

# Yudhvir takes stock of people's problems in Bajtala

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday visited Bajtala to take stock of problems and issues faced by the people of the area besides involving the party workers and activists in an interactive session to assess their ground performance and guide them for future strategy.

He was accompanied by Ajay Sharma, Bharatiya Janata Party Mandal President, Nagrota, District Vice President Naryan, Shakti Kender Parmukh Rampal, Block executive member Sunny Sharma and Yuva Morcha leaders Ricky and Amit.

The senior BJP leader gave a patient hearing to the people and after listening to their problems very keenly, he assured to get their issues resolved at the earliest by taking up the same with the authorities concerned.



Later during an interaction with the party workers and activists, they detailed Yudhvir Sethi about their working at the grass roots level besides conveying to him the difficulties faced by them on ground. While addressing the party's foot soldiers, the senior BJP leader stressed upon the party workers to work relentlessly on ground especially in view of the upcoming elections making people aware about the welfare schemes launched by the Modi Govt like Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana and many other schemes so that they

can avail the benefit of the schemes best suited to them. Yudhvir Sethi asserted that people of Jammu and Kashmir can today clearly witness the paradigm shift in the scenario across this Union Territory in terms of development and progress in each and every sector, which was never ever before seen prior to Article 370 abrogation. Sethi directed the party activists and workers to gear up for the upcoming Assembly elections and highlight the aforesaid achievements of PM Modi led Govt at the grass roots level.

# Minorities unsafe in Kashmir under BJP's regime: JKPC

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Minorities especially Kashmiri Pandits and others became more vulnerable and unsafe in Kashmir under BJP regime, said JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, calling for a reply from the ruling party at the Centre, which running a proxy government in Jammu and Kashmir. In a hard hitting statement, JKPC expressed serious concern over the deteriorated situation in Kashmir, in which minorities, outside workers and locals were targeted, time & again, for over one and half years but the centre government and UT administration failed to check it. Day by day, the attacks are becoming more lethal and selective, he said adding that the minorities and outside people became more vulnerable and soft targets of selective killings

under BJP regime in the UT, whereas people were given to understand that security scenario and over all law and order situation, would be much better than under statehood, but reverse happened, thereafter, especially in recent year or so. All tall claims have fallen flat and innocents became more victims of targeted attacks and those who were unharmed during peak of terrorism particularly migrant employees, Jammu employees, outsiders and others, became more vulnerable, which is unfortunate. Rahul Bhat was safe since 2010, when he was employed under PM package but became victim now like few others. This is unacceptable and intolerable. The government should ensure the Safety and security of all innocents including the minorities and outside workers at all costs.

# Deptt of Buddhist Studies celebrates Buddha Purnima

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JAMMU: The Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu in collaboration with Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas, J&K, Bharat- Tibet Sangh, Haloti Gumpa Welfare Society, Kishtwar celebrated Buddha Purnima Prayer for the world peace on Monday. Vesaka Buddha Purnima, Buddha Jayanti is a Buddhist festival. It falls on the day of the Full Moon in May and commemorates the birth, enlightenment (Nirvana), and death (Mahaparinirvana) of Gautama Buddha. The programme schedule of the event starts with a welcome address by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, HOD Buddhist studies, University of Jammu. The distinguished speakers addressed the occasion, wherein Dr Ajay Kumar Singh, Dr Chhering, Tandup, Dr Pardeep Goyal, and Dr Kuldeep Sharma.



They talked about the important teaching of the Buddha i.e. Four Noble Truths, Eightfold path, Brahmavihara, etc. They also said that lovingness, kindness, and friendliness are very significant for establishing peace and social harmony during this present scenario of the world. Further, they focused on the liberal and rational approach of the Buddha towards the common man, women, and downtrodden of the then society which continued throughout the annals of Buddhism. Dr Rajesh Sharma (Faculty department of Buddhist studies) conducted the entire proceedings of the function. Earlier the function started with the lighting of the traditional lamp following which floral tributes were paid to Buddha amidst prayer in Pali by the students and scholars of the Department. At the end of the function, the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Vivek Sharma. Prominent among others who were present included Dilawar Singh Manhas, Sh. Desh Raj, President HGWS, Kishtwar, Dr Ashwani Kumar and Students, Scholars of Deptt. of Buddhist Studies.

