

## Addressing common people's issues priority of Modi Govt: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, reaffirmed the commitment of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government at the Centre in providing basic necessities to the people across the nation in general and J&K in particular.

He made these remarks during the commencement of development work at Ward 20 in the presence of local Councilor Rahul Kumar at Gandhi Nagar here today.

Highlighting the BJP government's focus on addressing the issues faced by the common people, Kavinder Gupta emphasized that serving the citizens has always been the top priority of the BJP-led government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated that the BJP's ideology revolves around serving the people of the



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta with others after starting development work at Ward 20.

nation and ensuring their well-being.

Kavinder Gupta further highlighted the Prime Minister's special inclination towards Jammu and Kashmir and its people, stating that there is no shortage of funds when it comes to the development of this Union Territory. He expressed confidence that the government's unwavering commitment to the

progress and welfare of Jammu and Kashmir will continue to bring about positive changes in the lives of its residents.

Underlining the BJP's dedication to inclusive development and uplifting the standard of living, Kavinder assured the residents of Ward No. 20 that their concerns and requirements would be effectively addressed through ongoing

and future development initiatives.

Kavinder Gupta appreciated the efforts of Councilor Rahul Kumar for taking interest in addressing issues of general public. He said this all was possible only due to his dedicated efforts and the urge to serve the people of the Ward. He hoped that Rahul Kumar will continue to serve the people and the

spree of development for the welfare of common masses.

Councilor Rahul Kumar acknowledged the efforts of BJP Government at the Centre in ensuring the overall growth and prosperity of the region. He said that government at the Centre always works for the welfare of people and will leave no stone unturned to do so. He said that there are several development projects which are in pipeline for the area and the same shall be taken up in a phased manner.

Among those who were present include Bharat Bhushan Mandal President, Rachit Khosla Mandal General Secretary, Narinder Gupta District Vice President, Sandeep Gupta, Satbir Singh Ward President, Mohit Seth, Anil Koul, Dalip Koul, Vijay Verma, Mohit Raina, Naresh Gupta and Raman Chadda.

## BJP abhors dynastic & casteist politics: MP Khatana



MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana addressing a public meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: As part of 9 Saal bemisaal campaign of BJP on completion of 9 years of PM Narendra Modi led government, MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday attended a 'Tiffin Par Charcha' event, organised by locals of Bhatindi area here.

MP Gulam Ali said that BJP believes in Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and is totally different from 'dynastic

and casteist" parties whose only aim is to create "fitna" in the society. Launching a scathing attack against NC and PDP for creating confusion over the government decision to allot plots to landless, homeless people in the UT, MP Gulam Ali said that the recent attack on three labourers in Kashmir was a result of rumour mongering by Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah. He said that BJP is different from other traditional

political parties that are dynastic and with casteist mindset.

He said that BJP has an altogether different identity and it is not a dynastic party, not a casteist party, and it is not run by one person. BJP is a party of common people and its workers. Prominent among those present were Waseem Choudhary, Puttoo Choudhary, Razak Ali, Gafoor Choudhary, Riaz Ahmed, Lal Hussain and others.

## JAKFAS organizes Inter-school painting competition



Winner students posing with JAKFAS members and others at Jammu.

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JAMMU: J&K Fine Arts Society (JAKFAS) in collaboration with PK Pratham Kalaniketan and PN Project Naily organized Inter-school on the spot painting competition on anti-drugs and anti-smoking at JAKFAS Studio, Lower Roopnagar, here under the supervision of JAKFAS Artist Suresh Sharma.

Students from different schools participated in the competition.

In group A class 7th & 8th, Akshdev Singh of Shangrilla Public School won first prize, Wahida

Gowhar of MIE School and Lakshay of Spring Blossom School shared second prize, Jitwan Singh of DPS Jammu and Bhumika Gupta of Shangrilla Public School shared third prize, while Krishna Gupta of Jammu Public School, Aradhana Bhakti of Crescent Public School, and Sarthak Verma of Indra Public School won consolation prizes.

