

# People should not be misled by those who are conspiring against peace, harmony: LG

Lays Foundation Stone of various Jammu Smart City Projects

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various Jammu Smart City Projects worth around Rs 97 crore.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor said that these projects, tapping the vast potential and liveness of Jammu city will strengthen the infrastructure and improve the quality of life. The government is committed to transforming urban infrastructure, making cities sustainable, people-friendly, modern and aesthetically more beautiful. Jammu Smart City envisages development using modern technology, which is not only futuristic but also retains the invaluable heritage of this City of Temples, the Lt Governor added.

The projects that were inaugurated by the Lt Governor included Smart Public Bicycle Sharing Service and Smart Façade Lighting for Tawi Bridges having combined cost of Rs 14.06 crore. The Lt Governor laid the foundation stones for projects costing Rs 83.05 crore included Apsara Road and adjoining area development, and improvement of 23 important road junctions.

The Lt Governor observed that in J&K the development projects are being implemented at an unprecedented pace. Jammu and Srinagar cities will have air conditioned e-busses



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha laying foundation stone of various Jammu Smart City Projects.

by October this year and soon our smart cities will also have Metro projects. H&UD Department would implement the project for development of housing & residential areas which will further accentuate J&K's economy and provide affordable Housing solutions to common man, he said.

The Lt Governor set the time-lines for the projects under Smart City and directed the concerned officers and agencies to adhere to the specified targets. Elaborating on the Smart City Project, the Lt Governor said efforts are underway to make public places more friendly to people and to make the system of roads & transport better, smarter. After the completion of these projects, better facilities will be available to the people in the city of temples.

It is our commitment that strong infrastructure and services will be developed under Smart city, and the foundation

for the overall development of Jammu city will be laid, the Lt Governor reiterated.

The Lt Governor underscored that the redevelopment of 23 junctions of the city including Satwari, Shakuntala, Karan Nagar, Panama Chowk junction etc. to be done at a cost of Rs 31.55 crore, would provide better street lights, footpaths, police shelters, water ATMs, bus stands and other public amenities to people.

It was informed that a complete modern development of Apsara Road and adjoining roads will be done at a cost of Rs.51.50 crores, that would revamp 13.64 km of outer road and 5.3 km of inner road, public amenities, drainage system and better footpaths for pedestrians. On the sidelines of the event, the Lt Governor said Terrorism was deep rooted in J&K for long and there was a period when massacre took place and no FIR was regis-

tered. That Scenario has changed now. Neighboring country is trying to create unrest in Jammu and Kashmir. Don't touch the innocent and do not spare the guilty is our policy", the Lt Governor said.

People should not be misled by those who are conspiring against the peace and harmony. Do not fall prey to their nefarious conspiracy. They want to destroy the unity and integrity of the country, and want to deepen the roots of terrorism here again," Lt Governor added. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament expressed gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for removing discrimination with Jammu Division that was prevalent before the abrogation of Art 370. There is no doubt that Jammu Kashmir is witnessing immense change of development and growth, he said. Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor Jammu while speaking

on the occasion said that Jammu Division is witnessing many development works. People are seeing balanced and holistic development of both regions of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary said soon Jammu City would expand and incorporate in it the adjoining areas like Akhnoor and Surinsar. Jammu Kashmir is witnessing immense change with increase in number of development projects being completed each year as compared to earlier, he added. Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development gave the details of different projects of Jammu Smart City. Rahul Yadav, Jammu Municipal Commissioner presented the vote of thanks.

Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor JMC; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, besides other senior officers from the administration and executing agencies, besides PRI Members, JMC Corporators, local businessmen, traders and citizens were present on the occasion.

# Bhalla asks BJP Govt to make public admission of wrong judgement, misgovernance in J&K

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla today hit out at BJP govt over the political uncertainty in Jammu and Kashmir and said fresh elections should be held BJP Govt unable to address issues of J&K people.

He said the "opportunistic BJP" has brought J&K to such an impasse where public interest has been hit by personal ambitions.

"People have been watching the political developments with disgust and are wondering as to how the BJP could trample the mandate they had given for steering the state to peace, progress and development," he said.

Bhalla asked BJP to "shun hypocrisy and make public admission of their wrong judgement, misgovernance and poor performance.

Former Minister slammed the BJP for pursuing polarizing politics and exploiting the sentiments of Jammuites by raising hollow slogans.

"The eight years of the BJP rule exposed the party, which pursued self-centric agenda and let down the people on every front," Bhalla interacting with aggrieved people of Marakari as a part of door to door campaign to



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

listen to public grievances and highlighting wrong policies of BJP Govt. Prominent among those who accompanied Bhalla include Inderjeet Kour Corporator Ward 57, Satish Sharma Secy JKPC, Rajinder Randhawa, Surinder Singh Dutta, Davinder Singh Laddi, Surjeet Singh, Sk R a i n a , K e w a l , A s h o k Kumar, Janak Raj, Madan chowdhary, Harbans Singh, Paramjeet Singh Manga beside others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said said the BJP gave Jammu nothing except reactionary and hate politics which eventually took toll of governance. The damage done to Jammu psyche is immense and the BJP leadership will have to come clear on the compelling reasons for ignoring the interests of this region.

