

Randhawa chairs series of meetings ahead of PM's rally at Palli

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa said that BJP workers are working at grass-root level to aware the masses about the policies of the Central Government led by Prime Minister.

"Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has come up with an inclusive agenda of development, growth, investment and creating opportunities for the youth-skilled, unskilled and educated.

The initiatives put into action by the visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi will transform Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of region, religion, caste or ethnicity", he said.

Randhawa, who has been appointed as Incharge Ramgarh Mandal to mobilise the people to



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa speaking in a meeting.

attend the Prime Minister's rally in Panchayat Palli of District Samba, said the Prime Minister believes in "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas", which has been guiding force behind governance.

Former Legislator while referring to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about Jammu and Kashmir said that while the economically marginalised segments of the society have been brought under Ayushman Bharat scheme

as part of health for all across the country, it has been made applicable as Ayushman Sehat in the Union Territory with benefits of Rs 5 lakh medical cover to every family without any economic slab.

Former legislator while attending series of meetings in Ramgarh, Balotra Chak and Shataka Chak Panchayats in connection with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally on Panchayat Divas, which is falling on April 24, 2022,

said that various flagship schemes were launched by the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi including Ayushman Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, etc for the benefit of the common masses.

Former Legislator urged the BJP workers to further galvanise the party to make it strong enough to meet the aspirations of the people.

The meetings were attended by Keshav Dutt DDC Chairman, Sarpanch Roop Chand, Karnail Singh, Kamlesh Kumari, Ashok Kumar and Binla Devi Councillors, Naveen Sharma, Nancy and other BJP leaders and workers.

IIM Jammu organises Leadership Development Programme for members of ICSI

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SRINAGAR: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu Executive Education jointly in association with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) successfully organized the Leadership Development Programme for members of ICSI at IIM Jammu, Srinagar Off-Campus.

In all, 28 members of ICSI working in industries and in practice from all over India participated in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu and CS Devendra V Deshpande, President, ICSI.

The programme Directors of this programme were Dr. Baljeet Singh, Assistant Professor, Marketing, CA Rajat Jain, Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer (FACAO), IIM Jammu and CS Ashish Garg, Council Member, ICSI.

The main aim of this pro-



IIM Jammu Director, Prof. B.S. Sahay presenting memento to CS Devendra V Deshpande, President, ICSI.

gram is to further equip the company secretaries to acquire the requisite knowledge of other functional areas to ensure their effectiveness in managerial roles.

The broad areas focused under this programme were Leadership & Communication, Change and Crisis Management.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu "This is the first-ever leadership programme to be conducted at the IIM Jammu Srinagar Off-Campus. As you all know skills are an indispensable component, the programme will help the companies' sec-

retaries to develop their leadership and crisis management skills with an impetus to team building. It will also help them to embrace the transformational changes that technology and digitisation will bring."

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ing, strategy, change and crisis management and ability to analyse business eco-system, the leadership programme will help to address and enhance the existing skillsets of the company secretaries."

The programme commenced with the inaugural welcome by Dr Baljeet Singh and the introduction of all the dignitaries by CA Rajat Jain. The programme included addresses by CS Ashish Garg, Council Member, ICSI and Programme Director, CS Manish Gupta, Vice President ICSI. The two-day programme sessions were chaired by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Dr. Baljeet Singh, Dr. Barnali Chaudhary.

A certificate of participation was issued to the participants at the end of the programme. The inaugural programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Jabir Ali, Professor, Economics & Business Environment, IIM Jammu.

160 Bn CRPF organises Medical Camp



60 Battalion CRPF officials and doctors at a medical camp.

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JAMMU: Under its 'Civic Action Programme-2022', 160 Battalion CRPF organized a Free Medical camp at Village Patouli (Barnai), Jammu under the supervision of the senior officer of the Battalion.

