

Mayor inaugurates development work



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta inaugurating development work.

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide better development facilities to the people of Jammu, Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta along with Surinder Chowdhary Councillor of Ward No 29 today conducted an extensive tour in the various of Rajpura, Shiv Nagar & its adjoining localities and inaugurated the much needed development work in terms of construction of Lane and covering of drains by iron gratings in Gali No. 16 Rajpura Mangotarian Jammu of

Ward No 33.

Naseeb Raj, Mohit Vaid, Krishan Verma, Balvinder Kumar, Kiran Sharma, Shamsher Singh, Tripta Devi along with other prominent inhabitants of the locality as well as Ashish Bhasin Assistant Executive Engineer, Mohit Gupta Junior Engineer & other Supervisory staff of Engg. Division II & Sanitation Section was also remained present there during the inauguration function which was organized in a very simple manner.

J&K records 146 fresh COVID cases

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 146 fresh Covid cases, taking the infection tally to 3,26,799, while no new death due to the virus was reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 25 were from the Jammu division and 121 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 72 cases followed by 15 cases in Barumulla district. There are 1,301 active cases in the Union Territory as recoveries outnumbered fresh cases while the number of recovered patients was 3,21,086, the officials said.

The death toll in the Union Territory due to the pandemic was 4,412 as no new fatality was reported in the past 24 hours.

The officials said there were 46 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory as one fresh

case was reported since last evening.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has recorded four new COVID-19 cases during the past 24 hours, taking the tally to 20,600 while the active cases in the Union territory came down to 39 after five more patients recovered from the disease, officials said.

Ladakh has registered 207 COVID-related deaths – 149 in Leh and 58 in Kargil – since the outbreak of the pandemic last year:

The officials said a total of 4,606 persons were tested for COVID-19 in the twin districts on Friday and the reports of four of them – three in Leh and one in Kargil – returned positive.

Five COVID-19 patients were discharged from Leh, taking the tally of cured patients to 20,354 accounting for over 98.8 per cent recoveries, they said.

With this, the total number of active cases in Ladakh has come down to 39, including 35 in Leh and four in Kargil.

Congress leaders' no to Dogra Turban hurts sentiments: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Saturday slammed Congress leaders present on the podium during the party's rally for disowning Dogra Turban.

In a statement issued here to media, the BJP leader said that the viral video of the Congress leaders present on the dais during the public gathering showing that many among them including Rahul Gandhi, Ghulam Nabi Azad and GA Mir have disrespected the Dogra Turban by not wearing the same as if it will be a belittling act.

He also lambasted Rahul Gandhi for terming the Pindis of Maa Vaishno Devi as symbol which also hurt the sentiments of people of the Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP will commemorate "Seva aur Samarpan Abhiyaan" on Sept 17

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JAMMU: To expand the party activities in Jammu district monthly meeting was chaired under the leadership of BJP Jammu district President Vinay Kumar Gupta in connection with upcoming programs on all organizational mandals and constituencies falling under Jammu district.

Bharatiya Janata Party district Jammu held a monthly meeting today considering forthcoming programmes to be carried out by Jammu district in office Kachi Chawni. Wherein senior leaders reviewed the functioning of the Jammu district and also sought the details concerning the facilities available at the district level.

The meeting was chaired and organized by Vinay Gupta in the esteemed presence of BJP J&K political stalwart leader with a clear agenda for the upliftment of all sections of society former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta including former Minister Priya Sethi and Prabhati Jammu district Adv. Sunil Sethi besides that Jammu district General Secretaries Kuldeep Khandari, Ankush Gupta and Naresh Sharma. A crucial meeting was also attended by district office bearers and all Morecha Presidents within the Jammu district.

Kavinder Gupta while addressing the meeting impressed upon the importance of Print and Electronic media in the present era of fast means of communication. He said that one cannot think of true democracy if at any level the role of this fourth pillar of democracy is undermined. He asked the party Karyekartas to highlight the important issues of public concern at a ground level after due consultation with the party seniors.

Vinay Gupta highlighted that September 17 is the birthday of the world most popular leader with a dynamic and visionary approach for the "Aatam Nirbhar Bharat" Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

They directed all party Karyekartas during Seva Abhiyan serve the people with zeal and enthusiasm like distribution of supportive aid and equipment to Divyangs, an exhibition on PM Life and achievements, distribution of fruits in slums, orphanages, hospitals etc shall be set up in every ward, booth, Mandal and district level.

Vinay Gupta spoke at length on the increased stature of India at the international level with the best administration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Ten-day Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations begin



Devotees performing Puja of Ganpati Ganesh at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir.