Bhalla said the BJP compromised with the interest of people and bartered the development of Jammu in a big way. He said the utility services had almost turned dysfunctional while the developmental tempo came to grinding halt.

He particularly made a mention of the services like power, drinking water, roads, health etcetera and said a crisis like situation prevailed in every sector due to lack of vision and will to do anything for Jammu.

Assuring the people of getting their problems redressed, Bhalla said the developmental inertia of the BJP has shattered their faith in democratic polity. "The BJP will get a befitting reply during the ensuing elections for its misuse and denial of justice to the people of Jammu," he added.

## Natrang to present Gulab Gaatha in 5 districts of Jammu region from June 11

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JAMMU: To commemorate the 200th anniversary of coronation of the first Dogra ruler of Princely State of Jammu & Kashmir Maharaja Gulab, Natrang in collaboration with Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust is going to organise a series of screening of first ever film on Maharaja Gulab Singh 'Gulab Gaatha' in 5 districts of Jammu region for the larger audience so that they are made aware about the history of the region.

This was disclosed by Padmashree Balwant Thakur, Director Natrang here today in a video conferencing with the senior functionaries of Natrang.

He shared that the film will be showcased in Udhampur on 11th of June, 2022, Reasi on 12th of June, 2022, Kathua on 13th of June, 2022, Samba on 14th of June, 2022 and Jammu on 15th of June, 2022.

# Kavinder starts road project work in Bahu constituency

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JAMMU: Former Dy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader, Kavinder Gupta, along Vinay Gupta, BJP District President and Raj Kumar, Chairman Health and Sanitation Committee Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Thursday kick-started road construction work here.

This road project at Jatki Panj Peer in Bahu Constituency is estimated to be completed at a cost Rs. 1.70 crore.

The unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people, Kavinder said, adding that it is the performance of his party and its government on ground especially in terms of development that



Ex-Dy CM Kavinder Gupta starting development work.

speaks for itself.

Those who accompanied the former deputy Chief Minister were Ankush Gupta BJP General Secretary; Narinder Koki Secretary, Ghulam Ali Khatana, Noor Alam, Mohd Rafeeq, Danu Sarpanch, Mohd Shareef, Jan Mohd and Liyaqat Ali.

Later, Kavinder Gupta visited Ward No 47 Bahu Fort to take stock of people's problems and issues. During interaction with the people, they highlighted the problems faced by them especially that of drinking water

supply in their area.

After giving patient hearing to the people Kavinder asked Raj Kumar, Chairman Health and Sanitation Committee JMC to resolve the water crisis in the area on priority basis. Others accompanying the BJP leader in Ward No: 47 included Corporator Sharda Kumari; Rajiv Charak senior BJP leader; Krishan Kumar, Sumit Bajrangi and Vivek Patyal.

Later, the senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta conducted door to door campaign in Ward No 74 and Ward No 73 area as part of the 75 hours public outreach programme in connection with successful completion of 8 years of PM Modi led Union Govt at the Centre.

While making the people aware about the achievements of BJP government, Kavinder said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken utmost care of the common people especially those living in far flung areas through #sevasushasanaurgareebkalyan programme.

He said that the success of BJP Govt led by the PM Modi can be well gauged from the unprecedented achievements made by the nation during the eight years' rule. He said that India today is a force to reckon with at the international level for which credit goes to PM Modi and the people of this nation who have reposed trust and faith in him.

# Ravinder Raina launches 'Display Picture' over 8 years of Modi Govt

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, along with General Secretary Sunil Sharma, National General Secretary BJYM Rohit Chahal, NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, All Morcha Incharge Munish Sharma, Incharge Social Media Department Ankit Gupta and Co Incharge Social Media Department Danish Mishra unveiled Display Picture (DP) prepared by Party's Social Media Department in connection with completion of eight years of Modi Government at the Centre.

Ravinder Raina asserted that in the last eight years the BJP Government in the Centre has extensively satiat-



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with other BJP leaders unveiling Display Picture.

ed the aspirations of the people through its benevolent public welfare schemes and measures exclusively meant for the upliftment of underprivileged segments of society. He stated that the Central Government led by PM Narendra Modi has worked with utter sincerity on making the past eight years stupendous and unmatched as

far as public good is concerned.

Sunil Sharma in his address highlighted the unprecedented development activities initiated by the BJP government under the dynamic and visionary leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra during the last eight years."

Rohit Chahal said that India witnessed unmatched

progress under PM Modi and still the country is trading towards unprecedented development with full force especially the J&K which remained a victim of dynastic politics and indifference of successive governments in the last over 70 years.

Priya Sethi lauded performance of Modi Government as '8 Saal Bemisaal' and stated that the Modi Government has come up to the expectations of the people by giving meaning to the slogan of '8 Saal, Seva', Sushasan Aur Gareeb Kalyan'.

