

BJP to organize historic Ekatma Mahotsav Rally at RS Pura on 5 August

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JAMMU: BJP will organize the 'Ekatma Mahotsav Rally' on August 5, 2024 at Bana Singh Stadium, RS Pura to commemorate the complete unification of Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of India, said BJP J&K General Secretary and Former MLC Adv. Vibodh Gupta while addressing a Press Conference at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Ch. Vikram Randhawa, former MLC, Baldev Singh Billawaria, former JMC Dy Mayor, Rekha Mahajan, District President, Er TK Sharma, Co-convenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan also accompanied Vibodh Gupta on the occasion.

"The day of August 5, 2019 is very important day in our lives. On this vital day 5 years back, a historic blun-



BJP J&K General Secretary, Adv. Vibodh Gupta addressing a press conference at BJP Headquarters, Jammu.

der was corrected and we, the people of Jammu & Kashmir, united completely with the rest of India, and are now able to enjoy all the rights, and the liberties and are progressing on the path of development", said Vibodh Gupta.

Vibodh Gupta, while addressing the media persons said that on this day, "Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan" mission of the

party was fulfilled in letter and spirit. This day essentially granted all the rights to the neglected and the oppressed communities like PoJK displaced, WPRs, Gujjar-Bakewal, Paharis, OBCs, Valmikis, Gorkhas, which were denied justice for 7 decades. After decisive steps by Modi government, these communities were given citizenship rights, their wards could get admis-

sion in professional college, could get government jobs, proprietary rights on lands etc.

He said that this day boosted development in the region mentioning Ring roads, tunnels, highways, medical colleges, 3 tier system of political empowerment giving major boost to infrastructure development.

Vibodh said that now the Tiranga is being hoisted in

every corner in the state, Maharaja Hari Singh ji is paid respect, Accession Day, the birth day of Maharaja Hari Singh are being celebrated on a mass scale and the stone pelting, and separatism have reduced significantly, due to the abrogation of Articles 370 & 35 (a).

He also lauded the historic decision by the LG administration, in which it granted proprietary rights to the WPRs.

He thanked PM Modi, HM Amit Shah, and LG administration for doing justice with the community.

The people from mainly 3 Assembly Constituencies namely Suchetgarh, RS Pura, and Bishnah will participate in this massive rally. BJP appeals to the people from whole of Jammu to participate in massive numbers in this rally, he said.

GGM Science College organizes "Run for Unity" to promote National Integration



Principal GGM Science College, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta with faculty and students at an event.

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JAMMU: N SS and NCC units of GGM Science College on Saturday hosted a "Run for unity" event to commemorate 77th Independence Day celebrations. The "Run for Unity" is organized to celebrate the spirit of unity and to encourage the community to come together as one. This initiative aligns with the college's mission to promote values of inclusivity and harmony among students and the broader public. The event was organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College. He said

that "Run for Unity" is not only a race but it also instills values such as unity, teamwork and the feeling of national integration among the participants. He further emphasized the importance of unity in diversity and encouraged students to uphold the values of unity, peace and brotherhood. The "Run for Unity" also serves as a platform to inspire the youth to actively participate in activities that strengthen societal cohesion. The event saw enthusiastic participation from NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, faculty members and local community members. A 2 km run around

the college campus was flagged off by the worthy principal of the college. This event served as a tribute to India's independence Heroes and reminder of the importance of staying united as a nation. Refreshment was served to the participants after the event. The event was coordinated by ANO's Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Dr. Shafia Saleem and NSS Program Officers Dr. Neha Sharma and Dr. Rahul Kait.

Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta lauded the coordinating team and volunteers, whose dedication made the event a grand success.

Rotary Club Jammu Elite organises Plantation Drive

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JAMMU: The first phase of Tree Plantation Drive was organised by Rotary Club Jammu Elite in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi at Middle School, Mussa Chack, Tehsil R.S.Pura Jammu. Both Clubs planted 50 Plants including Medicinal, Flower and Fruits. Club President, Dr. Davinder Kour (Associate Professor) and Club Charter Rtn. Gurvinder Kaur was the project Director.