# MGNREGA Engineers Association Jammu extends support to Kashmir counterparts Announces pen-down strike till May 18

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JAMMU: Chapter of MGNREGA Engineers Association Jammu Province on Monday extended support to their Kashmir counterparts and announced to join the ongoing pen-down strike in demand for various demands till May 18. Musaab Wani, provincial president of the MGNREGA Engineers Association Jammu said that there government continues to give cold shoulder to the genuine demands of the qualified engineering and

other staff despite assurances from time to time. "There will be complete pen down strike till May 18," Wani said, adding, "In case government fails to fulfill our genuine we will intensify the protests," he said. Work in Rural Development Department in Kashmir has remained affected for the several consecutive days as MGNREGA Engineers Association continued with their pen-down strike in favour of their 'long pending' demands.

The Association has already issued an appeal to the Lieutenant Governor to "intervene" for fulfilling their "genuine demands." "We have already announced pen down strike till May 18," President of the Association Musaab wani told. He said that government continues to give "cold-shoulder" to their "genuine" demands despite constitution of two committees and recommendations by them. Two committees were formed to look into the demands and but government has failed to fulfill promises made from time to time, he said. "Government agreed our demands in principal and formed two committees. The committees made recommendations but were not acted upon by the government," he said, adding, "to protest against the indifferent attitude

towards our genuine demands by the government, we have decided to extend pen-down strike by three more days and if there is still no headway we will then intensify our protests and chalkout new plans." He also urged Lieutenant Governor to intervene into the issue on "humanitarian basis". Among others, the Association is demanding hike in salary and policy for regularization as "we have given our prime of life to make the MGNREGA and other schemes of Rural Development Department a success." He said that staff carries out all developmental works in Rural Development department including Capex, SBM, and MGNREGA. Wani, also reiterated appeal to retired engineers engaged against Rs 30000 per month to withdraw voluntarily and not "betray" youth.

# Natrang presents 'Aadhi Raat Ke Baad'

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JAMMU: Natrang presented 'Aadhi Raat Ke Baad' a play in Hindi written by one of the most revered playwrights of the country, Dr. Shankar Shesh presented here today at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu in connection with Spring Theatre Festival Organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. The play was ably directed by Mohd Yaseen. In his live address from Mauritius, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur that it has been the endeavor of Natrang to introduce our next generation of directors and I take pride in the fact that Mohd Yaseen has directed few plays in a wonderful manner and deserves all appreciation and support from all quarters to pursue his passion in sealing new heights in the field of theatre research and direction. I am not only sure but fully confident that his work will receive critical acclaim for the effort he has been putting up



to make this play a fantastic theatre piece. I wish all artists a great success. The play 'Aadhi Raat Ke Baad' is a captivating play where a thief attempts a theft at the house of a judge and dramatically solves a murder mystery of a journalist as he is the eye witness to it. The play begins with a thief entering into judge's house. The thief is on the run, as a rich builder whom he wants to expose is after his life. Surprisingly the thief wants the judge to hand him over to the police, as he would feel safer in a prison than he does when he is free. In a very interesting manner, a law breaker and law maker remain engaged in series of dialogues about several issues which appear to be random but had an obvious relevance. During their discussion, the thief narrates the murder of a

journalist and discloses that it was not a road accident, but the murder. The play 'Aadhi Raat Ke Baad' is a collage of reality and choices. The play was well presented and the audience also loved the play. Dr. Shankar Shesh's wonderful writing style made the dialogues stronger, beautiful and immensely meaningful. Brijesh Avtar Sharma as 'Judge' and Sushant Singh Charak as 'Thief' played their respective characters very impressively and complemented each other in contrasting roles. Abhinav Sharma as 'Neighbor' was also praiseworthy as he could mark his presence despite having just a few lines to speak. The light and sound, which elevated the impact of the play manifolds were brilliantly designed and operated by Neeraj Kant and Gopi Sharma respectively. Sudhir Mahajan conducted the show whereas Kushal Bhat, Sagar Gupta and Vishal Sharma looked after the hall management.

