

Vaishya community's role stupendous in developing India: Kavinder

Applauds Modi, Shah over unprecedented steps for J&K's progress

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Sunday asserted that the contribution of Vaishya community in the development of the country is enormously meaningful and no one can undermine the role which the community played in steering India to new heights peace and prosperity.

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing the Akhil Bharatiya Vaishya Sammelan here at Talkatora Indoor Stadium.

Several Prominent personalities belonging to the Vaishya Samaj participated in the Sammelan.

Besides Kavinder Gupta others who shared the podium included Acharya Mahamandaleswar Shri Shri 1008 Dr Balkananda



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta at Vaishya Sammelan.

Giri, Om Birla, Speaker Lok Sabha, Ganga Parsad Governor of Sikkim, Piyush Goyal Minister of Textiles and Commerce and Industry and Dr Gireesh Kumar Sanghi, National President and former Member Parliament.

Kavinder, in his address, said that Mahatma Gandhi had ensured freedom to the country but Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home

Minister Amit Shah have taken the country to the next level of peace, progress and prosperity by focusing exceptionally on the aspects of development in all fields. He asserted that both PM Modi and HM Shah hails from the very same Vaishya Samaj and therefore there is no surprise element in their phenomenally extraordinary performance that has

steered India to newer heights of progress.

The former deputy Chief Minister specifically described the daring steps which both these leaders belonging to Vaishya Samaj took in J&K to bail out people from the years' long dynastic politics through the step of abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcating the erstwhile state into UTs of J&K and Ladakh leading to development of both regions as never before.

The senior BJP leader also appreciated Hindu Hriday Samrat Ashok Singhal for his vital role in the construction of Ram Mandir. He said that the approach of Vaishya Samaj is nationalist which forms the basis of a strong nation which India has become today and will continue to remain till eternity.

Slain Ct Saifullah's daughter's last trip to tuition leaves her scarred for life

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SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: The shell-shocked nine-year-old daughter of police constable Saifullah Qadiri often breaks down as she remembers her father and is overcome with regret for asking him to accompany her for tuition classes on May 24, the day he was gunned down by terrorists.

A student of class 3, Syed Safa Qadiri's world came crashing down as she witnessed terrorists pumping bullets into her father.

With a bandaged hand, Safa, who also received gunshot wounds, is unable to come out of the nightmarish experience and is often seen gazing at the ceiling of her room with questions like "mere papa jannat mein gaye honge na (My father must have

gone to heaven)", says her mother Rabia.

"She (Safa) often breaks down regretting why she insisted her father to accompany her for tuition classes on that fateful day," Rabia said.

Qadiri, a constable with the Jammu and Kashmir Police, was shot dead by terrorists outside his home in the Anchar area on the outskirts of Srinagar.

"I was in the kitchen when some neighbours brought Safa from outside with her clothes drenched in blood. We rushed her to a hospital where I saw my husband being rushed on another stretcher, pulling the rug from under my feet. Concerned with Safa's condition, I did not realise then that the target was my husband," Rabia said as she broke

down in tears.

Asked about her arm, Safa bravely says in a choked voice, "I am fine...at times it pains a bit but I am the daughter of a brave policeman."

"All I know I have to fulfil my father's dream of me becoming an IPS officer," she adds.

Since May 24, Safa has not gone to school.

Her mother is still struggling to explain the whole episode to her children -- Safa and eight-year-old daughter Saddah.

"I used to tell them that their father has been taken to Delhi for treatment but I could not carry on with this lie as they understood with the stream of visitors coming to our house," said Rabia, who has a M.Sc degree.

Inspector General of

Police (Kashmir range) Vijay Kumar said the police have identified the terrorist responsible for Qadiri's killing and will nab them soon.

The family was visited by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha a few days after the incident. The administration is yet to offer any alternative avenue for earning to the family.

Rabia, picking up her life again after her husband's death, spoke about the difficulties: "I need a constant source of earning for my children. I am sure that the police department will definitely look into this."

Qadiri joined the police force as a Special Police Officer (SPO) in 2010 and was made permanent in 2014 after his superiors found him excelling in his duties.

Natrang's Summer Theatre Workshop to commence from June 7



Workshop Coordinator, Gauri Thakur briefing media.

