

Rijiju inaugurates Mega Legal Services & Awareness Camp at Khonmoh

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Srinagar: Union Minister for Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju on Thursday said that the vision of the Government of India is to ensure justice and equal benefits to the last man standing in row.

He made these remarks while inaugurating the Mega Legal Services and Awareness Camp organised by District Legal Services Authority and J&K Legal Services Authority under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar at Khumoh, Srinagar. The camp was being organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar.

The Union Minister who was Chief Guest on the occasion said that the government is obligated to provide justice to all sections of the society and said that J&K Legal Services Authority is doing a commendable job in this regard.

Union Minister urged all the public authorities and institutions to connect with the marginalized and targeted sections of the



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society living below the line of poverty so as to provide different social welfare and poverty alleviation schemes being provided by the Central and UT Government.

The Minister complimented the efforts of UT Administration and J&K Legal Services Authority for providing hassle free and unrestricted services to the people and added that the Union Government and the UT administration is duty bound to provide justice to various sections of the society.

Kiren Rijiju stressed for making every endeavor

and effort to make availability of 'Justice for all' a reality as per the mandate of the Constitution. The minister said that access to justice is important for ensuring the protection of rights of the citizens under various enactments and Social Welfare Schemes. He further said that the government is regularly monitoring the implementation of the social services and welfare schemes being provided to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the ground level.

The Chief Guest further said that the government, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, is committed to ensure justice and equal benefits to all sections of the society reaches to their doorsteps. Calling for coordinated and collaborative efforts, he said that implementation of the justice system will be effective if we work as a team to ensure that no one is left behind and every person is taken along in the path of progress and justice.

The Union Minister paid floral tribute to the portrait of Dr B. R Ambedkar and inspected 25 stalls showcased by various government departments and banks. During the camp, 711 people were imparted benefits under different

schemes of the Central Government and the Government of J&K.

The students of DPS Srinagar presented an impressive cultural programme showcasing Kashmiri folk tradition. On the occasion, a painting competition on the theme "Dr. B. R. Ambedkar - the Apostle of Social Justice" amongst the students of various schools of the surrounding areas was also organized and the winners of the event were felicitated by the Chief Guest. The dignitaries also released the Project Completion Report of A2J (Access to Justice) and planted saplings of Chinbar in the precinct of SIDCO Complex Khumoh.

Justice Pankaj Mital, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K LSA, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and D. C Raina Advocate General, besides other officers from Legal Services Institutions, Civil Administration and Police also graced the occasion.

Baisakhi ke tyohar

pe aap sabhi ko

meri taraf se

"Happy Lohri "

Kiran Rijiju

Congress pays tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar



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Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) has paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratan Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his 131st Birth Anniversary.

The function was attended by Senior Congress leaders of the party including PCC Working President Raman Bhalla, Vice President Mula Ram, General Secretaries of the party, Yogesh Sawhney, Th. Mamnoon Singh, DCC Presidents Hari Singh Chib Jammu (R), Krishan Chander Bhagat (Udhampur), Ashok Dogra (Ramban), Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Uday Bhanu Chib, Sunny Parihar, Dr. Karan Bhagat, Suresh Dogra, Rajiv Singh, Gajan Singh, Gurdarshan Singh, Sanjeev Panda, Corporators Dwarika Choudhary & Pritam Singh, Sandeep Dogra, Ritu Gupta, Pritam Kumar Pankaj Bhagat, Shamsher Bhagat, Vinay Bushan, Dewan Chand, Sameena Kausar, Khiladi Lal, Yog Raj, Pawan Bhagat, Geetan Singh, Baldev Raj, Purshotam Kumar and others.

Councilor of the Ward-41, Sanjay Baru said that he has taken up the issue with the concerned authorities.

He said that due to open space the people are using this place as a dumping ground and creating problems for other residents. He proposed imposing heavy fine on defaulters as the most of them are habitual offenders and will not shun this habit until the Government will not impose a befitting penalty.

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under privileged sections of the society and to get them their constitutional rights in every sphere of life on the principle of equality.

The Indian Constitution is a unique document representing the pluralistic character of our Country, Bhalla said adding that Dr. Ambedkar will always be remembered for his pivotal role in formulating the Constitution of India, the largest democracy of the World.

Bhalla said that it is more important to remember Dr. Ambedkar at the point of time when there are attempts to distort history and dilute the democratic and secular structure of the Country.

He lashed out at the forces who are trying to destroy and distort the contribution of the Indian Constitution wherein the provision for the welfare and the upliftment of poor, downtrodden and each & every section irrespective of caste, creed colour or religion was kept and approved by the Constituent Assembly of the Country.

They described Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar as one of the towering personalities of modern India who will always be remembered for his outstanding contribution for the upliftment of the downtrodden people in this country.

They said that we all should follow the path shown by Baba Sahib for equality and social justice and to bring about complete harmony and unity in diversity.

