



**BNP leaders taking new entrants led by prominent Muslim leader, Tahir Ali Shah into party fold at Jammu on Sunday**

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JAMMU, Sept 10: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, today commended India's hosting of the G20 Summit, a global forum of major economies. The prestigious event signifies India's emergence as a key player in the international arena and a testament to the nation's commitment to global cooperation and diplomacy.

Speaking at the joining programme held here at party Headquarters today, Kavinder said the G20 Summit, under the presidency of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is a platform for world leaders to engage in substantive discussions and collaborate on critical issues that impact not only their respective nations but the entire world. It provides a unique opportunity to address pressing challenges such as economic slowdown, terrorism, and public health crises, among others, he added.

Kavinder Gupta acknowledged that the hosting of the G20 Summit in India is a momentous occasion, demonstrating the nation's dedication to the principles of unity, peace, and international cooperation. The summit has garnered appreciation from top world leaders, including US President, Joe Biden, French President, Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and Russian ministers, who have lauded Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's leadership and India's role

under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister, Modi, has made remarkable strides in various sectors and continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the global agenda. On the occasion Tahir Ali Shah, a prominent Muslim leader, along with hundreds of his supporters, joined the BJP in presence of Kavinder Gupta, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, president Minority Morcha, BJP, Jammu and Kashmir, Santokh Singh, general secretary; Harpal Bali; Jasmeet Kour; and Yashpal Singh.

Kavinder welcomed these youths into the party fold and anticipated that their joining will strengthen the party base at their respective places. Tahir Ali Shah on behalf of newly joined leaders assured that they will work tirelessly to bring in vibrancy and strengthen the party at grassroots level. He said he was inspired by the leadership of PM Modi, Home Minister, Amit Shah, BJP president, J P Nadda, UT president of party Ravinder Raina who selflessly are working for the welfare of people and prosperity of nation.

Nalwa said that it was due to personnel efforts of PM Modi that G-20 platform has now become G21 due to the inclusion of African union as a new member of influential group of G20. He assailed the opposition parties for politics of hate.

**DM Jammu sets concise deadlines for JJM works**

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JAMMU, Sept 10: District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a meeting to evaluate the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission works in the district today.

He received comprehensive updates on the status of the Jal Jeevan Mission. In a bid to expedite project commencement and completion, the District Magistrate set concise deadlines for the assigned tasks. The meeting saw participation of officials, including Superintendent Engineers and Executive Engineers from the Jal Shakti Department and the Irrigation & Flood Control Departments.

To ensure seamless execution and the removal of any potential impediments, the District Magistrate directed the

respective Sub-Divisional Magistrates to oversee the works within their respective territorial jurisdictions. They were specifically instructed to compile lists and mobilise necessary resources to streamline JJM initiatives. The SDMs were told to employ all available means within their capacity to guarantee adherence to predetermined timelines.

In addition to fostering cooperation among all stakeholders, the District Magistrate emphasised the need for maintaining work quality while expediting project execution. As per his directives, weekly progress reports are to be submitted to ensure transparency and accountability.

Acknowledging the importance of community engagement, District Magistrate Vaishya urged officials to address the genuine concerns of local residents during the course of project implementation.

The meeting's attendees also included the Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, District Forest Officer besides other officers.

**Fire, Emergency Services impart training to 700 jawans**

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JAMMU, Sept 10: Alok (ADGP) Director Fire and Emergency Service inaugurated one day training programme on Fire Aid in collaboration with Secretary Health and Medical Education Department JK, Health Department teams in which training to 700 staff and jawans through the medical experts was imparted.

On the eve of World First Aid Day training workshops were organised at Srinagar and Jammu on Saturday at Fire & Emergency Services, Headquarters, Batmaloo Srinagar. Alok Kumar (ADGP) Director Fire and Emergency Services presided over and at Headquarters, Gandhinagar here, RK Raina DD Jammu supervised training programme with regard to first aid to them during fire fighting and rescue operations.

The similar function was also organised at Fire & Emergency Services, Headquarters, Gandhinagar Jammu which was presided over by R.K.Raina Deputy Director Fire & Emergency Services, Command Jammu with the assistance of Dr.Manju, Medical Officer Fire & Emergency Services Jammu.

The training programmes were attended by various officers of the Department which includes administrative Officer, Accounts Officer, and by all Command officers of J&K.

The medical teams deployed by Health Department both at Srinagar and Jammu imparted

**Advisor Bhatnagar visits Kokernag, inspects Fish Farming project**

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ANANTNAG, Sept 10: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today visited Fish Farming project Kokernag and took stock of its functioning.

