

PRI representatives from Udhampur, several deputations call on LG

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JAMMU, Mar 5: A delegation of PRI representatives from Udhampur called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today at Raj Bhawan.

The delegation led by Lal Chand DDC Chairperson

Dass Samaj Kalyan Parishad J&K led by Dr DK Manyal, former Minister also called on the Lt Governor and informed him about the arrangements for the 450th Prakash Utsav of Guru Nabha Dass Ji Maharaj.

Dr Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director IGNOU Jammu accom-



Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha meeting PRI representatives from Udhampur.

Udhampur apprised the Lt Governor of various issues of the PRIs and the district including Aspirational Block Development programme of Moungrī & Basantgarh blocks.

The Lt Governor assured that all the issues presented during the interaction would be taken up meticulously for early redressal and genuine demands would be looked into earnestly. A delegation of Guru Nabha

panied by Dr Asha Upadhyay, Assistant Regional Director IGNOU briefed the Governor on the educational programmes for the government employees and specialized courses for police personnel.

Later, J&K Government's Lifetime Achievement awardee, Ramesh Hangloo, Founder/ Director, Radio Sharda also met the Lt Governor and discussed the promotion of Sharda Lipi.



Dr AS Bhatia taking over as IABS president at Bengaluru on Sunday.

Principal GMC Rajouri is new president IABS

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BENGALURU, Mar 5: College Government Medical Principal Rajouri Prof.(Dr) A.S.Bhatia was today elected as the new president of International Organisation, Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences (IABS) in its 11th International Annual Conference held at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience (NIMHANS) Bengaluru.

In the General Body Meeting attended by the members, Dr Bhatia took over the charge of the organization from Prof. Bipin M. Tiwale of D.Y Patil Medical College, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) in the presence of the Prof. Hari S. Sharma, the founder president from Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The Conference was attended by its members from AIIMS New Delhi, PGI Chandigarh, AIIMS Bhopal, University of Montreal Canada, Griffith University, South port Australia, Punjab University, University of Mysore, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Aligarh, Imam Abdul Rehman Bin

Faisal University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City UAE, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, Netherland, Belgium and many other prestigious National and International Universities.

Present on the occasion was also Professor Venkatesh Thupplli CEO, Director of Foundation for Quality India (FQI), who has led the scientific mass movement to get lead free petrol in India.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Dr Abbas Ali Mahdi, Secretary General IABS and Vice-Chancellor Era University, Lucknow said this academy provides a forum for clinicians and scientists to come together, interact and discuss about the new opportunities, new challenges and future development in the field of Biomedical Sciences.

Dr Bhatia said he will utilize the experience of this International Organisation to develop Research and Development for newer Government Medical College of U.T of Jammu and Kashmir with the support of Administrative Department of Health and Medical Education.



Former Minister and working president PCC, Raman Bhalla and corporator, Inder Kour Randhawa kick starting black topping of road in Trikuta Nagar Extension on Sunday.

Bhalla, Inder Kour kick-start blacktopping of road at Ward 57

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JAMMU, Mar 5: Raman Bhalla, working president Pradesh Congress and former Minister along with corporator, Inder Kour Randhawa today kick-started black topping of road in front of RNC Society at Ward No 57, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu.

Raman Bhalla, in his address, said that this was the long pending demand of the RNC Society which was fulfilled today. He directed the executing agencies to complete the blacktopping work on fast track basis so that people may not face any inconvenience.

He also laid stress upon the officials to maintain quality of work in the area.

On the occasion, Vijay Gupta Chairman, Ashwani Sharma, president; Ajit Wangroo general secretary, Rakesh Raina, Sandeep Gupta, Gurucharan Singh Anand and Vinay Handoo were also present.

Ashwani Sharma, president expressed gratitude to the former Minister, Raman Bhalla for considering his demand with regard to black topping of road. He asked the RNC Society members that several works are in pipeline and would be taken out in a phased manner.

Pregnant lady dies due to "medical negligence" at SKIMS

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SRINAGAR, Mar 5: Family members of a pregnant woman who died at the maternity hospital of Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura today staged a protest, accusing the doctors and administration of "medical negligence" due to which, they said, their daughter died.

premises of the hospital against the doctors, alleging that their daughter was not provided sufficient treatment which led to her death.

