



Holy relic being displayed to people on Friday following Eid-Milad-un-Nabi at Hazratbal Shrine.

Friday following Meraj observed in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, Oct 14: The Friday following Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) was today observed across Kashmir with religious fervor while the biggest congregational prayer on the day was held at Dargah Hazratbal.

On the occasion, thousands of people including women and children assembled at Dargah Hazratbal where they offered the Friday congregational prayers and also had a glimpse of the Holy Relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

The Holy Relic was displayed to the people after the culmination of the prayers throughout the day starting from Fajr (morning) prayers which also witnessed a considerable presence of people.

For the day, the authorities had put in place the necessary arrangements which included a continuous supply of electricity as well as drinking water while the medical camps were also set up for the people visiting Hazratbal.

The traffic department had, for the day, issued a detailed road plan to avoid the traffic jams and direct the vehicles reaching Srinagar suitably towards Hazratbal. On the occasion, special transport services were kept available for people at

various spots. The officials said that several SRTC buses were kept available at various spots in Srinagar to facilitate the people reaching Hazratbal on the occasion of the Friday Following.

To further prevent the traffic jams, authorities had notified designated parking spaces within the Kashmir University and NIT, Srinagar Campus.

Similar congregational prayers were also held in various other shrines and major mosques across Kashmir especially Khiram Sirhama, Kaba Marg, Dooru, and Seer Hamdan.

The management of Dargah Hazratbal said that all the necessary arrangements for the day were put in place and everything was carried out smoothly. "We thank the administration for playing their part and making sure everything was carried out effectively," the management said.

It said that nearly one lakh people who reached here from various parts of Kashmir participated in the Friday congregational prayers while thousands assembled at Hazratbal for other prayers of the day.

People on the occasion said the birth of the Prophet (SAW) was a blessing for the world and that they prayed on the occasion for the peace and prosperity of the entire humanity as well as J&K.

Like the sermons which were delivered on the Eid-e-Milad

MoS Education visits Kulgam, assesses execution of developmental projects

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KULGAM, Oct 14: Union Minister of State for Education, Dr Subhas Sarkar today visited District Kulgam as part of the ongoing public outreach programme of the Union Government.

During his visit, the Minister



Union MoS Education during visit to a school in Kulgam.

took part in a series of events and activities during the extensive public outreach programme.

He also visited developmental projects and took stock of development scenario of the district.

On the first day of his visit, the Minister started by visiting Mini-Stadium Kulgam where he inaugurated Inter-Zone district level competitions/tournaments in multiple sports categories.

Addressing the players on the occasion, the Minister stated that sports is key to stay fit and healthy.

He stated that the nation is witnessing holistic development and progressing in every field

under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and development of sports infrastructure also witnessed booming development.

He added that the Central Government has taken the initiative of public outreach under which 70 ministers are visiting J&K with the view to assess the

PM to chair CSIR Society meeting: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Oct 14 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the meeting of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Society tomorrow morning. All the members of the CSIR Society have been invited for the meeting.

The CSIR is a Society under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology and the Prime Minister is the Society's President.

The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, being the Vice President of CSIR, Nirjala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance and Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry will also be present. The CSIR Society comprises eminent scientists, industrialists, and senior officials of scientific ministries. The Society meets annually to review CSIR activities and deliberate on its future programmes.

Briefing the media, about the CSIR Society meeting and achievements of CSIR, Dr Jitendra Singh said, CSIR's research efforts are now mainly focussed on green energy technologies, STI interventions to generate employment and raise income levels in rural India. He said, strengthening self-reliance across industrial sectors, facilitating infrastructure developments, and developing critical S&T human resources are also the mandate of CSIR and the R&D conglomerate is adopting Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning platforms for its scientific pursuits.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the revitalisation of CSIR as per the CSIR Vision 2030 and aligned to National Vision@2047 is being focussed on making India a scientific powerhouse and self-reliant by becoming a technology provider for the nation.

Carrying forward the vision of the Prime Minister for greater integration of schemes and themes, Dr Jitendra Singh said, at present, CSIR has strengthened its engagement with the industry, leading to increased industry partnership and collaboration in CSIR funded projects. In addition to the PPP model, being practised in Energy Theme, few CSIR labs have facilitated sustainable start-ups to promote CSIR technologies pertinent to Agri-bio- nutritech, Specialty Chemicals, Aerospace and Healthcare themes.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh briefing the media about CSIR Society meeting, at Media Centre, New Delhi on Friday.

