

'One Nation One Election' conviction for consistent optimum governance: Arun

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JAMMU: BJP believes with firm conviction that optimum and consistent good governance in India can only be achieved with clear focus to progress without any disruption in the working of governments.

This is possible with complete utilization of governance machinery in a fixed time frame of governments by conducting simultaneous elections for Centre and states.

This was stated by Arun Gupta, Spokesperson, J&K BJP while he, accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP, addressed a press conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

"India got independent in 1947 and with the introduction of representation of people acts 1950-51 in India, four general elections along with state assemblies were conducted simultaneously in 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1967. Premature dissolution of



BJP Spokesperson, Arun Gupta briefing media.

Lok Sabha on 7 occasions and premature dissolution of legislative assembly on various occasions coupled with personal interest of leaders disturbed this electoral process", said Arun Gupta.

Arun Gupta said that India loses precious time and money in managing elections, where political parties in governance, their leaders, legislators and central/state governments keep focusing their efforts on preparing for upcoming elections, rather than prioritizing good optimum consistent governance

for the growth and welfare of its citizens.

"As a result, even after 67 years of continued governance in the country from 1947 India remained a fragile 5 economy in the world, while small countries progressed and improved their economy in that period. Its only in 2014, when BJP came in power, the graph of economy improved and reached upto top 5 economy," said Arun Gupta.

The gravity of the issue is very important to understand that if governments

are made to work without any disruptions for their mandated tenures, accountability by citizens becomes much more effective.

In conducting elections spread over five years, besides wasting precious time, the loss of human resources quality time and huge financial loss the country has to face is not conducive for growth and results are quite evident in being fragile 5 economies in the world.

The citizens of the country understand the need to preserve five important resources called TEGBA, which are very important for any democratic country to improve its economy and GDP.

TEGBA defines time, economy, governance brain-drain and accountability, which citizens of India are eagerly looking to implement and BJP is committed with conviction to adopt this in India, giving fair opportunity to all the citizens and

especially the young generation of the country who look for their employability and growth. The urge of youth to leave the country needs to be addressed, stopping brain-drain from country. Our brain has been utilized very effectively by many nations and their needs to be controlled.

The resources of India have to be utilized in the most optimum manner and this will become possible if TEGBA concept is understood in totality and election country are conducted simultaneously for Centre and state.

India has to reach the third top economy and then continue moving to the top economy in the world. This will be achieved with radical charges and understand TEGBA concept for overall growth and sustainability.

One election is important for all states and the general election to achieve all one needed programme in future.

Om Parmarth Jai Parmarth Trust starts Langar service for devotees observing Navratri fasts

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JAMMU: In a heartwarming display of community service and devotion, the Om Parmarth Jai Parmarth Trust has launched a special Langar (community kitchen) on the first day of Navratri to cater to the needs of those fasting during this auspicious period.

The Langar, organized by the Mahila Mandal (Women Wing) of the Trust, will be open to all citizens who are observing the fasts during the festival.

Ambica Manhas, Vice Chairperson of Om Parmarth Jai Parmarth Trust, emphasized the Trust's commitment to serving the community through such initiatives.

"We have been serving Langar during all nine days of Navratri for years, as part of our efforts to support the people and promote dharma," she said. "Navratri is a time to honor the power and grace of the Devi, which also symbolizes the empowerment of women. It is in



Members serving Langar among people.

this spirit that the Mahila Mandal of our Trust is proud to contribute to this service," she added.

Ambica Manhas also expressed her heartfelt prayers for peace and prosperity across the world, invoking the blessings of Mata Rani (Mother Goddess). "We pray for the well-being and happiness of all," she added. "We believe that with the blessings of Mahabajarangbali, we will achieve our goal of serving 100 Langars this year, and we are determined to fulfill this vision."

The event was graced by

Shikha Bandral, Organizing Secretary, Kamla Sharma, Vice President, and Rimpay Sharma, Secretary of Om Parmarth Jai Parmarth Trust, who also took part in the ceremonial offering of food to the devotees. Other trustees present were Nitin Rana, Sindhu, Jyoti Sharma, Deepak Sharma and others.

The Trust remains dedicated to its mission of serving humanity through acts of kindness and devotion, and this Langar is just one example of their ongoing community outreach programs.

Jammu Admn hosts training session for Resource Persons under Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan



Additional District Magistrate Anusya Jamwal chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Additional District Magistrate Anusya Jamwal on Wednesday chaired a training session for resource persons under the Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan, aimed at intensifying anti-drug awareness efforts in urban local bodies across the district.

The initiative is part of the administration's broader strategy to combat drug abuse through education, counselling and community-driven

interventions.

During the session, the ADM highlighted the critical role of trained personnel in educating communities about substance abuse and promoting a drug-free society. She urged resource persons to actively engage with local stakeholders to ensure effective outreach.

