

Life, works of Jyotiba Phule source of inspiration for all: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta said that life and works of Mahatma Jyotirao Govindrao Phule are an inspiration for all.

He was speaking during a programme organized by Vijay Dogra President OBC Morcha to celebrate Jyotiba Phule Jayanti here at Government Middle School, Narwal Pain, Satwari. On the occasion, floral tributes were paid to the famous social reformer and a great thinker Jyotiba Phule.

Kavinder said that Mahatma Phule dedicated his entire life to the welfare of downtrodden citizens, especially women.

"Phule was India's foremost social reformer, educator, and thinker. Born in Maharashtra, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was an anti-caste social reformer who played a crucial role in eradicating untouchability and empowering society. He



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta along with other leaders and faculty members during remembrance function of Mahatma Jyotirao Govindrao Phule at GMS, Narwal Pain.

also made organised efforts for the rights of farmers and labourers", Kavinder said, adding that the people should follow his footsteps to make India one of the best countries across the world. He said that people should come forward and extend wholehearted support to the party to make India a superpower with real power going in the hands of people and not the few selected ones running dynastic politics.

Others present on the occasion included Principal of the School Rachna Gupta, Vinay Gupta former District President, Bharat Bhushan Vice Chairman, Hardev Singh, Ranjit Singh Mandal President, Narinder Koki, Jyoti Parkash, Pummy Chowdhary, Subhash Chowdhary, Vinod Sharma, Mohan Lal, Ram Pal, Shant Bakshi, Ritika Dhiman, Ch Bhagwan Das and Ramesh Gupta.

Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu District South celebrated birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule under the presidency of Rekha Mahajan District President Jammu South. General Secretary org Ashok Koul, Former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, Deputy Mayor Baldev Billovria, DDC Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat, State President OBC Morcha Sunil Prajapati, Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta,

Former MLC Vikram Randhawa, Mandal President Gandhi nagar Bharat Bhushan at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

Ashok Koul said Jyotiba Phule was an iconic social reformer who strove tirelessly to dismantle caste barriers and social inequalities. Ashok Koul furthermore admired the endeavors of Jammu District South under the leadership of Rekha Mahajan.

In her presidential address, Rekha Mahajan accentuated that April 11 is celebrated each year as Jyotiba Phule Jayanti in the country in honor of Jyotirao Govindrao Phule. She said, Phule worked towards the eradication of untouchability and the caste system in India. Along With his wife, Savitribai, he sowed seeds for women's education in India Rekha, added. Rekha underlined that Phule was born 196 years ago on April 11, 1827. He founded his first school for girls 172 years ago in Pune.

Govt committed to provide best services at door steps: MP Khatana

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ANANTNAG: MP Rajya Sabha Er Gulam Ali Khatana on Tuesday chaired a review meeting of developmental activities and centrally sponsored schemes in a meeting with the district officers, Anantnag here.

Deputy Commissioner Basharat Qayoom, presided.



MP Rajya Sabha Er Gulam Ali Khatana chairing a meeting at Anantnag.

Khatana said that government is committed to provide the best services to the people and at door steps besides to bring transparency.

He directed the officers to be people friendly and not to be politically biased besides ease the access to the government schemes and ensure timely disposal.

He further emphasised on the upgradation of infrastructure of hospitals, education sector, health sector, R&B, agriculture sector,

generation of employment, ease the process to get the benefits of old age pensions and benefits of other social security schemes.

Er. Gulam Ali asked the district Anantnag administration to be fully prepared for Shri Amamnath Yatra which will be commencing soon and pilgrims from not only India but world over will be visiting Cave shrine in Pahalgam area of the district. He said that the annual peaceful conduct of

Shri Amarnath yatra showcases the secular traditions of Kashmir.

MP while enquiring the implementation of Har Ghar Nal Say Jal scheme, the Jal Shakti dept officers apprised that 65% habitation of the district are connected through tap water and 35 % habitation are yet to be connected for which works are under execution and target will be achieved in stipulated time line.