In group B class 9th to 10th, Aadil Gupta of Dewan Devi School won first prize, Samanyu Sharma of DPS Jammu and Jia Langer of Crescent School shared second

prize, Shreetu Anand of Activity Public School won third prize, while Jasraj Singh of DPS Jammu, Purnima Sambyal and Sonia Singh won consolation prizes.

The panel of judges were renowned artists Kanav Gupta from Project Naily, Ajay Gupta and Prathamansh Sharma from PK- Pratham Kalaniketan.

Students received the prizes from ASI Fayaz Bandy, and SI Maqbool Hussain. Vandana Sharma Chairperson of Pratham Kalaniketan presented the vote of thanks.

## Chandrayaan-3 a significant milestone in India's space exploration endeavors: Purnima

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JAMMU: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K, and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, termed that successful launch of Chandrayaan-3,

India's ambitious lunar mission, a significant milestone in India's space exploration endeavors. It is a testament to the dedication, expertise, and hard work of ISRO scientists and engineers involved in this prestigious project. In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader highlighted the importance of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, stating, "This successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 showcases India's growing prowess in the field of space exploration. It is a proud moment for our nation, as it signifies our commitment to scientific advancements and technological achievements."

She further added, "The success of Chandrayaan-3 is a reflection of the vision and leadership of our Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, who has

consistently emphasized the significance of space technology and its role in nation-building. Under his guidance, India has made remarkable strides in the field of space research."

Purnima also emphasized the positive impact of such space missions on the nation's youth, inspiring them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. She stated, "Chandrayaan-3 serves as an inspiration to our young minds, encouraging them to dream big and strive for excellence in the scientific domain. It showcases the limitless potential of our youth and their ability to contribute to the growth and development of our nation."

As India continues to strive for excellence in scientific research and technological innovation, Purnima Sharma remains optimistic about the future prospects of the country's space program. She emphasized the importance of nurturing the talent and potential of the nation's youth to propel India towards new frontiers of scientific discovery.

## Natrang stages two shows of world class event 'Colors of Jammu Kashmir'

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JAMMU: World class cultural event entitled 'Colors of Jammu & Kashmir' a presentation of Natrang Jammu staged here this evening at Abhinav Theatre twice for packed-house audience public demand. Conceived, designed and directed by Padamshree Balwant Thakur this is the same show which was presented for the International delegates of G20 countries at Srinagar.

Ramesh Kumar Divisional Commissioner Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion who also felicitated all the participants of this magnificent show which received standing ovation.

Earlier while welcoming the distinguished guests, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur informed that for this international level performance a team of over one hundred professionals and artists worked day and night for three months to create this rarest magic on stage.

Artists who depicted the requisite energy and festivity included Muskan Sharma, Sushant Charak,



Natrang artists performing in a play at Jammu.

Radhika, Sunaina Rajput, Rumla, Ankita Sharma, Kanika Chib, Sukriti Singh Jasrotia, Ankeeta Langeh, Akanksha, Akshra Jamwal, Sheetal Thapa, Akriti Panotra, Anshika Wazir, Vrinda Badyal, Shavi Sharma, Gorvi Sharma, Mehak Singh, Arti Thakur, Kriti Singh Thakur, Bhawana Sarngal, Razia Akhtar, Kananpreet Kour, Meenakshi Bhagat, Radhika Sharma, Jeevika Misri, Aashima Dutta, Divam, Ravi Ahirwar, Karan Kumar, Aryan Chalotra, Sachin Mehra,

Sahil Narwalia, Vansh Pandotra, Rahul Kalotra, Sahil Banotra, Arun Dev Verma, Arun Sharma, Mihir Gujral, Aryan Dev Singh, Jiteshwar, Amit Singh, Shaptan Singh, Meshu Ram, Vishal Singh And Vishal Sharma.

