

JU students exhibit keen interest in anti-polythene campaign

Jammu Mayor encourages youth with success story of Dashrath Manjhi

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JAMMU: Mayor of Jammu City, Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday took the ongoing anti-polythene campaign to University of Jammu (JU) where the students expressed keen interest for the move intended to improve the environment in Jammu to ensure healthy living conditions.

Speaking on the occasion the Mayor said that it was these students who have whole heartedly supported prohibition of Saakh immersion in river Tawi on Rannavmi festival and the devotees had immersed the holy Saakh in Ranbir canal.

He said that the students at



Mayor of Jammu City, Rajinder Sharma during visit to University of Jammu.

JU have pledged support to anti-polythene campaign.

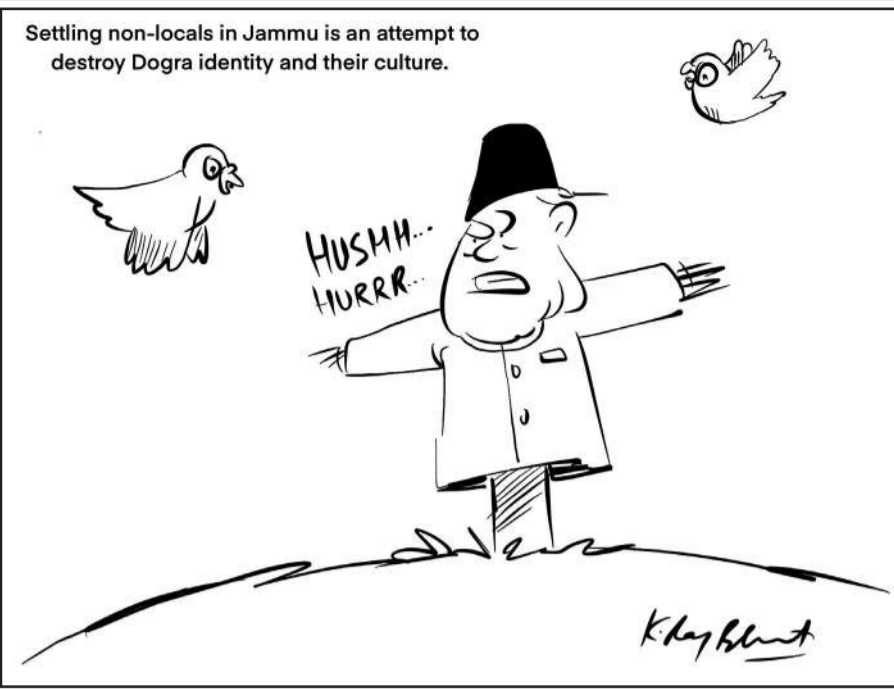
The Mayor stressed on the effectiveness of willpower to accomplish any task and cited the example of Dashrath

Manjhi who took 22 years, worked day and night using traditional tools and made a road in his village after cutting a mountain. "I clearly see the same enthusiasm and spirit in

you and this will in turn make Jammu free from polythene and plastic within a month," the Mayor told the gathering of JU students. He said that every new work starts by adoring

earth, sky, water; land, sun and moon so that these natural deities remain pollution free to continue showering their blessings on mankind and polythene ban will play a big role to keep the nature pollution free. Earlier, a competition was held wherein many students participated and Deepika Sharma secured first position, Sachit Karloopia secured second and Paurvi Kaul and Ketan Kumar shared third position.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Head of Environmental Sciences Department, Prof. Savita Nayyar and Dr. Deepika Slathia.



Modi did for Punjab which no other Govt did: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing BJP party workers during Mandal and Booth level campaigning for upcoming Lok Sabha byelection at Jalandhar on Wednesday.

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JALANDHAR: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Wednesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi did for Punjab which no other Government did in the past.

Speaking to different groups of people in the course of his Mandal and polling booth level campaigning for BJP for the upcoming Lok Sabha by-election, Dr Jitendra said that for almost 7 decades since independence, the state of Punjab was being ruled mostly by Congress or other non-BJP parties. But it was only after Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister that he addressed all the pending issues of the people of Punjab with a deep sense of sensitivity.

