

Kavinder slams Congress for pursuing anti-Hindu agenda

Questions its secular credentials for demolishing temples & shedding tears on Karauli, Jahangirpuri incidents

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JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, former Dy Chief Minister of J&K and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader has slammed the Congress Party for its anti Hindu policies and taking anti Hindu stance on every issue without going into the merits of the case. He said that it is quite surprising that Congress has failed to realize the ground situation despite people across the country having rejected Congress in the elections.

Addressing media persons at Party Headquarters in Jammu, the former Deputy Chief Minister flanked by Ranbir Singh Pathania, Ex MLA Ramnagar and Vikas Chowdhary, State Secretary BJP, J&K, strongly condemned demolition of 300 years old temple in Rajasthan and the comments made by the Congress leaders on this volatile issue.



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta talking to reporters.

He said that it is an open secret that Congress stands totally decimated and is now on its last legs. He reminded the Congress of its devastating loss in Assembly elections in five states including Punjab. Accusing the Congress of maintaining double standards by targeting Hindu temples in Rajasthan, Kavinder Gupta said that this clearly establishes beyond any doubt that Congress is hell bent upon taking revenge against Hindus even in areas where

Hindus voted for BJP in elections to Municipal Councils. He said that this is further vindicated by the fact that the district administration extended full support in the demolition drive against the religious place of Hindus.

The former Dy Chief Minister, while castigating the Chief Minister of Rajasthan and the Congress Party along with its High Command in Delhi, asserted that the Rajasthan Govt cannot wash its hands off so easily

from the entire exercise. He said that it is really shameful for the Congress that after conducting the anti Hindu drive in Rajasthan, it is shamelessly coming up with lame excuses to malign BJP which has established itself as the most proactive votary of Hindutva. He demanded a judicial enquiry into the Temple demolition issue in Rajasthan.

While coming down heavily on the anti Hindu agenda of Congress, Kavinder Gupta said that the pretention of secularism by Congress stands totally exposed today with its shedding tears on Karauli and Jahangirpuri and at the same time hurting the faith and sentiments of Hindus by demolishing their temples and shops even without serving notices prior to demolition as required under law. Is this the secularism of Congress," he questioned.

EPFO Jammu hosts 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' for May 2022

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JAMMU: "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" for the month of May, 2022 was conducted by EPFO Regional Office, Jammu on Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 02: 00 PM for the stakeholders of Jammu & Kashmir.

The EPFO is servicing the entire area from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders and so on. Considering the large number of grievances and to ensure prompt service delivery, several online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer and advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands on demonstration.

One of the employees Mukesh Gupta visited office with the grievance that his claim is getting rejected due to difference



Regional PF Commissioner-I, Rizwan Uddin interacting with officials.

in father's name. Rizwan Uddin, Regional P. F. Commissioner-I, directed the concerned official to update the same immediately and accordingly the requested corrections were done.

Dimple Kumar, an employee of M/s. Hotel Asia was not having his UAN details. Using the IT tools of EPFO, UAN of the member was traced out and provided to the member. Mohammad Bashir was not able to avail EPFO services as his UAN was not activated, the matter

was taken up and his UAN was activated immediately. Briljal Verma, an employee of M/s. Saraswati Agro Chemicals (India) Pvt. Ltd. appeared with a request to get modifications in his UAN regarding Father's name and Date of Joining, the PF Commissioner Rizwan Uddin directed Arun Kumar, Sr. SSA to process the request immediately.

Employer representative of M/s. Sai Santosh appeared with a request to update records of their employees in their UAN as

the establishment was not able to file ECR due to non-linkage of Aadhaar. Directions were given by PF Commissioner to Subhash Chandra, Sr. SSA to process the request immediately.

Employee representatives of M/s. JKSRTC appeared with the grievance that employees of their establishment are not able to withdraw their PF amount. Rizwan Uddin, RPF-C-I, explained to them that the issue is being faced due to some technical snag and the matter is already forwarded to the Head Office for resolution and is also being regularly followed up. He further assured them regarding resolution of the issue at the earliest.

The endeavor of "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" programme was to redress the maximum number of cases/grievances the same day or at the earliest.

DLSA Udhampur hosts legal awareness programme



Secretary, DLSA Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge), speaking at a legal awareness programme.

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UDHAMPUR: Following the Common Minimum Programme provided by J&K Legal Services Authority, and under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Y.P. Bourney and overall Supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge), a legal awareness programme on "Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace" (NALSA Scheme 2015) was organized on Tuesday by

District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur in collaboration with Government Girls High School Mantali at Govt. Girls High School Mantali.

Panel Lawyers Adv. Balwan Singh and Adv. A.S. Katoch were the Resource Persons for the Programme. The main purpose of this Awareness Programme was to sensitize the general masses especially children about the menace of Drug Abuse and its effects on the general society. The Resource persons threw light on all the provisions of the NALSA Schemes for victims of

Drug Abuse, impressing upon the gathering especially Victims of Drug Abuse to come forward and approach various Legal Services Institutions for redressal of their grievances, as the drugs not only destroys the victim but also damages the families and the society in general.