The Minister further informed that waste-to-wealth driven technologies of 4M theme and extraction-cum-purification of wide variety of metals have attracted few start-ups and MSMEs too. Hydrazine Hydrate production plant at Gujarat is the recent proof of CSIR's technology from Chemicals Theme, reaching newer heights and leading to import substitution.

Dr Jitendra Singh also underlined that CSIR's aroma mission and purple revolution in Jammu and Kashmir have changed the history as India an exporter instead of India as importer. Steel slag road in Maharashtra, water mapping using CSIR's heliborne technology are few other examples of CSIR's closer association with Line Ministries, driven through Civil cum infra structure and E3OW thematic projects of CSIR, the Minister added. Dr N Kalaiselvi, Secretary, DSIR and DG, CSIR in her presentation said that CSIR's activities are carried out through 37 laboratories and 39 outreach centres spread across India. Established in 1942, CSIR completed its 80th year recently, and in its long history, CSIR has made many significant contributions to the Indian industry and society at large. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CSIR laboratories developed numerous technologies to manage the pandemic.

AAP expresses concern over hike in power tariff in J&K

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JAMMU, Oct 14: Aam Aadmi Party today expressed its strong concern over hike in power tariff approved by Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC).

In a press statement issued by State spokesperson of Aam Aadmi Party, Dr Nawab Nasir, he said that Jammu and Kashmir is an electricity rich region having vast potential of electricity production and need of the hour is to have a proper management for tapping this potential.

"J&K is rich in terms of electricity generation to such an extent that there should not be any problem in electricity transmission in the region but things are contrary due to poor management of successive Governments," he said.

AAP spokesperson added that the poor state of affairs in terms of power sector in Jammu and Kashmir are to such an extent that unscheduled curtailment is biggest nuisance following by low voltage, voltage fluctuations whereas many areas in Jammu and Kashmir have recently been electrified and no one can rule out that some localities could still be there which are yet to be electrified.



AAP spokesperson Dr Nawab Nasir.

Dr Nasir, while hitting hard on Jammu and Kashmir Government and Bhatti Janta Party, said that amid rising inflation and other challenges being faced, people in Jammu and Kashmir have been given another blow on their face with hike in power tariff which is completely an unacceptable ruling.

"On one hand Aam Aadmi Party is providing major relief to people with free electricity units of specific number giving them a major sigh of relief but on the other hand Jammu and Kashmir LG Administration and BJP is further burdening the people with hike in tariff," he said demanding Government to roll back this decision and to pay concern towards improvement in power sector instead of burdening people with hike in tariff.

10-day Jashn-E-Awadh Food Festival begins at Hotel KC Residency

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JAMMU, Oct 14: Hotel KC Residency has announced the launch of 10-day Jashn-E-Awadh Food Festival starting from today.

Commenting on the Festival, Rahul Jandial, General Manager (GM), Hotel KC Residency, said, "Chef Abdul Haleem

food counter will also be set up for Boti kebabs, Majlisi kebab, Chowk ki Tikki and Doodhwaale Paye with Awadhi Naan and much more to be cooked and tasted just live.

The General Manager said that Awadhi Pulao is famous for colourful presentation it imparts to the guests with the dishes like Nawabi Murgh Methi Pulao,



GM Hotel KC Residency, Rahul Jandial and team of chefs showcasing Mughal era dishes on the launch of Jashn-E-Awadh Food Festival.

Qureshi and his team of expert chefs will recreate the Awadhi cuisine at the Terrace Sky Lounge during the 10-day Food Festival that will conclude on October 23. All the dishes will be prepared using slow fire cooking method along with the exotic use of rich spices".

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Jandial said the delicious and vastly extensive buffet spread starts with soups offering Shorba gosht Yakhni, Murgh Potli Shorba in non-veg and Sabjiyo ka Arq, Daal ke Yakhni will be served in the veg category. He said the buffet offers Mahi Aab-e-Hayat, Tunde Ke Kebab, Murgh Tikka Mirza Hasnu, Paneer kutamasala Tikka and Arvi Ajeer ke Ashrafi, as the starters, promising the guests, the starting of royal taste of Lucknowi food menu. The live

Gosht Dum Pulao, Subz Dum Pulao, Zafarani Gosht Pulao. Food of Awadh and non-veg dishes have an ancient history of experiments and surprising flavours. Awadhi Gosht Korma, Lazeez Bhuna Gosht, Mahi Sunehari Kaliya, Lagan ka Murgh and Bong Zafarani Nehari are few such main course exotic dishes which won't let you sit down unless you have it on the plate. Along with the non-veg dishes, the Lucknowi Food Festival will also offer a lot of veg delicacies like Dolchi Khumb, Nawabi Paneer Korma, Palak khum Nafees, Dal Akbari and much more.