Citing an example, the

Minister said, the demand to open up Kartarpur corridor had been pending ever since independence and neither Congress nor Akali Dal government gave priority to it but when Modi took over as Prime Minister, he took a firm decision and got the corridor created for the benefit of the Sikh pilgrims going across the border to offer prayers at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan.

The Minister said that the Prime Minister's reverence for the Punjabi culture and ethos is evident from the manner in which he never fails to pay reverence to the Sikh gurus at every religious festival and strongly respects their sentiments.

As far as development is concerned, Dr Jitendra said that even though Punjab was always the leading agri-

cultural state of the country, it never got its due in the earlier governments. It was only in the last 9 years all the development works have taken place in Punjab.

Dr Jitendra said, now there is a network of roads under Central Road Fund and central PMGSY schemes. The most striking example is the express road corridor being constructed from Delhi to Amritsar which will also act as a link to connect the other holy places on the way.

The Union Minister expressed concern about growing lawlessness and state of anarchy in the State of Punjab and vowed that BJP party is committed to restore the ethos of brotherhood, nationalism and mutual harmony among the people in the State.

Amit holds meeting to evolve PoS-based penalty system against illegal mining



Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma chairing a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Amit Sharma, Secretary, Mining Department on Wednesday chaired a comprehensive meeting towards evolving system of Point-of-Sale (PoS) based Online Fining/Penalty imposition for Illegal Mining for bringing transparency and ensuring coverage of maximum violators in the Mining Sector.

This all-important meeting was attended by Director Geology & Mining O.P Bhagat, State Informatics Officer Saleem Khan, both Joint Directors of Geology & Mining Nisar Ahmed and Harbans Lal, DMO Jammu Gulshan Kumar, IT Experts of the department, Under

Secretary, Mining Department Aamir Hussain amongst others.

Secretary Mining Department Amit Sharma listened to the view-points of all participants especially an expert Inspector Gowhar Ahmed representing Traffic Police headquarters who played a vital role in implementing POS based challan in Traffic Department and it was decided that timelines shall be drawn to implement this POS based Fining/Penalty in Mining Department as soon as possible. Secretary Mining Amit Sharma emphasised that since this system is already applicable in different departments like Traffic department in the UT and

many other organisations in other states and UTs, so it should be replicated here by J&K Mining Department for maximising revenues of the department thereby bringing maximum efficiency in curbing illegal mining in the UT.

It was also decided before the conclusion of this meeting that a concept note/document shall be created by the department which shall be circulated amongst all experts and finalised before next meeting shall be halted with all stakeholders including J&K Government team so that exact timelines can be drawn for its successful implementation in Mining Department at the earliest.

President MC Bharat Kumar with supporters joins Apni Party

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SRINAGAR: A prominent political leader from north Kashmir's Uri and the President Municipal Committee (MC) Uri, Bharat Kumar, along with his scores of supporters joined the Apni Party on Wednesday. Kumar was the District Treasurer of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) and had also worked as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) for DPAP leader Taj Mohiuddin.

The event was graced by the presence of the party's top leaders, including party chief Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, who warmly welcomed the new members into the fold. Greeting Bharat Kumar and his supporters into the party, Bukhari said, "It brings me immense pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you in the Apni Party. This event marks an important moment for the Apni Party as I am sure your joining would strengthen the party cadre further in the prestigious constituency of Uri. I assure you that Apni Party would be proven as the ideal platform for you to serve the people of your area, who have been chronically neglected and underserved by conventional



JKAP Chief S.M.A Bukhari welcoming newly joined member.

political parties and their leaders, who have been in power for years and even decades." He further said, "I am having frequent interactions with the people of Uri, and I am committed to them that Apni Party would be working towards the holistic development of the region and bringing prosperity and progress to every individual." "I look forward to working closely with you towards our shared goal of serving the people of Uri," Bukhari said.

