

Delegation from All Religious Women Association of Ladakh calls on LG Brig Mishra

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LEH: A delegation comprising members of All Religious Women Association of Ladakh which includes Buddhist Association Women Wing, Anjuman Imamia Women Wing and Anjuman Moin-ul Islam Women Wing, called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Niwas.

The delegates highlighted the issue of safety and security of women and children in Ladakh. They also highlighted the increase in the number of rape and murder cases in Ladakh. The delegates requested for stringent action against the accused arrested in the recent alleged rape and attempted murder of a minor schoolgirl in Leh. They requested for speedy

justice to the victim and her family members.
The delegates also emphasised the need for necessary measures for the safety and security of women and girl children in Ladakh such as providing bus services exclusively for females on fixed routes in Leh; installation of street lights; bus stand facilities; proper pavements; proper waiting rooms; construction of public toilets, etc. They requested for the need to ensure the effective functioning of One-Stop Centres in Ladakh and implement anti-conversion law in Ladakh. They also requested not to issue bar licenses for the opening of new wine shops in Leh district. The delegation also highlighted the issue of growing cases of drug abuse among children and adults

in Ladakh. They requested for LG's intervention in taking necessary steps to stop drug abuse in Ladakh.
Terming the recent incident of alleged rape and attempted murder of a minor as unfortunate and horrific, LG assured the members of All Religious Women Association of Ladakh that stringent action will be taken against the accused. He also assured of a speedy trial to ensure justice for the victim and family members.
LG interalia emphasised the need to sensitise young girls to take precautions such as avoiding taking lifts from strangers and also educate them on distancing themselves from perpetrators and seeking help from all possible quarters in emergency cases.

BLSKS organizes workshop on 'Duggar Folk Culture'



BLSKS artists performing during a workshop.

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JAMMU: To promote the rich traditional culture of J&K, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) organized workshop on Duggar Folk Culture at Jammu in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, New Delhi for young generation under the scheme Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas.
The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest V.K Magotra, former

Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity, Government of India, Dr.Tara Singh Charak, former Deputy Director, J&K Health Department, Mukesh Singh, media person were the Guests of Honour.
Ram Ditta, Bishwa Nath, M.C Kotwal, K.K Joshi, V.K Magotra participated as folk theatre experts of various forms of J&K.
Magotra informed that he will be conduction workshop on Duggar culture history

song and dances etc. to preserve the rich culture of J&K and also said BLSKS staging such plays in all parts of the state to generate awareness among the masses about various social evils.
Dr. Tara Singh Charak urged the artists/cultural organizations to contribute in enriching awareness of the cultural heritage of the country and inspiring the younger generation to follow the footprints of their elders in preserving the composite culture of the Nation.
The music was assisted by music teacher Raju Bajgal.
The singers, musician and actors who performed were Usha Handoo, M.C Kotwal, Rajni Gupta, Raju Bajgal, K.K Joshi, Kamla, Chahat Chadha and Bindia Okheda. This workshop coordinator Deepak Kumar presented vote of thanks.

Court discharges Revenue officials/officers from corruption charges

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge (Anti Corruption) Jammu O.P Bhagat, on Tuesday discharged all the accused from offence of section 5 (2) J&K PC Act 2006 in a chargesheet filed by the UT of J&K through Police Station Crime Branch Jammu against accused namely Kamal Singh, son of Dina Nath, resident of Kalu Chak, Jagdev Singh, son of Amar Nath, resident of Kalu Chak, Hans Raj, son of Sain Dass, resident of Shastri Nagar-then Patwari Kaluchak, Narayan Singh Jamwal then Naib Tehsildar Digiana (now expired), Ghulam Nabi (expired) and Ram Dass then Patwari Kaluchak (now expired).
Additional Sessions Judge (Anti Corruption) Jammu O.P Bhagat passed the order after hearing arguments advanced by Aseem Kumar Sawhney, Advocate assisted by Advocates

Manzar Muneer, Tahseena Bukhari, Arshad Hussain and Sarfaraz Ahmed for accused no. 2 and S K Bhat Advocate for accused no. 1 besides Meharban Singh and S M Choudhary Advocates for accused 3 and 6 respectively.
The Court held that as far as offence of 5 (2) PC Act 2006 is concerned the accused are discharged and once the offence under corruption is not proved the other offences cannot be decided by that Court and directed the return of the Challan/ chargesheet and left the Crime Branch free to present the same before the competent court.
The Court held that there are absolutely no grounds for presuming, what to talk of suspicion about the accused having committed offence of Section 5 (2) of the PC Act 2006 (as applicable to J&K State pre-organisation). It may be mentioned that the Crime

