

# BJP marks 11 years of transformative governance under PM Modi's leadership: Kavinder

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) celebrated 11 years of impactful governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a grand event organized as part of the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan" in Bahu Mandal, Jammu South. The milestone also coincided with the completion of one year of PM Modi's third term in office. Addressing a vibrant gathering of BJP cadres, senior BJP stalwart and former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K Kavinder Gupta lauded the government's unwavering commitment to welfare-driven governance and inclusive development, which has transformed the lives of millions across India.



Former Dy CM of J&K, Kavinder Gupta and other BJP leaders at a programme.

ensuring equitable growth. "The essence of our governance has been to empower every citizen, particularly the most marginalized, through schemes designed to enhance their quality of life," Gupta stated. He highlighted flagship initiatives such as Ujjwala Yojana, which has provided clean cooking fuel to millions of households; PM Awas Yojana, enabling affordable housing for the underprivileged; Ayushman Bharat, ensuring accessible healthcare; Jan Aushadhi, offering affordable medi-

cines; and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, supporting farmers with direct financial assistance. "These schemes have given new wings to the hopes and aspirations of Indians, fostering a sense of dignity and opportunity," he added. Gupta further remarked, "Every effort in these 11 years has been made with devotion and a service spirit to ease the lives of citizens. The BJP government, under PM Modi's visionary leadership, has worked tirelessly to realize the dream of a Viksit Bharat—a developed India

where every citizen thrives." He credited the success of these initiatives to the government's focus on transparency, accountability, and people-centric policies. He expressed optimism about India's trajectory, stating, "With PM Modi's unwavering commitment to Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047, we are on track to achieve even greater heights. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan event served as a platform to reaffirm the BJP's resolve to continue its journey of transformative governance. Kavinder Gupta

urged party cadres to spread awareness about the government's achievements and engage with communities to ensure the benefits of welfare schemes reach every eligible citizen. The celebration not only highlighted the milestones achieved over the past 11 years but also set the tone for continued progress toward a prosperous and inclusive India.

The event was attended by prominent BJP leaders, including Rajeev Charak, ex-councillor Ajay Gupta, Rakesh Sangral, Mandal President Surjeet Singh Sonu, Karuna Khetri, Sunny Sangral, Amit Mahajan, Subhash Kumar, Hans Raj, Vivek Patyal, Mukhtyar Singh, Sajjan Sharma, Surinder Kumar, Kamlesh Magotra, Nitin Thapa, and other dedicated party workers. Their presence underscored the party's strong grassroots connection and commitment to public service.

# BRHF delegation meets BJP Parliamentary Board Member Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya



BRHF delegation meeting with Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Member of Parliamentary Board of BJP.

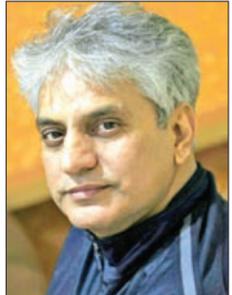
**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A high-level delegation of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation (BRHF) met Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Member of the Parliamentary Board of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former Union Minister, in New Delhi. The meeting was organized to apprise him of the Foundation's social and spiritual activities and seek support. The delegation was led by Om Prakash Bagga, International President of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation. He was accompanied by Rajesh Bagga,

President of the India Chapter; Balbir Ram Rattan, General Secretary and Advocate Deepika Chawda, Founder Member and Secretary, along with other office bearers. Om Prakash Bagga informed Dr. Jatiya that the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation is a social and non-political organization committed to spreading Guru Ravidas Ji's message of social equality, interfaith harmony, and a caste-free society on a global scale. The organization is headquartered in London (UK), with active branches in India and several other countries.

Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, a seven-time Member of Parliament from Ujjain and former Minister of Labour and Social Justice and Empowerment in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government (1999-2004), appreciated the efforts of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation. He stated that the life and teachings of Guru Ravidas Ji are even more relevant today and that the work being done by the Foundation to unite society is truly inspirational. Dr. Jatiya assured the delegation that he would raise this issue at the appropriate forum within the party.

