth General Secretary and State Organizer Sunil Sharma, State President Ratna Kapoor, State Working President Dr. Vikas Bhardwaj, State General Secretary Roop Krishen Kakroo, Dr. Devendra Khokhar, State Vice President Sham Lal, Rajesh Gupta, State Secretary Sham Lal Gupta, Rakesh Sharma, State Advisor, Joli Ji, State Office Secretary Mohit Sharma, Sunil Manwa Ji Jammu District President Lucky Manhas, Chandra Kant Ji, Madan Magotra besides officers of Jammu district

administration. All those present on the occasion after receiving the blessings of Swami Ji took a pledge to protect the mother Cow (Gau Mata) from all hazards in the present scenario especially in India including J&K. The participants have reiterated the demand raised by Advocate P.S Chandel, ABGGRF J&K Incharge, for establishing a full-fledged Ministry for Cows by the Union Government.

They appealed to the people at large to make their children aware about their rich culture and heritage and make them follow the same in their life.

Cyclist Rajinder plans to visit Amarnath Shrine 17th time this year

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JAMMU: An enthusiastic and energetic man in his sixties completed the 135th Yatra of the Holy Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi on bicycle.

The devotee namely Rajinder Gupta, son of late Madan Lal Gupta, resident of Bathinda, Punjab after completing the 135th Yatra of the aforesaid Shrine reached back to Jammu on Monday. According to his statement, he has already completed Yatra of Shri Amarnath Shrine (Barfani Baba) for 16 times and will be undertaking the 17th Yatra this time from Bathinda on bicycle on May 20, 2022.

Not only this, the devotee is continuously visiting the holy places like Kangre Wali Mata, Chintpurni, Chamunda Devi, Mansa Devi, Naina Devi and Gomukhi Gangotri and in this way he has reportedly completed a total distance of 5.93 lakh kilometers on bicycle during last 34 years spreading the message of peace and tranquility.



Cyclist Rajinder Gupta

Baisakhi Day reminds of Rajouri people's sacrifices: Kuldeep

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader & former Vice-Chairman of Pahari Board (MoS status) Kuldeep Raj Gupta, has said that Rajouri Day being observed on Baisakhi Day, reminds us of the sacrifices made by the people of this border district.

Addressing media persons, alongwith J&K BJP Spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, Gupta said that it was on April 13, 1948, the Baisakhi Day, when Indian forces and the local people pushed back Pakistani Qawalis back into their territory. One day earlier, on April 12, dozens of people were martyred by the Qawalis as they were on front to defeat the designs of Pakistan. He said that on April 13, Rajouri was fully



BJP senior leader Kuldeep Raj Gupta talking to reporters.

freed of Pakistani intruders and the people celebrated it as Vijay Diwas.

Kuldeep Raj Gupta elaborated that Indian Army and the local civilians have been celebrating April 13 as Vijay Divas, wherein, number of programme are

organized, including light and sound show, Musical evening gathering held, all religion prayers, besides paying tributes by senior army officials and prominent civilians to the martyrs, who laid down their lives defending their moth-

erland and for the honour of tricolour.

Gupta further said that it was Baisakhi Day, when in 1919, General Dyer ordered firing on innocent civilians in Jalianwala Bagh in Amritsar, Guru Gobind Singh laid the foundation of Khalsa Panth in 1699.

It shows the significance of the day and that historical events are associated with Baisakhi Day. Again, it is the day, when farmers start harvesting their wheat crop.

Kuldeep urged upon the people to participate in the Rajouri Day celebration to be held at Rajouri on Baisakhi Day and learn about the supreme sacrifices of the great patriots of the border district of Rajouri.

IkkJutt Jammu Youth wing demands strict action against culprits behind desecration of temple



IkkJutt Jammu Yuva Sangathan activists raising slogans during a protest.

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SIDHRA: IkkJutt Jammu Yuva Sangathan along with many youth activists from different regions of Jammu staged protest against desecration of temple at Sidhra.

The youth during protest said some Jihadi elements trying to disturb Jammu and are targeting continuously Hindu sentiments.

Despite protest by various organizations on the incident, they said, still no proper action taken by administration

against the culprits. "If strong action will not be taken and culprits should not put behind the bars as soon as possible then this will be disastrous for whole Jammu region," they said.

Ajay Singh Saini President, IkkJutt Jammu Yuva Sangathan, warned if in coming days action not taken by administration then they will intensify the agitation and if anything happens wrong then administration will be responsible.