

Kavinder calls on Fadnavis, invites big Corporates to set-up units in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday called on Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister and invited through him, the big corporate world of the country to set-up units in the Jammu region. At the outset of the meeting, the senior BJP leader from J&K presented a souvenir of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji to Maharashtra DyCM.

Kavinder later asked Fadnavis for roping in some of the big corporate companies and persuade them to set-up units in Jammu as the administration in J&K has created conducive atmosphere by toeing a line of ease of business and giving lot many sops to investors intending to enter the region with their business proposals.

Kavinder also discussed employment scenario in the Union Territory and urged Fadnavis to bring investors to the UT to create new avenues for creating more jobs and providing opportunities to the aspiring youth of the region to have bright careers while remaining in their region only. He said that Jammu being a place with vast scope of film shooting as it is rich with picturesque natural bounties of nature with snow covered mountains, vast plains, valleys, hills and other mesmerizing places besides the talent among the people and their interest in arts and drama, makes it most suitable place for setting up an auxiliary film industry.

He asked the Maharashtra Deputy CM to carry out measures to realize the dream of



Senior J&K BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta calling on Maharashtra's Dy CM, Devendra Fadnavis.

people of Jammu in transforming this place into a film producing hub as already the J&K Government has come up with a Film policy.

The former Deputy Chief Minister also apprised Fadnavis about J&K government's prolific support to entrepreneurship and said that investors will have no difficulty in setting up their units in J&K especially Jammu as government is very supportive and has warded off difficult procedures to help big corporate houses to come and establish their units in the new carved out Union Territory of J&K.

After listening to the points raised by Kavinder, Fadnavis assured all possible help in carrying out things which the senior BJP leader has highlighted in the meeting. The Maharashtra DyCM anticipated that soon J&K will get investors, who would set up their units in the UT to improve the socio-economic conditions and create jobs.

Prominent social activists with supporters join BJP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Prominent social activists, Retd Captain Kamal Singh and Diwakar Singh along with hundreds of supporters joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria here at Ward 43, Nanak Nagar, here on Wednesday.

Billawaria along with local Corporator Surjeet Choudhary (Pappu), State Kisan Morcha Vice

other senior BJP leaders were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that the BJP will be benefited by the coming of social workers to the party.

Kamal Singh said that he expressed his faith in BJP to bring change in Nanak Nagar area and took membership under the leadership of Baldev Billawaria.

Later, Billawaria also listened to the problems of the people of Ward 43 and assured the general public



Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria with newly joined social activists on Wednesday.

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| President Choudhary, Secretary Chowdhary, Indu Puri and | Harbans District Pammi Chowdhary, Indu Puri and | that their problems would be taken up on priority basis and all possible steps would be taken to solve them. |
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DC Srinagar holds consultation session for finalisation of Capex Plan for year 2023-24

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In order to formulate the developmental works plan under DDC/BDC/PRI Grants for Year 2023-24 for Srinagar, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday held a meeting with members of DDC, BDC and Panchayats of District and concerned District Officers here in the Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex. Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Srinagar, Malik Aftab Ahmad and Vice Chairman, DDC, Bilal Ahmad were present on the occasion.

At the outset, the meeting was apprised about the sector wise achievements during last fiscal-2022-23, besides the projects of vital importance completed within stipulated time. Physical and financial status of works under Area Development Programme (ADP) was also deliberated. On the occasion, a threadbare discussion was held with regard to formulation of works plan under DDC/BDC/PRI Grants for Year 2023-24.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on asset building and incorporating innovative programmes in Area Development Programme for the larger interest of the public. He also laid emphasis on establishing Composite Skill

Development Centers, Computer Centres and Book Libraries at Panchayat Blocks.

The DC exhorted the PRI representatives to take up projects of public importance under current allocation of District Capex to meet the aspirations of the people and make all panchayats self-sustaining and self-supporting institutions.

