



MLC, Vivodh Gupta addressing a public meeting at Gambhir Mughlan on Wednesday.

J&K setting new paradigms of peace, progress under Modi: Vibodh Gupta

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RAJOURI, Mar 8: Former MLC & J&K UT BJP general secretary, Vibodh Gupta along with senior party leaders conducted an extensive tour of Gambhir Mughlan and addressed a huge public gathering there. Gupta was accompanied by many BJP leaders including DDC, Thannamandi, Abdul Qayoom Mir, district general secretary, Ranjeet Tara, district vice president, Koushal Gupta and Samreen Khan.

Vibodh Gupta in his address said that the efforts of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi have nurtured and fulfilled people's aspirations and the abrogation of Article 370 marked the beginning of a new era of peace and progress in Jammu and Kashmir. Highlighting the visionary measures taken to empower Tribal community under BJP Government he said "ST community stands with BJP as all social disparities and injustices with them has now come to an end".

Gupta alleged that the temporary provisions of Articles 370 and 35A restricted the growth of J&K in the past and for a very long time, discrimination was normalized. Separatism, terrorism, corruption and dynastic politics had disempowered the common citizen.

Vibodh Gupta, while interacting with sizeable number of Tribals in the public meeting

GMC-R starts Gastro, Cardiology OPD services

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RAJOURI, Mar. 8. Government Medical College and Associated Hospitals today started Gastroenterology and Cardiology OPD Services for the people of this border area.

Disclosing this, Principal Medical College GMC Rajouri Prof. (Dr) A S Bhatia said that on the directions of Secretary Health and Medical Education Bhupinder Kumar and with the support of Director Co-ordinator New Medical Colleges Dr Yash Paul Sharma, these superspecialist medical services have been started. The Gastroenterology section will provide various procedures like Endoscopy of stomach and Esophagus, Colonoscopy, Sigmoidoscopy along with other procedures.

The Cardiology OPD will shortly be supplemented with the availability of implantation of Pacemaker. Principal GMC Rajouri further added that the Health and Medical Education Department



BSF personnel celebrating Holi while dancing on Bollywood songs in RS Pura sector of Jammu.

BSF jawans celebrate Holi in RS Pura sector

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JAMMU, Mar 8: Holi, the festival of colours, was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the men and women of Border Security Force (BSF) near the International Border in Suchetgarh area of RS Pura sector in Jammu. Both men and women of BSF were seen dancing on Bollywood Holi special songs and smearing colours on each other's face. Local people also joined BSF personnel and celebrated Holi with them. Soldiers offered sweets to each other and to locals.

The Jawans extended Holi wishes to their colleagues as well as local people. "Our BSF family is very big and every year, we celebrate Holi with full joy. Locals visit the BSF camp every festival and celebrate the festival

SSP reviews functioning of Traffic Policy City

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 8: Faisal Qureshi, Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic City Jammu today reviewed the functioning of traffic police in the city. The review meeting was attended by Raj Paul Singh, Additional SP Traffic Jammu, Bikram Kumar DySP (T) City South, Satish Kumar DySP (T) City Rural and other police officials.

The performance of officers/officials was assessed and

in the city. He stressed upon the officers to take all necessary measures to smoothen the flow of traffic at Parade, Indira Chowk, Dogra Chowk, Bus stand, Canal Road, Talab Tillo Road, Janipur, Ambphalla, Bakshi Nagar, Bikram Chowk, Narwal, Wave Mall, Kunjwani, Satwari and main towns of Akhnoor, Bishnah, RS Pura & Nagrota.

He also appreciated the officers for their best performance in regulating traffic. He



SSP Traffic chairing a meeting.

directions were imparted to all the concerned to make traffic of the city hassle free so that general public does not face any inconvenience. Moreover visible offences like driving without crash helmet and seat-belt or driving license, mobile phone use while driving will be strictly dealt with.

The SSP Traffic Jammu stressed that action should be taken against wrong parking which was cause of congestion

directed that they should work hard for the safety of the people and while dealing with different violators, their conduct should be honest, transparent and firm but not harsh.

