

BJP Govt's tall claims contrary to reality: Mir

* Says J&K people robbed of their rights

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ANANTNAG, May 9: BJP Govt is drawing 'sadistic pleasure' out of a deliberate burden put on poor people on account of unprecedented price hike especially on LPG electricity besides downsizing supply of ration besides withdrawing other privileges from BPL, AAY and other poor section of the people thereby making their survival more difficult.

The labour class and other job card holders whose earnings used to generate from local area developmental works have also been rendered jobless due to the tendering process of the works sanctioned and executed at block level aiming to directly benefit the contractors and other concerned agencies.

Former JKPC president GA Mir made these comments during his tour of Panchayat halqas Dongwari, Manzmov, Tangloo, Check Wangund, Dalwath, Shistergam, Hiller Shahabad, Chango, Sadiwara, etc in South Kashmir.

Mir met scores of peoples' delegations including Sarpanchs, Panchs, labour class and other rural job card holders in these Panchayat Halqas and received feedback with regard to the ground situation.



Former JKPC chief GA Mir during public meeting in Anantnag on Tuesday.

Mir said people are robbed of their rights including democratic, besides the tall claims by BJP Govt are contrary to truth leading to the disappointment and restlessness and expressed serious concern over the pathetic condition of poor people who are confronted with hardships on account of purchase of LPG, downsizing of ration quota, electric bills and other subsequent developmental issues concerning them including rising joblessness.

He blamed BJP Govt over drawing sadistic pleasure out of the burden put on common people and expressed serious concern



Senior DPAP leader Jugal Kishore addressing party meeting in Ramban on Tuesday.

DPAP intensifies membership drive in Ramban

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JAMMU, May 9: In a move to extend the political outreach and intensify membership drive, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) began a four day tour of Ramban constituency.

During the tour the senior political leaders including vice chairman GM Saroori, general secretary RS Chib, Provincial president Jugal Kishore Sharma, chief spokesperson Salman Nizami, Zonal president PR Manhas, Arun Singh Raju-Secretary, Th Dharam Chand District president, Farooq Katoch - Provincial vice president, Ch Farooq-secretary and others would meet the people, apprise them of the party agenda.

"The tour is aimed to meet the people, discuss with them and apprise them of our political agenda. We would also listen them and understand their issues and problems and subsequently seek their redressal from the concerned authorities," vice chairman GM Saroori said.

He said the tour of leadership will continue for four days. However, in some days, party chairman Gulam Nabi Azad would be addressing a massive gathering in the constituency. Chib said that the Ramban constituency needs a lot more to

be done and it is ignored by the successive governments though they have come and exploited the people politically. "If we count here the mega projects which have been in the larger interests of people, all of them are sanctioned during the tenure of Ghulam Nabi Azad when he was the Chief Minister. Since then no such big projects are approved or build up to benefit the people," he said.

"If we are elected to power, we promise under the dynamic leadership of Ghulam Nabi Azad Ramban district would be developed as a model district in Jammu and Kashmir," Jugal Kishore said.

He said given the developmental and infrastructural works undertaken by the government of Ghulam Nabi Azad previously, the people are very grateful and desiring for the return of same era. He said the membership drive would be intensified in the district and our district leadership is already working on that.

Fayaz Naik DDC and Zonal vice president, Dr Asif Khanday Zonal vice president, Iyas Banihali, Munner Bhatt, Danish Choudhary, Arif Salaria, Sheikh Shabir, Girdhari Lal Bahi, Bhudi Singh Manhas and others were also present.

Weather improves after 2 weeks, respite from cold

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SRINAGAR, May 9: After two weeks of inclement weather during which there were rains and light snowfall over upper reaches, weather improved today bringing some respite from the cold weather conditions.

The sun came out this morning bringing some respite from cold weather after two weeks of intense cold weather caused due to heavy and incessant rains and snowfall.

The Meteorological Department today forecast "mainly dry" weather along with a rise in day temperature in Kashmir.

In the next 24 hours, a McT official said that mainly dry weather is expected even though "a brief spell of rain and thunderstorm in the late afternoon or evening can't be ruled out at some places, although chances are less."

From May 10-12, he said, the weather is likely to be mainly dry. "There will be rise in temperature and warmer days are expected during the time."

From May 13-15, he said there was possibility of rain and thunderstorm at isolated places in Jammu and Kashmir.

Srinagar recorded a low of 6.3°C against 6.7°C the previous night and it was 4.4°C below normal for the city. Qazigund recorded a low of

5.8°C against 4.0°C the previous night and it was below normal by 3.4°C for the town.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 1.8°C against 2.2°C the previous night and it was 3.7°C below normal for the famous tourist resort.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 4.7°C against 5.2°C as the previous night and it was 4.6°C below normal for the town.

Kokernag recorded a low of 4.0°C against 2.2°C the previous night and it was 5.2°C below normal for the place.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 0.5°C against minus 0.4°C previous night and it was 5.7°C below normal for the skiing resort.

Leh recorded a low of 1.6°C.

