



BJP spokesperson, R S Pathania addressing a meeting at Dhema in Udhampur district on Sunday.

NC, PDP narrative stands demolished: Pathania

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UDHAMPUR, Nov 20: Ranbir Singh Pathania, ex MLA and spokesperson J&KBJP said that all the slogans, promises and false hopes shown by non BJP parties have turned hollow. While addressing a series of meetings at Dhema, Manwal, Majalra, and Rowndomail in Udhampur district he said the people of J&K stand firm behind BJP's gospel of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas'. In DDC elections also these political parties ganged up under one banner of PAGD but even then the people of J&K voted for the party.

With the inclusion of new communities under ST category, taking of historic development initiatives, B2V, public outreach, transparency in selections and allotment of tenders, the people of J&K seem enthused by the new model. Justice and meritocracy is the hallmark over here, he said.

More so, the way the Prime Minister and Home Minister have created an atmosphere at national to international level with strong-willed stand against terror has again struck a direct chord with the people of J&K. Pathania said. No State could afford to stand soft against terrorism, he added.

The BJP leader said identifying the growing need to strike

Manjit Singh demands restoration of Statehood

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SAMBA, Nov 20: Apni Party provincial president Jammu and former Minister, Manjit Singh has demanded restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in view of growing alienation of the people.

Addressing a meeting in Ramgarh in Samba district, he said that the people are angry



Apni Party provincial president, Manjit Singh addressing a meeting at Ramgarh on Sunday.

with the present style of working by the LG administration as their concerns are not being addressed and the developmental activities have come to stand still.

The meeting was held after the inauguration of Apni Party office at Ramgarh by him in presence of district president, Raman Thappa, ST Wing president, Saleem Alam, SC Wing coordinator, Both Raj Bhagat, Ramgarh candidate, Sahil Bhagat and others.

On this occasion, over two dozen youth joined the Apni Party. Welcoming them, Manjit Singh hoped that their joining would strengthen the party.

He referred to the inability and failure of the authorities on the ground to perform. "The failures have given rise to many issues as the public issues were not addressed and the unemployment continued to remain rising in the last four years," he said.

Interactive session for CUET (UG) held at Dhruv Institute

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JAMMU, Nov 20: Margdarshan-- an interactive session for CUET (UG) 2022-23 held at Dhruv Institute by



An expert giving tips for cracking CUET to the students at Dhruv Institute in Jammu.

Ankit Gupta.

During the session, the tips for cracking CUET were imparted to the students by Ankit Gupta. This exclusive session on career planning was especially held for CUET aspirants.

The Common University

ACS releases documentary 'Road to Sharda'

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JAMMU, Nov 20: A documentary 'Road to Sharda' based on the life journey of Ramesh Hangloo, Director Radio Sharda produced by RIFK Entertainment and directed by Rohit Bhat was released by Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), JKUT at a function organised by Vomedh in association

from all walks of life participated. Speaking on the occasion Dulloo appreciated the efforts of RIFK and Vomedh to highlight the unknown facets of the life of Ramesh Hangloo through this documentary saying Radio Sharda was doing a tremendous service to the community and had emerged as the voice of people through sheer hard work, sincerity and unbiased programming since its inception.



Additional Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo releasing RIFK Entertainment's documentary 'Road to Sharda' at Jammu on Sunday.

with TIFFS here today. The documentary is based on the fascinating life and journey of Ramesh Hangloo, a man who connected Kashmiri Pandits across the globe with their roots through Radio Sharda, and the documentary traces his journey which needs to be known to everyone.

Vomedh a prominent theatre group today organised the release function at KL Sehgal Hall, Abhinav Theatre where a galaxy of artists, intellectuals and people

He said that Radio Sharda was not only a community radio but an expression of their culture, heritage, art and other facets of life.

Hangloo while thanking RIFK for producing the documentary also expressed his thanks to Vomedh and the director of the documentary Rohit Bhat for bringing his life journey to the public domain and assured that his venture would continue to cater to the needs of the community at large to protect, preserve and propagate the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir.

Rohit Bhat said that Radio Sharda has touched the life of every Kashmiri outside the Valley and it was the love and respect for the man who made it possible to bring a documentary on his life journey, struggles and the ultimate success story.



JMC councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru during his visit to Talab Tillo area on Sunday.

