

Support Congress candidate to end BJP's misrule in country: Mula Ram, Chib

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JAMMU: Mula Ram, Senior Vice President of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and former minister, along with Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of JKPC, conducted a series of meetings in Marh Constituency to garner support for the party's candidate for the Jammu Lok Sabha seat.

During their visit, the senior Congress leaders held indoor meetings in several villages including Kalyanpur, Pakhiyan, Jhiri, Chak Dabbain, and Bachiyal. They engaged with prominent individuals to discuss the party's achievements in serving the people and elevating the nation.

Mula Ram criticized the BJP government, asserting that its policies had led to the transformation of Jammu from a sacred



Mula Ram, Senior Vice President of JKPC, along with Hari Singh Chib, Vice President and others during the public meeting.

Temple City into a hub of liquor consumption. He pointedly accused the government of showing favoritism towards external contractors, neglecting the interests of indigenous inhabitants in the process. He underscored the heavy burden placed upon the people of Jammu due to exorbitant taxation, encompassing levies on essential services such as electricity, water, and taxes, exacerbating the

financial strain on local residents.

Furthermore, the former minister voiced deep concern regarding the detrimental repercussions of BJP's governance on the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting potential adverse effects on their future prospects and well-being. He urged for a reconsideration of policies to alleviate the mounting challenges faced by the populace and to safe-

guard the cultural integrity and socioeconomic welfare of the region.

Hari Singh echoed these sentiments, highlighting the public's dissatisfaction with the BJP's autocratic rule and tax terrorism. He criticized the BJP leaders for turning a blind eye to the harassment faced by ordinary citizens at the hands of bureaucrats. He lamented the lack of empathy and action from those in power,

highlighting the need for a more compassionate and responsive approach to governance.

Hari Singh Chib emphasized that the people are determined to remove the BJP from power and send a resounding message about the hardships they have endured under the current regime. He expressed discontent over the delayed restoration of statehood, failure to protect land and job rights, and the prolonged absence of assembly elections.

The senior Congress leader appealed to the people of Marh Constituency to exercise their democratic right by endorsing and voting for the Congress party's MP candidate during the upcoming elections scheduled for April 26, 2024, with an aim to get rid of anti-people policies adopted by the BJP government.

Billawaria hoists party flag on Foundation Day



Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Deputy Mayor and others celebrating foundation day of party.

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JAMMU: On the foundation day of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Deputy Mayor of Jammu and a senior BJP leader, embarked on a visit to the houses of various booth presidents within the RS Pura-Jammu South constituency.

He hoisted the party flag and extended congratulations to them. Concurrently, in Kunjwani Mandal, party workers celebrated the occasion by distributing sweets and reveling in drum beats and dancing. Expressing his sentiments on this significant day, Billawaria expressed optimism regarding the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, remarking on the visible enthusiasm among party workers and the populace.

He projected a landslide victory for the BJP from the Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha seat, echoing the sentiments of a potential nationwide success as encapsulated in Narendra Modi's slogan, predicting an unprecedented crossing of 400 Lok Sabha seats. Billawaria highlighted the festivity

with which the BJP's foundation day is celebrated, likening it to a festival among party workers and supporters.

He reminisced on the party's journey, tracing its roots from its earlier avatars as the Janata Party and Bharatiya Jan Sangh. He noted the adoption of slogans such as 'Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan', inspired by nationalist movements, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. Acknowledging the immense contributions of dedicated workers to the party's growth, Billawaria paid tribute to those who had sacrificed for the BJP's mission, furthering its reach and influence. He underscored the BJP's stature as the largest political party, attributing this honor to the unwavering dedication of its supporters and workers.

During the celebration, notable figures including Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Rakesh Sangral, Surjit Kumar, Sunil Sharma, Suresh Mishra, Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Mamta Razdan, Savita Jamwal, and Om Nath were also present.

DADAA delegation meet Padma Shri Jatinder Udhamपुरi, discuss demand for Satellite Duggar Channel



DADAA delegation meeting writer Padma Shri Jatinder Udhamपुरi.

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JAMMU: A delegation from the Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association (DADAA) met with the renowned writer Padma Shri Jatinder Udhamपुरi to discuss the long-standing demand for a Satellite Duggar Channel.