The DC further asked for taking up the activities in PRI's Grants including Rural Connectivity, Rural Infrastructure, PHE, Irrigation, Agriculture, Power, Health, Education, Developing Area specific potential and Employment plan at Panchayat level.

The DC also urged all the DDC, BDC, other PRI members and District officers to coordinate with each other in formulation of balanced works plans by maintaining the sanctity of the 3-tier system of Panchayati Raj.

In order to ensure proper monitoring and follow up of development works under ADP, the DC stressed on early constitution of the Committees by the PRI members.

During the interaction, several PRI members put forth various issues before the Deputy Commissioner and sought his intervention to address the issues related to de-notification of rural areas from SMC, other jurisdic-

tional issues hampering development process, enhancing quota under IAY scheme, and upgradation of existing infrastructure under PHE, PDD, RDD, Sports, R&B. On the occasion, DDC, BDC and Panchayat representatives were apprised about the recent Government plan to implement 29 projects costing more than Rs 500 crore from this year to increase Agricultural production named 'Holistic Development' aimed at holistic development and promotion of Agriculture and allied sectors so that the farmers can get maximum profit and create employment opportunities from the Agriculture sector. It was given out that from April 24, 2023 capacity building programmes will be held with active involvement of PRIs in every panchayat of Srinagar to fill the gaps in agriculture and allied sectors.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Programme Officer ICDS, Superintending Engineers of PHE, R&B, I&F, Deputy Director Libraries, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Executive Engineers of PDD, PHE and other besides other District/Zonal Officers attended the meeting.

Not elections but rehabilitation priority for KPs: KPC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) has declared and impressed upon the Government at the centre and union territory of Jammu and Kashmir that Rehabilitation, redressal of grave issues is priority for Kashmiri Pandits in exile not elections or registration of votes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking during a meeting, President KPC Kundan Kashmiri, while expressing dismay for ignoring and isolating victim Kashmiri Pandits, stated that Government of India and others sitting in the helm of affairs never had any time or inclination to listen to victim Kashmiri Pandits and unfortunately found no takers for their tale of sorrow in the corridors of power. No one in the union territory administration and at the Center had the courtesy to look into their plight, not to think of mitigating their woes.

Kundan Kashmiri further stated that it is most unfortunate that authorities and the establishment at the helm of affairs have not felt their pain and have also failed to understand that ignoring KPs' means to ignore nationalist and the well-wishers of the country, which would be never

in the interest of the nation as well as these political parties who claims their well-wishers. President KPC further stated that It is also astonishing to see that there is no Government policy or platform to look into the problems of these hapless people nor any step is being taken for their honorable and dignified rehabilitation, at one place in valley, despite the tremendous contribution of this nationalistic community to Indian aesthetics and other fields is immense.

Kundan Kashmiri informed the centre government and government of union territory of Jammu and Kashmir that our (Kashmiri Pandits) priority is rehabilitation, redressal of grave issues, not election and registration of votes, and also suggested the central government and election commission not to make hurry in conducting elections in Jammu and Kashmir till whole dirt is cleaned, whether it is militancy, corruption, encroachment of land and redressal genocide cases and issues of KP community are solved.

Others present on the occasion included, Dr H L Saraf, Tej Ji Pandita, MK Raina, Susheel Ji Bhat, R L Raina Raina, S L Zuthsi, S K Wali and others.

BVP conducts Guru Bandana Abhinandan programme



Bharat Vikas Parshid Shivalik Branch Channi Himmat with faculty members and students during Guru Bandana Abhinandan programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parshid Shivalik Branch Channi Himmat, Jammu conducted Guru Bandana Abhinandan programme (under Sanskar) in the premises of Himmat Learning School Channi Himmat Jammu.

Ashok Khajuria Secretary welcomed the students, teachers and management of the school and elaborated the significance of Guru Bandana Abhinandan programme which is celebrated every year in the premises of different schools to inculcate the moral values towards their teachers and elders.