The aggrieved family members of the deceased woman sought that the doctors, who they claim should have attended to their patient, but did not, must face harsh punishment.

A committee has been formed to investigate this matter, according to hospital officials, and it will provide its findings in a report within five days.



Congress leaders during Hath Se Hath Yatra taken out in Jammu on Sunday.

Solanki, Vikar, Bhalla lambast Govt Cong launches month-long Hath Se Hath Yatra cum agitational prog

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JAMMU, Mar 5: Congress today launched the month long "Hath Se Hath Yatra cum agitational programme", from Janipur to Raipur, Jammu, to highlight the various issues especially to oppose Property Tax, bulldozer drive, price rise, rise unemployment, innocent killings and other problems faced by people. The party demanded restoration of Statehood and early Assembly elections in J&K.

Led by former Union Minister and AICC in charge Hath Se Hath Yatra campaign in J&K, Bharat Singh Solanki, JKPC president, Vikar Rasool Wani, working president, Raman Bhalla, former Ministers, Mula Ram, Yogesh Sawhney, chief spokesperson, Ravinder Sharma, Kanta Bhan, Kuldeep Verma

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besides other senior leaders, the Yatra was organised by district Congress Jammu, Rural, under the leadership of DCC president, Th Hari Singh Chib while several other leaders, corporators, Ex councillors, Sarpanchs, Panchs and large number of workers joined the Yatra.

Raising slogans, Property Tax Vapis Lo, bulldozer drive against poor Band Karo, Mehngai Ko Kabu Karo, Kabu Karo, Berozgari Dur Karo, Masoomo ki Hatya Band Karo besides Nafrat Chhodo-Bharat Jodo, the protestors carried placards, Nation Flags and party flags.

They marched from Janipur to Raipur in Jammu North Assembly along with hundreds of workers. Addressing the gathering Bharat Singh Solanki said that the Hath Se Hath Yatra cum agitational programme is the second phase of Bharat JodoYatra , which shall culminate at the end of this month, covering various districts and constituencies of

Jammu and Kashmir.

Solanki said that main focus of this programme is to highlight the various issues of people faced in different parts like imposition of Property Tax, snatching lands from poor through bulldozer, unprecedented price hike, record unemployment and other arbitrary orders of Government.

Vikar Rasool Wani lashed out at the Government for the unprecedented price rise of all commodities especially LPG, petrol, diesel, eatables making difficult for the poor to survive but LG Administration has imposed Property Tax on common people which should be withdrawn.

He referred to the bulldozer drive against the common people who are in occupation of land for decades for livelihood. He demanded regularising the lands and shops of common man.

Vikar Rasool lashed out the BJP for giving miseries to the people of Jammu Kashmir by downgrading the historical State, removal of rights to lands and jobs, imposing huge taxes and large scale unemployment and other arbitrary orders. "The Government has failed to protect innocents especially minorities", he added.

Raman Bhalla strongly opposed the Property Tax, eviction of poor and common man, check on price rise and rising unemployment and showed concern over job scams. He expressed concern over continued targeted killings and arbitrary orders of UT administration.

Mula Ram charged BJP of crushing the people through arbitrary orders of the LG administration.

Th Hari Singh Chib expressed gratitude to the people for the support to the Yatra cum agitational programme and said that more such protests shall continue.

CDE program for dental surgeons held

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JAMMU, Mar 5: Prof Rajesh Ahal and Dr Rahul Sharma held a Continuing Dental Education (CDE) program for the Dental Surgeons, here today.

The program was attended by over 25 prominent dental surgeons from different parts of Jammu City. The program was held to share latest advances, treatment concepts and clinical tips for Adjunctive Orthodontics as well as making the dental surgeon aware of detecting early clinical signs towards developing irregular teeth.

Dr Rahul Sharma, an orthodontist with over 10 years of clinical expertise shared the importance of Adjunctive Orthodontics in every day clinical practice and the importance of uprighting teeth and creating the adequate spaces before placing the crowns and bridges as well as dental implants. He also shared how the Adjunctive Orthodontics always allows the patient to chew food better and in the

most comfortable way for a longer lifespan of the crown and bridges as well as dental implants, thus also allowing better aesthetics and smile.

