

Ground level workers form backbone of BJP: Kavinder



BJP senior leaders at District level Gareeb Kalyan Sammelan at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The strength of BJP depends on the dedication and hard work of its ground level workers as they act as ambassadors of the party and reach out to masses to disseminate the party's policies and plans. This was said by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta while addressing a gathering during the District level Gareeb Kalyan Sammelan being held here on Sunday. The meet was organised by BJP Jammu District under the stewardship of President Jammu District BJP, Vinay Gupta.

Kavinder said that during the door to door campaign, one thing came to fore that there is not a single household in the vicinity which is devoid of bene-

fits of schemes launched by the Modi Government. He said that every household has received benefits under one or the other scheme of the Modi government. "Every household reaping benefits of centrally sponsored schemes. Whether it is Ujjwala, Ayushman Bharat, startup, other schemes initiated under the Modi regime, people have taken benefits of the maximum schemes", he said, adding that governments under Atal Bihari Vajpayee or Narendra Modi have one thing in common that the both were corruption free and ensured that the benefits of government schemes reach at the last man standing in the line under the Antodaya mission. Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul, General

Secretary (Org), BJP J&K, said laid stress on party cadre to disseminate the good work done by the BJP government in last eight years so that the people can understand the importance of BJP at the centre and accord phenomenal support to the party in the upcoming Assembly polls and also the Lok Sabha polls to be held in 2024.

During the Sammelan, Varinder Jit Singh and Yudhvir Sethi Vice Presidents BJP J&K; Rajiv Sharma, former MLA Akhnoor; Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor and Vikram Randhawa former MLC also spoke on the occasion.

The proceedings were conducted by Ankush Gupta, General Secretary Gandhi Nagar Mandal.

8 yrs of Modi Govt devoted to service, good governance, welfare of poor: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa listening to issues.

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa said that Central Government led by Narendra Modi devoted 8 years to Seva, Garib Kalyan and Sushasan (service, good governance, welfare of poor).

While interacting with the people during door-to-door campaign in Bhour Camp Ward Number 1 of Jammu South RS Pura Assembly segment to commemorate successful 8 years of the Modi

Government, Randhawa said that BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the theme of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' and is committed for the overall development of the areas of Jammu. He added that that no ward will remain deprived of basic amenities and development of every citizen is BJP's main motto.

The door-to-door campaign is being organised as a part of public outreach programme to aware the masses about the policies and the schemes

launched by the Central Government for the welfare of the people, Randhawa said, adding that many projects are in pipeline for Jammu which will change the face of the city.

Former Legislator said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working day and night to mitigate the problems of the people and give them respite from miseries which they were facing from the last over seventy years.

"BJP across the country is celebrating thriving 8 years of Modi Government in power from June 1 to June 14 with party cadre carrying out massive public outreach programme to make aware the people about achievements and future plans and policies of the party", Randhawa informed and asked the party cadre to aware the people about the achievements of the Modi Government in the past 8 years.

Prominent who were present on the occasion were Girdhari Lal, Pitambar Sharma, Indar Khajuria, Sansar Chand, Neetu Sharma, Krishan Lal, Vaishali Sharma, Mamta Devi and Jagar Nath.

SPF delegation calls on Athawaley, discusses Sikh community's issues



SPF delegation presenting memorandum to Ramdas Athawaley, Union MoS.

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JAMMU: A deputation of members of Sikh Progressive Front (SPF) led by its President Balvinder Singh met Ramdas Athawaley, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and discussed with him important issues and demands pertaining to the minority Sikh

Community of JKUT which are pending since long at various levels of the present administration and also with the office of LG JKUT. Some of the important issues discussed with the minister including inclusion of non migrant Sikh youth in Prime Minister Special employment package granted under SRO- 412,

induction of member from Sikh Community in the J&K Public Service Commission, inclusion of Punjabi in the JKUT official Language Bill 2020, installation of the statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Kunjwani Chowk, compensation to be paid to the NOKs of those 14 persons killed in 1989 anti Sikh riots, implementation of National Minority Commission Act and Anand Marriage Act in JK UT. The Minister gave a patience hearing to the delegation and assured to take up the issues with the appropriate authority for a logical conclusion. Other members were Manjit Singh, Sharanjit Singh, Tejinder Singh and Janak Singh.