Branch Jammu had registered an FIR no. 3/2014 for offences under section 5 (2) PC Act 2006 read with 420, 467, 468, 471, 120 B RPC.
It may be mentioned that a complaint was endorsed by the CJM Jammu to the Police Station Crime Branch Jammu on which the instant FIR under sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120 B RPC read with 5 (2) PC Act 2006 was registered wherein it was alleged that there was a Ghar Mumkin Pond on the land measuring 9 kanals and 12 marlas, Khadra no. 30 situated at Kaluchak Jammu and prior to 1956-57 the same was used for common purpose by the villagers and recorded in the Jamabandi for the year 1956-57. It was alleged that the fictitious Fard was prepared and the land was sold and got registered before the concerned Sub Registrar.
Aseem Sawhney, appeared for Jagdev Singh the beneficiary of the sale, submitted

Eat Right Millet Mela, Walkathon to be held in Jammu, Katra

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JAMMU: The Food & Drugs Administration of Jammu and Kashmir, in collaboration with the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), is going to organise an Eat Right Millet Mela (ERMM) in Jammu and a Walkathon in both Katra and Jammu.
The Eat Right Millet Walkathon will take place at Fountain Chowk in Katra on April 7th at 8 am and at Government Women College, Gandhi Nagar Jammu on April 8th at 8 am. The Eat Right Millet Mela will be held at Government Women College, Gandhi Nagar Jammu on April 8th at 10 am.
The Eat Right Millet Mela will feature various activities such as cultural programs, painting and poster competitions, rangoli and food stalls

showcasing millet-based food items. The general public is encouraged to attend the events to learn more about the benefits of including millets in their daily meals.
These events aim to promote the inclusion of millets in daily meals to prevent lifestyle non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity, improve cholesterol levels and reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases.
The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 2023 as the "International Year of Millet-2023 (IYOM-2023)". In celebration of this event, the Government of India has decided to make IYOM a people's movement to promote Indian millet-based recipes and value-added products.

Raina releases poster of BJP OBC Morcha 'Gaon Gaon Chalo, Ghar Ghar Chalo Abhiyaan'



President J&K BJP, Ravinder Raina and others releasing poster.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP on Tuesday released poster of BJP OBC Moreha National Programme 'Gaon Gaon Chalo, Ghar Ghar Chalo' Abhiyaan organised by Sunil Prajapati, President, J&K BJP OBC Morcha at BJP office Trikuta Nagar; here.
Kavinder Gupta (former Deputy Chief Minister) along with Anu Radha Charak (Vice President BJP), R. S. Pathania (former MLA and Spokesperson BJP), Vikas Chowdhary (State Secretary BJP), Rash Pal Verma (National Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Raj Kumar Tarkhan (General Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Suresh Salgotra (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha) and State Office Bearers, District Prabharris, District Presidents, General Secretaries, Mandal Presidents were also present on the occasion. While releasing the poster, Raina said that since 2014 Modi Government started so many Schemes for the Welfare of OBCs like Post Scholarship, National

Fellowship, Reservation in Public Sector Units, Reservation in Sainik Schools, Central Schools, Navodhya Vidyalaya, OBC Vishkarma Yojna, Special Provision in New Education Policy; Creamy Layers increased from 6 lakhs to 8 lakhs, free Vaccine, Covered Under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Venture Capital Schemes for OBCs. Raina said that 102nd Constitutional Amendment Act 2018 provides Constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). It has the authority to examine complaints and welfare measures regarding socially and educationally backward classes. Appointment of G. D. Sharma Commission for inclusion of OBC Cast and Enhancement of OBC Reservation, he added.
Later Sunil Prajapati said BJP OBC Morcha will start their Campaign of National Program Gaon Gaon Chalo, Ghar Ghar Chalo Abhiyaan from 6th April and will try to reach every household of OBC's of Jammu Kashmir and interact with them.

