

Modi Govt steadfast in empowering SCs: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday said that successive governments had only coined slogans about the upliftment of Scheduled Caste people but it is only BJP that has taken concrete steps for their social and economic empowerment and educational advancement of SCs.

The BJP stalwart said this while addressing a meeting of District Working Committee of Anusuchit Jati Morcha here in Jammu.

The former Deputy Minister said that unlike previous governments which tread the path of appeasing the minorities through cheap tactics PM Modi led BJP dispensation is steadfast in empowering the under-privileged and



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta posing with Anusuchit Jati Morcha members.

the minorities which deserve special focus as far as socio-economic development, health and educational facilities are concerned. State President Anusuchit Jati Morcha Manohar Lal Menia, Rakesh Sangral, Vivek Patyal, K C Bhagat and Chaman Lal were also present in the meeting.

Kavinder said that BJP believes in inclusiveness

and is working tirelessly for the upliftment of underprivileged and destitute. He said that there are plethora of schemes meant exclusively for the SCs and other underprivileged communities and therefore it is important that SCs and others avail maximum benefit out these schemes.

The former Deputy Chief Minister said that BJP government has taken several reforms for the welfare of SCs as the party is

committed to uplift all the underprivileged segments in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that government led by PM Modi has augmented many schemes for those who are financially weak to keep the promise made with the people. He said that Baba Saheb Ambedkar has strengthened democracy through his relentless efforts and it is his contribution that India has emerged as a strong entity in the entire world.

Kavinder said that the underprivileged should remain cautious against those who want to deceive them under the guise of being their well wishers. He said that progress made by downtrodden and the minorities during PM Modi's regime is tremendous making it important to toe the line of BJP to ensure justice to all.

Nation building, youth empowerment main goals of ABVP: Khandelwal

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad North Zone Organising Secretary Vikrant Khandelwal on Monday held a meeting at State Office Amphalla where he met with all the Karyakartas of ABVP Jammu Mahanagar.

He took a meeting with ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Karyakartas today and tell them about the history, Formation, Goals and achievements of ABVP from last 73 years.

He also Congratulate the newly elected ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Team for session 2021-22.

Addressing the meeting he said that the Vidyarthi Parishad has continuously struggled for comprehensive educational reforms.

Education for life and Life for the country is a thought



ABVP North Zone Organising Secretary Vikrant Khandelwal posing with other members.

which should permeate amongst the students.

The greatest achievement of ABVP is that it has gifted the country a student organisation which has been built through years of tireless efforts and devotion. Vikrant Ji tell karyakartas about the struggle of ABVP karyakartas in 1980s and 90s during dictatorship of Congress Rule. He further said karyakartas about the struggle of ABVP in the emergency period.

He discusses about the upcoming events of

Mahanagar. ABVP Jammu Mahanagar in the wake of completing of 75 years of independence has taken a target of hosting 1000 flags on the upcoming Independence Day (15th August) in every streets and wards of Jammu.

In the meeting ABVP North Zone Joint Organising Secretary Vijay Pratap were also present.

Addressing the meeting he said ABVP since from the foundation is working with the aim of national reconstruction, commenced its multi

dimensional and multifarious activities as a nationwide student organisation, touching every aspect of the societal spectrum.

He motivated Karyakartas to work for the Nation and also appreciate Karyakartas for their selfless work in COVID-19.

He also congratulated the newly elected team of ABVP Jammu Mahanagar for session 2020-21.

In the meeting ABVP Jammu Mahanagar newly elected President Sh. Lokinder Singh were also present and he gave formal vote of thanks in the meeting.

Prominent Members Who were present in the meeting were ABVP Jammu Kashmir State Secretary Mukesh Manhas, State Joint Secretary Rannik Sharma, Jammu Mahanagar Secretary Chahat Anand.

Sandeep, Karuna take over as President, Secretary Rotary Club of Jammu City



Sandeep Beri being installed as President of Rotary Club of Jammu City by Dr. U.S. Ghai, District Governor.

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JAMMU: Rtn. Sandeep Beri was installed as President and Rtn. Karuna Gupta as Secretary of Rotary Club of Jammu City for the year 2021-22 in a grand ceremony held here ON Monday.

The installation was done by Rtn. Dr. U.S. Ghai, District Governor of Rotary District 3070.

Speaking on the occasion, the new President assured to carry forward all the projects undertaken by the outgoing team as also to undertake new projects

for mitigating the sufferings of the people.

Rtn. Ghai congratulated the new team and commended the Rotary Club of Jammu City for the exemplary work done by it through the past year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

District Governor Elect Rtn. Dr. Dushyant Choudhary urged all Rotarians to work for the cause of serving the humanity at large and protecting the environment.

Rtn. Arun Sabharwal, the immediate Past President, highlighted the work done by

the Club in the past and thanked all members of the Club for their tireless efforts and unflinching support in serving the cause of humanity at large.

