

BJP ensuring public welfare with missionary zeal: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Whether in power or not, every member of the BJP fraternity is always on forefront to provide succor to people through missionary zeal.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta while inaugurating an acupressure camp under "Sewa Hi Samarpan" campaign, here at Gandhi Nagar on Sunday.

Ongoing twenty days campaign "Sewa Hi Samarpan" is being organized to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17. The campaign was started on September 17 and will culminate on October 7, the day PM Modi first took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Under this campaign, BJP is organizing several public welfare programmes across the country to provide succor



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta presenting certificate of appreciation.

to common man.

Today's acupressure camp was organised by BJP workers of Gandhi Nagar area in which Kavinder Gupta was the Chief Guest.

Kavinder Gupta said BJP Sewa Hi Samarpan Campaign is dedicated to PM Modi's 20 years of selfless service to the nation and the occasion will be used to highlight his personality and achievements besides executing public welfare programmes like the one organised here.

Later, Kavinder handed over certificates of appreciation to Dr Ankush Gupta

and his team for conducting the camp with utmost dedication.

Among others who were present include Vinay Gupta District President; Narinder Koki, Corporator Pawan Singh, Corporator, Lucky Puri (Mandal President), Bharat Bhushan Mandal President; Hardev Singh Vice Chairman Cantonment Board; Lokesh Gupta; Bharat Talwar; Ankush Dogra; Sanjay Gupta; Davinder Vaid; Indu Bhushan; Sunil Sharma; Neeraj Gupta; Munish Gupta; Amit

Gupta; Varun Sharma, Bhushan Verma, Arun Khosla and Nayan Gupta. Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta launched bitumen work on the road between Gandhi Nagar Last Morh to Nai Basti.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that BJP will leave no stone unturned to provide all the basic amenities and state of art civic edifice to the people. He said by now people are well aware of the good governance model of BJP and have shunned the company of political parties which befooled them for the last 70 years by raking up unnecessary issues and putting at back burner the real problems of the people. He said that BJP has changed the course of UT by ensuring fair deal for all and injustice to none.

He said that the present road work at an estimated cost of Rs 25 lakh will be completed soon with no compromise on quality.

Youth Congress launches 'Young India Ke Bol' drive

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JAMMU: To boost campaigning for the upcoming assembly elections, Indian Youth Congress (IYC) is organizing 'Young India Ke Bol-2021'.

Briefing media Persons here on Sunday, National Secretary & Incharge JKPYC, Jagdev Gaga informed that 'Young India Ke Bol' is a programme specially devised for the youth providing them a golden opportunity for youth of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to connect with the ideology of India National Congress (INC). He said that this programme is basically a speech competition event whereby spokespersons would be selected at district and state levels and the last date to apply for participation in the event is 1st October 2021.

National Spokesperson and Incharge JKPYC, Akshay Singh Dadhwal further informed that the



National Secretary JKPYC, Jagdev Gaga and others launching 'Young India Ke Bol-2021' campaign poster.

details of participants will be collected through Google form in the first phase after which in the second phase, a speech competition will be organised at district level in the first week of October in which five winners will be selected from the competition at the district level.

Finally ten winners will be selected at state level, he added.

Dadhwal said that five winners will be appointed as the District Youth Congress Spokespersons and the other ten winners will be appointed as State Youth Congress spokesperson for

the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

National Spokesperson Iftkhar Ahmed in his address on the occasion stated that five selected participants from every state would participate at the national level competition in New Delhi on November 14 and the winners of the national level competition would be appointed as the IYC national spokespersons.

He added that the competition programme envisages spreading and strengthening of the secular ideology of Congress party across

the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory besides providing an opportunity to youth to proactively participate in the programmes of the oldest national party by leading the party from front.

He said that this programme assumes much significance especially in view of the coming Assembly elections in J&K whenever announced by the Election Commission of India.