# KK Gandhi to showcase his work at Shimla Art Festival 2025

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JAMMU: The Himachal State Museum is set to host the Shimla Art Festival from June 15 to 17, 2025, and among the distinguished artists invited is the celebrated painter K.K. Gandhi from Jammu. Known for his expressive brushwork, philosophical depth, and deep-rooted connection to Indian spirituality and nature, Gandhi's participation is expected to be a highlight of the three-day cultural celebration. A painter of national repute, KK Gandhi has spent decades capturing India's spiritual essence, landscapes, and cultural heritage through his vibrant and evocative canvases. His artworks are deeply inspired by Gandhian philosophy, Indian mythology, and the natural beauty of the Himalayan region. His invita-



tion to the Shimla Art Festival not only honours his artistic journey but also brings attention to the rich artistic traditions of Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking ahead of the festival, officials from the Himachal State Museum expressed their excitement over Gandhi's presence. "KK Gandhi's participation bridges regional boundaries

and enriches the cultural dialogue between artists from across India. His ability to infuse emotion, tradition, and symbolism into modern visual art will resonate deeply with audiences here," said a museum spokesperson. The Shimla Art Festival will feature live painting demonstrations, interactive sessions with artists, curated art exhibitions, and cultural performances, offering a dynamic and immersive experience for art lovers and tourists alike. Gandhi, who has exhibited widely across India and abroad, expressed his gratitude for being part of the festival. "Art is a universal language that transcends borders. I am honoured to be part of this wonderful initiative that celebrates creativity, culture, and community in the serene and historic surroundings of Shimla," he said.

# IYA celebrates Int'l Day of Yoga at Rana Rajinder Singh Park

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JAMMU: The Indian Yoga Association (IYA), a nationally renowned body devoted to the promotion of yoga for the past 17 years under the divine guidance of Swami Chidanand Saraswati, National Chairman (Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh), and the able leadership of Subodh Tiwari, Secretary General (IYA) and CEO of Kaivalyadhama, Lonavla-Pune, proudly celebrated International Day of Yoga (IDY) at Rana Rajinder Singh Park, Rehari, Jammu. The event was held under the visionary direction of Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Chairman (J&K) and State Yoga Commissioner. The serene atmosphere of the park resonated with yogic energy as a large number of



Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and others at a programme.

yoga enthusiasts gathered early morning to participate in this meaningful celebration. Sudha Chander Sharma, Joint Secretary of IYA J&K and President of Jammu District Patanjali Yogpeeth, warmly welcomed the participants and introduced the dignitaries gracing the stage. The event was presided over by Ashok Gupta, and the Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr.

Shreyansh Kumar Jain. The highlight of the event was the keynote address by Dr. S. K. Jain, who spoke profoundly on the importance and relevance of yoga in daily life. He emphasized the holistic development of the human being through yoga-encompassing the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions. He conducted a detailed and engaging yoga session including standing, sitting, and

supine asanas such as Tadasana, Trikonasana, Utkatasana, Hastapadasana, Vajrasana, Bhujangasana, Ustrasana, Makarasana, Paschimottanasana and Shavasana. Dr. Jain further guided the gathering through various pranayama techniques like Deep Breathing, Anulom Vilom, Sheetali, and Sheetkari, followed by a focused meditation session. He

explained the concept, process, and benefits of meditation, defining it as a tool for cultivating equanimity, reducing stress, anxiety, and insomnia, and enhancing clarity in decision-making. Ashok Gupta appreciated the inclusion of Laughter Yoga and Clapping Yoga, highlighting their effectiveness in promoting mental well-being and community bonding. Special coordination for the event was handled by Swati Sharma, with key support from Madhu Sharma, Sushma Jamwal, Neha, and Diptee Sharma, who played vital roles in organizing and facilitating the smooth conduct of the program. The event concluded with a collective pledge to integrate yoga into daily life for better health, harmony, and holistic wellness.