He stressed that in view of forthcoming festivals like Baisakhi, Navratra's Ramnavmi etc officers/officials should also stress on regulation of traffic to ensure congestion free traffic movement in the city.

ASCOMS signs agreement of affiliation with University of Florida

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JAMMU, Mar 8: Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital (ASCOMS) has achieved yet another distinction of becoming the first Medical College in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to partner with one of the important Medical Universities of United States of America i.e. University of Florida.

Consequent to this affiliation agreement, the students studying in ASCOMS will have an exposure to the Medical Teaching as a part of the Education Exchange Program for the development of Physicians and for training of Medical students under the Clinical Education Program of the University of Florida.

This affiliation agreement will create a positive learning environment and development of professionalism among the Medical students of this region. Under the program, ASCOMS will be primarily responsible for providing the basic medical teaching and clinical rotation, while as, the University of Florida will be responsible for providing clinical observation-ship to all qualified students.

During the MoU signing program, it was decided that the sanctioning authority for ASCOMS will be the Director Principal while as, the University of Florida will be represented by Associate Dean for Medical Education (ADME).

Speaking on the occasion, the

Director Principal of ASCOMS, Dr Pavan Malhotra said that these opportunities open a window of growth for the students by allowing them to explore beyond the boundaries in the areas of research and academics.

D K Batra, Secretary, Shri Chanander Chinar Bada Akhara Udasin Society, the promoters of ASCOMS, described this moment as a historic moment and further reiterated that these Graduate Exchange Programs will enable both under-graduate and post-graduate students on long term and short term basis. It will also enable communication between academic stakeholders i.e. both staff and students for organizing seminars, conferences and teachings.

Signing the agreement on behalf of University of Florida, Dr David R Nelson, Senior Vice President, Health Affairs, and Dr Joseph C Fantone, on behalf of College of Medicine, University of Florida, described this event of international collaboration as a fundamental criteria to implement progressive correspondence between the Medical Education System abroad and rapidly changing Medical Education scenario in India.

Manik Batra, Director of Batra Group and member of Shri Chanander Chinar Bada Akhara Udasin Society, expressed satisfaction and happiness for ASCOMS becoming the first hospital in UT of J&K to have an international academic partnership in Medical Education.

Bhairon Bawa Jhanki taken out in Rajouri town

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RAJOURI, Mar 8: The traditional Jhanki of Bhairon Bawa was taken out in Jawahar Nagar area and other localities of Rajouri town today as a part of Holi festival celebrations.

As a part of seven-day long Holi celebrations, the people of Rajouri town and adjoining areas including youth and children participate with great

The origin of this traditional Jhanki is connected with the famine in the area. This appearance of Bhairon in his form is considered as mark of prosperity and well being in the area.

Meanwhile, similar Bhairav Jhanki was taken out in Jawahar Nagar area which was started from Bajrang Dal Akhada and after passing through main market of Jawahar Nagar, Panja Chowk it culminated at same



Bhairon Bawa Jhanki being taken out in Rajouri town on Wednesday.

enthusiasm and zeal in the rally. The people believe that those persons are lucky who receive a pat from Bhairon Bawa during this annual 'Jhanki'.

The rally which started from Bhairon Nath Mandir at Mohalla Nabab after special Pooja, passed through Tehsil area, main markets and finally culminated at Bhairon Mandir near Sanatan Dhram Sabha Rajouri. A large number of people participated in the Jhanki. Two drum beaters were also part of Jhanki and the youth were seen dancing on drum beats.

location. Hundreds of youths were seen dancing with Bhairav Nath and many females were seen enjoying the Bhairav Jhanki from roof tops of shops and houses.

Bhairav Jhanki Committee members from Jawahar Nagar and main Rajouri City extended gratitude to the police and district administration for better security arrangements for the Jhanki. They said that people of Rajouri town are carrying on with the practice of 'Bhairon Jhanki' for the last over 100 years.