All the Youth Congress leaders present on the occasion appealed to the youth of J&K not to miss this golden opportunity and fill up their participation forms well in time before the last date.

Among others who were present include State Vice President JKPYC Ajaz Choudhary; State Vice President JKPYC Ricky Dalhotra; State Secretary JKPYC and Incharge Office Manpreet Singh and State Secretary JKPYC, Latish Sharma.

JKPYC organises plantation drive on Manmohan Singh's birthday



JKPYC members during plantation drive.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC) on Sunday celebrated the birthday of Ex-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. A plantation drive was organised by JKPYC along with that eatable items were also distributed among the students of Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for sightless Girls, Roop Nagar, here.

Office bearers present on the occasion were Ex-Youth

Congress Leader Thakur Hoshiyar Singh, Ex-JKPYP Spokesperson Vishal Chopra General Secretaries Ranjit Chopra, Nimrandeep Singh Bhullar, Brinder Pratap Singh, Ankush Raina and others.

Nimrandeep Singh Bhullar said Dr. Singh is a visionary, a devoted patriot, a man of his words.

Vishal Chopra wished Dr. Manmohan Singh on his birthday and prayed to Almighty that he remains in good health and leads a long life.

TBS JU signs MoU with ICT Academy

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JAMMU: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu (JU) on Sunday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICT Academy.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar University of Jammu and Lovetesh Kumar, Project Manager, ICT Academy in the presence of Vice-Chancellor, Prof Manoj Dhar.

Emphasising the need for such collaborations, Vice Chancellor said, "This undertaking would not just help in fostering the relationship between the two partner institutions but would also promote the professional development of students".

Sharing his happiness on University of Jammu joining hands with ICT academy, Prof Dhar appreciated the efforts of Prof. Sameer Gupta, Director, The Business School and remarked that this collabora-



Registrar JU, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia and Lovetesh Kumar, Project Manager, ICT Academy after signing MoU.

tion will not only help in developing the skills of the stakeholders through enhanced academic initiatives but would also bring new opportunities for them.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia appreciated the initiative for collaborative work done by faculty members of The Business School and ICT Academy. The MoU has been signed under Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training Program (JEET) an initiative of All India Council for Technical Education

(AICTE). ICT Academy is the implementation partner of this unique project - JEET. The Collaboration with ICT academy will focus on the Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Industry-Academia Interaction, Digital Empowerment and Research & Publications in the future. This initiative would try to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia.

The objective of the MoU is to impart knowledge and hone the skills of

Management students. 58 students of The Business School have already registered for a training program on Digital Marketing powered by GOOGLE. On successful completion of the program, students would get a joint certification from ICT Academy, AICTE and GOOGLE. ICT academy would facilitate the placement of these students by inviting companies of repute.

Earlier Prof Sameer Gupta, Director, The Business School, welcomed the dignitaries and gave a detailed insight about the MoU. Prof. Versha Mehta Dean, Business Studies suggested the course to be given credits which would be added to the credit bank for the students under New Education Policy.

The programme witnessed the presence of Prof. Alka Sharma, Dr. Amisha Gupta, Dr. Rachna, Dr. Saloni and Dr. Shelleka from The Business School.

Agreement between JSCL, BEL first step towards Smart Jammu: Citizen's Forum

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JAMMU: Welcoming the agreement made between Jammu Smart City Ltd (JSCL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for setting-up an Integrated Command Control Center (ICCC) in Jammu, Citizen's Forum on Sunday termed it as first step towards development of Jammu into a Smart City, as piecemeal works done at different times have already wasted huge funds meant for the development of Jammu.

