

Randhawa mobilises people to attend PM's rally on Panchayati Raj Diwas

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JAMMU: Former MLC and Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Vikram Randhawa has asked the party cadre to aware the masses about the schemes launched the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi so as to strengthen the party at the grass root level.

Randhawa, who has been appointed as Incharge Ramgarh Mandal to mobilise the people to attend the Prime Minister's rally in Panchayat Palli of District Samba, said this while chairing a meeting at Panchayat Raika Lubana of Ramgarh Mandal.

Former Legislator asked the people to participate in Prime Minister's rally in large numbers on Panchayati Raj Diwas falling on April 24 at Village Palli in district Samba to listen the visionary views of Narendra Modi about the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He was accompanied by Shamsher Singh Manda President, Yashpal Khajuria Sarpanch, Jeeder Ram Panch



Senior BJP Vikram Randhawa during visit to Panchayat Raika Lubana of Ramgarh.

and many others.

"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", Former MLC said.

He said that the Prime Minister believes in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', which has been guiding force behind governance.

He added that central dispensation under the leadership

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has provided surplus funds for the development works across the Union Territory and that is the reason behind irresistible development trail going on in Jammu and Kashmir. He said instead of talking about big things the BJP leadership is focusing on local issues which can make a big difference in the lives of people.

Former MLC 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.

"Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of great Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the theme of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' and is committed for the overall development of the areas of Jammu", Randhawa said, adding that no ward will be deprived of basic amenities and development of every citizen is our main motto. He said that many projects are in pipeline for Jammu which will change the face of the city.

NMDC team visits Perth

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HYDERABAD: A high-level delegation of NMDC Ltd, led by Sumit Deb, Chairman and Managing Director met with state government officials and other mining companies in Australia this week.

Comprising of Amitava Mukherjee, Director - Finance and other senior officials of NMDC the delegation, which reached Perth, Australia had deliberations with the team of Legacy Iron Ore Ltd its Australian subsidiary.

Deb shared NMDC's future plans with officials of the state government.

Stating that FY 2022's record production was just a beginning for NMDC, he outlined the company's vision to become a 100 MT iron ore producer by the year 2030.

NMDC, being the single largest iron ore producer in India, is diversifying into steel with the Greenfield Nagarnar Steel Plant in the state of Chhattisgarh, India due to start production soon, said Deb.



NMDC Ltd team led by Sumit Deb, CMD at Perth.

He also expressed optimism on the future of the recently executed agreement between Legacy Iron Ore and Hancock Prospecting Ltd, which is now a key partner.

Deb said Hancock's expertise and experience, particularly in iron ore in Western Australia, would help unlock the huge potential of the Mt. Bevan project.

Also present at the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer of Atlas IronOre, Sanjeev Manchandani, the appointed manager of the new joint venture, elaborat-

ed on the activities planned towards completing pre-feasibility studies of Mt Bevan.

The CMD and Director, Financealso met with heads of other mining company present and had a valuable exchange of information on mining practices in Western Australia and NMDC's plans in the state.

Rakesh Gupta, CEO, Legacy Iron, thanked Deb, Mukherjee and other dignitaries present at the meeting for their continued support and guidance over the last few years in helping Legacy Iron grow to new heights.

Sanitation workers' genuine demands will be resolved soon: Baru



Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru honouring the sanitation workers.

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru on Monday organized a Swachhata programme to honour the sanitation workers in Ward-41 in which he along with BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra and BJP Ward President Ashok Wazir distributed facemasks, sanitizers and gloves among the Sanitation workers and also honored all of them by wearing Gamchas and showering flowers. Speaking on the occasion Sanjay Kumar Baru said that Smajik Nyay

is followed by the "Antyodaya" ideology of Pt. Dindayal Upadhyaya and Following in the footsteps of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji our Prime Minister Shree Narinder Modi always dedicated himself for the welfare of poor, deprived, dalits, tribals, backward classes and farmers. After over decades of neglecting attitude towards these sections of society, now are being heard by the Bharatiya Janata Party led Modi Government and they

have also been empowered to fulfill their aspirations.

Sanjay Baru, while speaking on the issues raised by sanitation workers, assured that in the upcoming house meeting, he will bring a Resolution regarding all their genuine demands so that their problems could be resolved at the earliest.

JMC supervisor William Masih, BJP Mandal General Secretary Vinod Wazir and all JMC Nigraan were also present on the occasion.

Jammu Club organises Ayushman Bharat registration camp for staff

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JAMMU: The Jammu Club on Monday organized registration camp under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana for staff members of the Club. On the occasion, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary and other members of the Club were also present.

Pertinent to mention here that the camp was arranged by Gaurav Gupta, with the support of Dr Raghav Langar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, who is the Vice President of the Club.

