

Modi Govt fully committed for development of J&K: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Central Government headed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi stand fully committed for the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta while starting development work of lanes and drains at Ward No 4 of Jammu Cantonment area with an estimated cost of Rs 20 lakhs. Vinay Gupta, BJP District President and Bharat Bhushan, BJP Satwari Mandal President and Vice Chairman Cantonment Board



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta starting development work of lanes and drains.

also accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister. Kavinder said that it is the performance of the party and its government on ground especially in terms of development that speaks for itself. He said that while the government stands committed to overall development of every area especially in Jammu and Kashmir it is necessary that people also ensure proactive participation by monitoring the works especially the quality of material

used in the developmental works. Referring to work started today, Kavinder said the execution of works has been initiated and it will be completed with no compromise on the quality of work so that people don't have to suffer in the future.

Among others who were present on the occasion include Narinder Gupta, Pardeep Kaur-ex Corporator, Avtar Singh Chib, Sanjeev Gupta, Kuldeep Raj, Surjeet Singh, Hans Raj, Sanjay Chowdhary, Jasbir Kour and Jagjit Singh.

BDC Chairman seeks early resolution of issues of Panchayat Kotli Galla Bana residents



BDC Chairman R.S Pura Tarsem Lal Sharma talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: BDC Chairman R S Pura Tarsem Lal Sharma has urged the Government and concerned authorities to take necessary measures for resolving several issues faced by residents of Panchayat Kotli Galla Bana and Kabir Nagar Basti, caused to recent heavy rains.

While addressing media, Tarsem Lal Sharma said, "I along with Sarpanch Suraj Parkash personally visited Panchayat Kotli Galla Bana and Kabir Nagar Basti and found that rain water has caused great damage. Locals of

adjoining areas like Bakshi Colony, Kabir colony of Kotli Galla Bana have also sought necessary steps for immediate repair of road and drainage system." The BDC Chairman further demanded construction of link road, as request in this regard has already been submitted to Chief Engineer PWD through DDC Prof Gharu Ram Bhagat but till date, nothing has been done. Others present on the occasion included Chaman Lal Floria, Surjeet Singh, Jeet Raj, Sunny Kumar, Balak Ram, Mandev Singh and Darshan Kumar.

Massive support for BJP in Majheen for Modi's pro-people policies: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: The BJP Government headed by PM Narendra Modi at the Centre has ensured progress in J&K as never before with people getting all the facilities and services without any hassle or hardships.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President J&K BJP while addressing a public meeting at Majheen area on the outskirts of Jammu on Tuesday.

Yudhvir said that the move of abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A has not only extended all the Constitutional rights to people of J&K but also chartered a new era of development in the Union Territory. He said that the major boost has been given to industries, tourism, roads and railways, healthcare and also



Vice President J&K BJP, Yudhvir Sethi and others at a public meeting at Majheen.

education. Sethi said that government has successfully devastated terror edifice in the UT and peace will soon take over the turmoil and normalcy will be restored.

He said that people should support the BJP in the forthcoming political contest to continue with the development spree in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir or else other parties may snarl the tempo of development

undoing whatever the BJP government has done so far.

The people of Majheena area have extended full to the policies and programmes of the BJP Government for the overall development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Later, Ajay Dev Singh and Gourav Singh, residents of village Majheen near Bawa Braham Dev Temple & Maadurga Temple, along with

their supporters joined the BJP and assured to strengthen the base of the party at their respective areas.

Prominent persons who were present in the meeting include Lal Singh, Bishan Singh, Sagar Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Omkar Singh, Subash Singh, Madan Lal, Nek Ram, Bushan Singh, Parshotam Singh, Suraj Kumar, Darshan Lal and Karan Singh.

Admin Secy H&ME inaugurates 5-day Management Development Programme

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JAMMU: We need to strengthen health institutions in J&K and standard operating protocols are to be made for departments and hospital, besides continuous quality improvement programmes should be introduced, especially in tertiary care hospitals. It was stated by Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar after inaugurating a five-day Management Development Programme (MDP) for Medical Officers of Kashmir division at Regional Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Dhoobiwan, Kashmir on Tuesday.