# JKDFA inaugurates fifth milk collection centre in Jammu; AHD Director praises dairy farmers' progress

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant boost to the dairy sector in Jammu and Kashmir, the Jammu and Kashmir Dairy Farmers Association (JKDFA) and Rudra Progressive Farm inaugurated its fifth milk collection centre at Uttam Vihar, Patta Paloura in Jammu in just the past six months. The event was graced by Parvinder Singh Sudan, Director of Animal Husbandry Department (AHD), Jammu and Kashmir, who served as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, Sudan congratulated the JKDFA for its continuous efforts in empowering local dairy farmers and promoting self-reliance in the dairy sector. "These centres collect milk



Parvinder Singh Sudan, Director AHD, J&K inaugurating milk collection centre at Jammu.

directly from farmers, ensuring they receive fair prices. The milk is then processed locally into high-quality products like Ghee, Paneer, and the traditional Kaladi. This initiative is not just about milk collection; it's about value addition and strengthening the rural economy," he said. "I extend my best wishes to

the JKDFA for further growth and hope they open even more such outlets across the region," Sudan added. JKDFA President Sandeep Singh Chib also addressed the audience, encouraging more farmers to come forward and start their own dairy farms. "Our goal is to support small and medium dairy farmers by

giving them a platform to sell their produce at competitive rates. We aim to make dairy farming a profitable and sustainable livelihood option," Chib said. He further announced that JKDFA plans to establish 50 milk collection centres across Jammu and Kashmir by the year 2026. These centres will be equipped with modern facilities for milk testing, chilling, and processing to ensure quality and hygiene standards are met. Deputy Director Dr. Idrees Malik, LDO Jammu Dr. Zafar and Dr. H.P. Singh, Vice Chairman Rashpal Choudhary, Vice President Keher Singh Choudhary, Jasvinder Singh Saini (State Secretary), Jammu Province President Balbir Kumar, Dr. Shahid (President) JKDFA Kashmir Province), Sadiq (President) JKDFA Ramban District), Govind Sharma President Distt Rajouri and members from Reasi and Sunderbani were present.

# JKAACL stages Kashmiri Play "Gadd Bateh" under Rangdhara Series

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JAMMU: As part of its ongoing Saptahik Rangdhara weekly theatre series, the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) presented the Kashmiri play Gadd Bateh, staged by the Pir Panchal (CESES) Organisation. The play captivated the audience with its rich emotional depth, cultural resonance, and powerful performances. Harvinder Kour, Secretary JKAACL felicitated the performing group with a memento, applauding their exceptional efforts. In her address, she commended the team for bringing to life a story that not only entertains but also reflects the emotional journey and cultural values of the Kashmiri Pandit community in exile. Written by Rakesh Roshan Bhat and directed by Rohit Bhat, Gadd Bateh tells the heartfelt story of a displaced Kashmiri Pandit who, after living for 35 years without own-



Harvinder Kour, Secretary JKAACL felicitating the performing group with memento.

ing a home in Jammu, finally brings his own house. Though he wishes to celebrate Gadd Bateh—a traditional Kashmiri festival—quietly, the day becomes a symbolic and emotional celebration, enriched by the presence of his family, neighbours, and even the divine figure of Gar Devta. Rakesh Tickoo, in the role of Tathya, delivered a moving performance that captured the struggle between tradition and displacement. Rahul Kilam (Bub Ji) added warmth and humour, while King C Bharti (Sanje Boss)

brought charm and energy. Suman Bhat as Daizy embodied youthful vitality, and Rahul Pandita's portrayal of Ramesh was both intense and heartfelt. Bharti Koul's Asha Ji was mature and nuanced, and Vinay Pandita impressed the audience as Gar Devta, infusing the stage with a divine presence. The backstage team's contribution was equally commendable. Costumes were designed by Bharti Kaul, lighting was managed by Ravinder Sharma, makeup by Shamy Damir, properties by Sushma

Kumari, and original music composed by Ishu Bharti Pandit. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Anil Tickoo, ACO. Gadd Bateh not only provided an evening of compelling theatre but also left a lasting impression on the audience with its cultural authenticity and emotional storytelling. The Saptahik Rangdhara series continues next Saturday, June 21, 2025, with the Hindi play 'Malik Kamal Noukar Dhamaal', presented by the Society for Environment Education & Modern Arts.

