

Yudhvir inaugurates medical camp, urges people to prioritize health



Doctor examining a patient at a medical camp.

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Saturday inaugurated a medical camp organized by Anjuman I Inamia in collaboration with Dr Rajesh Gupta, renowned Physician at Karbala Complex Jammu.

During the medical camp, hundreds of people visited the camp to take benefit of free healthcare facilities. Medical tests like Fibroscan, neuropa-

thy, spirometry, BMD Test, Blood test, PSA, Uric Acid and hemoglobin were conducted free of costs.

Yudhvir Sethi, while addressing the people, said that awareness is the only way to prevent the complications of different diseases but unfortunately even today there are a lot of people who run for magical cure which only delays the treatment ultimately leading to complications. He said that

people need to come forward for their routine check-ups not only in the camps organized for the purpose but also in the health institutions across this Union Territory as the government has ensured enhanced facilities in these institutions including those in the remote and far flung areas. Sethi asserted that health camps will be held regularly in future and asked the people to visit these camps for diagnosis, treatment and awareness. He appreciated Dr Rajesh Gupta, renowned physician, for his efforts to hold the medical camp as well as imparting awareness to the people.

Dr Rajesh Gupta advised the patients about the importance of exercise and proper diet besides regular monitoring of blood sugar which can prevent the long term complications in the form of Nephropathy, Retinopathy and Cardio Vascular diseases. Among those who were present include Sunil Prajapati, President BJP OBC, Mahesh Gupta, Parveen Kerni and Majid Khan.

Cleanliness drives continue in Jammu Cantonment



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JAMMU: Jammu Cantonment is actively participating in the Swachhta Hi Seva 2023 campaign, emphasizing cleanliness and hygiene.

These initiatives are essential for maintaining a clean and healthy environment for the residents and visitors.

It's commendable that various cleanliness drives have been conducted on the 9th day of the campaign, such as hand sanitization, public awareness campaigns, pamphlet distribution, leaf collection, and garbage segregation. Efforts like these not

only contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable community but also raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in our daily lives. It's wonderful to see the dedication of the authorities and residents in making Jammu Cantonment a cleaner and better place to live.

This Swachhta hi Seva 2023 Special campaign of Cleanliness will be conducted from September 15 to October 2nd, 2023 in which various special cleanliness drives will be carried out in all the wards of the Jammu Cantonment.

DPAP pays tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on birth anniversary

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JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Saturday celebrated the 128th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh and paid the floral tributes to him for his contribution to peace and progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

The party's senior leadership cut the cake near the statue of Hari Singh in Jammu and revisited his outstanding contribution to the socioeconomic growth in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We can't forget what he did for the coming generations of J&K. He was a visionary ruler and if there is the growth and progress visible in the UT, it was all his contribution," said General Secretary RS Chib.

He said even accession to the Union of India was a far sightedness and he knew the UT with the Union of India is safe and secure and that in prevailing situation is proving totally right.

Provincial President Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma said that Singh was a ruler who



DPAP leaders celebrating Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh at Jammu.

was holding the pain of common people in his heart and devising policies and laws aimed to benefit common and poor people.

"He built roads, colleges and hospitals where people continue to receive free treatment and education. No ruler in the history of J&K has been so compassionate and kind hearted," he said.

Kishore said that they paid floral tributes to ruler on behalf of Ghulam Nabi Azad chairman of DPAP.

He said even the concept of women empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir was all due to his efforts since he ensured free education to female children.

On the occasion huge number of people participated and remembered his contributions. Among others who were present on the occasion were Zonal president Choudhary Gharu Ram, Secretary Hira Lal Abrol, Sunita Arora Secretary, Provincial Gen Secretary Ady Maheshwar Singh, Sobat Ali Provincial Gen Secretary, Vishal Chopra Provincial Gen Secretary, Vicky Mahajan, Barinder Pratap Singh Youth President, Kirtan Singh, Anoop Khajuria Secretary, Rajinder Singh Pinky Secretary, Ashok Bhagat Distt President Rural, Balbir Singh Distt South, Shami Salathia, Anil Kohli, Mohinder Sharma and others.

