

# DSS welcomes Amarnath Yatra pilgrims, extends support to administration for arrangements



DSS President Th. Gulchain Singh Charak addressing a press conference at Jammu.

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JAMMU: President Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K and former minister Th. Gulchain Singh Charak extended welcome to the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath in J&K and prayed to Bhagwan Shiv for their successful pilgrimage and his divine Darshan in the form of "Bhole Baba Barfani" at the ancient Cave Shrine in Kashmir.

Addressing a press Conference at the Sabha

Bhawan Dogra along with his Core Group members, Charak assured on behalf of Dogra Sahayita Kendra a unit of Dogra Sadar Sabha in collaboration with Dogra Education Trust and Shree Laxmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust Gandhi Nagar to provide a free Ambulance service for emergency use if needed by any pilgrim for evacuation to nearest government hospital facility.

Masks, Sanitizers, Water

& Food packets etc to the needy will also be provided.

In this connection, Charak shared the Helpline Number 0191-2543589 with the press for the convenience of pilgrims.

Charak appealed to the Lieutenant Governor and the local administration to make all possible arrangement during such an event to expose the stranded pilgrims.

Charak demanded that the government should make

free transport arrangements for the purpose by providing an adequate number of buses of the J&K Road Transport Corporation, etc. and also provide good camping facilities for the pilgrims at suitable sites.

He further suggested that enroute, tours should be organised for the pilgrims to the places of tourist interest like Veer Bhumi Park Samba, Mansar and Surinsar lakes, flower parks Chattha, Balidan Stambh at Jammu, Jamvant Gufa, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, Jumbo Zoo and other nearby places. These measures will go a long way in promoting the tourism sector of Jammu region, he said.

Prominent among others present during the press conference were Prem Sagar Gupta, Col Dr Virendera K. Sahi, Gambir Dev Singh Charak, Amanat Ali Shah, Ravi Singh Slathia, Janak Khajuria and Chhankar Singh.

# BKS holds street play on Drug Addiction through humor



BKS artists and students and faculty of MAM college after the play.

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JAMMU: Bhartiya Kala Sangam (BKS) held street play and captivated audiences with thought-provoking street play titled "Say no to drugs." The play aims to create awareness about the perils of drug addiction in a unique and humorous manner.

On this occasion, President of BKS, Vaishno Rani, full fledged Incharge of Club, Chairman BKS, T. R. Sharma, Romesh Singh Chib, Director BKS, faculty of MAM College, students and other prominent audience were present.

While addressing the audience, T. R. Sharma said that Drug addiction is an ever-growing issue that affects individuals and communities world-

wide. He further said that recognizing the need to address this critical concern, the faculty of MAM College Jammu collaborated with renowned playwrights and actors to develop a powerful theatrical production that combined humor and social messaging. Second show of this show was organised in Rajiv Nagar Jammu, he added. "Say no to drugs", the witty street play showcased the consequences of drug abuse, he said, emphasizing the potential destruction it can wreak on one's physical health, relationships, and overall well-being of drug addicts.

"We believe that theater has the power to create social change," said Avinash Lakhotra, the Director of the

play. "By approaching such a serious topic with humor; we aim to engage and educate the audience in a more effective and relatable manner; he added.

The play was written by Vinay Sharma and was settled according to modern punch lines and relatable dialogues.

The cast of the play were Avinash Lakhotra, Ajay Tamang, Amrita Kaur, Kartavya Singh Jamwal, Manik Sharma, Nitesh Verma, Vinay Sharma and Yogeshwar Singh Jamwal.

The play was performed under the management of Ramesh Singh, Director Bhartiya Kala Sangam, who presented vote of thanks in the end.

Modi Govt policies propelled Nation towards unprecedented growth & development: Raj Rattan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina on Friday commended the significant achievements of the Modi government during its nine-year tenure at the Centre.

He emphasized the transformative impact of the government's policies and initiatives, which have propelled the nation towards unprecedented growth and development.

Under the astute leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has undertaken several initiatives that have positively shaped the nation.

He highlighted the key achievements that have revolutionized various sectors and improved the lives of citizens across the country.

The BJP leader mentioned that the Modi government's focus on economic reforms, such as the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and measures to attract foreign investment, has bolstered the economy and paved the way for sustainable growth. These efforts have resulted in India emerging as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, he said.

Raina expressed his admiration for the government's unwavering commitment to good governance, transparency, and inclusive development. These achievements have not only propelled India's growth but have also improved the lives of citizens, especially those in rural areas and disadvantaged communities, he added.

