

BJP Govt's Sukanya Yojna securing future of girl child: Priya



Former Minister Priya Sethi after opening 100 accounts under Sukanya Yojana with the help of volunteers.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Minister Priya Sethi on Saturday asserted that families should go for Sukanya Yojna to secure the future of the girl child as BJP Government has taken due care while designing this scheme to help families to educate and marry their daughters without any hassle or difficulty.

Priya said this after opening 100 accounts under Sukanya Yojana with the help of volunteers. The day marked the birth anniversary of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. Paying glowing tributes to Panditji, Priya said he was an epitome of simplicity

and his contribution in the development of the country especially welfare of poor is remarkable and will always be remembered. Priya Sethi said "Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana (SSY) scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign with the main aim of securing the future of a girl child. 'Sukanya Samridhi Account' can be opened at any time from the birth of a girl child till she attains the age of 10 years, with a minimum deposit of Rs 1000." The senior BJP leader said that the Sukanya Scheme aims

at tackling a major problem associated with the girl child viz education and marriage. "The scheme focuses on securing a bright future for the girl child by facilitating the parents in building a fund for the proper education and a carefree marriage support of their child," she said adding that people should come forward and avail the benefit of this scheme which is envisaged to educate and settle daughters of the nation great ease," she added. Priya Sethi said that BJP Government is committed to stop gender discrimination of children and ensure the survival and protection of girls besides taking due care of making them educated to enable them to stand on their own feet and lead an independent life. Priya also appreciated the efforts of Convenor and Co-convenor of District Jammu and District West namely Saroj Manhas, Sarojani Sharma, Indu, Nidhi Mangotra and Ashi jee for opening 30 Sukanya accounts.

Several youths from Jammu join Youth Congress



Newly joined members posing with Youth Congress leaders.

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JAMMU: Impressed by the policies and programmes of the Congress Party, youth from different areas of Jammu under the leadership of State secretary JKPYC & Office Incharge Manpreet Singh and in the presence of National secretary & Incharge JKPYC Jagdev Gaga joined Youth Congress in Jammu. While addressing media persons, Jagdev Gaga said that it is all because of Rahul Gandhi that the youth from J&K is joining hands with the Party. It's Rahul Gandhi in which youth see their bet-

ter future, BJP has always lied to the country especially youth and now youth is aware of their hoax promises, he added. When asked about the current situation in J&K, Manpreet Singh (Mani) said that it's not about the fight for power but a fight for Freedom from this Government. The local leadership has failed totally as they couldn't deliver what they promised, unemployment is at a historic rise, inflation has almost touched the sky and public is now irate with the ruling government, Singh said.

Shiv Sena demands women police station in every district

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JAMMU: The Shiv Sena (Bala Saheb Thackeray) Jammu and Kashmir Unit staged a strong protest against the increasing criminal cases against women in the Union Territory and demanded women's police station in every district besides a Women's Cell facility in every police station.

During the protest , led by Shiv Sena President UT J&K , Manish Sahni accused the government of not being serious on this significant issue which is evident from the fact that ten districts of Jammu and Kashmir including Samba, Reasi, Ramban, Kulgam and Shopian do not have women police station. which can be one of the main reason for increasing crime against women. Sahni referred to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report and lamented that according to this report there has



Shiv Sena workers raising slogans during a protest.

been an 11 percent increase in domestically violence and other criminal offences against women in Jammu and Kashmir as compared to 2020, which is a matter of deep concern. Sahni said that due to the non-availability of women police station and the allied desks, substantial number of cases of crimes against women remain unreported thus not finding place in the data compiled officially. He further said that tall claims are made by the government on women empowerment but no concrete

steps have been taken at the ground level. Shiv Sena leaders also sent memorandum to Honorable Manoj Sinha, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, regarding above demands and request for immediate action. On this occasion president mehila Wing Meenakshi Chibber, Gen secretary Vikas Bakshi, secretary Geeta Lakhotra, Raj Kumari , Meena Devi, Monica Dutta, Dimple, Santosh Rani, Poonam, Gulam Rasool Lone , Raj Singh and many others were present.

