

Dr Nirmal, Parneesh listen public grievances

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JAMMU, May 8: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister, listened to the public grievances at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

BJP Training Department, in charge, Parneesh Mahajan was also present on the occasion.

Numerous people, individually as well in the form of deputations, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various

etc were also highlighted by the delegations.

Dr. Nirmal Singh after listening to all the individuals and the deputations immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, he pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, speaking on the occasion, said that the BJP has a robust grievance resolution mechanism. He said that they



Senior BJP leader and former Dy CM, Dr Nirmal Singh listening public grievances at party headquarters at Jammu on Monday.

issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development related issues of their respective areas.

Besides, various personal issues, other main issues related to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains

serve the masses with full enthusiasm, while trying to address every single concern of the people.

Parneesh Mahajan diarized all the issues and conducted the proceedings of the grievance camp.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and others at 'New Jandyal Opticians' located at Apsara Road, Gandhi Nagar (Jammu).

Div Com launches exclusive Nikon Lensware store 'New Jandyal Opticians'

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JAMMU, May 8: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar launched the exclusive Nikon Lensware store 'New Jandyal Opticians' at Apsara Road, Gandhi Nagar, here today.

The Divisional Commissioner was impressed with the wide variety of high end lenses offered by Nikon. He appreciated Sumit Jandyal (owner of the store) and Nikon team for bringing such high end collection in Jammu.

From photography to optical lenses, Nikon has developed a long and proud expertise in high-precision optics. 1946 is the year that marks Nikon's very first entry in the optics market.

Nikon has a wide variety of Lensware collection. It is the first company to introduce SeeCoat Blue lens, the first clear lens that filters blue-violet light while increasing contrast perception when using digital devices. SeeCoat Blue received the Good Design Award.

The Company has made a revolutionary breakthrough in the field with the launch of Seemax Ultimate collection where every lens is co-designed with the end-user based on his needs, preferences and viewing experience.

The Nikon Lensware will be available exclusively at New Jandyal Opticians located at Apsara Road (Gandhi Nagar) and Janipur store in Jammu.

Support DSSP to save Jammu: Ch Lal Singh

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JAMMU, May 8: Jan Sampark Abhiyaan led by DSSP reached Akhnoor Sub Division today.

A rally led by Ch Lal Singh and other top leaders of DSSP started from Kameshwar Temple and finally culminated in a local farm after passing through main Bazar of Akhnoor.

Ch Lal Singh, former Health Minister while addressing the mammoth gathering gave a clarion call to the people to support the movement of Jammu as a separate state with article 371. It is only through this article that people of Jammu can have a sigh of relief from all kinds of sufferings.

He elaborated in details all the pros and cons of the present dispensation and apprised the gathering the maneuvering against the Dogra community which need to be exposed and end in all respects.

Party senior vice president KD Singh Jamwal and general secretary Dr H D Shishu while address-

ing the gathering appealed the youth of the area to support the movement launched by DSSP for Jammu as a separate state with article 371 to give justice to the coming generations.

It's only the panacea that has potential to end all kinds of suffering and pains of people of Jammu province which include all the ten districts.

Senior leader Prof H R Sharma also spoke on the occasion. Lal Singh along with senior party leaders also visited the residence of Shaheed Neelam Singh and expressed his sympathy with the bereaved family.

Prominent among those who accompanied the campaign included vice presidents S Balbir Singh, Suman Wazir, Advocate BS Jamal, Romesh Tickoo, Jatinder Pappu, MC Ashok Sharma, Prof Pardeep Kumar, Narinder Sambhal, Sunil Dutt and others. The program was organized by Block president Rahul Dogra.

Vakil seeks compensation to hailstorm-hit farmers

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RAFIABAD, May 8: J&K Peoples Conference senior vice president and former minister Abdul Gani Vakil today while touring several villages of upper-belt of Rafiabad including Braman, Kutru Naribal, Balhama, Khahmoh and Brandub expressed concern over the damage caused to fruit and vegetable crops due to heavy hail storm in the area.

