

Apni Party will reverse anti-people decisions if it comes to power: Bukhari

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JAMMU, Feb 11: Expressing concern over continuous anti-encroachment drive, Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari today announced that he would reverse anti-people decisions of the incumbent administration if his party comes to power in J&K.

He was speaking at a function in connection with joining of Apni Party by political activist

to bring stability, peace and prosperity," he said.

Bukhari said: "We want to give you your own Govt which can provide equitable development to both the regions. In fact, the people of both regions are facing similar problems and the solution of their issues is also same."

Expressing concern over continuous anti-encroachment drive, he said that the Govt has no



Altaf Bukhari addressing Apni Party leaders and workers at Jammu on Saturday.

Sunny Sangral along with dozens of youth at the party office in Gandhi Nagar, here today. Bukhari welcomed Sunny Sangral into the party fold along with others and hoped that their joining would strengthen the party.

In his speech, Bukhari said that Apni Party has gained popularity among the youth in Jammu and Kashmir and the joining of Sunny Sangral has boosted the morale of the party's youth wing. He referred to various issues being confronted by the people of Jammu and Kashmir especially increasing unemployment, public concern regarding anti-encroachment drive, unscheduled power cuts, slow pace of developmental activities, poor infrastructure in health and educational sector etc.

"Our fight is against the elements who want to create division on the name of region and religion. Apni Party is committed

option other than to regularise the unauthorised colonies. Even the Govt in Delhi has regularised such colonies from time to time, but it seems in J&K they do not understand the issues of the poor people, he added

"The administration has no right to displace people from their land. If we form next Govt, we will reverse anti-people decisions of the administration like stopping of the Darbar Move practice and anti-encroachment drives etc," he said

Altaf Bukhari assured that his party would not allow the non-locals to settle in Jammu and Kashmir. "The land in J&K belongs to the people of the erstwhile state of J&K," he added.

Provincial President, Jammu, S Manjit Singh also spoke on the occasion and welcomed Sunny Sangral who joined Apni Party from Samba district with his supporters.



Members of J&K Non Gazetted Electrical Employees Association raising slogans during a conference at Jammu on Saturday.

JKNGEEA projects issues in regional level conference

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JAMMU, Feb 11: J&K Non Gazetted Electrical Employees Association held its regional conference today at Miran Sahib Jammu which was attended by more than 120 delegates and observers. The conference was presided over by Gurmeet Singh, senior Trade Union leader and State Secretary JKNGEEA.

Mohd Maqbool general secretary while inaugurating the conference explained in detail the present privatization power policies of the Central Govt and UT Administration which are very harmful for the poor masses especially the employees and engineers of this vital sector. He said that Electricity employees have a glorious past of struggle and have always stood united in facing the anti-worker onslaught of the ruling classes and the best example is the 72 hours united historical strike of power workers and engineers in 2021. He while demanding to halt the further unbundling process of power sector stressed for a unified approach in power

sector under Govt Control.

Gurmeet Singh while addressing the conference highlighted the burning issues of employees and said that the Electricity authorities are unnecessary harassing the employees to complete the revenue target when the employees are putting all efforts to ensure the Electricity dues. He also said that transmission losses are mainly the result of poor and substandard transmission system and employees are responsible for that and any undue harassment can't be tolerated.

He urged the employees to unitedly fight the wrong policies of PDD authorities. A resolution on demands especially regularization of all daily wagers, holding of DPCs of all cadres, revival of old pension scheme, implementing the SRO 59 and 149 fully and for developing the united struggle was adopted.

The others who spoke on other issues were Surinder Kumar, Rajesh Jamwal Satpal Singh, Subash Chander, Bhupinder Singh, Ashok Kumar, Ravinder Singh Raina, Ajay Sharma and Hura Bano.

ABVP organises Mega youth conclave on Nasha Mukh Bharat

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RAJOURI, Feb 11: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today advised the youth to learn time-management to achieve success in life.

He was speaking at a mega youth conclave organized by Student Organisation Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).

The event was held with the aim to encourage the youth to stay away from drugs and other nefarious activities that can lead them astray.

During the event, Deputy Commissioner Kundal addressed the students and shared his thoughts on the negative impact of drugs and other harmful activities on the future of the youth. He advised the students to focus on their studies and extracurricular activities to stay away from bad habits.