KPC urges Govt for immediate retrieval of land, properties of KPs in Valley

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JAMMU: Kundan Kashmiri, President, Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC), one of the frontal representative organisation of Kashmiri displaced Pandits, on Saturday urged all District Commissioners of Kashmir Valley as well to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir to initiate an appropriate action to evict unauthorised occupants, remove encroachments, trespassing and settle down the distress sale issues of displaced Kashmiri Pandits at the earliest and ensure the strict implementation of Government directions for safeguarding the leftover land and property of displaced Kashmiri Pandit migrants as well as return of land, orchards and other properties to them, for which they were struggling for decades together.

Kundan Kashmiri and Vice President KPC, Tej Pandits emphasized to all concerned Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir Valley to empower enough to their subordinate officers and other implementing authority's to pursue each and every case of this displaced community Kashmiri Pandit (migrants) in order to enable safe retrieval of the leftover land and properties in the valley to their rightful Kashmiri Pandit owners under the recent guidelines issued by the Government. They requested that none of the claims of these displaced Kashmiri Pandits may not be closed or disposed off on the mere hearing of land encroachers, trespassers and others of the Kashmir Valley or on the simple report of concerned Tehsildar or other revenue

officers of the concerned Districts, without hearing properly from the displaced Kashmiri Pandit applicants and others, presently residing outside the valley. Kundan Kashmiri urged that a mechanization should be set up by all Deputy Commissioners of the valley with coordination of Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner Jammu and others to get the said Government order properly implemented, and to give justice to displaced Kashmiri Pandits without any hurdle, inconveniences and excuses. Dr. HL Saraf and Susheel Bhat appealed that land and property belonging to religious places, temples, cremation grounds and others be fully protected and encroachment as well as trespassing to be removed urgently and handed over to

the concerned KP community people. Kundan Kashmiri also reminded to the Home Minister & Home Secretary of India about the victim Kashmiri migrant families based at Delhi/ NCR and other consisting of around twenty thousand families, who are in great distress and deprived of all the benefitts and schemes at par with Kashmiri migrants based at Jammu region which include bifurcation, inclusion and deletion of their migrant ration cards, implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme and other facilities despite of their repeated requests to the concerned authorities. KPC leadership appealed to the Home Minister and Secretary Home to look and consider these issues sympathetically as they are in great distress.

DGP sanctions welfare relief for NoKs of police personnel

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SRINAGAR: In continuation to series of welfare measures for NoKs of martyr/deceased police personnel/SPOs, the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh on Saturday sanctioned welfare relief and financial assistance of Rs 80.5 lakh. Welfare relief has also been granted in favour of five NoKs of deceased Police personnel/SPOs. He also sanctioned welfare loan of over Rs 12 lakh in favour of seven police personnel to meet the expenses in connection with their treatment. Vide various orders welfare relief of Rs 70 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of three Police personnel and two SPOs. This amount includes Rs 20 lakh each in favour of NoKs of deceased Police personnel and Rs 5 lakh each in favour of NoKs of deceased SPOs. Rs 1 lakh each for police personnel and Rs 50,000 each for SPOs out of this relief was given as advance for performing the last rites of the deceased. Supporting the families of martyrs by providing financial assistance in connection with their different requirements Rs 50000 each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents of three martyrs. Similarly Rs 12.75 lakh has been sanctioned as welfare loan & relief in favour of seven police personnel to meet the expenses in connection with their self treatment. The loan amount ranges from rupees one lakh to rupees three lakh. The amount sanctioned was provided out of the Central Police Welfare Fund.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Reasi, Pouni, Dharmari and some parts of Katra shall remain affected on September 26 from 8 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to SICOP Industrial Area, Hatlimorh Kathua shall remain affected on September 26 from 8 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Pargval, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, DhalwalMiulu, Hamipurkona, BSF, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharmkhu, TirthTalab, GREF, Gumpal, Sua No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 27 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Billawar, Mandi,

Phinter, Parnalla and adjoining areas of Baggan shall remain affected on September 27 from 9 am to 2 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Govindsar, Railway Road, SC Mohalla, Chak Ram Singh shall remain affected on September 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 from 6 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to DC Mohalla, Khalki Mandi, Upper Mandi, Shivalik Bal Niketan High School, Jatt Mohalla and Janglote shall remain affected on September 27, 28, 29 and 30 from 6 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Chak Luden and Chak Sajjan shall remain affected on September 28 from 6 am to 10 am.

