

Randhawa asks LG admin to allow const, sale, purchase of private 'Gair Mumkin Khads'

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 JAMMU: Asking the LG administration to remove the nomenclature of 'Gair Mumkin Khad' and to lift the ban on the use of those 'Private lands' to construct, take loans and sale, purchase, Ch. Vikram Randhawa asked the LG Manoj Sinha to open the use of such lands on the pattern of government constructions. Ch. Vikram Randhawa, former MLC, accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, BJP Media Incharge, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Additional Office Secretary, and Kulbeer Charak, co-Convenor Sanskriti Cell, was addressing a Press Conference at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar,



Senior BJP leader, Ch. Vikram Randhawa talking to reporters.

Jammu. Ch. Vikram Randhawa, while addressing the media persons, asked the administration when the 'Gair Mumkin Khads' can be used by the government and the JDA for the construction of its offices and colonies, why the same permissions cannot be given to the masses. "The administration is

applying double standards in dealing with the public. On the one hand, permission for Khad lands/ change of nomenclature of Khad lands is allowed for government or JDA uses and not for the use of common masses. Isn't it a violation of fundamental rights? Why such separate yardsticks and discrimina-

tion", said Randhawa. "All Gair Mumkin Khads' lands are not state lands. There are a large number of private lands that are recorded as 'Gair Mumkin Khads'. Restriction of the sale and purchase of Khad lands has resulted in the loss of state exchequer in thousands of crore rupees. Restriction of building permissions has also added to further loss of state exchequer", said Randhawa. Randhawa said that this irrational decision has added to the plight of the common person in need of money who wants to sell land or take a loan to meet the emergencies like medical treatment, higher studies, marriages of wards, etc. This has also resulted into

All World Gayatri Parivar organizes plantation drive



All World Gayatri Parivar members and others at plantation drive.

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 JAMMU: A plantation drive was organised on Saturday by All World Gayatri Parivar with Social Forest Department at JDA park Muthi. 100 species of medicinal and floricultural plants were planted by senior citizens of the locality.

Ashok Gupta and Dr Ranjana Verma, social activists were present at the event besides other residents Shashpal Sharma, Subash Sharma, Ved Prakash, Kuldeep Sharma, Jeevan Singh Block Officer. To keep city clean and

green, Dr Ranjana Verma, Ashok Gupta and Shashpal Sharma and others motivated the society. "To keep environment safe from scorching heat it is important to plant more trees and everyone's responsibility to plant more trees," he said.

Seminar on Longevity Secrets enlightens attendees at VKMI event



Participants of seminar posing for a photograph.

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 JAMMU: Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) hosted a compelling seminar on the secrets of longevity at the Sunday Yoga Centre, attracting a diverse audience eager to learn about enhancing health and vitality. Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, esteemed State Yoga Commissioner and Chairman of the Indian Yoga Association, led the enlightening discussion. Dr. Jain elucidated how lifestyle adjustments can influ-

ence chromosome health, a critical factor in longevity. Attendees were advised on conscientious living, fostering strong social connections, and adopting a Mediterranean diet for optimal health benefits. The seminar emphasized the importance of spiritual practices, stress management, and forgiveness in promoting overall well-being. The event coincided with the 73rd birthday celebration of Ashok Gupta, Vice President of VKMI and Bharat Vikas Parishad, high-

lighting his dedicated leadership in promoting holistic health practices. BB Sharma, State President of Bharat Vikas Parishad, and other esteemed dignitaries graced the occasion, reinforcing the seminar's significance in promoting health and wellness. Vichar Kranti Manch International is committed to advancing knowledge and practices that enhance physical, mental, and spiritual health through events and seminars.

Baru calls on JMC Commissioner Rahul Yadav, discussed delayed development projects and street lights issues

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 JAMMU: Representing the long pending demand of the residents of Talab Tillo area of Jammu West Assembly constituency, BJP senior leader and former JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru, called on Rahul Yadav, JMC Commissioner, at his office, town hall Jammu. During the meeting Sanjay Baru discussed various development and local issues of Talab Tillo, Bohri and Camp Gole Gujral area with JMC Commissioner, who is also CEO of Jammu Smart City Project.



Former JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru calling on JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav.

Sanjay Baru said that the Jammu Municipal Corporation have taken many steps for the development, beautification and proper sanitation of Jammu city, especially by enhancing the basic infrastructure and starting "door to door" garbage collection and by installing thousands of street lights across all the wards of Jammu City, he

added. Baru further said that after JMC had dissolved few months back, now there is lack of coordination between the departments which is causing so many problems among the people. Development projects like footpath/widening of main Talab Tillo road and construction of nallah in Durga Nagar near Akhnoor main road under Jammu Smart City Projects are delayed due to non-seriousness of contractors and JMC electricians and helpers are not visiting regularly in their respective wards,

which are causing blackout like situation in the nights because the maximum streetlights are not working properly. Baru asked JMC Commissioner Rahul Yadav to pay an early visit in Talab Tillo locality for the inspection of the delayed development projects and listen the public grievances on the spot. The JMC Commissioner gave a patient hearing, accepted invitation to visit Talab Tillo area and also passed instructions to the concerned departments for early redressal of all the issues.