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JAMMU: Natrang is commencing its much awaited 'Summer Theatre Workshop' for children from June 7, 2022 at Natrang Studio Theatre (Air-conditioned), Jammu. This was informed

here on Sunday by Gauri Thakur, the Workshop Coordinator in a press briefing. She was accompanied by Bhawana, Mohd. Yaseen, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Arti Devi and Kananpreet Kaur. She informed that daily tim-

ings of this month-long workshop would be 8 to 10 am and children between 6 to 14 years will be considered for this camp. As theatre is considered as an efficient tool for the overall personality development of its practitioners, Children Theatre Camp-2022 offers a unique learning opportunity for Jammu Children. The training module of Natrang's Children theatre has been devised by Director Natrang, Balwant Thakur who has taken the children theatre of Jammu to the entire length and breadth of the Country. Those interested may immediately register with Natrang. For details may call at 9596947777.

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JAMMU: In order to celebrate the spirit of Yoga and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Directorate of AYUSH J&K in collaboration with Moraji Desai Institute of Yoga, New Delhi has kick-started Yoga Mahotsav campaign across UT of Jammu & Kashmir-countdown to International Day of Yoga. During the campaign, Yoga sessions are being organised in at least 7 iconic places of each district across J&K, which have been identified on basis of tourist importance, pilgrim sites, heritage sites and educational importance. Accordingly, a mega session was conduct-



Expert conducting a Yoga session.

ed at SKICC Srinagar on Sunday from 7 AM to 9 AM, which was inaugurated by Dr Mohan Singh, Director AYUSH J&K. The programme was attended by all Medical/Para-Medical staff, Civil Society members and common masses. Trained Yoga

Instructors under the guidance of Dr Manjit Singh (Yoga Expert) demonstrated common Yoga Aasans and Pranayam for healthy lifestyle besides remaining free from ailments like diabetes mellitus, obesity, respiratory problems, joint

pains, hypertension etc. The participants were also made aware of Yog Nidras and meditation for dealing with stress-related disorders and elevating concentration levels. Speaking on the occasion Dr Mohan Singh, Director AYUSH J&K informed that the theme for 8th International Day of Yoga is 'Yoga For Humanity' declared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 89th edition of Mann Ki Baat. He thanked Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department for his continuous guidance and support for making the events a big success. He also thanked Director Moraji Desai

Institute of Yoga, New Delhi for his support to organize two mega iconic Yoga sessions, one at Jammu and another at Srinagar. Deputy Director AYUSH, Kashmir Dr Farooq Ahmad Wani, Assistant Director (HQ) Dr Sujad Hussain Shuja, Dr Nuzhat Bashir District AYUSH Officer Srinagar, Divisional Nodal Officer AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres Kashmir Dr Mushfaq Ahmad Parray, Incharge Officer Govt Unani Hospital Shalteng Srinagar Dr Farooq Naqashbandi, all District AYUSH Officers/District Nodal Officers AYUSH of Kashmir Division also participated in the session.

Smanla Dorje proposes installation of Buddha statue at Sindhu Ghaat

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LEH: Smanla Dorje Nurboo proposed that a 60-feet tall Buddha Statue be built at Sindhu Ghat at Shey in Leh Ladakh.

He put forth a proposal in this regard to the Chairman, LAHDC, Leh, Tashi Gyalson.

Nurboo represents Saspol constituency as Councillor in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh from Congress Party.

However, while talking to the media, he claimed that he had submitted the proposal not as a Councillor or a Congressman but as a Ladakhi youth in his own personal capacity.

A copy of the proposal was sent to the Member of Parliament, Jamiyang Tsering Namgyal also.

Submitting the proposal to Chairman, LAHDC, Leh, Nurboo said that he had been raising concern against the celebration of Sindhu Mahakumbh on the bank of River Indus at Shey in Leh district.

"While I am not against any religion or the collective belief of a community in particular, I am concerned about the



Smanla Dorje Nurboo

following two matters: i) negative environmental impact on the river and the regions dependent on it ii) the growing sense of apprehension among the people of Ladakh regarding a hidden agenda of a particular religious organisation to saffronise the region. I hope there is no such hidden agenda and the spirit of secularism and the right to practice and promote all religion peacefully guaranteed by Article 25-28 of the Constitution of India is preserved," he

said, requesting LAHDC Leh to provide funds and required permissions to construct a 60-feet tall Buddha Statue at the site. "This will not ensure a sense of security amongst the people of Ladakh but also become a symbol of peace, unity and brotherhood amongst the devotees and tourists who visit the site from all over the country," he reasoned. Nurboo met Choekyong Palga Rinpoche also and sought Rinpoche's support in this regard. Rinpoche is currently on an 'Eco Pad Yatra' from Leh to Kargil with the message of communal harmony, social equality, and restoration of Gonpa in Kargil. "I wish all the best to your endeavour with the 'Eco Pad Yatra'. This is not only inspiring for a youth like me but also a ray of hope for the people of Ladakh, especially for the Buddhist Community of the region," Nurboo said in his letter while seeking support for construction of a Buddha Statue at Sindhu Ghat.

