



BNP leaders listening public grievance at party office on Tuesday.

MGNREGA, other issues raised in BNP's public grievance camp

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JAMMU, Oct 11: MGNREGA, NYCs and ReKs issues besides others were raised before the senior BNP leaders in the public grievance camp organized at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Kavinder Gupta, former Dy Chief Minister, accompanied by former MLA R S Pathania and Vikas Choudhary, Secretary, J&K BNP, listened to the public grievances.

While dealing with grievances, Kavinder Gupta said that whole exercise is in accordance with the party principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas objective. "Rather it is a sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and provide best possible solutions to their day to day administrative and development issues," he added.

Pathania called it as a sincere attempt to lessen gap between administration and people. "We should ensure that genuine issues of people are redressed in

an efficacious way," he said. Many deputations, including individual persons, visited the party office to discuss their issues with the senior BNP leaders. Deputations & common people discussed issues related to the development of their respective areas and their other concerns. NYCs and ReKs also sought immediate announcement of pay enhancement orders in their favour.

Issues pertaining to framing regularisation and fixing quota in recruitment for MGNREGA employees, drinking water, installation of lights and repair of lane drains, electricity, NABARD roads, bus services, provision of human and animal healthcare, flood protection and restoration of public utilities and keeping the operational in rainy season were espoused by a wide rainbow of deputations called on in the BJP office with references and telephone calls to concerned officials. Vikas Choudhary assisted the proceedings and noted down the issues.

DC Poonch e-inaugurates online classes

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POONCH, Oct 11: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet today e-inaugurated Online Classes being run through Information Communication Technology (ICT) Labs and Computer Aided Learning (CAL) Centers to overcome the problem of dearth of teaching faculty in 10+2 Schools in the district.

Students and Staff from all the Higher Secondary and High Schools participated in the e-inauguration ceremony.

The motive behind the initiative was to integrate the Information and Communication Technology in Teaching, Learning and Evaluation on the one hand and to fill the dearth of Teaching faculty in the 10+2 Schools of the district.

The initiative would connect 115 ICT Labs and 91 Computer Aided Learning Centers to provide quality education to over 24000 students

studying in 121 Higher and Higher Secondary Schools in the district.

After the e-inauguration of ICT labs and CALs, the DC interacted with students of 121 ICT/CAL Centres located in for flung areas of Poonch district like Loran, Mankote and Hari Marhote through video conferencing. He urged the students and teachers to make maximum use of ICT based technologies for improving the quality of education.

The DC highlighted the importance of ICT in the present scenario. He said that with this the student studying in for-flung areas would be able to compete with the students studying in cities having all the facilities.

Students from HSS Loran, HSS Marhote, HSS Mankote and other far-flung areas interacted with the DC Poonch and highlighted how the online classes through ICTs have helped them to complete their syllabus and connected them with the outside world.

Bali expresses concern over issues of reserved category employees

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JAMMU, Oct 11: Bali Bhagat senior BJP leader and former minister expressed serious concern over the Jammu based protesting reserved category employees in Jammu.

In this context, a deputation of All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association (AJBRCEA) led by

with their posts on security grounds till the complete normalcy returned in the Kashmir Valley. He said constituting of committee and not submitting its report is delay delaying tactics of the administration.

The senior BJP leader said that these employees are not in Jammu for recreation said that it is the duty of the Govt to ensure that they do not become easy



Senior BJP leader Bali Bhagat and delegation of AJBRCEA posing for photograph after meeting.

its President Vipin Kumar met former Minister Bali Bhagat and apprised him of the hardships being faced by them and their family members.

He said it is an irony that the Committee formed by the Lt Governor led Union Territory Administration to ameliorate these employees' plight has failed to submit its report till date as a result of which these employees continue to suffer with each passing day.

Bali Bhagat said HOD's of different departments are repeatedly issuing notices and threatening for action against them if they did not resume their duties in vulnerable areas of Kashmir where they are posted. Most of the departments have stopped the monthly salaries of these helpless employees, he said.