Dr. Davinder Kour apprised the students about the importance of the plants in life as well as for reducing global warming. Rtn Gurvinder Kour awarded the students about Health and Hygiene. Incharge of the School Mrs. Ravinder Kour and S. Sukhdev Singh Panah



Rotarians during plantation drive in Jammu.

of the village was very grateful to the Clubs for this Great Project. Others who were present President IWC Mrs. Paramjeet Kour, Suresh Bala Secretary RC

Jammu Elite, Radhika Secretary IWC, Prof Poonam, Daljeet Kour, Mrs. Manjeet Kour Supervisor Anganwadi, Gagandeep Kour and Pooja.

Physics Wallah launches Rs 250 Cr Scholarship Fund for JEE/NEET aspirants via PW NSAT 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Physics Wallah (PW), a leading Indian education company, announces the scholarship fund of Rs 250 crores through its third edition of the NSAT (National Scholarship Cum Admission Test) 2024, the biggest scholarship test.

This initiative aims to help students aspiring to excel in NEET-UG and IIT-JEE exams by providing top-quality education and expert guidance, regardless of their financial situation.

The NSAT exam will be held online from October 1 to October 15, 2024, and offline on October 6 and October 13, 2024 at Jammu centre. Both online and offline options are available, making it accessible to all students.



Physics Wallah members launching scholarship for NEET, JEE aspirants.

The registration for the NSAT 2024 program has officially begun, inviting students from Class VI to XII, including those in PCM and PCB groups. This initiative underscores a

commitment to inclusivity by eliminating the exam registration fee, thus removing financial barriers for all participants. Results are set to be announced in November 2024.

Top 1000 students who excel in these exams will receive a 100% scholarship, including accommodation. Among these, special consideration will be given to the top

500 underprivileged students. This ensures that financial limitations do not obstruct their path to academic excellence, providing them with security and relief.

Additionally, students can join an Exclusive Rankers' Group, significantly boosting their prospects of securing top rankings in prestigious exams like NEET UG and IIT JEE.

The scholarship initiative, totalling Rs 250 Crores, represents one of the most significant financial aids ever made available to students.

This massive support ensures that financial constraints do not hinder students' educational aspirations, paving the way for a brighter future.

Follow the motto 'Country comes First, Always, and Every time': Dr Bhan to Youth

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JAMMU: Former Director General Jammu & Kashmir Police and a life member of the Central Govt. Pensioners' Welfare Association (CGPWA), Dr Ashok Bhan on Saturday called upon the youth to keep the country first always in their life and dedicate themselves to the welfare of the people. He told them that "success does not come from the sky, it is in their efforts and every morning is another opportunity to prove yourselves." aegis

Delivering a Talk on "Country comes First, Always, and Every time" to the inmates of the BALGRAN, a Shelter Home for destitute students here today under the aegis of the CGPWA, Dr Bhan asked the students to contribute, at least, in respect five important issues of the community. He listed these five subjects as Swachhata, Environmental Protection, Social Media, Fraternity and Punctuality and asked them to inculcate them in their lives.

Explaining each of these issues, he said that cleanliness is the purity of life and thoughts and teachers should help them in inculcating it in students by becoming motivators. Contribution in Environmental protection can be made by taking up plantation, checking pollution and disuse of plastic. Cautioning against misuse of Social Media as there is anonymity in it, he said that it is a waste of time and youth must avoid trolling. This technology has the advantages also, provided it is used constructively and positively.

Fraternity is an important issue which even the Preamble of our Constitution enjoined upon all Indians for 'bhairaha' which is the basis of our national strength and everyone must promote it at every cost. Punctuality is the fifth most important habit which youth must imbibe in themselves to save their own precious time as also others and consequently of the nation.



life member of CGPWA, Dr Ashok Bhan interacting with students.

The Talk is a part of the laudable initiative which CGPWA launched last year to use the available rich human resource in the shape of senior former civil servants, to upgrade the knowledge of the destitute children and motivate them for better and productive life ahead.