Led by the president of DADAA, J.S. Babi, the delegation presented their case for establishing the channel, citing its importance in promoting and preserving the cultural heritage, art, and languages of

the Duggar region, which includes Dogri, Hindi, English, and Punjabi.

Janak Khajuria, the spokesperson for DADAA, emphasized the necessity of the Satellite Duggar Channel to counter false propaganda from Pakistan regarding the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He highlighted the linguistic and cultural ties between Jammu province and parts of Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir

(POJK), stressing the importance of preserving the identity of Dogras.

Padma Shri Jatinder Udhamपुरi expressed his support for the establishment of the Satellite Duggar Channel, stating that it should have been done earlier, especially considering the presence of satellite channels for other languages in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

He emphasized the role of electronic media in promoting Dogri language, culture, and heritage worldwide, which would also benefit the tourism industry in the Jammu region.

The delegation included Madan Rangila, Dr. Kamal Sharma, and Ravi Tikoo, who further reinforced the importance of the Satellite Duggar Channel in preserving the cultural identity of the region. Udhamपुरi assured the delegation of his full support for their cause.

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JAMMU: "If credible work will be done in a satisfactory manner, the Cultural department of Jammu & Kashmir will definitely help. The Library and Archive wing of the Cultural Department will definitely be useful for IIMC students to do research and come up with insightful stories. That will set the right narration in the right perspective towards the building of the nation." Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, J&K said on the second day of the media skill workshop on "Un-song hero of Jammu and Kashmir" at Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu on Saturday.

Senior writer Pursottam Dadhihi said time has come that we should not forget the contribution of unsung



Dignitaries during the workshop at IIMC.

heroes in the making of the nation. Youth has to learn how to think right and also practice the rightful-thinking to be the saviours of the nation. He said that the new definition of a hero also includes those who are taking care of the environment and not polluting the mother earth. The youth who is acting in the right direction in the civil society is the real hero in present times.

Renowned author Dr. Vivek Kumar told the students to be aware of unsung

traitors of the country. He elaborated that India was the 'Vishv Guru' on the basis of culture and tradition not only on the basis of sword. Sqn. Ldr. Anil Sahgal said that the spinning is the regular process in any country and spies are the unsung heroes of the country. We must emphasize the unsung traitors and write the new history. Dr. Madhulika Singh, Associate Professor, Department of History, Jammu University, gave information about her

research of hundred unsung heroes of J&K. She shared the challenges in identifying and compiling the stories of unsung heroes as there are no recorded documents either in the library or archives.

Earlier, Prof. Anil Kumar Saumitra, Regional Director, IIMC, Jammu welcomed the guests and gave his introductory remarks about the unsung heroes of Jammu and Kashmir. Mariyam Alam of

Digital Media and Devraj Singh of Hindi Journalism of IIMC moderated the session. During the workshop, journal 'Pavak Vimarsh' of Jonaraja Institute of Genocide & Atrocities Studies of March, 2024 also launched by the guests. The second day of the workshop was followed by the cultural evening in which renowned peace singer Seema Sahgal and Sanjit Khajuria performed. Prominent among those who are present in this workshop included Dr. Dilip Kumar, Dr. Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal, Dr. Anshula Garg, Yasir Arfat, Dr. Mahesh Kaul, Dr. Ravia Gupta, Dr. Kaynat Kazi, Dr. Rama Solanki, Ms. Shrivani Pandey among students of English Journalism, Hindi Journalism and Digital Media of IIMC.

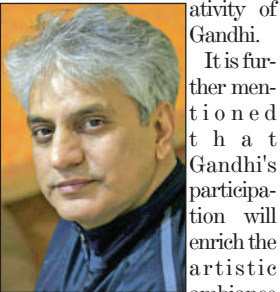
KK Gandhi to attend The Art Fair

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JAMMU: JS Art Gallery Mumbai invited KK Gandhi to The Art Fair ('TAF') for a live demonstration of painting at the opening ceremony to be held in Ahmedabad from April 12 to 14, 2024.

In their invitation letter, they requested Gandhi's participation as a distinguished artist with exemplary skill and renowned expertise in the art world, which has garnered admiration from peers, enthusiasts, and connoisseurs alike.

In the invitation, the organizer eulogized the artistic process of captivating the audience with the talent and magic of the creative



activity of Gandhi.