Bali Bhagat urged the LG Manoj Sinha to transfer all the reserved category employees in their respective districts along

fodder for the terrorists' bullets. The senior BJP leader gave a patient hearing to the employees' deputation and assured that their issues will be resolved at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the former minister Bali Bhagat also asked the Government to address issues pertaining to the daily wagers, NHM employees, Anganwari workers, etc who have been protesting since long for their legitimate rights but the Administration seems to be reluctant to end their sufferings by accepting their quite genuine demands.

The senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader made a fervent appeal to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to release the salaries of all the protesting reserved category employees including daily wagers in view of the festive Diwali season ahead so that they along with their families are not deprived.

DRDO, IIPA organize workshop on 'Essence of Fire Safety'

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JAMMU, Oct 11: Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch (IIPA JKRB) in collaboration with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Government of India organized a workshop on "Essence of Fire Safety" which was attended by over 125 participants from various stakeholders in Government and private sector.

Rajiv Narang, outstanding Scientist and Director, Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES), DRDO in his key note address informed that as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative of Prime Minister, CFEES has started developing indigenous products for fire safety which meets the global standards. He shared about the research and development regarding nano safety regulations, eco-friendly disposal, use of bio-formulations in fire safety, fire suppression technologies, linear thermal detectors, structured fire fighting suits, fire suppression gel being done by scientists at DRDO. He informed that CFEES as part of its initiative is now bringing its know-how and technologies for the benefit of civil society and invited various stakeholders to take the benefit of this initiative.

BR Sharma, former Chief Secretary, also the Chairman of IIPA JKRB in his address said proactive measures by all the institutions can ensure preventable deaths & disabilities. He said the new technologies should be put to effective use and there is an urgent need to re-prioritize our thinking while designing buildings and a greater sense of responsibility on the part of the citizens can prevent disasters from fire.

Dr Ashok Bhan, former DGP and Patron of the IIPA JKRB while narrating the horrific fire incidents cautioned the audience against the possible hazards of fire. He urged that stakeholders to invest in prevention of fire by adopting proactive measures. He complimented the team from DRDO and IIPA JKRB for reaching to the stakeholders.

Dr B Srinivas, Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K shared the challenges related to fire incidents in J&K follow a pattern and keeping view to the geographical location of the UT, the nature of incidents are also unique. He said that Government of JK is committed to adopt best practices, invest in capacity building of its people and adopt latest technological equipments to prevent fire incidents.

Dr Sudershan Kumar, Former DG, DRDO and Special Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India also the architect of this workshop in his address talked about the concept of Fire Triangle and said that safety measures can prevent collateral damages. He shared that in future more demonstration oriented workshops can be planned for the benefit of the stakeholders.

Later, three technical sessions were held on "Development of State-of-the-Art Fire Safety Products and Technologies" by Dr KC Wadhwa, Scientist and Associate Director, CFEES; "Status of Fire Safety in India" by Prashant Lonkar.

Prof Aika Sharma, Hony Secretary, IIPA JKRB presented the formal welcome address, K B Jandial, Director (Seminars) presented the formal vote of thanks and Dr Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA JKRB conducted the proceedings of the function.

DC inspects work of addl block at Kargil House

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KARGIL, Oct 11: Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve today inspected the pace of work on additional block of Kargil House at Bemina, Srinagar and chaired a review meeting regarding the construction of Ladakh Bawan (Kargil Wing) in Delhi.

The DC was accompanied by Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B), Abdul Mutalib and Assistant Executive Engineer PWD Muhammad Ali and other officials of concerned departments.

He conducted a detailed inspection and deliberated upon

each component of the project and directed the engineers to ensure completion of the work within the stipulated time. On the occasion, the DC expressed optimism and satisfaction over the pace of work progress on the site.

Meanwhile, Sukhadeve also visited Delhi and chaired a review meeting regarding the tendering process of Ladakh Bawan (Kargil Wing). The DC and other officials of PWD held a threadbare discussion and directed the engineers of concerned departments at Ladakh Bawan (Kargil Wing) Delhi to immediately start its tendering process.



BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi after inaugurating Aadhar and Ayushman Bharat camp at Ward 19 on Tuesday.

Yudhvir inaugurates Aadhar, Ayushman Bharat service camp

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JAMMU, Oct 11: J&K BJP vice president, Yudhvir Sethi here today inaugurated Aadhar and Ayushman Bharat service camp at Ward number 19.

The camp was organized by Jammu East unit of BJP in which many people visited.

Speaking on the occasion Sethi asked the people to avail benefits of such camps as the purpose of these camps is to provide services to the common people at their door steps.

He said that Aadhar Card is the most significant identity document of a person in India and a gateway to avail any kind of benefit under schemes rolled out by the Government.

Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Gopi Nath celebrated

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JAMMU, Oct 11: In connection with 125th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Gopi Nath Ji, Ati Varisht Nagrik Sammaan Divas was organized by Bhagwan Gopi Nath Satsang Mandal here to felicitate senior citizens.

All the invitees were received with great respect and the celebration was preceded by Ganapati Puja.

Veer Ji Dhar, Kashmiri Lal and Raju washed feet of all the guests and they were honoured with garlands and a shawl by Dileep Raina, Ajay Kachroo, Girija Tiku and others.

Speaking on the occasion Santosh Tiku said that elders only need some time to be spent with them.

Those who were present on this occasion were Rajesh Dogra, Parveen Korni, Gurcharan Singh, Suman, Harvinder Singh, Robin Mehra, Rohit Mehra, Rakesh Bhalla, Jagdish Raj, Sukhdev Singh and others.

"Their contribution, education and teachings can never be ignored and it is because of their existence that we exist today," she maintained.

Bansi Lal Pandita, Roshan Lal Koul, Prof. H.L. Ganjoo, Piyari Malla and others also spoke on the occasion.

Kaushliya Pandita blessed everyone and was highly emotional.

Kashmiri translation of Bhagwat Gita in prose form by Anand Swami Pran Nath Bhatt Garib Bhai Ji was presented to all the invitees on behalf of Bhagwan Gopinath Ji Satsang Mandal.

The programme was completed by Satish Chander Razdan and vote of thanks was presented by Girija Tiku.

LAHDC Leh hosts legislators' meet to discuss EPR policies, its implementation

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LEH, Oct 11: LAHDC Leh hosted the Mountain Legislators' Meet on the occasion of Sustainable Mountain Development Summit XI in the Assembly Hall of the Council Secretariat today. The agenda for the meeting was 'Extended Producer Responsibility: Policy to Practice'.

The meet was chaired by the Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson. Deputy Chairman LAHDC Leh,

Programme and the European Union also presented their visions and projects to tackle waste management.

Report compiled on Brand Audit in Leh by the Government school students and volunteers of NYK Leh were presented by secretary IMI and founder Little Green World during the meet.

CEC Tashi Gyalson presented the declaration of the MLM and moved a resolution on the need for extending EPRs in the Indian Himalayan Mountain



CEC Leh Advocate Tashi Gyalson chairing meeting on Tuesday.

Executive Councillors & Councillors of LAHDC Leh and Kargil, president IMI, former CEC/Co-Convenor, SMDS XI, PCCF Ladakh, BDC chairpersons of Leh, and delegates from across the mountain states and UTs of the Indian Himalayan region attended the Meet.

Issues of climate change and solid waste management, including the need for extending EPRs in the mountain states and UTs of the nation, were discussed during the meeting. Virtually attending the meeting, delegates from the United Nations Environment

States and UTs. While addressing the house, he stated, "If producers are bringing waste to the mountains, they should also take responsibility to take it back, or they should not bring it at all."

The resolution was unanimously passed and signed by all the elected representatives present during the meeting.

Earlier, president IMI, P D Rai presented the inaugural address followed by the address by EC LAHDC Kargil, Punchock Tashi while Deputy Chairman LAHDC Leh presented the vote of thanks at the end.



SDM Chowki Choura Virender Gupta along with Revenue officials during his tour to village Rameen Makhian.

