

Kavinder takes stock of public grievances

Ex-Corporator, members of JK Democratic Liberation Party join BJP

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JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, former Dy. Chief Minister accompanied by R S Pathania, former MLA & J&K BJP Spokesperson listened to public grievances at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Many deputations including individual persons visited the party office to discuss their issues with the senior BJP leaders. Deputations & common people discussed various issues related to the development of their respective areas and their other concerns.

Amongst issues pertaining to drinking water, electricity, NABARD roads, a wide rainbow of deputations called on in the BJP office



Former Dy. CM, Kavinder Gupta posing with newly joined party workers.

with references and telephone calls to concerned officials.

"J&K BJP has assigned the duty to senior party leaders to daily meet and attend to the issues of the common masses in order to grant easy access to the masses. This whole exercise is in

accordance with the party principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas objective", said Kavinder Gupta, while speaking on the occasion.

Kavinder Gupta stressed on the party's sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and provide best possible solutions to their day to day administrative and development issues.

R S Pathania while speaking on the occasion called upon the people to avail of the revolutionary concept 'Sahyog Cell' of the party. He said that it is a sincere attempt to lessen the gap

between administration and people and ensure that genuine issues of people are redressed in an efficacious way. Proceedings were piloted by Arvind Gupta, State Secretary, and Gourav Pargal.

In another function, J&K unit of Democratic Liberal Party led by Gen Seey (Org), Ramesh Katoch joined in BJP with its organisational heads from province as well as districts.

Prominent political persons including ex Corporator of Ward also joined. Chaman Lal Bhagat, ex Corporator, Ward No.40; Ram Pyara;

Kuldeep Singh; Gurmeet Singh, Buti Ram, Raj Kumar, Baldev Raj, Banarasi Dass, Satish Kumar, Sourav Kamal, Jangi Ram, Chaman Lal, Surinder Sharma, Deepak Kumar, Mohit Bhagat, Shubang Chib, Bodh Raj, Sudanshu, Milan Kapoor, Koushal Bhagat, Naman Kumar, Sarabjeet Singh, Ranjeet Singh, Rohit Kumar, Babu Ram and Ravi Kumar and others joined BJP on the occasion

Kavinder Gupta, Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor, State Secretary Arvind Gupta, RS Pahania, Office Secretary Tilak Gupta, and other BJP leaders welcomed the new entrants on the occasion. They appreciated the new entrants specially mentioning that they have made a right choice by joining the BJP. BJP leaders said that by joining the BJP they will be more empowered to serve the society with a clear heart as only BJP serves the selfless service to the society and Nation.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vasudevanand Saraswati visits Ved Mandir

Wishes for complete peace in Jammu & Kashmir



Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vasudevanand Saraswati distributing Parsad.

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JAMMU: Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vasudevanand Saraswati on Tuesday visited the Ved Mandir complex.

On this occasion, top officials of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Jammu and Kashmir Prant, Vishwa Hindu Parishad officials of Jammu and Kashmir Prant and BJP leaders welcomed Jagadguru Shankaracharya and received his blessings. On this occasion,

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vasudevanand Saraswati wished for complete peace in Jammu and Kashmir during a brief conversation with the office bearers of Sangh and VHP.

Among those who welcomed Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vasudevanand Saraswati were Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Sanghechalak of Jammu and Kashmir; Dr. Gautam Mangi, Prant

President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Advocate Leela Karam Sharma, Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation Chandra Mohan Gupta and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta.

Famous astrologer of the city, Pandit Shiv Rena, in his brief address, termed Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vasudevanand Saraswati's arrival in the Ved temple premises as an auspicious sign.

On this occasion, RSS J&K's Prant Karyawah Dr. Vikrant, Prant Pracharak Rupesh Kumar, Sah Prant Pracharak Mukesh Kumar, Jammu Vibhag Sah Sanghechalak Surendra Mohan, Vishwa Hindu Parishad J&K working president Rajesh Gupta, former MLC Ramesh Arora etc. were present. Earlier, when Shankaracharya reached the Veda Mandir premises, the teachers and students of the local Sanskrit school welcomed him with Vedic chanting and floral showers.

ICAI organises session on 'New Central & State Industrial Policy'

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JAMMU: The Committee of MSME and Startup of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), celebrated the International MSME Day in association with Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Jammu. The event was hosted by J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI. Chief Guest of the event was Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Anoo Malhotra.

The Speakers for the event were Arshad Noomani, Functional Manager, I&C Department, J&K, Komal Sharma, Functional Manager, I&C Department, J&K, CA Vishal Thappa and CA Anurudh Tiwari. Arshad Noomani and Komal Sharma appraised the members on various nuances of Central and State New Industrial Policy for UT of J&K for the Period 2021-2030, procedures and its benefits.

Audience was informed about benefits available to

Entrepreneurs and MSMEs under Central and State Schemes like PMEGP, J&K REGP, SFRUTI, and others by Speakers CA Vishal Thappa and CA Anurudh Tiwari. Anoo Malhotra also emphasised on highlights of New Central and State Industrial Policy, how its better from other States and benefits available in it.