Speaking further, Bhupinder Kumar said that with implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme in J&K, every nook and corner of UT should get benefit of the same. "Govt hospitals need to gear up to provide totality of services as the visiting patients are our APRs



A dignitary speaking at a programme.

(Annual Performance Reports)," he stated.

Pertinent to mention here that training programme is being conducted by Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA) India in association with Director Health Services Kashmir.

Dr Yashpal Sharma in his address gave details about Academy of Hospital Administration and its various chapters. Dr Mustaq Ahmad Rather, Director Health Services Kashmir thanked AHA for organizing the programme to train medical offi-

cers. On the occasion, a book designed by AHA was also released. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Prof (Dr) Ruby Rishi Principal GMC Baramulla, Dr Samina Mufti Dy MS SKIMS Soura, Pankaj Gupta MD JKMSCL and Director Coordination New Medical Colleges, Dr Yashpal Sharma; Medical Superintendent MCH Jammu and Dr Arun Sharma.

The main speakers of the event included Maj Gen (Retd) Jagtar Singh, MDP Chief AHA Programme

Noida; Dr Shyama Nagaranjan Executive Director AHA HQ Noida; L B Gautam Sr. GM- Govt. Affairs in Transasia Bio-Medicals Ltd; Dr Yashpal Sharma Director Coordination New Medical Colleges, J&K (President AHA India); Dr Ashish K Gupta Programme Director AHA, Dr (Prof) Farooq Ahmed Jan Medical Superintendent SKIMS, Arshad Chowdhary, JKAS FA/CAO JKMSCL; Dr Arun Sharma Medical Superintendent MCH Gandhi Nagar Hospital (General Secretary AHA Jammu Chapter); Dr Samina Mufti Dy M S SKIMS, Arun Panotra Analyst JAKEGA IT Department Civil Secretariat; Ashish Dogra E-office Recourse Manager; JAKEGA IT Department Civil Secretariat; (Regional Secretary AHA); Sabha Noor; General Manager JKMSCL and Mudasar Bhatt Asstt Programmer JKMSCL.

KVK Jammu holds 19th Scientific Advisory Committee Meet

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Jammu, working under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) conducted 19th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting on Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J at KVK RS Pura.

The meeting was attended by Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-1, Ludhina, Dean, EVSe. & A.H., SKUAST-Jammu, District Heads of Line Departments, Representative from NABARD, Lead Bank, CDPO, DFO (SF), Heads of Divisions of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of SKUAST-Jammu, Kisan Board Members, progressive farmers of Jammu district and.

Prof. J.P. Sharma stressed upon diversification, value addition of agriculture products and adoption of secondary



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma and other dignitaries releasing a brochure.

agriculture.

He also advised to focus on entrepreneurship development of rural youth of the district.

Prof Sharma suggested to study the economic impact of the various newly generated technologies viz., Hydroponic system, Nano Urea etc for its mass adoption at farmers level.

VC emphasised on the creation of nutritional gardens at various level with the intervention of SKUAST J and KVKs at various levels technologies.

The Custom Hiring Centre of farm machinery and Food machinery at KVK Jammu was also inaugurated and ded-

icated to the farmers of Jammu by Prof. J.P. Sharma.

At the outset, Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK Jammu presented power point presentation of KVK activities for the year 2021-22 and proposed action plan for the year 2022-23.

Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu expressed thanks to all the participants.

Dr. M.S. Badwal, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, SKUAST-J assured that the faculty of Veterinary Sciences will render help for solving the

problems of livestock farmers.

Kisan Board members namely Tajinder Singh and Kulbushan Khajuria also put forth farmer's perception and expectations from KVK Jammu.

Progressive farmers and farm women also attended the meeting and shared their experiences with KVK and its activities in the district.

