

BJP observes Black Day, felicitates "Loktantra Senani"

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir observed "Black Day" on the day of imposition of Emergency by the then PM Indira Gandhi and felicitated the "Loktantra Senani" who suffered badly at the behest of then government at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Black days of Emergency were remembered by all those, who were arrested under Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) at BJP head office to denounce the Emergency imposed by Congress in 1975. Satish Sharma, All India General Secretary Loktantra Senani Sangh from Delhi was Chief Guest and Ramesh Arora former MLC was main speaker. Many other sufferers shared their experience of those days. Sat Paul Gupta RSS, former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, former MLC Ashok Khajuria, former MLC Ramesh Arora, Suresh Sharma (RSS), Vipin Kumar, Chander Mohan Sharma, Shaminder Sharma,



BJP J&K unit felicitating Loktantra Senani at party headquarter, Jammu.

Surinder Manhas, Surinder Gupta, Romesh Gupta, Sudharshan Gupta, Ram Mohan, Sat Paul Singh, Salish Sethi, Anand, Ashok Gupta and many others were felicitated on the occasion.

All person i.e. Loktantra Senani were honoured by MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, BJP General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and other dignitaries.

While addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma said that by giving respect to all who fought to restore democracy is a good decision and the state government should also follow the path to honour

the Loktantra Senani as it has been done in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan etc.

Ramesh Arora former MLC said that a Nation remembers days when press censorship was imposed and Nasbandi was done by force. Article 352 (i) of the constitution was misused, courts were stopped from entertaining cases. Electric connection of all print media was disconnected to stop them from printing in the state of J&K and other parts of the country more than 2000 people courted arrest 150 persons were detained under MISA.

Shaminder Sharma said that society should respect those who struggled for democracy and if ever a

Nation forgets their contribution, that Nation is bound to suffer. He expressed thanks to BJP for holding a memorable programme on the very important day in the Democracy of India.

Programme was organized in the guidance of Programme Incharge Adv. Ramesh Arora. Adv. Chander Mohan Sharma, BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra and Sat Paul Singh assisted in the programme management. A 2-minute silence was observed for those Loktantra Senani, who left the world and were detained under MISA.

"Government should consider the demands of Loktantra Senani" resolution was also adopted in the programme.

DGPC Elections: Contestant Mohinder Singh release manifesto, seek community support

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JAMMU: For upcoming District Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (DGPC) Elections, contestant Mohinder Singh Mantu held a press conference in order to seek community support.

Mohinder Singh and his team released manifesto for the District Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee elections being held on June 27.

Mohinder, accompanied by several other community members, released the manifesto before the media at a press conference, depicting various burning issues of the Sikh community.

He pointed out that after proper consultations and interactions with the Sikh religious bodies, intellectuals and keeping in mind the aspirations of the community, this manifesto has been prepared.

While highlighting main points of the manifesto, Mohinder Singh said new projects undertaken at vari-



DGPC candidate Mohinder Singh Mantu talking to reporters.

ous Gurdawars will be accomplished soon and also necessary renovation/repair will be done effectively.

In far-flung area also where the Sikh population is less, the welfare measures will be taken up as per their demand.

Salaries of preachers, Granthis, Ragies etc will be given reasonable hike.

Mohinder said while celebrating Gurburabs and other historical days, priority will be given to Sewa without any biased approach.

He also highlighted educational, culture and liter-

ary perspectives and bowed to strive for the overall welfare of the community.

Uniform salary structure and other benefits including Health Insurance, Life Insurance, for preachers, Granthis, Ragies and members of DGPC will be on priority in his manifesto, he added.

He also decided to launch a campaign for implementation and promotion of Punjabi language at all levels among Sikh community and other Punjabi loving people of J&K.

He said, as the member of Sri Guru Ramdas Lengar

Sewa Charitable Trust Talli Sahib Gurudwara, he himself initiate many renovation works like electrification and matting in the Talli Sahib Gurudwara.

"We provide ration and other material to widow women and orphanage of the community and will continue this tradition is vote to power," he said adding the we are also arrange free offline and online Punjabi classes for community students.

He said "We will also raise the issues of providing ambulances, vehicles for Guru Granth Sahib with government in all Gurudwaras in entire Jammu Division."