# Natrang stages hilarious Hindi play 'Shaahir Khiladi' in Jammu



Natrang artists performing in a play.

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JAMMU: Natrang Theatre Group presented a rib-tickling performance of the newly staged Hindi play 'Shaahir Khiladi', written by Daya Prakash Sinha and ably directed by Neeraj Kant. The play's instinctive humor and clever storytelling kept the audience thoroughly entertained and often bursting into laughter. The storyline of Shaahir Khiladi centers around the amusing character of Lala Chadami Lal, who is now married for the fourth time, as his

previous three wives have passed away. His new wife, much younger and fiercely strong-willed, completely dominates him, turning the once-authoritative Lala into a submissive, henpecked husband. Despite being bullied at home, Lala tries hard to maintain his image in society as a fearless and dominating man. To save face in front of his friends, he fabricates tall tales about his superiority over his wife. However, the truth comes out when his wife throws him out of the house for not fulfill-

ing her demand of buying a specific dress. Lala pretends to resist her demands in public, but secretly he mortgages his ring to buy the dress. The twist comes when it is revealed that the ring he gave was fake, leaving his friends both shocked and amused. In the end, his cunning move reaffirms his title as a true 'Shaahir Khiladi' - a sly old champion. The energetic performance featured Natrang's young artists Aryan Sharma, Adaksh Bagal, Kushal Bhat, and Kartik Kumar, whose comic timing and expressive acting won hearts. The lighting for the play was designed and executed by Neeraj Kant, while the event coordination was handled by Mohd. Yaseen. Prerna Sharma gave the on-stage presentations and added to the seamless flow of the show. With its engaging script, humorous dialogues, and lively performances, Shaahir Khiladi added another feather to Natrang's cap, leaving the audience in splits and thoroughly entertained.

# BJP J&K organizes Professional Meets and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabhas across J&K

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, conducted a series of Professional Meets and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabhas across multiple districts of Jammu & Kashmir to mark 11 years of Seva, Sushasan, and Gareeb Kalyan under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At Mandal Raipur Domana, B-JP District Jammu North, J&K B-JP President Sat Sharma addressed a well-attended Professional Meet. He was joined by J&K B-JP Vice President & former MLA Jammu North Sham Lal Sharma, District President Nand Kishore Sharma, and other senior party functionaries. Sat Sharma said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has redefined governance with a focus on the welfare of the last person in the



MLA Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma and J&K B-JP President Sat Sharma addressing a gathering at Jammu.

queue. From housing to health, electricity to entrepreneurship, every sector has witnessed a people-centric transformation. These 11 years are a testament to our resolve for a developed, secure, and self-reliant India." At Suchetgarh, J&K B-JP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul led the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp

Sabha' along with MLA Suchetgarh Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat and District President Rinku Choudhary. Ashok Koul emphasized, "The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha is not just a programme, it's a movement. We are committing ourselves to the vision of a developed India by 2047. The Modi government's work

on infrastructure, digital India, border security, and farmer empowerment has laid a robust foundation for this mission." In Bahu Mandal, Jammu South, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta addressed the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha alongside senior leaders Rajeev Charak, Ajay Gupta, Rakesh Sangral,

Surjeet Singh Sonu, and others. Kavinder Gupta echoed the commitment of BJP towards grassroots development. He called for an enthusiastic participation from party cadre, professionals, and the general public, further reinforcing BJP's commitment to building a Viksit Bharat by the year 2047. At Satwari Mandal, Ganganal, B-JP General Secretary & Abhiyan Incharge Adv. Vibodh Gupta, accompanied by former Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria, addressed a spirited gathering. Vibodh Gupta said, "The Sankalp Sabhas are an opportunity for us to reconnect with the people, reaffirm our goals, and report the positive change brought in the last 11 years. The Modi model of governance has bridged the gap between aspiration and action, making every Indian a stakeholder in the nation's progress."