

## Yudhvir inaugurates annual Bhandara at Kali Mata Mandir

Calls for strengthening secular fabric of Jammu region

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Sunday said that Temples are places of historic significance add to the grandeur of Jammu besides connecting people of all faiths.

"People drawn from different sections of society who participated in the religious activities reflect brotherhood and spiritualism that can be showcased around the globe, adding that such programmes strengthens the moral bonding amongst people of different faith and religion," Sethi said while addressing gathering after inaugurating an Annual Bhandara organized at Kali Mata Temple Pacci Dhakki Temple Circular



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi along with other devotees at Kali Mata Temple Pacci Dhakki, Jammu.

Road.

Describing Jammu as a symbol of communal harmony and secularism, Sethi said all efforts must be made to strengthen the secular fabric of the

region, which is pluralistic in nature. He said that it is a result of this attitude that Jammu is well known across the nation for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood amidst diversities in religion and faiths.

He added that in the current times when the anti-national and anti-social elements are hell bent upon disturbing the communal

fabric, it is essential for the people of Jammu not to be led away by the provocative statements of such elements and maintain communal harmony at all costs.

Yudhvir Sethi appealed to one and all to uphold the traditional values of brotherhood and coexistence and together identify, isolate and defeat the elements who are bent upon disturbing peace and harmony in Jammu. He called for collective efforts for steering the Union Territory to the pinnacles of development, progress, peace and prosperity. He said the BJP Government at the Centre is endeavoring for uplift of the people of Jammu and Kashmir irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

## 'Snyan Tson Legskyes' authored by MP Ladakh released



A Poetry book being released by dignitaries.

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LEH: The second edition of poetry book titled 'Snyan tson legskyes' meaning 'a gift of poetry' authored by Member Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, was among the three books released on the

occasion of the 'Seminar and Symposium on Development of Literature in Ladakh' organized by Ladakh Academy of Arts, Cultures & Languages, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in Leh.

The poetry book was appreciated by eminent scholars and intellectuals saying that it contributes to the development of literature of Ladakh in Bhoti language.

Giving a brief review on Jamyang Tsering Namgyal's poetry book, President Ladakh Cultural Forum, Tsering Wangdus Lompo, said that the book will help develop literary writing skill and language proficiency besides contributing to the preservation of literature in Ladakh.

Lamayuru Monastery - The Secret Moonland on the Earth by Dr Khampo Konchok Rizgin, and 'Tumchos Gonpa Chigpa' by Khampo Nyima Gyalsan were also released on the occasion.

**J&K situation now like old saying 'Andher Nagari Chaupat Raja': Mula Ram**

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JAMMU: Former minister and Vice President J&K Pradesh Congress Committee, Mula Ram, in a statement issued on Friday, has said that situation of J&K at present is just like old saying 'Andher Nagari Chaupat Raja'.

Mula Ram further said that LG's administration has failed on all fronts, whether it is power, water or health sector.

"LG's administration has lost moral right to rule J&K after betrayal after betrayal. During my tenure as Minister for Power, various projects started in J&K with the help of Congress government but now UT is passing through a worst-ever power crisis. J&K produces maximum electricity but at present getting nothing due to which people have to face 15 to 18 hours power-cuts daily," said former Minister.

Urging LG's administration either to give exemption on electricity bills or provide power, Mula Ram warned the UT administration that in case it fails to fulfill its basic duty to provide uninterrupted power supply, then Congress would be forced to adopt path of agitation for getting justice for people.

He further claimed that if Congress would come in power, 24X7 power supply would be provided to J&K.

## May Day observed at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan NC took path-breaking initiatives for welfare, empowerment of work-force: Gupta

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JAMMU: Lauding the resilience and fortitude of work force for their sustained efforts in building Naya Jammu and Kashmir as per the dreams of visionaries, who envisioned a progressive, prosperous and peaceful state, senior National Conference leaders on Sunday said that May Day is reminiscent of the workers' rights and societal response towards their well-being.

"It is a day of introspection for us all to ponder whether we have succeeded in assuaging their aspirations and urges", Addressing the gathering Provincial President Jammu Rattan Lal Gupta said and complimented the relentless campaign of the

"Labour force are the builders of nation and catalyst of socio-economic transformation", he added.

Gupta castigated the BJP for ignoring the welfare of labour force, saying but for

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remaining entangled in divisive politics, the party ditched the people of Jammu, especially weaker sections. He also lashed out at a senior BJP leader for unleashing malicious campaign against National Conference and described it as a sign of frustration due to rejection by the people.

Speaking on the occasion, former minister and Central Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhota said that every day is a labour day but observing it on May 1 has a historical significance as hundreds of people sacrificed their lives during the Haymarket Massacre in Chicago nearly two centuries ago while struggling for their rights.

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## IAF Station Jammu organises medical camp



Air Force medical team examining patients during a camp.

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JAMMU: A medical camp was organised by SMC Air Force Station (AFS) Jammu, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration at civil locality Raipur, Satwari.

Air Force medical team conducted total OPD of

134 civilians and all 134 individuals were thoroughly screened for oral cancer. 45 patients were screened for anaemia and 64 for diabetes.

Immunisation was conducted for children under 5 years age group and they were also screened for malnutrition.

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JAMMU: A number of employees of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) under the banner of Northern Zone Insurance Employees' Association Srinagar Division affiliated to All India Insurance Employees' Association observed May Day in Jammu to commemorate Haymarket affair in Chicago in 1886 and struggle for an eight hour working day.

The gathering included representatives of all the units of Jammu region-Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Udhampur, Samba, R S Pura and Jammu.

Leadership of NZIEA Srinagar Division - Pawan Gupta, Divisional Secretary, Romesh Chand, Joint Secretary, Rajesh Gupta, Joint Secretary, Dinesh

Kumar Sharma, Vice President, Raj Kumar Sharma, Treasurer, Rajesh Kumar, Auditor, Raj Kumar Office Secretary and Neelam Sharma, Convenor women sub-committee was also present on the occasion.

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