JKATA calls on Director Agriculture Jammu

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Agriculture Technocrats Association (JKATA) delegation led by its President Dr. Surinder Radotra met Director Agriculture Jammu, K.K Sharma and submitted charter of demands to him.

The delegation demanded to speed up DPC process of Incharge JAEs & AEAs of 2nd and 3rd batch of both Jammu & Kashmir divisions, fix the seniority of JAEs of both regions, reconsider all the cases under SRO-43 pending with the department; bring all three batches of erstwhile AEAs under the preview of Old pension scheme, frame transfer policy, etc. Sharma patiently heard the concerns of the agriculture technocrats and assured that all the genuine demands put forth by JKATA



JKATA delegation presenting memorandum to Dir Agriculture Jammu, K.K Sharma.

shall be addressed in the interest of the Agriculture technocrats and the organisation. Association also appealed to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Financial Commissioner J&K Atal Dhilloo to personally intervene into their grievances.

Dr Ghanshyam, Dr S K Bali, Vijay Bhardwaj, others join BJP

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu Kashmir held Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan Jana Sabha at its organizational districts across the region.

J&K BJP Seh Prabhari Ashish Sood, former State President Sat Sharma, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Prabhari Karan Singh, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, programme Prabhari Pawan Singh and other party leaders addressed the JanaSabha at Jammu West.

BJP leaders also paid Shraddhanjali to the former MLA and senior BJP leader Rajesh Gupta.

Ashish Sood, addressing the JanaSabha, said that Modi has set very high parameters of social and political service in the last years. This is the reason the BJP dares to present its report card every year in front of public, he said adding that Modi has served the nation and at the same time lifted up the status of the Nation worldwide.

Modi created model of good governance in ensuring the benefits of public welfare schemes to masses, he said adding that Black sheep earlier involved in corruption, black marketing, anti social etc. are now trying to destabilize the peace and development in the Nation.

Sat Sharma said that Narendra Modi government is the welfare oriented government. He said that since 2014, under Modi government, people of this Nation have converted difficulty into opportunity. Karan Sharma conducted the meeting proceedings.

Meanwhile, former Principal Government Medical College (GMC) Dr Ghanshyam, former Head of Nephrology Department, GMC, Dr S K Bali, Vijay Bhardwaj and others joined BJP Party in presence of senior leaders.



Dr Ghanshyam, Dr S K Bali, Vijay Bhardwaj others joining BJP at Jammu.

Sufi Festival: Deptt Tourism organises musical evening at Jammu



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta along with a large gathering listening to sufi song during musical evening at Jammu.

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JAMMU: In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, as part of the ongoing three days Sufi Festival, the Department of Tourism, J&K organized Musical evening at Convention centre Jammu.

Sufi Music is one of the most loved genres of music. It is inspired by the works of Sufi Poets like Rumi, Bullehshah, Amir Khusrow.

The Chief Guest of the occasion was Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor Jammu.

The special guests of the musical evening were Purnima Sharma, Deputy

Mayor, Dr. Devanash Yadav, Managing Director, JKTPD and Ansuya Jamwal, Joint Director Hospitality and Protocol Department.

From the exuberant performance of Sufi songs by Master Saleem to local cultural singing performances by Dharmesh Nargotra, Aditya Langeh, Subash Langeh and Neelam Langeh, the crowd witnessed an array of diverse Music from all across the region.

The Sufi maestro, Master Saleem charmed the audience with his performance on the concluding day at Jammu.

"For me, Sufism is love. It

LG Mathur emphasises importance of integrating divyangs into mainstream society

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, on Sunday attended the distribution ceremony of prosthesis and appliances to 1,000 persons with disabilities (PwDs) as a part of the 3rd Mobility Camp organised by Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC), Leh, in collaboration with Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust and Rotary International District 3141 & 3030, Mumbai, at MIMC in Choglamsar.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson; Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgval; Commissioner Secretary, Tribal and Social Welfare Department, Padma Angmo; Founder MIMC, Ven Sanghasena; District Governor, Rotary International, District 3141, DG Rajendra Agarwal and Trustee, Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, Mumbai, Rajiv Mehta, were present during the event.

LG Mathur emphasised the importance of including divyangs into the mainstream society and the efforts being made by the Administration and both Hill Councils to integrate children with disabilities into the mainstream schools.

He requested for continued support from Rotary



Li Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur honouring a girl with disabilities at a Mobility Camp.

International, Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust and MIMC Leh for the benefit of the divyangs from Ladakh.

LG Mathur distributed certificates of appreciation to Chunzin Angmo and Stanzin Chuskit, who are visually impaired and physically disabled, respectively, for their accomplishments. He also distributed mobility aid and assistive devices such as crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aid and artificial limbs to the beneficiaries.

Chairman LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson, highlighted the initiatives taken to provide subsidies for the purchase of mobility aids and assistive devices to divyangs.

Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgval, appreciated MIMC Leh, Rotary International and Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust for their activities and initiatives for the benefit of

divyangs. Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo briefed about steps being taken to make Ladakh accessible to all.

Trustee, Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, Rajiv Mehta and District Governor, Rotary International, DG Agarwal, briefed about various initiatives taken by them for the benefit of divyangs and promised to organise camps and provide continued assistance to the divyangs from Ladakh.

Earlier, LG Mathur laid the foundation stone for the Himalayan High-Altitude Library at the Buddha Park and also inaugurated the New Library at the Mahabodhi Residential School.

Members of Rotary International, Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust; Deputy Inspector General (DIG), North-West Frontier, ITBP; Sandeep Khosla; President, Anjuman Imamia, Leh, Ashraf Ali Barcha; President, Anjuman Moin-ul Islam, Dr Abdul Qayoom; beneficiaries, staff and students of MIMC Leh were present during the event.

Congress condoles demise of veteran journalist Ashok Pehalwan

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JAMMU: Congress has deeply condoled the sad demise of veteran Journalist Ashok Pehalwan.

In a condolence message JKPC Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma expressed deep shock over the demise of Shri Pehalwan who was known for his honesty, humility and integrity.

His death is a great loss to the society as a whole and journalist fraternity in particular.

He was a great human being of high moral values and character. I have lost a good friend, said Sharma.

The entire rank and file of the party deeply condoles his death and pray for peace to the departed soul.

Free General Health & eye check up camp conducted



Doctors examining patients during a camp.

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JAMMU: In continuation with handicraft exhibition, The Dental Clinic by Dr Ira Gupta conducted free General Health & eye check up at Baba Sidh Gorla Temple, Janipur Jammu. Dr Shailu Gupta, General physician from Genesis Hospital Gurgaon & Dr Rohini Choudhary, MS Othha - eye specialist, ex - Registrar GMC-Jammu conducted check up of patients & gave them advice regarding their health issues and eye problems. It was conducted under the leadership of Nitin Gupta with the support of Sunita Gupta (Councilor Ward No 37).

Nitin Gupta ensured that these type of camps will be routinely organized in Baba Sidh Gorla temple near Arya Sanaj Mandir , Janipur colony Jammu for the welfare of the people .

M. Arch students from Jamia Millia Islamia University visit Ladakh

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LEH: A team of students pursuing M. Arch in Urban Regeneration from Jamia Millia Islamia University visited Leh in the first week of June along with their professors-Intekhab Alam, Somi Chatterjee and Shijini as part of their studio exercise, which requires them to devise regeneration strategies for the city of Leh which has been caught in a severe tourism and environmental crisis. During the week-



M. Arch students from Jamia at the gate of Leh Palace.

long visit to Ladakh, these students engaged with the local citizens of the city, in order to develop an understanding of

the socio-cultural aspects, as well as the heritage of the city. A guided heritage walk was also conducted for the students by



Police at Gujjar Nagar for controlling any incident during a protest.

mony in the Union territory while condemning the remarks made by the former BJP spokesperson.

The people should not allow elements who are against the peace in Jammu and want to create differences among the communities, the JMF said in a statement.

It said the police and administration must hold meetings with religious

scholars of both the communities to maintain peace in Jammu.

Expressing full faith in the capability of the authorities in ensuring a peaceful atmosphere by involving people from all faiths, the JMF appealed to all sections of society to strive hard to uphold the old tradition of communal harmony as every religion teaches to serve humanity.

Tashi Morup from LAMO, where the students walked through the alleys of the Old Town, and gained a first-hand experience of the traditional style of houses. During the course of the visit, the students made some stark observations wherein the paradigm shift from agriculture to tourism has been drastic, with traditional houses being demolished, and reconstructed as RCC framed structures. The indigenous system of water sharing for irriga-