

# Valley incomplete without Kashmiri Pandits: Team Kashmir Renaissance

Will do everything possible to ensure return of KPs to Valley

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JAMMU: Team Kashmir Renaissance Srinagar on Saturday claimed that Kashmir is incomplete without the Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) and therefore this NGO will take every possible step to bring the aboriginal inhabitants viz KPs back to Valley.

Addressing a press conference here, Sheeraz Zaman, Convenor Team Kashmir Renaissance, Srinagar, said that the controversy over the flicker 'The Kashmir Files' by the opposition parties is unnecessary as the sufferings of the displaced KP community is beyond explanation and what the movie has depicted is just a bit of the colossal misery which the people had faced at that time at the hands of handful of anti-nationals dancing on



Convenor Team Kashmir Renaissance Srinagar, Sheeraz Zaman talking to reporters.

the tunes of Pakistan and the separatist lobby in Kashmir, which was given a long rope by the then rulers.

Sheeraz Zaman made a point that every entity which matters in the Valley today should come forward and ensure that every family which intends to come back must be facilitated and it

should also be ensured that the properties of the KPs be given back without any hassle or difficulty. He said that the aforesaid movie is a good attempt to remind the people of the country about the ordeal which the KPs faced during the dark era of 1990s with the government looking at everything as lame duck.

Sheeraz Zaman said that Team Kashmir Renaissance Srinagar is standing with the KP community and will do everything possible to ensure dignified and safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to Valley and also assist them in getting back their properties as soon as possible. He said that except few anti-nationals and people having vested interests, the entire population in Kashmir is in favour of return of Kashmiri Pandits to Valley and restoration of normalcy as was the case in 1989, 1986, and even much before 1947.

Among those who were present include Sajjad Noorabadi, Ghulam Rasool Shah, Sayeed Mohd Yoursuf, Aijaz Abbasi and others.

# Modi Govt strengthened Panchayati Raj system in J&K: Raina



BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina along with Panchayati Raj Cell members at a meeting.

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JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Government has strengthened the Panchayati Raj system in J&K stated Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir.

Raina was addressing a review meeting of J&K BJP Panchayati Raj Cell to discuss organizational matters especially in preparation for the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K BJP All Cell Incharge Rakesh Mahajan accompanied

by Co-Incharge all Cells Ved Sharma and Panchayati Raj Cell Convenor Shiv Dev Singh also addressed the meeting.

Co-Convenor Panchayati Raj Cell Surjeet Singh, Balwant Singh, Sukh Dev, District Conveners and Co Conveners of all Districts of Jammu region participated in the meeting. Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, said that the earlier governments led by NC, PDP and Congress were never willing to strengthen this important pillar of grass root democracy. He said that it is only the dedica-

tion of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Government which has strengthened the Panchayati Raj system in J&K to give good governance at the door steps of the masses.

Raina asked the Panchayati Raj Cell leaders to ensure that the funds available to the Sarpanchs and Panchs from the Modi government are utilized fully to the satisfaction of the masses and for the welfare of every common person. He asked them that the Panchayat representatives must actively use these funds to develop their

areas and to gain the love of the masses which will be reflected in the upcoming Assembly elections in J&K.

Rakesh Mahajan said that the party Cell will review the working of the party leaders regularly. He said that the Cell leaders are dedicatedly serving the masses and will ensure that the government funded schemes are implemented at the ground level.

Ved Sharma said that the Cell leaders will conduct regular meetings at the District level to formulate the strategy for the best use of available funds. He later also presented the note of thanks.

Shiv Dev said that Panchayati Raj Cell is working to strengthen the system at grass root level. He said that many Panchayats have done extraordinary works in the utilization of funds for development works, while making special reference to the names of Forelain, Bhorthain, Jakhole, Jothana, Bohra and other Panchayats.

# PGCIL organises Blood Donation Camp



A volunteer donating blood during a camp.

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SRINAGAR: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) organised a blood donation camp and free eye testing camp in UT of J&K at 132/33 kv GIS Khaniyar (Baghi Ali Mardhan Khan) Sub-station.

