



Working president PCC, Raman Bhalla with chairman Migrant Cell PCC, H L Pandita and other leaders participating in a protest at Jagti on Saturday.

### BJP Govt totally failed to win trust of KPs: Bhalla

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: JKPC Working president, Raman Bhalla today expressed anguish at the decision of the Government to charge electricity tariff from the Kashmiri Pandits living in migrant camps. Bhalla visited KP migrants camp Jagti Nagrota and joined protesters when he came to know that they have been protesting for the last seven days. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Hira Lal Pandita Chairman Migrant Cell, Shadi Lal Pandita, its convener, Chuni Lal Raina Kandi, general secretary, Virender Ganjoo general secretary, Ashok Dhar secretary. Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla expressed his dismay over charging of power and water tariff from migrant relief holders and demanded that the order be immediately revoked. Reminding the Government that these displaced people have been living in these camps for the last 32 years and they are not in a position to build their own houses. They are totally dependent on relief of Rs 13000. Therefore charging of electricity bills would be a great burden on their limited income and would affect their day to day lives. Bhalla appealed to the Government to reconsider this

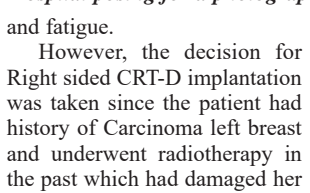
decision which has remained in force for ever since these people have been displaced. He urged that Government should not implement the order issued recently for charging of electricity tariff for migrants. Bhalla said Congress Government during its tenure in J&K opened job opportunities for all those who had migrated from Kashmir and paved the safe return with all required secured initiatives. "I believe lot more is to be done and I promise you if Congress elected to power, all the measures will be taken in this regard," he said. Bhalla said Congress feels and understands the pain of migrant community since they have literally been uprooted by the conflict and forced to migrate from their birth place. He said providing jobs and financial assistance is not enough to win the trust of community, it is the duty of State to rehabilitate you back with honor and dignity. Slamming the Centre, Bhalla said 70 Ministers of the Government carried out an outreach programme in Kashmir and asked if any of them visited a camp of Kashmiri Pandits. "What is this outreach when you cannot reach out to the Kashmiri Pandits living in the camps there," he asked. "We demand report from the Modi Government on the plight of Kashmiri Pandits, he added.

### Rare implantation of right sided CRT-D at Narayana Hospital

Excelsior Correspondent

KATRA, May 20: Dr Nikhil Mahajan and his team performed successful implantation of right sided CRT-D in a young female. The patient was admitted to the hospital with reduced heart functioning and was having symptoms of heart failure including shortness of breath, veins on left side. Explaining about the procedure, Dr Nikhil Mahajan said, "Right sided CRT-D implantation is a rare cardiac procedure as one catheter is available on the right side while multiple catheters are available for the left sided procedure". As this procedure is done less often, this needs special expertise and skill, he added. The Facility Director, M M Mathawan, while briefing about the world class facilities at Narayana Hospital, said: "The patient underwent successful right sided CRTD implantation". He further added "SMVD Narayana Hospital with its World Class Infrastructure, Highly qualified Doctors and dedicated Paramedical Staff is well equipped to provide treatment for all ailments and people of Jammu now don't need to travel to Metro cities for treatment."

Dr Nikhil Mahajan & his team who performed right sided CRT-D at Narayana Hospital posing for a photograph.



### Neebha Aesthetics launches USA's liposuction machine in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Neebha Aesthetics by Dr Shitiz Gupta-an aesthetic division of Neebha Multispecialty Institute, Jammu innovative solution to the standard Liposuction procedure. Dr Gupta said the PAL is a surgical method that can help reduce unwanted fat in areas of the body resistant to diet and exercise. This technique being used at Neebha Aesthetics for the first ever time is more viable to cells than other heat-based liposuction methods that usually destroy the fat cells and leave them of no use later, he said. Liposuction is a popular cosmetic procedure that is used to remove unwanted body fat and help patients achieve a tighter, more toned and contoured appearance. The process is minimally invasive and involves breaking up the fat cells. It is an instant fat-burning solution because it directly removes body fat, Dr Shitiz, who is son of prominent Gastroenterologist Dr Bharat Bushan Gupta, said. Most patients who have not had success with diet and exercise and want to lose weight start with bariatric surgery. It is common for patients who have lost a significant amount of weight to undergo body contouring surgery such as liposuction or tummy tuck, he added.