In this medical camp, Dr. S.L.Fotra, Medical Officer, 160 Bn., Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Special Ortho/Comdt. and Dr. Anu Gorkhe, MO and many civil doctors examined the patients and counselled them to maintain overall health. Other than this, free medicines were also distributed to the patients.

Senior officer 160 Bn. graced the medical camp by apprising the motto of CRPF behind organizing these medical camps and

involvement of CRPF for ensuring safety, security and health of citizens. The officer elaborated the role of CRPF in maintaining cordial relationship between civilians and forces.

The officer further informed that under the guidance of Jammu Sector CRPF with the collaboration of J&K Health Department, these camps are organized regularly from many years.

He also informed that during such medical camps, scores of people are examined by the medical officers which will be definitely beneficial to them in maintaining good health.

Local people have expressed their gratitude towards CRPF for organizing such medical camp.

J&K High Court Bar Association pays tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar

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JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu organised a function to celebrate 131st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratan Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar under the leadership of its President, senior Adv M K Bhardwaj.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajneesh Oswal, Justice M L Manhas, Justice Rahul Bharti, Advocate General D C Raina and along with office bearers of JKHCBAJ namely M P Singh Palli (Vice President), Surjeet Singh Andotra (General Secretary), Aditya Sharma (Joint Secretary), Amandeep Singh (Treasurer) and Rohit Sharma (YLA President), Gagandeep Singh Lucky (YLA Vice President), Yaseer Farooq Khan (YLA General Secretary), Karanjeet Singh Johal (Joint Secretary YLA) & Naresh Kumar Treasurer (YLA) and many other



Jammu Bar members paying tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar.

senior and young lawyers also participated in the function. The function started with tribute paying ceremony wherein all participants paid floral tributes to Dr Ambedkar.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar highlighted the contributions of Dr Ambedkar in framing the Constitution of India and for upliftment of downtrodden. Sr Adv M K Bhardwaj felt highly gratified to contributions of Baba Saheb in socio-polit-

ical & religious reforms of country. D C Raina, Advocate General briefly explained the life history and contributions of Baba Saheb. Rohit Sharma also paid tributes to Dr Ambedkar. Adv Roop Lal Bharti briefly highlighted contributions of Dr Ambedkar on the occasion.

The proceedings were conducted by Adv Surjeet Singh Andotra while Amandeep Singh presented formal vote of thanks.

GCPF seeks cancellation of caste-based reservation system

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JAMMU: In a meeting held here on Saturday, the members of General Category People's Front (GCPF), under the leadership of their Chairman Raj Kumar Banathia, deliberated upon the socio-economic and political policies of government.

While speaking during the meeting, Prof Yash Paul Sanson, President alleged that General Category people (Swarn Castes) have been facing persistent neglect and deprivation due to continuation of caste-based discrimination and restricting application of basic fundamental rights of majority. Demanding review of existing reservation policy, Sanson said, "Nation demands 'Equality Act' to ensure 'Equal rights and Equal Laws' for all citizens,

irrespective of their caste and religion." He stressed for making Prime Minister's 'Sab Ka Saath Aur Sab Ka Vikas' slogan a reality by ending all types of discrimination, special concessions, quotas, special privileges and divisive policies.

Som Nath Sharma, General Secretary appealed to the Government to end reservation system and demanded scrapping of all contradictory rules and provisions of reservations, which undermined principles of equality, justice, liberty and dignity.

Others who spoke on the occasion included V K Sharma Vice President, Deepak Khajuria, Dr Bansilal Sharma, Bhushan Pargal, S K Sharma and Gopal Dass Verma.

Sanitation workers hold protest, many detained

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JAMMU: Several sanitation workers were detained on Saturday after they staged a protest against the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in support of their demands including regularisation of their service here, officials said. The workers, including women, gathered under the banner of Civil Safaikaramchhari Union near Press Club in the heart of the city and tried to march towards the main road when police initiated the action, the officials said.