Samba police arrests 2 bootleggers

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SAMBA, May 9: Samba police has arrested two bootleggers and recovered from their possession 25 bottles of illicit liquor along with utensils used for manufacturing illicit Desi liquor.

The two arrested bootleggers have been identified as Kala Ram son of Sundar Dass of Rara tehsil, Ramgarh district Samba and Madan Lal son of Girdhari Lal of Reyore tehsil and district Samba.

Two separate FIRs under rel-

evant sections of Excise Act have been registered at PS Ramgarh and PS Samba through PP Goran and investigations were been started.

Out of two arrested bootleggers, one has been arrested by a police team comprising of PSI, Vikrant Kotwal, in charge district

NDPS Team Inspector, Sumit Sharma and SHO Police Station, Ramgarh Sudesh Kumar whereas other bootleggers has been arrested by a team comprising of in charge Police Post Goran, PSI Sajid Jaral and SHO Police Station Samba, Rajeshwar Singh.

DC inspects healthcare facilities in Samba

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SAMBA, May 9: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma, today visited the District Hospital Samba, to review the hospital's infrastructure, availability of medical staff and equipment, and other related parameters. During the visit, the DC inspected the hospital premises, including the wards, operation theatre, emergency section, and medical stores.

He also interacted with the patients to understand their healthcare needs and listened to their feedback regarding the quality of healthcare services provided by the hospital. The DC emphasized the importance of providing timely and quality healthcare services to the people of Samba and directed the hospital administration to take necessary



DC inspecting healthcare facilities in District Hospital in Samba.

measures to ensure that patients receive the best possible care.

The DC also reviewed the progress of various ongoing and proposed healthcare projects in the district and urged the hospital administration to ensure that these projects are completed on time and with the highest quality standards.

The DC assured the people of Samba that the administration is committed to providing quality

healthcare services to all and will take all necessary steps to ensure that the district hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and staffed with well-trained medical professionals.

DC also took stock of the hospital's preparedness to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. He directed the hospital administration to ensure that all necessary precautions and protocols are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the hospital premises.

The DC also interacted with the hospital staff to understand the challenges they are facing in providing healthcare services in the midst of the pandemic. He appreciated their dedication and hard work in these difficult times and assured them of the administration's support in their efforts to combat COVID-19.



Doctors of Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals posing with kids affected with Thalassemia during a program in Jammu.

The DC urged the people of Samba to continue following COVID-appropriate behavior, such as wearing masks, maintaining social distance and getting vaccinated, to stay safe and prevent the spread of the virus. He emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to work together to contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and well-being of the community.

While praising the District Administration Poonch for timely execution and completion of works and successful implementation of schemes, the Member Parliament laid emphasis on working in close coordination with elected representatives to maintain the pace of development works and timely removal of bottlenecks.

While reviewing achievements under different schemes, the MP directed the officers to expedite the augmentation of the road network, especially PMGSY roads. He further directed for completion of Mandi-Chandak road and

Apollo Hospitals organizes awareness program on Thalassemia

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JAMMU, May 9: As a part of Apollo's initiative of providing advanced treatment to people across the country, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals organized an awareness event around the rising cases of Thalassemia patients across India and the advanced media treatment available that provides cure for all.

The initiative was led by P Shivakumar (Managing Director, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals), Dr Gaurav Kharya (Advisor, Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy), Dr Amita Mahajan (Senior Consultant, Paediatrics Oncology and Hematology) and Dr Shanthi Bansal (Director Medical Services).

The program focused on the signs and symptoms, treatment modalities, and diagnostic tests to promote treatment for Thalassemia. Over the past year, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital has witnessed some challenging cases of Thalassemia and provided treatment via the advanced medical facilities available at a hospital.

DSRS organizes expert talk on "Prospects of StartUps in Rising India"

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JAMMU, May 9: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu, organized a talk on "Prospects of StartUps in Rising India", here today.

The talk was delivered by Bneat Singh, a United Kingdom-based financial expert and an alumnus of Jammu University. He explained in detail about the startUp companies as new born companies formed on innovative and brilliant ideas, whose focus is to provide innovative service with an intention of catering the need of the society, market or nation.

He also threw light on the major problem start-ups face while creating a new innovative business ideas and finding business opportunities. The lifecycle of startUps has three phases, which include "Pre start up", "Start up stage" and "Development or Extension stage", he explained.

Later, the focus of his talk was on the competitive atmosphere produced from the growing requirements in India which are

MP Jugal Kishore reviews implementation of central schemes in Poonch

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POONCH, May 9: Member of Parliament (LS) Jammu-Poonch Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) at a meeting held here.

At the outset, District Development Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary presented the status of the sector-wise developmental achievements and implementation of central and UT sponsored schemes in the district through a PowerPoint presentation.

Stressing on speedy completion of all ongoing works and projects, the MP reviewed implementation and progress recorded under Ayushman Bharat/JK SAHET Scheme, PMGSY, SBM, JIM, RDSS, PMKSY, ICDS MGNREGA, PMAY, and other schemes.