The Secy DLSA Rajni Sharma (Sun-Judge) later thanked the participants for participating in the legal awareness programme. The undersigned asked the participants to approach Legal Services Institutions as District Legal Services Authority Udhampur is always duty bound to help the needy and distressed members of the society. The programme was attended by Head Master of the School Ashok Kumar, the students and staff of Govt. Girls High School Mantali.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Floura, M/C Domana Machallian, Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Dhalwal Miulu Hamipurkoma, BSE, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharnkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No. 1, Garkhal, Suhagpur, Nandpur, KotliJabowal, Part of Arnia, Allah, BSE, Nandpur, MES, Sainik Colony, Part of Ratnuchak, GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, Salehar, Suhagpur, Nandpur, Bishnah, Sohra, Rangarh, Nandpur, Old Nandpur, BSE, Pindi, Adlehar, Baba Chamlyal and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 11 from 7 am to 11 am.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer O&M Circle Jammu, JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Kailash Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Patel Nagar, Pawan Ice Cream, Rajoura Park, CID Office, PHE Rajpura and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 11 from 7 am to 11. 30 am.

GMC Kathua registered with ICMR Cancer Registry Project

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KATHUA: Government Medical College (GMC) Kathua has been registered with Prestigious Hospital Based Cancer Registry Project of ICMR-NCIDIR Bengaluru.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed between Dr Anjali Nadir Bhat, Principal GMC Kathua and Dr Prashant Mathur, Principal Investigator and Director HBCR, ICMR-NCIDIR Bengaluru.

Dr Deepak Abrol, Assistant Professor Radiation Oncology has been nominated as Principal Investigator from the Institute while Dr Vidhu Mahajan Assistant Professor Pathology will be Co Investigator. The broad and overall objective of this project is to sustain and develop a National Research Database on Cancer and its risk factors through recent advances in electronic information technology with a National Collaborative Network, so as to undertake etiological, epidemiological, clinical and Control research in these areas.

The data collected enables to estimate Cancer incidence, mortality, trends , burden, clinical management, outcome and survival. The project is being initiated at GMC Kathua to know about profile and pattern of patients attending the hospital, describe clinical treatment and outcome parameters and contribute to respective PBCR in India under ICMR- NCIDIR- NCRP. Dr Yashpal Sharma, Director Coordinator New GMCs congratulated the Team involved in coordinating with ICMR -- NCIDIR and asked them to carry on with Evidence and Research based approach towards patients.

Dr Surinder Atri, HoD Pathology and Dr Chitra Vashnavi Medical Superintendent, Bikram Dutt CAO provided all the logistics to kick start the Registry project in hospital.

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project

Petition seeking directions to respondents not to proceed with e-tendering dismissed

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in a significant judgment dismissed the petition filed by BGE MFB JV seeking directions to respondent to permit the petitioner to participate and bid in the tender for 'slope stabilization at Katra end of Anji Khad bridge on Katra-Dharam section of Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla rail-link project' and not to proceed ahead with e-tending till the date for submission of e-bid is extended and petitioner is permitted to participate for submission of e-bid and not to finalize tendering process till such time date for submission of e-bid is extended.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal

while dismissing the petition observed that Supreme Court in a judgment held that while entertaining the writ petition and/or granting stay which ultimately may delay the execution of mega projects, it must be remembered that it may seriously impede the execution of the projects of public importance and disables the State and/or its agencies/instrumentalities from discharging the constitutional and legal obligation towards the citizens. "High Courts should be extremely careful and circumspect in exercise of its discretion while entertaining such petitions and/or while granting stay in such matters. Even in a case where the High Court is of the prima facie opinion that the decision is as such per-

verse and/or arbitrary and/or suffers from mala fides and/or favouritism, while entertaining such writ petition and/or pass any appropriate interim order, High Court may put to the writ petitioner's notice that in case the petitioner loses and there is a delay in execution of the project due to such proceedings initiated by him/it, he/they may be saddled with the I damages caused for delay in execution of such projects, which may be due to such frivolous litigations initiated by him/it.

With these words of caution and advise, we rest the matter there and leave it to the wisdom of the concerned Court(s), which ultimately may look to the larger public interest and the national

interest involved," the Court observed. Justice Rajnesh Oswal while dismissing the petition further observed that the petitioner on 22.02.2022 wrote to the respondent Nos. 2 to 3 for extending the date for submission of bids by at least three weeks i.e. up to 25.03.2022 so as to enable the petitioner to participate in the tender and in the said e-mail, it has been mentioned that the petitioner needs some more time (pandemic situation due to Omicron) for joint venture formalities and compliance like apostle etc. The petitioner has not denied the communication which further gives credence to the contention of the respondent Nos.2 to 3 that the

petitioner right from very beginning wanted the extension of time for participation in tendering process.