He further emphasized that the BJP's dedication to serving the nation and working towards an even brighter future for India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He called upon all citizens to unite and support the government's vision of building a strong, prosperous, and inclusive India.

# 125th Birth Anniversary of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji celebrated

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JAMMU: The 125th Birth Anniversary of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji (Mahajayanti) was celebrated on Friday at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udhaywala, here with fervour, gaiety and enthusiasm.

Devotees thronged the Ashram throughout the day to pay obeisance at the feet of the Master. The prayers of the devotees are answered; their spiritual and mundane concerns get fulfilled.

The programme started with Paduka Poojan at 8:30 AM. Then hundreds of Sadhus were fed, and given Dakshina.

Devotional songs and music followed, and continued till late in the evening. The evening Aarti concluded at 7:15 p.m. Thousands of devotees partook of the



Devotees paying obeisance to Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji at Jammu on Friday.

Prasad.

The 125th Mahajayanti was also celebrated at Ashrams at Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir; Greater Kailash-I, Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi; Hastal Village, Vikasपुरi, New Delhi; S.No. 14/5, Nande Balewadi Road, Nande, Pune, Maharashtra; and S. No. 57/5, Devangondi

Hosahalli, White Field, Bangalore, Hyderabad.

The Mahajayanti was simultaneously celebrated at Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Jaipur, Kandivilli, Mumbai, Chambur, Mumbai, and also at various other Satsang Mandals spread across the country and abroad.

# Shri Shiv Shakti Vaishno Sewa Mandal starts 27th Vishal Bhandara at Amarnath Yatri Niwas

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JAMMU: Shri Shiv Shakti Vaishno Sewa Mandal commenced its 27th Vishal Bhandara at the base camp of Amarnath Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu.

The event aims to serve the devotees of Bhagwan Shiva who have embarked on the sacred journey to seek His blessings.

Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena, was the Chief Guest, who, in the presence of Adv Sanjeev Sareen and members of the Sewa Mandal, performed the Aarti of Bhagwan Shiv. Subsequently, he commenced the Langar, a community kitchen, which will cater to the nourishment needs of the Amarnath Yattris throughout the duration of the yatra.

During his address, Mahajan emphasized the



Shri Shiv Shakti Vaishno Sewa Mandal Committee members starting Langar at Yatri Niwas.

importance of extending full support to organizations like Shri Shiv Shakti Vaishno Sewa Mandal, which actively contribute to the smooth conduct of the Yatra.

He appealed to the government to provide comprehensive cooperation to such organizations, recognizing their crucial role in facilitating a successful and hassle-free pilgrimage

experience for devotees.

Additionally, Mahajan called upon social and political organizations to step forward and extend their unwavering support throughout the entire duration of the Yatra.

Sharma ji, Organizer of Shri Shiv Shakti Vaishno Sewa Mandal, Delhi, emphasized that the Mandal has been organizing Langar for the past 27

years.

"The Langar, a symbolic representation of community service and compassion, will remain operational until the completion of the 62-day-long Yatra. Shri Shiv Shakti Vaishno Sewa Mandal aims to cater to the needs of the devotees by ensuring they receive nourishment and support throughout their spiritual journey," he added.

# Last 9 years witnessed historic transformation in J&K: Sham

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Langer, Convener BJP Trade Cell, J&K, asserted that laws and schemes framed for the country earlier were accompanied by the term 'except J&K' but PM Narendra Modi made this term 'thing of the past' as today all laws and schemes are implemented in the UT concurrently. In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP leader said that earlier, in most of the schemes and laws framed for the nation, the words 'except J&K' were mentioned. "Now it has become obsolete as the historic decision of abrogating Article 370 has ended many such things concerning J&K and allowed the UT to move on the path of peace and development paving the way for progress as never before," he said.

Sham Langer said that changes carried out by the Modi Government with regard to J&K has helped the UT to contribute significantly in the successful implementation of Atma Nirbhar Bharat campaign. He said that a new dawn of hope has emerged in the UT as Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's resolve of 'One Nation, One Law and One Head of the Nation' became a reality after 70 years of Independence steering Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on the path of progress, in step with the rest of the country.

"Jammu and Kashmir is keeping pace with the country as the Narendra Modi Government has erased the pain of the people by removing the provisions of Article 370. Now the UT has been brought at par with other states by bringing it into the mainstream. After applying all the Central Laws in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh, the government has ensured a fair deal for the subjects of both the UTs," he said.

# Country witnessed massive transformation under Modi regime: Divya Jain



President of Jammu South Mahila Morcha, Divya Jain with others at a programme.