The members of the Club who have been assigned responsibilities in the Rotary District 3070 for the year 2021-22 were felicitated on the occasion. Rtn. Adep Menta was the Master of Ceremonies.

Those who participated in the installation ceremony include Rtn. Chander Goel, Assistant Governor, Rtn. Anand Pal Singh, Rtn. Sachin Gupta, Rtn. Dr. P.S. Grover, Rtn. Sanjeev Vaid, Rtn. Arvind Sharma, Rtn. Deepali Sharma, Rtn. Sanjay Bansal, Rtn. Sandeep Bhat, Rtn. Sourabh Sethi, Rtn. Jasvinder Kuku Singh, Rtn. Sanjay Gupta, Rtn. J.D. Singh, Rtn. Deepak Sethi, Rtn. Anil Swaraj, Rtn. Prashant Kahlon, Rtn. Sunny Gupta and Rtn. Ravinder Kaul.

J&KITCO distributes certificates among candidates



J&KITCO officials posing with candidates after distributing certificates.

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JAMMU: J&K Industrial and Technical Consultancy Organization Limited (J&K ITCO) on Monday organized valedictory function in Self Employed Tailor and Field Technician, Computer Peripheral and Field Technician AC which were in progress of three months duration each at Power of Mind Training Centre near Science College, Jammu.

In all, 30 candidates in each trades were selected and the programme was sponsored by the National

Backward Classes and Finance Development Corporation, New Delhi.

The main objective of the program was to create Self/Wage Employment among the economically weaker section of the society.

Today on the occasion of valediction all successful candidates were given certificates by Binoy Kumar, Programme Co-ordinator.

Vote of thanks was presented by Rupali Sharma, of Power of Mind Training Centre.

Pre-Induction training culminates at 33 Bn CRPF



DIGP Jammu Range, Rajender Prasad Pandey chairing closing ceremony of Pre-Induction Training.

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JAMMU: Closing ceremony of Pre Induction Training Sl No. 23 was held at 33 Bn CRPF Pre Induction Training Centre in Naggar Gangwal here in presence of Rajender Prasad Pandey, DIGP Jammu Range.

On this occasion Neeraj Tyagi, Second in Command, Bhandar Singh Balyan, Second-in-Command, Santosh Kumar Pal, Deputy Commandant, Darpan Singh,

Assistant Comdt and Dr. Neeru Kundal, Medical Officer were also present.

The main motto of Pre induction Training was to educate troops of various units of Jammu region in C.I Ops and law & order duties who have been newly inducted in Jammu and Kashmir Theatre.

They were also trained on modernized arms and special equipments.

Theatre is beyond materials, says Govind Yadav

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JAMMU: Natrang's National Theatre Talk Show, 'Young Voices of Theatre' featured recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi's 'Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar' for theatre lighting, Govind Singh Yadav on Monday who shared his inspirational thoughts with the global audience at the Facebook page of Natrang Jammu.

Born in 1978, Govind Singh Yadav, a trained theatre practitioner completed his two-year diploma in Dramatic Arts from Bharatendu Natya Academy (BNA), Lucknow in 2001 and three-year diploma in Theatre Techniques, Design and Direction from the National School of Drama, New



Delhi in the year 2006. He is working as Stage Manager and Light Expert at National School of Drama Repertory Company, New Delhi. Recipient of Junior Fellowship from Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, Govind had also completed one year diploma in 'Kathak' from NCZCC, Allahabad. He has directed a number of plays.

In conversation with Natrang's senior artist Neeraj Kant, Govind narrated his journey of theatre. Shy by nature, Govind started doing theatre as a child artist and continued the passion as it offered per-

sonality enrichment to him. Other than acting or direction, he interestingly opted light designing. Moreover he found it a financially viable prospect. He asserts that lights affect the mood of the performance and enhance its overall impact. He also remembered watching a performance of Natrang's landmark play 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun' written and directed by Balwant Thakur which left a lasting impression in his mind.

Gagan believes that designing is a continuous process, one has to keep on evolving to master it. Govind opines that in the theatre, one has to give time and more the time is invested, more satisfying are the results and suggests to never count the returns in terms of profit and loss in theatre, rather try to experience the enlightenment to the self it has provided.

PRIs established in J&K after 7 decades: DDC Chairman

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JAMMU: District Development Council (DDC) Jammu Chairman, Bharat Bhushan Bholi said it is a matter of great achievement and satisfaction that the PRI system has been finally established in Jammu and Kashmir after over seven long decades and for this full credit goes to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The DDC Chairman stated this while inaugurating his office at Udhaiwala, Bohri here today in the presence of District Development Council members, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Minister Sham Lal Sharma and Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg besides several senior functionaries of Jammu administration.

In his address, Bharat Bhushan asserted that it is the dynamic Prime Minister Narendra Modi who deserves full appreciation and credit for strengthening PRIs at the grass root level after the succes-



DDC Jammu Chairman, Bharat Bhushan along with others after inaugurating office.

sive governments miserably failed to do thus failing to restore democracy at grass roots level.

