

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 Rambagar 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 eas-

ily 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.

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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. Bourne 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

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Flora, M/C Domana Machallian, Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Dhalwal Miulu Hamipurkona, BSF, Bateria, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharmkhu, Tirth Talab, GREC, Gumpul, Sua No. 1, Garkhal, Sugarpur, Nandpur, KotiJabowal, Part of Arnia, Allah, BSF, Nandpur, MES, Saink Colony, Part of Ratnuchak, GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, Salehar, Sugarpur, Nandpur, Bishnah, Sehra, Ramgarh, Nandpur, Old Nandpur, BSF, 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.

Justice Rajesh 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 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-

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.

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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. Brijal 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. JKSRRTC appeared with the grievance that employees of their establishment are not able to withdraw their PF amount. Rizwan Uddin, RPF-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 Apke Nikat" programme was to redress the maximum number of cases/grievances the same day or at the earliest.

Dir Horticulture discusses road map for implementation of schemes

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JAMMU: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak on Tuesday chaired a meeting of Chief Horticulture Officers and Chief Canning Instructor of Jammu Division here at Horticulture Complex Talab Tillo to discuss the roadmap for implementation of various developmental activities during the financial year 2022-23 in Jammu Division.

During the course of the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on various agenda points. The officers appraised the chair about the status of development works undertaken for the development of Horticulture sector as a whole. The Director impressed upon the officers to switch over to e-office mode of working and start Biometric attendance by May 15, 2022 in their respective offices. Further, he asked the officers to e-tender all the proposed



civil works before May 31, 2022.

The Director instructed the officers to reach out to every nook and corner of their districts by way of organizing awareness camps, Kisan Goshties, etc. to ensure effective implementation of Departmental schemes for the ultimate benefit of the fruit growers and adopt due transparency in this respect. He further asked to acquaint the farmers about the utility of "Horticulture App" and subscription of "You Tube

Channel" so that they can apply for availing benefits under different schemes online while sitting at home. The release of transport subsidy under CAPEX scheme in favour of the farmers who carry their produce from remote areas to the mandies for sale was also stressed upon.

The chair also reviewed the response regarding the sale of value added products in the facilitating centres across Jammu Division and directed the Chief Horticulture Officers to make them fully functional.

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project

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

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JAMMU: Justice Rajesh 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-tendering till the date for submission of e-bid is extended and petitioner is permitted to submit the petition to participate 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-tendering till the date for submission of e-bid is extended.

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verse and/or arbitrary and/or suffers from mala fides and/or favouritism, while entertaining such writ petition and/or granting stay which ultimately may delay the 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

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.

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 ceremony

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.

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 grassroots governance in Jammu and Kashmir (UT) and committed to uplift the infrastructure at grassroots 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 JK to ensure the successful and complete door to door collection of the waste for a better city.

He stated this while addressing a gathering at a function in Kabi 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 installations of Mata Mahakali idol at a temple in Kabi Basti. The Yatra commenced from Kabi Basti and reached Har Ki Pari Temple from where it proceeded back and finally culminated at the temple in Kabi Basti. It is pertinent to mention that the Yatra was conducted to be preserved for future genera-

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