

## Sensing defeat in Assembly elections, NC wants PAGD's joint fight: Kavinder 'Maharaja Hari Singh signed Accession not NC'

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader, Kavinder Gupta has said that National Conference leaders seem to be in utter frustration for being out of power for long and now witnessing a sea change on ground that they continue to make irrelevant statements in certain sections of media.

In a statement issued to media here on Thursday, Kavinder Gupta said "I would like to remind the frustrated former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah that Jammu and Kashmir's Accession to India was not signed by Abdullah Governments but it was signed by the then Maharaja Hari Singh for the welfare, peace and prosperity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

He stated this while responding to Omar's statement on the Accession with India with regard to Muslims targeted for their



religious beliefs and way of living.

Kavinder asserted that it was the then

Maharaja Hari Singh who signed the Accession not the NC that had secured the welfare and security of the people of J&K.

The senior BJP leader said that the mammoth gathering at the recent Prime Minister's rally at Palli village in Samba has given to the National Conference and other Valley based political parties sensing their devastation in the forthcoming Assembly elections the leaders of the Valley centric parties are desperately trying to jointly contest the J&K Assembly elections.

He said that had NC leaders been confident of the public support to their party then Omar would not have suggested that PAGD should go together in the

Assembly polls to keep BJP and it's A & B teams away.

Kavinder, while coming down heavily on the NC leaders, said that National Conference has no ideology of its own, no clear cut vision or policy for the people of J&K and that is why the leaders of this party held the reins of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir by befooling the people every time least bothering about the welfare of the people.

The former Deputy Chief Minister asserted that BJP is secular party in letter and spirit and has been serving the people of this Union Territory without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, colour region or religion.

It is this party that continues to work relentlessly for the people of each and every section. Exuding confidence, he asserted that BJP will be forming the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir by achieving target of 50 plus seats in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

## Delegation from IIM Jammu calls on LG Mathur

Proposes to set-up campus of IIM Jammu in Ladakh

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LEH: A delegation from Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, led by its Director, Prof BS Sahay, called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, at Raj Niwas on Thursday. The delegation submitted a proposal to set up a campus of IIM Jammu in Ladakh.

They shared their plan to set up an Incubation, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre to introduce women entrepreneurship programmes, women financial literacy programmes and entrepreneurship orientation programme for college students; provide career counselling to students and organise training and development programmes; organise mindfulness and happiness retreats and leadership retreats, etc.

The delegation apprised about two programmes started by them, namely Dual Degree Programme (BTEch and MBA) with IIT



IIM Jammu delegation members calling on LG Ladakh, R.K Mathur.

Jammu and MBA (Hospital Administration & Healthcare Management) with AIIMS Jammu and IIT Jammu.

LG Mathur requested IIM Jammu to provide handholding to young entrepreneurs till the step for the establishment of a viable business unit since a majority of youth from Ladakh are first-generation entrepreneurs and sometimes first-generation graduates.

He stressed on the need to overcome the challenge of converting economic opportunities into real income for the youth of Ladakh.

He stated that IIM Jammu may thus introduce programmes tailored to the needs of the students from Ladakh.

## Day-long workshop on investigation of terror related cases held at SKPA



A resource person addressing a workshop at SKPA.

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UDHAMPUR: A One day workshop on "Investigation of terror related cases" by NIA was on Thursday held at S-I Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur.

Apart from this 2 day Seminar on "Community Policing" which commenced on April 27, 2022 also concluded.

One day workshop by NIA was organized to sensitize police officers of J&K police on investigation of terror related cases, while the 2 day seminar on "Community Policing" was organized to sensitize police officers about enforcement of fundamental rights, prevention and detection of crime and to safe guard the life and prop-

erty of the people. In all, 62 officers from various organizations of J&K Police and J&K Prosecution department participated to hone up their skills.

A valedictory function was also organized to mark the end of the seminar. Speaking on the occasion Summati Gupta, Dy:SP, Asstt. Director (Q) SKPA, Udhampur laid emphasis on the new learning in the field of investigation to serve the society and country in a better possible manner.

Speaking on community policing, he laid stress on developing good relationships between Police and Public to ensure confidence building. "There is a need to take all nec-

essary actions to fill the trust gap between Police and Public as it is the primary duty of the Police organization to work for the betterment of community" he added.

Vipin Kalra, PP NIA BO Jammu and Rakesh Kumar Panday, Dy:SP NIA BO Jammu were the faculty members from NIA Branch office Jammu who shared their vast experience in handling the cases related to terror.

The courses were coordinated by Rakesh Kumar Panday, Dy:SP NIA BO Jammu and Suraj Singh, Asstt. Director (Trg/R&D) SKPA Udhampur (Liaison officer), Summati Gupta, AD (Q) and Tarseem Lal, Insp: (Course Secy).