Dr Shitiz Gupta launching Liposuction machine at Gandhi Nagar in Jammu on Saturday.



have launched one of the most powerful liposuction machine-Microaire, USA for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Gupta, a Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeon is founder of Neebha Aesthetics. The Power Assisted Liposuction (PAL) is a powerful and precision instrument designed for small- or large-volume fat extraction, body contouring and fat harvesting. It is an

### Modi Govt's 9 years dedicated to welfare, social justice: Vibodh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Sanyukt Morcha of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, will hold mega Sammelans in the constituencies of Jammu region to mark the celebration of nine years of Modi Government at the Centre, informed BJP J&K general secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta while addressing a meeting of Sanyukt Morcha members at Party Headquarters here today. The nine years of the Modi Government are dedicated to welfare, service to the nation, and social justice, added Vibodh. The Sanyukt Morcha team comprised of Neelam Langeh, president BJP SC Morcha J&K and former MLA, Sunil Prajapati, president BJP OBC Morcha J&K; Arun Prabhat Singh, president BJYM J&K, Bilal Parray , National Executive Member, BJYM and co-incharge Social Media Department J&K BJP and Danish Mishra, vice president BJYM, J&K. Vibodh Gupta said that the Sanyukt Morcha has chalked out month-long programmes to ensure the historic celebration of nine years of the Modi Government under the slogan 'Nav Saal -Bemisaal'. He

informed that mega Sammelan will be organized by Sanyukt Morcha in the constituencies on May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, and 18, apprising the people of the achievements of the nine years of the Narendra Modi Government. Vibodh Gupta maintained that BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi at the Centre has done tremendous work to ensure that every section of the society gets its due share. He said that peace and progress is the mission of the BJP-led Government at the Centre and the way the development is being carried out sooner than later all the dreams of the people of J&K will be realized without discrimination, prejudice, or lopsidedness. Vibodh Gupta said the revolutionary steps taken by the Modi-led dispensation including the abrogation of Article 370 made it possible for the people to avail all the benefits which were already available to their counterparts in other parts of the country. Neelam Langeh, who was also present in the meeting, assured the senior leader of the party of making these Sammelans a big success. He assured he will remain present in all the reserved constituencies where in the Sammelans will be conducted in this month.



Mayor Rajinder Sharma honouring artists & traders during function by Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha on Saturday.

### Brahman Sabha honours Bazar Association representatives, artists

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha today organized a function in the premises of the Sabha near Parade to honour various trade Bazar Association and Artists, who took part in celebration of Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti last month with high fervor and gaiety. The function was presided over by the President of DBPS Ved Parkash Sharma, while Rajinder Sharma, Mayor JMC was the chief guest. The programme started with chanting of Vedic Mantras and Shalokas with the application of Tikka to all participants. Speaking on the occasion, senior member of the Sabha Advocate P C Sharma and others speakers threw light on the life of Bhagwan Parsuram and Sanatan Dharma. The representatives of Moti Bazar, Pacca Danga Chowk Chabutra, Jain Bazar, Lower Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, Old Hospital Road, Super Bazar, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar, Residency Road, Ragunath Bazar, Raj Tilak Road Bazar, Parade Bazar Associations and some eminent artists of Shri Sanatan Dharma Natak Samaj Dewan Mandir under the supervision of Sat Paul Sharma and others, were honoured by presenting trophies. Among those who were present on the occasion includes, LD Shastri, Pt V M Magotra, N C Sharma, M L Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Chander Mohan Sharma Advocate, Subash Shastri, B S Jamwal, Ritiz Khajuria, Shiv Ram Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), Rajesh Bargotra, Sat Pal Sharma, M L Padha, Brita Ram, K L Sharma, Jagdish Dogra, Sarpanch Kishore, Giridhari Lal, Rama Sharma, Surinder Sharma Corporator, Narotam Sharma Corporator, Ramesh Sharma, Anita Sharma Corporator beside President Hiranagar Brahman Sabha along with representative of Udhampur, Reasi, Ramnagar, Sunderbani, Poonch, Nowshera, R S Pura, Samba & Kathua. The function ended with the vote of thanks by Sojanaya Sharma, former JMC Commissioner.