The session was attended by SDMs, Tehsildars and officers from the Police and Social Welfare Department, along with other concerned officials.

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JAMMU: A delegation from the BJP Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) met Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo at the Civil Secretariat Jammu on Wednesday.

The meeting focused on addressing the pressing issues affecting the Kashmiri Pandit (KP) community. The delegation was led by Rajeev Pandita, President, BJP KDD and included General Secretaries Moti Lal Bhat and Harikrishen Razdan.

During the discussion, the delegation highlighted several key concerns requiring immediate government intervention.

The delegation demanded immediate fund allocation for the repair and renovation of Transit Residential Township (TRT) flats in Jagti, Muthi, Buta Nagar, Nagrota, and Purkhoo.

BJP KDD delegation calls on Chief Secretary, raises issues concerning KP community



BJP Kashmir Displaced District delegation meeting Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo in Jammu.

These accommodations, which house displaced Kashmiri Pandit families, are in dire need of maintenance.

BJP delegation demanded enhancement of monthly cash assistance to migrant relief holders added that the financial assistance provided to Relief Holders

remains inadequate and also urged for a substantial increase in this assistance to help struggling families cope with rising living costs.

KDD delegation raised multiple concerns related to Prime Minister's Package employees emphasizing the need for full

implementation of SRO 43 to ensure job security and employment rights, priority transfer of medical cases for employees with severe health conditions, clarification on flat allotment whether employees need to vacate their government-allotted flats post-retirement, immediate allotment of flats as many employees are forced to live on rent, creating financial distress.

Genuine issues and concerns related to 34 JKDM-RR order were also raised during the meeting

The delegation urged the government to simplify the NAFSA form filing procedure for displaced KPs and address the concerns raised by some community members regarding the apprehensions of Filing the NAFSA form.

KDD delegation raised challenges faced by Non-Migrant Kashmiri

Pandits/Hindus living in Kashmir with regards to employment and certification issues.

The delegation proposed making the Non-Migrant Certificate process easier and available within Kashmir itself also urged Prioritizing non-migrants for government schemes to ensure they receive due benefits.

The delegation demanded urgent resolution of pending leave salary issues of Kashmiri Pandit employees and ex-gratia relief for burnt houses of migrants in Kashmir ensuring affected families receive compensation without further delays.

Chief Secretary gave a patient hearing and noted down all the important points which were raised and assured that these concerns would be addressed on priority.

MLA Narender Singh, Com JMC visit Sainik Colony; address civic issues

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JAMMU: Member Legislative Assembly Dr. Narender Singh and Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav on Wednesday visited Sainik Colony and held a significant meeting with the Sainik Colony Management Committee to discuss key civic issues affecting the area.

During the meeting, local residents submitted a memorandum to the Commissioner, outlining pressing concerns such as drinking water supply, street lighting, drainage systems, and the development of local parks. Acknowledging the grievances of the community, Dr. Yadav assured the Sainik Colony Management



Committee that necessary actions would be taken at the earliest to address these concerns.

MLA Dr. Narender Singh emphasized the importance of public cooperation in ensuring the effective implementation of civic projects. He urged the local community to work in tandem with the authorities to facilitate

smooth and efficient development initiatives.

Furthermore, Dr. Singh stressed the need for elected representatives to collaborate closely with government departments, ensuring that developmental projects in their respective areas should be taken up expeditiously and efficiently. He reiterated his commitment to delivering

quality infrastructure and services, ensuring that the citizens do not face any inconveniences.

The meeting marked a constructive step towards resolving civic issues in Sainik Colony, reinforcing the dedication of the local administration and public representatives toward the welfare of the community.

Later, the Commissioner handed over 50 street lights to the Sainik Colony Management Committee in presence of MLA.

The initiative aims to enhance street lighting in the area, ensuring better visibility and security for residents.

Speaking at the occasion, the MLA commended the efforts of JMC in addressing

civic needs and reaffirmed the commitment to further infrastructural development in the region.

The Commissioner highlighted the importance of well-lit streets in fostering a safer environment and improving the overall quality of life. "This initiative is part of our broader effort to enhance civic amenities across Jammu. We remain dedicated to implementing projects that directly benefit the residents," the Commissioner stated.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner (South) Lal Chand, Joint Commissioner (W) Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Executive Engineers, (E), works, other senior officers of JMC, besides former Corporation and locals were present on the occasion.

JU releases latest edition of Multidisciplinary Journal 'Researcher'



Prof Umesh Rai, VC, University of Jammu and others releasing Journal.

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu today released Volume XX, No. 2 (2024) of Researcher: A Multidisciplinary Journal, a bi-annual, double-blind peer-reviewed publication that promotes academic excellence across various disciplines. The journal was formally released by Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu. Speaking on the occasion,

Prof Umesh Rai emphasized the significance of multidisciplinary research in addressing contemporary challenges and highlighted the university's commitment to developing a robust academic ecosystem. Published through the University's Publication Cell, Researcher provides a dedicated platform for scholarly contributions in Science & Technology, Social Sciences, Business Studies, and

Humanities. The current edition includes twelve research papers- four under Science & Technology, four under Social Sciences, one under Business Studies, and three under Arts & Humanities. The publication process was overseen by Dr. Shashi Prabha, Convener, Publication Cell.

