

Ground realities expose failure of Central Govt: Hari Singh, Uday

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JAMMU: President Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir, Uday Bhanu Chib along with President DCC Jammu Rural, Hari Singh Chib conducted a public meeting at Bajuan Nardani falling in Jammu North here this evening.

The meeting was conducted to take stock of people's problems and issues.

The residents highlighted their woes in this scorching summer mainly pertaining to power and water scarcity that has made life hell for the people. They also expressed dismay over the dilapidated condition of the lanes in Nardani and Bajuan besides the poor road condition across the area. They alleged that PHE Rural Division is not showing any serious concern towards addressing their problems on account of water scarcity.

Hari Singh and Uday after giving a patient hearing to the people assured them of taking up their issues with the concerned authorities and getting these addressed at the earliest. However, they also asked the people to make judicious use of



JKPCC President, Uday Bhanu Chib and President DCC Jammu Rural, Hari Singh Chib extending Eid greetings to Muslim brothers.

water and electricity in this early summer's scorching heat.

Hari Singh Chib said that it is quite unfortunate that despite knowing fully that during summer the water sources become scanty in summers leading to power shortage and water scarcity, the UT administration has miserably failed to come up with some contingency plan or a permanent solution thus leaving the people in utter chaos. He said that there is a proxy governance in J&K and therefore despite making tall claims of unprecedented development, the ground realities clearly expose the failure of Government at the Centre as well as the UT administration.

Uday Chib, while terming the BJP Govt as a Jumla Govt, accused it of promising the

moon to the people and delivering a big zero. He said that it is because of the wrong policies of the Govt that people across the nation are suffering helplessly.

He said that it is really an irony that the region of J&K that produces hydro-power through multiple projects has to face power shortage at the time when it is required the most. He said that absence of power means absence of water supply thus leaving the people to the mercy of God.

Pointing to the dilapidated conditions of roads and lanes, the Youth Congress leader said that what could be more unfortunate than the fact that some areas are being discriminated against for being Congress supporters and stand neglected by the administration. He said

that amid high inflation and sky rocketing prices of essential commodities the common man especially in Jammu and Kashmir feels totally betrayed by the BJP. He said that the sufferings get multiplied in absence of the representative government. He appealed to the people to vote for Congress Party in the upcoming Assembly elections asserting that only Congress can address the issues and problems of common people.

After concluding the meeting both the leaders later visited Eidgah at Janipur where they congratulated the Muslim brethren on Eid-ul-Fitr. They asked the people to remain vigilant against divisive forces and maintain communal harmony and peace at all costs.

'NC stands for upholding secular traditions' Babu Rampaul demands forthcoming assembly elections through ballot system

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JAMMU: Former Minister and President, National Conference Central Jammu (Jammu, Samba and Kathua), Babu Rampaul has demanded the replacement of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) with old ballot system in the forthcoming J&K assembly polls.

Addressing a series of meetings with different party committees of Kathua district, he said that credibility of EVMs were under scanner and there are doubts regarding its use and keeping in view the same the Election Commission should use the traditional ballot system.

The meetings were held to discuss the current political scenario and issues related to the cadre.

He called upon the party functionaries to extensively carry out mass outreach programme and make people aware about the party policies especially the vision for youth.

He reiterated the party's



Former Minister, Babu Rampaul interacting with people.

demand for restoration of full statehood to Jammu & Kashmir before the announcement of assembly elections.

"J&K has suffered a lot since the abrogation of state status as in the absence of popular govt people are feeling suffocated due to their continuous neglect on all fronts," he added.

Babu Rampaul urged the party cadre not to waste their time and strengthen their base to defeat the

nefarious designs of communal forces in the forthcoming assembly elections.

He also lauded the leadership of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Jenab Omar Abdullah in sailing the party in the turbulent times.

The delegations were led by Ajit, Kathua Urban President; Sham Mehta, President, Kathua Rural B; and Sham Lal Mehra, Coordinator, Kathua Rural B.

They highlighted the problems being faced by the

people of Kathua district. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Secretary, Central Zone JKNC also addressed the party cadre and asked them to work with zeal so that party could emerge victorious and fulfill the aspirations of people.

Others who attended the meeting included, Dr. Y.P. Singh, B.D Sharma, BD Dalhotra, M.K Rana, Sat Paul Shabotra, Baldev Raj, Subash Chander Azad, Ashu Rajput, Basant Ram, Balbir Singh and Subash.

Bhalla extends greetings on Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti

Also visits Eidgahs, exchanges greetings on Eid



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla attending Parshuram Jayanti celebrations.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Tuesday extended greetings to the people of J&K and particularly Brahman Samaj on the occasion of Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti.

Bhalla wished that Bhagwan Parshuram may bless all and give strength to overcome challenges.

He said that ideals of Bhagwan Parshuram would continue to inspire people

for ages. He wished good health, positivity and happiness for everyone on the auspicious occasion of Parshuram Jayanti.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that Lord Prashuram is remembered as founder of Arya Sanskriti, annihilator of anti social elements and destroyer of follower of vice.