Abrol starts membership drive for DPAP, over 200 people enrolled

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JAMMU: Over 200 people enrolled during door to door 'membership drive' conducted by Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) State Secretary, Hira Lal Abrol on Tuesday to gear up cadres and strengthen the party at grass root level.

He along with the party office bearers, started this initiative today, in Ward Numbers 7 and 19 of Prem Nagar, Jammu East Constituency.

The local residents, welcomed the team and shared their pleasant experiences of the time when Ghulam Nabi Azad was the Chief Minister of the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir state.

They expressed their trust in leadership of the party and happily expressed their willingness to join Democratic Progressive Azad Party.

Hira Lal Abrol, while campaigning, said that DPAP is a secular party and they will work to give better life to the people by presenting a good governance model in the times to come.

He hoped that with the support of public, DPAP shall be able to fulfill aspirations of J&K residents.

Office bearers who accompanied the drive were Ramneek Sharma, Vinod Manhas, Raj Kumar Sharma, Meena Gupta and others.



DPAP State Secretary, Hira Lal Abrol carrying out membership drive.

BJP Urban Local Body Cell announces Convenors, Co-convenors, Executive Members for J&K

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JAMMU: BJP Urban Local Body Cell, J&K announced convenors, co-convenors and Executive Members for Jammu & Kashmir after consultation with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, BJP Gen. Secretary (org.) Ashok Koul, BJP All Cell Incharge Rakesh Mahajan and BJP All Cell Co-Incharge Ved Sharma. Pawan Singh, Cell Convener formally announced the list of office bearers. Narinder Singh, Dinesh Gupta, Dharmveer Jamwal are nominated as Co-convenors. Surinder Sharma, Arun Khosla, Rakesh Malhotra, Rajan Sharma, Satpal Pappi, Pawan Kumar Kohli, Kuldeep Singh, Suneet Kumar Raina, Anil Kumar Massom, Hardeep Singh Mankotia, S. Sucha Singh, Neena Gupta, Tirth Kour, Raj Singh Randawa, Yashpal Singh Charak, Vinod Kumar Sharma, Ankur Gupta, Yashpal Sharma, Dr Akshay Sharma, Raj Singh, Manohar Lal Bhagat, Jatinder Singh, Girdhari Lal, Vinay Gupta, Satpal Karupia, Neelam Nargotra, Mohit Raina are nominated as Executive Members.

Warrior Club Satraiyan wins Cricket tournament



Chandan Kohli, SSP Jammu with other officials and winner team.

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JAMMU: Warrior Cricket Club Satraiyan outplayed Diamond Cricket Club Simbal by seven wickets in the final of the cricket tournament played between Warrior Cricket Club Satraiyan and Diamond Cricket Club Simbal today.

In the final, Warrior Cricket Club Satraiyan achieved the target of 75 runs by losing three wickets in 7 overs.

In the closing ceremony, Chandan Kohli, SSP Jammu was the chief guest, who said that the events may strengthen police-public relation and

encouraged youths to take part in sport activities and stay away from drugs and bad company. SSP Jammu felicitated the winner and runner-up teams with trophies, medals and cash prizes of Rs. 10000 and Rs. 5000 respectively. The man of the series received a trophy-cum memento. Total eight teams were participated in the said tournament.

SSP Jammu accompanied by Rammiesh Gupta SP Hqrs Jammu, Nikhil Gogna, DySP SDPO RS Pura and SHO RS Pura.

AYUSH J&K organises Vaishakh Aarogya Utsav



Doctors with faculty members during celebration of Vaishakh Arogya Utsav.

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JAMMU: Government College of Education, Jammu in collaboration with the Directorate of AYUSH, J&K on Tuesday organised a 2-day Vaishakh Arogya Utsav to mark Baisakhi celebration. Dr Mohan Singh, Director AYUSH convened the program to promote Traditional Knowledge System through educational institutions.

Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal, GCOE Jammu inaugurated the two day program in the college campus. Dr. Zubair Kales, Dean, School of Education was the Guest of honor on the occasion. Dr. Shivani Padha, Dr. Gagandeep Kour and Dr.

Arun Gupta Medical Officer, Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu and other Doctors from Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu visited the college. A free AYUSH awareness and health checkup camp and Prakriti Parikshan was organised for the students and faculty of the college.

The experts from the department of Ayush emphasized on the health benefits of millets and they also told the audience about the variety of recipes that can be made by using Millets. Dr. Arun Gupta said that the doctors from AYUSH are at the frontline and we are here to serve people better. He also said that AYUSH medicines

come under the category of experienced medicine and are time tested, cost effective, and have no side effects. Stressing that the relevance of AYUSH has become more now, Dr. Gagandeep said that AYUSH medicines are widely used as a standalone option and as an adjunct with bio medicine in the long term diseases.

Dr. Gagandeep gave a presentation on "PCOD and PCOS Management with Ayurveda". Dr. Arun Gupta presented a PPT on "Millets and Health benefits of millets in disease prevention" and displayed various types of Millets like Cheena, Kodra, Kungani, Madhulika,

Jowar, Sawaan etc. An exhibition of Ayurvedic products was also displayed in the college premises. Students were also given products from the department of AYUSH.

Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal, GCOE appreciated the efforts of the college team to conduct such events that are helpful in the long run. During the program a book on "Health & Wellness" authored by Dr. Vinod K Bakshi and Prof. Rammadeep Kralia of Govt. College of Education, Jammu was released by the dignitaries.

Prof. Anju Bala (B.Ed Co-ordinator), Dr. Rajinder Kour (M.Ed Co-ordinator), Dr. Shubhira Jamwal (NSS PO), Dr. Shalini Rana (Convenor, IQAC), Prof. Seema Kotwal, Prof. Radhika Mahajan, Dr. Deep Kumar Bangotra, Prof. Shapia Shameem, Prof. Sarita Dogra, Prof. Satish K. Sharma, Prof. Neeraj Verma, Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Vinay Lata, Prof. Anuradha Chowdhary, Prof. Shambho Nath, Dr. Sushma Bala and other faculty members were present on the occasion. The event ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Seema Kumari.

JU organises induction-cum-orientation programme

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JAMMU: The NSS volunteers of Campus Unit-VI, University of Jammu organized an Induction cum Orientation Programme for newly enrolled NSS volunteers.

The programme was conducted under the mentorship of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman NSS, University of Jammu. News Letter was released wherein NSS Volunteers thanked Prof. Umesh Rai.

Prof. Jasbir Singh, Head, Department of Philosophy, JU was the Chief Guest while Prof. Vishva Raksha, Head, Department of Sociology, JU and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba were Guests of Honour.

Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, Head Department of Urdu and Dr. Hema Gandotra, Program Coordinator NSS, University of Jammu was



JU faculty releasing newsletter.

formed by Ranju Rani and Group dance were executed by Neha Rani, Preeti and Versha from Physical Education department, University of Jammu.

Prof. Jasbir lauded the efforts put in by NSS volunteers and congratulated them for the successful conduction of the event.

He interacted with the students and motivated them for coming out to help the society

and motivated NSS volunteers for supporting society and reaching to village level.

Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, Head Department of Urdu, University of Jammu while speaking on the occasion appreciated the efforts by NSS volunteers of Unit-IV and assured his support to NSS in spirit and action. He spoke on the learning and moral values associated with NSS.

Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS Programme Officer, Campus Unit-II, JU was also present along with the prominent NSS Unit-IV Volunteers among others who worked for the success of Induction cum orientation were Mannat Sharma, Priya Chib, Ranju Rani, Rajat Sharma, Neha Rani, Komal and Aryan. The program was overall Coordinated by Dr. Mandeep Singh NSS Programme Officer, Campus Unit-IV, JU.