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JAMMU: In connection with celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi festival, a beautiful idol of Shri Ganesha was installed after proper pooja archana at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Gandhi Nagar Jammu and ten days celebrations started in which besides, trustees and special invitees of the Trust led by Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President of the Trust, large number of devotees participated. Today in the evening, Mahaarti by renowned pundits led by the Head Pujari Ashwani Sharma was also performed. These celebrations will continue up to September 19 when as per the traditions after performing special Pooja the Murti will be taken in a colourful procession to the Ghats of holy river Chenab near Jia Pota Akhoor and the same will be immersed there culminating the celebrations. In view of the pandemic the public is requested to participate in the celebrations observing proper SOPs and guidelines issued by the administration. Prominent among those members of the Trust present on the occasion were S.C Rekhi (Gen Secy), Deepak Gupta, (Treasurer), Prithvi Raj Vaid, Kulbushan Bali, Harish Malhotra, Prashant Sharma, P C Gupta, Ashok Khajuria, Ajay Sharma and others.

Union Ministers' visits good omen for J&K: Balbir



House or Air conditioned rooms but each of the minister is seen going out in public, interacting with the people, discussing their problems and grievances, besides sharing welfare schemes and the developmental activities being initiated, especially after the reorganization of the erstwhile state.

Balbir further said that the BJP government at the Centre, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was very serious towards J&K and concerned for peace, normalcy, progress and prosperity from the day one and a new era had begun but with the abrogation of Article 370, the momentum has accelerated. He said that the day is not far when J&K UT will reach heights in development and public welfare with the active involvement of the people in the programmes and policies of the government at the centre and in the UT.

Jammu & Kashmir, BJP, Spokesperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, said this while commenting on the exercise of the Union Government with regard to visits of ministers in Jammu & Kashmir and also Ladakh.

He said that these visits are not confined to Guest

ABVP raises demand for Central Agricultural University in Jammu



ABVP members presenting memorandum to Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar.

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JAMMU: A delegation of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu and Kashmir (UT) met Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, Kailash Choudhary, MOS, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, MOS, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and submitted a memorandum in respect of long pending demand to upgrade the status of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) to Central Agricultural University, Jammu.

During the meeting, Mukesh Manhas, ABVP (J&K) State Secretary urged before the agriculture ministers for upgrading the status of SKUAST-Jammu to Central Agricultural University, Jammu.

Tour patiently listened to the demand and assured that his ministry will keep this demand on priority.

Dr. A.P. Singh, Deepak Pandey, Radhey Shyam and Saurabh Manhas were also present during the meeting.

CUJ students meet with NDA chairman

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JAMMU: Department of Social Work, Central University, Jammu Neha Jamwal, Anjali Charak and Shagun Sharma, students of Department of Social Work, Central University, Jammu under the supervision of field work coordinator Dr. Vinay Kumar and Supervisor Dr. Ranvir Singh and Dr. Sajad Ahmad Dasi held a meeting at Nations Development Association (NDA) Office here wherein Sushil Singh Charak said that Nations Development Association is a run social organizations (Non Profit organization) in the Jammu District.

Sushil, Paryavaran Ratna awardee and Chairman NDA, said that the association is a social organizations that never takes funds or donations from anyone else.

Charak said that NDA affiliated NYK under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is working in different sectors and fields like Health, Water Sanitation, Research and Evaluation, Women Empowerment and Skills Development, Development Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response, Education and Environmental Protection.

CEO KVIB visits CFC site of Banihal beekeeping cluster, takes stock of ongoing work



Secretary/CEO JK KVIB, Atul Sharma speaking during the programme at Banihal.

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BANIHAL: To inspect the ongoing work and overall progress viz. implementation of Banhal Beekeeping Cluster, Secretary/CEO J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB), Atul Sharma on Saturday visited Common Facility Centre of the said cluster. Besides associated beekeepers and stakeholders from the cluster area, Tilak Raj Divisional officer Jammu, Dr. Sandeep Kotwal Executive officer (Schemes) and Chief Agriculture

officer Ramban, Chief Horticulture Officer Ramban, LDM Ramban and other sectoral officers from District Administration Ramban also attended the said awareness camp.

Referring to the main objective of the said cluster, Secretary/CEO said that with the establishment of this cluster, the earnings of beekeepers of Ramban district shall increase, besides raising the profit margin and productivity and production of honey in the dis-

trict. He added that the cluster is coming up with project cost of Rs. 138.10 lakh and its CFC shall house Honey Processing Plant, Comb Foundation mill and other relevant machines and equipments. The facilities of honey extraction, processing, packing, labelling and marketing shall be provided to beekeepers of the area under one roof.

He underscored the need for coordinated and synchronized efforts from stakeholders to ensure target oriented and objective implementation of the said cluster. Earlier, Secretary/CEO visited various micro industries units established under PMEGP and JKREGP in Banihal area of Ramban. He was satisfied with the overall status of the units; he, however, underlined the need for penetration in remote areas through organization of localised awareness and sensitization campaigns.