Siot Kalakote road in deplorable condition: Congress

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JAMMU: JK Congress Chief Spokesperson and former MLC Ravinder Sharma has expressed great concern over the deplorable condition of Siot - Kalakote road and urged the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to direct immediate repairs and widening of the same.

In a memorandum to the Lt Governor, JKPC Chief Spokesperson has brought to his notice the worst condition of the Siot Kalakote road which affects lakhs of people of Kalakote besides Rajouri Poonch to suffer, which have to travel via this main road, which is also alternative road, to twin districts, as the work on Nowshera to Rajouri road has also adversely affected travel & transportation. The entire population of Kalakote area is dependant upon this vital road link but this is in very bad conditions. The entire road stretch between Siot to Kalakote is in worst condition and requires immediate filling and patch work till the work is taken up or completed on its reconstruction & widening by BRO or some other premier construction agency. He also highlighted the bad condition of the newly constructed Later Devak Hathal Kalidaab road and demanded funds for its urgent repairs.

BBIA hails Govt decision for conversion of 3278 kanal land from Gair Mumkin Khad to Banjar Qadeem

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JAMMU: President, Bari Brahmana Industries Association and Co-Chairman Federation of Industries, Lalit Mahajan hailed government order issued by Revenue Department by the virtue of which 3278 Kanal Land has been recorded as Banjar Qadeem outside Gair Mumkin Khad, Choi etc of village Birpur, Tehsil Bari Brahmana, District Samba. While conveying gratitude to Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor, Lalit Mahajan hoped that the notified Land shall be allotted for the Industrial purpose to prospective investors whose applications for the allotment of Land is pending with the Industries Department since long enabling them to complete their projects in time and generate Employment for Local unemployed youths.

PM Vishwakarma scheme benefiting traditional artisans, crafts people: Dy Mayor



Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria chairing a meeting on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, chaired important committee meetings focusing on the "Housing for All" and "Skill Upgradation & Self Employment" initiatives in the region.

In these meetings, Deputy Mayor highlighted the commitment of the municipal body to promote growth and development among the youth of Jammu.

He also expressed optimism about providing com-

prehensive support and opportunities for entrepreneurial endeavors through various government schemes to the youth of Jammu.

One such scheme, he mentioned, was the PM Vishwakarma scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aimed at benefiting traditional artisans and craftspeople.

One significant announcement made during the meeting was the smooth execution of the "Housing for All" scheme, with the assurance

that all stage installments would be disbursed to beneficiaries without any hindrances, making housing a reality for eligible residents.

The meeting also discussed issues related to cleanliness and waste management in Rehri zones, with a proposal to have dustbins for Rehri vendors to prevent littering. Non-compliance with this could result in penalties.

During the meeting, Deputy Mayor Billawaria issued important instructions to address various

regional issues:

He instructed officers to conduct a thorough verification of street vendors to ensure compliance with regulations, making street vending more organized and safe.

Acknowledging the issue of JDA land encroachment in Ward No. 38, he instructed immediate action to resolve this concern.

He emphasized the need to provide provisional licenses to the old Rehri zones to support the livelihoods of street vendors in those areas. Deputy Mayor encouraged the establishment of a library in a park without any charges, promoting education and reading within the community.

He also emphasized the importance of collaboration among all stakeholders to collectively work towards the betterment of the region, transforming it into a thriving hub of opportunities with improved housing conditions and a skilled workforce contributing to its growth.

Sant Shri Asaram Ashram Jammu performs Vrinda Abhiyan



Women Sewadharis presenting Tulsi plant to Ranvijay Singh (Grandson of Dr Karan Singh).

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JAMMU: Sant Shri Asaram Ashram Jammu is performing various Sewa activities like Parents Worship Day on February 14, Tulsi Poojan Divas on December 25, Nasha Mukti Divas on October 2 etc through the year from the past 23 years.

Following the Sewa calendar for the current month, the women disciples are performing Vrinda Abhiyan, under which hundreds of Tulsi plants have already been distributed among the common people in various locations like, jewel Chowk, bus stand, railway station etc.

To aware people about the medicinal importance of Tulsi plant, the Sewadharis are also distributing literature, pam-

phlets and other items made from tulsi to the common masses.

