

J&K BJP Core Group asks cadre to be prepared for elections

Hails fight against corruption, terrorism by LG Admn



J&K BJP Core Group members during a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Core Group of Jammu Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party took stock of various developmental activities undertaken by the Union Territory Administration and appreciated the historical decision taken by LG Administration to fight corruption and Terrorism to bring lasting peace and development in Union Territory.

The meeting was chaired by Prabhari of Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary of the party and attended by Ravinder Raina President of JK BJP, Dr. Jatinra Singh MP and MoS PMO, Aasheesh Sood Sahi Prabhari JK BJP, Ashok Koul General Secretary (Org), Jugal Kishore Sharma MP, Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta both former Dy. Chief Ministers and

Speakers, Narinder Singh National Secretary, Sat Sharma, Former President, Sunil Sharma, Dr. Manyal, Vivodh Gupta All General Secretaries, Shakti Parihar, Sunil Sethi Chief Spokesperson and Darakshan Andrabi. Core Group had extensive discussions on organizational issues and took number of steps to outreach public on huge developmental projects of Modi Govt specially for residents of Jammu Kashmir. It decided to speed up going on Party organizational activities so that the public is made aware of their rights created by efforts of Govt which had been denied to them for decades

Core Group also appreciated the efforts of Administration and Agencies including Military, Para Military and police forces in effectively containing Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and appropriately han-

Demonstration of Portable Ultrasound Machine conducted at GMC Kathua



Company representative S.N Sharma explaining working of Portable Ultrasound Machine at GMC Kathua.

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KATHUA: A workshop/Working demonstration of Portable Ultrasound Machine donated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, Science & Technology, PMO, from his MP Fund was conducted at Department of Anaesthesia & ICU, GMC Kathua under patronage of Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat, Principal GMC Kathua.

Working demonstration of USG Machine Wipro GE Venue was done by company representative S.N Sharma.

It was very informative and practically useful workshop in the interest of better patient care.

Jammu Declaration will defeat votaries of Dixon Plan: Rana

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KALAKOTE: Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh Rana on Saturday strongly vouched for defeating the proponents of the infamous Dixon Plan by maintaining religious-regional unity and singular entity of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Jammu Declaration, a voice of Jammu by Jammu for inclusive J&K, will come with a roadmap to defeat the votaries of Dixon Plan who want to divide Jammu region on the basis of religion", Rana said while leading the cadre, senior leadership and cross section of civil society in paying tribute to Th Raichpal Singh at the Barkhi ceremony to commemorate the first death anniversary of the late leader at Kalakote in Rajouri district.

This will actually be the

sincere homage to leaders like Th Raichpal Singh, who worked all their life against the machinations of dividing Jammu and Kashmir on regional, sub-regional and religious lines, the Provincial President said, adding that those unleashing this divisive politics will face their Waterloo.

Rana said Jammu and Kashmir has to flourish and prosper as one entity with all the regions and the sub-regions besides people of various faiths enjoying equal opportunities of progress. The ill-conceived concepts like the Dixon Plan are against the spirit of unity in diversity, he maintained.

Rana conveyed the messages of homage from the President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, recalling that Thakur Sahib believed in the

political philosophy of the National Conference which is based on the rich ethos of inclusiveness, camaraderie and spirit of sacrifice.

He also conveyed the message paying tributes to Thakur Sahib by the former Chief Minister of J&K Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Paying tributes to the late leader, former minister and senior leader Ajay Kumar Sadhota recalled in their messages the key role played by Thakur Raichpal Singh in strengthening the party at grass roots level and working all along for betterment of the people in various capacities.

Sadhota recalled his services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in general and Rajouri district in particular, saying his departure has left a big vacuum in the party which is hard to fill.

BJP Govt strengthened democracy by strengthening PRIs in J&K: Sham

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President and Prabhari Jammu Rural Sham Lal Sharma on Saturday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strengthened the grassroots democracy in Jammu and Kashmir by strengthening the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Central Government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strengthened the grassroots democracy and the three tier system of PRIs has been established across Jammu and Kashmir. The PRI representatives have been empowered," Sham Lal said while addressing public meeting of BJP at Marh Block.

The BJP leader asserted that under the stewardship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the work culture has been changed and the dynamics of development

Hard work & consistency is the key to success: Suchiter Sharma, who gets 146th rank in UPSC Civil Services exams

■ MALU SHARMA

Hailing from the border village Salehar of tehsil Bishnah Son of Soil, Suchiter Sharma cleared UPSC Services exam in first attempt and get 146th rank making his parents and Jammu proud. Suchiter consider his parents Madan Lal Sharma and Ritu Sharma, who both teachers as his sole inspiration.

While talking to STATE TIMES, Suchiter said, "I cleared the exams I consider the role played by his parents and teachers in his growth and development as

the most important factor in my success. I believe if a person engages into studies with dedication, his dreams surely come true. It's all about how serious you are."