SDM Chowki Choura visits Rameen Makhian, Majoor; solves issue of link roads

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JAMMU, Oct 11: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Chowki Choura Virender Gupta today visited Rameen Makhian and Majoor villages and solved the issue of construction of two link roads.

During the tour, the SDM was accompanied by Dr Raman Jandyal (Tehsildar Chowki Choura) and other Revenue officials. The SDM firstly visited Ward Number 7 of Village Rameen Makhian, falling under Kanehri Panchayat to resolve a long pending issue of construction of a linkroad for the inhabitants of village Kadooma.

During visit to the area, BDC Chairman Rahul Sharma and PRI Members told the SDM that the work for construction of a link road was kept under 14-FC Scheme of Rural Development Department and if the work remains halted (due to encroachments) the funds will lapse.

On the request of public representatives, the Revenue team led by the demarcated the piece of land and removed all obstructions as well as encroachments,

with the help of JCB, made on the State Land, thereby making the road through to be used by the public.

Thereafter, the SDM and his entire Team proceeded to village Majoor to resolve the issue of construction of a link road being constructed by the Public Works Department (PWD) as the matter for alignment of the road was sub-judice (being passing through a private land).

A due cognizance was taken, whereby proper demarcation of the area was carried out directions were passed to modify the earlier alignment/take off point, vis-a-vis construction of the link road through the adjacent 'Kah-Charai/State Land'. The AEE PWD & his team surveyed the newly demarcated piece of land. The SDM directed the accompanying PWD Officials to prepare a detailed drawing/DPR of new alignments as early as possible so as to provide the road connectivity without further delay.

Later, the SDM oversee construction of its boundary wall of PHC Dispensary, Ghaar and way back, a reviewed progress of Sunghal-Bhambla Tunnel work.



Artists posing for a photograph at National Exhibition of Art in Haridwar.

National Art Show at Haridwar concludes

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JAMMU, Oct 11: The National Exhibition of Art organized by J&K Centre for Creative Arts in collaboration with Anand Art Mission, Haridwar and Snehil, Dehradun at Gallery T-47, Shivalki Nagar, BHEL, Haridwar concluded.

The art works of 40 artists from various States was displayed in the exhibition of which four artists of J&K included Jang S Verman, O.P Sharma, Sushma Sahni and Shivani Koul Bhat.

The exhibition was inaugurated by V.S Rahi, veteran artist from New Delhi on October 7, 2022.

Founder Director of JKCCA, O.P Sharma, informed that this exhibition has been a physical national level art exhibition organized by JKCCA outside J&K after the hard time of COVID-19 pandemic.

The other artists whose art

works were displayed in the show were V.S Rahi, Dr. A.K Dixit and Dr. Rita Kashyap, Delhi; Dr. Mamta Singh, Dr. Monika Bhatnagar, Dr. Rita Tewari, Shivani, Indira, Dr. Vinita Dahiya, Sumit Kaur Kapoor, Anshu Mohan, Ramandeep, Jaishree, Dr. Vasudha Joshi and Ravindra Singh Padiyar, Dehradun; Ashok Gupta, Parmod Kumar Verma, Dr. Pooja Panwar, Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal, Jai Gupta and Pramod Kulkreshtha, Haridwar; Dr. Alka Arya, Roorkee; Dr. Rekha Rani Sharma, Gorakhpur, Prof. Sunil Saxena and Pratima Singh, Lucknow; Prof. Saroj Rani, Varanasi and Dr. Mamta Verma, Prayagraj; K.S Gill, Dharminder Sharma and Atul Mattoo, Amritsar and Gaytri, Hoshiarpur; Amanpreet Kaur and Pankaj Raina, Mohali; Minu Dey, Kolkata and Dr. Sabita Nag, Bankura and Shantla Madhu, Bangalore.



KU Vice-Chancellor delivering inaugural address during seminar in collaboration with NCW on Tuesday.

KU organises collaborative seminar with National Commission for Women

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 11: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan on Tuesday inaugurated a national seminar organised by the varsity's Institute of Home Science in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW).