Discover allure of natural diamonds with Tanishq's festival of diamonds

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 JAMMU: Tanishq, India's largest jewelry retail brand from the Tata group, invites you to celebrate yourself and life's dearest moments with the enchanting Festival of Diamonds. Embrace the magic of natural diamonds and adorn yourself with their timeless beauty. Forget waiting for special occasions; Tanishq empowers you to embrace your inner sparkle and joy, amplified by the brilliance of exquisite diamonds. At Tanishq's 'Festival of Diamonds', explore an exquisite variety of over 10,000 natural diamond jewelry designs that cater to every taste and occasion. From timeless solitaires that capture the essence of classic elegance to intricate multi-stone designs that showcase exceptional craftsmanship, each piece is meticulously curated to highlight the natural beauty and brilliance of diamonds. Whether you seek the under-

standing allure of minimalist designs or the grandeur of statement pieces, Tanishq offers a stunning array of cuts, carats, and settings, ensuring that you can mark your moment with a diamond that truly resonates with your personal style. Explore exquisite new designs of diamond earrings, bracelets, necklaces, finger rings, and more. Enjoy up to 20% off* on diamond jewelry value and exchange your old gold at 100%* current value for stunning new diamond pieces. The exquisite range of natural diamond jewelry comes with the trust and promise of Tanishq Diamonds, offering high-quality diamonds for discerning tastes. Step into the elegance of our latest collections, marking each piece as a testament to your unique journey. Choose a sparkle to celebrate your story with real diamonds. Visit your nearest Tanishq store or shop online at https://www.tanishq.co.in/diamonds?lang=en_IN

JPDCL boosts power supply by 16.7% to meet summer demand

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 JAMMU: Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) has successfully supplied an additional 2000 lac units of power to meet the increasing demand during the peak summer season. This brings the total power supply to 14000 lac units, a significant increase of 16.71% compared to the previous year's supply of 12000 lac units. According to MD JPDCL, Vikas Kundal, "We are committed to providing smooth and uninterrupted power to the people of Jammu. Our team has worked tirelessly to reduce the turnaround time for transformer

repairs, and we are augmenting our infrastructure under RDSS to provide extra power to the people." Kundal added, "We understand the importance of reliable power supply during the hot summer months, and we are working judiciously to minimize interruptions. The additional supply of power is a result of the synergy between various wings of JPDCL, and we appreciate the appreciation from the people of Jammu for our efforts to ensure quality power supply." JPDCL's efforts have resulted in a significant reduction in power outages, with only a few instances reported. The

corporation is committed to continuing its efforts to provide reliable and quality power supply to the people of Jammu. The demand for electricity in homes and businesses increases during the summer season. This is primarily because of the need for Cooling appliances such as Air Conditioners, air coolers etc. Over the years this surge in demand has prompted the JPDCL to strategize and invest in additional power resources to meet the energy needs of the region effectively. The move to provide extra units of power supply underscores JPDCL's commitment to addressing

the power shortages and voltage fluctuations that have plagued the region during the summer months. According to MD JPDCL Vikas Kundal "The two main issues JPDCL face in the peak of summer are the use of crude gadgets especially low efficiency Air conditioners and illegal hooking. We want consumers to cooperate so that we can give our best service," he said. "If people use electricity judiciously and pay as per the consumption then there won't be many power cuts," he maintained. Further, Executive Engineer Electric Division- Parade while clarifying his stance said that he caters to 65000 consumers and roughly 2373 Distribution Transformers the average damage rate of these DTs is one or two in a day and are replaced within Eight hours. Executive Engineer Electric Division- Gandhi Nagar said that he caters to 170000 consumers and roughly 10000 Distribution Transformers the average damage rate of these DTs is six or seven in a day and are

replaced within Eight hours. Executive Engineer Electric Division- Janipur said that he caters to 168000 consumers and roughly 5800 Distribution Transformers the average damage rate of these DTs is six or seven in a day and are replaced within Eight hours. Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division- II who caters to 50% of Jammu & Samba districts said that there are around 147 receiving stations with installed capacity of 1330 MVA. Other than one receiving station namely Bahu Fort which gets regular faults due to overloading. Chief Engineer Projects JPDCL Jammu further in his statement said that RDSS works are going on in the entire province of Jammu and due to which sometimes shut downs are needed which are published well in advance. Similarly sometimes shutdowns are availed by PGCIL, NHIDCL for carrying out Infrastructure works. However, Grid constraints sometimes enforce the curtailment from their end also.

OBC delegation meets Sadhotra, pitches for implementation of Mandal Commission Report



OBC Delegation presenting memorandum of demands to Additional General Secretary JKNC, Ajay Sadhotra at party Headquarters, Jammu.