Termining the efforts of successive earlier regimes as half hearted and cosmetic, the senior BJP leader said that they conducted elections of Panch and Sarpanch level only while the Block Development Council and District Development Council elections were never held in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir; he said while accusing the former governments of holding all the power in their hands thus denying the percolation of benefits to the grass roots level.

Asserting that PRI is a system of rural local self-government in India, Bharat Bhushan said that it is based upon Gandhian philosophy of self governance in which the management of local affairs remains in the hands of such local bodies who are directly elected by the local people. He appealed to all the DDC members to work relentlessly to achieve the objective of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 to build democracy at the grass roots level by carrying out the task of rural development in full swing in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

BJP Govt betrayed unemployed youth of Jammu region: Harsh

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JAMMU: Re-iterating the demand of parity in govt Jobs between the two regions of Jammu and Kashmir; Harsh Dev Singh, JKNPP Chairman and former Minister, on Monday accused the BJP Govt of having perpetuated the most hostile bias doled out to the educated unemployed youth of Jammu region over the years.

With the share of Jammu in public employment declining year after year, the heat in the region was fast transforming into a furnace. This was stated by the NPP Chairman while addressing a press conference in Jammu today.

Speaking to media persons, Harsh said that Dogra land had been the worst sufferer in the matter of public employment ever since the BJP ascended the throne of power in 2014. While the BJP-PDP coalition rule witnessed the most hostile discrimination doled out to Jammu region in the matter of Govt Jobs, the post Art 370 abrogation era too provided the most glaring examples of bias against the



JKNPP Chairman, Harsh Dev Singh talking to reporters.

youth of the region.

Singh pointed out that regular protests, Dharnas and demonstrations were held outside PSC, SSB and other recruitment agencies against the alleged regional bias with the then mandated leaders merely making vague statements in the media without taking any remedial action to rectify the imbalances. He said that the situation worsened after state's re-organization with Jammu region getting eclipsed and sidelined probably in view of BJP govt's ambitions to conquer the political landscape in Kashmir: One can't lose sight of the fact that during the past two years the share of Jammu region in govt Jobs has declined to abysmally low levels

with Kashmir continuing to get the focused attention of the rulers. The first select list issued by Fire Services Deptt had merely 70 candidates from Jammu region as against 620 from Kashmir. The select list of Assistant Professors in clinical Pathology had all selected candidates from Kashmir region.

The R&B Deptt had sought filling up of 76 posts of work Supervisors all for Kashmir region with Jammu region having been completely ignored.

The Fisheries Deptt had made 304 appointments from Kashmir region with hardly 40 appointments falling in the city of Jammu region.

The Health Deptt, last year, ordered termination of around 1500 health professionals

appointed under SRO-24 while allowing their Kashmir counterparts to continue in office. In the same vein, hundreds of daily rated and casual workers and contractual lecturers of Jammu region were thrown out in the most authoritarian manner in the recent few years thus causing huge resentment amongst the educated unemployed, semi employed and under employed youth of the region. By depriving the Jammu region youth of their due share in employment and appeasing Kashmir the BJP would only antagonize its core constituency without getting anything in the valley. The lotus shall never bloom in Kashmir; cautioned Singh.

Calling upon the Govt to fulfill its promises of youth empowerment and equal share in services to Jammu youth, Singh called for immediate settlement of the issues of unemployed Dental surgeons, BSF and CISF aspirants, SMAGRA Teachers, REKs besides other DRWs of PHIE, PWD and PDD in the light of assurances made by the present rulers.

Sat asks JMC to ensure cleaning of deep-drains

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JAMMU: Focussing on providing a clean and conducive atmosphere during this pandemic situation, former State President, BJP and Ex MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma visited Lane Number 2, Anand Nagar, Bohri, Ward 41 where the works for construction of drains was started by him along with Corporator Sanjay Baru.

There were no drains before and rains caused chaos for locals.

Sharma was also accompanied by BJP Media Secretary Dr Pardeep Mahotra, Mandal President Keshav Chopra, District General Secretary Rajesh Gupta, local residents and political activists of the area.

The works will be done under the supervision of JMC (Jammu Municipal Corporation) at an estimated cost of Rs 7.53 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that he has spo-



Former President BJP J&K Sat Sharma along with Corporator Sanjay Baru starting drain work.

ken to concerned officials of JMC for taking up the works of cleaning of other deep drains and small drains on regular basis in all 26 wards of Jammu West so that a neat and clean atmosphere could be provided to the public in these tough times.

Sharma stated that in these wards, water in deep drains were blocked and was entering the houses of locals which was not a good sign concerning sanitation and therefore the cleaning works and construction

works had to be taken up to provide the best possible aura to inhabitants.

He also stated that traces of COVID -19 were found in the sewage samples taken in another State of country which has shown that the presence of the virus exists in such places and we have to be alert as well and motivate others too to keep a system of neat and clean surroundings.

Sanjay Baru complimented the former MLA for taking up the most important works in