Smanla Dorje Nurboo told the media that he got a positive response from the Chairman LAHDC, and Rinpoche has also assured him to read the proposal he submitted.

MP Sanjay Bhatia addresses booth empowerment training programme

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JAMMU: Member of Parliament from Karnal, Sanjay Bhatia addressed Booth Sashaktikaran Abhiyaan Prashikshan (Booth empowerment training programme) held by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir at its headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

MP Sanjay Bhatia along with MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former party President & former Dy. Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, former party President & former Minister Sat Sharma, party Vice-President Pawan Khajuria, General Secretary & former Minister Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and former Minister Priya Sethi inaugurated the training workshop by lighting the traditional lamps.

MP Sanjay Bhatia chiefly addressed the training programme, whereas MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, J&K BJP Vice-President Pawan Khajuria and J&K BJP General Secretary & former Minister Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal also addressed the sessions which were attended by party state office bearers, District Presidents and



MP Karnal, Sanjay Bhatia addressing Booth Sashaktikaran Abhiyaan Prashikshan.

other senior leaders. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, state Incharge of the "Booth Sashaktikaran Abhiyaan" supervised the entire training programme. Pawan Khajuria conducted the programme proceedings.

The BJP IT department also presented a powerpoint presentation on the "SARAL" portal in front of senior party leadership.

Sanjay Bhatia, while addressing the training sessions, kept his focus on the approach to common masses. He said that the entire organization should get involved in the whole exercise to reach the booth level worker and the prominent persons of the booth. He laid special stress on meeting the beneficiaries of the public welfare schemes initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government. He said

that the party leaders must direct their focus to know the exact ground reality of the implementation of those

BMS demands Rs 1 crore compensation each to NoKs of targeted killing victims

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Mazdoor Sang (BMS) J&K Executive committee convened a meeting in Jammu on Sunday under the leadership of J&K President, Ashfaq Ahmed Chohan, which was attended by a number of workers and office bearers including Neelam Sharma General Secretary, Ashok Choudhary, Harbans Choudhary, Mukesh Kumar, Dev Parkash, Naseeb Singh Ravi Hans, Sunil Kumar, Purshotam Singh, Bushan Sharma, Subash Verma, Chuni Lal, Sachin Bali, Roshu

schemes. He said that by just ensuring the 100 percent of deliverance of these schemes to the needy persons will ensure that the people will build even stronger faith on the Modi govt and the Nationalist policies of BJP.

Jugal said that in Jammu & Kashmir every MP and former MLA has taken responsibility to allot the booths to other party leaders for their effective reach.

Sharma and Kamlesh Kumari. North India Organising Secretary Pawan Kumar was also present during the meeting, wherein organisational expansion matters were discussed in detail. BMS members said that minimum wages have not been revised from last five years and none is serious in this regard. Expressing concern on recent targeted killings in Valley, BMS demanded fool-proof security for all Govt employees in Valley besides Rs 1 crore compensation and Govt jobs to NoKs of all victims of targeted killings.

CRIME REPORT

Two theft cases solved; 3 thieves arrested, stolen items, cash recovered

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JAMMU: Police on Sunday solved two theft cases by arresting three accused and recovered stolen cash and other items from their possession.

As per details, on May 1, 2022, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Chowk Chabutra by one Jai Raj Palgotra, son of Prithvi Palgotra, resident of Jain Bazar Baba Lalji Gali, Jammu pertaining to theft in his shop. On receipt of information, FIR No 51/2022 under

sections 457/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Pacea Danga. After this, a team from Police Post Chowk Chabutra under supervision of SDPO North Sharad Kalu led by SHO Pacea Danga Insp Raghuvir Singh assisted by Incharge Police Post Jyoti Choudhary, after putting in strenuous efforts, apprehended two notorious thieves namely Sikander Singh alias Shibu alias Balvinder Singh, resident of Resham Ghar colony and Mohd Asgar alias Ashu, son of Manjoor Ahmed, resident of Chak Rakwal, Udhampur, who confessed their involvement in crime. On their disclosure, stolen cash was recovered from their possession.

