

# Yudhvir expresses disappointment over delayed bridge completion in Kanna Shargal Panchayat

Bajalta people threaten to Gherao of ERA Office over people's issues

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi, voiced his profound disappointment against the working of J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) for its failure to complete the bridge in Kanna Shargal Panchayat of village Bajalta, on the outskirts of Jammu.

The project was initiated more than three years ago and has yet to be completed, causing immense hardships to the people of the area.

In response to the ongoing delay and to express solidarity with the aggrieved locals of Kanna Panchayat, Yudhvir Sethi today joined the protest organized by the people of Bajalta.

Sham Singh Mandal Vice



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi attending protest.

president, Abdul Hussain District President ST Morecha, Sunny Sharma General Secretary Mandal, Nasib Singh Booth President, Sardar Singh, Attar Hussain Mandal President ST morecha, Shubam Sharma and Bawa Sharma also joined the protest.

Talking to media persons, Sethi highlighted that the project titled "Tutan Di

Khui to Khad Madana Road," with a cost of Rs 26 crore and a road length of 11 kilometers, started on 1st October 2021, with an initial completion period of 15 months. However, regretably, the project has not made any progress, leaving it incomplete. Sethi took a stern stance against the inefficiencies of the ERA, emphasizing the significance of the project for the region.

The uncompleted bridge hinders access to the other end of Tutan Di Khui to Khad Madana Road, which ultimately reaches Purmandal. The delayed completion of the bridge has disrupted the daily lives of the local residents, with school children struggling to reach school, people facing difficulties reaching offices, and healthcare professionals unable to reach health centers on time, resulting in the entire system has come to a standstill.

Sethi questioned the ERA's inability to complete the bridge despite the existence of similar projects being finished in a remarkably shorter time frame. He drew attention to the successful construction of the New Parliament building in just 24 months, raising con-

cerns about the reasons behind the prolonged delay of the aforesaid project. Sethi reassured the people of Bajalta that the BJP is committed to address their concerns and resolve the issue without any further delay. He asked senior functionaries of ERA to expedite the completion of the bridge and ensure that the long-awaited project is accomplished to alleviate the suffering of the people of Kanna Panchayat and enhance the region's overall connectivity and development.

The protesting people of Bajalta warned the ERA that if the agency fails to take immediate and effective action to complete the bridge, then have will resort to Gherao the office of ERA as a measure of protest.

# JU's DSRS organises Lecture on 'Gender Sensitization'



Prof. Jasbir Singh, HoD Philosophy JU and others during a lecture.

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu (JU) has organized a lecture on 'Gender Sensitization among Students to Deal With Peer Group: An Analysis' in the seminar hall of the department.

Prof. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, welcomed the Resource Person and the Chief Guest Prof. Jasbir Singh, Head Department of Philosophy and former Dean Social Sciences, JU.

In his discussion, Prof. Jasbir has deliberated from the definition of gender and sex in our society. He

methodically and with live examples of different regions of the world provided lucid analysis of gender sensitization that include different aspects of gender studies, for instance, gender equality, gender equity, social construct, and socialization of varied patterns of social behaviour. He discussed how women's role has been changed with the passage of time, particularly with technology and modernity drive, and in the name of gender equality. But these domains instead of giving her freedom, they are overburdening her social, familial and professional responsibilities. Apart from this, Prof. Jasbir

also underlined how the society expects a set of values from affectionate, tolerant, obedient, hospitable, doing service to men and remain more careful to her traditional family duties.

Adding to this, he stressed how social construction of gender takes shape wherein violence against women and exploitation of women is prominent and taken for granted.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam and the lecture was attended by the department faculty Dr. Surinder Mohan, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, and Dr. Ranjan Sharma.

# Rana reminds Mehbooba of PDP's dubious role in Kashmir politics

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JAMMU: Hitting out at the Peoples' Democratic Party leadership for its dubious role in promoting separatism and creating disharmony in the inclusive Jammu and Kashmir over the decades in different avatars, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday advised them not to test public memory, as they stand exposed for their dubious politics and double speak.

Reacting to remarks of PDP President Mehbooba Mufti, against BJP at the PDP Foundation Day, Devender Singh Rana on the side-lines of a party function here while talking to the reporters said the people of Kashmir are well aware about the dubious role played by the PDP and its leadership in different forms and colours to instigate and exploit the people.

"When it suits the PDP leadership, they can go to any extent in raising communal passions, as they did in 1984 and 1987", Mr Rana said, recalling the Years of Mufti



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana talking to reporters.

Mohammed Sayeed as Home Minister when the national interest was hugely compromised. He said the PDP's close links with anti-national and subversive elements, especially during 2002 and 2009 are well known. He recalled the sinister observations of the then PDP Chief who went to the extent of telling terrorists in 2002 that they need not worry as their representatives were in the Assembly.