Dr Bhan recalled that by constitutional amendment, ten fundamental duties were incorporated in Part 4A of the constitution. While fundamental rights are always talked about, more emphasis is needed on these duties, which include duty east on a parent or guardian to provide opportunities for education to his child between six to fourteen years of age. Proper education to children would make our youth responsible, secular minded and progressive in outlook.

In his 45-minute talk, he took the audience to nostalgic travel with him from his impression age of childhood and recalled how songs of past films had motivational impact.

These included song of 1954 popular patriotic movie, Jagriti- "Hum Laye Hain Toofan Se Kashti Nikal Ke", song of 1960 film Hum Hindustani- Chhodo kal Ki Baatein, Kalki baat purani, nayadr main likhengeyae nai kahani and Lata Mangeshkar's heart breaking song - aye mere watan ke logon jara ankh main bhar lo pani, which created a patriotic environment

in India.

He specially recalled the stanza of Lata Mangeshkar song- 'Sikh koi jaat maraatha, koi gurakha koi madaraasi, sarahad pe marane vaala, har veer the bhaarat vaasi, jo khoon gira parvat par, vo khoon the hindustani, Jo Shahid Hue Hein Unki, Zaraa Yaad Karo qurbaani to prove his point.

Dr Bhan said in three decade old militancy in J&K, nearly 6000 men in uniform have been martyred including 200 of J&K Police. He said their supreme sacrifice has always to be remembered. He said today we pay our tribute to these Bravehearts.

Referring to the title of his talk, "Country comes First, Always, and Every time", Dr Bhan said that during his visit to Indian Military Academy, Dehradun with his father, who was in the army, he saw an inspiring quote at the entrance of Chetwoode Hall which left indelible imprint on his mind. It says, "The safety, honour and welfare of your country come first, always and every time.

The honour, welfare, and comfort of the men you command come next. Your own ease, comfort and safety come last, always and every time." This is the motto of the officers passing out from the academy. This should be the motto for every youth of our country, he said. Later he interacted with the students and enquired about their choice of career and gave some tips.

Earlier, the President of BALGRAN Vinod Raina welcomed the guests and apprised the initiative taken by the CGPWA. Prof R C Sharma, Secretary BALGRAN presented a vote of thanks.

Present on the occasions included, General Secretary CGPWA K B Jandial, Treasurer O P Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Chief Patron Er. A K Arora, Patron Prem Gupta, S C Sharma, J K Gupta, Ravinder Gupta, Sunil Gupta and Er Jerath.

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JAMMU: Prize Distribution Function of 3rd Online Essay Contest 2023-24 for Jammu based Awardees, organised by Team Essay in the premises of S. L. Memorial Model High School, Tomal, Bohri. Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief & Rehab. Commissioner (M) exhorted children to participate in as many competitions as possible before they complete their High school education". Children should inculcate the Sanskars of Social Reformers like Kashyap Bandhu ji - a brave, farsighted Social Reformer cum Freedom Fighter from Kashmir".

Recalling the contribution of Bandhu, Prof. P. L. Trisal, a



Organisers along with winners during the event.

veteran Linguist mentioned his leading role in Indianisation of Kashmiri Pandit women dress by popularising Sari among them. While Apurva Bhat (SOS, Gole Gujral), Vidhi

Raina (Coventry Scholars), Tanvi Bhat & Jeevika Koul (SLM, Tomal) won First prize: Poorvi & Bhavika stood Second, and Mohit Pandit & Jitesh Raina from Govt.

Middle School, JAGTI bagged the 3rd prize. Praznath, Shrivani, Chahat, MAULIK, Kritika, Shrishti, Vanshika & Abhishta clinched the Consolation prizes. Earlier a similar function was held for Valley based Awardees at KP Colony, Sheikhpora wherein Dr. M. K. Razdan, veteran philanthropist was the Chief Guest.

Team WAANGJJVOR of Radio Shardawa also felicitated on this occasion.

Team Essay shall soon declare the 4th Essay Contest. Nancy Koul & Sommath Mantoo thanked one and all especially the Chairman and staff of S. L. Memorial School for all the facilities provided.

Congress believes in regional unity, communal amity: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Saturday said the people, especially youth and rural poor have lost hope and Jammu feels completely left down.

