



BJP leaders listening public grievances at Jammu on Monday.

Dr Nirmal, Rajeev Sharma listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister, accompanied by Rajeev Sharma, former MLA listened to the public grievances at BJP Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

Visiting people and deputations presented their issues in front of BJP leaders. Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development-related issues of their respective areas.

Visiting deputations and individuals shared their concerns related to electricity, water, revenue, ration, etc. with the senior party leaders and requested their redressal.



Jammu based reserved category employees staging protest at Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu.

Jammu based reserve category employees' protest enters 125th day

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JAMMU, Oct 3: The protest of All Jammu Based Reserve Category Employees' Association for suitable comprehensive transfer policy entered 125th day, here at Ambedkar Chowk.

Jammu based reserved category employees have been protesting peacefully for last 125 days to meet their demand of transfer policy. They are following the path of non violence as propounded by Mahatma Gandhi and they bank on LG Administration that their genuine demand will be addressed very soon.

On upcoming visit of Home Minister Amit Shah, they expressed optimism that Amit Shah will intervene in the matter of transfer policy of Jammu based reserved category employees working in Kashmir Division and hopefully LG Administration will redress this long pending demand of Dogra



PHE workers staging massive protest at Udhampur on Monday.

PHE employees stage protest, demand wages, regularization

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UDHAMPUR, Oct 3: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees & Workers Association held a strong protest at PHE Complex Udhampur here today.

A large number of workers drawn from Ramnagar, Majalta, Khoon, Mansar, Manwal, Chenani, Kud, Mantalai, Krimachi, Pancheri, Tikri, Jib Thathi, Garhi, Rehmbal and other far flung areas of district Udhampur under the Chairmanship of Som Nath, president Jal Shakti Employees and Workers Association and senior Trade Union leader Jammu Province. The workers were shouting slogans carrying black flags in their hands in support of their demands against the UT Govt.

Som Nath criticized the attitude of UT Government for not redressing the demands of daily wagers committed by LG Manoj Sinha. The ongoing agitation entered into 103rd day but the Govt is not serious regarding the demands of the daily wagers. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to Jammu some time back while addressing the rally had announced that the Minimum Wages Act has been implemented in the UT, but till date the Minimum Wages Act has not been implemented by the people

Secretary reviews functioning of healthcare sector in Jammu division

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhopinder Kumar, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat to review functioning of health sector in Jammu division.

During the meeting, various key performance health indicators were discussed in threadbare and all the Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents of Jammu division were directed to improve public health delivery system in a holistic manner.

Director Health Services, Jammu, Saleem Ul Rehman, gave a brief presentation on the achievements and bottlenecks besides highlighting measures towards ensuring better public health delivery.

Secretary was apprised of various new initiatives undertaken by the Directorate of Health Services Jammu which inter alia included creation of 46 emergency rooms under the 'Save Life Jammu' chapter and establishment of Jammu Skill and Simulation Lab where state of the art infrastructure has been made available to impart simulation based training to various categories of health professionals.

Secretary emphasized the need for devising a comprehensive healthcare delivery system wherein all the services such as preventive, diagnostic and cura-

JKEEA demands reorganization of Estates Department

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JAMMU, Oct 3: All J&K Estates Employees Association (JKEEA) today appealed the LG administration for reorganization of Estates Department.

Addressing a press conference here today, president of the Association Prem Singh Bawa said that in the year 1973 when the department came into existence there were only 250 quarters approximately to look after and provide facilities to the Government employees occupying the quarters/bungalows but by the passage of time, the strength of the Government quarters increased to above 3550.

He said despite increase in number of Government quarters, the limited staff of the department continued to render their services. "Since 1973, we have been pursuing for reorganization of the department so that the strength of the employees is increased and they can get not only next higher promotion and other service benefits but also provide effective services as far

Kargil transporters threaten to continue strike for 'one UT, one Permit' demand

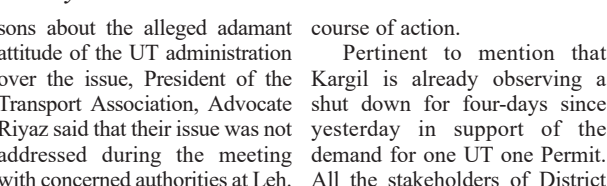
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KARGIL, Oct 3: All Transport Association Kargil today threatened to continue the ongoing strike for complete shutdown if the Ladakh administration does not consider its 'one UT one Permit' demand.