## Geetu Aulakh inaugurates 'Block Health Mela' at Sohanjana

About 550 persons provided consultation, medicines

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JAMMU: The 'Block Health Mela' at Sohanjana was celebrated under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The health Mela was inaugurated by Geetu Aulakh, DDC Member along with Abhishek Abrol, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (South).

Sarpanch Khandwal, Sonam Deep Singh Aulakh along with Sarpanchs and Panchs also graced the occasion.

The other dignitaries present were Tehsildar Mandal, Naib Tehsildar Jammu South, along with BDC Members, Health Staff Members of Block Sohanjana, ASHA workers of the block.

In total 550 people were



Geetu Aulakh, DDC Member after inaugurating 'Block Health Mela' at Sohanjana.

provided free consultation and testing as well as medicines along with 50 Ayushman cards were distributed to the general public, 16 people were tested for TB by CBNAT.

DDC member Geetu Aulakh appreciated the efforts of the health department for holding such camps in rural areas. She

said that it provides benefits to the general masses.

Speaking on the occasion Block Medical Officer (BMO-Sohanjana), Dr. Sumir Kaul said that as per directions from the higher authorities, under the expert supervision of Director General, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman these

health checkup camps are being organized.

Check up by various specialists, drug dispensing, eye check up, yoga camp, on spot golden card generation, Ayushman Bharat, e-Sanjeevani consultation, basic life support training, lab test for NCD and Anaemia, Blood Donation camp, CBNAT Testing, ICDS, Food and Drugs Safety Department, Food and Beverages services were provided.

The consultants provided consultations for Gynae, Surgery, Paediatrics, Medicine, ENT and Ophthalmology.

A Nukkad, Natak play was also presented by ASHA workers on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' theme.

## Billawaria visits Gadigarh, listens to public issues

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria an extensive tour of Ward 73 Gadigarh of Gandhi Nagar Constituency, where he listened to the grievances of the public.

During the visit, Billawaria also held Janata Darbar at Gadigarh, interacted with the deputations and listened to their grievances.

Many intellectuals and others from the area attended the Janata Darbar and highlighting their many problems.

The main issue the running of Anganwadi Center since 2019 Gadigarh area was not to shift in another area.

Billawaria assured the deputa- tion that the problem would be resolved soon by facing the problem in front of the department so that the Anganwadi



BJP senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria during a public meeting at Ward 73 Gadigarh.

center are not shifted.

Simultaneously, the delegation near SDM office, Gadigarh, told Billawaria that due to the breakdown of the bridge we had faced many hurdles and to travel a long way to reached our area.

They said that Roohi Morh, Roohi Pind, Gadigarh, Raina Colony areas were connected with the construction of this bridge.

Billawaria told the deputa- tion that we agree with you

that it is necessary to have a bridge over the road of SDM office, Gadigarh. On this we will prepare all the reports and send it to the administration and very soon the construction work of this bridge will be started so that people do not face any problem regarding bridge.

Another deputation, the members of Gadigarh Shopkeepers Association apprised about the problems like putting black topping on

the main roads. The members of the association said that due to the bad condition of the road, the shopkeepers are facing a dust due to which the work of the shopkeepers has also come to a standstill.

Billawaria assured the delegation of shopkeepers that their grievances would be resolved and better basic services would be provided to them.

Billawaria informed that he has asked the officials of the concerned departments to immediately work on the road blacktop and the remaining roads in the area falling under Ward 73, Gadigarh.

He said that there was a fruitful discussion with the delegations and many things came up during the Janata Darbar.

Pitambar Sharma, Sunita Panch, Karamjit Singh, Mitu Sharma were also present.

## Farewell accorded to retiring employees of SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) on Thursday accorded a farewell to the retiring employees at a function held here at Baba Jitto Auditorium at SKUAST-J Chatha.

The function was organized under the leadership of Prof J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. During the function, Rakesh Kapoor, Dy. Comptroller, Prem Nath, FCLA, Maize Station, Udhampur and Charan Dass, FCLA, Division of AG, FV,Se



VC SKUAST-J, Prof J P Sharma speaking at a programme.

& A.H were felicitated for contribution in their respective fields. Prof. J. P. Sharma, congratulated all the retiring officials/ employees and wished them healthy and happy post retired life.

The function was also attended by Dr Pradeep Wali, Director Research; Dr. S. K Gupta, Registrar; Dr Rakesh Nanda, Director Education, Dr. S. E. H. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, Dr. M.S Bhadwal, Dean,

F.V.Sc.&A.H, Dr. A. K. Mondal, Dea, FoA; Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean Student Welfare, Sh. Madan Lal, Comptroller, Heads of the Division, Research Stations, Mega Seed Projects, Sr Scientist and Heads of KVKs, Teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and students of SKUAST-J. Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Vivak Manohar Arya, Assistant Professor, Division of Soil Science.

