

Raina for creating egalitarian society



President BJP J&K Ravinder Raina paying tributes to Bharat Ratan, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

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MAJALTA: In an impressive and colorful function organised here at Maytri palace, Battal (Majalta) by SC Cell of BJP Majalta in connection with 'Ambedkar Jayanti' celebrations, Ravinder Raina, President BJP J&K called for creating an egalitarian society where justice, social, economic and social, is secured for all. The function started with 'Bhim Vandana'. Floral tributes were offered to the pioneer of equality, Bharat Ratna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Raina repeated golden assertion of Baba Saheb that 'Rulers henceforth shall not be born from the wombs of Maharanis after the enactment of Constitution'. Rather they shall be chosen

amongst the people and by the people.

Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary J&KBJP and Former Minister also spoke on the occasion and threw some light on the life struggles and achievements of Baba Saheb and his role in upliftment of SCs. Making a pointed reference to certain vested interests who are out and out to distort Ambedkar's philosophy for their political gains, he said that Dr. Ambedkar laid thrust on the universal, holistic and cosmopolitan survival of Indian society and the State. Baba Sahib had dreamt of a caste-free, women empowerment and emancipation and pro-labor friendly India and we all should strive towards holistic

achievement of the same.

Prominent among others who addressed this function included Puran Chand, District President BJP, Juhli Manhas Pathania, Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Jattu Ram DDC Ramnagar-II, SC Morcha Chairman Suram Chand, BDC Chairman Sagam, Mohd Tahir, Rakesh Kumar Mandal President Jaganoo, Kuldeep Singh (Distt. General Secretary BJP Udhampur), Shiv Ram (General Secretary Majalta Mandal), Makhan Lal (Vice President Majalta Mandal), Sham Lal Vistarak Majalta Mandal, Ashok Bhagat (President SC Morecha), Vijay Kumar (Distt. General Secretary SC Morecha), Nimrata Bali, Manoj Verma Sarpanch, Raman Khajuria Sarpanch, Ramesh Gupta Sarpanch, Mohan Lal Sharma Co Incharge VDC Cell, Ashok Singh, Onkar Singh, Sardar Khan, Aarti Devi, Subash Sharma, Sansar Singh, Kuljeet Singh, Ram Singh Sarpanch and a galaxy of local leaders who highlighted upon the contribution of Baba Saheb in the social and political emancipation of Indian society.

Religious tourism should be promoted in border areas to create job & business opportunities: Congress

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JAMMU: Ravinder Sharma, Ex-MLC and Chief Spokesperson conducted tour of different areas of Sunderbani-Nowshera and took stock of peoples problems and pace of development activities.

Sharma also paid obeisance at the ancient people of Bawa Beeram Shah at Sarya, Jhanger, Rajal and Bagnoti and attended the religious functions besides praying for the well being of people and socio-religious harmony amongst different sections.

Sharma regretted that the pace of development is very slow and people face problems due to lack of proper approach road to Bawa ji Devsthan at Sarya (Jhanger) which needs to be upgraded and black topped on top priority in view of large number of

devotees visiting these holy shrines.

He said that the religious tourism should be promoted in border areas to create job and business opportunities besides creating necessary facilities for pilgrims visiting from far off places.

He said that the basic health facilities created by the previous Congress coalition government needs be made fully functional, as the Sub Centers sanctioned for some villages are without staff due to attachments at headquarters.

Sharma also demanded regularization of daily wagers, need based and land cases, without delay, as they are providing best services in the villages on meager wages. They keep the water supply, irrigation and other essential services functional round the clock, he added.

Shobha Yatra taken out to celebrate B R Ambedkar's birthday



Tributes being paid to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Kathua.

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KATHUA : Dr. B.R Ambedkar's 132th birthday was celebrated with gaiety and enthusiasm in Kathua. In this regard, a function was organised and an impressive motorcycle, scooter, cars, 'Shobha Yatra

was taken out in the city which started from Kalibari, College Road, Shaheedi Chowk, Mukherge Chowk, Parliwand, Ambadkar Chowk Of Kathua It Included Tableaux Wherein Childern in colorful tradi-

Shaheed Parivar Fund distributes relief material among 300 families of border dwellers

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RAMGARH: Shaheed Parivar Fund C/o Hind Samachar and Punjab Kesari Group on Friday distributed relief among border dwellers during a simple yet impressive function held at Chambyal in Ramgarh sector.

The distribution camp was organized by District Development Council (DDC) member Sarabjit Singh Johal and kitchen kits comprising besides others wheat flour and rice were distributed among 300 needy families on the occasion.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Dr D K Manyal, General Secretary Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K; Ex MLC and former minister; Vikram Randhawa and Varinder Sharma, Incharge Shaheed Parivar Fund were also present.