Dr. Ravneet Kour, Chief Scientist (Horticulture), Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Sr. Scientist (Home Science), Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist (Fisheries), Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, Scientist (Plant Protection), Dr. Anitesh Sharma, Scientist (PBG), Dr. Raju Gupta, Programme Asstt. (Farms), Satbir Singh, Programme Asstt. (Trainings), Ashish Katoch, Computer Programmer and Sahil Talgotra, Stenographer of KVK Jammu were also present in the meeting.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Ravneet Kour whereas Dr. Prem Kumar conducted the proceeding of the minutes.

Will not allow anyone to ruin Poonch House heritage site: Baru

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JAMMU: Grid Station construction Issue in Poonch house Ground was again raked up in a meeting organized by Mohalla Welfare Committee Anand Vihar, Bohri. BJP senior leader & JMC Ward 41 Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru chaired the meeting. BJP leader Krishan Lal Sharma and prominent civil society members from the area participated in the meeting. Representatives of the committee raised demand for the blacktopping of lane no. 3 Anand Vihar. They demanded that more street-lights be affixed on the electricity poles as there is insufficient light in the majority of the lanes and some lanes have completely blacked out for the want of repair or absent street lights.

The committee especially brought up the issue of construction of Grid station in the



Councillor Ward 41 Sanjay Kumar Baru listening to public issues.

heritage site of Poonch house Ground. They said that the heritage sites are the property as well as the responsibility of the government, administration and the local residents in any area. They stressed that the above said ground belongs to the heritage and hence should not be ruined. They said that they are not opposing the development work but the development should be inclusive and not be exclusive and should not be done in the cost of culture and heritage.

The Councillor said that he along with the Councillor of Ward 40 Neelam Nargotra have already raised the issue at every platform. He said that he has proposed that a State/JDA Land is available in Durga Nagar in the same Ward, where the Grid Station can be constructed. He assured them that as the dedicated BJP activist and public representative he has the first duty to give voice to the public issues, and they will not allow anyone to ruin the heritage site.

Employer best judge to decide where to utilize service of employee: HC

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court said that employer has been held to be the best judge to decide as to where to utilize the service of the employee. After hearing a petition filed by Sheeba Ashraf, who challenged transfer order dated 29.6.2022 in terms whereof petitioner has been transferred to 72 battalion Sunderbani, from her present place of posting at GC Rambagh, Srinagar, where she is working as Medical Officer; Justice Javed Iqbal Wani while dismissing the petition, observed that law is no more res Integra that transfer of a government servant appointed to a particular transferable post is incidence of service and

does not affect or alter his/her condition of service. "The transfer is an exigency of service and an employer has a prerogative to see at what place the service of an employee can be utilized. Reverting back to the case in hand, the petitioner has questioned the order of transfer primarily on the ground of application of guidelines provided for posting of husband and wife at same place," the Court observed, adding that law is settled that the said guidelines have been held to be conferring upon the government employee no legally enforceable right. The employer has been held to be the best judge to decide as to where to utilize the service of the employee, the Court stated.

Assistance provided to fire victims of Nund Reshi Colony

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SRINAGAR: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, a team of District Administration, Srinagar on Tuesday visited Nundreshi Colony sector A in Bemina area of the District to provide immediate assistance to the fire victims whose residential houses were damaged in a massive fire incident on Monday.

The team assessed the damages caused due to the fire incident and expressed sympathy with the affected families on loss of property.

On the occasion an immediate assistance in the form of 30 blankets, 18 mattresses, 18 bed sheets and 6 kitchen sets, in addition Rs 30000 were also provided to all 06 affected families each Rs 5000 out of Red Cross of District Administration Srinagar.

Jammu-based reserved category employees seek release of withheld salaries

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JAMMU: All Jammu-based reserved category employees, serving in different departments in Kashmir Division, have reiterated their appeal to LG led administration regarding salary related issues, as salary of a number of employees has been withheld for past 1 or 2 months. The employees have many financial obligations to fulfill in shape of loan installments, EMIS, medical treatment of dependents etc.