Peace for Nation Church organizes religious procession peace march



Peace for Nation Church member with civil society members taking out religious procession peace march in Jammu.

own life which represented the unconditional love for entire Mankind.
The procession commenced and passed through Valmiki Chowk, Green belt Park, Hospital road and Shivaji Chowk and culminated at its point of origination.
The participants in the procession were Kavider Gupta Ex. Dy. Chief Minister, Rahul Cooperater of JMC, Pushpinder Singh Charak District General Secretary BJP Jammu South, Vicky Mahajan leader DPAP,

Camres David Babbloo President All India Masih Seva Dal, Rinku Gill President Civic Safaikaramchhari Union JMC, Jangbahadur Pardhan Valmiki Baradri, Parshotam Mehra Vice Chairman OBC, Pr Ramesh khokhar, Pr Karter, Pr Ravel Bhatti, Pr Dolat, Pr Kashmira, Pr Eric Nair, Pr Simon, Pr Thomas Khokhar, Pr Joy Khokhar, Pr Rohit, John Sabharwal, President Grace Christian youth and Christian Community leaders.

Documentary film on Pran Kishore screened at FTI Pune

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JAMMU: A Documentary film on the life and works of distinguished Kashmiri writer Padmashri Pran Kishore Koul was screened at Manohar Shyam Joshi Theatre, Film and Television Institute Pune by Sahitya Academy New Delhi in collaboration with Sarhad Pune. The documentary film is written in Hindi by retired ADG Doordarshan Kendra and eminent writer Ashok Jelkhnai and English subtitles of the documentary have been written by well-known English, Hindi and Dogri writer Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju'.
The film is produced by Sahiitya Academy New Delhi and directed by eminent director and produc-

er of Jammu Sudesh Kumar Verma, music has been given by Kuldeep Sapru and has been edited by Des Raj (Makhan Singh).
It is pertinent to add here that Sudesh Kumar Verma is a well-known name in art arena with numerous tele-production to his credit that include three documentary films for Sahitya Academy as well. These films have been made on towering personalities like Padmashri Rannath Shastri and Ved Rahi, a prolific dogri writer and filmmaker in addition to instant film on Pran Kishore who is a household name as writer of popular tele-serials like 'Gul Gulshan Gulfam' and 'Ghutan'.

GI tagging of Basohli paintings will safeguard intellectual property rights, promote art: Raman

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JAMMU: "It is a matter of pride for the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Basohli town, that the world-famous "Basohli Miniature Paintings" have received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag, which will prevent the unauthorised use of these paintings, promote them at international level and also boost exports besides research.
This was stated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri, who added that this was a long-pending demand of the artists, curators, painters, and people of Basohli and the dream has now been realised with efforts of The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), which initiated the process for GI tagging of Basohli paintings as well as Ladakh

Wood Carving.
Raman Suri said, the famous Pahari miniature style of painting from Jammu's Kathua area, known for its use of bright and bold colours as well as peculiar facial forms, are known for their intricate work world over. This GI tag will now preserve the exclusiveness of these paintings and enable the artists to work with more dedication. This is the first product from Jammu region to get independent GI tag.
The BJP leader said, those who keep asking that what was the need of abrogating Article 370, must see how minor and major changes and developments are protecting the rights of people, especially artists and how this GI tag will transform the way Basohli paintings are marketed in the international arena. This is indeed a proud

moment for J&K and we hope that all the exclusive paintings lying in the Archives or Museums of Jammu and Kashmir will also be included in the list of GI tags as soon as possible.
Raman Suri appreciated the move of The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for initiating the process for GI tagging of nine products from Jammu region in consultation with the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom and taking the legal process to a right conclusion.
Raman Suri said that the GI tagging will prevent the unauthorised use of these products, maintain intellectual property rights, and increase their market value locally, nationally as well as internationally. He also greeted the people of Ladakh for getting GI tags for their wood works.

Billawaria listens to public issues at Ward 68

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JAMMU: Continuing his Jan Sampark campaign, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Tuesday visited Ward No. 68, Great Kailash, here to solve the issues of the general public of the area.
While interacting with the people, Billawaria said that he is available in his office for any assistance and guidance to the public.
He urged the people to actively participate in the development of Greater Kailash and contribute to the progress of the area. He assured the people that several other projects in the area would start soon and would be completed in a time bound manner.
Deputy Mayor said that once the sequence of all the wards is completed, Jan Sampark Abhiyan will be organised again in all



Dy Mayor Jammu, B.S Billawaria speaking at public meeting.

the wards in the same sequence in which, the hearing of new problems and the problems heard earlier in the Jan Sampark campaign and the progress report of its redressal will also be reviewed.
Billawaria said that several welfare schemes are being implemented by the Central Government, for the underprivileged people and stressed upon the people to come forward and

avail the benefits out of these schemes.
Local Corporator Anil Kumar, while welcoming Deputy Mayor, said that more such Jan Sampark Abhiyan programmes would be organised in future for the public welfare.
Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Darshan Groover, Sahil Vaid, Narendra Sikka, Sham Lal and Pradeep Sharma were present.