The two-day seminar on the theme, "Rights of Differently-abled Women", was held to deliberate on emerging issues and challenges confronting the differently-abled women and help formulate a roadmap to address the same.

Highlighting the importance of inter-institutional collaborations to help remove barriers in the way of progression of differently-abled women, Prof Nilofer exuded confidence that the present seminar would deliberate on all such critical issues and come up with some tangible recommendations on the way forward.

"In the Kashmir University, we are committed to create an environment where specially-abled persons, especially specially-abled women, do not face any hiccups while performing their duties or while undertaking their studies," she said, complimenting the Institute of Home Science for collaborating with NCW in this important endeavor.

She said that other University departments like Social Work, Sociology and Law could also be roped in for holistic deliberations on different aspects of the seminar theme.

In his keynote address, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof F A Masoodi, said institutions must not lose sight of problems being faced by specially-abled women who ought to be "treated with the same respect and dignity that we all want ourselves to be treated with."

Dean Research, Prof Irshad A Nawchoo and Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir also highlighted the University's efforts and initiatives towards welfare of specially-abled persons.

Coordinator Institute of Home Sciences, Dr Humaira Azim delivered the welcome address and highlighted the expected outcomes of the two-day event. Dr Aparna Khanna from Lady Irwin College, Delhi University, is the special resource person for the seminar.

Dr Roshan Ara delivered the vote of thanks, while Farah Zaidi conducted proceedings of the inaugural session, which was attended by senior KU academics and officers, besides a group of specially-abled students.

EPFO holds 'pension adalat' for 2nd day

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JAMMU, Oct 11: "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" and "Pension Adalat" were conducted by EPFO Regional Office, Jammu for second day today for the stakeholders of Jammu & Kashmir.

EPFO is servicing the entire area from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders and so on.

appeared for transfer related matter that he didn't applied for transfer claims form No. 13 and was guided and initiated his claim form No. 13. Riha Mahajan attended the program with the grievance that she didn't have her UAN details with her. The matters were taken up with J K EPFO and her UAN details were provided immediately.

Jashoda Rani from M/s BMO Health and Family Welfare, Jammu had applied for



EPFO Commissioner Rizwan Uddin addressing an issue of an employee at his office on Tuesday.

Considering the large number of grievances and to ensure service delivery at doorstep, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer and Covid-19 advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands on demonstration.

Govind Sahu, an employee of M/s Rizwan Enterprises

correction in member's profile. She was guided to fill up the form of joint declaration which was processed today from all levels. Nagina Manjhi had also appeared in the program for non update of her member's profile. Rizwan Uddin; P. F. Commissioner had approved her correction in member profile through joint declaration forms.

JU organizes motivational lecture by IRS Suchiter Sharma for UPSC aspirants

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 11: Placement Cell, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, JU, organized a Motivational Lecture cum Interaction programme on the topic 'Decoding Success for Civil Services' for the students and scholars of the university.

Suchiter Sharma (IRS), son of the soil who has secured All India Rank 146 in UPSC-2020, was the Resource Person. He conducted an interesting, engrossing and enlightening session which was attended by the aspirants of UPSC and other competi-

queries of the aspirants. Prof Anju Bhasin, who was chief guest on the occasion, lauded the meaningful effort of Dean Placement and Dean Students Welfare in envisaging this highly relevant event for the benefit of the students who are always kept at the pivotal position by the University.

Prof Vinay Chauhan, Dean Students Placement, urged the students to take maximum benefit from this motivational lecture as such enlightenments go a long way in shaping one's



IRS Suchiter Sharma being presented a memento after his motivational lecture at JU on Tuesday.

Terming consistency, persistence and perseverance the key elements, he narrated the story of his hard work and attributed his success to the efforts of his parents, teachers and friends. He also advised the listeners to not follow his story, rather create their own stories. The lecture was followed by an interaction session in which he intelligently answered the

mindset. The event was organized under the guidance of Prof Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof Vinay Chauhan, Prof Vishav Raksha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof Sanjana Kaul (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee) and Dr Anil Gupta (Associate Dean SW).