Director Fisheries J&K, Mohammad Farooq Dar; Chief Project Officer, Ghulam Mohi-U-Din Wani and other officers and officials of the department accompanied the Advisor. During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar inspected various divisions of the farm and took stock position of trout seed, feed and brood stock at the farm.

Interacting with the officers on the occasion, the Advisor stressed on creating more employment avenues for youth in fisheries sector through intervention of latest technology in fish farming. He also called for post-harvest management to reduce losses.

Advisor Bhatnagar further remarked that the fish farming has been a vital component of the Government's initiatives to stimulate economic growth and create employment opportunities for aspiring youth across Jammu and Kashmir. He also encouraged the management of project to explore innovative technologies and practices of fish farming that could enhance productivity and profitability.

The Advisor also emphasized on the importance of sustainable and environmentally responsible fish farming practices. He stressed on the need for maintaining the ecological balance of the region while increasing fish production to meet growing consumer demands.

During the visit, Director Fisheries informed the Advisor that this project is the largest trout farm in Asia. He apprised the Advisor about various operations and functioning of the farm.

The Director informed that the trout seed production has increased by 36% to 14.05 lakhs fingerlings against the production of 10.32 lakhs recorded during the previous year. He briefed the Advisor that the quality trout seed is being supplied to both government and private sector units across the UT of J&K and also to other States and UTs like Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh.

The Advisor was also informed that upgradation and modernization of Kokernag project has been taken up by way of upgrading of hatchery units to two/three tier systems, strengthening of raceways and construction of a new trout feed mill at a cost of 2.50 crores. Moreover, it was also informed that to mitigate the inbreeding depression of brood stocks, the department is importing 60 lacs eyed ova of fast growing and improved strain of rainbow trout from Denmark which will enhance the production level at the farm through better survival and growth.

Terming the event as 'positive' and the information provided by the experts as beneficial, the LG commended the organizers, especially the scientists from SAC ISRO, for disseminating information on initiatives being taken by the Government of India along with the scope for students and youth in space applications as a career. Stating that the Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition is a big event, the LG highlighted the importance of the youth coming forward to contribute to the overall development of India.



**LG Ladakh Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra, Chairman LAHDC Leh Tashi Gyalson and other dignitaries during launch of Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition at Leh.**

**100 underprivileged brides tie knot in Srinagar**

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SRINAGAR, Sept 10: In a heartwarming display of compassion and generosity, the Al-Noor Welfare Society, a local Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), orchestrated a mass marriage event today, uniting nearly 100 brides from underprivileged backgrounds, many of whom were orphans.

The organizers of the event stated that they have been doing this since 2012, ensuring that people with different needs receive help and necessary assistance with special focus on the marriage of underprivileged women. "Initially, we used to get a few brides married off; we would bear the expenses and ensure that they lived happily with their families without feeling any financial burden. But now, the number has increased, and today we are marrying off 100 brides in one go," said Shabir Ahmad, who heads the NGO.

He mentioned that financially sound individuals in Kashmir are providing the donations to the NGO necessary to organize such events and cover the

expenses of the marriages for young brides and their families in need. "Most of these brides are orphans, and their financial condition is quite dire. However, blessed individuals come forward and donate generously, allowing us to continue our work. It is the people's money that is being utilized for the welfare and well-being of a section of society that lacks the means," he added.

It is worth noting that among the 100 brides, one belonged to a different religion, highlighting the inclusive impact of such welfare efforts. "We do not discriminate on any basis; those in need will receive all the necessary help, regardless of their origin or religious affiliation," emphasized the organizers.

"There are many women like me whose families cannot afford anything. Amidst such circumstances, receiving such great help from people we don't even know is not only compelling but also deeply relieving. We hope that more initiatives like this are undertaken to ensure that those in dire need receive assistance," remarked one of the brides from North Kashmir.

The aim of the Yatra is to raise voice for uniform grades for Teachers throughout the country. The Central leaders, including Dr Ram Chander Dabas, Sr Vice President AIPTF; Vinod Thakran, Working President AIPTF; Subash Chander, General Secretary Punjab Govt Primary Teachers Association and Deepak Pant, Secretary Delhi State AIPTF, were leading the Yatra from Punjab and were welcomed by Ganesh Khajuria.