Prof Rajesh Ahal, a Pediatric Dentist and Implantologist with over 30 years of clinical experience shared with the dental surgeons ways to detect problems early and how intercepting these problems in the age group of 6 to 8 years can help the child and also decrease chances of teeth extraction before braces as well as decrease the treatment time of braces.

Evidenced based clinical photographs with long term follow ups were shared to highlight healthier breathing patterns, no relapses, better arch and tongue movement development with good occlusion and enhanced aesthetics as well as smile. Moreover, these concepts also put less pressure on the child during the board exam years as the treatment is mostly finished before the same. The long term immensely positive outcomes of Adjunctive and Intercepted dental treatment was also highlighted.



Satish Verma's book 'Kashmir The Endless War' released in New Delhi on Sunday.

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JAMMU, Mar 5: Journalist and writer Satish Verma's English book 'Kashmir The Endless War' was released today in World Book Fair at New Delhi.

Present on the occasion were Satish Verma, who is posted in Jammu and Kashmir and Diamond Publication Group's chairman and Managing Director Narendera Kumar Verma besides many prominent citizens.

Dr Neelam Sareen, who had translated Verma's book 'Pakistan Ki Hakikat Se Rubroo' in Dogri was awarded Sahitya Akademi Award last year. The book was based on Verma's trip during New Delhi-Lahore bus service launched in 1999 and his tour to PoJK, Gilgit Baltistan etc in 2005.

The book released today is based on investigative reporting on Kashmir.

A large number of people purchase book at the fair.

Rahul Gandhi has shamed India, must apologise: Rana

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA Mar 5: Asking the Congress to ponder how long it can carry the political liability called Rahul Gandhi on its freak and already crumbled shoulders, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said that one cannot even imagine a sitting Member Parliament and a former president of the grand old party losing sense of proportion and defaming the country on foreign soil.

Reacting to Rahul Gandhi's recent tell-tale in the Cambridge University about his sighting of a militant, say terrorist, during his so-called Bharat Jodo Yatra in the

Gandhi siblings playing snowballs on the end of their Todo Yatra because of the conducive situation created by the double engine governments post 2019, he added.

Rana said that Rahul Gandhi has shamed Indians by his political immaturity and hate for the nation just because it is being led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. To the extent of hogging headlines, it would perhaps be alright for him to behave irresponsibly but when it comes to Indian pride, the people of this great country will not forgive him. He said it is because of the mindset of Congressmen that the nation has pushed the



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana addressing a gathering in Samba on Sunday.

Kashmir Valley, Rana said he should have enlightened the compatriots about his 'troubles' and subsequent wisdom of being a 'non-violent Tapasvi' then and there instead of travelling beyond continents to reveal his traumas and turbulences in the 'fairy-land'.

"Embarrassed cat scratching poles adds fits well on Rahul Gandhi, who has actually lost the nerve after finding his edifice of falsehood on Kashmir situation crumbling on the face of changed scenario", Rana said while addressing BJP Karyakartas during the party's Booth Sashthikaran Abhiyan at Samba here this afternoon, adding that the Congress leader was so enthused and encouraged by normalcy in the Valley that he chose to venture to snow clad meadows of peaceful, serene and scintillating Gulmarg to take ride on the snow scooters. The nation had already watched



"It is ironic that on the one hand India is emerging as a world leader and on the other hand its rejected and dejected political entities are attempting to tarnish its image by their irresponsible conduct".

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Kashmiri Singh, Narayan Singh, Amar Singh, Inderjeet Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar, Suresh Kumar, DDC, Ghagwal, Ramesh Chander , DDC, Samba, Sudarshan Slathia, DDC Gurha Slathia.