They said over 12 workers, including their leader Rinku Gill, were whisked away in police vehicles to the nearby police station, where they were briefly detained.



Sanitation workers raising slogans during a protest.

"We were assured of the fulfilment of our long pending demands within one month after our last meeting with the government at civil secretariat on February 28. The government is only making false promises but we are determined in our struggle for our genuine demands," Gill said.

The union is demanding regu-

larisation of the services of those workers who have completed seven to 13 years and better work atmosphere and safety equipment.

"We are setting a deadline of 72 hours for the fulfilment of our genuine demands, otherwise we will intensify our struggle from Monday," Gill said.

Mayor inaugurates ISWM Garbage Transfer Station at Udhaywala

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more civic & development amenities to the people of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC along with Advocate Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor in presence of Mohinder Kumar Bhagat Councilor of Ward 61, on Saturday inaugurated a Modern Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Garbage Transfer Station at Udhaywala Jammu.

Neeraj Vaid Assistant Executive Engineer, K K Bali Assistant Engineer & other supervisory staff of Project Division & Health



Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, inaugurating ISWM Garbage Transfer Station at Udhaywala, Jammu.

Section of Ward 61 of JMC as well as other prominent inhabitants of Udhaywala & its adjoining localities were remained present there during the inauguration function.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Mayor told that JMC is committed to provide better sanitation facilities in all the wards of the city and all the Municipal Councilors in coordination with JMC staff is working as a team from the last

more than three & half years when they were elected as Councilors of JMC so that Jammu can be made really a smart city.

He further said that, more such type of Garbage Transfer centers under Solid waste management will be constructed in various parts of the city where sufficient land is available so that the Municipal Autos engaged in door to door garbage collection in different wards be carried at these Garbage Transfer stations for its further disposal with the help of compactors in a very scientific and planned manner.

Injunction or interference in tender leads to additional costs on State: DB

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazni while dismissing appeal of one Rakesh Kumar challenging decision dated 6th December 2021, taken by respondents 1 to 3 whereby petitioner has been technically disqualified in reference to Request for Proposal (RFP)-Tender e-Bid No.2021-AA1-82001-1 issued on 13.07.2021 for concession to design, fit-out, finance, develop, market, operate, maintain and manage the food and beverage outlets at Civil Airport, Jammu, after hearing senior Adv Sunil Sethi with Adv Navyug Sethi for

appellant whereas Advocate Inderjeet Gupta with Adv Yatini Mahajan for Airport Authority of India, observed that Court does not have the expertise to examine terms and conditions of the present day economic activities and this limitation should be kept in view. "Courts should be even more reluctant in interfering with contracts involving technical issues as there is a requirement of the necessary expertise to adjudicate upon such issues. The approach of Court should be not to find fault with magnifying glass in its hands, rather the Court should examine as to whether the decision-making process is after complying with the procedure contemplated by the tender conditions. The

injunction or interference in the tender leads to additional costs on the State and is also against public interest. Therefore, the State and its citizens suffer twice, firstly by paying escalation costs and secondly, by being deprived of the infrastructure for which the present-day Governments are expected to work," the Court observed.

DB further observed that the submission of counsel for the petitioner-appellant is that previous to the petitioner, the restaurant of the petitioner - M/s Airport Restaurant, of which the petitioner is the proprietor, was being run by his mother and before her by his father as a sole proprietorship firm. "Experience or the turnover of the said restaurant

during the period it was being run by his mother and father is also supposed to be taken into consideration. The aforesaid restaurant of the petitioner is being run in the sole proprietorship and not by any separate legal entity. The sole proprietorship has the entity of the proprietor only. The firm is only the trade name but the business is owned by the proprietor. In the instant case, the petitioner is bidder and, therefore, his business experience/turnover has to be considered for purposes of his eligibility rather than the business which was carried by his mother or father," the Court observed and upheld the judgment of Single Judge, dismissing appeal filed by the appellant.