

PM's dream of democracy at grass root level can be seen on ground

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Apni Party aims to promote peace, prosperity, development in J&K: Bukhari



JKAP President, S.M.A Bukhari with newly joined members.

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Srinagar: A delegation of residents, primarily from the minority community in Mehjoor Nagar, Srinagar, called on Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Monday to bring certain public issues and grievances to his attention. Bukhari patiently listened to the visiting delegation and assured them that he would take up these issues with the relevant authorities

for prompt resolution. On this occasion, several political workers from the area formally joined the Apni Party. Welcoming the newcomers, Bukhari said, "Our primary objective is to promote peace, prosperity, and development in this region while empowering its people both economically and politically. By working together, we can accelerate our mission of elevating this region to new heights of prosperity."

BJP BDC Chairman, dozen Sarpanchs, 100 Panchs join Congress

Winds of change blowing in J&K: Congress



Senior Congress leaders during a rally at Jammu on Monday.

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MIRAN SAHIB: JKPCOC President Vikar Rasool Wani on Monday said that winds of change are blowing in Jammu and Kashmir as there is large scale resentment against the BJP in Jammu region too, owing to the failures, arrogance of power and unfulfilled promises by the BJP with the people, especially youth.

Addressing a large gathering along with working president Raman Bhalla and other senior party leaders here today to welcome a number of BJP leaders, including over the dozen Sarpanchs & 100 Panchs led by BDC Chairman Daleep Kumar into the party, Wani said that more and more people from different parties including BJP strengthens our claim that people want change and look towards Congress as a secular democratic alternative at the Centre and in J&K.

A large number of prominent BJP leaders, Sarpanchs & Panchs along with their supporters joined the congress party amidst host of senior conged leaders including Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Hari Singh Chib, TS Bajwa, Pawan

Raina, Shashi Sharma, T S Tony, Rajinder Singh Nathu, Bhushan Dogra, Anurit Bali, Gurdarshan Singh, Ch. Hussain Ali Waffa, Bhupinder Singh Jamwal & others in a gathering organized by Daleep Kumar coordinated by Rajinder Singh Nathu.

Raman Bhalla said that BJP has deceived each and every section by the fake promises and unprecedented taxes besides record unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir.

The people have seen the real face of the BJP and their leadership and want to bring change but BJP Govt. did not hold elections for more than five years, leaving the people to face the unaccountable and inaccessible bureaucrats who are unwilling to adopt sympathetic approach to the common man.

Bhalla said that the bureaucratic regime in J&K is indifferent to the genuine needs of the common people who are suffering a lot but there is no one to listen to their voice while the BJP leaders are beating the drums of achievements of Modi Governments, instead of coming to the rescue of the suffering masses.



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma talking to reporters at Jammu on Monday.

become rare in Jammu due to this service," he said.

The Mayor said that second function of JMC is to lit streets and for that over 90,000 street lights have been installed in the city while the third function of the urban local body remains development of lanes-drains and roads and for that what used to be spent earlier in all the 75 Wards is now being

spent on a single Ward.

He further said that the fourth function of JMC is to ensure proper water supply.

"This summer season there was good water supply due to which almost no protest was witnessed though some shortcomings might be there which we are working to overcome," he continued.

Sharma said that in an

unprecedented move developmental works started in the month of July itself for the first time else it used to be in the month of November-December earlier.

"Moreover now there is availability of concerned officers of JMC from 9 am to 11 pm which has made a change in the work culture of JMC. Even the officers who leave their offices by 4 pm keep attending phone of public in case of any grievance," he said.

The Mayor said that the public should now remember who were the people who remained listening their grievances in the last 5 years, who helped them during COVID, provided them vaccination, medicines, domi-

cile certificates, Ayushman Cards and helped masses when even their blood relations refused to help them.

"Now it is the time for the public to take a decision if for future of Jammu they want to promote upright and hard working people or give priority to the opportunist people who were nowhere in COVID pandemic," he maintained adding, "Such opportunist lots only other show faces at the time of polls and remain away when the public is in tough times."

The Mayor said that it is a good development for the people of Jammu that the institution of JMC has now been empowered to a large extent for the public and it was the vision of PM Modi to have democracy at grass root level and which is now visible on the ground here.

"In smart city project Rs. 430 crore for development is going to change the very outlook of Jammu and this is a welcoming step," he said.