In a joint press statement issued by forum President, R K Chadha; Senior Vice President Daman Bhasin, former MP Trilok Singh Bajwa and former MLC Ved Mahajan said that the ICCC would act as single source of information for all civic functions of Jammu besides receiving

and sharing all information with concerned stakeholders for making Jammu a Smart City. 'ICCC will be beneficial only when all its parts, providing all kinds of facilities by concerned departments are taken up seriously to meet fixed standard and completed in a fixed time frame. The basic requirements of a Smart City are safety and security of people, Police support to maintain law & order, Disaster Management, proper Pollution Control, efficient use of public resources like water & electricity, better health & education system and an intelligent 'Traffic management,' the members said. They further urged for completing CCTV surveillance of entire Jammu city besides immediate installation of LeD lights in all areas of Jammu.

Yudhvir launches door-to-door drive to download Nammo App in Jammu East



Vice President BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi and others during door-to-door campaign on Nammo App.

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JAMMU: Vice President BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi, on Sunday held a door-to-door campaign to download Nammo App on people's smartphones under Sewa Hi Samarpan Abhiyan here at Jammu East Constituency.

During the drive, the senior BJP leader, while interacting with the people, asked them to spread the word among others to have Nammo App on their mobile phones to have first-

hand knowledge about public welfare schemes and other information on the silicon devices.

He said that the App is so designed that it will act as bridge between government and the people to timely inform the public for availing the benefits of Government sponsored schemes. This initiative was taken by Yudhvir Sethi under Sewa Hi Samarpan Abhiyan which will culminate on October 7, 2021.

Around 100 households were covered under this drive where assistance was given to people to download the App so that they can always stay up-to-date about various Government Schemes and other benefits. "From expressing one's honest views and opinions directly to the PM, listening to all on-air PM addresses and 'Mann Ki Baat' to keeping track of PM's day-to-day activities, the NAMO app makes the one-stop destination for all the common people of India", he said.

Among others who accompanied Yudhvir Sethi included Anju Dogra, Rajesh Dogra, Praveen Kerni, Sahil Mehra, Swarn Singh, Charanjeet Singh, Anil Kumar Mahajan, Raghubir Singh, Mushtak and Sunny Kumar.

Indulge in sports & abstain from drugs: Dr Avtar



Amandeep Hospital representatives presenting memento to the chief guest.

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AMRITSAR/JAMMU: As a part of its drive to curb the menace of drug addiction, Amandeep Hospital has come up with yet another initiative. A special play was enacted by renowned theatre artist, Kewal Dhaliwal at Preet Bhawan in village Preet Nagar.

On the occasion, Surinder

Pal Singh Parmar, IG Border Range was the Chief Guest and Gulneet Singh Khurana, SSP Amritsar was the Special Guest. This event aimed to encourage the youth of Punjab to participate in sports and to stay away from drugs.

During the event, Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopaedic & Joint Replacement Surgeon at Amandeep Group of Hospitals

distributed sports kits to chosen teams and also apprised the youth about the effects of drug abuse on society and their lives.

"Drugs ruin lives and many households. It is important to involve youngsters in sports to keep them away from drug abuse and to encourage them towards fitness," said Dr. Avtar Singh.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Avtar Singh is a renowned name in the medical fraternity. He is not just a great doctor but also a humanitarian and a philanthropist, who has been extending help to many through his acts of service.

Through this event, he wished to appeal to the youth of Punjab to abstain from the use of drugs and lead a meaningful, healthy life.

CWS organises 2nd gender sensitisation workshop

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JAMMU: Under the Gender Sensitization Workshop Series, the Centre for Women Studies, University of Jammu organized second workshop for the PG students of Department of Sanskrit, Urdu and ICeR & HRM, University of Jammu.

Dr. Neerja Ahlawat, former Dy Director, Women's Studies Centre, M.D. University, Rohtak was the resource person.

The workshop began with the welcome address by Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director, Centre for Women Studies, University of Jammu, who after welcoming all the participants introduced the Resource person to them.

Dr. Neerja Ahlawat spoke about the concept of Gender and how it is constructed in the society.

She also gave details about the other related

terms like sex & gender, patriarchy, masculinity and femininity which are practiced regularly in day today life.

