

## Modi Govt needs no advice from Farooq over talks with Pak: Kavinder

**Expresses grief over martyrdom of soldiers in Poonch encounter**

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Sunday slammed Dr Farooq Abdullah for advocating dialogue with Pakistan.

In a statement issued here, the BJP stalwart leader said that the government should find out the ulterior motives behind NC Patron's love for Pakistan because otherwise there is no point in starting talks with a country which is pushing in terrorists and arms and ammunition towards this side to dent the interests of the country. He said that NC leader seems to be more interested in satiating the aspirations of Pakistani leadership than thinking about the pain and agony of those who are victims of rogue nation's state policy of abetting terrorism in India. He said that the BJP



Government led by PM Narendra Modi knows well how to deal with rogue nation Pakistan and needs no advice from Farooq or anybody else.

Meanwhile, Kavinder expressed extreme sorrow and grief over the martyrdom of nine soldiers in the ongoing encounter in Poonch District's Mendhar. He said that the nation will never forget the supreme sacrifice of the soldiers who laid their life for the

well being of the country-men. He expressed hope that sooner than later all the terror mongers holed up in the forest area will be shown the doors of the next world and the security forces will come up victorious like in many other cases before. He said that no saner mind can bat for talks with a country which is after the lives of people of the country including soldiers. He urged the government to take a harder stance in the whole gamut and teach Pakistan and its stooges a lesson of life so that no one from that side could dare to enter the borders of the country.

Kavinder also urged the government to find out the secret of Dr Farooq's affinity towards the rogue nation as no other entity in the country is showing such a kinship which the NC leader has been showing since the government under PM Narendra Modi has decided to end talks with the country's western neighbour.

## People keenly listened to 'Awaam ki Awaaz' Program in Budgam



**TT CORRESPONDENT BUDGAM, OCT. 17:** The 7th Episode of 'Awaam ki Awaaz' Program witnessed huge participation with people listening to it keenly across Budgam district today. The public hailed the efforts of the U.T administration in reaching out to the people through innovative ideas including radio and social media. Awaam Ki Awaaz is the novel initiative of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir which aims at disseminating the progressive steps taken by the administration and seeks public feedback to make the process interactive, participative and people centric. The platform appreciates the heterogeneity of our Union Territory in the truest sense by providing a voice to people's ambitions and crafting a strategy to draft policies that are reflective of people's aspirations and making the governance paradigm interactional. Awaam Ki Awaaz gives voice to the weak, strength to the diseased, space to the marginalized and a vision to the administration that is symbolic of the collective aspirations of the masses. By placing the citizenry at the center of the cycle of policy making, the ideas from the ground that are destined to spring in the corridors of Policy-Formulation are envisioned as the strongest outcomes of this initiative and this 21st century model of governance, built on seeking grass-root level feedbacks is set to emerge as a true tribute to the Gandhian principles of administration.

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## "The Saga of JUMLA" : AAP

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** The story of JUMLA came to prominence immediately after 2014, when the word was illustrated by present Home Minister Amit Shah, Government of India while commenting on commitment made by Prime Minister Narinder Modi in reference to the black money under circulation or being held by some elite or corporate Houses in India. Some people are still waiting that Rs 15 lacs shall be credited to their accounts in token of raids on black money in the country. This was stated by official press note of AAP, issued here adding that various noted economists in the country have so far not been able to understand as to how black money can be minimized, contained or eradicated through the exercise of demonetization by banning Rs 1000 note & replacing it by 2000 rupee note, which was again termed as JUMLA. As regards another JUMLA of de-limitation of Assembly or Parliamentary constituencies, the AAP release said that Art. 82 of Indian Constitution clearly provides for delimitation of constituencies after every census, but who cares for constitutional provisions here as the last delimitation commission was constituted in J&K in 1995 under the chairmanship of Justice K.K. Gupta, the release asked. Referring to some spent forces who are crying hoarse from the roof tops regarding cause of Jammuites, the release asked as to why De-

limitation Commission on the basis of 2011 census figures instead of 2021 as clearly provided by constitution of India as also Peoples Representation Act of India, when total electorates of Jammu Division are 53,78,534 as compared to 68,88,475 electorates of Kashmir valley as per 2011 census? We feel strongly that this has the implied consent of leaders who vociferously show their pains for Jammu cause, the release maintained and termed it another JUMLA. And now speculations are rife, about Jammu becoming an independent state "Dugar Desh state" with Pathankot District of PUNJAB included in it, the release further wondered and described it as another JUMLA to divert the attention of poor public from the real issues of mis-governance, price rise in respect of sand, Bajri, stones, Edible oils, LPG, Petrol, Diesel, transport charges, fertilizers, electricity, water connections etc, the release said.