In a press statement here Vakil said hailstorm has created havoc and destroyed fruit and vegetable crops which has incurred huge losses to farmers and fruit growers of the area. He expressed sympathies with the affected people of the area demanded a special economic package for fruit growers and farmers who have suffered losses due to heavy hailstorm.

While interacting with locals of the area Vakil said that whenever natural calamities cause damage to the crops, the worse affected were assured compensation and even surveys are being conducted. "But no relief reaches to the affected farmers," he said.

Vakil urged the government to go for immediate assessment of damages to fruit and vegetable crops and disburse financial relief to the affected families without any delay as they have already suffered heavy losses in last five years.

"Waiving of the KCC loan is the need of the hour at this crucial juncture which can be helpful to a great extent in reviving the horticulture sector which is in shambles," Vakil added.



BJP leaders on way to Election Commission of India to submit a copy of Congress tweet on Monday.

BJP moves EC, seeks de-recognition of Congress, FIR against Sonia

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NEW DELHI, May 8: Taking serious exception to senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's Karnataka sovereignty remark, The BJP today moved the Election Commission seeking action against her and de-recognition of her party for her use of the term "sovereignty" for Karnataka during the State poll campaign. The party also demanded an FIR against Sonia Gandhi.

A BJP delegation headed by Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav, Dr Jiendra Singh and BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh submitted a memorandum to the poll panel here over the issue.

"Karnataka is a very important member State in the Union of India and any call to protect the sovereignty of a member State of the Union of India amounts to a call for secession and is fraught with perilous and pernicious consequences," the party said.

Speaking to reporters, party leader, Tarun Chugh, who besides BJP MP Anil Baluni and leader Om Pathak, was part of the delegation cited the Representation of the People Act and said the Congress

party should be de-recognised.

The BJP also submitted a copy of the Congress tweet quoting Gandhi, the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson, on the issue.

The Opposition party had tweeted, "CPP Chairperson Sonia Gandhi Ji sends a strong message to 6.5 crore Kannadigas: The Congress will not allow anyone to pose a threat to Karnataka's reputation, sovereignty or integrity."

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The BJP filed a complaint with the Election Commission in Bengaluru as well and requested it to issue direction for registration of an FIR against her over the use of the word "sovereignty".

Noting that a "sovereign" by definition is an independent nation, the complaint said, "When a country becomes independent, that country is called a sovereign country. India is a sovereign country and the State of Karnataka is a proud part in it. Till today no one raised any question about the integrity of Kannadigas with the sovereignty of the nation."

15-day-long Fuel Conservation Programme by PCRA concludes

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JAMMU, May 8: The 15-day-long Fuel Conservation Programme 'Saksham 2023' organized by PCRA (Petroleum Conservation Research Association) under the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOP&NG), culminated today with valedictory function.

The programme was started on 24th April to sensitize citizens about the need of fuel conservation for health and environmental protection, as well as to help India reduce its reliance on crude oil imports.

The tagline of the Saksham 2023 was Energy Conservation towards Net Zero emissions. The

appreciated the efforts of Oil Marketing Companies (IOCL/HPCL & BPCL) operating in J&K for creating mass awareness about conservation of Petroleum Products. Kohli also encouraged the young minds to take initiative and inculcate new ideas to promoting the alternative sources of energy which will decrease our dependency from imported fossil fuels and also lead to healthier environment.

Anjani Kumar (State Level Co-ordinator, Oil Industry, J&K and Ladakh) briefed the audience during the programme about various activities held during 15-day-long Fuel Conservation Drive.

Students from different schools and colleges, truck



Director FCS&CA Jammu Irfat Kohli presenting award to winner of a competition during valedictory function of Saksham 2023.

15-Days long programme concluded today in presence of the chief guest, Irfat Kohli (Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu) and senior officials from Oil Marketing Companies. Saksham 2023 pledge was administered by the chief guest along with Oil Marketing Companies officials to all present during the valedictory function.

Speaking on the occasion, Irfat Kohli emphasized on conserving oil which can also help saving our environment. She

Sandeep Kumar Raina (LPG Head, BPCL Jammu) presented vote of thanks to all present during the valedictory function. Ishu Kumar (Territory Manager, BPCL) and Prathana Sharma (Manager, HPCL) were also present during the function.