Natrang's versatile artists who provided highly professional support to the performance included Aadesh Dhar (Programme Assistant Properties), Mitali Sarmal (Make- Up Artist), Mansi Rattan (Costumes Designer), Aaditya Bharti (Programme Assistant Costumes), Shivam Singh (Designer Properties), Brijesh Avtar Sharma (Programme Assistant Sound), Maloop Singh (Director Photography/Videography), Sahil Nath (Music Composer and Arranger), Sartaj Singh (Chief Production Controller), Rahul Singh (Programme Assistant Off- Stage Management), Mahikshit Singh (Programme Assistant Stage Management), Mohd. Yaseen (Chief Coordinator Admin/ Creative), Sumeet Sharma (Content Coordinator), Chander Shekher (Creative Head Graphics/Designer/Media), Neeraj Kant Sharma (Chief Programme Assistant), Sunny Mujoo (Choreographer Kashmir), Akash Dogra (Choreographer Jammu), Suraj Ganjoo (Lights), Sanjeev Gupta (Coordinator), Pankaj Sharma (Coordinator) and Anil Tikoo (Coordinator).

## JKAACL to create awareness on Devanagari script



Participating students posing with JKAACL officials and others at programme.

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JAMMU: Calligraphy occupies a distinguished place among the various creative practices that have evolved in the Indian Subcontinent. The magnificent corpus of scripts produced across the region over thousands of years is shaped by its diverse geographies and embodies a rich history of culture.

With an initiative to create awareness on Devanagari script J&K Academy of Art , Culture & Languages (JKAACL) Jammu, organised a 10 Days Calligraphy Workshop at KL Saigal Hall, here in which expert Raghunita Gupta, Chairperson, The Calligraphy Foundation, Karambir Singh Rohilla (New

Delhi), Jaishankar (Jaipur) and Rohit Verma (Jammu) are working to raise awareness of these scripts among student participants from different colleges of Jammu.

Raghunita Gupta, expert in calligraphy scripts emphasised the fact that many of our scripts are fading over time and that we must focus on reviving the scripts by raising awareness and teaching about this specific art form.

The experts said that as scripts are a significant component of our rich cultural legacy, we need to recognise their significance. It's an amazing initiative to create workshop on Devanagari Calligraphy for 10 days in the campus. The workshop will be concluded on 17th July, 2023.

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JAMMU: The discussion on the well-known book 'Adhyatmik Samvaad: Mahamndleshwar swami Aksharanand Giri Ji Ke Sath' written by agricultural policy scientist Dr. Shashank Kulkarni was organized at Krishi Bhawan, Directorate of Agriculture, here on Sunday.

The discussion was presided over by Dr. Kamal Kishore Sharma, Director Agriculture Department Jammu. Addressing the discussion, he said that in the context of increasing materialism and the blind race behind money, this book will lead the society towards an eternal and perfect path. Mahamandaleshwar Swami Aksharanand Giri ji is a great scholar, but everyone is also familiar with his love for the nation and his faith for social welfare, Dr. Kamal Kishore said adding that the dialogue that took place with

## Dr. Shashank book 'Adhyatmik Samvaad: Mahamndleshwar Swami Aksharanand Giri Ji Ke Sath' released



Director Agriculture Deptt Jammu, Dr. K.K Sharma and others releasing a book.

such a great personality on important topics like Indian tradition, spirituality, significance of human life, has been put before the society through this book.

Through this book, guidance will also be given on how spirituality can be brought into practical life, he added.

"Ascetic great men like Mahamandaleshwar Swami Aksharanand Giri ji increase the dignity of the society. It is a matter of great fortune for all of us to have such supernatural personalities in our midst.

Through this book, the unique task of successfully conveying the knowledge Swami ji

has earned through his intense meditation and penance, some nectar of the knowledge Ganga, has been brought through this book," Dr. Kamal Kishore said.

Dr. Dr. Shashank Kulkarni said that this book has been composed only to take rich Indian knowledge to the younger generation.

Senior social worker Master Subhash Sharma said that the program organized by the Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu is important in itself. Sustainable development of agriculture can be done through the Indian method. The role of such texts is impor-

tant in this process.