Action plan of Rs 33 cr finalized under NCAP for improving air quality Index

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: A Meeting of District Level Implementation Committee on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad to finalize Rs 33 crore Action Plan under NCAP to improve Air Quality Index in Srinagar District.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various aspects and components incorporated under the action plan for implementation and monitoring of NCAP including conducting mass plantation, construction of water fountains, holding of IEC activities and new initiatives in Agriculture sector under

Mission life etc. Deputy Commissioner took a comprehensive review of Action plans proposed by the Sub Committees constituted for formulating city specific plans for implementation and monitoring of NCAP in Srinagar. It was decided that Rs 10 crore shall be spent on creating Green Zones with Mass plantation across City on Central verges along important junctions of the City including Pandrathen-Athwajan Axis and Panthachowk-Lasjan Axis, Sonwar junction to Shivpora, Haj House complex and Beminashalteng axis and other areas would be undertaken.

In addition, Rs 5 crore was allocated for vertical plantation at various important locations including fly-

overs etc, Rs 1.50 cr and Rs 1.0 cr for landscaping/development of lawns, walking spaces, pavements and plantation at Government Medical College (GMC) and Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura respectively.

Further, Rs 4 crore will be kept for earthen shoulders along the urban roads. While Rs 2 crore were also earmarked for implementation of Mission Life Actions. For providing briquetting Assembly for management of Horticulture waste Rs 1 crore has been kept. Similarly, Rs 3.50 crore were kept for construction of water fountains in different parts of the City including Eidgah and along Sakidafar-Aali Masjid Road Axis under NCAP to reduce

the air pollution in the area. Likewise, Rs 2.50 crore were also earmarked for IEC related activities under NCAP to promote awareness regarding air pollution and measures to attain a better Air Quality Index in the years ahead.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner asked all line Departments to take proactive actions in implementation of the Action Plans for achieving the desired results under NCAP. The district administration urged the officers to lay special thrust on all parameters of NCAP and work in unison besides ensuring active involvement of the masses in the awareness campaign on mass scale to sensitize the people about ill effects of air pollu-

tion and effective Action Plan to control and abatement of air pollution. Besides Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Amir Khan; Regional Director, Pollution Control Board, Kashmir, Rafi Ahmad Bhat and Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, the meeting was also attended by Secretary SDA, Chief Agriculture Officer, DFO Urban, Chief Sanitation Officer, DFO City Forests, Executive Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer, SMC, District Floriculture Officer, District Officer Pollution Control Board, and other engineers & officers from SMC, FCS&CA, RTO, Traffic Police.

Chairman APSCC, former Legislator call on LG



Chairman APSCC, Jagmohan Singh Raina calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: Jagmohan Singh Raina, Chairman, All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee on Wednesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Raina discussed with the Lt Governor various important matters pertaining to the Gurdwara Board elec-

tions, promotion of handicrafts and youth-related issues.

Ishfaq Jabbar, former Legislator apprised the Lt Governor about various development and public issues of Ganderbal District.

Later, Sheikh Muzaffar, President, Jammu &

Nationalist People's Front (JKNPF), also called on the Lt Governor and put forth the concerning issues of Frisal area of Kulgam.

The Lt Governor assured the visiting individuals of appropriate redressal of the issues and demands projected by them.

Ambedkar focussed on powers resting in elected Legislature but also with a check on elected leaders

■ DAYA SAGAR

About Party of 'England' expressed willingness to grant freedom to India if voted to power and also won 5th July 1945 elections.

Clement Richard Attlee, the Labour Party leader, after he became Prime Minister of United Kingdom had sent Cabinet Mission, a high-powered mission.

In February 1946 to India with three British Ministers - Pethick Lawrence, Stafford Cripps, & A.V. Alexander as members to discuss/ deliberate on the transfer of power from British to Indian leadership and getting framed a Constitution for India through a designated body like Constituent Assembly.

The Mission's proposals of May 1946 though did not find total acceptance but principal spirit lying in 'transfer of power' to Indians did set its roots. Elections were held for a Constituent Assembly of India to frame the constitution for 'free' India even before Indian Independence Act 1947 of Parliament of United Kingdom (Britain) was passed in July 1947. For Constituent Assembly of free India of future, members were chosen by indirect election by

the members of the Provincial Legislative Assemblies in terms of a single transferable vote of proportional representation (according to the scheme recommended by the Cabinet Mission). In the first meeting (Muslim League boycotted league demanded partition of India), 9th December 1946, of the Constituent Assembly at New Delhi Dr Sachidanand eldest member was elected interim President.