MP Home Minister, Sham Lal Sharma release Shri Kailakh Dev Audio Chalisa on Wednesday at Jammu.

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JAMMU, Mar 8: The audio of 'Shri Kailakh Dev Chalisa' was released in a grand function organised by Shri Kailakh Jyotish Evim Vedic Sansthan Trust here, today.

Madhya Pradesh (MP), Home Minister, Dr Narottam Mishra was chief guest of the function while former Minister and State BJP vice president, Sham Lal Sharma was the guest of honour. The function was presided over by Trust president, Mahant Rohit Shastri.

Written by Mahant Rohit Shastri, "Shri Kailakh Dev Chalisa" has been sung by the famous singer of Duggar, Jatinder Singh and music by Sahil Nath.

The function commenced with the chanting of the Vedic Mantras. Speaking on the occasion, Madhya Pradesh, Home Minister, Dr Narottam Mishra said that Mahant Rohit Shastri has done a great job by promoting Devvani Sanskrit and Indian culture on different platforms and thus is playing a vital role in the upliftment of the society.

Mishra said this Chalisa will remove many misconceptions related to the deities, particularly Nagdevta, besides playing an unprecedented role in the protection of snakes.

Sham Lal Sharma said that Mahant Rohit Shastri was an icon for the youth and through his works he is uniting the society and promoting our culture. He said that with the Chalisa written by Mahant Shastri the 'Mahima' of the Bawa Kailakh Dev Asthan will become more powerful.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Shri Kailakh Dev Audio Chalisa will also be uploaded on Sahil Nath HN Music Studio YouTube channel free of cost. He also appealed people to remain united and work for the preservation of their culture and moral values.

On the occasion, cartoonist, Shekhar Sharma, Sahil Nath, Brij Mohan and Prof. Sharad Chander Sharma were honoured. Trustee, Deepak Gupta, Trust spokesperson, Prof Sharat Chander Sharma, Trust general secretary, Parbodi Sharma, Uttam Chand Sharma, Chetan Wancho, Dr Sanjay Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Raman Sharma and many others trust member were also present.

Increase capacity to address people's issues: Bali Bhagat to party cadre

Excelsior Correspondent

AKHNOOR, Mar 8: Bali Bhagat, senior BJP leader and former Minister asked the party cadre to go for concerted efforts to maintain BJP's grip across the Chhamb constituency.

He was speaking Booth Sashaktikaran Karyashala of Chhamb Assembly constituency at Gulaba Chapper in Kharah Balli Mandal of Chhamb Assembly constituency today. In the meeting, State, district, Mandal office bearers belonging to Chhamb Assembly constituency and Morcha presidents of all Mandals besides, Shakti Kender in charges and Alpkalik Vistaraks were present.

Bali Bhagat, who was the chief guest, laid stress upon Alpkaleen Vistaraks to work for the aforesaid campaign with the aim to strengthen the party at grassroots level. He asked them to increase their efforts at the booth level strengthening of the party. He said that the strong booths would lay the strong foundation of BJP's grand victory in the upcoming polls in J&K. He asked party men 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, both in State and Center, and discuss their issues in detail alongside.

He asked them to do their task diligently and ensure their work to the full expectations of the organ-

ization.

The former Minister emphasized that a worker should develop himself so that he will become office bearer of the party and after that a leader of the society. Increase your capacity building and resolve the public related issues. He also asked them to address their pressing issues by remaining present among the people 24X7.

Bali Bhagat asked party cadres to contact every single voter and ensure that all the public welfare schemes launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led the Union Government to reach the actual needy persons. He mentioned the landmark schemes of the Modi Government that have directly benefited the masses like Awas Yojna, Ayushman Bharat and so many others which have earned respect in transforming the lives of needy populations.

He also asked them to ensure that everyone including the last person in line avails the benefit of the schemes rolled out by the Centre for their welfare.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include district Prabhari and Seh Prabhari, Brijesh Rana and Manmohan Singh, former MLA and Akhnoor district president, Rajeev Sharma, former MLA Dr Krishan Lal Bhagat, Chhamb constituency convener, G S Chib, DDCs Suraj Singh, Suresh Sharma and Bhushan Braal.