Illogical actions of Nehru, Indira main culprits of Kashmir turmoil: Rajesh

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JAMMU: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta while briefing to media here on Tuesday said Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi were the main culprits of Kashmir turmoil. Gupta said, "Kashmir has been a sore point for the country and still is today. Who is responsible for it and to what extent? Who did what in this regard and to what extent?"

NDPI leader further added, "The National Conference continued with its campaign against Maharaja Hari Singh and in 1946 Shiekh Abdullah; taking cue from Quit India Movement of Congress, launched a 'Maharaja Quit Kashmir' campaign. Shiekh was arrested and was sentenced for a

jail term of three years. Pt Jawaharlal Nehru, being a Kashmiri himself, was highly sentimental towards Kashmir. In the year 1946 he wanted to encourage his jailed friends; especially Shiekh Abdullah. However, fearing a political backlash the state government banned Nehru's entry. Nehru defied the ban was arrested.

NDPI president said, "The extreme of crossing the limits happened during the 'Shimla Sanjota' in 1972 when Zulfikar Bhutto met the then Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi and he begged to free his 93,000 war prisoners arrested during 1971 war. An intelligence officer in the guise of butler virtually saw, that Bhutto was kneel down in front of Indira Gandhi and begging the return of his army war prisoners.

HC directs respondents to hold elections of J&K State Cooperative Bank Ltd Srinagar

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court directed respondents to hold elections of J&K State Cooperative Bank Ltd, Srinagar in accordance with directions of the Writ Court by next date of hearing, failing which rules shall be framed against them for violating judgment of Writ Court. This significant order has been passed in a petition filed by Kashmir Valley Cooperative Society challenging order No 4-JK (Coop) of 2023 dated January 21, 2023, whereby sanction was accorded to re-constitution of Board of Directors of J&K

Cooperative Bank Ltd. Srinagar for a period of two weeks in terms of sub-section (3) of Section 30-A of Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Societies Act, 1989.

According to the petitioners, petitioner is a share holder of J&K State Cooperative Bank and in that capacity, writ jurisdiction of the Court has been invoked for challenging the aforesaid order. It has been submitted that the respondents on account of baseless and frivolous allegations removed the elected Board and nominated a Board of Management headed by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, and said nominated Board

took over the management of Bank on May 15, 2020. It has been submitted that at the time when management of the Bank was taken over by the nominated Board, the Bank was earning huge profits. It has been submitted that the elected Board of the Bank, as per the decision of the General Body, had advanced loan to a Cooperative Housing Society by creating lien against 257.19 Kanals of land situated at Shivpora Srinagar and this transaction would have yielded huge profits to the Bank. It is alleged that the respondents got a frivolous FIR registered with Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB)

by contending that loan has been sanctioned in favour of an unregistered society. It is in these circumstances that the respondents took over management of the Bank after removing the elected members of the Board.

Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides observed that if we look at the various provisions of the Act, the rules made there under as well as the byelaws, it becomes clear that the Cooperative Societies registered under the Act are democratic institutions whose affairs are to be run by the duly elected Board of Directors. Chapter IV of the Act provides the mechanism for

management of Cooperative Societies. "In view of the above, the contention of the respondents that while sub-section (3) of Section 30-A of the Act extends the life of a nominated Board for a period of two years beyond the date of commencement of Third Order, the proviso thereto can give fresh lease of life to such Board by further two years and even beyond, is without any merit and cannot be accepted. As already noted, the reference to the term "Board" or "Administrator" appearing in proviso has to take colour from similar expression used in the main provision. Thus, the only interpretation that can be

given to second part of the proviso to sub-section (3) of Section 30-A of the Act is that it takes care of a situation where even a nominated Board acts in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the society or it does not follow the mandate of the Act and the rules made there under. In such an eventuality the Government has power to appoint a Transitory Board or an Administrator and not to reconstitute the earlier nominated Board," the Court observed. Accordingly, the writ petition is allowed and impugned order bearing No.04-JK(Coop) of 2023 dated January 21, 2023 is quashed.