



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma and BJP secretary Rekha Mahajan listening public grievances at party office Trikuta Nagar on Thursday.

Sham Sharma, Arvind, Rekha listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Sept 29: J&K BJP vice-president, and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma accompanied by BJP secretary and in charge Grievance Committee, Arvind Gupta and BJP secretary, Rekha Mahajan, listened to the grievances of many people belonging to different areas of Jammu & Kashmir at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Individuals and deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir had reached the Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances. They narrated their woes and sought the intervention of the party leaders to get their problems solved.

Various deputations and individuals presented their woes before the BJP leaders and sought their intervention in

the matters concerned. Main issues were linked to the departments like PHE, PDD, PWD, revenue etc.

Sham Lal Sharma gave patient hearings to the problems of the people, which were taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Addressing the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma, said that the BJP leadership is concerned about the issues faced by the general masses and hence regular grievance camps are being held at party headquarter to listen to the masses. He maintained that every effort is made to sort out their issues to their satisfaction.

Rekha Mahajan coordinated and recorded all the grievances presented by the visiting people and deputations.

NC to continue struggle for restoration of Art 370: MP

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SRINAGAR, Sept 29: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference senior leader and Member of Parliament from Anantnag, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi today said that party will not allow a walk over on Article 370, 35-A, saying that it will continue with its fight against the attempts aimed at denuding J&K of its unique identity and culture legally and democratically.

Masoodi said this while speaking in an interactive session with legal experts, lawyers. Party's YNC, Women's Wing, Media Cell and Social Media functionaries were also present.

The session was convened by party's Social Media Cell head Sarah Hayat Shah. Among others Party's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, senior leader Choudhary Mohd Ramzan, State Women's wing President Shameema Firdous, State spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar, Provincial vice presidents Syed Taqeer Ahmed, Ahsan Pardesi, Provincial women's wing president Sabya Qadri, YNC Provincial president Salman Ali Sagar, spokesperson Ifra Jan, Deputy Political secretary to vice president Mudassar Shahmiri, Dr Sajad Shafi Uri.

The session was marked by threadbare discussions and question and answer sessions on the constitutional challenges faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Interacting with the functionaries and legal luminaries associated with the party, Masoodi said Article 370 is not only part of the Constitution of India but is a part of the federalism that is the basic structure of the Constitution. "August 5 move of the Centre cannot stand the judicial scrutiny. It was also a massive assault on the Constitution. It undermined the asymmetric federalism and diversity of the country. Assault on Article 370, Art 35-A is certainly an out and out attack on a country's diversity," he said.

Pointing out to the rulings made by SC and J&K High Court from time to time, Masoodi said the provisions had acquired a state of permanence. "Our case in the Supreme Court is strong. We are hopeful the constitutional bench will start hearing our petition as soon as possible," Masoodi added.

The session continued for four hours and witnessed long discussions on varied issues concerning J&K and its people.

Devotional song album released

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JAMMU, Sept 29: Team Jammu chairman, Zorawar Singh Jamwal here today released Dogri Bhajan album 'Meri Sheren Aali Maa' written and jointly sung by renowned Dogri writer Sanjay Vidrohi and Deepak Soodan.

artist of Jammu, Sahil Nath and the album has been directed by RV Ricky and video-graphed in various locations of Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Zorawar Singh congratulated the entire team behind the devotional video album and appreciated the tireless efforts of writer Sanjay Vidrohi

who has written more than forty Bhajans sung by different singers of Duggar Pradesh.

Team Jammu leader asserted that J&K Government must

open its doors for music and film industry and ensure its presence felt here in a big way.

Singer Suraj Singh and Sitar maestro, Sunil Raina said that participation of youth in such devotional and spiritual activities will keep them away from social crimes.

Produced and presented by RV Films, the music for the album was given by renowned

Tony threatens stir if canal water not restored to farmers within week's time

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 29: Taranjit Singh Tony, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and District Development Council (DDC) Member Suchetgarh, has labelled the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government as the 'Govt of only False Promises'.

He expressed this in his address during the District Development Council meeting held here today. In the meeting, Chairman and Vice Chairman of DDC Jammu, DC Jammu and other senior officers of various government departments also attended the meeting.