"Much water has flown down the Jhelum during the past five years after abrogation of Article 370 that

brought about discernible turnaround in the situation in the Valley and opened up vistas of economic opportunities across Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of focused attention towards infrastructural development and massive investments", Rana said while addressing the workers.

He advised the opportunistic political entities in public space to shun colour blindness and muster the courage to move outside their comfort zones and ask the people associated with tourism and allied industries and they will

tell them about the dividends of peace that has brought cheer in the lives of millions, they kept them deprived of for over three decades as a sinister strategy to remain in the power corridors. Normalised and peaceful Kashmir doesn't fit in with their schemes, which is why they can't conceal their discomfort on seeing the Valley humming with activities round the clock, be it summer or the winter. Never ever has Kashmir witnessed such a tourism and pilgrim boom that is directly associated with the economy of both the regions of Kashmir and Jammu, he added.

Devender Rana said whenever self-proclaimed representatives of Kashmir feel politically irrelevant; they raise the bogey of talks with Pakistan, terrorists and separatists, forgetting how severe miseries they have brought to the people. On the other hand, they used to remain in close proximity to those at the helm to bargain for power. However, such a

strategy of 'blackmail and exploitation' has ended under the dynamic and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the scenario has now changed because Delhi now has a strong determined government that wants the common people to be the end beneficiaries of the schemes and funds allotted for Jammu and Kashmir with no role for the 'middlemen' in terms of dubious politicians.

Cautioning against the double speak of rejected political leaders, who were attempting to strain Jammu and Kashmir trust with progress, development and harmony as per the cherished agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's solemn pledge of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Priyas, Devender Rana said the people cannot be dissuaded from their chosen path of being the part of the country's growth story, with equal opportunities to all, irrespective of region, religion or caste.

# DPAP holds protest against JPDCL



DPAP leaders and workers raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Democratic progressive Azad Party (DPAP) District Committee Jammu, Urban held a protest at Talab Tillo Chowk, Jammu against JPDCL regarding issuance of hefty electricity bills, Smart meters and controversial electricity prepaid system.

The members of District Committee DPAP assembled at Talab Tillo Chowk under the leadership of District President Jammu Urban Gourav Chopra and Ashok Bhagat District President Jammu Rural.

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Prepaid Electricity System. Gourav Chopra lambasted on PDD for issuance of hefty bills to the people of J&K UT. He said that J&K LG administration is harassing the people by issuing incorrect and hefty bills and pushing the people in controversial Prepaid Electricity System.

The people of J&K UT are already facing problems and now the government have also stopped the old age, widow and handicapped pensions which is great injustice with poor people of J&K UT.

He also raised the questions on LG Govt. about the loss of eight medical seats of GMC which are snatched by National Medical Council. He said that people who are responsible for this scandal

should be behind bars.

Ashok Bhagat and Anil Kohli also raised questions on wrong policy of PDD/JPDCL. He said that UT administration doesn't want to understand problems of people.

Democratic Progressive Azad Party strongly opposed the injustice with people of Jammu.

Later, the protesters handover a memorandum to Chief Engineer Jammu for LG to revoke the order regarding prepaid electricity system and immediately stop injustice and to give relief to the J&K UT people.

This protest was organised by District committee Urban and Jammu rural.

The others who take part in the protest were Kulwant Singh, Ashwani Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Anil Nargotra, Jodh Singh, Manik Sharma, Ajay Bhagat, Manik Uppal, Pummy Verma, Bishan Bharti, Vinod Sharma, Kanchan Sharma, Pushpa Verma, Kamlesh Devi, Yuvraj Singh, J.P Singh, Randeep Singh, Neelam Kumari, Darshna Kumari, Sunita Kumari and Asha Devi.

# Retired officials, senior citizens join BJP



BJP leaders with newly joined members at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Retired SSP Abhay Mahajan and Retired DySP Maheshwar Singh, along with dozens of retired officials and senior citizens, joined BJP on Monday in a function held at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

They were welcomed into the partyfold by Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, in presence of All Cell Co-convenor Ved Sharma and other leaders.

The joining programme

was organized by Senior Citizen Cell Convenor J.D. Singh and OBC Morecha Prabhari.

Prominent among others, besides Retd SSP who joined BJP included Retired Dy SP Mahashwar Singh, Capt (retd.) Hans Raj, Retired Headmasters Chaing Singh and Sham Lal Sharma, Ex-Serviceman Baehan Mankotia, A.K. Kapahi, Chane Ram, Ishri Singh, Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Om Parkash Sharma, Ramesh Kumar, Avinash Anand, Ashok Dogra, Jagdish Choudhary and others.