They also reminded about the struggle faced by Baba Sahib against the social evils and backwardness.

Minister and was appointed chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee on 29 August, 1947, Mu;a Ram said adding that on 26 November 1949, the Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly.

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Gigantic garbage heaps at Colonel Colony's entrance mock at Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

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Jammu: The open space at entrance of Talab Tillo's Colonel Colony gives a shabby look these days, as gigantic garbage heaps accord welcome to anyone and everyone who enters the colony giving two hoots to Government's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. This filth-ridden open space has been irking the residents of the aforesaid colony because on one side it gives a pathetic look to whosoever enters the colony and on the other is a probable source of diseases including Malaria, Dengue, Diarrhea, etc. Looking into seriousness of issue, people living in the vicinity have asked the authorities for shifting of the dumping point several times but still no action has been initiated



yet.

Jatin Sethi, a social activist and a resident of Colonel Colony, said that the matter of shifting this filthy garbage point has been taken up with Corporator of Ward-41 and the Health and Sanitation Officer of Jammu Municipal Corporation but nothing has been done in this

regard.

Sethi questioned that when the garbage is being collected on door to door basis then why the sanitation workers are being allowed to dump garbage at the entry point of the locality, which gives a shabby look to entire colony. On one hand, the Government is promoting Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

and on the other hand such things reveal seriousness of the officers sitting at the helm of affairs.

JMC should immediately take serious note of such grave issue by shifting this dumping point somewhere else without any further delay.

Ajay Kumar, another resident, expressed

anguish claiming that despite the fact that every year people fall prey to diseases like dengue, malaria, etc due to filth and heaps of garbage but Government is showing no interest in curbing such malpractices due to which innocent people have to face hardships.

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Div Com inaugurates Baisakhi Mela at Canal Road, Peer Kho Jammu

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Jammu: The Baisakhi festival was on Thursday celebrated with traditional fervour and gaiety across Jammu region by organizing a series of functions and fairs.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Dr Raghav Langer, inaugurated Baisakhi Mela at Canal Head and Peer Kho Jammu.



Div Com Jammu Dr Raghav Langer inaugurating Baisakhi Mela at Peer Kho Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner explained the ambitious scheme of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to promote traditional and Cultural Festivals of the UT to attract tourists with a taste for rich heritage and culture. "On the directions of the Lieutenant Governor J&K Shri Manoj Sinha a scheme has been launched under which different festivals have been identified in the districts for their promotion to attract tourists," he said.

Explaining further, he said "These festivals/ Melas are an inseparable part of our culture and the other major aim is to acquaint the young generation about the history of these festivals."

He further said that the festivals would offer the visitors and tourists an exciting experience of knowing about the cultural heritage, folklore, local Art, Culture, craft and traditions.

At Peer Kho, a mega Baisakhi Festival was organised under the leadership of Peer Rattan Nath, and Peer

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Jammu: Extending Baisakhi greetings to the people in general and the Sikh Sangat in particular, former Minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Thursday reminds the special significance in the glorious history of Sikhism as on this day in 1699, the Tenth Guru Guru Gobind Singhji founded the Khalsa Panth at the holy city of Sri Anandpur Sahib.

The organiser extended gratitude to the administration and police for putting in place necessary arrangements and to mark their presence and made these festivals a success and also to the

people of Jammu. President Chambal of commerce & industries, Arun Gupta along with team, Corporator Amit Gupta, Mahant Rajesh Bittu, At Canal Road, Rajinder Park Jammu, Corporator Amit Gupta and Market Associations organised mega Baisakhi Festival.

The Div Com along with others also performed the Dvaja Arpan ceremony and ceremonial Tawi Ghat Pujan. They also took a round of various stalls.

The surroundings presented a festive look with a number of temporary sweet shops, toy shops, and eateries put up by the locals as well as outside vendors. There was everything up to the mark for the entertainment of the people who had come from different areas of Jammu. The Kite Festival was a major attraction for the people of all age groups.

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most outstanding legal luminary, who has left an indelible mark by his remarkable and stupendous service to the nation and ameliorating the lot of downtrodden and marginalized people.

He said that the ideology of the legendary leader is humane, which needs to be emulated and carried forward by working towards creating a society based on equality and social justice.

He also referred to the

unflinching commitment of Babasaheb towards social justice and said that his tireless contribution brought about a revolutionary transformation in Indian social order and helped in carving out a society based on equality, justice and opportunities for all.

Rana said that the best tribute to the great leader would be to imbibe the spirit of oneness which alone can lead the nation towards peace, progress and prosperity. His efforts helped hugely in creating opportunities in every sphere of activity for the poor people in general and weaker sections in particular, which made a big turnaround in the politico-social landscape of India, he added.

Rana said that the life and actions have been a source of inspiration for crores all over the world.

He urged the people to emulate the spirit of togetherness for making India a better place to live. He also called for strengthening the bonds of brotherhood between various communities