While addressing media persons after the meeting concluded, Taranjit Singh Tony said that he pointed multiple discrepancies in his area due to the carelessness and negligence of the official machinery of the BJP's proxy rule in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the significant issue of canal restoration work at village Dharap was brought to the notice of the authorities during the meeting. He demanded that the aforesaid work must be expedited so as to restore the water supply to paddy bowl of J&K or else it

will be a great loss of crop as well as loss to farmers and the J&K's economy.

The DDC member informed that in small rice bowl village falling in the RS Pura area the total amount of cultivated paddy crop amounts to Rs. 250 cr which will get wasted if administration does not instantly initiate corrective measures.

The AAP leader said that he also highlighted the issue of tube well and lift irrigation systems in the area and urged the administration to make all the irrigation systems including the tube wells hundred per cent functional in the area in order to ensure the regular supply of water to the farmers' paddy fields.

Tony said that the de-silting time table should be revised as per the need of the farmers because de-silting canal properly consumes a lot of time which would have adverse effect on the crop. He warned the Administration that if water supply will not be restored in a week's time then farmers will come on roads to protest for which the Govt shall be wholly and solely responsible.



Students of SP Smart posing for a group photograph at CSIR-IIIM Jammu on Thursday.

SP Smartians interact with scientists

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 29: The students of SP Smart School had a visit to CSIR-IIIM, Canal Road here to enhance their knowledge regarding medicine, today.

The visiting students had a great learning experience as they visited various laboratories and interacted with the CSIR scientists. They were briefed about the research work being carried out by the scientists at IIIM.

The students also learnt about the possibilities that

emerge from science and innovation. The laboratories visited included Inflammation Pharmacology, Microbial Biotechnology, PK-PD, Natural Product Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Tissue Culture, Agro Technology, Instrumentation, Chemical Engineering and Experimental Fields.

The scientists who interacted with students included Dr Sanket Shukla, Dr Sundeep Jaglan, Dr Momo, Dr Bharate and Dr VP Rahul.



Former J&K CM, G N Azad speaking at a meeting in Srinagar on Thursday.

Azad holds 'key party' leaders meet in Srinagar

*** Says DAP to launch public outreach campaign**

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SRINAGAR, Sept 29: Days after launching the Democratic Azad Party (DAP) in Jammu, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Azad today held a meeting with selected party leaders from all 10 districts of Kashmir region.

The meeting, conducted today was attended by top DAP leaders including former ministers, legislators and DDC members. Azad exhorted the party leaders to amplify their efforts to reach out to wider sections of society across the Kashmir valley.

While interacting with the party leaders, Azad said, "We have to strive for an atmosphere, where basic needs of our people including development and other issues are addressed. On the other hand, the party has to keep up its peaceful and constitutional fight

for the restoration of statehood, land and job rights."

"People are looking towards us to protect J&K's social, political and cultural individuality as ever before. To achieve this goal, the party's moves have to be marked by collectivism and better coordination at all levels," Azad added.

The DAP meeting deliberated on the current political situation and measures to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. It was decided that the DAP will launch a public outreach programme to strengthen the party at the constituency level.

Former ministers Taj Mohi-ud-Din, Peerzada Mohd Syed, GM Saroori, Ex- MLA Haji Abdul Rashid, Ex- MLA Amin Bhatt, Ex- MLA Gulzar Wani, Aslam Goni, Manzoor Ganai, Salman Nizami and others were also present on the occasion.



Jugal Kishore Sharma and others addressing a press conference at Jammu on Thursday.

'Mata Ki Parikrama' to explore tourism potential of areas in Trikuta Hills vicinity

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 29: With an objective to explore tourism and commercial potential of the areas in vicinity of Trikuta Hills-the abode of Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, several organizations have joined hands and announced to take out 'Mata Ki Parikrama' on October 1.

The Parikrama is being organized with collaborative efforts of Association of Religious Tour Operators, Travel Agents Association of Katra, Mata Vaishno Devi Trikuta Parikrama Yatra Committee, Cloud Camps and Treks (OPC) Pvt Ltd under the guidance and support of former Minister of Tourism, Jugal Kishore Sharma.