Munish Sharma said that BJP government had enabled India to progress by leaps and bounds by involving youths to become bedrock for the development journey of the country.

Ankit Gupta said BJP is celebrating completion of

eight years of Govt at the Centre as '8 years of Seva, Sushasan and Gareeb Kalyan'. "The last 8 years have been about fulfilling peoples aspirations. The Party is committed to work with the principles of Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan," he said, complimenting the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for abrogation of Article 370 which deprived the minority people residing in J&K of their rights.

Danish Mishra, in his address, said that last eight years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime has paved way for colossal development and the country has earned name and fame across the world with leading countries coming forward to have resounding business ties by offering investments of hundreds of crores of rupees.

# If elected, Congress will bring new era of development in J&K: Mula Ram

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JAMMU: Incompetent BJP government at center and LG's administration in Union Territory of J&K are responsible for killings of innocents in J&K. If Congress will return to power, a new era of development will start in J&K. It was claimed by former cabinet minister and Vice President, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), Mula Ram while addressing a public meeting in Ghou Manhasan, Marh on Thursday. The meeting was jointly organised by Block Congress Committee Marh and Youth Congress Committee Marh. He further said that due to hollow policies of BJP at center in general and J&K in particular, problems of people have increased manifold. "Congress is the only option for



Vice President JKPCC, Mula Ram addressing a public meeting.

people in J&K to throw out 'Jumla party'. It is really sad that peace is still a dream in J&K and situation is worsening day by day, as sufferings of people and killings of innocent are increasing day by day," said Mula Ram and castigated the center and UT administration for its failure to restore peace in J&K. "Situation in J&K has returned back to that in 1990s, when minority community faced forced exodus that could not be reversed, till date.

Despite promising stars and moon to people, BJP government and LG's administration took no step to change lives of people who are living in an atmosphere of fever," he asserted. Others present were Th Hari Singh Chib, Rajinder Kumar Happy, Rattan Lal Sharma, Bittu Ram Pal, Shanta Bhagat, Balbir Verra, Dr Bansri, Sagar Choudhary, Vikas Dayal, Sarpanch Jagdish, Pappu Chib, Jinda and Sham Singh.

# ASSOCHAM urges UT Admn to speedup process of finalising Industrial policy for Ladakh

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LEH: ASSOCHAM Ladakh UT Development Council today raised concern over delay in industrial policy of Ladakh Union Territory.

Chaired by Tashi Khachu, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Ladakh UT Development Council, the Council meeting was attended by Trade and Industry members of ASSOCHAM Ladakh.

The meeting started with the welcome address by Chairman Tashi Khachu followed by a brief introduction of ASSOCHAM by Ms. Pooja Ahluwalia, Assistant Secretary General (ASG)

ASSOCHAM. During the open house discussions members raised their concern over delay in Industrial policy for Ladakh. It was also discussed that the authorities should plan and execute a waste management policy for Ladakh to preserve the ecology of Ladakh and attract more foreign tourists in the region. "Industrial policy for Ladakh is the need of the hour, ASSOCHAM urges Ladakh administration to speedup the process of drafting industrial policy, so that the economy of Ladakh can be revived,"

said Tashi Khachu, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Ladakh UT Development Council.

The issues like problems being faced by the Hoteliers to get license for Hotels, NOC for Pollution control and problem in Marketing of local products were also discussed during the meeting. It was assured to the members that a proper representation to the issues will be submitted to the UT administration. The meeting concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director, ASSOCHAM Ladakh UT Development Council.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP Secretary, Akhnoor District Prabhari & Co-ordinator Seva, Sushasan, Greeb Kalyan Pakhwada, Rekha Mahajan, during her public outreach programme, visited families of Martyrs of Praja Parishad Andolan of 1953.

She paid glowing tributes to the martyrs of this historic Praja Parishad agitation by presenting saplings to family members.

Rekha Mahajan, along with Daljit Singh Chib, Ex



J&K BJP Secretary Rekha Mahajan, during a public outreach programme.

Vice Chairman, Kissan Board and president Praja Parishad Trust Jourian, Manga Ram, Mandal President Jourian, District Vice President

Anu Manhas, visited freedom fighter memorial in Jourian and later visited their families.

It is pertinent to mention here that on January 11,

1953, during the Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan, agitation Waryam Singh, Sain Singh, Trilok Singh, Baldev Singh, Nanak Chand, Mela Ram and Basant Ram from erstwhile Akhnoor attained martyrdom by laying down their lives for the honour of tricolour and good of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rekha Mahajan said that it is the result of the sacrifices of these brothers that today we see fully integrated Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of India.

"We must remember the sacrifices and educate our young generations too so that they also come to know how Praja Parishad agitation was launched with the mission to achieve true unification of J&K with the rest of the country."

Daljit Singh Chib said that We must share with youth of today that it was the Praja Parishad agitation that laid the foundation of a historic movement to remove separate flag, besides having a single Constitution across the nation.