He also emphasized the need to maintain discipline, respect for elders, and time management. He encouraged the students to pursue their dreams and aspirations and work hard to achieve their

goals. He added that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and it is their responsibility to lead the nation toward progress and development.

The event was a huge success with a large number of students participating in it. Deputy Commissioner Kundal's insightful and inspiring address motivated the youth to become responsible citizens and to work towards building a better future for themselves and the nation.

In conclusion, Deputy Commissioner said that the mega youth conclave organized by ABVP was a positive step towards shaping the minds of the youth and encouraging them to stay away from drugs and other nefarious activities. Such initiatives will go a long way in promoting a healthy and prosperous society.

DSWO Rajouri, also present at the event, highlighted the negative impact of drug addiction on the individuals and society. He stressed the need to promote a healthy lifestyle and congenial environment to enable the youth to grow and flourish.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar at Eat Right Initiative meet on Saturday.

Div Com Jammu launches "The Eat Right School" Campaign

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JAMMU, Feb 11: Eat Smart Cities Challenge by Ministry of Housing and Urban, Government of India, in collaboration with FSSAI New Delhi, was conducted last year on a national level and in this competition, Smart City Jammu was awarded among the top 11 cities in India showing global leadership in food system transformation.

In continuation to its successful journey for implementing Eat Right Initiatives, Smart City Jammu today organised a Workshop cum orientation programme for the Health and Wellness Ambassadors from various Schools of Jammu City at Hotel Radisson Jammu.

The chief guest, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar launched "The Eat Right School" Campaign, which is designed to deliver and reinforce the message of safe and nutritious food through both curricular and co-curricular activities and ensure an enabling legislative and regulatory framework to promote safe and wholesome food in both government and private schools across the country.

The CEO Smart City Jammu and Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav highlighted the importance of the programme.

The guest of honour,

Mission Director, National Health Mission J&K, Ayushi Sudan shared some facts about the impact of malnutrition on health and other related concerns due to nutrition deficiencies.

Joint Director, School Education, Hemraj Pakhroo ensured to implement the structure of Eat Right School to get the schools certified by the Ministry and Chief Education Officer Jammu, Suraj Rathore shared his vision to carry forward this mission.

Dr Parvash Kumar, programme coordinator from Smart City Jammu gave a brief about the Eat Right Initiatives. Satish Kumar from New Delhi based Mavis Food Tech presented the Eat right Matrix to be followed by the Health and Wellness Ambassadors (HWA).

Associate Prof Ashwani Khajuria, Dr Sushil Kumar Sharma, and Chief Executive Chef Radisson Hotel Umesh delivered presentations on various facets of hygienic food practices, nutrition values etc.

The HWAs appreciated the knowledge shared during the workshop and committed to implementing the Eat right Matrix in the Schools. Later, the function was concluded with the online registration and vote of thanks presented by Dr Sushil Kumar Sharma, MVO, Nodal Officer Eat Right Initiatives Smart City Jammu.

Deputation of Graduate Engineers meets Principal Secy

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JAMMU, Feb 11: A deputation of All J&K Graduate Engineers Association, Civil led by Gopal Sharma, Association president here today met Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Deptt, Shaleen Kabra and raised various issues being faced by the engineers of the Department.

The deputation demanded filling up of all the vacant posts from Assistant Engineer to Chief Engineer level in Jal Shakti and allied Engineering Departments.

Those who were present in the deputation also demanded that against the retirements in coming months promotions should be made and orders should be issued accordingly. The Principal Secretary agreed to fill every vacancy immediately soon after its occurrence for smooth functioning of the Department.

Fresh letters for vacancies in allied Engineering Departments were also sought so that stagna-

tion prevailing among Engineers in Jal Shakti Department (JSD) is removed by way of timely promotions as at present Engineers with 14 to 17 years of gazetted service are still AEEs and most of them have even retired as AEE.

The issue of regularization of services of the engineers was also raised and the Principal Secretary informed that a meeting was held with Public Service Commission (PSC) in this regard and there were few observations of PSC which will be replied soon to pave the way for fast track regularization of engineers.

