

MP requests LG to make Ladakh crime-free, drug-free

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LEH: Member Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal called on the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra, and requested him to take corrective measures to make Ladakh a crime-free and drug-free society. Jamyang Tsering Namgyal told STATE TIMES that he submitted a letter to the Lt. Governor, discussed the matter thoroughly and assured to work together to make Ladakh a crime-free and drug-free as aspired by the people of Ladakh. "I am writing to you today with a heavy heart, deeply concerned about the recent incident of rape and attempt to murder of a young girl child in Leh. This heinous crime has sent



MP Ladakh, J.T Namgyal calling on LG Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra.

shockwaves across our peace-loving society of Ladakh and has left us all in a state of disbelief. As a responsible public representative and concerned citizen of Ladakh, I humbly request you to please initiate the necessary actions to make Ladakh a crime-free society", MP Ladakh wrote to the

Lt. Governor of Ladakh. He urged that the culprit is punished severely under the law to set an example and prevent such incidents from happening in the future. "I urge you to take stringent action against the accused and ensure that justice is served within a timeframe. Such actions would demon-

strate that Ladakh is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of its citizens and tourists alike." JTN also brought to the notice of Lt. Governor about how misuse of drugs among children and adolescents is a growing concern in Ladakh. He referred to video clips that have surfaced through various social media channels and requested to take action to prevent drug abuse in youth. MP Ladakh recommended that the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh, in collaboration with the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils, Social Organizations, and experts, should have a concrete policy and action plan to prevent drug abuse among children and adoles-

cents. "This can include community mobilization, family-based prevention programs, drug education and information for parents, drug resistance skills, and the roles of teachers and schools as well. Additionally, the people of Ladakh are very faithful and obedient to their respective religions and spiritual masters, and faith-based plans can also play a significant role in preventing drug abuse," he added. "It is also essential to have a de-addiction center for drug abuse-related persons and a rehabilitation center for destitute persons in Ladakh. This can help provide necessary treatment and support to those who need it the most," MP Ladakh requested.

PoK's nod to Sharda Peeth corridor proof of Modi Govt's righteousness: Kavinder

Oppressor Pak failed to win hearts of people out there

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Monday said that PoK Assembly's nod to Sharda Peeth Corridor proposal made by Home Minister Amit Shah has testified that the people living across the LoC are also endorsing the policies of Narendra Modi-led dispensation as tyrant Pakistan has failed to win their hearts despite passing of over 70 years. In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart leader said that the response to HM Shah's proposal from across the LoC shows that the people out



there are also endorsing the policies of BJP Government and want to openly support it for the righteousness it is representing in India and abroad. Kavinder said that on the first Navratra the Home Minister Amit Shah while inaugurating the Sharda Mata Temple along the border in north Kashmir's Teetwal has made a proposal of opening Sharda Peeth Corridor on the lines of Kartarpur shrine and on March 29, 2023, the PoK Assembly passed a resolution

favouring HM's proposal. He said that debt-ridden Pakistan has done nothing in PoK except traumatizing the people and that was the reason behind the population looking towards Indian initiative, which is likely to improve the socio-economic condition of the people there besides generating bonhomie among the stakeholders. The senior BJP leader said that the momentous decisions of the Modi Government are so meaningful that people of Pakistan have also started endorsing the same fearlessly as it is not easy in Pakistan to take such a stand in favour of India.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu inks MoU with BFGI Punjab



Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu Er Arun Bangotra and Dr. Rajinder Singh Dhanoa Assistant Director, BFGI Bathinda after signing MoU.

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JAMMU: Government Polytechnic College Jammu on Monday inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Baba Farid Group of Institutions (BFGI) Bathinda Punjab for upskilling and enhancing employability of engineering students to latest technologies at Center for Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) Jammu established at Government Polytechnic Jammu. The MoU was signed in presence of Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill