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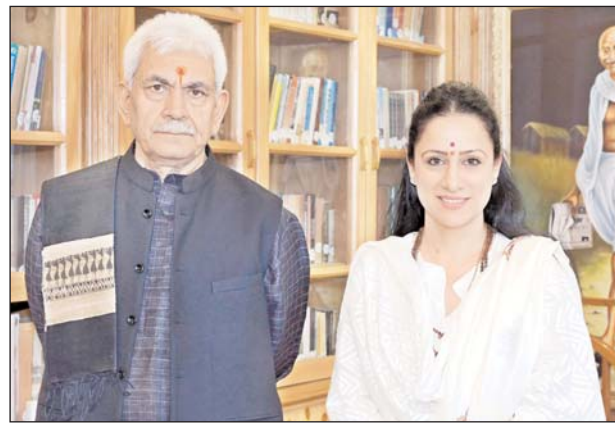
NC leaders during a meeting at Kathua on Saturday.

### Restore democracy by holding elections in J&K: Mustafa Kamaal

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, May 20: Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, additional general secretary, National Conference (NC) today asked the Government to restore democracy in J&K by holding Assembly elections in the UT. He was speaking at the party workers meeting here, today which was organized by Shakeel Ahmed (Tony) NC block president. The meeting was presided over by Ajeet Kumar, district president JKNC, Kathua. Rattan Lal Gupta, provincial president JKNC, Jammu was the guest of honour. Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal said that the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir is abysmal as people are feeling suffocated due to absence of popular Government and moves taken by the 'authoritative' regime with people finding nowhere to go to resolve their issues. He said that only an election to elect the Assembly can restore the faith of the people in the Government because the bureaucratic rulers are non-considerate and taking decisions only to please their bosses sitting at Delhi giving two hoots to the problems being faced by the common man. The senior NC leader said that the last nine years rule shall be written in the annals of history as the darkest era experienced by

the people in J&K. He said that Governor's rule can be imposed only for six months or at the most one year but under the present regime at the Centre, there is no limit to arbitrariness as it seems the LG's rule will continue indefinitely. Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, said that dictatorial LG's administration has miserably failed to win hearts of people of the UT. He said the present Government has failed to provide basic amenities and people of UT are decried for regular power and water supply but the officers sitting at the helm of affairs are least bothered about the hardships faced by common masses. He asserted that neglect of Ravi Tawi Project is the evidence of phlegmatic attitude of Government towards the people Kathua and Samba districts as farmers are the worst affected due to delay in completion of this prestigious project. Babu Rampal, former Minister and Central Zone president asked party workers to gear up the cadre for the upcoming Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies elections. Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, provincial secretary Jammu JKNC said that only NC can address people's problems. Vijay Lochan provincial president, SC Cell and Abdul Ghani Tel provincial president OBC Cell, also addressed the meeting.



LG with Rouble Nagi on Saturday.

### Founder Rouble Nagi Art Foundation calls on LG

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 20: Rouble Nagi, Artist, Author and founder Rouble Nagi Art Foundation called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today. Nagi discussed with the Lt Governor her endeavours to introduce Hashtag Art to

Srinagar city including #KASHMIR, #SRINAGAR, #DAL-LAKE & #POLOVIEW and enhancing the visual appeal of the Selfie points with a touch of Art, meticulous installation that will resonate with the subject matter and target audience. The Lt Governor appreciated her contribution to Jammu Kashmir and the world of art.



Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria launching My Life My Clean City Mission at Jammu on Saturday.

### Billawaria launches 'My Life, My Clean City' Mission

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has initiated the 'My Life, My Clean City' mission from May 20 to June 5 to help poor families. The 'My Life, My Clean City' Mission was inaugurated by Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor of Jammu in the presence of JMC officials here, today. Under this mission, the Jammu Municipal Corporation is setting up counters at various places, in which helpful people will leave some items which no more are in their use at the counter for the needy people. The Deputy Mayor said that 13 such counters have been set up by the Municipal Corporation in the wards of Jammu city. He said that the Municipal Corporation is doing every possible effort to make the mission a success. He said that the JMC is reaching out to the public and asking them to donate items like clothes, furniture, home appliances and other household items. He also said that the items collected from the counters will be given to the needy.