Singh appealed the community members to vote and support him and cast the vote in his favour in DGPC election scheduled to be held on June 27 and give me chance to help the community members.

"My election symbol is Air Conditioner (AC)," he added.

Plus Two Lecturers' Forum appeals Principal Secretary to resolve demands

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JAMMU: The virtual meeting of All J and K Plus Two Lecturer's Forum was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of R. S Slathia and President Pardeep Singh Rakwal. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by General Secretary, Ghar Singh Saini.

Discussions on various core issues were held in which different district presidents and members of Central Executive Body actively participated. During this meeting the under mentioned demands were highlighted. Grant of ACP, transfer policy in favour of SRO 202 employees, completion of renovation/construction work in schools during vacations, early declaration of Board results of Class X and XII, soft corner for the problems of female staff in

their transfer policy, specially those on the verge of retirement,

Extra incentives to M.Phil/Phd lecturerws, early regularization of pending subjects like zoology, filling of vacant posts, adjustment of surplus lecturers, payment of charge allowance to i/c lecturers and Principals and repatriation of Principals and lecturers posted in hard /very hard zones.

Prominent among those present in the meeting include Principal Vinod Bhat, Kiran Devi HOD, Principal Parameet Singh, Principal Jyoti Prakash, Principal Savita Sharma, Dr.Sushma(Vice chairman), Ashok Sharma(Vice president male), Renu Langae (Vice President Female), Kamal Kishore (Chief Organiser), Surinder

Mandhyal (District President Kathua), Ashok Katal(District President Samba), Parveen Akhtar (District President Female Wing), Sohan Singh (District President Jammu), Anwar ul Sadat Shah (District President Rajouri), Jagjeet Singh (District President Poonch), Pradeep Koul(District President Kishtwar), Yaseer Umer(District President D o d a), K h a t e e b Ahmed(District President Ramban), Ashok Sharma (District President Udhampur), Subash Kumar(District President Reasi), Zulfiqar Ali Mir, Shahid Latif, Surinder Singh Billowria, Mohd Amin Shah, Sucheta Sharma, Bashir Sahil, Jyoti Malhotra, Rajesh Sharma, Romal Singh, Arvind Gupta and Sunita Kumari Bhagat.

51 NGOs of different cadres of JKP promoted, DGP congratulates

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters has issued promotion orders in favour of 51 Non-Gazetted Officers (NGOs) of Ministerial, Steno and Telecom cadres of J&K Police to the next rank. Departmental Promotion Committee meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh at Police Headquarters J&K Srinagar and after a thorough scrutiny of the service records, promotion in respect of these officers has been ordered.

The DGP has congratulated the promoted officers and their families. He expressed his hope that the promotion will serve as an inspiration for the officers to perform their duties with enhanced dedication and zeal. Sub Inspectors who have been promoted to the rank of Inspectors in their own cadre include Mohammad Yousuf, Gopal Singh, Kuldeep Raj, Ashok Kumar, Riyaz Ahmad Khan, Darshan Kumar, Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Sham Singh.

Assistant Sub-inspectors who have promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspectors in their own cadre include Iqbal Singh, Pavinder Kumar, Pardeep Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Dileep Kumar, Nazir Ahmad, Manawar Hussain, Showket Ahmad Dar, Shabir Ahmad, Riyaz Ahmad Dar, Shahid Bashir, Mubarak Ahmad, Tanveer Ahmad, Som Raj, Mushtaq Ahmad, Naresh Kumar, Ab Qayoom, Vikram Singh, Sajad-ul Haq, Jeevani Mohammad, Jamej Singh, Shakeel Ahmed, Rafiq Ahmad, Javid Ahmad, Aijaz Ahmad, Nissar Ahmad, Gh. Hassan, Eithshamul Haq, Mohammad Akbar, Gulzar Ahmad, Veer Ji, Subash Singh, Mohammad Sadiq, Pardeep Kumar, Zorawar Singh, Girdhari Lal, Showket Hussain, Tariq Hussain, Gulzar Ahmad, Mohd Khalil, Baldev Raj, Mushtaq Ahmad and Parooq Ahmad.

Amarnath Yatra: Baba Yatri Niyas to start Langar from June 28

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JAMMU: Shri Amarnath ji Yatra after a gap of two years is going to start from 30th June, 2022.