Meanwhile, on May 1, 2022, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Residency Road by one Balal Ahmed Dass, son of Nazir Ahmed Dass, resident of Heward Shahbad, Verinag, at present Shahidi Chowk, Jammu pertaining to theft in his Bakery Shop located at Talab Khatikan, Jammu. On the receipt complaint, FIR No.31/2022 under sections 454,380 of IPC was registered at Police Station City and investigation started. A team from Police Post Residency Road under the supervision of SDPO North Sharad Kalu led by SHO Police Station City Insp Rakesh Sharma assisted by Incharge Police Post Residency SI Sudershan Lal was constituted, which after scrutinizing CCTV footages, apprehended a notorious thief namely Deepak Kumar, son of Manga, resident of H.No.30, Kalka colony, Bahu fort Jammu, who also confessed his crime. On their disclosure, stolen cash amounting to Rs 26,000 was recovered from his possession.

Bootlegger nabbed with 53 bottles of illicit liquor

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JAMMU: In an act of alertness and prompt action, police on Sunday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 53 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession.

As per details, a team of Border Police Post Chakroi under supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Insp Rajesh Sharma and assisted by Incharge Border Police Post Chakroi PSI Wasim Bhatti during a Naka checking duty at Chakroi near BDO Block, rounded up a suspect, from whom possession 53 bottles were recovered. The accused, identified as Rinku Kumar alias Lara, son of Madan Lal, resident of Chakroi was arrested and a case was registered against him.

Narco smuggler nabbed with 10 gm heroin

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JHAJJAR KOTLI: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jhajjar Kotli Police nabbed a

narco smuggler at Naka Point, Suketar and recovered 10 gm heroin from his possession.

As per details, a team from Police Station Jhajjar Kotli led by SHO Insp Vikram Sharma while on Naka duty rounded up a suspect in a vehicle (JK02AS-2903). On search, 10 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. The accused, identified as Yasir Hussain, son of Mohd Amin, resident of Gulmarg Colony Bathindi Jammu, was arrested and FIR no 133/2022 under sections 8/21/22/25 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. The whole operation was done under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar.



2 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

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HANDWARA: Acting tough against elements involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Sunday seized 2 vehicles in Handwara.

As per details, a party from Police Station Handwara along with officials from Geology & Mining Department seized two vehicles (1 JCB & 1 tipper) for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from Maratgam and Bangas area. Accordingly, legal action under the provisions of MMDR (Mines & Minerals Development and Regulation) Act was initiated.

Drug peddler arrested, psychotropic substances recovered

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HANDWARA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Sunday arrested a drug peddler in Handwara and recovered psychotropic substances from his possession.

As per details, a party from Police Post Langate during Naka checking at Main Market Langate intercepted a suspect. During search, 700 ml Codeine and 103 tablets of banned drugs were recovered from his possession. The accused, identified as Afroz Ahmad Shah, son of Bashir Ahmad Shah, resident of Chak Langate, was arrested and shifted to police station, where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No.151/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Handwara and further investigation started.

Driver among 4 injured as vehicle plunges into gorge

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POONCH: Five persons including a driver received injuries, when a load-carrier tempo, they were travelling in, skidded off the road and plunged into deep gorge at Barachar Loran area of Poonch on Sunday.

As per details, an ill-fated vehicle (JK12C-8490) was on its way from Loran to Mandi and driver failed to negotiate a sharp curve, due to which vehicle plunged into gorge, causing injuries to five persons including driver. After getting information, locals rescued injured and shifted them to PHC Mandi, from where they were referred to District Hospital Poonch for advanced treatment.

The injured were identified as Mohd Umar, son of Mohd Sadeeq, resident of Chakrara, Zeeshan Ahmed, son of Khalil Ahmed, Mohd Toseef, son of Mohd Yousif, Mohd Mudasiir, son of Mohd Ayooob and Mohd Alyas, son of Mohd Akram, all residents of Barachar, Mandi, Poonch. A case was registered at Police Station Loran and further investigation started.