JKGPA Jammu celebrates World Pharmacist Day

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Govt Pharmacist Association (JKGPA), Jammu celebrated World Pharmacist Day at Press Club, Jammu under the presidency of Sushil Sudan State President JKGPA & Member of Pharmacy Council of India. The Chief Guest of the programme was Sham Lal Sharma, Vice President BJP & Ex- Minister Health. They inaugurated the function & enlightened the lamp. This special day was established by International Pharmaceutical Federation. This year theme developed by International Pharmaceutical Federation was 'Pharmacy: Always trusted for your Health' which emphasis that pharmacist are a trusted source of knowledge and advice, not only for patient but for other healthcare professional for every patient who walks to a pharmacy, Pharmacist ensure that the right medicine is provided at the right Patient , right doses and right route. Every year three million Pharmacists around the world acts as partner to patients

and serve to the suffering humanity around the world. Sham Lal shared experiences with the pharmacists and also extended their best wishes to all pharmacist of UT of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh hoping that they will continue serve the society with great zeal and dedication. Jarnail Singh, R.P Singh, Kamal Jit Sawhney , Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, Dharminder Singh, Shaffkat Hussain, Madan Lal, Daleep Choudhary, Yougal Bakshi, Anil Khajuria, Mahesh Sharma, Ved Paul Saini, Pawan Kumar, Romesh Choudhary, Kuldeep Singh, Pavitar Singh, Ashwani Kumar, Mahesh Sharma addressed the whole gathering and project their demands and gave valuable suggestions for the betterment of pharmacist category. Dr. Bharat Bhushan Deputy Medical Superintendent GMC Jammu is Guest of Honor. Sudan President JKGPA urged the pharmacists to serve the suffering humanity with great zeal and zest and always stand for the patient help.

BJP understands its social responsibility very well: Rekha



Secretary J&K BJP, Rekha Mahajan planting a sapling.

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JAMMU: To mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Rekha Mahajan, Secretary, BJP, Jammu & Kashmir, planted saplings in Ward 54, Shivaji Park, Trikuta Nagar, here. She was accompanied by District General Secretary Mahila Morcha, Divya Jain, Saroj Manhas, Leela Khetri, Chanderkala Mahajan, Shivani Gupta and Gandhi Nagar Mahila Morcha Mandal team. Rekha Mahajan said that Pandit's philoso-

phy of integral humanism & his resolve of serving the very last person in the queue is our guiding force. This great ideologue struggled throughout his life to protect India's rich culture and values. Rekha Mahajan said that despite being in politics, the BJP has always endeavoured to fulfill its social responsibility and people have seen this on many occasions, particularly to mention during the corona pandemic time, when under 'Sewa hi Sangathan' campaign, party workers distributed food items, necessary medicines, provided oxygen cylinders and even donated blood. She asserted that it is important to protect environment and planting trees is one such measure. 'Go clean Go green' initiative is our foremost responsibility as well as our duty to contribute our bit in keeping our surroundings clean and beautiful. "Our responsibility do not end by just planting a sapling", Rekha said and added that we should take care to ensure them live to grow into trees and we all have to take this responsibility as well.

Cleanliness Drive under 'Swachhata Pakhwada- 2021'



JMC employees carrying out cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: In its continuous efforts to ensure sanitation in Jammu City, JMC organized Cleanliness Drive under Swachhata Pakhwada 2021. A stretch was taken from Channi to Railway Station Road Jammu. Under this Stretch, Spots surrounded with Bushes were Cleared/ Cleaned by Supervisor; Prominent Citizens of Society and Sanitary Workers of Jammu Municipal Corporation in order to create awareness of cleanliness among masses. Various slogans were designed to bring focus to the core concerns of the Swachh Bharat campaign like Ban of Plastic, Use of Dustbins and Keeping the Public places clean. The dignitaries present in the event included Dr. Sanjogita Soodan Health Officer JMC, Manzoor Ali Sanitary Inspector, Mohd Yonus Sanitary Inspector and Ajay Kumar Sanitary Supervisor. Large public participants were present in the Drive.