Development Department, J&K Government between Er Arun Bangotra Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu and Dr. Rajinder Singh Dhanoa Assistant Director, Baba Farid Group of Institutions Bathinda, Punjab. Director, Skill Development, J&K congratulated both the colleges for collaborating with each other for the benefit of engineering and polytechnic students to enhance their skills and knowledge for better employability and said that purpose of this MoU between two institutes is to enhance the

competency of the Engineering & Technical students of BFGI Engineering by imparting skill training on latest technologies at CIIT Jammu by faculty from Tata Technologies to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia and to enhance the employability of students. He further informed that Government Polytechnic Jammu has established a Center for Innovation, Innovation, incubation & Training to impart training in latest trends of Manufacturing Technology, Automobile Engineering conforming to Industry 4.0 with the

help of Tata Technologies Ltd Pune. BFGI Punjab also agreed to offer facilities for upskilling of Polytechnic Staff and students to new technologies at their campus. B.F.G.I Punjab shall conduct the seminars, conferences and workshops at Government Polytechnic Jammu to promote the start-ups and entrepreneurship ecosystem in J&K. Dr. Amandeep Singh, Dean Academics BFGI, Dr. Gaurav Kumar Deputy Dean BFGI, Jatinder Kesar OSD Skill Development, J&K, Er. Kuldeep Singh Bhatia, HOD Mechanical Engineering GPC Jammu, Rajesh Khajuria, Neena Dullo, Er. Ajay Thapa, Training & Placement Officers, Er. Manish Kumar HOD I&C GPC Jammu, Sakshi Kapahi, Lecturer I&C Dept., Atul Sudan, Marketing Head Jammu, BFGI Punjab and officers of Skill Development were present.

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JAMMU: A multi-specialty free medical camp was organized at Dev Sathan Datti Maa Chingia, Arnia here on Monday by Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SWMMC) Hospital Ambhalla. The camp was inaugurated by Amar Chand Gupta, Senior Vice President Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission in presence of B.B Gupta, General Secretary, B.S Jamwal, Secretary, Subash Chander Gupta, Associate Member, Mohan Singh Chouhan, Member, Shanker Dutt Sharma, Member, Dr. Romesh Gupta, Administrator, SVM, Kusum Sarpanch of the area and Dr Vijay Bhagat. General Secretary Suresh Kumar Gupta (ABMPB)



Doctor examining a patient during a camp.

was also present. Approximately 300 patients were examined in the camp and were provided free medicines on spot. The eye cases were examined by Dr Suruchi Gupta, who enlisted all the cataract cases, to be operated by Phaco Surgery system free of cost at SVM

Hospital as follow up action.

KEA representatives call on J&K Bank MD & CEO

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Kashmir Economic Alliance (KEA) called upon MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash at Corporate Headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash reiterated the Bank's support to businesses in a pro-active manner. He said, "Since our progress as a bank is primarily linked to the financial development of businesses in J&K, you will always have our support within the regulatory guidelines." However, he emphasized upon the trade-body delegation to inculcate the importance of financial discipline among its members,

which he said, will go a long way to enhance their credibility and creditability besides adding to their ease of doing business with the Bank. Expressing their hope to deepen their bonds with the Bank, the members voiced few concerns and put forth some suggestions, which were patiently heard and responded by the Bank's MD & CEO. The members of the delegation also thanked the Bank on the occasion for its financial support and lauded the management for rolling out of One Time Settlement Schemes for the borrowers who were not able to repay their debt due to genuinely proven reasons.

‘Yuva Rajput Sabha will have its new team shortly’

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JAMMU: Yuva Rajput Sabha J&K will shortly have its new team of Rajput youth which will also be elected democratically with the consent of Core Committee of the Sabha. While addressing a press conference in Press Club Jammu today Chairman Yuva Rajput Sabha, Raghubir Singh announced that after expiry of the team of the existing team, the YRS will elect its news team. YRS has a tradition to elect new team of Rajput youth after every two years. He appreciated the existing team for its beautiful inning, as a very long pending on birth anniversary of Last Maharaja of Dogra dynasty late Maharaja



Chairman Yuva Rajput Sabha, Raghubir Singh addressing a press conference in Jammu on Monday.