## It's not a power crisis, but it's a governance crisis: Sawhney

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JAMMU: Former Minister J&K and Senior Congress leader on Thursday in a statement condemned Modi government for looming power crisis in Jammu city that has crippled daily-lives of people. He said that long and unscheduled power cuts have become a daily reality for people and the government is doing absolutely nothing to mitigate the crisis. "Severe disruptions in power supply continue to occur and there is no management or plan of action proposed from the government's side on how they will tackle or even if they will be able to tackle this problem. While they may talk about smart cities and smart villages, the sad reality now is that even buzzing cities are left beg-

ging for basic necessities from the government. They can call it a 'power crisis' but in reality, it's a 'governance crisis' which is a result of present government's incompetence and mismanagement," Sawhney said.

Sawhney said that BJP is always trying to deceive the people into believing that they have cultivated an atmosphere of progress whereas opposite is true. "There is no progress but in fact, people's sufferings are increasing day by day. People are already paying through-the-roof prices for energy.

While these exorbitantly high prices are burning holes in their pockets, they are still not getting apt resources. Where will people of Jammu go to complain," he asserted.

## Govt should fill-up vacant posts in CAT immediately: Bhardwaj

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JAMMU: A meeting of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu was held under the Chairmanship of M.K Bhardwaj, Sr. Adv & President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu regarding the filling up of the vacant posts in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) at Jammu.

The meeting was attended by all the office bearers of JKHCBAJ namely, M.P.Singh Palli (Vice President), Surjeet Singh Andotra (General Secretary), Mr. Aditya Sharma (Joint Secretary) and Amandeep Singh (Treasurer), and many other learned members also participated in the meeting.

Bhardwaj, while addressing the meeting urged upon the Government that the vacant posts in the Central Administrative Tribunal should immediately be filled

up. He said that the Tribunal is not functioning properly due to lack of quorum.

He said that it is disturbing that the pending cases are not being taken up and the next date in most of the cases is fixed after six months. Accordingly this is effecting dispensation of justice system severely.

The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu has been repeatedly requesting that the number of Central Administrative Benches should be increased so that the pendency of service matters in the Tribunal decreases and confidence of the general public in administration of justice dispensation may be restored.

The Bar Association once again demand that there should be three additional Benches of the CAT at Jammu so that the matters pending in the Tribunal should be heard and decided in reasonable time.

## Industry stake important for 'sustainable' Start-Ups: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said today that Industry stake is important for 'sustainable' StartUps.

Addressing the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) event organised by NITI Aayog here titled, "Celebrating 75 years of India's Innovation Journey", Dr Jitendra Singh said, Atal Innovation Mission has ignited the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in our schools and colleges thus motivating them to become confident self-employers. He informed that the Mission through its various programmes has been supporting more than 2,200 StartUps in all the major fields of innovation like Health Tech, Fin-tech, Agri-tech, AI-ML, IOT and other sectors of public importance.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, our greatest asset is Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who not only has a natural predilection

for science but is also forthcoming in supporting and promoting science and technology based initiatives and projects. He said, India's scientific prowess is going to have a major role in the making of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that from inculcating innovative mind-set in school children through Atal Tinkering Labs to supporting StartUps and innovators through its programmes like Atal Incubation Centres, Atal Community Innovation Centres and ANIC challenges, AIM has been transforming innovation and entrepreneurship landscape in the country holistically and comprehensively. He said, Atal Innovation Mission, which recently completed its 6th year since inception, is complementary to the government's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas'.

Apart from referring to the Mentorship programme of DST, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Atal Tinkering Lab with the mantra of "Catch them Young" needs further development and wide-spread reach to capture grassroots innovation. He said, with a vision to

'Cultivate one Million Children in India as Neoteric Innovators', AIM is establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools across India. The objective of this scheme is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design mindset, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing etc. Dr Jitendra Singh said, Science & Technology and Innovation go hand in hand and a country with a good scientific temper and R&D structure will excel in innovation and entrepreneurship. The Minister recalled that in 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi at 106th Science Congress, emphasised the importance of Research by adding "Jai Anusandhan" to the famous slogan "Jai Jawaan, Jai Kisaan, Jai Vigyan".

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that in the past few years, India has covered an appreciable distance in the innovation landscape and today India has more than 60,000 registered start-ups and around 90+ unicorns. He said, this has been possible through the consistent efforts from our start-ups and innovators and support by the government

through various initiatives like Atal Innovation Mission, DST, BIRAC, Start-up India, MeitY etc and this also shows innovative and entrepreneurial prowess of the country. The Minister expressed hope that in the coming years, Innovation in India will play a vital role in achieving the goal of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy. He added that the country will need a structured and planned strategy towards innovation and in this regard, Atal Innovation Mission will have to transcend into an umbrella organisation in terms of its scope and size in order to fulfil the aspirations of a growing innovation ecosystem. On the occasion, Rao Inderjit Singh and Dr Jitendra Singh jointly unveiled '75 events that transformed India's Innovation Journey'.

The event also witnessed Launch of Atal New India Challenge by Dr Suman K Bery, Member & VC Designate, NITI Aayog, Launch of ATL Horses Stable Junior by Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog and 'Innovations For You' e-book by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India.