AOI organizes health check-up camp

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BHADERWAH, May 8: American Oncology Institute (AOI) in association with Health and Medical Education Department and World Cancer Care today organized a free cancer screening and general health awareness camp at SDH Bhadrawah.

gured by DC Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan at Sub District Hospital Bhadrawah.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said, "Besides screening tests the Camp was aimed to aware about early detection in the public. The key to survive in cancer is early diagnosis and prevention. With this Camp, our aim is to motivate people for regular screening."

"We offered free tests and services like Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Pap Smear, PSA and other lab tests along with free Oncology, Gynaecology and general consultations in the Camp," said Dr. Ashutosh Gupta of AOI.

"In its continued efforts to bring in the most advanced technology in cancer care to the region, AOI is empanelled under Ayushman Bharat scheme and is doing free of cost treatment regularly under this scheme at AOI Jammu," he maintained.



Dignitaries inaugurating a cancer screening and health awareness camp in Bhadrawah.

In this Camp about 450 patients were screened by a team of Oncology specialists Dr. Nadeem Shoket (Medical Oncologist) and Dr. Surbhi Kudyar (Breast Cancer Surgery Specialist).

Patients from different parts of Doda attended the Camp inau-

Anti-polythene campaign Mayor launches App for getting 'Commitment Certificates'

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JAMMU, May 8: Giving a flip to the ongoing anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign in the city, Mayor, Rajinder Sharma today launched a mobile phone App for volunteers and others joining the campaign to get their 'Commitment Certificates' of participation in the historic move.

The Mayor got the App made totally free of cost through volunteers and launched it in the presence of Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria and JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav.

"Just as there was a proud feeling among freedom fighters after the country got freedom, the volunteers and others joining the anti-polythene campaign shall also feel jubilant after the success of this campaign and the certificates generated by them will be a testimony for a Mobile App at Jammu on Monday."

The Mayor said the certificate will have written on it: "It is a matter of pride for me to be a part of a movement for eradication of polythene carry bags from our environment. Its name will make a change and will use the carry-bags made of

eco-friendly materials like bags made of cellulose and starch, paper or carry-bags made of cloth."

Mayor Sharma appealed to all the people of Jammu to get the cer-

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tificate by clicking the link <https://gogreenjammu.com/pledge.aspx>.

He informed that for getting the certificate one has to fill his/her name for which there shall



Mayor Rajinder Sharma along with Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria and Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav launching a Mobile App at Jammu on Monday.

be three options-as an organization, as a student or as a citizen.

"For students one will have to write name of his/her school or college and the certificate shall have signatures of the Mayor along with photographs of LG, Mayor and Deputy Mayor," the Mayor continued.

FIR for using vulgar language against then CM

HC dismisses petition seeking quashment of FIR

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JAMMU, May 8: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has dismissed the petition of Rajinder Singh seeking quashment of FIR registered against him for using extremely profane, vulgar, filthy and abusive language against the then Chief Minister.

After hearing Advocate Jagpal Singh for the petitioner whereas Deputy AG Deewakar Sharma for the UT, Justice Rajnesh Oswal observed, "if the cognizable and non-cognizable offences arise out of the same facts, then the Police Officer is not debarred from investigating the non-cognizable offence".

"This issue may not arise now after the enactment of Reorganisation Act of 2019, providing for the applicability of Criminal Procedure Code 1973 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, as is applicable in rest of India because Criminal Procedure Code was applicable in the erst-

while State of J&K had no corresponding provision as 155(4) of the Central Criminal Procedure Code 1973", High Court said, adding "but it is also true that in terms of Section 198 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the cognizance of any offence under Chapter XXI of the Criminal Procedure Code is permissible only upon the complaint made by the person aggrieved or by some other person with the leave of court, when the person aggrieved is unable to do so in view of the contingencies provided in the section".