Hari Singh Bhahadur was ultimately declared by UT administration. A hard and vibrant struggle under the leadership of Yuva Rajput Sabha was fought by the whole society to its conclude successful end. He also felt gratitude as every individual stood behind YRS with one strong voice as responsible citizen of Jammu province. Chief Patron Yuva Rajput

Sabha, Rajinder Singh pinned high hope from the YRS to continue their struggle for the needy and helpless citizens of Jammu and Kashmir as YRS is already ensulped to help the poor families to arrange marriages of their daughter and also recommend the suitable youth for the unmarried girls. YRS is following the footsteps of their ancestors and elders

in the selfless service to mankind. Rajinder Singh also showed deep concern for the casual approach of the civil administration for protecting and conserving the rich heritage of the Dogras. We should also work for propagating the Dogra language among the society at large. Delay in renovation of world class heritage of Dogra dynasty Mubarak Mandi complex is also a matter of serious concern now, he maintained. Those who were present are Ranjeet Singh, Dharminder Singh, Mohinder Singh, Ramesh Singh, Vikram Singh, Rajesh Singh, Shamsher Singh, Surinder Singh and Rajveer Singh.

J&K Jai Hind Foundation seeks resolution of anomalies in OROP-II

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JAMMU: Tarseem Manhas, President Jammu Kashmir Jai Hind Foundation and National President of Mahant Yogi Seva Dal Bharat said that Poorav Sainiks JCOs, Jawans and honorary Commissioned Officers organised meeting at Panchyat Ghar Halqua Marh Bloek Jammu to highlight anomalies in OROP-II, which needs to be rectified. Further, a team was framed which elected Tarseem Manhas as Chairman of United Front after detailed discussions. Speaking on the occasion, Manhas said, "We are Desh Premi, Hamare Liye Desh Sarvopari Hai. We are already working for welfare of our Poorav Sainiks Parivaar as well as Man Samman to Veer Naris regularly. A memorandum has been forward to Rastrapati via SDM/ Tehsildar Marh Jammu for rectification of anomalies in One Rank One Pension table-II along with various other issues faced by members." He further urged the President and Prime Minister to resolve all genuine issues of Poorav Sainiks at the earliest.

Rajni leads Mashal procession in Jammu, protest rally in Udhampur

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JAMMU: Senior AICC Leader Incharge party affairs in Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh UTs, Rajni Patil pushed full force into to ongoing 'Jai Bharat Satyagrah' of Congress by leading a protest rally in Udhampur city and Mashal procession in Jammu, in which hundreds of workers and leaders participated. JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani, AICC Jt Secy Co incharge, Working President Raman Bhalla besides Pranab Shagotra, Krishan chand Bhagat Narinder Sharma, Shakeel Shah, Bhupinder Singh, Rajveer Singh, Vijay Sharma, Jatin Sharma and many other senior Leaders joined the protest in Udhampur while in Jammu a number of senior leaders including G A Mir, Tara Chand, Mula Ram, Ravinder Sharma, Balwan Singh, Yogesh Sawhney, Mannohan Singh, S S Channi, Rajnish Sharma, Indu Pawar, T S Bajwa, Balbir Singh, Shabir Khan, Ved Mahajan, Gurbachan Rana, Hari Singh Chib, Vinod Sharma, Dwarka Chaudhary, Bhushan Dogra, Vijay Sharma, Uday Chib, Shashi Sharma, Shiv Kumar, Naresh Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Vijay Shastri, Suresh Dogra, Karan Bhagat, Anrit Bali, Ajay Lakhotra and R S Nathu took part in the process-



Senior AICC Leader, Rajni Patil leading protest rally.

sions. The party held a series of protests, meetings and press conferences in different parts including at Vivekanda Chowk Jammu, Udhampur, Rajouri, Sunderbani, Nagri- Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch etc to intensify nationwide movement against BJP Government. Led by Rajni Patil, the Mashal procession was taken out from Shaheedi Chowk wherein the members raised slogans in favour of Congress leadership especially Rahul Gandhi. Earlier Rajni Patil questioned Prime Minister and entire BJP for its silence over Adani issue and asked Prime Minister to answer questions raised by Rahul Gandhi. "Asking questions in the country, under BJP government, has become a crime. If you ask uncomfortable and unfavourable questions, you are shouted down, your speech is expunged and you are suspended and thrown out," she added. JKPC Chief Vikar