While addressing the gather-

ing on the occasion, DDC member Sarabjit Singh Johal informed about the aim behind holding the distribution camp. He said that the main patron behind providing relief material for border dwellers is Padma Shri Vijay Chopra.

Complimenting the Shaheed Parivar Fund management for sending relief material for the past more than 22 years, Dr D K Manyal, General Secretary Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K said that in the present scenario, philanthropy has become the need of the hour and noble and blessed people have always come forward to extend support to the needy people. Recalling the philanthropy displayed by the great journalist Lala Jagat Narayan during his lifetime, Dr Manyal also paid glowing tributes to him and said that his immense contribution in the field of journalism would be remembered

for ages to come. He also complimented Padma Shri Vijay Chopra for upholding the philanthropic and charitable legacy to serve the needy people in the society.

DDC Sarabjit Singh Johal, in his address, informed that today 668th truck of relief material was received for the border dwellers. He said that this relief will be distributed among 300 families of Chambyal and its adjoining areas.

DDC Member Johal felicitated Preetika Sharma on her first birthday who was also present on the occasion. Pertinent to mention here that grandfather of Preetika Sharma has contributed relief for the welfare of martyrs' families. BDC Chairman Darshan Choudhary, Harvinder Singh-District General Secretary BJP and S Hazara Singh were also present.

Gram Swaraj Month: Pledge on good governance administered to staff, other stakeholders

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RAMBAN: Department of Rural Development and Panchyati Raj Ramban reinforce various activities under Gram Swaraj celebrations regarding the adoption of 100 points programme in all panchayats of the district.

During the Gram Swaraj celebration, pledge regarding good governance were administered to Staff and other stakeholders in various panchayat of the district.

Meanwhile, officers of RDD interacted with children during child friendly week under Gram Savraj Month. They also interacted with PRI Members at Ramsao to discuss various panchayat related issues to achieve 100 points agenda under Gram Savraj Month.

The Gram Swaraj month celebration activities were also conducted in various panchayats of the district in which PRI's, officers from Rural Development and other line departments besides the general public participated. Various issues pertaining to development of rural areas were discussed besides conducting plantation and cleanliness drives in prominent places of the panchayats.

On the occasion, officers of RDD sensitize the people about Swaachh Gram and adoption of Sustainable Development Goals indicators for this year under 100 Point Agenda.

Workshop for skill development in Calico printing, bamboo craft organised in Palli

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SAMBA: One day workshop for skill development of Calico Printing and Bamboo Craft was held at panchayat Palli on Friday. The workshop was organized by the office of the Assistant Director Handicrafts Samba. About 30 participants, which included mostly the women took part in the workshop. The workshop was organized to promote the heritage of district Samba- calico hand block printing and one district one product- Bamboo.

AD Handicrafts, Samba Niharika welcomed the participants to the workshop. Kanta Devi, Senior Craft Instructor, imparted the knowl-

edge of Calico Printing and its importance where as Bhanu Pratap, Junior Craft Instructor, provided a basic training of the bamboo products. The team of five artisans of bamboo from district samba who had gone to Assam (NECBDC) to receive a 21 days training on capacity building on bamboo was also present on the occasion. They interacted with the participants and shared their experiences and learnings on bamboo from their stay in Assam. Vote of thanks was presented by Sushil Kumar, HTO. Among others Subash Chander HTO, Amit Kumar AHTO and Shashi Kumar were also present at the event.

Bukhari seeks implementation of Mandal Commission Report, regularisation of daily-wagers

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BISHNAH: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Friday appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to implement Mandal Commission Report in favour of Other Backward Class (OBC) community and regularize all the daily wagers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing One Day OBC Community's Active Workers Convention in Bishnah which was organized by OBC State Coordinator Madan Lal Chalotra, Altaf Bukhari hoped that during his visit to Samba District, the PM Modi shall announce the implementation of the Mandal Commission Report in toto in favour of OBC people under which they would be able to get 27% reservation in J&K like rest of the states in the country.

This reservation has been

denied to the OBC people in J&K for decades and the various political parties used this community as a vote bank but did not fulfill their promises.

In view of the visit of the Prime Minister, he hoped that the long demands of the people should be accepted.

With regard to the suffering of the people which have multiplied in last three years, he said that the BJP has implemented its manifesto by scrapping the special status of J&K and a perception was created that the constitutional protection to the erstwhile State was a stumbling block while referring to development and employment.