Rattan Lal slams J&K Admin for neglecting religious tourism

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Mar 5: National Conference today criticized the Government for neglecting religious tourism which has potential to boost the economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a workers meeting at Villaga Kalima (Utter Behni), Block Purmandal of District Samba, Rattan Lal Gupta (provincial president, NC) said that the 'religious tourism' has been facing discrimination from the present dispensation which had claimed equal treatment to all the regions of J&K. He said that Utterbehni and Purmandal Shrinies, which is also called as 'Chhota Kaashi' has the potential of being a major attraction of pilgrimage tourism in Jammu region but unfortunately it has neglected by the present government.

The senior NC leader said that claims made by the BJP leadership about colossal development in J&K are contrary to the ground reality because people are confronting the dearth of infrastructure and facilities under the incumbent dispensation in J&K, which is an offshoot of the BJP

Government at the Centre. He said that our heritage religious sites are in shambles but the Government is sitting like a mute spectator.

Rattan Lal asked the Government to bring Purmandal, Utterbehni and Chichi Mata Temple on tourism circuit so that unemployment, which is top in J&K as compared to others states of the country, could be tackled by creating new avenues for the youth of the State. He said there is dire need to create a special route for SRTC buses on the aforesaid religious sites, besides making suitable accommodation for the visiting pilgrims.

Today's meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Prem Singh (Block president, NC), Pardeep Bali (provincial secretary), Abdul Ghani Teli (provincial president, OBC Cell), Vijay Lochan (provincial president, SC Cell), Sheikh Bashir Ahmed (provincial secretary, NC), Mohinder Singh (vice president, Central Zone) and Ashok Kumar Atri (vice president, Central Zone) accompanied the provincial president NC.



A still from the play 'The Mousetrap' staged in Jammu on Sunday.

Natrang stages play 'The Mousetrap'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 5: Theatre group 'Natrang' here today staged a classic murder mystery play 'The Mousetrap', based on the original work by Agatha Christie.

The play was adapted in Hindi and directed by Gauri Thakur, youngest theatre director of Natrang having national/international theatre experience of directing plays.

Cast of the play consisted of students from a fresher's theatre workshop conducted by Gauri Thakur herself. The young and talented cast did a remarkable job of bringing the characters to life and keeping the audience guessing until the very end.

Play 'The Mousetrap' revolves around a newly opened guest-house, Monkswell Manor, in British countryside. As the investigation into a murder unfolds, the guests' secrets and motives are slowly revealed and tensions rise

as suspicions mount.

Each character has a potential motive and the audience is kept guessing as to who the real killer might be.

In the end, the murderer is revealed in a dramatic twist, and the motive behind the killing is exposed.

The play was a thrilling and captivating performance, with each actor bringing their character to life on stage. Actors who performed in the play were Ishika Jandiyaal, Amit Brahmī, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Shruti Thakur, Hardik Sharma, Amit Singh and Sheryara Salaria.

Off-stage, the play was supported by Shivam Singh and Kushal Bhat, who handled the lights and Aadesh Dhar, who provided music score.

Set was erected by National Scholarship Holder Shivam Singh. Mohd. Yaseen coordinated the show and Mahikshit Singh did the presentations.

BJP ready to face elections anytime: Vibodh Gupta

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Mar 5: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a workshop on Booth Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (booth strengthening campaign) at Dak Bunglow Koteranka, in Budhal Assembly constituency.

The meeting was presided over by BJP J&K UT general secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta. Prabhari BJP Rajouri, district, Jugal Dogra, senior BJP leader, Dev Raj Sharma, Prabhari Budhal Assembly (Lok Sabha Pravas), Subash Sharma,

Central Government among the people and to carry out an extensive outreach programme to meet scheme beneficiaries. " Our slogan to strengthen booths is not new. The slogan to strengthen the Mandal and the booth has been there since 1951, at the time of the Jana Sangh. It was our routine programme. Before, the



BJP general secretary, Vibodh Gupta addressing party workers at Koteranka on Sunday.

incharge Rajouri Assembly Segment (Lok Sabha Pravas), Manzoor Ahmed Naik and many other senior leaders were also present.

In the workshop, "Booth Sashaktikaran Abhiyan" was discussed minutely by the senior party leaders.

Vibodh Gupta said that all booth level committees should work actively and diligently. Gupta asked all booth level workers to connect with people to ensure victory in upcoming elections. Vibodh said the party leaders to contact the ground level workers and the common masses hailing from their booth area to apprise them of the works done by the BJP Government.