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**LG inaugurates Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition**

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LEH, Sept 10: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retired) inaugurated the five-day-long Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition, jointly organized by LAHDC Leh, University of Ladakh and Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO, at Lamdon Model Senior Secondary School.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson, shared the experience of his visit to SAC ISRO in Ahmedabad and the hard work

and dedication put in by the scientists for the success of the space missions. Director, SAC-ISRO, Nilesh M Desai informed about the exhibition held in different cities across the country, including Kargil. He informed about SAC-ISRO's plan to come up with different initiatives in Ladakh and various exposure tours/internships to be organized for students from Ladakh at SAC-ISRO at Ahmedabad.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson; Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angechuk; Executive Councilors- Tashi Namgyal Yazkee, Ghulam Mehdi and Stanzin Choshpel; Upper and Lower Leh Councilors; Secretary, Amit Sharma; Deputy Commissioner Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh, Prof SK Mehta; Director, DIHAR, Dr OP Chaurasia; Director, SAC-ISRO, Nilesh Desai; Scientist, SAC-ISRO, Mehul Pandya; Principal, Lamdon School, Stanzin Dawa; officials/scientists from SAC-ISRO, district officials and students were present in the event.

Thereafter, a number of meetings were organized Lakanpur, Vijaypur, Marh and Katra. The main convention was organised in the auditorium of Teacher Bhawan Gandhi Nagar, Jammu which was attended by hundreds of Teachers, Masters, Lecturers, Headmasters and the senior leadership of the Forum from Kashmir Valley and Chenab Valley of Jammu Kashmir Union Territory.

In all the Districts, the District presidents of concerned Districts along with District bodies, Zonal Presidents and prominent members of the JKTF cadres remained present during the programmes.

Those who accompanied the Chairman during Rath Yatra, included S Surat Singh Toofani, Darshan Sharma, Gopal Singh, J A Agah, Raj Singh, Rajinder Gupta, Kuldeep Singh, Kuldeep Verma, Gautam Singh, P D Singh, Subash Sharma, Rajeshwar Singh, Bharat Bushan Sharma, Jugal Dubey, Narinder Singh Chib, Kanchan Menia, Saiqa Akhter, Rupinder Kour, Pawan Sharma, Rashpal Singh, Gurman Singh, Kuldeep Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma, Dharminder Singh and others.

**JKTF organizes events for Rath Yatra for restoration of Old Pension Scheme**

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JAMMU, Sept 10: Under the leadership of Chairman Ganesh Khajuria along with all the top Central leadership, Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) organised various programmes in different Districts of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in support to the three-day 'Rath Yatra'.

The 'Rath Yatra' is being organised by All India Primary Teachers Federation to aware all the employees of the country who are covered under NPS after 2002 at Centre and 2010 in J&K, the difference between the two schemes and for the restoration of Old Pension Scheme.

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**CEO IWMP Bharat Bhushan inspecting Swachh Bharat Mission works in a border area.**

**CEO IWMP inspects SBM works in 4 districts**

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JAMMU, Sept 10: The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Integrated Watershed Management Programme, J&K, Dr. Bharat Bhushan undertook an extensive five days visit in districts Samba, Kathua, Bandipora and Baramulla and inspected Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) works in these districts.

This exercise is part of the innovative mechanism introduced by the Commissioner/ Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Mandep Kaur wherein all the heads of the Departments of Rural Development has been tasked to visit the blocks of allotted districts and inspect the works executed in the districts under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

The Chief Executive Officer, IWMP visited Chak Salarian and Abtal Panchayats falling near Indo-Pak Border in Ramgarh block and Palli and Patli Panchayats of block Bari Brahmana of Samba district. He also paid obeisance at the famous Shrine of Baba Chamblyal near the border.

Accompanied by Assistant Commissioner, Development Samba, Sidharth Dhiman, BDO, Ramgarh, Mukesh Sharma, BDO Bari Brahmana, Diksha Raina, he inspected various rural sanitation works.

In Kathua district, Panchayat Airwan and Taraf Bala of Block Nagri-Parole and Panchayat Katli and Dhalli of Dinga Amb block were visited to see works.

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KISHTWAR, Sept 10: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), today urged the party cadre especially the workers and activists to gear up for the upcoming polls and said that victory of the National Conference is the only solution of all the problems of the people.

Addressing a day long convention of party works Rattan Lal Gupta said that the Government is making tall claims about its so called achievements especially that of equitable development, but the situation on ground speaks contrary. "The people are fed up with the BJP's anti people governance as they are struggling amid miseries thrust upon them by the saffron party's proxy administration in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory," he said and added that remote areas of district Kishtwar have been completely ignored by the incumbent dispensation, not to talk of its remote areas where the conditions are worst with suffering people having none to listen to their woes. The

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