# War against terrorism near logical conclusion: Sham

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Convener BJP Trade and Industries Cell, Sham Lal Langar has lauded the role of security forces in eliminating the terrorists during the year 2021. In a statement issued to media here today, Sham Langar said that elimination of at least 180 terrorists including their 44 commanders with 21 among the killed being foreign mercenaries and 12 infiltration bids foiled in the vicinity of the Line of Control (LoC) alone is undoubtedly a very big achievement. The BJP leader said security forces deserve full kudos for the feat as it is for the first time after the inception of terrorism in the Valley that the number of active terrorists has come down to 168 including 86 local terrorists. He expressed satisfaction and optimism saying that the rate at which the terrorists are being eliminated in the Valley, the day is not far when the last man with gun in hand will be 'taken care of' by the ever alert security forces by either showing him the way to hell or ensure his stay inside the prison for rest of his life. The senior BJP leader asserted that the return of absolute peace is on cards

just because of the sacrifices and valour displayed by the brave security force personnel who are always ready to lay down their life in the line of duty. He said that PM Narendra Modi by abrogating Articles 370 and 35A has given a free hand to security forces for tackling terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere across the nation. He said the war against terrorism will soon reach its logical conclusion. Meanwhile while saluting the security forces for the supreme sacrifice in war against terrorism besides sympathizing with the families of all those innocent civilians, who lost their lives in terrorist attacks, the BJP leader said that the nation is grateful to them for their outstanding contribution in keeping the nation and its people secure and safe despite the enemies as well as terrorists being on the prowl. He said that a nation's character is tested in times of crises like the terror onslaughts and the security personnel and civilians who confront the terrorists show what the true character of India is. He asserted that terrorism and terrorists will soon vanish into the blues especially in view of our ever alert and proactive security forces.

# Comprehensive development will be key to party's success in Assembly elections: Nitish

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JAMMU: While reiterating Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment to keep comprehensive development among its top priorities, especially in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Nitish Mahajan, State Executive Member, BJP J&K, has said that the overall development being carried on ground is undoubtedly going to prove to be the key to party's unprecedented success in the upcoming Assembly elections in J&K that are expected to be announced any time now. In a statement issued to media here today, the BJP leader said that keeping in line with PM Modi's mission of 'Sab Ka Saath Sab Ka Vikas' that stands transformed into 'Sab Ka Saath Sab Ka Vikas Sab Ka Vishwas', the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been witnessing unprecedented development in every sector since Narendra Modi took over the reins of this nation. Nitish said that people across the Union Territory fully acknowledge the unprecedented scale at which the macro as well as micro developmental projects are going on at present besides having trust and confidence in the party on all fronts be it foreign policy, taming corruption, bringing transparency, etc. The

senior BJP leader asserted that success on the development front in J&K is going to be the main plank on which common people of J&K will definitely vote for BJP thus contributing substantially to party's target of 50+ becoming a reality that shall go a long way in BJP forming a Govt on its own in J&K. Meanwhile the BJP leader also thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for paying special attention to Jammu and Kashmir. He said that funds have never been a constraint for the Centre in case of J&K during the NDA Government. He also lauded the seriousness of the Lieutenant Governor in the execution of various projects across this Union Territory as a result of which development is visible on ground in Urban as well as the rural areas across J&K especially the remote and far flung areas which previously used to be ignored. He complemented all those right from the lowest rank to highest one involved in execution of different developmental projects across this sensitive Union Territory that has borne the brunt of terrorism for the past over three decades. Mahajan exuded confidence that BJP will come out with commendable results in the Assembly elections to be held in the Union Territory.