CA. Nakul Saraf, Chairman J&K Branch of ICAI, welcomed the Chief Guest and mentioned that this year MSME day is observed under the theme of resilience and rebuilding of MSMEs for sustainable development.

The event was coordinated and moderated by CA Ayush Sawhney, Treasurer, J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI. CA. Vineet Kohli, Secretary, CA Sourav Pargal, Executive Committee Member, CA Priya Seht, Executive Committee Member along with number of Chartered Accountants and Govt. Officers attended the event.

Jammu Lawyers pay homage to former Bar President B S Slathia

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JAMMU: Members of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu paid rich tributes and homage to their former President and Senior Advocate B S Slathia who expired on June, 27, 2020 at PGH Chandigarh.

A condolence meet was held at Justice Vinod Kumar Gupta Memorial Bar Hall, High Court Complex, Jammu wherein Senior Advocates and Former Presidents of Jammu Bar A V Gupta, VR Wazir; L K Sharma (Sr Adv), V B Gupta, Ex senior AAG H A Siddiqui, Ex MIA Ashok Sharma, H.C. Jalmeria, K L Pandita, Rajesh Kotwal, Nirnal Kotwal, Vinod Kotwal, Raghu Mehta, M A Bhat, Irfaan Khan, Ahtsham Bhat, N D Qazi, Anil John,

Supriya Chouhan, Shams Din Shaaz, Faiz-ul-Arif, Sheikh Najeib, Arvind Bhandral, Kais Alam Beg besides large number of Advocates were also present. Rich tributes were paid to B S Slathia for his contributions towards Bar Association Jammu and lawyer fraternity. "His qualities of head and heart shall always be remembered. He was not confined to Jammu only but had a great impact over lawyer's fraternity throughout Jammu Division," the members said and observe two minutes silence as a mark of respect.

The motion for paying tributes and homage to departed Bar Leader was initiated and moved by Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed and seconded by all Advocates present.

Kashmir Markaz Adab-w-Saqafat organises event to release Faqir Rahim's poetic collection



Dignitaries releasing a book of Sufi poet Faqir Rahim Shah.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PULWAMA: Famous Sufi poet Faqir Rahim Shah's poetic collection 'Fana-Fe-Rahim' was released during an impressive literary event held in Conference Hall of Govt. Degree College for Boys, Pulwama. The event was organised by Kashmir Markaz Adab-w-saqafat. Chrar-e-Sharief. Noted historian, scholar and poet Prof Farooq Fayaz presided over the function whereas Prof Shaad Ramzan, President Markaz Adab Kamraz; Mohd Amin Bhat, Prof Showkat and Dr Gazanfar Ali Gazal were also present in the presidium. A budding singer Saima Ashraf recited poems from the book. Prominent writers Ali Ahsan and Showkat Firaar read thought provoking papers high-

lighting poetic beauty and sensitivities in poetry of Faqir Rahim Shah. Paper reading session was followed by a Mahfil-e-Mushaira wherein veteran poets including Mushtaq Mehram, Gh Rasool Sadoori, Ab Rashid Shaad, Omar Fayaz and Shadab Yasmeen recited their verses. President, Kashmir Markaz Adab-w-Saqafat, Dr Gazanfar Ali presented welcome address whereas Secretary KMAS, Inayat Gul conducted proceedings of the event. Daughter of Sufi poet Shameena Rahim presented vote of thanks.

Farooq Fayaz, Shaad Ramzan and Mohd Amin Bhat were of the opinion that Kashmiri Sufi poetry was much more rich in content and thought as compared to literature of other languages.

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JAMMU: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), on Tuesday started Langar for Shri Amarnath pilgrims, which will continue till the culmination of the Yatra on 11th of August, 2022. Mayor Jammu,

Chander Mohan Gupta in presence of Romesh Chander Gupta President of the Sabha, Yash Paul Gupta and Shiv Pratap Gupta inaugurated the Langar.

The Langar was organized under the overall

supervision of Sanjay Mahajan General Secretary of the Sabha.

Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta were the Incharges of the Langar.

Prominent persons of Mahajan community present on the occasion include

Last date for IIMC admission extended till July 4

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) has extended the last date for applying to the Post Graduate (PG) Diploma courses 2022.

Applications for admission to the IIMC courses can now be done till July 4, 2022, the National Testing Agency website, cuet.nta.nic.in

IIMC's Northern Regional Centre in Jammu

is starting two new courses from the next academic session -PG Diploma in Hindi Journalism and PG Diploma in Digital Media. Until now, only one course, PG Diploma in English Journalism, was being run from the centre. The three courses have 20 seats each.

The IIMC will admit students to its courses through the Common Universities Entrance Test - Postgraduate (CUET-PG).

According to Regional Director Prof. Rakesh Goswami, IIMC Jammu will soon shift to its new campus in Keran (Bantalab), which is spread across 123 kanals, and has all the modern facilities for training in journalism.