Issue of cadre review was also raised and demand was raised regarding corrigendum stating that existing cadre posts of CE in JSD is not reduced.

The Principal Secretary directed Director Finance JSD to take up the matter with concerned officers and release leave salary etc to settle the claim of Engineers serving in JKPCD.

Court grants interim bail to Ex-Chairman BOSE in ETT scam

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JAMMU, Feb 11: Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu, Tahir Khurshid Raina granted interim bail to Mohd Abdullah Charoo, then Chairman J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE) in ETT scam.

After hearing Advocates Siddhant Gupta & Abid Chowdhary for the applicant, Special Judge Anticorruption observed that as per the mandate of the Supreme Court of India, the arrest should be the last option and it should be restricted to those exceptional cases, where arresting the accused is quite imperative in the facts and circumstances of the case.

On the other hand, he added, the counsel for the applicant has very fairly and candidly stated before the court that the applicant is fully ready to participate in and cooperate with the investigation.

With these observations, Court granted interim bail till next date of hearing and subject to furnishing personal and surety bonds of Rs 50,000/- each with certain conditions.

According to the Crime Branch report, that the applicant in the capacity of the then Chairman, J&K BOSE, in the year 2002-03, connived with the promoters of the ETT Schools and approved illegal permissions in their favour.

5 BDOs transferred

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JAMMU, Feb 11: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Devansh Yadav has ordered transfer and posting of 5 Block Development Officers (BDOs).

As per an order, Anjil Singh, BDO Nagseni, has been transferred and posted as BDO Paddar, Gurjeet Singh, at present look after BDO, has been posted as BDO Mrawah. He shall also look after the charge of BDO office Warwan in addition to his own duties.

The order further said that Virinder Kumar at present look after BDO, has been posted as BDO Bunwah, Ravi Kumar, BDO Dachhan shall also hold the charge of BDO office Nagseni in addition to his own duties, and Sheetal Sharma, BDO Kishtwar, shall also hold the charge of BDO office Palmar in addition to his own duties.

Modi Govt committed to holistic development of J&K: Manhas

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JAMMU, Feb 11: Former Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Ex State president, Bharatiya Janata Party (J&K), Shamsheer Singh Manhas today started the construction work of culvert at Assarwan in Mishriwala Panchayat with an estimated cost of Rs 3 lakh.



Former MP (RS) and ex BJP State president, Shamsheer Singh Manhas kick starting construction of culvert at Assarwan in Mishriwala on Saturday.

Manhas said that the amount was released from his MPLADS during his tenure as Member-Parliament and after completing all the formalities, the work has been started.

While addressing the gathering Manhas complimented the Union Government for the futuristic budget of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. He said the budget of J&K will open the new doors of infrastructure development & job creation.

All the flagship schemes of the Government of India including individual beneficiary centric schemes are also being proactively implemented in UT of J&K, Manhas added.

Manhas said that the Modi Government is committed to the holistic development of every

nook and corner of the UT under a well-knit programme. He said that the Government is making sincere efforts to mitigate the problems of the people on priority.

Manhas highlighted the programmes and policies of the Centre and the Lieutenant Governor Government of J&K and said that it is endeavor of



BJP leaders paying floral tribute to former Jana Sangh president, Pt. Deendayal Upadaya on his death anniversary at party office, Trikuta Nagar on Saturday.

Day observed as Samparan Diwas BNP pays glowing tribute to Pt Deendayal Upadaya on his death anniversary

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JAMMU, Feb 11: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), paid glowing tribute to former Jana Sangh national president and great leader of India Pt Deendayal Upadaya who had left an indelible mark on country's politics on his death anniversary across the J&K UT today. The day is being observed as "Samparan Diwas" across the country.

In the UT of J&K, party organized programmes on Mandal level across the UT, which were attended by senior party leaders.

J&K BJP president, Ravinder Raina accompanied by MP (Rajya Sabha) Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana addressed the main programme on "Samparan Diwas" organized under the supervision of Abhiyaan Incharge and additional treasurer, Prem Gupta at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Ravinder Raina, BJP JK UT president while paying tributes to Pt. Deendayal Upadaya threw light on his life and narrated number of hardships faced by him as a student, his simple life and rising to the posts of national general secretary and national president of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. "The life of Pt. Deendayal Upadaya has been a source of inspiration for us", he said and added that his economic philosophy was highly appreciated even by the then governments. He wished for a country

where there is no discrimination or exploitation.