Young housewife found hanging in kitchen

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UDHAMPUR, Mar 8: On International Women's Day, a young housewife was found hanging under mysterious circumstances at the house of her-in laws at village Bhatyari in Ramnagar Tehsil.

According to the police report, Sandhya Devi (26), wife of Joginder Kumar, resident of village Bhatyari, was found hanging from an iron angle in kitchen at her house.

On being informed by the family member, a Police party from Ramnagar Police Station rushed to the spot and took the dead body in their custody. The dead body was then shifted to Sub District Hospital Ramnagar for the postmortem.

The police after completion of all the legal formalities and

postmortem, handed over the body to family members and registered a case in this connection for further investigation.

Meanwhile, in a separate case, an elderly man ended his life by consuming some poisonous substance at his residence in Tikri.

A police spokesman said that Ram Dass (64), son of Magudu Ram, resident of Tikri, consumed some poisonous substance. Family members rushed him to PHC Tikri where doctors referred him to GMC Hospital Jammu because of his serious condition. However, he did not respond to the treatment and died at GMC Hospital, Jammu.

Cause of provocation behind the extreme step could not be ascertained while Tikri Police has started inquest proceeding under Section 174 CrPC.

MSJK holds protest against property tax

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JAMMU, Mar 8: Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir (MSJK) today held a protest demonstration at New Plot, Jammu over imposition of property tax by the Municipal authorities.

Led by their president Sunil Dimple, MSJK activists burnt effigies of J&K Govt, Jammu Municipal Corporation and other municipal committees for imposing property tax. They raised slogans against JMC authorities as well as J&K Government.

Addressing the protesters, Sunil Dimple gave three days ultimatum to J&K Government to roll back property tax SRO. He said that even a single penny of property tax is not acceptable to them. He alleged that J&K Government is misleading the people and traders on property tax.

Dimple asked BJP MPs from J&K, BJP leaders, JMC Mayor and Deputy Mayor to resign in protest of property tax and join hands with people. He said that the Government is deliberately pushing people and traders of J&K towards 'Jammu band'.

Start process for regularization of PoJK DP's Colonies: JKSAC

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JAMMU, Mar 8: The Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) has expressed its gratitude to Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha for reiterating his commitments to regularise DP's Colonies as stated by him in the LG Governance camp

under their dwelling have not been granted to DP's till date.

Singh said that after dislocation of the camps in 1952-53 the DP's were scattered by the then govt and were provided evacuee lands to pitch the tents for residential purpose. With the passage of time by dint of hard work, the DP's raised Pakka - one to two rooms



JKSAC activists during meeting in R S Pura on Wednesday.

at Sports Stadium Bhaur Camp on March 6, 2023.

Addressing a meeting at RS Pura JKSAC leaders said a similar announcement in this regard was also made by LG on Oct 9, 2022 wherein he had also committed that the DP's Colonies would be regularised and legal rights would be granted to DP's over the land/plots under their dwelling and a notification will also be issued shortly. JKSAC expressed its regret in this regard that despite of five month's period the process for issuance of notification has not been initiated by the Revenue administration till date.

While apprising the members during the meeting, Gurdev Singh president along with Bhagwan Singh, Tarlok Singh Tara, Pawan Sharma, Capt PS Chib and others said that JKSAC was consistently raising this issue with the past several govts for the last many decades, but they did nothing. The legal rights over the land

on such lands as per their needs.

He said that the issue was taken many times with Divisional Commissioner in 2017 and earlier also and orders were issued by them to mutate their lands under dwelling as per the section 3-A of the Agrarian Act 1976, but the Tehsildars and Patwaris being so powerful never complied the orders. He further said Lt Governor also assured the DP's on March 6, 2023 that ex-gratia relief scheme of Rs 5.5 lakhs provided by PM was closed on Feb 22, 2022 will be reopened/extended again. He also assured to take-up the issue with the Central govt.