Under this Sewa, women Sewadharis have also distributed Tulsi plants to the famous and intellectual personalities of the union territory among which, BJP President Ravindra Raina., Ranvijay Singh (Grandson of Dr Karan Singh), DC Jammu, VCs of Universities, Police Officers, Heads of Various social organizations are the persons who have appreciated the efforts done by the Ashram organization.

This Sewa is still going on where the Ashram has decided to make this seva even more extensive where they will try to provide more Tulsi plants to the common people of the UT.

Maharaja Hari Singh's legacy continues to influence region's historic narrative: Slathia



Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia speaking at a programme.

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VIJAYPUR: Paying floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh Ji on his 128th Birth Anniversary, former minister and Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia, on Saturday said the Maharaja Sahib's vision about social justice and governance besides various other reforms made him the belloved ruler of the masses and his legacy continues to influence the region's historical narrative.

"Today we commemorate the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji, a distinguished

and visionary leader who played a pivotal role in the history of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja Sahib's legacy continues to inspire generations, reminding us of his immense contribution to the socio-economic and political development of the region", he said while speaking at homage giving function at Gurha Slathia in Vijaypur Assembly Constituency.

He said Maharaja Hari Singh Ji was not only a benevolent ruler but also a proponent of modernization and reform in his kingdom. He ushered in

various progressive initiatives, such, such as the abolition of untouchability, promotion of education, and the establishment of healthcare facilities, which significantly improved the quality of life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he added

Slathia said signing of the Instrument of Accession to India by Maharaja Hari Singh Ji on October 26 1947 marked the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into the newly independent nation. This pivotal decision, he said laid the foundation of the regions' development and its participation in the democratic process of India.

On this occasion, he said it is essential to reflect upon his contributions to the socio-economic development of the region. During his rule, Maharaja Hari Singh initiated several reforms aimed at modernizing the state. These reforms included efforts to improve education, healthcare, and infrastructure, which laid the foundation for progress in the region Slathia said.

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JAMMU: SOS International Chairman, Rajiv Chuni has suggested for the reservation of at-least eight seats for the PoK displaced people, whose number is around 17 lakh, in Jammu and Kashmir assembly and creation of battalions of Mirpur--Muzaffarabad--Poonch Scouts with full strength of PoK refugees to be deployed along the Line of Control (LoC) to expose the Pakistan-China strategic nexus of building economic corridor in PoK.

"The government of India should get rid of the disease from its origin and the best remedy to teach Pakistan a lesson is that it (GoI) should expose China and Pakistan's strategic nexus of building an economic corridor on our lands in PoK. It can be best achieved by empowering PoK refugees politically. The Government should reserve at least eight seats in J&K assembly so that we are able to expose China and Pakistan globally which

would hit two nations economically as well," Chuni said.

Addressing gathering at New Delhi during a seminar on 'India-Pakistan Partition, the background of the creation of PoK and the role of politicians and local people', the refugee leader said, "Our people were looted and brutally killed. Our sisters had to face mental trauma. The Genocide was inflicted upon us and our race was eliminated. Pakistan should be exposed for its misdeeds and it can be achieved if the real victims of this genocide, PoK refugees are empowered politically in J&K assembly. Pakistan and China are building an economic corridor on our lands which also needs to be exposed vociferously".

Chuni said the Government of India should accept the recommendations of Delimitation Commission, Wadhwa Committee and Interlocutors



report while considering the genuine and legitimate demand of PoK refugees for reserving eight seats for them in J&K assembly.

"Mere passing of unanimous resolution in Parliament to retrieve PoK from the clutches of Pakistan will not serve the purpose. It is high time to get some practical and concrete measures to put the last nail in the coffin of Pakistani manipulations in Jammu and Kashmir," the refugee leader said.

He also suggested the cre-

ation of Mirpur--Muzaffarabad--Poonch Scouts having the full strength of PoK refugees to effectively deal with the terrorists infiltrating into Indian territory from Pakistan.

"We should bear in mind that diamond cuts diamond. Our people are well-versed with the language being spoken on the other side of LoC, especially in the areas of Pakistan occupied Kashmir. Apart from this, they are capable of effectively dealing with the terrorists originating from Pakistan soil. It will also provide big employment to our people," he said.

The SOS International Chairman also strongly pitched for giving due recognition to the Domicile Certificates issued to all Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) refugees living in different parts of the country, other

than J&K, saying "Being the bonafide migrants, they hold equal rights on the jobs and employment opportunities available in Jammu and Kashmir".