Takes up issue of Talab Tillo with Commissioner

No footpath be constructed without drainage system: Baru

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JAMMU, Nov 20: Under the "Smart City Project" the ongoing construction of footpath on deep drain from Jawahar Nagar to Nitco Lane should not be executed without improving the drainage system at main road Talab Tillo, JMC councillor and senior BJP leader, Sanjay Kumar Baru assured the local shopkeepers during his tour to the area. This work of construction of footpath on both sides of main road Talab Tillo from Patta Chungi to Jewel Chowk at an estimated cost of Rs 20.00 crore executed under Smart City Project was started at Bohri in Ward No 41 few days back.

Local stakeholders including shopkeepers have strongly objected the construction of footpaths without proper drainage. After listening the grievances of shopkeepers and locals during the tour, Sanjay Baru assured them to take up the matter with concerned authorities. Accordingly, Baru met JMC Commissioner and CEO Smart City Project, Rahul Yadav and General Manager, Sham Lal

Kapoor and discussed the issue to either construct afresh or renovate deep drains wherever required at main road Talab Tillo for maintaining proper drainage before the construction of footpath.

He further said that the work is being executed without consulting the Local councils, due to which there is no check and contractors are doing their job arbitrarily and erratically and supervisory officers of the Smart City who are supposed to ensure hassle-free execution, are roaming only in the vehicles given by the Department.

Baru also highlighted the grievances of shopkeepers regarding the long traffic jams at road due to haphazard dumping of construction material on the sides of main road for days and months to the authorities of JMC. Both Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav and Sham Lal Kapoor after listening him assured to visit the site personally at earliest and ensured that all the projected issues will be addressed and the works will be executed with caution, keeping in view the public welfare.

JU organizes public lecture on 'South Asia in Intl Politics'

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JAMMU, Nov 20: Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu today organized a public lecture on "South Asia in International Politics" in its seminar hall.

The seminar began with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, Prof Rajnikant (Dean, Research Studies JU), Director DSRS Prof Virender Koundal, Prof Mathew Joseph C, faculty members of the Department and other dignitaries and members of the civil society.

Prof Rajnikant presided over the seminar and formally invited Prof Mathew Joseph for delivering the public lecture on the theme.

In his presentation, Prof Mathew Joseph C brought to the notice of the audience that as a region, South Asia occupied an important position during the Cold War period as it was a closer to the erstwhile Soviet Union and China. Due to this fact, the Western bloc considered this region as an important one in the context of strategic rivalry between the US-led western camp and the Soviet Bloc.

He said even after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, South Asia occupies the same importance due to Asia's growing geopolitical and geo-economic role in the global affairs in general and India and China in particular.

Prof Rajnikant made the audience aware how new MA program is more meaningful and job-oriented for students and why the DSRS needs to widen the options for students to understand the dynamics of national security and contemporary international politics.

Prof Arvind Jasrotia (Registrar,

Kavinder kick starts development works worth Rs 60 lakhs

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JAMMU, Nov 20: Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya



Former Deputy CM, Kavinder Gupta kick starting construction of lanes and drains in Trikuta Nagar Extension on Sunday.

Janata Party (BJP) leader has asserted that the Government at the Centre is paying focussed attention towards Jammu and Kashmir to ensure equitable development besides welfare and prosperity of the people.

Addressing a gathering during to kick-start development works of lanes and drains at Nanak Nagar Ward No: 42 estimated to cost Rs. 15 lakh and development work in Ward No: 52 in Trikuta Nagar Extension estimated to cost Rs. 45 lakh he said that BJP stands fully committed to equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The former Deputy Chief Minister kick-started the development works in the presence of Vinay Gupta BJP district president Jammu, Ankush Gupta general secretary, Ajay Gupta, Chairman Social Justice JMC, BJP Mahila Morcha State general secretary, Neha Mahajan, BJP district general secretary, Ankush Gupta and Mandal pres-

ident, Neeraj Lucky Puri. "The Union Government is paying focussed attention to the UT and is determined to carry out developmental activities in every nook and corner of this sensitive region," he added.

He said that Modi Government has prioritized the overall development of all the areas without any rural-urban or other discrimination with main focus on roads and sanitation as roads ensure the smooth supply of basic essentials as well as other commodities for the ease of living of the people while good sanitation ensures good health.