Pawan Kumar Kohli President Baba Amarnath & Buda Amarnath Yatri Niyas while speaking to media persons said that Baba Amarnath and Buda Amarnath Yatri Niyas (BABA Yatri Niyas) is working for the betterment of both Shri Amarnath Ji and Shri Buda Amarnath Ji yatras for the last many years in close coordination with Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Kohli said that all religious, social, trade Organisations and Sabha-Biradaris are ready to welcome devotees coming to Jammu to perform this Yatra with great enthusiasm. It looks like a festival season with hoardings, banners and flags everywhere



Pawan Kumar Kohli President Baba Amarnath & Buda Amarnath Yatri Niyas taking to media persons.

around the lodgments, Bhandaras and yatri Niwas. Sadhu Samaj is already camping at Shri Ram Mandir Purani Mandi and Geeta Bhawan Prade, Jammu where they are accommodated.

Kohli informed that Langar Seva for Sadhu/Saints and other devotees at will be organized at Geeta Bhawan by Baba Yatri Niyas and will start functioning from June 28, 2022 at 6.30 PM. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu has consented to the commencement. Sudershan Khajuria General Secretary

Baba Yatri Niyas has appealed the organizers / managements of all Bhandara, lodgment centers to be vigilant and careful for the safety of yatris as well as their own. All these places should be under the surveillance of CCTV Cameras 24x7.

Karan Singh Charak Senior Vice-President, Shakti Dutt Sharma, Deepak Dhawan, Anoop Aggarwal Vice Presidents, Suresh Sharma, Deepak Sharma, Vipin Mittal, Ravinder Mittal, Secretaries and B.K Gupta, Treasurer were also presented.

Dr Jitendra leaves for Portugal to represent India at UN Conference

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh left for Portugal today to represent India at the "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon from 27th of June to 1st of July 2022. Over 130 countries of the world are going to be represented at this high-profile Conference by their respective Ministers and high-level functionaries.

Dr Jitendra Singh will deliver the Keynote address on behalf of India at the UN Conference on the theme "Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions".

In his departure statement, Dr Jitendra Singh said that under the leadership of Prime



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh interacting with media at New Delhi.

Minister Narendra Modi, India would be providing science and innovation-based solutions for the implementation of Goal 14 through partnerships and environmentally friendly solutions. He said, India has well established collaboration and partnerships with UN Agencies and Research Institutions for bridging the methodology and data gaps on SDG indicators and working towards UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, 2021-2030, for clean, healthy, productive, predictive, safe and accessible ocean.

Dr Singh said, with the participation of civil society and

other relevant stakeholders, the participant nations will reaffirm our strong commitment to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources. He added that greater ambition is required at all levels to address the dire state of the ocean. As leaders and representatives of our Governments, we are determined to act decisively and urgently to improve the health, productivity, sustainable use and resilience of the ocean and its ecosystems. Dr Jitendra informed that India has taken up several initiatives, programmes and policy interventions through different Ministries and Departments to protect the marine and coastal ecosystems, mangroves and coral reefs. There are 10 targets in Goal 14 to measure the health and services of water related ecosystems with emphasis on social, economic and environmental conservation. A total of 11 indicators have been identified at national level to meas-

ure and monitor the progress of these targets and data is collected on a regular basis for 9 indicators by monitoring the health/condition of coastal Waters and marine ecosystems. At the end of deliberations, the Conference will adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action-oriented and inter-governmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14 and a report containing the co-chairs' summaries of the interactive dialogues.

The leaders will also reaffirm the declaration entitled "Our ocean, our future: call for action", adopted by the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, held from 5 to 9 June 2017.

7th anniversary of Smart Cities Mission: JSCL organises bicycle rally for media persons



CEO JSCL, Rahul Yadav flagging off bicycle rally at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) on Saturday organised a bicycle rally for media persons as a part of celebrations to mark the 7th anniversary of the Smart Cities Mission, launched by Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoUHA).

The rally was flagged off by Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Rahul Yadav.