Researcher continues to serve as a vital reference for scholars, encouraging high-quality research and advancing knowledge across diverse fields.

The release event was attended by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, JU, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Komal Nagar, Dr. Shashi Prabha, Dr. Raj Sandhu, Dr. Harleen Kour and Dr. Jasleen Kour.

Field of Union Ministry of MSME implements Common Facility Centre for Apricot Processing



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JAMMU: MSME-Development Nucleus Cell, Ladakh the field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSMEs of Ladakh.

Cluster Development Programme is a scheme under which Common Facility Centre projects with Project Cost of up to 30 Crs can be taken up for implementation for the benefit of MSEs with 15% beneficiary contribution and remaining 85% as grant. As per the scheme guidelines the scheme may be implemented with close co-ordination with Government of Ladakh.

The objectives of the scheme

are to enhance sustainability, Competitiveness and growth of MSEs by addressing common issues such as improvement of technology, skills and quality, market access, etc. Common Facility Centre can also be established for testing, training center, raw material depot, effluent treatment, complementing production processes. The detailed guidelines can be accessed at <https://msmedijammu.gov.in/Resource/CDP-06-22.pdf>

Ladakh region as a whole has a long tradition of growing horticulture produce unique to its Geo climatic condition. Apricot cultivation is done in more than 900 hectares as per department of horticulture with an annual production

estimated above 5000 MT. Next to apricot is the Apple crop grown in Ladakh with cultivation area of more than 500 hectare with an annual production of above 3000 MT.

The apricot produced in Ladakh often fails to reach market in the same quality which is expected by the buyers due to various reasons including unscientific way of collection, drying method etc. Though the apricot crop from Ladakh reaches to various countries like Singapore, Mauritius, Vietnam, Dubai, USA, Bangladesh, Oman etc, still a lot of scope for improvement in value addition is available. Cluster Development Programme can be helpful for the entrepreneurs of Ladakh.

G.Velladurai IEDS Joint Director of MSME DFO Jammu visited Khalsae in proposed Sham district of Ladakh to meet the entrepreneurs of the region to disseminate the awareness of MSE-CDP. To reap the benefit of the scheme Land for the proposed Common Facility Centre was found to be the bottle neck for which Namgyal of Khalsae has agreed to offer the Land for the proposed CFC. Detailed Project Report for the CFC is to be prepared with the inputs from all the stake holders.

The facilities proposed in the common facility center includes Drying of apricot, Apricot oil extraction, breaking seeds of apricot and option to use the facility for drying apples and other produce including horticulture production.

As per the scheme guidelines, projects with project cost up to 10 Crs can also be considered with beneficiary contribution of only 5% in case of Ladakh.

Kavinder slams NC Govt's contradictory policies, says fuel & fare hikes undermine free travel for women



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta chairing meeting of party workers.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta has expressed concern over the National Conference (NC) government's recent policy decisions, highlighting a contradiction between offering free bus travel for women and simultaneous increases in fuel prices and public transport fares.

Speaking at the meeting held at Party Headquarters in Jammu, the BJP stalwart acknowledged the initiative to provide free travel for women

in government-owned buses across Jammu and Kashmir, recognizing it as a step toward women's empowerment. However, he pointed out that this benefit is overshadowed by the government's decision to reduce rebates on petrol and diesel, leading to a price increase of ₹1 per liter for petrol and ₹2 per liter for diesel.

"While the NC government claims to support women by offering free bus rides, they simultaneously burden the general public with increased fuel prices," he stated. "This

move not only affects individual vehicle owners but also has a cascading effect on the economy, leading to a proposed 7% hike in public transport fares."

Kavinder lambasted the NC government for its economic mismanagement and deceptive tactics. "These back-to-back financial assaults on the people of Jammu and Kashmir reveal the NC's utter disregard for the hardships faced by everyday citizens. Their strategy is clear: give with one hand and take away much more with the

other, all while expecting applause for their so-called generosity."

The senior NC leader further emphasized that the cascading effect of fuel price increases extends beyond transportation, inflating costs across all sectors and deepening the financial strain on households. "This isn't just about bus fares; it's about the skyrocketing cost of living that the NC government is directly responsible for. Their policies are a masterclass in hypocrisy, punishing the very people they pretend to help."

Kavinder called upon the NC government to immediately reverse these detrimental policies and adopt a transparent, honest approach that genuinely prioritizes the well-being of Jammu and Kashmir people. "The people deserve governance that is forthright and truly supportive, not a regime that hides punitive measures behind hollow gestures," he added.