"Admittedly in the instant case, the person aggrieved is the ex-Chief Minister and is not suffering from any disability as provided under Section 198 of Criminal Procedure Code. Section 2(d) CrP provides that the complaint means any allegation made orally

or in writing to a Magistrate, with a view to his taking action under this Code, that some persons, whether known or unknown has committed an offence but does not include police report", High Court said.

"Thus, the police report does not amount to a complaint except where the police officer after investigation makes a report about the commission of a non-cognizable offence. So far as instant case is concerned, it is not the case of the petitioner that the Police has filed a complaint before the Magistrate as the matter is still under investigation", High Court further said, adding "it can be safely held that the bar as prescribed by Section 198 Criminal Procedure Code would come in to play at the time of taking cognizance of offence and not before that".

"As the Police is investigating the allegations and stage of cognizance has not reached as yet, therefore the contention of the petitioner is rejected. It is clarified that FIR cannot be registered for commission of offence under Section 501 RPC only and the Police can register an FIR and investigate the offence only when there are allegations with regard to commission of cognizable offence as well", Justice Oswal said, adding "the other contention of the petitioner is that no offence under Section 509 RPC is made out as the language allegedly used by the petitioner is only abusive but not intended to outrage the modesty of the woman".

With these observations, Justice Rajnesh Oswal observed, "the petition is found to be without merit and is dismissed". Accordingly, High Court directed the Investigating Officer to conclude the investigation as expeditiously as possible, preferably within the period of three months.

Narayana Hospital performs 1st ever VATS Thymectomy in Jammu region

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JAMMU, May 8: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) Narayana Hospital, Jammu added another milestone to its long list of achievement as its team of experts performed Jammu region's first ever VATS Thymectomy or removal of the thymus gland on a patient suffering from Myasthenia Gravis, a rare autoimmune disorder.

A 41-year-old patient suffering from Myasthenia Gravis and on multiple medications for the same was detected to have a small thymic tumor on CT scan. The patient visited SMVD Narayana Hospital for an expert opinion and consulted neurologist Dr Ankush Sharma. Post evaluation the doctor recommended removal of the thymus gland which would not only help in improving symptoms of Myasthenia Gravis but also help in significantly reducing medication dosage.

The Patient was then referred to the Hospital's surgical oncologist Dr Abhinav Choudhary who suggested that the best way to approach the surgery is via thoroscopic approach as open surgery carried a lot of risks including one of excessive bleeding. The patient underwent VATS Thymectomy successfully and was discharged second day post-surgery. His



A doctor of Narayana Hospital posing with a patient.

could lead to life-threatening internal bleeding. But all these factors were taken care of meticulously."

According to Dr Ankush Sharma, VATS Thymectomy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure that involves the removal of the thymus gland located in the chest cavity. The thymus gland plays a crucial role in the development of the immune system, and its removal is often recommended for patients with thymic tumors or autoimmune diseases such as Myasthenia Gravis.



JKPCC working president Raman Bhalla interacting with a deputation at his residence in Jammu on Monday.

BJP can't run away, will have to face public anger: Bhalla

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JAMMU, May 8: Former minister and working president of JKPCC, Raman Bhalla today said that BJP can not run away for long, the party will have to face the anger of general public in view of betrayal and its anti-people policies.

Interacting with several deputations at his residence here today JKPCC working president said the people of Jammu feel let down and betrayed due to contemptuous assault on their sensitivities. He referred to lands being allotted to non-state subjects and even 336 low income group flats handed over to non-local labourers under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (Urban) Mission in the Sunjwan area. Local poor people have been deprived of housing facilities.

"This is indication of the events to follow", Bhalla said, adding that the main brunt of wrong decisions of BJP Govt is being faced by Jammu. The BJP has failed in addressing the concerns of the people, raised by Congress from time to time, as they are not sincere towards the urges and aspirations of the people in this part of the country.

Describing eligibility to jobs and ownership of lands as the most emotive and sensitive issue, he said one after another decision

raises many serious questions on the intentions of the BJP and the Centre. The people are genuinely feeling let down in the wake of one after another inimical move of the administration. The Governments, both at the Centre and here are not walking the talk, which is evident first by the issuance of domicile rules and their implementation that have pushed the permanent residents to the wall.