"This holy trek is of a great significance for the Hindu community in terms of their faith and belief. The Mata Vaishno Devi Trikuta Hills are believed to be the abode of 33 crore Hindu deities and this make these hills to be of a great spiritual importance with regards to the completion of sacred yatra of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine," said Jugal Kishore, while addressing a press conference here today, along with organizers of the Parikrama.

While elaborating, he informed that the Parikrama will

commence on 1st Oct, 2022 at 6:30 a. m. from Katra bus stand and pass through Gran Morh Reasi, Kothri, Sukhal Gati, Sukhal Gali and Jangal Gall.

"The total route of the trek will be 114 kms, out of which 14 kms will be traveled by foot and the remaining 100 km via car while under another mode, total journey of 175 kms shall be covered via car only," said Jugal Kishore.

This yatra has been fully supported by the Tourism Department of J&K and idea in this regard was evolved in 2019 but unfortunately Covid pandemic spoiled the plans.

Jugal Kishore said that purpose of organising this holy trek is to make everyone aware of the religious importance of Mata ki Parikrama and highlight the tourism potential of the area in vicinity of Trikuta Hills. He appealed people to join and support the cause by actively participating in this holy trek of Mata Vaishno Devi Trikuta hills.

Ajay Kumar Gupta (President, ARTO), Ashwani Kumar Sharma (President, TAAOK), Raj Kumar Dubey (General secretary, TAAOK), Vishal Sajgotra (Director Cloud Camps and Treks OPC Pvt Ltd), Sardari Lal Dubey (Ex-Member, Shiv Khori Shrine Board) were present in the press conference.

JK Artists Association highlights demands

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 29: A meeting of the JK Artists Association was convened here today which was chaired by its president Tariq Javaid. Almost all members from Kashmir except a few attended this meeting. Another part of the meeting was held in Jammu in which Jammu based artists participated which was presided over by Kusum Dhar. These meetings were organised in the backdrop of worsening economic conditions of artist community due to the indifferent attitude of Doordarshan Srinagar, Jammu, Radio Kashmir Srinagar, Jammu, J&K Information Department, J&K Tourism Department and sick film policy of the Government which has

created chaos and confusion among artist fraternity.

All these Government units have been requested to shun the path of anti artists policy which has rendered thousands of artists, freelance producers, directors and writers of the UT jobless for more than a decade. "We appeal to Doordarshan authorities to release backlog which is in doldrums since 2010 and revive in house serials and plays to engage the community to earn their livelihood".

"We hope that all departments concerned will take remedial measures for betterment of the artist community and upholding the deteriorating programming of Door Darshan which has badly hit the image of Door Darshan in fiction category.

Rise in heavy traffic load on Mughal road

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Sept 29: Heavy traffic load is being witnessed from last two days on Mughal Road in Surankote Sub Division of Poonch due to movement of heavy trucks loaded with apples.

SDPO Surankote Tanveer Jeelani, DySP Traffic Rajouri-Poonch Syed Aftab Hussain along with other Police and Traffic officers are on the job to manage the movement round the clock, while Deputy Commissioner Poonch and Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch also visited to access the situation.

that Bufliaz to Surankote road stretch is under construction while the number of apple loaded vehicles have increased from previous 2-3 days which leads to traffic jams on the road.

He said that Police and Traffic officials are deployed to manage the traffic movement, allowing turn by turn movement of both sides in Baffliaz, Behranga and other locations.

"About 100 empty trucks have been halted between Jarawal Gali and Surankote, bound for Kashmir and we are trying our best for smooth movement of traffic on this road," he added.

Principal Secretary inaugurates ATL at SRML School

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 29: J&K Principal Secretary, Alok Kumar today visited Sri Ranbir Multilateral Model Higher Secondary School and inaugurated Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) there. Dr. Simpy Mahajan is incharge

also accompanied the Principal Secretary along with Anjali Gupta, Principal of SRML and they all took a round of the School and visited classrooms and ICT lab.

Alok Kumar interacted with students who had made different projects like smart water dispenser hydraulic crane, drone, 3D printer etc.

ATL module provides hands on experience of basic coding. The idea to set up ATL lab is to foster the spirit of creativity in aspiring young students.



Principal Secy, Alok Kumar inaugurating the Atal Tinkering Lab at Sri Ranbir Multilateral Model Hr Sec School in Jammu on Thursday.