"As such, this Court does not find any illegality, arbitrariness and mala fide on the part of respondent Nos. 2 and 3 in continuing with the tendering process to the exclusion of the petitioner; by not extending the period for making bid. The petitioner cannot be allowed to participate in tendering process by extending the time for making bids because any delay in the completion of project would not be in the public interest particularly in view of the fact that the project was required to be completed in five months," the Court observed.

Jamwal Pandit Biradari congregation on May 13

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JAMMU: Annual congregation of All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari is being held on May 13, 2022 (Friday) at Data Dati Mandir, Purnamandal.

All the Jamwal Pandit Biradari members have been requested to participate in con-

gregation along with their families to seek blessings of Data Dati at Purnamandal.

Community Langer also organized by the Biradari members of the occasion besides a medical camp shall also be organized by the renowned doctors and free medicine will be provided.

NGO distributes wheelchairs among special children, disabled

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JAMMU: Social programme was organised at Gandhi Nagar under the banner of Creative World (NGO) on the eve of Mothers Day where wheelchairs were distributed to the special children and disabled persons. Spokesperson BJP, Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia was Chief Guest. Sandhya Gupta was Guest of Honour. Jasrotia appreciated the steps being taken by NGO and assured NGO for any kind of help for the welfare Society. Sandhya Gupta welfare such kind of support for a noble cause.

Sonu Taneja MD SKKBDA, Harpreet Singh social worker, Manjeet Singh Azaad, Surinder Manhas were present on the occasion.

BJP committed to uplift JMC's infrastructure: Baru



Councillor Ward 41, Sanjay Kumar Baru interacting with residents of Anand Nagar.

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JAMMU: BJP Urban Local Bodies Cell Incharge and JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru on Tuesday toured Anand Nagar lanes to inspect the ongoing development works in his ward-41, he also listened to the grievances of the local Residents.

Baru said that Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working for strengthening the grassroot governance in Jammu and Kashmir (UT) and committed to uplift the infrastructure at grassroot institutions. He said the recently administrative approvals of reorganization of JMC and Solid Waste Management plant

at Bandurakh by Administrative Council headed by LG Manoj Sinha shows commitment of our leadership towards the JK (UT) .

He said that the issues related to the promotions of the employees working in the JMC will be resolved now ending the long time pending grievance of JMC workers. He said that the Solid Waste management plant at Bandurakh is also given the administrative approval which will improve the doorstep collection of garbage along with its proper disposal and utilization. Baru also took the liberty to appeal the residents of J&K to ensure the successful and complete door to door collection of the waste for a better city.

Temples part of cultural heritage, need to be preserved for progeny: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has asserted that temples are inseparable component of Jammu's rich cultural heritage and need to be preserved for future generations at all costs.



Vice President J&K BJP Yudhvir Sethi after flagging off Kalash Yatra.

He stated this while addressing a gathering at a function in Kabir Basti in Jammu East Constituency from where he flagged off a Kalash Yatra here on Tuesday.

The Kalash Yatra was taken out in connection with installa-

tion of Mata Mahakali idol at a temple in Kabir Basti.

The Yatra commenced from Kabir Basti and reached Har Ki Pouri Temple from where it proceeded back and finally culminated at the temple in Kabir Basti. It is pertinent to mention that the Yatra was conducted to

bring the Holy Water of River Surya Putri Tawishi to be used for performing religious rites during installation of Goddess Mahakali idol at Kabir Basti Temple. The senior BJP leader said, "The temples are places of historic significance that add to the grandeur of Jammu besides

connecting people of all faiths. People drawn from different sections of society who pay obeisance at the temple reflect brotherhood and spiritualism that can be showcased around the globe."

Sethi appealed the youth to ensure substantial participation in the religious activities and rituals as it will guide them towards a brighter future and prevent them from getting deviated to the wrong track in life like drugs that ultimately ruins their lives. Sethi also complemented Rajkumar Raju, President and Prithvi Raj, Chairman of the Temple Committee for conducting Kalash Yatra. He also assured them for participating in the Idol ceremony of Goddess Kali on May 112.

Earlier the BJP leader also paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum of the temple and prayed for peace, prosperity, brotherhood and harmony of the Union Territory.

SKPA hosts 2-day course on intellectual property rights



SKPA Udhampur officers and participants of course posing for a photograph.

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UDHAMPUR: A two day course on 'Intellectual Property Rights' and 5 day training programme on 'Cyber Forensics' commenced at Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur, here on Tuesday.

As many as 27 officers from different units/wings of J&K Police are participating in the training programmes.

The Inauguration ceremo-

ny was attended by senior officers. During the deliberations in inaugural session, emphasis was laid on adequate enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, especially in the times when Indian economy is growing at a faster pace.

Concerns were raised during the course regarding the link between violations of IPRs and other organized crime like terror funding etc. which causes serious

threat to public safety and security of the country.

The course on Cyber Forensics has been designed to enhance investigation skills of officers to tackle crimes in the virtual space, methodology of collecting digital evidence, e-mail tracking, Cyber pornography etc. The audience was informed that organizing such courses is the endeavour of DGP J&K and Director SKPA Udhampur.