Suchiter Sharma further shared, "My parents, my

younger sister motivated me throughout my journey. I just completed my graduation in 2020 and simultaneously I appeared in the Civil Services exam. This is my first attempt and with God's grace and wished of my parents I cleared and get 146th rank."

Suchiter aspires to serve people with full dedication,

J&K BJP Vice President and Prabhari Jammu Rural Sham Lal Sharma speaking during a programme.

has improved which is testimony of the fact that Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of development. He asserted that the BJP Government at the Centre is committed to all round development of Jammu and Kashmir and no fragment of the state will remain untouched as far as progress and growth are concerned.

The former minister said that government led PM Narendra Modi has ensured peace and prosperity in J&K and the march is still on to

steer the state to new heights of economic growth and uplifting the downtrodden to a life which is full of dignity and pride.

Today's meeting was organized by BJP leader and Spokesperson Adv Abhinav Sharma in Marh Block. The District Office bearers were also present in the meeting.

The sole aim of the meeting was to spread awareness on the unpreceded steps which the PM Modi led BJP Government has taken after taking the charge of the

country. The progress made in J&K was given due focus and the cadre was told about the revolutionary steps initiated by the government in steering J&K to new heights of development.

During the meeting, glorious tributes were also paid to Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary

Adv Abhinav Sharma said that unprecedented development in such a short span of time, lasting peace and good governance providing services to people at their doorsteps are the few achievements of the Modi Government. He cited the multidimensional and multi-pronged development initiatives of Modi government which changed the development profile of the region like AIIMS, IIT, IIM, four laning of highways, Express Corridor, green signal to Shahpur Kandi project, which was withheld by the NC-Congress regimes in the last over 50 years. "This

project will now give irrigation support to farmers of Kathua and Hiranagar belts", he said, adding that over 70 crore people have been inoculated in India, free ration to several crores have been provided by the Modi Government for the last many months as support to COVID-19 hit besides pension to aged persons and other needy sections of the society.

The meeting was informed that a hike in fuel prices is required to carry out aforementioned philanthropic works as the onus of helping the poor countrymen is again on all of us.

Abhinav asked the party cadre to disseminate this information among masses so that other parties cannot mislead the people by twisting the facts.

Speaking on the occasion District President Rajinder Singh Chib development carried out by BJP Government especially in J&K is unmatched as no government in the past has

achieved so much which the BJP government has achieved. He said earlier the people of J&K have to wait for implementation of central schemes but after abrogation of Article 370 the BJP government has ensured that central government schemes are implemented simultaneously in the UT of J&K, which is a

real good achievement.

Local people claimed that

demand for walnut furniture in the market has increased manifold in recent years and elite-class prefers only walnut wood for wall-paneling, furniture etc. Planting more varieties and greater support by Government in terms of infrastructure and policies could help resolving the issues, said industry insiders.

Globally, India stands eighth in terms of walnut

production.

In nation,

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)

is major walnut-producer

with annual output of

around 2.66 lakh metric tons

grown on 89,000 hectares,

thereby contributing more

than 98 percent of total wal-

nut production.

There was

huge demand of Kashmari

walnuts, both in domestic

and international markets

but now as the production

has fallen, Kashmari walnuts

are facing stiff competition

from walnuts imported from

California, Chile and other

locations across the globe.

Locally known as 'Doen',

Kashmari walnuts are organic

as no sprays and fertilizers

are used in cultivation

process.

Three varieties of

walnuts are grown in

Kashmari viz Kagzi-a large

nut with thin shell, Burzul-

medium-sized nut and

Wonth-hard to break and

mainly used to extract oil.

According to reports, wal-

nuts are being sold for more

than Rs 100 per Kg while

kernels range in between Rs

250 to Rs 275 per Kg

presently in outside Mandis,

which represents an almost

30 per cent rate increase

over the past year.

Following COVID and

increased awareness among

consumers regarding good-

ness of walnuts, demand for

Kashmari walnuts has gone

up within the country and

even internationally. It is

really alarming that walnut

production in Jammu and

Kashmir has been falling

every year. With the inter-

vention of Horticulture

department, several farmers

have switched from tradi-

tional farming to walnut

farming. The people, associ-

ated with the walnut indus-

try in Kashmir, said that

they are facing a wide range

of issues, right from plant-

ing of trees to marketing

level. This year again the growers

have little to smile as the

crop continues to lose mar-

ket share and production has

been declining sharply.

Growers said that dry fruit

production and trade is an

unorganized sector in J&K

and there are middlemen

who exploit growers.

Traders and growers appealed to the

LG's Administration to

intervene in the matter so

that the walnut industry can

be made as one of the best

industry at national and

international level.

2021 - which was flagged off on

August 15 from Jammu, will end

at Dandi on October 2, the birth

anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The participants were received in

Ahmedabad, where they will make

a halt and participate in a cultural

programme and other events

before leaving for Dandi on

September 27, said Dr Prakash

Kurmi of Shivam Charitable

Trust.

The jawans are spreading positive messages of Fit India, Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, and Atmanirbhar Bharat, among others, to inspire everybody, and they