On December 11, 1946, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected as the President and H.C. Mukherjee as the Vice-President.

Those who adorned the front row included Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Acharya J.B. Kripalani, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Smt. Sarojini Naidu, Shri Hare-Krushna Mahatab, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Shri Sarat Chandra Bose, Shri C. Rajagopalachari and M. Asaf Ali.

On 13 December, 1946, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru moved the Objectives Resolution that among others included : "This Constituent Assembly declares its firm and solemn resolve to proclaim India as an Independent Sovereign

Republic and to draw up for her future governance a Constitution; Wherein the territories that now comprise British India, the territories that now form the Indian States, and such other parts of India as are outside British India and the States as well as such other territories as are willing to be constituted into the Independent Sovereign India, shall be a Union of them all; and ..." The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 22nd January 1947. In view of the expected partition of India & taking leads from the Mountbatten Plan of 3rd June, 1947, a separate Constituent Assembly was to be set up for Pakistan hence the membership of the Constituent Assembly for India Dominion was reduced to 279 (229 were from the British Indian provinces while the remaining 70 were from the princely states).

The Constituent Assembly had made Resolution (On 29th August, 1947) 17 committees including the one as Drafting Committee for constitution with Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar as Chairman - i.e.



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With Rajinder Prashad a Chairman 1. Committee on the Rules of Procedure, 2. Steering Committee 3. Finance and Staff Committee, 4. Adhoc. Committee on the National Flag, Rajendra Prasad CM 5. Credential Committee, Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar CM 6. House Committee ,B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya CM 7. Order of Business Committee, K.M. Munsi CM 8. Committee on the Functions of the Constituent Assembly, G.V. Mavalankar CM 9. Excluded and Partially Excluded Areas (Other than those in Assam) Sub-Committee, A.V. Thakkar CM 10. Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights, Minorities and Tribal and Excluded Areas, Vallabhbhai Patel CM 11. Minorities Sub-Committee, H.C. Mookherjee CM 12. Fundamental Rights Sub-Committee, J.B. Kripalani CM 13. North-East Frontier Tribal Areas and Assam Excluded & Partially Excluded Areas Sub-Committee, Gopinath Bardoloi CM; with Jawahar Lal Nehru as CM States Powers Committee, 15. Union

Committee 16. Union Constitution Committee.

It was in June 1947 that British Parliament finally enacted Indian Independence Act 1947 which was assented by the British Crown (King of Britain) on 18-07-1947 laying down "An Act to make provision for the setting up in India of two independent Dominions, to substitute other provisions for certain provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935, which apply outside those Dominions, and to provide for, other matters consequential on or connected with the setting up of those Dominions " Where Section-1 of the Act said " 1.-(i) As from the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, two independent Dominions shall be set up in India, to be known respectively as India and Pakistan. (2) The said Dominions are hereafter in this Act referred to as the new Dominions ", and the said fifteenth day of August is hereafter in this Act referred to as " the appointed day ".

Based on detailed studies of world democracies and governments like Great Britain (The Constitution of the United Kingdom or British)/ US

/USSR/ etc , the reports / suggestions from different committees the Constituent Assembly Secretariat under the guidance of B N Rau ICS 1909 (Mr. B N Rau , was a very experienced civil servant during British times and had also wide experience of governance /needs of Indian communities , ofcourse he was not made the member of constituent Assembly but was retained as Constitutional Advisor) had prepared the draft sketch of the constitution by Oct 1947 for further action by the Drafting Committee / core committee of experts which was submitted to President of the Constituent Assembly on 21-02-1948 for final actions/ modifications / structuring by the Drafting Committee headed by Dr B.R Ambedkar and discussions/ debates / modifications / approvals by the Constituent Assembly.

Two hundred and seventy nine representative members including nine women were there in the Constituent assembly. To be contd

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