It is further mentioned that at Gandhi's participation will enrich the artistic ambience of the art fair and inspire artists and attendees.

They also expressed their confidence that Gandhi's presence at TAF would elevate the event to new heights and add immense value to the overall success of the event.

VRS employees hold protest, project demands

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JAMMU: All J&K RTC Volunteer Retired Employees Association held a strong protest here today near Maharaja Hari Singh Park, Jammu for not clearing their pending dues. The protest was held under the leadership of Dev Raj Bali, President of VRS Union Jammu. He strongly criticized the behavior of the Finance Department and Higher Authorities of the Transport Department. They claimed that they have time and again raised their long pending demands of arrears of COLA, 6th Pay Commissioner and DA arrears, but authorities have turned blind eye and completely failed to address their issues. "We are struggling for the same for the last more than 12 years and during this time, 55 retired employees from Jammu province lost their lives because they were unable to afford proper medical treatment due to financial constraints, causing irreversible losses to their families," Bali said. Protesters urged Central Government to personally take the cognizance of their long pending legitimate demands and send a package especially for the retired employees of JKRTC, Jammu as they have already suffered a lot and are still struggling for the same as there is nobody here to listen to their miseries. The total liability of 740 VRS/retired employees of Jammu province are

Rs 66, 24, 21,998.08. Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Shiv Kumar, Surjit Singh, Balwinder Singh, Suraj Singh, G.S.Tohra and others were present on this occasion.

BJP will cross 400 mark, Modi to helm affairs of world's largest democracy for 3rd time: Khatana

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JAMMU: The welfare schemes launched by PM Modi led government should be seen on ground with the public getting benefit to make our country progressive and strong.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana while talking to a large number of delegations which met him at his residence on Saturday and highlighted the problems faced by a big section of them in their areas.

The main problem highlighted by the delegations was that of poor supply of water and power curtailments in many areas in Jammu.

Problems of urban poor were also raised before the MP while a delegation of move Gujjars demanded their smooth passage on Jammu-Srinagar highway along with their cattle.

They also demanded adequate number of teachers in

mobile schools.

Khatana listened the delegations with patience and talked to the concerned officers.

He rang Director Tribal Affairs and gave directions for smooth passage of nomadic Gujjars and others during their movement along with their cattle.

Similar instructions were also given to officers of urban and rural development.

The BJP leader asked the officers to inform and aware the common public about the welfare schemes launched by PM Modi for the welfare of common man.

He said that the PHE and PWD departments should properly inform the public about power cuts.

"The public should also be informed well in advance through print and electronic media about the days when the water supply would not be made in particular areas," he continued.

The BJP leader said that

the officers concerned should aware the public about government schemes regarding solar lights so that the public may get benefits of that.

"Officers of PDD should give the benefit of amnesty schemes to the power consumers," he further said.

Khatana said that PM Modi has initiated a large number public welfare schemes.

"After the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A from Jammu and Kashmir, historic developments have taken place in J&K under the direct leadership of PM Modi," he maintained adding: "The public is now determined to make PM Modi victorious in upcoming Lok Sabha elections with a thumping majority and all the five LS seats from J&K will fall into the kitty of BJP along with the one from Ladakh."

Khatana lauded J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for record number of developments and public friendly measures in the

Union Territory.

He said that people of J&K had suffered a lot during the regimes of Congress, NC and PDP but now the public is enjoying all the facilities meant for the welfare of masses initiated by PM Modi led regime at the Centre and LG administration at UT level.

"People will never forget the era of terrorism, stone pelt, protest calendars and unemployment ushered by the mis-governance of Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis which had brought immense miseries to the people of J&K," the firebrand BJP leader maintained adding: "The people of J&K will never allow such tyrant dynasts to comeback and again spoil the lives of people here."

He also said that BJP will easily cross the 400 mark in upcoming LS elections and PM Modi will helm the affairs of world's largest democracy for the third time consecutively.

Modi govt committed to all-inclusive development in Ladakh: Koul

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LADAKH: Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh addressed a meeting of senior party functionaries after the celebrations of the party's 44th foundation day.