He appealed to LG to direct Revenue Deptt to expedite the process for issuance of notification to grant legal rights to DP's over the land under their dwelling and also impress upon the Ministry of Home Affairs to issue orders for the extension of the scheme to accommodate the remaining families.



Doctors during a meeting.

Treatment of lower limb fractures discussed Jammu Trauma Orthopaedic meet attended by leading doctors

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 8: The 8th Annual Jammu Trauma Orthopaedic meet was organized by Jammu Trauma Society in Association with Jammu and Kashmir Orthopaedic Association (JKOA).

Theme of the day long conference was 'how to treat fractures of the lower limb-recent trends'. Various faculty for the conference were invited including Prof. Ramesh Sen, President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association, a well known surgeon in pelvic fracture management from Chandigarh, Prof. Vivek Trikha, Chair Academic committee of Indian Orthopaedic Association from AIIMS Trauma Centre, Delhi.

Prof. Jatin Talwar from VMCM and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, Prof. Altaf Ahmad Kawoosa from Bones and Joint Hospital, Srinagar, Dr. Shabir

Dar from SKIMS, Srinagar, Dr. Khalid from GMC Doda and Dr. Haseeb from Srinagar.

Chief guest for the inauguration ceremony was Dr Shashi Soodan Sharma (Principal GMC Jammu). She appreciated the efforts of the Department of Orthopaedics in conducting these annual meetings.

The Organising committee comprised of Prof Sanjeev Gupta, HoD Orthopaedics as Chairperson, Prof. Abdul Ghani as convener and Dr. Mohammad Farooq Bhat as Organising Secretary.

Faculty that participated in the conference were Prof. Rajesh Gupta, HoD Orthopaedics ASCOMS Hospital, Dr. Lovi Padma, Dr. Manish Singh, Dr. Tahir Afzal, Dr. Bias Dev, Dr. Anoop Kumar, Dr. Farid Hussain, Dr. Neeraj Mahajan Dr. Sumit Charak, Dr. Shafiq Hackla, Dr. Rahul Mahajan and Dr. Sumit Pal.

Court dismisses challan, acquits accused

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JAMMU, Mar 8: Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Doda, Amarjeet Singh Langhe today dismissed the challan and acquitted the accused in case F.I.R No. 160/2012 for offences under Sections 435/34 of RPC in case titled " State through SHO Police Station Baderwah V/S Puran Kumar and Another" wherein allegations against accused were that they committed mischief with common intention by entering upon the land of complainant and putting on fire the dry maize grass of complainant valuing Rs 20,000.

While evaluating the evidence of complainant, Court noted, "Complainant in the case has also been cited as an eye witness to the occurrence. Interestingly, this witness is very categoric in asserting during cross examination that he did not see accused putting the grass on fire with his own eyes.

According to him, only Sunil Kumar who alone saw the occurrence. Once the complainant did not see the occurrence with his own eyes, his testimony and narrative projected by him in his testimony is thus of no avail to prosecution case".

"Further, this testimony of complainant also conflicts with his fundamental assertion in original complaint where he

claimed that accused were identified by him while putting the grass on fire in the firelight. These two versions of complainant therefore are incompatible and his testimony therefore cannot form the basis for sustaining conviction of accused being wholly on reliable", the Judge observed.

With regard to another eye witness in the case, Court observed "This witness claims to have witnessed the occurrence. He also admitted that his family has a long standing dispute with accused. He also affirmed that he has good relations with complainant. The core of testimony of this witness is too vague and does not provide detailed description as to how he actually observed accused setting heap of dry maize grass on fire at 8 O Clock in the night".

"On facts therefore, this witness seems to have played a Teflon character possibly to settle scores with accused against inimical background by thoughtfully aligning with complainant. The entire testimony of this witness, if viewed in aforesaid context is thus tainted and therefore proves nothing", the court ruled.

With these observations, Court held that prosecution failed to bring home charges against the accused by leading cogent, trustworthy and reliable evidence and acquitted the accused.