Scores of media persons including senior journalists participated in the bicycle rally. The rally started from Green Belt Park and after covering a distance of 2-3 kilometres culminated at the same point.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO, JSCL, Rahul Yadav said that they are organising several events across the city as a part of celebrations to mark the 7th anniversary of Smart Cities Mission (SCM).

"The main objectives of these events are to connect with people, spreading awareness as well to get feedback from stakeholders about the initiatives taken by JSCL," Rahul Yadav said. He added that Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) is an important project of JSCL and the feedback from the media fraternity will help to further improve the system.

He informed that the PBS allows users to rent out a bicy-

cle from designated automatic docking stations and deposit it at another docking station located close to the destination.

"Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) has established more than 60 docking stations across the city and each one has 10 slots to park and lock bicycles," he said. Participant of the rally and journalist, Rajat Vohra said transformation of Jammu City was visible everywhere. "Vertical garden, Public Sharing System and Façade lighting of historical Bahu Fort have changed the aesthetic look of the city of temples," he said.

Haling Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) launched by JSCL, Rajat said that this will

bring pollution levels down in the city and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Another journalist Surjit Singh said that this will motivate youth and others to stay healthy.

Urinary Incontinence; start treatment early rather than suffer in silence: Dr Suhas

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NEW DELHI: On the occasion of World Continence Week, which is a global event running from June 20 to 26, doctors and urologists are urging people to seek professional help if they have bladder or bowel difficulties instead of hiding and ignoring the problem.

"Urinary incontinence is the leaking of urine that we can't control. This medical condition is common in the elderly, especially in nursing homes, but it can affect younger adult males and females as well," said Urologist Dr Suhas Salpekar.

"Urinary incontinence can impact both the patient's health and quality of life," he added.

Dr Suhas said, "The prevalence of this may be underestimated as some patients do not inform health care providers about their issues due to embarrassment and discomfort discussing these issues.

This results in depression and isolation in most patients and also causes long term damage to the bladder. It is advisable to report the problem, get treatment started early rather than suffer in silence and ignore the problem."



Migrant KP employees continue to protest for their relocation outside of Valley

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JAMMU: Hundreds of migrant Kashmiri pandit employees on Saturday staged another demonstration here urging Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh-led administration to accept their demand to relocate them outside of Valley.

The protesters assembled under the banner of 'All Migrant Employees Association Kashmiri' outside the Jammu Press Club and said that they reject the government's proposal to relocate pandits in safe zones within the valley. Nearly 4,000 Kashmiri Pandits are working in different departments in the Valley after they were selected under the Prime Minister's employment package announced in 2008. However, several of them

have returned to Jammu following the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat, who was shot dead inside his office in Budgam district of Central Kashmir on May 12.

"The Kashmiri pandit employees have been on protest for the past over 40 days over their legitimate demand of relocation due to the most horrifying and life threatening conditions in Kashmir; one of the protesters, A K Bhat, told reporters. He asked the government to accept the demand of the protesters without any further delay.

"The Pandit employees are only meant to serve in Kashmir is a wrong notion created by certain people in the administration. There are other districts in Jammu where there is

also a need and they can work far better there in the interest of the society; he said.

Bhat saluted the "peaceful" way of protest and said, "We will not budge till our genuine demand of relocation is accepted." Shmshant, another pandit employee, said that there was no assurance from the government till date. "We have a lot of expectations from this government and are optimistic that it will accept our demand sooner than later," he said.

Abhinav termed their protest successful and thanked the people from all walks of life for their "moral support".

"We have put our demand before the government and will continue our protests in both Kashmir and Jammu divisions," he said.



Winners posing with organizers and other dignitaries after receiving prizes.

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JAMMU: The 44th Chess Olympiad J&K selection tournament concluded today at IDPS School, here on Saturday. The event held under the banner of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA).

Ashwina Raina won the event in Girls category while Pihu Bhardwaj was selected

as a government school student. Aarav Gupta won the event in open category and selected in boys section.

These three young players, along with three from Kashmir will go to Mahabalipuram to witness 44th Chess Olympiad. The JKAS officer, Ranjeet Kour was chief guest in the prize distribution ceremony.

A total of 25 prizes given away to the participants. She wished good luck to all the players for future endeavours and congratulated the winners.

She was all praise for AJKCA president Atul Kumar Gupta for providing platform to young generation. She also praised IDPS school management, espe-