Capt Ajit Singh, Capt Pyar Singh Bhatti, Ajay Singh, Charanjit Singh, Harnam Singh, Babli, Pooja, Shanam and others were also present on the occasion.

Chandrayaan sparked global aspirations in Indian students: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday said that successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 has sparked global aspirations in Indian students.

Dr Jitendra was addressing the gathering

on the south polar region of the lunar surface. With the launch of Aditya -1 which is the first space based Indian mission to study the Sun, India's ambitious space exploration programme has left a clear message that we are one of the most scien-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as chief guest, speaking after inaugurating the Science 20 (S20) Conference under the aegis of G20 at Amity University, Noida on Monday.

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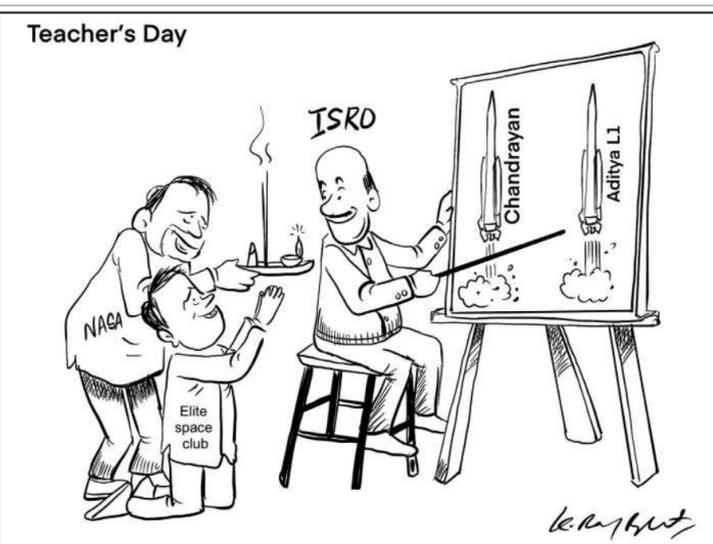
Dr Jitendra Singh said, "It is the hard work and determination of scientists, researchers and scholars that India is now ranked amongst top 3 nations in terms of publications and 9th in terms of Patents. India's Global Innovation index has also seen significant improvement in the past years moving up the ladder from 81st position to 40th position," he added.

"India has recently created history by becoming the first country to land

tifically advanced nations in the field of Space Science and Technology," he said.

Dr Jitendra said that the country has witnessed an exponential growth in Science and Technology during the last decade.

"This G20 Presidency also heralds for India the start of "Amritkaal," a 25-year period commencing from the 75th anniversary of India's Independence leading up to the centenary of its Independence," he said. "With the disruptive changes happening all around the world, innovative science and technology needs to be encouraged to revolutionise lives and livelihoods in a world where 8 billion people are continually striving for a better life," he said.



Bhrastachar Mukht Bharat Pledge/Oath Ceremony held by Excise Deptt



Excise Commissioner J&K UT Pankaj Kumar Sharma and other officers taking pledge.

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JAMMU: To foster a culture of honesty, integrity and good governance based on transparency, accountability and fairness, to promote ethical service practices, to eradicate corruption from the organization

and to build a corruption free society, Bhrastachar Mukht Bharat Pledge was taken by officers and staff of Excise & Taxation Department held at Excise & Taxation Complex, here on Monday.

The Commissioner, J&K UT Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu Kusum Sharma, Excise & Taxation Officers besides other staff participated in the pledge and oath ceremony.

DGP inaugurates Moot Court at PTTI Vijaypur, launches Amrit Kalash Yatra, plantation drive

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VJAYPUR: Police Headquarters in its continuous endeavours has focused on establishing moot courts as a part of training programme at all Police training institutions in order to give an overview of court proceedings to its investigation officers that will help in identifying the lacunas during the course of Investigation.



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh inaugurating the newly established Moot Court at PTTI Vijaypur.

This was stated by Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh after inaugurating the newly established Moot Court for the trainees/Personnel during his visit to Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur on Monday.

The DGP was received by Principal PTTI Vijaypur Shiv Kumar Sharma and other senior officers from the Police & Prosecution wing and was presented a Guard of Honour.

Soon after his arrival the DGP J&K started the Amrit Kalash Yatra and plantation drive under the on-going national campaign Meri Maati Meera Desh. On the occasion the DGP along with other senior officers planted saplings in the training institute.