While talking to media persons about the alleged adamant attitude of the UT administration over the issue, President of the Transport Association, Advocate Riyaz said that their issue was not addressed during the meeting with concerned authorities at Leh.

"During the meeting, the UT administration was speaking the language of Leh transporters and not playing neutral role," he said and added after the minutes of the meeting were issued without conceding the demand of Kargil transporters, he refused to sign the same.

Advocate Riyaz alleged that Leh transporters were plying their vehicles in Kargil too claiming to have national permit but the Kargil transporters with national permit were not being



Kargil transporters addressing a press conference on Monday.

course of action.

Pertinent to mention that Kargil is already observing a shut down for four-days since yesterday in support of the demand for one UT one Permit. All the stakeholders of District Kargil, including religious, social and civil organization have extended their support to the Kargil transporters.

The Regional Transport Officer Kargil had also called a meeting on Saturday at his office, which was attended by ARTO Kargil, ARTO Leh, Chairman All Kargil Transport Association, Chairman All Ladakh Transport Association, President Truck Union Leh/Kargil, President Bus Union Leh/Kargil, President Taxi Union Leh/ Kargil, President Swaraj Mazda Leh/ Kargil, President Tempo Traveller Leh.

BJP Govt committed to equitable development: DDC Chairman

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Bharat Bhushan, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu has reiterated the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led Government's commitment to equitable development of all the areas so that development in rural areas is brought at par with that in the urban areas.

He expressed this while addressing a gathering after kick starting the blacktopping



DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan kick starting blacktopping of Dharam Khu village road on Monday.

work at alien links of Dharam Khu Village near here, today. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 53.50 lakh and is being executed under the City and Town Plan. BDC Chairman Kuldeep Raja, Sarpanch Upper Amb Rajni Devi, Sarpanch, Lower Amb Jaswant Singh and all Panchs of Upper and Lower Amb were present on the occasion.

In his address, Bharat Bhushan said that the completion of the work of blacktopping of the roads started today is undoubtedly going to provide a great relief to the people living or traversing this Village and its surrounding areas. He said that

made every Indian proud through the unprecedented achievements; Bharat Bhushan said that the Prime Minister is specially inclined towards Jammu and Kashmir and its people and that there is no dearth of funds when it comes to the development of this Union Territory. He appealed to the people to further extend their support to strengthen the hands of Modi Government which has already brought out the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir out of the worst phase of terrorism and today the Union Territory is inching ahead with unprecedented development going on across the region.



Gujjar-Bakkerwal students protesting at Jammu on Monday.

Gujjar-Bakkerwal students protest against proposed move on ST status to Paharis

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Opposing demand of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Pahari speaking people, tribal students from Gujjar, Bakkerwal and Gaddi Sippi community staged a protest here today.

A number of Gujjar-Bakkerwal students from different colleges of Cluster University Jammu and University of Jammu joined the protest at JU campus. Protest call was given by tribal students studying in different institutions in Jammu and claimed to be not affiliated to any political party.

Protestors were holding placards with slogans against the inclusion of 'elites' in ST category. They appealed the Government of India not to concede the demand of Pahari speaking people dilute status of Schedule Tribes in Jammu and Kashmir.

The protestors marched towards Divisional Commissioner office Jammu and submitted a detailed memorandum requesting the Div Com to forward copies of the same to President, Prime Minister and Home Minister of India. They are requested the Government of India to do justice with the tribals of Jammu Kashmir and not to include any 'undeserving, elite and privileged' community in the Scheduled Tribe list.

Alleging that BJP was playing vote bank politics with both tribals and non tribals by making false and illogical promises, the protesting students threatened to knock the doors of courts and intensify protests to oppose the ST status to Paharis, who are already enjoying 39 percent reservation under various categories like RBA, ALC, OBC, EWS etc under J&K Reservation Rules right from 1994 till date.

Reliance Digital brings exciting offers for Dusshera

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Reliance Digital has brought the exciting offers for Dusshera.