Bhagwan Parshuram set an example of absolute devotion to father and was adored as an incarnation.

He also established a path of universal welfare and for this, he used scripture as well as weapon.

Meanwhile, on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, Raman Bhalla visited various Eidgahs included Malik Market in Narwal, Karayani Talab, Maeca Masjid in Bathindi and Digiana and exchanged Eid-ul-Fitr greetings with Muslim brethren.

Interacting with the Muslim brethren, Bhalla hoped that the Eid-ul-Fitr will bring prosperity and welfare for the whole community of the state.

He said "Let us celebrate Eid with religious sanctity and traditional fervour for amity and brotherhood and spread the message of love and peace to all".

He asked for sharing Eid joys with poor and needy which is the essence of Eid celebrations.

Bhandara organised at Bhairav Temple on 'Akshya Tritiya'



Pt Rumail Sharma serving Bhandara at Shri Bhairav Temple.

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JAMMU: In connection with 'Akshya Tritiya', a Bhandara was organized on Tuesday for devotees at Shri Bhairav Temple, Chowk Chabutra.

The Bhandara organized by Shri Bhairav Mandir Trust, was started at 12 noon and concluded at the evening with Aarti recited by Pt Rumail Sharma in the temple premises.

On the occasion, hundreds of devotees from various parts of Jammu thronged the Temple to take blessings of Baba Bhairav Nath Ji. They also

took Prasad of Baba Ji.

The Babaji's temple was decorated with flowers and electric lights. Earlier, Havan-Poojan was also organized in the Temple in which devotees also gave 'Purnaahuti'.

While speaking on the occasion, Pandit, Rumil Sharma explained the devotees the importance of 'Akshya Tritiya'.

He also told the devotees that Kaal Bhairav is the Rudra form of reincarnation of Bhagwan Shiva who holds great spiritual and religious importance in all prayers held in India.

LG Mathur meets Union Ministers for Education, Labour & Environment

Discusses issues related to education, labourers, wildlife in Ladakh

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, met with Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of Labour and Environment, Bhupender Yadav in New Delhi.

While interacting with Dharmendra Pradhan, LG Mathur thanked him for recognition by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for all government schools of Ladakh.

He requested for intervention in release of degree certificates and migration certificates for students of Ladakh who had studied at Suresh Gyan Vihar University in Jaipur.

He discussed several other issues, including the appointment of Vice-Chancellor for the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS); funding for the adult literacy in Ladakh; the need to provide online education to students; funding for heating facilities in schools during the winters under the



LG Mathur interacting Minister of Labour and Environment, Bhupender Yadav in New Delhi.

Samagra Shiksha scheme, winter uniforms for students and assistance in providing skill development training, promotion of entrepreneurship and tailor-made skill programmes for the youth from Ladakh.

LG Mathur requested for continued assistance in providing training programmes for teachers to enable them to adapt to CBSE standards/curriculum. While interacting with Bhupender Yadav, LG Mathur discussed various issues about the labourers and wildlife in Ladakh. He requested the Ministry of Labour and Environment to expedite the construction of the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Hospital and provide mobile clinics with internet connectivity

to provide medical facilities to the labour population working in scattered areas in Ladakh. He also requested for the Ministry's intervention in the registration of labourers on e-Shram, even in areas which lack internet connectivity.

LG Mathur informed that the people of Ladakh are dependent on water from glacial melt and requested for scientific guidance and continuous monitoring of data on water discharge from the glaciers in Ladakh. He stressed on the need for a Mountain Institute along with a Climate Change Study Cell.

Minister Bhupender Yadav kindly assured full cooperation for promoting sustainable development and eco-friendly tourism in Ladakh.

Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti celebrated with fervour across Jammu

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JAMMU: Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti was celebrated with great fervour and gaiety in Jammu.

Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Parade Jammu organized



Senior BJP leader Chandher Mohan Sharma flagging off Bhagwan Parshuram Shobha Yatra.

ised a religious function in its premises to celebrate Janamotsav of Bhagwan Parshuram with fervour and enthusiasm, which was attended by a large number of people from different walks of life. On the occasion, almost 160 young boys from various Hindu communities participated in Yagyo-paveet ceremony held strictly according to Vedic and other religious rites under supervision of Pt Ajay Sharma and several other scholars. During the performance, Vedic Mantras chanted by all for peace and prosperity in the world. Besides, prayers were also offered to Bhagwan Parshuram Ji by all to save the country from natural disasters.