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Ch Sukhnandan meeting with Panches & Sarpanches in Bishnah.

### Sarpanches, Panches apprise Ch Sukhnandan about delay in PMGSY works

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Senior BIP leader and former Minister Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar said that livelihood of rural workers in Bishnah area has been hit hard for over two months as in the absence of Junior Engineer in RDD in Bishnah sector, all works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) have been halted. "No estimates, no further job works and no reports as JE RDD is the main officer who is supposed to make all these papers to execute the development works," he explained during a meeting of Sarpanches and Panches of Bishnah Sector where he was invited for apprising the issue and getting it resolved through his intervention. The former Minister said that if the prevailing situation continues, major portion of funds for Rural Development in the area will get lapsed. "Modi Government has sanctioned crores of rupees as funds for each village in the UT of J&K and throughout the country. It is the local administration which has to spend the money for the development works," said Sukhnandan Kumar and pointed out that LG Manoj Sinha has also directed all the Heads of Departments and the Administrative Secretaries to ensure that no development work is halted especially in the rural areas because of the staff shortage or any other local issue. Sukhnandan spoke to the Assistant Commissioner

Development (ACD) who assured the former Minister to redress issue of Bishnah area at an earliest so that all works are completed and executed on time. Others who attended the meeting, included BDC Surjeet Kumar, Sarpanch Vijay Saini, Ex-Sarpanch Surjeet Singh, Sarpanch Surjeet Singh, Sarpanch Pritam Kumar, Sarpanch Jatinder Singh and Corporator Surinder Singh.



Delegates from private schools of Jammu division pose for a group photograph during a workshop.

### Private Schools Association discusses issues

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: J&K Private Schools Association organised a one day workshop for private schools of Jammu division in which more than 100 delegates participated. Association general secretary, Ajay Gupta talked about impact of repeated instructions issued to the parents and schools by Director School Education Jammu regarding permission, affiliation and recognition. Others highlighted their igneous problems which had erupted due to the alleged irresponsible decisions of Education Department while framing policies for private schools. Speakers in the workshop said that the grievances cell or the department which provides information under RTI Act in J&K has failed to settle grievances or to provide information under RTI Act-2009. Kamal Gupta, Association president while addressing the delegates said that present government has no vision, no rational thinking and no rational policy as this Government is considering all big and small private schools at par, which is unjust and unreasonable. Those who attended workshop were Rameshwar Mengi, Deepak Handa, Ram Parkash, Sat Paul Mansotra, Lal Chand, Ashwani Khajuria, Tariq Bali, Kiran Raina, Thomas Oommen and others.

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### Anti polythene campaign reaches Convent, Luthra All should become brand ambassadors of movement: Mayor

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma today took the ongoing anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign to St. Mary's Presentation Convent School Gandhi Nagar and Luthra Academy Tallab Tillo. Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma administrating an oath to the students of a school in Jammu.

pollution free. He sought the help of people of Jammu to make the campaign a big success and claimed that many vested interests will try to sabotage this pro-environment movement but we have to keep focus on motive of human welfare of the



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The Mayor was given warm welcome at these institutions and the students along with the staff members enthusiastically joined the anti-polythene movement. It is pertinent to mention here that these educational institutions on their own had invited the Mayor and others to educate the students about the importance of ban on polythene and plastic materials. Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said that like Mahatma Gandhi burnt the foreign made clothes and other products we should also in the national interest as well as in the interest of mankind stop use the things made of polythene and plastic in our lives. He stressed on the use of bags made of some biodegradable materials which has been recommended by DRDO. The Mayor also asked the people of Jammu to use the carry bags recommended by DRDO and follow the advisories of JMC to ensure a complete ban on things made of plastic and polythene within a month. Rajinder Sharma said all the students and every citizen of Jammu should become a brand ambassador of anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign in Jammu so that our land, air and water remain