# Govt's policies putting common people into trouble: Bhalla

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JAMMU: Impressed by policies and programmes of Congress party standing with all those who are in need, several prominent persons under the leadership of JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla joined Congress on Monday. Those who joined include Apni Party (AP) leader Raj Kumar Bhagat and hundreds of his supporters. The joining programme was organized by Congress DDC contested candidate Advocate Jagpreet Kour, Rangarh Distt Samba. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Mannu Kumar, Gotam Kumar, Kallu, Kannu, Prince, Munish Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Samir, Baehan Lal, Somu Sharma, Rudhu Ram, Ashok Kumar, Jyoti Devi, Ruhi Devi, Heena Balgotra, Rajni Devi Krishna Kummari, Bittu Ram Puppi Ram, Desh Raj besides others.



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla with newly joined members at Jammu on Monday.

JKPCC Working President welcomed the new entrants into Congress Party, urging them to work for the Party with great zest, as that, it is the Congress Party alone which represents urges and aspirations of the people. Bhalla expressed confidence that Congress Party is vibrant situation, despite challenges and conspiracies, it will continue to work for the betterment of the people, besides it (Congress) won't be cowed down by the challenges rather it will further

get strengthened at grass roots, he added.

Accusing the BJP government of having failed to address the problems of the people, Bhalla on Monday expressed shock over unbearable hike in food items including fruits, vegetables and other daily needed household items making people clueless how to manage family affairs amidst worst ever economic crisis in country. He demanded immediate control over food inflation which is breaking previous record on daily basis.

# Prize distribution ceremony of UCMAS 'National Level Competition' held

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JAMMU: Prize Distribution Ceremony of UCMAS "National Level Competition" (NLC) as well as UCMAS "International Grading Exam" (IGE) certificate Distribution Ceremony of was held at UCMAS Jammu Kashmir Regional head Office at Trikuta Nagar.

Approx 200+ students along with their parents were present in the event.

Chief Guest of function was Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director of Tourism and this event was executed under supervision of Academic Director UCMAS Jammu Kashmir Sonia Masson and Regional Director of UCMAS Rupesh



Director Tourism Jammu Sunaina Sharma Mehta presenting award to a winner student.

Masson.

Rupesh Masson in his opening speech said "International Grading Exam" (IGE) is conducted by UCMAS Malaysia International Headquarter

across the globe as a training and quality assessment practice and kids from different countries goes thru this assessment in their respective areas authorised centre. "IGE holds a international

recognition as uemas is a trusted & recognised brand with presence in more than 80 countries across globe, this certificate can help kids get a edge in admission process internationally as well as in top collages of India. "he also informed that National Level Competition (NLC) 2023 is being organised in north India biggest university in Punjab at "Lovely Professional University" on 2nd & 3rd September under the guidelines of National office & as this time it is a neighbouring state whole team of trainer, centre heads along with participating students & parents will be going to NLC to represent UT of Jammu

Kashmir in this Prestigious National event.

Mrinank Gupta of KC Public School got 5th Position in NLC was awarded a trophy and certificate and Pranavi Sanga of GD Goenka School was awarded 5000 cash prize for her good performance in NLC competition.

UCMAS course instructor and centre head of all authorised centre participated in this event Along Many prominent citizens as well as social activities were present including -Sandya Dhar Social activist and Nari Shakti Puraskar awardee, Mamta Choudhary HOD Management Studies Baba Gulam Shah Badshah,

University,Rajouri. Garg Kapoor & Ananya Gupta (Internees) helped with Management & Social media coverage of ceremony. Staff member Reetika Sharma, Mandeep Singh, Simerpal Singh, Shivani Gupta helped in overall management of event.

Sunaina Sharma Mehta, who also happens to be a parent of UCMAS students in her closing speech said, "UCMAS is a wonderful program for young kids aged 4-13 years and parents should motivate and encourage kids to participate all state, national and international competitions as it give boost to mathematical ability as well as moral of kids".

# Massive rush of devotees witnessed during Shravaan Maas at Dharmarth Trust temples

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JAMMU: The ongoing Shravaan Maas, a highly revered period in the Hindu community, has witnessed massive influx of devoted pilgrims at various Shiv Temples falling under the ambit of J&K Dharmarth Trust. In a statement issued here today, Brig R.S. Langeh, President of J&K Dharmarth Trust, said that the Trust has taken extensive measures to ensure their welfare during this holy season. He said the Trust has meticulously arranged for various amenities and services catering to the comfort and safety of devotees. He said the ancient temples such as Shri Ranbireswar Temple, Sudh Mahadev Temple, Abhi Mukteshwar Temple in Utter Behni, Umapati Mahadev Temple in Purmandal, Shankaracharya Temple in Srinagar, and several others have been equipped with necessary facilities to accommodate the influx of pilgrims. "Under the patronage of Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee, the Trust has been tirelessly committed to providing hassle-free facilities to ensure a serene and meaningful pilgrimage experience," he added.

He said "Shravaan Maas is a time of great significance for our Hindu community, and we are committed to serve the spiritual aspirations of countless devotees. The Trust aims to ensure a gratifying and transformative spiritual experience for everyone participating in the holy Shravaan Maas."