The function was presided over by Ved Parkash Sharma, President DBPS. A car and bike rally was also organised by the Sabha, which was flagged up by Ashok Koul Organizing General Secretary BJP, which after passing through Moti Bazar, Paeca Danga, Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, City Chowk, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar, Residency Road, Vivekanand Chowk, Dogra Chowk to Raghunath Mandir Via Kanji House, Raghunath Bazar to Shalamar culminated back at Sabha premises. Senior BJP leader Chandher Mohan Sharma led the rally.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Chandher Mohan Gupta Mayor, Purnima Sharma, VC SKUAST-J, Arun Gupta President CCI, ex-ministers Sat Sharma, Priya Sethi, Vice President BJP Yudhvir Sethi, Kiran Watal, Subash Shastri, Anil Masoom, Pt V M Magotra, N C Sharma, M L Sharma, P C Sharma, Somnath Sharma, ex-DC B S Jamwal, Satyanand Sharma, Shiv Ram Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, M L Padha, Brita Ram, Gurdas Sharma, Satpal Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, Devinder Dubey (Babbu), Arnav Khajuria, Ritiz Khajuria, Subash Sharma, Rajesh Bagotra, Raman Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Prem Balotra, Dev Raj Sharma, K L Sharma and Both Raj. The function was concluded offering of parshad in

the shape of bhandara.

Dogra Pujari, Jyotish Shastri Sangh organised a programme on the occasion of Parshuram Jayanti at Durga Mandir, Bakshi Nagar, which was attended by a number of people. On the occasion, Yagyo-paveet Sanskar of 11 young boys was also done followed by Hawan and Bhandara. Speaking on the occasion, President Rampal Shastri asked participants to remain united and work for the betterment and welfare of society and country. The programme was organised by Vice Presidents Makhan Lal Shastri and Ashok Shastri while prominent among others present on the occasion included Pt Varun Sharma, Deepak Gupta, Pt Sanjay Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Jagdish Sharma, Rati Sharma, Kunal Sharma, Sourav Sharma, Madhav Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Makhan Lal,



Dogra Pujari, Jyotish Shastri Sangh members after Yagyo-paveet ceremony.

Shubam Sharma and Raj Kumar.

A grand rally was organized by Jammu Kashmir Brahman Sabha to celebrate the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Parshuram. The rally started from Hazuribagh of Talab Tillo and passed through other areas of city including Talab Tillo, Canal Road, Jewal Chowk, Dogra Chowk, Bikram Chowk, University road before ending at Har-ki-Pauri. Atul Sharma, President of Sabha asked the participants to follow the teachings of Bhagwan Parshuram, which are quite relevant even in present hour.



Jammu Kashmir Brahman Sabha members taking out rally.

Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust also celebrated Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti with zeal. While addressing

gathering, Dr Kuldeep Sharma, President of Trust urged Brahmin community to follow the foot-steps of Bhagwan Parshuram. He further said that Brahmin community has to get united for fighting all evils prevailing in the society. Ex-



Members of Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust paying obeisance to Bhagwan Parshuram.

MLA Ashwani Sharma said that Brahmin community should get united for tackling the emerging challenges effectively.

He said that SBPT would start job oriented course at block level for the poor people so that applicants may get employment after completing the course. He added that SBPT would also extend financial help to the needy and poor people to combat their needs including marriage assistance. He added that SBPT would start a marriage bureau to extend help to those girls who are in capable to get the bridegroom.

Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor also took out a grand Shobha Yatra to celebrate Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti. The Yatra, which was attended by a number of people, started from Historical Kameshwar temple of Akhnoor and after passing through various markets of the town, culminated at Bhagwan Parshuram Dham, Akhnoor followed by Vishal Bhandara. The function was organised under the leadership of Sabha President Ashok Shastri, with active support



Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor taking out Shobha Yatra.

of all office bearers.

A mega Brahmin Sammelan was organised at 20 Miles Banquet Hall Jandial on the occasion of Bhagwan Parshuram

Janamotsav. The Sammelan was organised by Dogra Grameen Brahmin Sabha under the Chairmanship of Pandit Parshotam Sharma and Presidentship of Suresh Kumar Sharma. The programme started with the Havan Yagya followed by Yagyo-paveet Sanskar for a number of young boys.

Speaking on the occasion, Pandit Suresh Shastri enlightened gathering about life-history and teachings of Bhagwan Parshuram. Vijay Parashar Maharaj also spoke



Dogra Grameen Brahmin Sabha members during celebrations of Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti.

on the occasion. Pandit Parshotam Sharma asked the community members to follow the path shown by the great Gurus and work for the uplift of every section. He further supported the demand of granting a holiday on birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh and asked the administration to announce the holiday without any further delay. In the end, office bearers of Dogra Grameen Brahmin Sabha honored Sant Samaj, Sarpanchs, Media Personalities, Police officers and other prominent citizens for their contributions to the society. President of Sabha, Suresh Kumar Sharma



People attending Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti celebrations organized by Dogra Grameen Brahmin Sabha.

expressed gratitude towards people for the attending the programme in large numbers. Others present on the occasion included Omkar Sharma, Krishan Lal, Bhagwan Dass, Neelkanth Sharma, Vishal Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Sarpanch Anjali Sharma, Sarpanch Sham Lal Sharma, Sarpanch Neelam Sharma, DySP Mahesh Sharma, AEE Des Raj Sharma and Prof Vikas Sharma.