Hall and listened to Ranbir Anthem sung by the students.

He also visited Pre-Primary classes of the school and interacted with staff and students. Coordinator of the Pre-Primary wing Jaswinder Kour apprised him with day-to-day activities of Pre-Primary classes.

The Principal Secretary gave some inputs for development of the school.



Members of JKTF posing for a photograph at Miran Sahib on Thursday.

JKTF discusses various issues of teachers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 29: A meeting of the R S Pura, Miran Sahib, Arnia and Bishnah zones of Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum was held today at Miran Sahib under the chairmanship of Ganesh Khajuria for threadbare discussion on various issues.

Ganesh Khajuria was accompanied by S Surat Singh Toofani, Darshan Sharma, Kuldeep Singh Bandral and P D Singh while the meeting was attended by all the Zonal Presidents.

The main points raised during the meeting, were about ATD 2022, rationalization process, BLO's duties, daily online activities and DPC of teachers to Masters etc.

Ganesh Khajuria said that it was a matter of utter surprise that DPC of Masters is still pending on the part of Directorates of School Education of both the provinces as

there is no DPC after 2014.

Regarding rationalization process of teachers, Chairman said that the matter of rationalization, BLO's duty and daily online activities etc will be discussed with the Directorate School Education who will be requested to take some concrete and visionary steps on these grave issues for the welfare of teachers in general and students in particular.

Others who attended the meeting, included Subash Sharma, Ravi Kaith, Jatinder Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Kanchan Meenia, Pawan Kumar, Kulbir Singh, Dharampal, Ravinder Singh, Ajit Singh, Tarlochan Singh, Kewal Sharma, Surinder Choudhary, Naresh Kumar, Pankaj Choudhary, Jatinder Sharma, Swarn Choudhary, Jogeshwar Singh, Tarlochan Singh, Som Dass, Jasmeet Singh, Harbans Singh, Madan Lal, Irfan and Jagdish Sharma.



AD Tourism, Sunaina Sharma along with others releasing a Dogri video song in Jammu on Thursday.

Dogri video song released

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 29: Assistant Director Tourism Department Jammu, Sunaina Sharma here today released Dogri video song 'Bagh-e-Bahu Chal Nimie'.

Dr. Shakti Dhar and Pawan Sharma were special guests on this occasion.

The song was sung and its lyrics were given by J.R Sharma Jackson while music of the song was composed by Romesh Parwana.

Music Director was Surinder Manhas, DOP was done by Ashok Jasrotia, sound was recorded by Master Manas Sharma and the film was made by Sonu Taneja.

The star cast in the video were

J.R Sharma and Poonam Sharma while makeup and choreography was done by Ridhima Sharma and the programme was organised by M. Jackson Cultural Institute of Society Jammu under the banner of JR Films Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Sunaina Sharma said that younger generation should come forward to disseminate richness of Dogra culture across the country.

She also said that various fields including folklore and folk music, Dogri songs etc reflect our traditions and culture.

The AD Tourism further said that people of the region should support and encourage local artists so that they can grow and reach new heights.

Illegal parking in Mendhar hospital

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Sept 29: The illegal parking on the road leading to the Sub District Hospital, Mendhar and even inside the Hospital complex is causing great inconvenience to the ambulance services during an emergency, while the patients and their attendants and staff are left to suffer.

BMO Mendhar, Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan said that the illegally parked vehicles in front of the hospital gate are causing problems to the patients and their attendants. In case of emergency, the ambulances and even other vehicles carrying patients get stranded for some time.

"The road leading to the hospital has a Police Station, Revenue Complex around it," he said adding that a large number of people and vehicles come every day

due to which it causes nuisance and great inconvenience to the general public.

A social worker Naseer Choudhary, Balram Sharma and another local Shariq Khan said that due to large number of vehicles being parked alongside the road even at times of emergency, patients have to face severe traffic mess before reaching to their destination.

Dr Parvaiz said that this area should be declared as no parking zone. Separate space should be provided by the Administration for the parking and a few cops be deputed for managing traffic in the area. Otherwise, somebody might face tragedy in terms of life as an ambulance would not be able to pass through the choked road. The residents too appealed concerned authorities to resolve their problem at the earliest, he said.