Jandial said the royal chefs during Mughal era were particular about giving the food a rich taste and smell while serving the royal banquet. We have brought the same aroma to give the guests true Awadhi taste and fragrance in the dishes, he added.

NHIDCL Regional Office Jammu conducts activities

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JAMMU, Oct 14: Regional Office of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), a fully owned Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Government of India, today concluded fortnightly activities under the aegis of Swachhta Pakhwada.

In addition to infrastructure development, the NHIDCL has been taking part in the various Central Schemes and Initiatives. In line with this, the organisa-

tion has associated itself with the national mission of Swachhta Abhiyan Mission 2.0 launched by the Prime Minister of India. The NHIDCL RO Jammu under the leadership of its Executive Director (Projects), Colonel Sandeep Sudherais carried out a series of activities under the Swachhta Abhiyan Mission 2.0. The activities started on October 2, 2022 will continue till October 31.

Efforts are also being made to connect common masses of surrounding areas in its area of responsibility right up to Sinthantop along NH 244 and upto Akhnoor on NH 144A.

1633 activities organised under 'Clean India Campaign 2.0': NYKS

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SRINAGAR, Oct 14: Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Region, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has so far organized 1,633 activities under 'Clean India Campaign 2.0' that was launched on October 1.

This was stated today by Nisar Ahmad Bhat, State Director NYKS J&K and Ladakh region while interacting with the media during a press briefing jointly organized by Press Information Bureau (PIB) Srinagar and NYKS at PIB, here.

Giving details about the participation, total collection target and quantity of waste collected during the campaign across the UTs of J&K and Ladakh, Nisar said that 24,945 persons participated in different cleanliness activities across various districts of J&K and Ladakh region and collected and disposed off 1,71,809 kg of waste.

Inflation, unemployment, 'killer' taxes gifts of BJP Govt: NC

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JAMMU Oct 14: Skyrocketing inflation, hike in power tariff, 'killer' taxes, insensitive attitude towards people's problems are the gifts and achievements of the BJP Government.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial president, J&K National Conference for Jammu in a hand out issued to media persons here on Friday.

The senior NC leader raised the issue of unprecedented hike in the prices of essential commodities including vegetables, edible oil, LPG, petrol, diesel, etc. He said that instead of creating new jobs as was promised, the Government even failed to ensure the livelihood of poor people as hundreds have lost employability avenues due to mismanagement by the government during Covid times. He said BJP leadership in J&K never get tired of trumpeting about their success, but it is also fact that the highest rate of unemployment is in J&K.

Gupta accused the BJP Government of being apathetic towards common masses as during such a time when people don't have money to buy vegetables and grains, it has revised power tariff consider-

"During the campaign, 535 monuments were cleaned and 414 traditional water sources were renovated and maintained by NYKS volunteers. He further said that NYKS volunteers also organized cleanliness activities across 938 schools, PHCs and other community places," he informed.

NYKS J&K and Ladakh Region organized these activities in close collaboration with District administration, PRIs, Municipalities, Educational Institutions, Civil Society Groups, NSO, Religious Organizations, UNICEF, other UN Agencies, Lion Clubs, Rotary Clubs, SMC & JMC, Nisar said.

Deputy Director PIB, Tariq Ahmad Rather conducted the proceedings of the press briefing.

Other officials including Hakim Abdul Aziz, Mohamad Khalil Mir, NYKS Deputy Directors and Wali Mohammad Lone, District Youth Officer were also present in the briefing.

ably worsening the situation of masses, as if it is taking revenge from them for giving votes to the party. He also cited the 5 percent raise in the GST on essential commodities at a time when per capita income is dwindling day by day and making new records.

The Provincial president said that despite knowing the fact that India's economy's backbone is farming sector, J&K is showing no concern in safeguarding the interests of farmers. He gave the example of broken portion of Ranbir Canal at village Dharap for the last over two-three months. He said that government is so phlegmatic that after passing of about three months the small portion of the canal has not been repaired making it suicidal for the farmers having paddy fields beyond that point in the R S Pura and other tehsils as they totally rely on canal water for the Basmati crop during the monsoon season.

NC leader demanded that the government should immediately depute special teams to assess the damages of paddy and compensate the affected farmers as the responsibility of devastation of crops lies with the government which failed to provide canal water to the tiller community.

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