Detailed review of achievements of different departments including R&B, PMGSY, PHE, Horticulture, Agriculture, Social Welfare, Animal and Sheep Husbandry was also taken by the chair.

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MP Jugal Kishore chairing DISHA meeting.

Mandi Bridge before Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra. He also directed concerned officers to resolve the genuine issues raised by the members of the DISHA committee.

The MP emphasized on sustenance of developmental activities and improvement in education, health and PHE sectors besides road connectivity to ensure better facilities to the people of Poonch. He also directed officers to adhere to timelines set for achieving allocated targets.

The Member Parliament said that transparency and efficiency in governance has been the hallmark of the present Government.

The meeting was attended by Additional Superintendent

of Police, Mushim Ahmed, Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi, Chief Planning Officer, Maqsood Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner Development, Abid Hussain Shah, DFO, Suresh Manda, CEO Tourism, Mohd. Tanveer Khan, General Manager DIC, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Chief Agriculture Officer, Rakesh Sharma, SE, PHE, Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Chief Horticulture Officer, Sanjeev Sharma, Executive Engineers besides all concerned district/Sectoral officers and members of DISHA Committee were present.



SSP Samba, Benam Tosh addressing a function at Purmandal on Tuesday.

SSP inaugurates Police Library at Purmandal

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SAMBA, May 9: Senior Superintendent of Police Samba, Benam Tosh today inaugurated J&K Police Library at Purmandal at an impressive function which was attended by a large number of aspirants of various competitive exams, students of Government Degree College, Purmandal, Government Higher Secondary School, Purmandal, officers of civil and police administration, educationalists, PRs and other prominent citizens. SSP Samba was accompanied by Additional SP Samba, Surinder Choudhary, Deputy SP, Garu Ram Bhardwaj and SHO Police Station, Purmandal Vijay Verma.

This is the first comprehensive library established by J&K Police under CAP in Purmandal area of Samba district for the use of aspirants of IAS, IPS, JKAS, JKPS, UPSC, PSC, SSRB, NDA, CDS, Banking and other competitive exams. Library with full sitting and reading facilities having standard books of all subjects, magazines, globes, maps & standard dictionaries has been opened by police at world famous holy place of Purmandal on the bank of holy river Devika which is the center of several villages from educational/learning point of view.

DDC Purmandal, Avtar Singh, Principal GDC Purmandal, Raj Shri, ZEO

Purmandal, Rajinder Kumar, Naib Tehsildar, Purmandal, Sardar Ali, Sarpanch Purmandal, Joginder Paul Sharma, Sarpanch Deon, Rashid Mohammad, Sarpanch Khara Madana Upper, Sunita Kumari, and Sarpanch Khara Madana Lower, Sunil Sharma were present on the occasion and complimented police for establishing library at Purmandal which would really be helpful for young generation to get through in various competitive exams and inspire them to pursue higher studies & stay away from drugs.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Samba, Benam Tosh congratulated the aspirants of various competitive exams, students, scholars and the public of Purmandal and adjoining villages on getting library which would go a long way in providing success in competitive exams, in creating curiosity to learn more and more and in grooming the personality outlook of the users.

SSP Samba further informed that police would organize anti-drug awareness programmes and other events in the areas of Police Station Purmandal and would also provide desks to the students shortly. Benam Tosh advised the students to stay away from the drugs and devote their energies towards studies, games and social service.

Vote of thanks was presented by Additional SP, Samba, Surinder Choudhary.

Education Deptt issues guidelines for seeking permission, affiliation of Pvt schools

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JAMMU, May 9: Section 11 of Jammu & Kashmir School Education Act 2002 provides that no school shall be established, run or maintained without permission of the Competent Authority. The procedure to be followed for grant of permission to such schools is enshrined in Rule (4) of School Education Rules 2010.

Further Section (12) of the said Act provides that only such private schools, which are recognised, shall be permitted to function. These instructions have been issued from time to time for strict compliance by the competent authorities. However, it has been observed that some institutions are still running without permission or undertaking classes/courses for which they have not been permitted in terms of law/rules.

Accordingly, the Education Department has enjoined upon all the private schools/institutions to run only after seeking proper permission from Competent Authority through online portal <https://schemu-jammu.nic.in/pvt/school/>.

the recognition and affiliation status issued by competent authority on their sign boards; Register on Adharshila (online monitoring Portal) www.schemujammu.nic.in/adharshila alongwith their recognition/affiliation order and ensure that the error free information of all the students is updated on the portal; get Management Committee Certificate renewed after expiry of every 03 years and recognition/permission/affiliation after expiry of every 05 years.

Further, the department has impressed upon the parents of the students to ensure that the schools in which their wards are seeking admission are recognized/affiliated by Director of School Education/Chief Education Officer/ JKBOSE/ CBSE etc. as the case may be. Meanwhile, the Chief Education Officers/Zonal Education Officers have been asked to ensure that no unrecognized school is allowed to run within their respective jurisdiction. The CEOs shall also ensure that the schools are undertaking only those classes/courses for which they have been permitted by the competent authority under rules.

It has further asked the private schools to impart education for those courses/classes for which they have been permitted under law/rules; Display