Ashok Koul BJP general secretary (Org), spoke in detail on the life and values of Pandit Ji. He said that the vision of Pandit Ji was very clear that the true rise of India could only be achieved through "Integral Humanism" and "Antyodaya". He said that Pandit Ji was a strong advocate of nationalism, integral humanism having core of "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah", Antyodaya (benefit to the last person standing in the row), and great economic policy. "Deendayal Upadaya never worked to gain popularity or to be elected as an MP or MLA but worked entirely for the welfare of the nation and lived his life in simplicity, he said and added that all party workers must follow his teachings.

Prem Gupta conducted the proceedings of programme.

District president Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan presented a note of thanks.

All the senior BJP leaders participated in their respective Mandal "Samparan Diwas" programmes.

'Sewa & Samparan' is the driving ideology for every BJP activist, stated senior BJP leaders said Ex-MLC and J&K BJP spokesperson Girdhari Lal Raina, J&K BJP secretary Veenu Khanna and J&K BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra were attending while attending the another programme.

District Admn retrieves 44 Kanal State land in Batote, 169 in Ramban

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RAMBAN, Feb 11: The Revenue Department Ramban today retrieved prime state land measuring 44 Kanal and 1 marla from encroachers at village Tringla in Tehsil Batote.

Similarly, 55 Kanal and 5 marla of state land was retrieved in tehsil Rajgrah. Both the drives were led by the concerned Tehsildars along with Revenue teams.

Intensifying anti encroachment drive, Tehsildar Ramban also retrieved 169 Kanal state land and sealed a big structure including prime state land measuring 3 Kanal 14 Marla at Maitra in Ramban town.

Giving details, Revenue department said that the retrieved state land is being handed over to different departments for the construction of

public infrastructure.

After detailed deliberations, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Rural Development Department have submitted formal requirements for the transfer of state land portions for the creation of assets and infrastructure.

Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, in a series of meetings held recently has directed the Revenue officers to consult Divisional Forest Officers for transfer of a large chunk of state land to their department adjoining to forests especially, undulating.

The officials added that the District Administration was in process of completing an inventory of retrieved state land and to subsequently transfer the same to the departments as per requirement.

DCO conducts surprise checking of courier centres

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RAMBAN, Feb 11: Drug Control Officer (DCO) Ramban, Imtiyaz Ahmad today inspected various courier centers to check any misuse of courier services for the transportation and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic drugs in the district.

As per the Drug Control Officer, Courier Service Centers of the district were asked to give information on suspicious medicinal parcels to check drug trafficking and to avoid the use of courier services for selling psychotropic drugs.

The companies have been asked to monitor addresses of persons receiving parcels. The courier service centers should remain alert to check drug trafficking.

To keep close vigil on the

consignments containing medicines procured through online services and delivered through Courier center, the District Administration has already taken this issue seriously and is conducting regular checks and inspections of all the Courier Services Centers. He asked the Courier Agencies to thoroughly check the consignments and parcels containing medicines or any parcel found suspicious, he added.

The DCO directed the Courier Service Centers not to dispatch/deliver any consignment of medicine without informing the Drug Control Department, District Ramban on WhatsApp /e-mail numbers (9596231600) EMAIL ID: drugofficeramban@gmail.com which will be opened /checked and then allowed to dispatch/deliver to the concerned customer.

Kathua police seizes Charas

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KATHUA, Feb 11: Kathua police under the guidance of SSP Kathua, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal - today recovered approximately 734 grams of Charas like narcotics from his possession. Thereafter all the recovered narcotics was seized and one person was arrested. On this an instant case vide FIR No. 05/2023 U/S 8/20/ NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bani and further investigation is underway.

Billawar, Arvind Kumar during a raid at Main Bazar Bani area specially in rented shop of Manzoor Hussain, son of Habib of Duggan recovered/seized approximately 734 grams of Charas like narcotics from his possession. Thereafter all the recovered narcotics was seized and one person was arrested. On this an instant case vide FIR No. 05/2023 U/S 8/20/ NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bani and further investigation is underway.