Further she also averred on how gender identity is built and the set norms for males and females in the society.

She stressed upon the disadvantages, disparities and discriminations faced by women in patriarchal society and how makeover of mindset is required to bring change.

Prof Neetu Andotra, Director ICeR HRM gave insight about the need of Gender sensitization and also appreciated the efforts of the Centre for conducting workshop on such a relevant contemporary issue.

Prof Mohd Reyaz Ahmad, Head Department of Urdu stressed on the need, that if we want change in the society we have to begin from our home first and

should focus on action oriented strategies to see change in the society.

Prof. Sushma Devi, Head, Department of Sanskrit gave details about the discriminatory representation of women in the literature and also emphasized that there is dire need to educate and sensitize the individuals to bring desired change in the society. She also applauded the efforts of the Centre to conduct such a relevant workshop. The workshop was attended by large number of participants comprising of students and faculty members of departments of Sanskrit, Urdu and ICeR&HRM and from within and outside the University.

The formal vote of thanks & the proceedings of the workshop was conducted by Dr Saranjit Kaur, faculty Centre for Women Studies.

Ikkjutt Jammu alleges discrimination in allocation of funds for Airports

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JAMMU: Legal Cell Incharge of Ikkjutt Jammu, Advocate Amzi Arthur John condemned and called the act of discrimination for Jammu by announcement of allocation of funds of Rs. 1500 crore for Kashmir and Rs. 600 crore only for Jammu for Airports.

He condemned the discriminatory attitude of BJP government when Civil Aviation Minister Scindia and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha announced the funds for both Jammu and Kashmir Airports and first international connectivity which provided only to Kashmir i.e Srinagar to Sarjaha. He further added, "BJP got votes from Jammu but they are implementing appeasement policies for Kashmir."

He pointed out the need of Jammu people to wake up from big slumber and to raise the voice for such a discriminatory attitude showing by BJP government for Jammu.

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JAMMU: With each passing day, the Jammu and Kashmir UT is getting various projects from the government at the Centre, which indicates the concern of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to put it on wheels of development to bring progress and prosperity.

Stated Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson, J&K, BJP while referring to the visits of Union Ministers to the UT under 'Public Outreach Programme' and their announcements for setting up of mega projects by different ministries, said that a glance at what is being decided by the Union Government for J&K will surely shock those who have been making hue and cry on the reorganization of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Balbir said that on single day, six Union Ministers, who were



here in J&K and Ladakh UTs on Saturday, announced prestigious and much awaited projects to keep pace with the growing needs in fields of connectivity through rail and air, healthcare facilities, education, employment opportunities etc.

He added that while Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, announced in presence of UT Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, to establish two new airports in J&K and starting Srinagar-Sarjaha flight soon, another Union Minister Anurag Thakur too announced establishment of more airports and rail linkages in J&K.

Similarly, Union MoS in PMO & local MP, Dr. Jitendra

Singh, on the same day, announced Cancer Institute and state of art Super Speciality Hospital for Kathua, besides sharing his proposal for Indian Institute of Sciences for Kathua.

He further added that Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, announced at Budgam in Kashmir that in next 2-3 years UT of J&K will see new circle of development prosperity as Government of India has formulated a plan to spend Rupees 60,000 crores to create employment generating avenues, inspire youth to establish micro income generating units.

Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Dr. Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh's visit to

Udhampur and inaugurations of different High and Higher Secondary Schools, reflects concern of the Union Government towards better facilities in education sector; he said.

Interaction of Union Minister of State, Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs Bishweswar Tudu, with BDC Chairpersons, DDC members and other PRI representatives at Kishtwar; speaks of the serious concern for effective implementation of three-tier Panchayati Raj System across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Spokesperson said that the sole motive of what these ministers announced or did, is to speed up development, thus making the UT to be fast to progress and prosper, with promotion of local tourism, business, employment and strengthening democracy at the grassroots level.