Medical Superintendent

JLNM, Rainawari Hospital deputed a team of doctors and paramedic staff for the camp.

The blood points collected in the camp were handed over to the hospital for use of needy patients. The eye testing facility attracted lot of people. More than 100 free spectacles were provided in this eye testing camp to the needy patients.

Senior officers from PGCIL, Health Department J&K were among the dignitaries present in the camp.

## TNWS holds meeting, discusses deteriorated condition of Panchvati Park

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JAMMU: To discuss various issues faced by the resident of Trikuta Nagar locality, the Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (TNWS) convened a meeting of its members under the leadership of President, Rajinder Parshad Kakkar on Saturday. During the meeting, the members highlighted that condition of Panchvati Park located in Sector-5 of Ward-54 in Trikuta Nagar, is quite miserable due to numerous reasons. "There is no proper maintenance of park, park & street-lights are defunct, benches need replacement, tiles are almost damaged etc. Moreover, two gardeners are required on regular basis, with sufficient funds and tools in the park along with start of a plantation drive," they added.

TNWS Jammu passed a resolution that the issues would be brought into the notice of concerned authorities, so that the issue can be resolved in the larger interest of residents of Trikuta Nagar.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Ashok Kumar Arora, Varinder Kumar Suri, Vijay Gupta, Rajpal Verma, S K Nanda and Anil Sharma.

# GGM Science College organises lecture on National Nutrition Abhiyan

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JAMMU: NSS Unit of GGM Science College Jammu in collaboration with the Zoology Department held a lecture on Poshan Abhiyan here on Saturday to sensitize the students to raise awareness about its relevance.

The lecture is organized under aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav" under guidance of worthy principle Dr. Ravender Tickoo and supervision of Dr. Narinder Kumar NSS PO.

Worthy principle of the college Dr. Ravender Tickoo said that all we should use herbs or plants derived products that ameliorate the immune system of the body.

Dr. R. Singh was the resource person and apprised the audience and NSS volunteers regarding the National Poshan Abhiyaan.

It is a very important mission launched for Holistic Nourishment with objective to make malnutrition-free



NSS volunteers and faculty members during a programme.

India by 2022. Dr. Singh emphasised that approx. 80 % of the worldwide population rely on herbal medicines for their primary health care requirements according to WHO. NSS PO Dr. Narinder Kumar focussed on the motive behind Nutrition Abhiyan is to mitigate impaired growth and development in children of India. He advocated that herbs are used to heal wounds, sores, boils, blood purifiers to alter a long-standing condition by eliminating metabolic toxins, improve immunity, inhibiting the growth of germs,

harmful microbes and bacteria, sedative, soothing, a cardiac stimulant etc.

Dr. Kumar stressed upon the students that medicinal plants are deemed as a rich resource of ingredients which can be used for drug development either pharmacopeial, non-pharmacopeial or synthetic drugs. NSS advisory committee applauded and encouraged the students. Vote of thanks was presented by NSSPO. Large of students and volunteers participated in this event.

# BJP's developmental agenda touches lives of all: Slathia

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SAMBA : Pradesh BJP Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia on Saturday called for strengthening the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying this is imperative for steering Jammu and Kashmir to peace, progress and prosperity with focus on providing benefits of social and economic welfare schemes to each and every section of the society particularly to those who have been left behind in the race of development.

While addressing a public meeting at Bari-Brahmana, Slathia said to end the era of disparity between regions and sub-regions and to ensure flow of funds for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir; a mechanism of double engine governance holds the key; like it did in the States like Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur, which reaffirmed their mandate to the BJP on the only plank of performance with Sabka Saath, Sabka



BJP J&K Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing a public meeting at Bari-Brahmana.

Vikas, Sabka Prayas and Sabka Vishwas being the guiding philosophy in serving the people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

The BJP has already initiated several pro-people and pro-poor policies, which have touched the lives of the people living in backward and border areas, youth, under-privileged and weaker segments of the society; women and farmers, Slathia said and hoped that these will prove a turning point in Jammu and Kashmir that has undergone a turbulent phase for many years during the past three decades.