The DGP inaugurated newly established Moot Court for the trainees as well as for the Police personnel. On the occasion, the faculty of PTTI demonstrated a live trial of NDPS case in the Moot Court.

Speaking on the occasion the DGP directed to arrange more such Moot Court mock drills in future to improvise the professionalism, skills of prosecution,

witnesses and investigating officers in particular so that cases like NDPS/UAPA could be brought to their logical conclusion in the interest of justice besides other cases.

The DGP said that a dedicated effort from everyone is necessary to improve the conviction rate of heinous crimes.

He said that good quality Investigation of UAPA & NDPS cases is also a weapon to curb militancy and drug menace from the UT.

He said that investigation of any case must be worked until the final judgement of the Court. He said that Police Headquarters in its continuous endeavours has focused on establishing moot court rooms as a part of training programme at all Police training institutions in order to give an overview of court proceedings to its investigation officers that will help in identifying the lacunas during the course of Investigation.

Principal PTTI Vijaypur gave a brief of Moot Court and its importance for trainees especially investigation officers.

The inaugural function was attended by Mohd Suleman Choudhary, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Dr. Mohd Haseeb Mughal, DIG Rajouri Poonch Range, Sirdhar Patil, DIG Traffic Jammu, Subash Gupta, Retd. Sessions Judge NIA Court, Pawan Gupta, Joint Director Prosecution, JKS Range, Intikhab Hussain, Sr. Advocate Jammu High Court, Rashmi Wazir, Commandant Women Bn. Jammu, Mubassar Latifi Ameer, Commandant IRP 15th Bn., Anita Sharma, Commandant IRP14th Bn., J.S. Johar, AIG (Training/Policy) PHQ-J&K, Benam Tosh, Sr. Superintendent of Police, Samba, Roop Raj, Principal PTS Kathua, Dushyant Sharma, Vice Principal PTTI Vijaypur, other gazetted officers staff and trainees of PTTI Vijaypur.

Earlier Shiv Kumar, SSP,

City gears up to celebrate Lord Krishna's Birthday

MALU SHARMA

Janmashtami preparations are in full swing in the city of Temples. Markets are flooded with idols of Krishna in all shapes and sizes and other decorative items needed to celebrate the birthday of Lord Krishna.

Shopkeepers are doing brisk business as devotees throng market to buy things needed to celebrate the festival. According to a shop owner, with people willing to set up Krishna Jhula at their homes, clay idols, colourful dresses and handicraft articles are in huge demand.

"We have a wide variety of designer dresses from Dwarikadeeh Mohallah of Mathura, mukuts (crowns), haar (necklace), jhoola and bansuri for devotees this festival" said Ankit Tandon, a shopkeeper at Chowk adding, "The price range is from Rs 100 to Rs 2,500". The fancy swings and also colourful and designer dress for Kanha are flying off the shelves", shared Gopal, a local shopkeeper.

Decorative items such as glittering Mukuts, Pearl Haars, Jhule, Bansuri



and Morpankh are in great demand. Prime city markets including Pakka Danga, Moti Bazar, City Chowk, Gandhi Nagar witnessed huge crowd of people purchasing tableaux items.

"Since childhood we have been following all the rituals associated with Janmashtami. My kids are enthusiastic about setting up tableaux and a Krishna Jhula at home. So, every year

we create a scene, depicting different phases of Lord Krishna's life, including his childhood as Makhan Chor. We decorate the Puja room with colourful lights and other decorative items and place a Jhula there in which small idol of Bal Krishna is kept", shared Nirmal Kerni, a home maker.

Meena Devi, 75 yr old said, "We perform puja at home every year. The

Idol of Lord Krishna is placed inside a Jhula, which signifies his birth. We celebrate Krishna's birthday by singing bhajans. A special puja is performed at night and after that 'Prasad - Panjiri, Panchamrut is distributed to everyone. Being the elder member of the family it is my duty and responsibility to make the younger one understand the rituals and respect our culture."

Many devotees fast whole day and break it only at the stroke of midnight after Lord Krishna's birth, while others show their devotion by fasting for two days on Janmashtami. It is believed that Lord Krishna took birth at the midnight between the first and the second day. Therefore, the actual festivities begin at midnight in this 48-hour period.

While people are busy preparing for the festival, sweet shops in the city have also come up with special menus. Till ke Ladoo and Seyul ke Ladoo are the famous sweets prepared specially on the eve of Janmashtmi.