"Has anything changed in these years in Jammu?" he asked the people in the OBC Convention and they replied that nothing has changed but the problems have been added to their

daily life with increased unemployment, grab of natural resources by outsiders, price rise of the natural resources, sand, stones etc.

Nothing has changed despite direct rule of BJP in J&K, he said and added that the development is nowhere on the ground and the political party has failed to deliver as per the assurances it made with the public.

He said that unscheduled power cuts have increased up to 16 hours in Jammu during summers and it is causing great inconvenience to the people. Similarly, the Govt has not been able to handle the growing unemployment in J&K. The issues of over 1 lakh daily wagers still remain unaddressed and hoped that their demand for regularization would be accepted during the visit of the Prime Minister.

He also highlighted con-

cerns of Anganwadi workers, PHE daily wagers, Tourism Sector employees, agriculture department and other employees whose demands are still to be accepted.

He also expressed his serious concern over the grabbing of natural resources by the outsiders in J&K which has given rise to the rates of the construction material to an unexpected level.

"The people have complaints about the price rise of construction material and essential commodities. Therefore, we hope that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would address all these issues being faced by the people in Jammu as well as Kashmir," he said addressing the gathering at the One Day Worker's Convention in Bishnah.

He said that "The PDD lineman died while performing his duty yet their demands remain unheard. We expect that their issues will also be taken into consideration."

He said that the people are

fed up with the present form of Govt in J&K as the bureaucracy has lost confidence of the people and connection with the people in absence of an elected Govt.

He also demanded that the Govt should restore the statehood and democratic system in J&K.

Prominent among Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Raman Thappa, Arun Chibber, Dr Rohit Gupta, Choudhary Farooq Khayal, Kulwant Singh, Saleem Choudhary, Ajaz Kazmi, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, Darshan Mehra, Shabir Kohli, Raj Kumar Sharma, Vipul Bali, Adv Vikram Rathore, Sohan Singh Soni, Parnet Kour, Rupali Rani, Anirudh Vasist, Shivam Choudhary, Surdeesh Raina, Ashraf Choudhary, Gourav Sharma, Kirpal Singh, Karishan Singh, Satpal Verma, Ex-Captain Gurmeet Singh, Kulvinder Singh, Sonu Khasav, Babu Ram Bhagat, Jasvir Singh, Pushap Raj, Bharat Bhushan, Ex Sarpanch Bachan Singh, Joginder Singh, Jalaj Choudhary and others.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises slum visit under Poshan Abhiyan



Faculty and students along with slum dwellers.

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UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah Udhampur, NSS Unit, organised an activity under Poshan Abhiyan on Friday. The programme was conducted under the guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal, GDC Neeli Nallah, Udhampur. NSS Volunteers along with Principal and other staff faculty visited the slum area nearby the college and interacted with the people. Dr. Satinder Kaur

stressed that the motive of the drive was to promote awareness among the labour people regarding to improve the nutritional diet for children upto 6 years of age for their good health. In the drive, Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal along with other faculty members distributed milk and fruits to the children of the slum area. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Radha Rani, NS Programme Officer. Other faculty members were also present.

Army takes out anti-drug awareness rally in Patnitop

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UDHAMPUR: Army 23RR in collaboration with J&K Cycling Association organized mega cycle rally in order to create awareness and to develop communal harmony among people at Patnitop.

Cycle rally was flagged off by 23RR Brig. Jogeshwer Sharma from Patni-top today morning. In rally more than hundred cyclists including boys and girls from, Jammu, Samba, Ramban and other areas participated. Theme of the rally was "Say no to Drugs" and to develop communal harmony among people.

Rally commenced from Patnitop which passes through circular road and Natha-road road later culminated at Sanasar valley. While creating awareness among the local youths and cycle rider Brig Jogeshwer Sharma said that bicycle should be adopted as an alternate means of transportation as



Cyclists during the rally at Patnitop.

it promotes good health and fitness and on other hand it saves fuel and money that to economy of the nation. He suggested to use bicycles more often for short distances as an suitable and alternate means of transport at least in and around of the city. He further asked the youths to not to fallen drug menace and always Say no to Drugs, as any kind of drug degrade our physical as well as mental health.

District cycle Association president Rajesh Sharma

also exhorted the young cyclists, being carrier do spread message of communal harmony and no to drug to their surroundings so that healthy society can be developed. CO 23RR SK Singh and company commander Manish Kumar also exhorted the participants. Besides local other who present were J&K Cycle Association state president S. Ravinder Singh, SS Gill Gen. Secy. Vishal Kumar, Akshat Bakshi, a Rajinder Dogra, Sahil Dogra and Ajay Mehra.

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