The Pradesh Vice President said political instability and inconsistency among several leaders, who want to be seen on both sides of the fence, has cost Jammu and Kashmir the most in terms of progress and development. This mindset has to be given a farewell by strengthening the BJP for ushering in a new phase of development. He said politics based on double standards is dangerous for the evolution of democracy and that is what has happened in this part of the country; result-

ing in impeded growth and development in most of the sub-regions. Let this anomaly become a bad chapter of the past and pave the way for a vibrant, responsive and accountable dispensation that solely works for the welfare of the people, he added.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included BJP Vice President District Samba Vijay Singh, BDC Chairperson Vijaypur Jogeshwar Singh, Sarpanch Rajinder Pura, Brijpal Singh, Sarpanch Smailpur Balwant Singh, Sarpanch Sunb Suraj Prakash Verma, Sarpanch Simbal Baldev Singh, Ex Chairman Bari Brahmana Raman Gupta, Sarpanch Kartholi Anrez Singh, Sarpanch Shay Talab Mr Mohammed Saleem, Sarpanch Rajpura Sher Mohammad, Naib Sarpanch Zahid, Bagwan Singh and others.

# Discontinue construction of shops on temple land: JTC

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JAMMU: Expressing resentment over order of Relief Commissioner wherein permission to build shops on land of Shiv Parvati Panch Mandir, located near lane 14-15 has been accorded, Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC) & Soan Kashmir Front (SKF) J&K, led by its President Shadi Lal Pandita has urged LG to issue necessary directives to concerned for stopping the ongoing construction at the earliest, as the same is against Hindu religion. While addressing a

land for construction of a temple along with a Gita Hall or Yagnopavit hall, which is yet to be built, as there is a dire need of one such hall in the locality. He further warned that if construction of shops on aforementioned land would not be stopped, JTC would start fast unto death from April 11, 2022. Seeking immediate interference of LG in the matter, Pandita alleged that funds meant for repairing and building shops at Jagti Migrant Township are being misused and hundreds of



JTC members raising slogans during a protest.

protest demonstration, Pandita said that the Government has given that

shops had been set up in Jagti Township, which itself is in dilapidated condition.

# Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association urges HM to resolve issues



Ex-CPFWA Jammu President Shashi Kumar Sharma talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Highlighting a number of long pending issues of ex-Central paramilitary forces personnel in J&K, the Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association Jammu has urged Home Minister of India, Amit Shah to fulfill all pending demands and issues at the earliest. While

addressing a press conference in Jammu on Saturday, the Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association Jammu led by its President Shashi Kumar Sharma said that a number of ex-Central paramilitary forces personnel are suffering a lot as despite numerous requests and reminders, made at every level, nothing has been

done on ground level for resolving the same. Sharma appealed to the Home Ministry, Government of India for initiating necessary measures to fulfill all pending demands, which included framing separate armed forces service and pension rules, exemption from New Pension Scheme, One-Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme, CSD Canteen facilities, extending proper medical treatment facilities, extending all post-retirement benefits on declaration of Ex CAPE status, Paramilitary Service Pay (PMSP) to serving CPMF personnel, etc.

Others present during the press conference included Noor Mohd, D K Chauhan, Ashok Kumar, Chamal Singh and Harbans Lal.

# Executive Council decides to celebrate Bhoti Day in Leh, Ladakh



Executive Councillors and DC/CEO LAHDC Leh during a meeting.

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LEH: Under the chairmanship of the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Leh, a special Executive Council meeting was held on Saturday to discuss the celebration of Bhoti Language Day in Leh.

The meeting was attended by all the Executive Councillors and DC/CEO LAHDC Leh.

CEC Gyalson felicitated

and expressed his gratitude to the Member Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal for moving a Private Member Bill in the Lok Sabha to include Bhoti Language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution on April 1, 2022.

Considering it a historic move, the Executive Council of LAHDC Leh unanimously decided to cel-

ebate 1st April as Bhoti Language Day in Leh Ladakh, symbolizing the significance of the day in the future and this year the day shall be celebrated on April 4.

Further, the Executive Council of LAHDC Leh appealed to the civil societies and the general public to celebrate 'Bhoti Language Day' in their respective capacities.