He said that the Government stands fully committed to ensure the improvement of roads, lanes and drains infrastructure in all the areas. He said that the development of lanes and drains taken up today was a long pending demand of the people of this area and after the completion of this project the people will get benefited and would enjoy the resultant ease of living.

Meanwhile, the former Deputy CM interacted with the people of the area and took stock of their problems on the occasion. He assured the people that he will get their grievances addressed at the earliest by taking up the same with the concerned authorities. He appealed to the people to strengthen the hands of Narendra Modi for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Eight-day 'Hindi Nav Lehak Shivir' begins at MAM College

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JAMMU, Nov 20: An eight-day 'Hinditar Bhashi Hindi Nav Lehak Shivir' commenced today at MAM College, Jammu.

The event is being organized by Central Hindi Directorate, Union Ministry of Higher Education in collaboration with Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti (RBPS), Jammu.

The inaugural function was presided over by Prof Lalit Magotra (president, Dogri Sanstha Jammu) whereas welcome address was given by Prof Surinder Sharma (Principal, MAM College). Prof Bharat Bhushan Sharma (secretary,

Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Jammu) was also released. The camp is being attended by many aspiring talents and will conclude on 27th November.

The camp will have prominent writers like Dr PA Radhakrishnan from Kerala, Dr Kanhaiyalal Bhatt from Ahmedabad and Dr Adarsh Prakash from Udhampur as experts whereas six local litterateurs Prof Rajkumar (Ex-HoD, Hindi Department, Jammu University), Pritpal Singh (eminent poet), Prof Veena Gupta (well known linguistic in Dogri), Dr Arvinder Singh Ann (Additional Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture



Eminent writers and poets releasing magazine of RBPS during an event at MAM College, Jammu.

Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Jammu), who has made camp concept presented the details of different programs to be undertaken during the camp.

Nathu Lal (Assistant Director, Central Hindi Directorate) while speaking on the occasion gave detailed account of activities of Directorate. He said that such camps are organized with sole purpose of dissemination of national language in non-Hindi speaking regions. The camp is being coordinated by Prof Sanjay Samyals.

On the occasion, special edition of Amar Setu, a quarterly magazine published by Rashtra

Childline Se Dosti Week celebrated

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JAMMU, Nov 20: Child Help Desk 'Childline' at Railway Station, Jammu in collaboration with Hemophilia Society celebrated Childline Se Dosti Week at Railway Station, Jammu.

Paramjeet Singh, ASSP GRP was the chief guest; Albeena Malik, SDPO Railways Jammu; V.K.M Tripathi, ASC (RPF) and Jugal Kishore, Station Superintendent were guests of honour and special guests on the occasion.

The chief guest hailed the activities undertaken by Child Help Desk team and lauded their innovative idea on Selfie Point activity for mass awareness.

Naresh Sharma, Dy. SP (GRP Line); Rohit Dev Singh, SHO GRP; Chetan Parkesh, SHO RPF Railway Station Jammu and other officials of GRP/RPF were also present.

The main aim of the programme was to provide awareness on Toll Free Number 1098 and healthy discussion on Child Rights and Child Protection from crimes like child trafficking, child labour, child abuse, good touch and bad touch.

A Selfie Point was established at Plat Form No 1, Number of children participated in the programme.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Manjari Singh In-charge CIF, J&K.

The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Sugam Anubhav, Coordinator CHD Railway Station, Jammu.



DAP senior leader RS Chib addressing party workers at Badyal Brahmana, Jammu.

Chib criticizes Govt for lack of development in rural areas

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 20: Former minister and general secretary of Democratic Azad Party (DAP) RS Chib today criticized the Government for total lack of development in the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir as compared to urban areas.

Chib was addressing a party workers' meeting at Badyal Brahmana in which a large number of prominent persons including Naib Sarpanch and Panchs participated. While talking about the tall claims made by the present Government and BJP regarding then policy of development, Chib said that our farmers residing in border belt of R S Pura, have suffered due to the severe damage caused to Ranbir Canal, which could not be repaired for more than three months and Jammu-Suchetgarh Road, a stretch of 25 km could not be completed, for last many years.