Gupta said that the party should give the responsibility to Shakti Kendra and to the senior party leaders to strengthen the booths. Vibodh asked the workers to create awareness about the schemes and Yojanas of the

upcoming elections, booth committees will be strengthened and revitalized. Steps will be taken to strengthen the organisation at the Mandal and Panchayat level," Vibodh added.

Jugal Dogra while addressing the workers asserted that as a part of this campaign, BJP workers will have to form teams, train them, and then carry out outreach activities in the area that comes under these weaker polling booths.

Dev Raj Sharma explained the chronology of various programmes.

Manzoor Naik, who is also incharge of Mann ki Baat programme, Rajouri district shared the technical details.

Subash Sharma, while addressing the workers said that a new dawn of development has now set in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A.



KSS members during annual convention of the organization at Jammu on Sunday.

Annual convention of Kashmir Sikh Sangat held

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 5: One-day annual convention of Kashmir Sikh Sangat (KSS) was held today in the auditorium of Government Polytechnic College, Bikram Chowk, Jammu.

JP Singh (Retired IG and advisor to Chairman, National Minority Commission) was the chief guest of the convention while Captain Bana Singh (Param Vir Chakra) was the guest of honour.

While delivering the presidential address, KSS president Babu Singh highlighted the overall working of the organization, annual report and various steps being taken to mitigate the sufferings of the community in social circle. He appealed the members to be vigilant and do away with unwanted custom and cooperate with organization for building a healthy society.

The chief guest, in his address, emphasized that more and more stress should be given on education so that in coming years, the community youth can excel in competitive exam and up-root the menace of drugs which is deeply penetrating its roots in society.

Captain Bana Singh asked youth to come forward and work hard for a brighter future while Manajeet Singh stressed on the

need of education as well as vocal education in present scenario and deliberated on the new education policy in place to be implemented

Ajit Singh Mastana appealed the UT authorities to restore the status of Punjab in J&K while Prof Himmat Singh (Patiala University) highlighted the sacrifices and role of Sikh communities in independent struggle and development of state.

Ranjit Singh Sharhadi highlighted the suffering on the political front the Sikh community is facing and appealed the UT administration to give a sympathetic thought to the burning demand of Sikh community viz. special employment package for the unemployed youth of Sikh community of Kashmir Valley, implementation of Minority Commission and representation of Sikh community in PSC and SSB.

Dr Dhanwat Singh demanded that Sikh community be given representation in State legislature from both the regions of J&K so that the issues concerning the community can be highlighted and mitigated at right forum.

Concluding the function, meritorious students who excelled in the Board exam, sports persons and social workers were honoured with mementos by the chief guest.

SAD condemns SS Wazir, other Sikh leaders' arrest

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 5: S Darbinder Singh, President, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), Jammu and Kashmir, has expressed concern over the "wrongful arrests" of prominent Sikh leaders and social activists earlier in February this year.

Addressing media persons here, Singh said that Sudarshan Singh Wazir, Chairman of Sikh United Front J&K; S Harjinder Singh Raina, former Secretary of DGPC Jammu, and S Jagpal Singh, Member of DGPC Jammu, are respected members of the society and charges against them are fabricated to malign their image.

"The three individuals were implicated in the murder of S Trilochan Singh Wazir," said S Darbinder Singh, while requesting the investigating agencies to conduct narco tests and brain mapping of the trio to identify the real culprits. He claimed that third parties

have misled the investigating agencies for their own vested interests, which may include money, business, or political gains.

The speaker requested that the investigating agencies conduct a free and fair reinvestigation of the matter and demanded a CBI enquiry to identify the real culprits.

Kuldeep Kour, President of Istri Akali Dal, Jammu and Kashmir, mentioned that the investigating agency in Delhi had given a clean chit to Sudarshan Singh Wazir after investigation, and that the chargesheet submitted clearly showed that the accused, S Harneet Singh, had confessed to shooting S TS Wazir in a fit of anger.

"Hence question of conspiracy doesn't arise," she said. Those who attended the conference included S. Ravinder Singh, General Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Kulwant Singh Kahjuria.