Gaurav said that this registration has been organized with a view to cover the entire staff of Jammu Club under the Central Government's flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat.

The Secretary of the Club informed that many more such camps will be organized in near future for the welfare of Members as well as staff of the Club.

He also appealed to the staff members who have not yet enroll themselves under this Central Government's flagship scheme to



Jammu Club staff and members at Ayushman Bharat registration camp.

register themselves at the earliest.

The Executive Members of Jammu Club who were present during the camp include Prof Aekta Gupta, Er Tania Mahajan , Indu Puri, Er Ashok Gandotra , Er Ajay Sabharwal, Er Vikram Sharma and Ashwani Gupta.

JKTA delegation calls on Prpl Secy SED, highlights crucial issues

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JAMMU: A High-level delegation of Executive members of JK Teachers Association (JKTA) led by UT President Bhupinder Singh called on Principal Secretary, School Education Department (SED) B K Singh in his office and highlighted several burning issues of teachers fraternity.

The delegation led by President JKTA Bhupinder Singh highlighted several issued including exempting teachers from non-teaching assignments, holding DPCs at regular intervals, implementation of transfer policy in favour of Grade II & III teachers, creation of Master posts in UPS upgraded under SSA and providing subject specific teachers in newly upgraded schools, initiating process to rationalize staff in schools, etc. The Principal Secretary gave a patience hearing to the delegation and assured that burning issues of teachers will be resolved on priority.

Others present on the occasion included Akhtar Abass Naik (Sr Vice President), Joginder Dingra (Vice President), Pawan Verma (Provincial President), Tirth Singh Balwal (Prov Sr vice President), Dhruv Singh (DP Samba), Sudesh Kumar (DP Udhampur), Surjeet Singh (Chairman Udhampur), Sunil Bhardwaj (DP Kathua) and Poonam Thakur (Chairperson Doda).

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has strongly condemned the police lathi-charge over the daily wage workers at Jammu, who were protesting for their genuine demands in a peaceful manner, seeking the promised regularization by the BJP but are betrayed.

In a statement JKPC President Ghulam Ahmed Mir besides Working President Raman Bhalla, Vice President Mula Ram, Chief Spokesperson

Ravinder Sharma, T.S Bajwa (EX-MP), Th. Balwan Singh, Manmohan Singh and others have strongly condemned the action of the police on the direction of Government in which the protesters were brutally lathi-charged, who were protesting for release of wages and regularization of their services.

They said that this kind of action of the Government is highly objectionable, as the workers were protesting for their genuine demands, a the BJP had promised them regularization before

Assembly elections in 2014 but has betrayed them all.

PCC Chief demanded that the Govt. should frame policy for the regularization of all daily wagers, need based workers who were engaged in PHE, IFC and other departments by the Govt. time to time in order to provide necessary services to the public. He said that the previous governments had already under taken exercise for regularization of workers under various categories, however regretted that instead of considering their genuine claims for

regularization, the present dispensation using force to curve the voice of these poor workers and others temporary employees, engaged on temporary basis in different departments for years together.

They urged upon the Govt. to immediately start the process of regularization of these workers and other temporary employees in a phased manner and stop giving them inhuman treatment. The party extended full support to their peaceful struggle and protest.

Congress condemns lathi-charge on daily wagers, seeks their regularisation

JKPF to pay tributes to 1947 martyrs on May 8

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Peoples' Forum (JKPF) is going to organize a function on May 8, 2022 to pay tributes to those who attained martyrdom while frustrating Pakistan's evil designs in 1947. Thousands of innocent people lost their lives after Pakistan Army attacked Jammu & Kashmir on October 22, 1947. It was informed by JKPF President Ramesh Sabharwal, PoJK Displaced Persons Forum member Arun Chaudhary, Dr Deepak Kapoor and J&K People's Forum Member Advocate Raghu Mehta while addressing a press conference in Jammu on Monday. As per leaders of forum, JKPF is going to organise a function on May 8, 2022 at 10.30 AM at Padamshri Padma Sachdeva PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar to pay tributes to martyrs and remind younger generation about areas of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir which are illegally occupied by Pakistan since 1947. "Thousands of innocent civilians were brutally killed by



JKPF President Ramesh Sabharwal talking to reporters.

Pakistan Army and thousands of natives were forced to leave their homes & hearths due after October 22, 1947 attack. Pakistan has been illegally occupying huge portion of erst-while state of Jammu & Kashmir which is called as Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir," they added.