He strongly resented decision of the Jammu Kashmir Housing Board to allot flats to non-locals in Jammu. It shows the real intentions of BJP which is eager to dislodge locals from Jammu. He said that there are plans to establish Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) in Sunjwan, and online applications are being accepted from Indian citizens who have relocated to Jammu for employment, education or long-term tourism purposes.

Urging Union Govt to hold Assembly elections in J&K without a further delay, Bhalla said, selecting their own representatives to serve in the government is a fundamental democratic right that must not be denied to the people. "We have faith in the democratic values of our country and we aspire to the same rights that are enjoyed by people in other regions of the country," Bhalla added.

Sagar asks admn to reach out to hailstorm, snow-hit areas

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SRINAGAR, May 8: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference general secretary Ali Mohd Sagar today expressed anguish over the losses incurred by people due to heavy hailstorm and snow in various areas of South, Central and North Kashmir districts and demanded adequate compensation to the affected on MSP rates.

While expressing concern over losses to dwellings, livestock, orchards and other standing crops in a number of villages of South, Central and North Kashmir districts due to the heavy hailstorm, Sagar said the damage caused by hailstorm and snow in Kulgam, Shopian, Kupwara and Handwara areas is immense. He added that the freak weather conditions have dampened the hopes of people who are anticipating a good crop this year to make up for the losses of previous years but the rough weather condition has dashed the hopes of farmers and orchardists.

"The weather furry witnessed

by hailstorms and unseasonal snow has destroyed standing paddy crops in the hamlets. Weather vagary has defoliated and stripped crops of their precious produce well, hence destroying the months of hard work of orchardists/farmers. In addition, hailstorm and snow have significantly caused fatal trauma to people and their livestock at various places," he added.

He asked the administration to reach out to the affected with adequate relief and compensation. He has also demanded that J&K Government should immediately roll out a crop insurance scheme which will protect the investment of orchardists and growers from weather vagaries.

Meanwhile, senior NC leader and State secretary Sakina Itoo has asked the administration to depute Revenue teams to the snow affected areas of DH Pora so that the quantum of the losses incurred by people is assessed and compensation released forthwith.



Jagdish Sharma's collection of Dogri poetry being released by Dogri Sanstha Jammu on Monday.

Dogri Sanstha releases Jagdish Sharma's book

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 8: Dogri Sanstha Jammu released Jagdish Sharma's collection of Dogri poetry entitled 'Ek Soorat Jehdi Nei Bhuldi', here today.

Prof Raj Kumar, Ex-Head of Department Hindi at Jammu University and a prominent Hindi writer, was chief guest on the occasion, Prof Devender Sharma was special guest while the function was presided over by Prof Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha.

Prof Veena Gupta, Vice President Dogri Sanstha and an eminent linguistic gave detailed analysis about the creative works of Jagdish Sharma while Ashok Khajuria, a well-known Dogri writer presented a paper on the released book.

On this occasion, Prof Devender Sharma recalled his long association with the poet and said that he will continue prompting him to pen down more creative works as he has the potential to do it.

Prof Raj Kumar said that it's good that whatever came in the mind of poet he has expressed it in his own way. The book carries poems on varied subjects including his memories about his wife,

whose demise actually came as a turning point in his life and he started giving words to his innermost feel for her in her absence.

Jagdish Sharma also spoke about his growing interest towards literature and shared with all that he started writing at a very late stage but he enjoys it now and hoped that he will come up with another book on the history of Bishnah, his native place. Prof Lalit Magotra, in his presidential speech, complemented the poet for coming up with another book which is his third. He said that age is no bar in a creative field because when you get instigated from within to express in words whatever you feel, a writer is born.

Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary of Dogri Sanstha and a prolific writer, also complemented Jagdish Sharma for the released collection of Dogri poems and expressed that his journey will continue and he will come up with more collections in near future. He also presented vote of thanks.

The program was conducted by Pawan Verma, a well-known theatre activist and Dogri writer and was attended by galaxy of prominent personalities from all walks of life including family members of poet.