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 JAMMU: A delegation of Other Backward Classes (OBC) ON Saturday called on National Conference Additional General Secretary and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and pitched for the implementation of the Mandal Commission Report to empower the weaker sections of society socially, economically and politically. Led by Kewal Krishan Pottra, the delegation also sought Reservation as per Mandal Commission Report and reservation of Seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, and called for caste based survey in Jammu and Kashmir so that the benefits of

progress and other welfare schemes reach every segment as per their population. While endorsing the demands of the delegation, Sadhotra said these issues of immense importance would be taken up with the Manifesto Formulation Committee of the National Conference for consideration and inclusion. He said his party stands for the welfare and socio-economic and political empowerment of the weaker sections, peasants, women and the youth. He referred to various landmark initiatives taken by the successive National Conference governments, saying their impact has been huge to empower

these sections optimally. Sadhotra also recalled the contribution of the National Conference led government under Omar Abdullah as Chief Minister towards the welfare and empowerment of Other Backward Classes, saying due to strenuous efforts the reservation of OBCs was enhanced up to 4 percent during his tenure but that was not implemented by the successive government. During Omar Abdullah's government, separate Board for Welfare of the OBCs was constituted, he said. He assured the delegation that the various other issues raised would be pursued at appropriate levels vigorously.

Modi Govt's 3rd term is victory of voters: Jugal



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing a public meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

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 JAMMU: Expressing the gratitude to the voters and supporters of BJP for electing Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), accompanied by Sat Sharma, former Minister and other senior leaders of party addressed the 'Matdata Abhinandan Samaroh' of Jammu West Assembly Constituency at Eden Gardens, Akhnoor Road, Jammu. Chandar Mohan Gupta, Rajjiv Charak, Parmod Kapahi, Arvind Gupta, Ayodhya Gupta, Venu Khanna, Prabhat Jamwal, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Prem Gupta, Sanjay Baru, Keshav Chopra, Atul Bakshi and others were present in the programme. Jugal marked the Modi government's victory as the

victory of the voters and dedicated it to all the residents of this nation. He said that in this buoyant democracy under the leadership of PM Modi, the voter is the most important person, who has exercised his power of vote to elect the government, who has sincerely served the nation and its people. He said that to express sincere gratitude to the voters who have contributed to the success of Modi government for the third time and hence contributed in the development of the nation to make it the most preferred destination among all the countries, PM Modi has asked all the Parliamentarians to express heartfelt thanks to the worthy voters. Jugal also attacked the Gandhi family for not accepting anybody out of

their family to be the leader of the house and even disrespected the tall figure of Indian politics from even the Congress. While the Congress is alive for a single family, BJP represents the true democratic nature of Bharat and works with no bias. Sat Sharma vehemently thanked the voters of Jammu West Assembly Constituency for the massive voting in BJP's favour during the recently held Lok Sabha Polls. Similarly, Jugal Kishore Sharma, accompanied by former Rajiv Sharma, Dr. Krishan, Brijeshwar Rana, Manmohan Singh, Suraj Singh, Suresh Sharma, Bhushan Bral, Sushma Devi, Nisha Devi and others addressed another 'Matdata Abhinandan Samaroh' at Kameshwar Mandir, Akhnoor.

Centre's decision rejected in all-party meeting, demand for roll back Tribute paid to the martyrs

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 JAMMU: In the all-party meeting held in Jammu, unanimously rejected the orders of the Centre, the demand was made to roll back the amendment under Section 55 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, (34 of 2019) and return the state status to Jammu and Kashmir before the assembly elections. Along with this, there was a demand to deal strictly with terrorism and fulfill the promise of restoring peace. In all-party meeting held at Jammu Press Club, tribute was paid to the Indian soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir.



Various political parties leaders addressing all-party meeting at Jammu on Saturday.

Addressing the media, Gulchain Singh Charak, Sheikh Abdul Rehman and Shiv Sena (UBT) state chief Manish Sahni jointly said that there was unanimous decision has been taken to raise voice against the dictatorial orders of the Centre with unity. He said that the government has been given an ultimatum till July 30 to

roll back the amendment in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act. Along with this, there has been a demand to announce assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir soon and to return the status of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir before the elections. Sahni said that a core committee will also be

formed and it has been decided to come to the streets and sit on a chain hunger strike if the demands are not met. In this meeting Gulchain Singh Charak, President Dogra Sadar, Sheikh Abdul Rehman former MP including Narendra Gupta, Congress, Vijay Lochan, NC, Varinder Singh Sonu, PDP, Safir Chaudhary,

AAP, N Dogra, Subhash Mehta CPI-ML, ID Khajuria, IDP, Saeed Chaudhary, Dalip Pandita, Lakshya Bali, Bansil Lal Chaudhary, Bilal, Dr. AC Bhakti, Chairman Lok Adhikar Mission, Shivraj Singh, Colonel SS Pathania, Narendra Singh Khalsa, Shiromani Akali Dal, Advocate Shahid Salim, Sardar Gyan Singh, Narendra Khajuria, Balwinder Singh, RTI Activist, Journalist MK Bangru, Rajiv Mahajan, Ram Sena, Meenakshi Chhibber, Ashwani Kumar, Subhash Sharma Trade Union, Advocate Anna Durani, Advocate, Jitendra Singh, Comrade Sukhdev, Sanjeev Kohli and many other leaders and social workers were present.