Dr. Radha Krishna Hitaishi, Joint Directors of Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu, Dr. Arvinder Singh, Dr. Mahesh Kumar Verma, Deputy Director Rishu Gupta, Sectoral heads of Department and Accounts Officer Vishnukant Sharma were present in this discussion.

The proceedings of the event were done by Program Officer Dr. Rajeev Katoch. In the end, narrating the statement of Swami ji, he said that considering oneself as knowledgeable is the highest ignorance and one should always live in the society like a seeker.

## Kashmiri Pandits hold protest, highlight demands

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JAMMU: A protest was held by the Jagti Tenement Committee /Soan Kashmir Front J&K at Jagti township under the chairmanship of its president Shadi Lal Pandita in which the protesters highlighted their demands.

They said that Govt is going to give 5 Marla land to some people which should be given to the land-less people of Jammu and Kashmir people only.

Addressing the protesters, Pandita demanded that Kashmiri Pandits should be resettled in Kashmir Valley and the lands of Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley which has been encroached illegally, be restored to Kashmiri



Jagti Tenement Committee members raising slogans during a protest.

Pandits.

The protesters said that for the last 4 years the relief holders have been protesting under the banner of Jagti Tenement committee/Soan Kashmir Front for increasing the amount of Cash relief from Rs 13,000 to Rs 25,000

which should be increased immediately. J&K whose livelihood is not being met in this era of high inflation and they are demanding that monthly cash relief of relief holders be increased from Rs 13,000 to Rs 25,000 per family per month .

The speakers highlighted some more demands which include, property loss for the lands for 33 years be given to the land lords, 20,000 jobs should be given to Migrant youths, over-aged educated youths who have not got jobs, be given a loan of Rs 25 lakh

without interest for starting their business, Kashmiri pundits want to live in Kashmir for which three Satellite colonies in three districts of Baramulla, Srinagar and Anantnag be established.

The meeting was attended by Kashi Nath Bhat, M L Razdan, P N Koul, Sunil Koul, Ravinder Koul, Inder Ji Labroo, Shubhan Raina, Mohan Krishna Tickoo, H N Bhat, Rajinder Koul, Rakesh Ambardar, Vinod Bhat, Raj Kumar Bhat, Ramesh Suri, Satish Pandita, Vijay Bakshi , Rajinder Bhat, Rattan Lal Bhat, Pran Nath Bhat, C L Kaehroo, Ashok Kumar, B L Koul, Arun Kumar, Subash Chander, Sanjay Sharma, Ashok Tickoo and others.

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JAMMU: Convener BJP Trade Cell, BJP J&K, Sham Langer asserted that the report card of Modi Government's performance in the last over nine years is stunning and those criticizing will get goose's bumps after taking a glance.

In a statement issued to media persons, he gave full credit to Narendra Modi Government in restoring peace in Jammu and Kashmir by turning tough towards terrorists and their over ground supporters. He said that there has been considerable decline in terror related violence in J&K during the Modi rule.

On the completion of nine years of Modi Government, the BJP functionary presented a complete report card on the performance of the BJP Government at Centre, claiming it to be matchless. Maintaining that Kashmir is returning to normalcy and attaining the name of being paradise on earth again, he said J&K's borders are now insulated from terrorism as infiltration has almost made impossible for the terror mon-

gers waiting across the border. He said many bold decisions were taken by this Government for safeguarding the borders as well as hinterland. He said the situation totally changed after August 5, 2019 when Modi Government took a bold decision of abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A, which proved all those leaders wrong who had warned that blood will spill on roads if the special status granted to J&K was touched. "Instead peace has returned to Valley and development is apace", he added.

"Tremendous development in J&K is the outcome of Modi Government's move to end the special status", he said adding that children of Kashmiris are on path of progress as they are cracking MBBS, Engineering and Civil Services examinations unlike the earlier regimes' time when joining the terrorist ranks was in vogue. He said that jam packed houseboats, hotels, etc are the testimony to the fact that Modi government has achieved matchless fate and restored the pristine glory of J&K which was once known as heaven on earth.