Teachers should also put their sincere efforts and dedication to deliver the best knowledge towards their children. President, H.S Vaid gave the details of the Bharat Vikas Parshid planned activities to promote the awareness of Guru Bandana Abhinandan programme (under Sanskar) across a wide cross section of student community about the ancient Parampra with certain examples.

While addressing the students he laid stress to inculcate the moral and ethical values among the students and follow the Nasha Mukat path to become good citizen of Barat.

Rakesh Sharma, Treasurer of the Branch, asked the students to take oath of Nasha Mukti and made aware about the risks of Nasha in the normal life.

Ashok Gupta Vice President of Bharat Vikas Parshid J&K, elaborated the significance and values of disciplined and praiseworthy life and advised the students to follow the good deeds so that you can become the icon of the nation.

Chairman Chander Mohan Sharma and Principal of the school thanked the team of Bharat Vikas Parshid Shivalik Branch for conducting such programmes which are essential nowadays. Others who attended the programme include Dr. Vijay Sharma, Anju Bansal, Shashi Gupta and Rakesh Sharma.

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HC's directives in petition seeking shifting of Gandhi Nagar robbery case to Crime Branch

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JAMMU: In a much publicized Gandhi Nagar robbery case, a petition was filed by one Harmeeet Kour, wife of Sudershan Singh Wazir, seeking directions for shifting of investigation in FIR No. 310/2022 dated 08.12.2022 registered with Police Station, Gandhi Nagar to Crime Branch team, to be led by a high-ranking Police officer of the rank of Inspector General of Police keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the Justice Rahul Bharti of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Sr. Adv Sunil Sethi with Adv Navyug sethi for the petitioner issued notice and directed Director General Police J&K to take cognizance of matter to ensure seizure and security

of the records of the investigation conducted so far by the special investigation team (SIT) with respect to FIR no. 310/2022 of the Police Station, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu including which have not been kept with the part Challan filed before the Court of Exeise Magistrate, Jammu.

The petitioner averred that though her husband's name was designedly reflected in said FIR by reference to him as being a conspirator but in the final police report filed on December 10, 2021, the petitioner's husband was not booked as an accused in the case by the Crime Branch (Rohini), New Delhi and the case was addressed against the three accused persons namely Harmeeet Singh, Rajinder

BJP has done nothing on ground except event management: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla leading Jai Bharat Satyagraha March at Kathua on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Wednesday led Jai Bharat Satyagraha March at Kathua District organized by District President Pankaj Dogra.

The March was halted by huge contingent of Police at Parshu Ram Chowk near DC Office where minor scuffle also took place with police personnel.

The protesters however observed Dharna at Parshu Ram Chowk and main road remained blocked for over an hour to draw attention of govt towards grave issues of public which so far remained largely unaddressed under BJP rule.

The Congress leader said BJP government has failed to address political and developmental aspirations of the people in J&K.

He stated, while various projects are starving funds, the payments under MGN-REGA remain unpaid.

"Similarly, the problems of daily rated workers and other segments of employees are yet to be sorted out," Bhalla maintained. He alleged that the insensitive government has failed to release salaries and wages to employees.

Bhalla said adding that ground reports suggest no developmental activity in villages as there were no funds

with Panchayats.

Exuding confidence that Congress will beat its previous tally in the ensuing elections to Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Bhalla said party was poised to form a strong, stable and responsive government in J&K.

Given the support of the people, Congress will ensure lost dignity and honour of J&K people.

He added equipped with high degree of public goodwill and robust booth level cadre Congress will emerge with flying colours and serve the people and steering J&K to peace, progress and development.

High Court Bar Association Jammu pays tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, in an impressive function celebrated the 132nd Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar in the Conference Hall, in the Lawyers Chamber Complex, Janipur. Chief Justice J&K N. Kotiwar Singh was the Chief Guest while companion Judges of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. On the occasion, the new Badminton Court for Lawyers was also inaugurated and dedicated to the Bar members by Chief Justice in presence of companion judges and the ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh and District Judiciary and Bar Members.