Chuni shared serious concern over the denial of job opportunities to the PoK refugees living in UP, Bihar and Delhi and having domicile certificates, in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Unfortunately, our refugees possessing domicile certificates of J&K are being discriminated against by the authorities on the pretext that they are living in UP, Bihar and Delhi. They are being denied jobs under domicile quota of J&K in CRPF, BSF and Army recruitments. What is the fun of possessing these certificates if they are not able to get employment opportunities through the domicile quota of J&K," Chuni questioned.

SSK celebrates its Foundation Day, Sharda Ashtami

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JAMMU: 'Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra' celebrated its Foundation day on the occasion of Sharda-Ashtami on Saturday in the Kendra premises at Anandnagar, Bohri, here.

On this sacred day, a Mahayagya was held to pay obeisance to Mata Sharda- the Goddess of Knowledge and Learning, whose very ancient temple stands in Kishanganga/Neelam Valley, just beyond the Line of Control in Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme started with Pushparchana offering of flowers to Mata Sharda followed by Sharda Vandana.

Apart from Mahayagya, this year Karyakarta Sammelan

was held which included all the workers and Incharge of various Sections of activities.

The activities in various dimensions of service to the society about 20 in number are being carried out by the Kendra at its centers formed in Jammu and other places. The Incharges of these Sections gave detailed report of the work being done in their respective areas of action.

It was also reported that Sanksar Kendras have been formed to impart moral values of life among the coming up generation.

The Incharge of holding festivals reported that from the past 3 years on the occasion of Navreh Mahotsav contact has been established at various places in the country and

abroad.

The Kendra has till now published more than 22 Books pertaining Kashmir; its land, culture and philosophy, to enlighten the young generation of the pride and ethos of Kashmir and Kashmir's people. It was also informed that two more books are under process for publication. It has been unanimously resolved in the Karyakarta Sammelan that the field of activity shall be broadened by taking it in other areas. Details of activities which were held in the previous year i.e 2022-23 were presented before the audience in a Power Point Presentation.

Students of Sharda Institute of Computer education Jagti Navreh Mahotsav contact has been established at various places in the country and

Bohri recited Sharda Vandana and the Sholaks of Shreemad Bhagvat Geeta which was applauded by the audience.

At the end of programme the Chairman SSK Dr. M. K. Bharat appealed the people to come forward to associate with the Kendra to carry ahead the service in various fields. While highlighting the objective of SSK Dr. Bharat stressed that the Kendra is working for the Promotion of System and not for the projection of Person. Vice Chairman SSK Dwarika Nath, and Senior Trustees Hirdlay Nath Pandita and Brij Lal Marhatta were on the dice.

The programme was conducted by Radhey Shyam Mussa and Vote of thanks was proposed by the General Secretary of the Kendra SSK M. K. Bhat.

FANS Celebrates Haifa Victory Day

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JAMMU: Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS) celebrated Haifa Victory Day on Saturday.

Every year, this day is celebrated to commemorate the martyrdom of soldiers of three Indian Cavalry Regiments namely Jodhpur Lancers, Mysore Lancers and Hyderabad Lancers, who with their gallant and bold action liberated Haifa from Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Haifa in 1918.

Major General SK Sharma, (Retd), President FANS highlighted the importance of Haifa as well as the role of Indian



FANS members at a meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

troops during First World War. He deliberated on the complete operation explaining the exceptional bravery shown by the Indian troops riding on the horses, with spears in their hands who defeated the power-

ful Ottoman and Austrian soldiers equipped with modern weapons and guns. That led to liberation of Haifa. Prof. KL Bhatia, Patron FANS, added that the supreme sacrifice made by Maj Dalpat Singh of

Jodhpur Lancers while displaying exceptional leadership acumen under all odds earned him the Military Cross in that operation. Prem Sadotra, General Secretary FANS spoke on the importance of this battle from social angle and its value for the Indian citizens.

He further said that the Forum is celebrating Haifa Victory day every year since 2015. Dinesh Gupta, General Secretary and Treasurer FANS, brought out that the brave and chivalrous actions by Indian troops in Battle of Haifa are now-a-days taught to the students of primary classes in Israel.