campaign so that such wrong elements may get defeated. In this longest ever held campaign daily 1000 students are joining the move. Students of St. Mary's Presentation Convent School, Gandhi Nagar and Luthra Academy School Tallab Tillo filled the Commitment Certificate and expressed enthusiasm to join the campaign. The Mayor informed that the walk scheduled for May 29 at 9 am from Parade Ground Jammu to Maharaja Hari Singh Park and the Chief Secretary of J&K has shown keen interest to join the walk. On this occasion a symposium on 'Hazards of Using polythene and plastic products' was also held at the schools visited by the Mayor. At Convent School, Sister Amelina, Principal addressed the students and winner students in the symposium were Akshima Sharma, got first place, Achint Kaur, 2nd; Laranya R Kumar and Minoli Sharma, jointly got 3rd position. At Luthra School, Chairman, Rajeev Luthra awarded the winners of symposium and Neha Sharma (10th), was 1st, Vanessa Gurtso (10th), 2nd while Mansee Dalgotra (9th) and Riya Yadav (9th) were jointly declared 3rd.

### ACB presents challan against ex-JMC Commissioner, others

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 20: Anticorruption Bureau Jammu has presented challan against ex-JMC Commissioner Kiran Watal and others under Prevention of Corruption Act and 120-B RPC. According to the ACB, a complaint was received mentioning that Pardeep Kumar and Kuldeep Kumar had been granted building permission for raising residential as well as commercial structure at Ghumat Chowk, Jammu against the laid down procedure by the Municipal Corporation Jammu. During the course of verification, it was found that applicants Pardeep Kumar and Kuldeep Kumar had initially applied for building permission on 18.03.2014. However, on 23.04.2014 they again submitted their case with a revised building plan. On scrutiny of records, it came to light that while their case for issuance of NOC was under process and the then ACR Jammu, AC Nazool and Town Planning Section raised strong objections to the effect that the land was a temple land and there was no revenue entry recorded in the name of the applicants and that there was only one attested lease deed with cuttings and no Khasra number was mentioned. Moreover, the case was not referred to UTEIC as suggested by the Town Planning Wing etc and because of these observations the building permission was not granted online in favour of the applicants. However, surprisingly the Senior Town Planner Farzana Naqshbandi recommended and for-

warded the case of the applicants to the then Municipal Commissioner Kiran Watal, who approved the building permission without referring the same to BOCA or UTEIC and even did not consider the objection raised by ACR Jammu and AC Nazool deliberately and with malafide intentions, which were manifest as the Municipal Commissioner on the last day of his posting issued the building permission in favour of the beneficiaries, illegally. The verification further found that applicants had shown the total plot area as 2635 Sq.ft in their application as a single entity and as per the approved plan, they were allowed to construct lower ground floor, front floor, upper, 1st floor as commercial measuring 999 sq.ft each and 2nd floor measuring 999 Sq. ft as residential keeping the remaining 1636 Sq.ft land as vacant, but on the spot no such land was left vacant as the entire area was brought under construction. The inspecting officer too submitted a false report that there was a GI shed measuring 16'6" X 35' being used for making Pawas (wooden pillars) and proposed construction was yet to be raised on the plot area 2635 Sq.ft but as per the documents of lease deed dated 26.09.86 there were two different site plans, one where the construction was going on and the other measuring 643.50 Sq.ft was adjoining Hotel Vardhamn, though on the contrary, the piece of land where the construction was going on was adjoining Hotel Vardhamn with no vacant land and no space for parking as was prescribed in the site plan. The verification further found that the land in question was basically state land and was acquired by Rani Blori Temple during the rule of Maharaja, however, the officers simply relied upon the lease deed which had visible cutting with no specific Khasra number and granted the permission in favour of the applicants illegally thereby conferring huge pecuniary advantage on them as the permission in question facilitated them to raise a huge commercial structure at a prime location. On overall consideration of all the evidence collected during the course of investigation, offence under Prevention of Corruption Act and 120-B RPC was established against Kiran Watal, Farzana Naqshbandi, Kuldeep Kumar and Pardeep Kumar, sons of Shanti Parkash of Ustad Mohalla, Jammu. As accused Kiran Watal and Farzana Naqshbandi have retired from Government services, as such, there is no requirement of obtaining prosecution sanction from the competent authority, whereas accused beneficiary Kuldeep Kumar expired on 11-05-2021. Therefore, chargesheet has been produced against the accused persons with a prayer that they may be put to trial.