He said with great concern that thousands of tourists are visiting Suchetgarh Border, everyday and especially on Saturday and Sunday to witness the ceremonial Parade, conducted by our BSF Battalion. He fur-

ther added that this road from R S Pura to Suchetgarh has been declared as National Highway and brought under the Highway Authority of India but the road is in worst condition.

Chib also spoke about the mistreatment given to the displaced persons of PoJK of 1947. He said these displaced persons were totally disregarded for a very long time, except a small amount of ex-gratia given to them about five decades before. He further added that the displaced persons of 1947 living outside should be treated at par with those living inside the J&K UT.

He said that the Democratic Azad Party demands restoration of statehood, guarantee of jobs and the land for the locals only. He also demanded early assembly elections and restoration of statehood to J&K.

Those who attended the meeting included Bharat Sharma, Anoop Khajuria, JS Jung, Pooja Devi, Sunita Kaur, Mangat Ram, Waryam Chand, Raji Sharma, Inder Sharma Bodh Raj, Paras Ram, Behari Lal, Krishan Lal, Ramesh Kumar, Vijay Sharma and Rakesh Kumar.

AAP flays BJP for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign

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JAMMU, Nov 20: AAP Women Wing president, Namrta Sharma flayed BJP and claimed that it failed to mitigate the sufferings of women community.

She was speaking during a

programme and while speaking on the occasion he said that Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was not meted an inch and remained confined to posters of BJP.

He said that BJP had miserably missed a chance to provide justice to the daughters and sisters of the country by not implementing BBBP campaign in letter and spirit.



AAP leaders during a function at Chatha near Jammu on Sunday.

"Had the BJP remained serious on the issue of BBBP, AAP party would have been the first to extend support but the motive of saffron brigade was to galvanize electorate only," the AAP leader

joining programme at Govindpura in Chatha as chief guest.

During the programme organized by Sunita Kour, Sangathan Mantri and Sarpanch Kunti Devi, Mahila District president Central Jammu, many people joined AAP.

Taranjit Singh Tony, senior AAP leader and District Development Councillor from Suchetgarh presided over the

claimed adding that only AAP can fulfill the aspirations of the people and therefore people should not waste time seeking justice from the directionless political outfits.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Sham Lal Bhagat, District president Jammu Central AAP; Sarpanch Shashi Kumar, Sarpanch Tilak Raj, Sarpanch Shakti Kumar and others.



Prominent personalities of Mahajan community during a function at Jammu on Sunday.

Channi Himmat Sabha organizes Mahajan Parivar Milan

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JAMMU, Nov 20: Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat here today organized Mahajan Parivar Milan (General Body Meeting) and paid rich tribute to social reformers—Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan and Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan, first Prime Minister of erstwhile J&K State, who sacrificed their lives for the upliftment of society especially downtrodden people.

A lamp of integrity, unity and peace was lit amidst the recitation of Gayatri Mantra in the inaugural session by the chief guest, Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CM of J&K accompanied by Guests of honour, Ramesh Gupta, president Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha; Yash Pal Gupta, chief patron Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha and Vipan Gupta, president Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat.

Vipan Gupta while addressing the gathering highlighted the activities of the Sabha and achievements during his tenure as president.

He said: "Office of Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat was established in its own building with contributions of the office bearers without financial burden to the Sabha."

He also said that Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat has planned to start Senior Citizen Club and has also taken numer-

ous projects and activities to consolidate Mahajan families and this includes membership drive in which about 100 new members are added, free medical camp was organized for general public and Mahajan Marriage Bureau started.

Gupta further added that Sabha during COVID-19 pandemic distributed free ration and masks among needy families in collaboration with Seva Bharati.

Vipan Gupta also said that Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat celebrated National festivals like Republic Day, Independence Day etc.

Kavinder Gupta threw light on the contributions of Lala Hans Raj Mahajan and Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan and said that Mahajan Sabha has always seen at front for all the social causes and in upliftment of the society.

Ramesh Gupta and Yash Pal Gupta also spoke on the occasion and lauded the activities and achievements of Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat.

Raj Kumar, senior vice president of Sabha presented vote of thanks.

Office bearers of Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat including Raj Kumar Gupta, Ashok Jandyal, Kushvinder Gupta, Mohan Lal Gupta, Advocate Ishant Gupta, Daleep Gupta and Vishav Deep Gupta were also present on the occasion.