Orientation training for plant doctors held at Jammu

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JAMMU: A one day orientation programme for Plant doctors of Jammu Division was on Saturday organized by the joint Directorate of Agriculture (Extension) here in the Conference Hall. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu K. K. Sharma. The Director Agriculture observed that major influencing factors of future Agriculture are Climate Change, Organic farming, and Weather Forecast. As such, successful farming is possible only if it is free from the instances of crop pests/Diseases by early diagnosis and recommendations based on IPM strategy and e Plant Clinics are the answer to this problem. Lauding the role of Plant Clinics& CABI in mitigating the crop losses due to insect pests and diseases, he



Agriculture Department officials during a programme.

impressed upon the Plant Doctors to popularize the concept of Plant Health Clinics at grassroots level by staying in continuous touch with the farmers and conducting frequent farmers awareness programmes. He also highlighted the importance of a real time database to evaluate the likely pattern of Insect Pest/Diseases in a particular area and to formulate the early warning system for the farmers. Later, the Director handed over the scientific apparatus

and other logistic material among Plant doctors for successful and smooth running of the Plant Clinics. The material included Magnifying Glasses, Surgical Blades, Lab Aprons, Lawn Umbrellas, Table, Chair, Name Plates, and Flex etc. Dr Vinod Pandit, Programme Leader, South Asia, CABI deliberated on problems being faced in successful functioning of Plant Clinic and underlined the need for proper publicity to Plant Clinic. In charge of Plant Health

Clinic Jammu, Arun Khajuria explained in detail about working of E Plant Clinics. The plant doctors were sensitized to be vigilant in the field for invasive insect pests and diseases and report as and when such incidence is noticed. JK Kisan Advisory Board Member, S. T. S. Wazir advocated the further activating and strengthening of Plant Clinics. Matters under discussion included formation of concrete plans for efficient functioning of e-Plant Clinics; proposal for holding e-Plant Clinics on weekly basis, proper monitoring and regular capacity building programme. Others who expressed their views during the programme included Joint Director (Extension), Rajan Sharma, CAO Kathua, Vijay Upadaya, PPO, Devinder Sharma. Programme officer; Sanjay Dhar conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Identification of dead-wood should start from top officers: Harsh

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JAMMU: Referring to the directions issued by the Govt to the DCs to identify the dead wood in various Deptts within their respective Districts, Harsh Dev Singh, Chairman-JKNPP and former Minister, observed that the exercise appeared to be confined to only lower rung employees to the exclusion of high ranking officers of civil and police administration. He was addressing a press conference in Jammu today. Maintaining that all corruption and red-tape flowed from the top, Singh said that the number of grievances against the higher level officers far exceeded the minor complaints pending, if any, against the lesser employees. There were countless complaints against top bureaucracy of delays in release of grants, disposal of files and pending dues of bonafide claimants, disregard for public representations besides other acts of omissions



Chairman-JKNPP, Harsh Dev Singh talking to reporters.

and commissions which however were not taken cognizance by anyone including the vigilante organizations. The top bureaucracy appeared to be enjoying immunity from all their bizarre moves and actions however devious or mischievous they were. Pointing towards the reply given by the Lt. Governor's secretariat in response to an RTI filed by him, Singh said that the top officers had even failed to reply to as many as four reminders sent by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor's office

during the course of one year pertaining to public issues relating to Deptts of Health, Education, Power, J&K Bank etc. If the top officers did not respond to LG's letters, the fate of others could be well imagined, said Singh. "In another case, the compensation for 10 houses dismantled on the alignment of Barneen-Sarsu road in Ghordi Block had been deposited by PMGSY Deptt with District Collector Udhampur in 2012 but has remained unpaid till date with the officers con-

cerned holding the funds for nine years only for vested interests. It was only last week that the present DC agreed to release the payments after the Panthers Party sought action against the delinquent officers", divulged Singh. Should such officers not be prioritized for lay-off in the first instance for having unreasonably harassed the poor houseless farmers for nine years? questioned Singh. Seeking the termination of all such dead wood and corrupt elements at the top in the first instance, Singh said that any unreasonable harassment of lower rung employees to the exclusion of their top bosses would not only dent the residual credibility of the govt but could also have serious repercussions. Singh further flayed the govt order seeking recovery of payments made to employees during election duties for Panchayats and local bodies' polls during such critical times of corona and raging inflation.