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JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) commemorated the successful 9-year tenure of the Modi Government at the Center through a special program titled "9 Saal Bemisaal."

The event was organized under the leadership of Divya Jain, President of

Jammu South Mahila Morcha, as part of the ongoing Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan.

As a part of the programme, a meeting with new voters was conducted by Meetu Sharma, General Secretary of Jammu South Mahila Morcha, in collaboration with Poonam Dogra,

Antu Kotwal, and Neena Sharma.

The session aimed to engage and empower young voters who will exercise their franchise in the upcoming elections.

During the interaction, the students displayed immense enthusiasm to cast their precious vote,

with a tangible expression of love for Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The discussion revolved around the various schemes initiated by the Modi government, with participants actively sharing their perspectives and experiences.

This initiative aimed to empower the youth with knowledge and promote awareness of the transformative policies implemented by the government.

In a show of solidarity and support for the visionary leadership of Narendra Damodar Modi, the participants voluntarily dialed the missed call number 9090902024.

Jiyya Jain said that this celebration not only acknowledges the remarkable achievements of the Modi government but also emphasizes the importance of citizen participation and engagement in the democratic process.

# Govt ensured foolproof security for Amarnath devotees: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Congratulating the people on the start of 62-day-long Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2023, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Friday said that government has raised colossal infrastructure including two 100-bedded hospitals at Pahalgam and Baltal each to ensure safety and security of the pilgrims starting from Lakhampur to the Cave Shrine of Baba Barfani in south Kashmir.

The senior BJP leader said that the arrangements ensured this year are foolproof with the Centre led by PM Narendra Modi taking keen interest in providing adequate security and every possible entity for the convenience of visiting pilgrims. He said nutritious food, health-care facilities, sanitation, etc are the top priorities of the government this season giving satisfaction and comfort to



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta interacting with delegation.

visitors embarking the journey to south Kashmir Himalayas for satiating spiritual aspirations and seeking the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Kavinder said this while interacting with several delegations here at his residence on Friday.

The deputation members apprised the BJP stalwart about the issues which they were confronting on a day to day basis.

After giving a patient hearing to the deputations, Kavinder assured to put up their cause before the concerned quarters for an early

redressal. He assured that their genuine issues will be taken up sooner than later.

Meanwhile, another deputation of wine dealers, who were rendered jobless after implementation of new Excise Policy, met the former Deputy CM and raised the issue of their livelihood asking Kavinder to take up the matter with LG's administration.

After going through the plight of aforesaid deputation, the BJP stalwart leader assured to take-up the matter with the concerned officials to mitigate their problems as soon as possible.

# BJP committed to address every single concern of general public: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Friday listened to the grievances of general public at Jammu East constituency.

Numerous people, individually as well in the form of deputations, met Yudhvir Sethi and discussed the problems being faced by them. Parveen Kermi, President East Mandal and Charanpreet Singh, Co-Incharge Tourism Cell BJP.

Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas. Besides various personal issues, other main issues presented related to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains etc.

Yudhvir Sethi listened to all the individuals and the deputa-



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President listening to the grievances of general public.

tions patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

Yudhvir said that BJP is a party of common masses and it

is serving the masses with full effort, while trying to address every single concern of the people. He stressed that this public grievance camp is proving to be of great help to the masses in getting the solutions to their issues. He laid stress on the commitment of the party workers to serve the society.

# JCMS serves Bhandara over 500 Amarnath pilgrims in second day

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JAMMU: Heavy rush of Yattris in Jammu Mahajan Bhawan located in the heart of the city at Shalamar Road, Jammu on the second day of the Langar for Amarnath Pilgrims.

Over 500 yatries came in Mahajan Bhawan, who were served breakfast in the morning followed by lunch Prashad during the day till they got Yatra cards from the Government Agency established in the main hall of the Mahajan Bhawan.

Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha under the Presidentship of Romesh Chander Gupta actively assisted by Yash Pal Gupta Chief Patron, Shiv Partap Gupta Senior Vice President, Sanjay Mahajan General



JCMS members serving Langar among Amarnath Yatra pilgrims.

Secretary inaugurated today's Langar.

Other workers who contributed their dedicated services throughout the day

include Surinder Gupta, Subash Gupta, Mukesh Mahajan, Dinesh Gupta, Dr. Bimal Gupta, Rajan Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Rajesh

Gupta, Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta, Yash Pal Gupta, Ramesh Chander Bartain Wale, Rajnesh Gupta and Balbir Gupta.