Ashok Koul, while addressing congratulated the party workers on the foundation day of the largest political party of the world. He asked the party activists to work dedicatedly for the welfare of the people and leave no stone unturned to secure a big victory margin for BJP in the Parliament election 2024. Koul, in his address, enumerated the benefits granted directed to the needy people under direct benefit transfer under various government schemes initiated



Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K and Ladakh addressing senior party functionaries at Ladakh.

ated by the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that today, every single person in India is the beneficiary of schemes run by the Modi government. He said that people have received the benefits under the Kissan Samman Nidhi, Ujjawala, Ujala, and other schemes.

He asked the party workers to go and apprise the

ered women socially, economically, and politically in the last 10 years under the Modi government.

"People witnessed unprecedented development in roads, education, health, infrastructure, security, etc. Projects are also aimed at developing Ladakh as a unique tourism destination, an education hub, and an industrial development. Modi government is committed to realizing this all-inclusive development in Ladakh", said Ashok Koul.

Koul further added that the BJP workers work for the nation, society, and party without any self-interest. He said that the party workers have to work with more enthusiasm in this election to continue all the development works that were initiated earlier.

Yogi seeks permanent representation of Kashmiri Pandits in SASB

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JAMMU: Prominent Kashmiri Pandit leader M K Yogi has said that the holy Amarnath Shrine is the pious Hindu pilgrimage place where every year lakhs of Hindu devotees from different parts of India and abroad visit here to perform religious rituals and have the glimpses of Lord Shiva in form of ice Shiv Lingam, the creator of this universe since thousand years, adding that Kashmiri Pandits are also the disciplined devotees and followers of Lord Shiva and his Holy cave.

He said the role of Kashmir Pandits in the Shri Amar Nath Yatra has remained quite active since many decades and have played a key role in Pooja Archana at the holy shrine during the yatra period with their active participation being part and parcel of this Holy Voyage.

Yogi senior most KP leader and former two time President of PSM Martand Tirath Improvement Charitable Trust Mattan has appealed the Lt. Governor J&K to nominate permanent Members from Kashmiri Pandit community in the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) and also ensure their active participation during the upcoming Amarnath yatra.

Yogi has also appealed for participation of Kashmiri Pandits in the Pooja Archana during the Amarnath Nath Yatra and has also added that permanent participation of young volunteers from this micro minority community be also considered for smooth conduct of Holy Amar Nath Yatra period as well employment avenues be worked out for educated unemployed youth of Kashmiri Pandits in the Amarnath Shrine Board.

Dr Gautam attends Advance Dental Workshop at AIIMS Delhi

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JAMMU: Dr Gautam Sharma, Dental Specialist at the University of Jammu and President of Indian Dental Association (IDA), Jammu, attended a three days high end dental workshop at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

He is regularly attending workshops and hands-on training programs at the prestigious AIIMS, New Delhi.

This workshop offered a unique opportunity to learn from and interact with the legendary periodontist and implantologist Prof. Mariano Sanz from University Complutense of Madrid, Spain and renowned periodontal and implant microsurgeon Dr. Hsun-Liang Chan from Ohio State University College of Dentistry, USA.

Dr. Hsun-Liang Chan, provided first hand insights into the intricacies of root coverage procedures and soft tissue augmentation around implants. Hands-on sessions on animal models facilitated by Prof. Mariano Sanz and Dr. Hsun-Liang Chan, allowing participants to refine their microsurgical skills and gain practical experience in soft tissue augmentation.

Dr. Kunaal Dhingra was workshop convenor. Dr. Dhingra is Additional Professor, Periodontology Division, Centre for Dental Education and Research, AIIMS, New Delhi. Hands-on microsurgical exercises under



Dr Gautam Sharma, Dental Specialist being honoured during the workshop.

surgical microscope in animal jaw for root coverage, autogenous tissue harvesting (free gingival graft, connective tissue graft, de-epithelialized gingival graft, tuberosity graft) with coronally advanced and tunneling flaps, soft tissue substitutes with coronally advanced and tunneling flaps, suturing techniques, soft tissue augmentation in edentulous site, non-graft flap techniques, increase of soft tissue volume applying autogenous connective tissue grafts, increase of keratinized tissue area using free gingival graft, increase of keratinized tissue area using soft tissue substitute, achieving tension-free primary wound closure, suturing techniques were demonstrated by the experts and then performed by the participants.