They further said that situation in valley is still not conducive for employees to resume their duties as various incidents of non-locals being targeted are still being reported. On the other hand, employees are being forced to resume duties by way of issuing various

orders regarding resumption of duties and withheld of salaries.

"Adamant behaviour is being adopted by a few DDOs regarding salary issues of employees, which is not justified in view of the prevailing situation. There is a dire need to look into the matter and issue necessary directives regarding release of salaries, for providing much-needed relief to suffering employees," they added.

It is pertinent to mention here that the protest of All Jammu based employees serving in Kashmir Division commenced on June 1, 2022 at Dr B R Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu, a day after targeted killing of Rajni Bala, who was serving as a teacher in Kulgam.

Jammu gets ready for 'Integrated Command & Control Centre'

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JAMMU: The Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) is all set to establish an Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) to bring all the different government services of several departments to a single platform as well as to handle all civic issues.

The single platform aimed at monitoring and addressing public issues on a real-time basis is being established under the Smart City Mission of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoUHA).

The ICCC will help in fine-tuning vehicular traffic regulation as well as improvising the municipal services including waste management, sewerage issues and many more.

The project will also offer smart governance solutions and a quick public grievance redressal system.

In this connection, the



Officials discussing JSCL project with stakeholders at Jammu.

JSCL held discussion with the stakeholders' comprising students, prominent citizens, Senior Govt. Officials and others.

To sensitise stakeholders about the project, J.P. Singh explained about the facilities available in the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) and its advantages through power-point presentation.

He further informed that the project also includes an Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS).

"The ITMS will enable

24x7 and real-time detection of traffic violations in the city. It will include the red-light violation detection system, No-Seat-Belt Detection, No-Helmet Detection, Wrong Lane Driving etc." he said.

He added that the VMDs have been installed across the city and which will be integrated and managed through ICCC for effective public communication on various aspects including traffic, environment etc.

He further informed that the concerned departments are being taken on board

for the effective and coordinated implementation of the project and ICCC will enable concerned authorities to address public problems within the next few minutes to ensure normalcy at the earliest.

After clarifying the doubts of the participants, the officials also recorded the suggestions given by them to make the system more effective.

Instead of feeling Sorry for "the large-scale extradition of Pandits caused by the ISI-sponsored militancy" the Abdullahs and Muftis are still playing the same anti-national game which would in the long run harm the interest of people of the union territory.

"Voting is a Constitutional right of a person who belongs to the state and there is no reason that "Abdulas or Mufties" should be barred from it".

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Floura, M/C Domana, Machallian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 24 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Rangarh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 24 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Amrit Vihar, Rishi Nagar, Riju, Patel Nagar, Kalibari, Shiva Nagar and PHE installations shall remain affected on August 24 and 25 from 8 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Azapuram, Janglote Morh and Saraswati Vihar shall remain affected on August 25 from 8 am to 11 am. Likewise, the power supply to Janglote and Kharote areas shall remain affected on August 24 and 26 from 8 am to 11 am.

JKMPCL imparts awareness on lumpy skin, distributes medicines

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Milk Producers Cooperative Limited (JKMPCL) organized awareness camps at various places in 6 districts including Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri, Reasi of Jammu division for imparting aware among farmers regarding a new disease 'lumpy skin' found in animals and distributed medicines among 50,000 farmers of 500 villages through village societies. JKMPCL Field Incharge Mushtaq Ahmed informed that the medicines were distributed in 500 villages of Jammu. Secretaries of societies and farmers of Jammu Division, associated with JKMPCL, participated in camps and asked

farmers to adopt preventive measures for safeguarding



JKMPCL Field Incharge Mushtaq Ahmed distributing medicines.

their animals. The farmers, while lauding the working of JKMPCL, said that animals are their only source of income and JKMPCL is working hard for ensuring their safety. Pertinent to mention here that JKMPCL is the only Cooperative organization in Jammu & Kashmir, providing various facilities to almost 50,000 farmers such as cattle feed, utensils, insecticides etc.