"From this year, we are starting two new courses in Digital Media and Hindi Journalism to cater to the demands of the industry in Jammu and Kashmir," he

said. "These courses will start in Jammu Campus to attract local students."

The Northern Regional Centre of the IIMC is functioning in Jammu since 2012.

The Delhi centre of the institute runs Post Graduate Diploma courses in Radio &TV Journalism and Advertising & Public Relation also. Admissions to all these courses will be done through the CUET-PG this year.

DB upholds dismissal of Judge

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sanjeev Kumar upheld dismissal of Judicial Officer Javed Ahmed Naik, Munsiff, who was placed under suspension in 2013, following a complaint against him of causing loss to the State exchequer by charging insufficient stamp duty.

The petitioner, who was serving as Munsiff Pulwama in Kashmir Division, was removed from judicial service by the Governor of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir vide Government Order No.3337-LD(A) of 2019 dated 23.07.2019. The impugned order has been passed by the Governor on the recommendations of

the Full Court that the petitioner, in view of his proven misconduct, was not worthy of retention in the judicial service. Feeling aggrieved, the petitioner has invoked the extraordinary writ jurisdiction of Court seeking quashment of the impugned order as also the enquiry report dated 06.07.2018 and a show cause notice issued by this Court proposing penalty of removal of the petitioner from service vide Registrar General's communication No. 49220/GS dated 31.12.2018. The petitioner additionally seeks to assail the recommendations made by the Full Court to the then Governor of erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir for imposition of penalty of his removal from the judicial service. The petitioner also prays for a writ of mandamus to

command the respondents to treat him in service with all consequential service benefits. "DB has no doubt in mind that the High Court by providing a copy of the enquiry report to petitioner along with show cause notice of proposed penalty envisaged under article 311 of Constitution of India read with Section 126 of Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir substantially complied with the principles of natural justice. It would be appropriate to clarify at this stage that Article 311 of Constitution as it was applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir at the time the impugned order was passed was in pari materia with section 126 of constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and envisaged a show cause notice of proposed penalty to be given to the delin-

quent before imposing any of the major penalties envisaged under Article 311 of the Constitution. The 42nd amendment to the Constitution which, inter alia, took away right of the delinquent employee to have show cause notice of proposed penalty was not extended to the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The position, however, changed after August 5-6, 2019, supply of copy of the enquiry report prior to the competent authority arriving at a provisional conclusion with regard to imposition of major penalty upon the petitioner was neither required at the relevant point of time, nor its non-supply has, in any way, caused any prejudice to the petitioner. The petitioner was supplied the copy of enquiry report along with show cause notice of proposed penalty.

Members of OBC communities take out 'Adhikar Tiranga Yatra'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A number of members belonging to All J&K Kashyap Rajput Sabha Moti Bazar Jammu, OBC Mahasabha, All J&K Sain Samaj, All India Backward Classes Federation, All J&K Prajapati Sabha, Vishwakarma Sabha, Dhobi Welfare Central Committee, Teeli Welfare Committee, Bowria Biradri, Bazighar Biradri and other OBC castes and communities took out a peaceful protest march 'OBC Adhikar Tiranga Yatra' from Dogra Chowk to Press Club, Jammu on Tuesday in memory of Late Madan Lal Dogra (Prominent

Social Reformer) and ex-president of All J&K Kashyap Rajput Sabha.

Murari Lal Balgotra, President All J&K Kashyap Rajput Sabha highlighted discriminatory behavior of UT administration towards OBCs as despite abrogation of Article 370 and formation of J&K Union Territory, 27 per cent reservation as per central laws has not been implemented in J&K till date. "The erstwhile Governments and even ruling dispensation made commissions and commissions since 1968 headed by upper castes and kept OBCs away from their fundamental con-



OBC community members during a protest at Jammu.

stitutional rights of 27 per cent reservation as guaranteed by Supreme Court of India," he added.

Others who also spoke on the occasion and highlighted issues faced by OBCs included

Kasturi Lal Basotra, DySP (Retd) Chairman OBC Mahasabha, Bansil Lal Choudhary Convener OBC Mahasabha, Mohd Shabir Ahmed President Dhobi Welfare Central Committee,

Gurpreet Dogra Youth President Kashyap Rajput Sabha, Mohan Lal Pawar, Raj Kumar Mehra, Reham Deen Malik, Sunny Dogra, Ashok Kumar Lambad, Darshan Lal Mehra, Sonu Kumar, Ravi Kumar Dogra, Faquir Chand Satia President AIBCF, Raj Kumar Chalotra, Ram Lubiya, Ravi Kumar Dogra, Sat Pal Kashyap, Surinder Sodhi, Kamal Kishore, Prem Kumar, Sunny Mehra, Sunny Bishan, Ajay Kumar, Kishan Lal, Chetan Kumar, Vikas Mehra, Vinod Dharam Pal, Puran Chand, Tirth Ram Gumbal, Parveen Kumar Mehra and Sahil Dogra.