The J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu thanked Chief Justice and the ADGP, Jammu Zone, and the present team of office-bearers led by President Vikram Sharma, by whose collective indulgence, the long pending demand of members of Bar for a State-of-the-Art Badminton Court Turf was made available in the shortest possible time.

Rich floral tributes were paid to Dr B R Ambedkar by the Chief Justice and the Judges of the High Court as also by the office-bearers of the Association on behalf of the Bar members. The proceedings commenced with the inaugural address by Parvesh Salaria, General Secretary, who highlighted the importance of the celebrations associated with Dr B R Ambedkar's Jayanti.

President of the Association, Senior Adv Vikram Sharma threw light on the life and profile of Dr B R Ambedkar and his achievements which continue to inspire the modern day India. He stressed that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was born Indian and died as an

Indian as per his famous quote that he was first and Indian and an Indian in the end and nothing in between. Sharma highlighted the highest educational qualifications which Dr. Ambedkar acquired during his lifetime which made him as the most educated member of the constituent assembly. Sharma further said that a tribute to Dr. Ambedkar would be only by a concerted effort to weed out discrimination in society.

Roop Lal Advocate in his speech explained as to how despite facing difficulties right from his childhood, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar emerged as an icon of changing the societal discrimination. He said that Dr. Ambedkar was a multifaceted personality par excellence. N. Kotiwar Singh, Chief Justice in his address brought out certain aspects of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's persona which was less known but which he said would be valuable in today's times for an overall development of India as a country marching towards being a Global Leader.

Others present on the occasion included R K Jain Sr. Advocate, and advocates Suresh Sharma, P.S.Parmar, B.D.Monotra, Ranjit Jamwal AAG, Amit Gupta AAG, Pawan Dev Singh GA, Rakesh Chagotra, Narinder Atri, Mohd. Irfan, Pawan Kundal, Parvez Choudhary, Shafiq Chowdhary, Satinder Gupta, Ghara Kumar, Divya Ishan, Rohit Sharma President YLA, Gagandeep Singh V. President YLA, Yasir Khan Gen. Secy. YLA, Karanjit Singh Johal Jt. Seety YLA, Umesh Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Atul Raina, Shaila Rafiqi, Eishan Dadheechi, Aparna Gupta, Anjeet kour, Aparajita, Rupika, Monika, Himani Kohli and Vishal Salaria.

Power shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to JIO Reliance Office and Part of Greater Kailash shall remain affected on April 20 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Bishnah, Nandpur, Salehar, Suhagpur, Seora, Ramgarh, Arnia, Miran Sahib, Bari Brahmna and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 20 from 5 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Keerian Gandyal, Industry Keerian, Lakhampur, Lakhampur Village adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 20 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Dhalwal Miulu, Hamipurkona, BSF and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 20 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Jalo Chak, Parmandal Morh, Suhagpur, Arnia, Allah, Treva, Kotli, Jabawal, BOP, BSF, Changiyan, Chakroi, Satraiyan, Pindi, Dadlehar, Chohalla, Badyal Qazian, SKUAST, Phallian, Ganeshu Chak, Soore Chak, Parladpur, Suanjhana, Makwal, Hakkal, Bishnah, Sarore, Kotli, Rehal, Pandoriyan, Keri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 20 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, Jammu JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Bhalwal, Jawala and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 20 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Resham Ghar, GMC Boys Hostel and GMC Girls Hostel shall remain affected on April 20 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to IIM, CD Hospital, Psychiatric Hospital, PHE Bakshi Nagar and PHE Kabir Basti shall remain affected on April 20 from 7 am to 9.30 am.

Similarly, the power supply to GMC Bakshi Nagar shall remain affected on April 23 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Dewal, ADC Quarters backside, Billawar Town, Sukrala, Kishanpur and Tilla shall remain affected on April 20 from 8 am to 2 pm.



Member of Parliament calls on Lt Governor



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, called on the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Wednesday.

Sharma discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of public importance. The Lt Governor assured appropriate action on the suggestions put forth by him.