Rasool wani said that people are being crushed through various means and burdened with huge taxations, price rise and huge unemployment. Manoj Yadav also lambasted Govt for its anti-democracy and dictatorial policies. Raman Bhalla lashed out at anti-people approach and decisions of Modi Govt. Others present on the occasion included Pranab Shagotra, Krishan Chand Bhagat, Narinder Sharma, Bhupinder Singh, Shakeel Shah, Balbir Singh, Rajveer Singh, Sumeet Magotra, Ashok Gupta, Vijay Manhas, Anil Pachalia, Om Parkash, Smt Parvez Shah, Yash Paul Sharma, Ashok Bakshi, Surinder Khajuria, Mohan Lal Kalsotra, Suraj Choudhary, Dwarka Parashar, Rasal Singh, Smt Guddo Devi and Kesari. Those who attended Satyagrah at Vivekananda Chowk included Yogesh Sawhney, Mannohan Singh, Ritu Chaudhary, Atul Sharma,

Chander Shekhar and Pawan Singh while those who participated in Mashal procession included Satish Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Jatin Sharma, Sonu Dogra, Thomas Khokhar Nasir Masih, Ajaib Motton Shamsher Chand, Ritu Choudhry, Bhanu Mahajan, Amrit Kour, Rajinder Singh, Kapil Singh, Sahil Sharma, Bhavishya Sudan, Sonu Dogra, Vinder Singh, Uttam Singh, Atul Sharma, Shekhar, Rajan Sharma, Vijay Tagotra, Prem Singh and Jatin Raina.

Remove disparity of toll plazas between Jammu and Kashmir region: SSP

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JAMMU: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party, JK UT expressed his dismay and pain, on great disparity existing in number of toll plazas in Jammu and Kashmir regions. In Jammu region the number of toll plazas is five, on a stretch of 207 kilometres, starting from lakhanpur, Sarore, Ban, Nachri and Banihal, whereas number of toll plazas in Kashmir region is only one. A commuter in Jammu region has to dish out

Rs 585, whereas in Kashmir region it is mere Rs 120. Nationalist people of Jammu region had welcomed and celebrated the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, believing that era of discrimination, oppression and exploitation is over; but sadly that never came true. It is pertinent to mention that people in Kashmir are comparatively much richer than people of Jammu region. A large number of protests were undertaken by various political parties, NGOs and social organisations

for removal of Sarore Toll plaza, but government has not paid any scant attention to just demand of people. Nitin Gadkari, Minister had stated in parliament in March 2022, that all toll plazas with 60 kilometres will be removed within three months, but after almost one year Sarore Toll plaza is functional and standing tall. Pathania urged Lt Governor and Nitin Gadkari to review the status of toll plazas in JKUT, and mitigate the sufferings of people of Jammu region.

JKSPYM organizes training programme on 'Drug Abuse, Prevention and Treatment'

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JAMMU: J&K Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (JKSPYM) State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA) organized one-day training programme on "Drug Abuse, Prevention and Treatment" for parents and teachers at Govt. Middle School, Bhalwal in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MOSJE), Govt. of India. Around 28 participants (parents and teachers) participated in training programme. Principal, Govt. Middle

School, Joginder Shastri presented the welcome speech and thanked SLCA team for conducting this training program in Govt. Middle School. The Resource persons were from JKSPYM organization. As per National Action Plan on Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MOSJE), Government of India (GOI) training programmes, awareness programmes, workshops, capacity building programs need to be conducted all over of the States/UTs covering all the strata of society so that every individual of the society can

play their role in drug abuse prevention. Resource persons generated awareness regarding the drugs and the process of drug addiction, principles of drug addiction. Further, facilitator discussed types of drugs, legal and illegal drugs followed by preventive measures and the treatment process. They also generated awareness about the various services provided by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment i.e., Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA), Outreach and Drop-in Centre (ODIC)

and Community Peer Led Intervention (CPLI). One-day Training Programme was divided into 4 sessions and the last session was "Role of Parents and Teachers" in Drug Abuse Prevention. Training concluded with discussions and Question-answer session. Kimi Padhiar, SLCA Official ended the programme with the vote of thanks to Principal, resource persons, staff and all the people who were present on the occasion. Refreshment and pamphlets were also distributed among the participants at the end of the programme.