BJP Tourism Cell announces Convenors, co-convenors, members for J&K

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir announced Convenors, co-convenors, members for J&K and Districts Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar.
Ravi Bakshi, Convener Tourism Cell 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, formally announced the list.
Team of BJP Tourism Cell J&K are Parvesh Bali, Sanjeev Gupta, Sanjeev Singh Manhas and Rana Singh Puri are nominated as co-conveners; Kasturi Lal Gupta, Jorawar Singh, Dharam Paul Sharma, Rakesh Verma, Sunil Dutt,

Sunil Sharma, Ajay Singh Pathania, Ravi Kant, Rakesh Dubey, Darshan Uppal, Ravi Sharma, Rajeev Gupta, Rupinder Singh, Amit Sharma, Gulshan Bali, Gagan Aneja, Purvik Gupta, Baldev Kumar, Amit Khajuria, Makhan Sharma, Adv Zullifkar Malik, Pawan Gupta, Amit Sharma, Deepak Kumar Sharma, Sanjay Gupta, Vinod Sharma, Raj Kumar Sharma And Shivam Gupta are nominated as members.
Team of BJP Tourism cell District Jammu: Aditiya Gupta is nominated as Convener, while Charanpreet Singh and Vinod Gupta are nominated as co-conveners; Sahil Gupta, Raghav Gupta, Raman Sharma, Budhvir, Rajiv Gupta, Varun Gupta, Rupesh Gupta, Sunny Sharma are nominated as

members. Team of BJP Tourism cell District Jammu South: Gopal Ram Khajuria is nominated as Convener, while Shnat Saroop Bakshi and Suraj Parkash Sharma are nominated as Co-Conveners. Ashok Kumar, Amrik Singh, Khem Raj, Ramesh Singh, Ramesh Gupta, Tarunde Singh, Hardev Singh are nominated as members.
Team of BJP Tourism cell District Jammu North: Sushil Kumar is nominated as Convener, while Suresh Kumar and Rohit Kumar are nominated as Co-Conveners; Deepak Sharma, Sushil Sharma, Vishal Dhar, Anil Kumar, Vijay Sharma, Naresh Kumar, Kishore Kumara are nominated as members. Team of BJP Tourism Cell District Samba: Karan Singh is nominated as Convener,

while Sandeep Kumar and Keshav Bhagat are nominated as Co-Conveners; Joginder Paul, Salho Ram, Jamat Ali, Aman Teji, Kaka Ram, Vickey, Ratan Kumar are nominated as members. Team of BJP Tourism Cell District Jammu Border: Yashpaul Sharma is nominated as Convener, while Prem Chand and Dharam Paul are nominated as Co-Conveners; Garu Ram, Ganesh Dutt, Ashu Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Krishan Lal, Surjeet Singh, Bishamber are nominated as members.
Team of BJP Tourism cell District Udhampur: Sat Paul Sharma is nominated as Convener, while Kasturi Lal Gupta and Abhimanyu Gupta are nominated as Co-Conveners; Suresh Sharma, Suneel, Neha Verma, Rekha, Sunil, Kuldeep,

Surinder Singh, Raghuvir Sharma are nominated as members.
Team of BJP Tourism cell District Poonch: Parupkar Singh is nominated as Convener, while Mohd. Aslam and Navjoot Singh are nominated as Co-Conveners; Aijaz Siddiki, Gagan Bakshi, Munny Karan, Rakesh Kumar, Farveed Ahmed, Sajad Ahmed, Yasar Khan are nominated as members. Team of BJP Tourism cell District Reasi: Ashok Kumar Verma is nominated as Convener, while Raman Goswami and Sunil Sharma are nominated as Co-Conveners.
Team of BJP Tourism cell District Doda: Sushil Sharma is nominated as Convener, while Surjeet Singh and Kiran Devi are nominated as Co-Conveners.