It is pertinent to mention here that in that large scale forced displacement within the country a large population lost life, physical assets, social support and even honours of woman-folk. There is no official record with the government that how many infants, women and sick lost their lives. No government agency can give the count of the orphaned children and widowed women, women who embraced

death to save their honour and the disabled youth. But roughly it might have been in several thousands. Parliament of India had passed a resolution on 22 February, 1994 stating, "State of Jammu and Kashmir has been is and shall be an integral part of India and any attempts to separate it from the rest of the country will be resisted by all necessary means," adding, "India has will and capacity to firmly counter all designs against its unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity and demands.

Pakistan must vacate the areas of the India state of Jammu & Kashmir, which they have occupied through aggression," the resolution further read.

'The News Square' web portal launched

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UDHAMPUR: In a first of its kind initiative in India, the inmates of Jagriti Old Age Home and Orphanage on Monday jointly launched a new Digital Media House (News Web Portal)- 'The News Square' (TNS).

'The News Square' is headquartered in Jammu City, but the launching event was organized inside Jagriti Old Age Home Udhampur, where around 30 Senior Citizens and around 20 children jointly staying there launched it in a simple ceremony.

The launching was done online with the click of a button by the senior citizens.

The inmates felt ecstastic and enthusiastic for getting a VVIP treatment.

'The News Square' is a Jammu and Kashmir based India's Digital Media organization which had been set up in March 2022 and was formally



Inmates of Jagriti Old Age Home Udhampur launching 'The News Square' web portal.

launched today.

'The News Square' (TNS) is having a complete news website www.the-newssquare.com and is available on youtube channel, Facebook page, Instagram account and tweeter handle. It is also coming out with a newspaper soon.

'The News Square' will have a nationalistic approach which is completely wedded to the constitutional democracy of India.

The TNS pledges to pro-

vide clean and transparent journalism based on research and facts.

The idea of the TNS is to empower downtrodden, marginalized and ignored sections of the society by highlighting the genuine issues faced by them especially those residing in rural and far flung areas, with an added focus on the women and the youth.

Making people properly aware about their constitutional rights, while remaining well-informed about their duties through imbib-

DGP J&K sanctions meritorious scholarship in favour of 145 wards of personnel

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SRINAGAR: Encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of Police personnel who have excelled in class 10th annual examination during the academic session 2021-2022, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned meritorious scholarships of over Rs 6.60 lakh in favour of 125 wards of serving police personnel. While scholarship of over Rs 1.05 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of 20 wards of deceased police personnel. The DGP has sanctioned Rs 6000 each in favour of 83 students who have secured more than 90% marks while Rs 4000 each has been sanctioned in favour of 42 students who have secured 80% and above marks in the Annual Examination of class 10th during the academic session of 2021-22.

In another order issued by PHQ, the DGP has sanctioned scholarship ranged between Rs 5000 to Rs 10000 in favour of 25 wards of deceased police personnel.



Jt. Director Agriculture (Farms), Rajinder Shrama during visit to Agricultural Experimental Farm Talab Tillo.

appreciable.

Farm Manager JPAE Farm, Arun Jaral appraised the Joint director regarding various activities under taken at the farms besides variety wise information of the seed crops grown here. He also told that good quantity of seed harvest is expected this season.

Besides others those present

on the occasion include S. Manmohan Singh, RA and Rohit Balloria, FDA.

Youth Committee appointed at Brahman Sabha Hiranagar

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JAMMU: A meeting of office-bearers of Brahman Sabha Hiranagar and Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Dham Mandir Management Committee Gurah Mundian was held at temple premises Gurah Mundian under the Chairmanship of Pandit Har Dutt Sharma, Chairman Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Dham Gurah Mundian on Monday. During the meeting, it was unanimously decided to appoint a committee of young boys to make all arrangements for celebration of all religious functions in Bhagwan Parshuram Dham. Accordingly a committee of young boys was formed and Vinay Sharma, Sarpanch Kote Punnm, was appointed as Patron-in-Chief of the committee. Others office bearers of the committee included Varun Sharma President, Nitish Sharma Vice-President, Shuvam Sharma General Secretary, Rahul Sharma Joint Secretary, Bobby Sharma Member and Amit Sharma Member

ing the true spirit and relevance of democracy in their routine life.

The Old Age Home management committee members, Jugal Kishore and Rattan thanked to 'The News Square' team for such a rarest of the rare initiatives of giving recognition to the senior citizens and children on such a big occasion.

Meanwhile, Sonu Kumar Rathore, owner and Deepak Khajuria, Managing Editor of 'The News Square' said that it was a pleasure for the TNS Team that these inmates became part of the launching of the media house.

They added that normally VVIPs like bureaucrats, ministers or politicians do such launchings and inaugurations, but 'The News Square' wanted to do it in some different way, so chosen this place to launch the news web portal from the august hands of senior citizens.