# Rani Welfare Society holds meet



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JAMMU: Rani Welfare Society Jammu-NGO held meeting under the chairmanship of Savita Parihar President to discuss day to day needs of the society following COVID-19 which has almost lived its life and the people have heaved a sigh of relief. In the meeting, she stressed the need of involving more and more persons so as to strengthen the working of the NGO. Its Vice President, Kamini Mahajan (Advocate J&K High Court) also laid emphasis on strengthening the network of the organization by way of widened activities including raising sound financial infrastructure. The other functionaries who attended the meeting and made valuable suggestions for cementing the working of the NGO include Kaveri Choudhary, Randhir Singh, Narinder Kumar, Jyoti Arora and Tamana Dubey. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the President with the desirability of holding such meetings quarterly in future.

# DGP sanctions financial assistance of over Rs 6.30 lakh for SPOs

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SRINAGAR: In continuation to a series of welfare measures for SPOs, the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs 6.31 lakh in favour of 28 SPOs. He has also sanctioned a special reward of over Rs 1.90 lakh in favour of 19 wards of serving police personnel. The amount sanctioned was provided out of the

SPOs Contributory Fund and Police Pariwar Fund. Special Reward of Rs 10,000 each with Commendation Certificate Class-1st has also been sanctioned by the DGP in favour of 19 wards of serving police personnel who have qualified Competitive Examinations during the year 2021-22. The amount is sanctioned out of the Central Police Welfare Fund. Police headquarters under different welfare schemes is providing welfare relief/loan, financial assistance to all the ranks of Jammu and Kashmir Police including the wards of martyr/deceased police personnel and SPOs.

# SVMHC Hospital organises multi-speciality medical camp



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JAMMU: A multi-speciality free medical camp was organized at Kabir Nagar Talab Tillo here by Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMHC) Hospital Amphallha. The camp was inaugurated by Anil Gupta, President Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission in presence of Amar Chand Gupta, Sr. Vice President, B.B Gupta, General Secretary, B.S Jamwal, Secretary, Subash Chander Gupta, Associate Member, Dr Romesh Gupta, Administrator, SVMHC, Neelam Nagotra Corporator, Ward 40 along with P.C Atri President and Sardari Lal, Chairman Gauri Ravi Dass Sabha. More than 200 patients were examined in the camp and were provided free medicines on the spot.

The Eye Cases were examined by Dr Suruchi Gupta, who enlisted all the Cataract Cases to be operated by Phaco Surgery system free of cost at SVMHC Hospital as follow up action. Dr Joginder Singh, Lecturer Medicine GMC Jammu provided his expertise and examined all the medical cases. Dr Akriti Mahajan extended her dental care services and free medicines. The camp was held in memory of Late Krishan Lal (Kaleeth wale), Father of Late Ravi Kumar. Anil Gupta extended his thanks to the Corporator and President Kabir Sabha for facilitating the Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission for arranging necessary accommodation etc.

# IHRO Chairman condemns killing of Rahul Bhat

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JAMMU: Chairman of International Human Rights Organization (IHRO) Jammu and Kashmir Adv. P.S Chib condemned killing of Rahul Bhat who was a Kashmiri Pandit and also an employee of the Tehsil office in the Budgam district's Chadoora was shot by terrorists on Thursday. Chib said that this is a straight forward brutal killing of humanity and democracy. By this way, there is a atmosphere of fear in the hearts of people of J&K, he added. Chib appealed to the government that this inci-

dent should not be repeated again and these type of barbarian people should get severe punishment. If strict actions will not be taken against this people who are enemies of humanity then how the people of J&K will feel secured? And we never know; who, when and where will be targeted. Chib also said government generally says that J&K state has normal situation but these type of killing activities doesn't seems like normal situation. Chib appealed to the Prime minister of India for making convinced that people of J&K are secure and safe.