In an interactive session with party workers at Swankha in Ramgarh constituency, Bhalla shared the concern of youth over growing unemployment and said the slow pace of recruitment has made the future of unemployed bleak.

Added to this, he said, the menace of backdoor appointments and nepotism has left the eligible aspirants dejected and aghast. He referred to discrimination meted out with the Jammu candidates in various categories of posts filled by the Public Service Commission.

Bhalla, accompanied among others by the former Minister Yahpal Kundal who organized the interactive programme



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing gathering.

besides Working Meeting at Ramgarh Constituency in Village Swankha. District President Sanjeev Sharma, Working Working DCC Samba Babal Gupta, Tirath Ram Bhagat, Mandeep Choudhary Rakesh Singh, Mesh Sharma, Pyara Singh, Sourprum

Singh, Sunil Bhagat, Shankar Dass, Vijay Angulana, Kuldeep Singh Choudhary, Balram Kundal and others were also present on the occasion. Bhalla said the people of Jammu will give a befitting reply to the BJP for its betrayal and indifference after reha-

ilitating the corridors of the power. He said, "I will keep highlighting every issue, major or minor, to see J&K progress and prosper, notwithstanding the odds adding that their support and cooperation has been serving as an inspiration for him to work for the betterment of the region."

Bhalla said, "There is need for bridging the gap, which alone can be done by Congress, which believes in regional unity and communal amity."

He urged the functionaries to gear up grass root units to fill the political vacuum. He also exhorted the cadre to be positive role models for democracy that they are supposed to be being the inheritors of a mass movement, which has stood test of times during most turbulent times.

PMBI, ESIC sign MoU to provide high-quality generic medicines to ESIC hospitals, dispensaries

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NEW DELHI: The Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the PMBI Head Office in New Delhi.

The agreement was signed between PMBI and ESIC in the presence of Ravi Dadhich, CEO of PMBI.

The objective of this MoU is to provide high-quality generic medicines from the



PMBI and ESIC representatives signing agreement in presence of Ravi Dadhich, CEO of PMBI.

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) to ESIC hospi-

tals and dispensaries, improving healthcare access for beneficiaries.

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was selected as the chief guest of the event. Raj Daluja, Chairman JK Educational Society, Siddharth Daluja, Member of Management and Shashi Chaudhary Director JK Educational Society also graced the occasion. The selection of the student council is a rigorous process that starts with an opportunity for each child of the relevant grades to self-nominate.

They respond to some key questions about self-introspection and leadership during this process.

The shortlisted students are then scored on a few key points like-a sense of responsibility, leadership, discipline, etc.

Following this round, they meet the panel for an interview. A few positions are based on interviews. After the interview, the committee and school presidents proceed to the selection of the right candidate for right position.

The School Principal Rajesh Rathore appreciated the honesty, confidence and clarity in thoughts which the office bearers had exhibited during their selection process and wished that they work not just for the betterment and growth of their fellow students but for their personal growth as well.

He advised the Student Council members to be humble and remain in gratitude because they are on the threshold of a new beginning, and the

values and ethos that they have imbibed from the school will guide them forever in their lives.

The spirits of the event reached its crescendo with the rendition of the school song surrounded all along. Everyone had a heartwarming moment when the honorable dignitaries awarded the council members with their badges and sashes.

The event witnessed the proud expressions on the faces of teachers, staff, and parents of the student council members, which shows that each deserving student is dedicated to the responsibilities assigned.

The new leaders Head Boy Parth Bamba and Head Girl Ananya took an oath to serve the school and the student community they represent with utmost loyalty and sincerity.

A garland of motivational words by Dr Archana, the Chief Guest guided the Student Council Members to be the role models and render their responsibilities sincerely as the nation builders of tomorrow. She expressed her profound appreciation for the dedicated teachers and the school's exceptional contribution. She has fittingly called it 'a school with a difference'

The Chairman JK Educational Society Raj Daluja felicitated the Chief Guest. The event culminated with vote of thanks presented by Parth Bamba, School Head Boy, followed by the National Anthem.