In addition to exciting offers, to make this celebration even more joyous, the customer can avail a 10% instant discount on leading bank cards along with easy EMI options. The customers can choose from the widest range of favourite electronics, right from TVs and domestic appliances, to audio devices, mobile phones, laptops and more. Be it for gifting or your own use, Reliance Digital has best offers lined up this festive season.

The Apple Watch is starting at just Rs 17,100 (including bank cashback) and Samsung watch starting at just Rs 6490. Also, favourite smartwatches are starting at only Rs 1599.

Samsung Galaxy Book 2 12th Gen i5 with 16GB RAM &



Chief guest lighting ceremonial lamp during CSIR foundation day celebration at Jammu on Monday.

IIM celebrates CSIR foundation day

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JAMMU, Oct 3: The 81st foundation day of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the autonomous R&D organization under Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, was celebrated here today at the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIM) Jammu.

The celebrations were largely attended by eminent scientists, faculty members of research & educational institutions, entrepreneurs, invited dignitaries, guests and staff members of CSIR-IIM.

Prof. Amitabha Chattopadhyay, CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow was chief guest of this function and he delivered foundation day lecture entitled, "Cholesterol Sensing by GPCRs: Challenges and Excitement." Dr Padma Gurmet, Director, National Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Leh, was guest of honour.

Er Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Acting Director, IIM Jammu, introduced the chief guest who is a scientist of international repute and recipient of all top awards & recognition of Science.

On this occasion, the chief guest also distributed prizes for different activities conducted as part of foundation day celebrations. On this occasion, the staff members who have superannuated from the council service during last one year were also honoured. They include Girdhari

Dilemma among people of J&K regarding nature of Home Minister's visit: AAP

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today asked Jammu and Kashmir Government as well as Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) to clarify whether the three-day visit of Union Home Minister is official in nature or political as there is dilemma among the masses in the UT regarding the nature of this high profile visit.

Addressing a press conference here today, AAP state spokesperson Dr Nawab Nasir said it has been mentioned that Union Home Minister Amit Shah is reaching for three-day visit in J&K this evening and he is scheduled to address rallies in Rajouri and Baramulla on 4th of October and 5th of October, respectively.

"Presently the administration of the Union Territory is being run by the Government of India through LG administration which makes the visit of Home Minister too important," Dr

HC stays proceedings against Tehsildar

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JAMMU, Oct 3: High Court has stayed proceedings against Tehsildar Srinagar (North), Qaiser Mehmood, initiated by the Chief Judicial Magistrate Samba in a complaint filed by one Dharam Paul.

The CJM Samba had issued arrest warrant against the Tehsildar through SSP, Srinagar and also non-bailable warrant against surety of the petitioner in the Robkar.

The Tehsildar had filed the petition under section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code seeking quashment of proceedings initiated against him in the complaint filed by Dharam Paul, who was allegedly assaulted and abused in 2019 by PSO of the petitioner when he had visited the office of the Tehsildar for implementation of a court order.

Through his counsel Vasudha Sharma, the petitioner had assailed the order of CJM Jammu and sought its quashment as well as the complaint mainly on the ground that sanction for prosecution in terms of section 197 Cr.P.C. has not been obtained before taking cognizance in the complaint as the petitioner at the relevant point of time was in his office and was performing his official functions.

After hearing the argument, Justice Sanjay Dhar observed that there appears to be a prima facie merit in the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner, as such, a case for grant of interim indulgence is made.

The court issued notice to the respondent to be sent to him through concerned Police Station and meanwhile subject to objections from the other side, proceedings in the impugned complaint pending before the trial court were stayed.

Man killed in accident

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JAMMU, Oct 3: A man was killed in accident near Favara Chowk in Akhnor today afternoon.

As per police sources, a man identified as Rakesh Kumar, son of Ram Lal of Sumbal Morh was seriously injured after a bus hit him near Favara Chowk in Akhnor.

The profusely bleeding victim was rushed to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), where he breathed his last during treatment.

After conducting autopsy, the body of the deceased was handed over to legal heirs for last rites.

A case FIR number 278/2022 under relevant sections has been registered at Police Station Akhnor and the bus driver identified as Lavan Singh, a resident of Pallanwala District Jammu has been arrested.

Further investigation into the case is going on.