The release further cautioned the general public not to fall in their trap because they are the creators of present messy & bloody atmosphere in the J&K and now with the revolutionary emergence of AAP in J&K, they are desperate and baffled to divert the attention of common man by putting "old wine in new bottles". All these conventional Political Parties are the chips of the same block. They must be & need be recognized in what guise they appear, the release forewarned.

## Tributes paid to Veteran Leader Chowdhary Lal-Mohammad Sabir in Mendhar

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** On the occasion of 7th death anniversary of former minister and veteran gujjar leader Late Chowdhary Lal Mohammad Sabir, a programme was organized in his native hometown village sagra dabraj in mendhar on saturday.

On the occasion, Large number of locals of the mendhar were present there. While speaking Islamic Scholars threw light on the Life of the veteran leader chowdhary Lal Mohammad Sabir.

They said that Lal-Mohammad Sabir was a sober and most famous personality of his time, who served the people irrespective of caste, creed and religions. During the programme, a khatam followed by Fatiha khaani-dua was also held.

Pertent to mention Here

## Yasir Ch. demands resumption of construction work on Katli-Doman Road via Deri Gala

**TT CORRESPONDENT KATHUA, OCT. 17:** Apni Party's District President Kandi (Bani - Basohli) Choudhary Yasir today demanded resumption of construction work on Katli to Doman Road via Deri Gala.

In a statement to the press, he said that the road construction work has been stopped midway even as the tendering process has been completed. "The road i.e., Katli to Doman via Deri Gala is one of the shortest roads which will help thousands of souls to complete the journey even towards Jammu or Kathua in a minimum time," he said.

He said that the road construction should be re-started

and it should be completed at the earliest.

He said that the people are facing hardships as they have to travel over 150 kms from Bani to reach Kathua which is really an unfortunate situation for the poor villagers.

"It consumes their money as well as precious time. If the road is constructed timely, it would save both," he said. Meanwhile, he appealed to the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, and Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha for their personal intervention in the issue so that the work can be restarted for better connectivity of rural population.

## AJKPC holds strong protest against civilian killings in Kashmir

## GoI should launch a surgical strike against terror groups inimical to peace, normalcy: Sharma

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** All Jammu and Kashmir Conference (AJKPC), a frontline registered organisation of elected PRI members, on Sunday staged a strong protest against the killings of minority community members in Kashmir Valley and urged the BJP-led NDA government to take stern action against the culprits of heinous crime.

Led by Anil Sharma, UT president of AJKPC, scores of Sarpanches and Panches gathered outside the headquarters of the organisation here at Circular road and staged a noisy demonstration against the selective killings of civilians. They demanded that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi should seriously look into the issue and direct authorities concerned for immediate stringent measures to ensure that killings of innocent people are stopped.



The protestors also raised slogans against the Pakistan and said that the neighbouring country had been fomenting trouble in Jammu and Kashmir by creating fear psychosis among the minorities living in Kashmir Valley through proxy war. "It is unfortunate that terror groups sponsored by Pakistan have waged a war against India and have been targeting minority communities by killing innocent

civilians. We appeal the Central government that it is the high time to launch a decisive fight against the forces inimical to peace. The killers of innocent civilians should be punished without any mercy," Anil Sharma said while addressing the protestors here.

The AJKPC leader said that India is capable of conducting another surgical strike to demolish the terror groups which are active

## Apni Youth Wing organises District Rural Youth meet in Domana

## Raqeeq Ahmed criticizes UT administration for repressive policies against social movements

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** Apni Party's Youth Wing on Sunday commenced District Rural Youth meeting at Machine Domana to strengthen the Party's political activity at the grassroots.

The meeting was organised by Partap Singh Jamwal under the leadership of State Vice President, YAP Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, Rural District President JKAP Pushp Kumar Uppal, Provincial Organizer Secretary Shanker Singh Chib, and Provincial President Apni Student Union, Anuj Manhas.

Addressing the gathering, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan condemned the repressive policies of the UT administration against social movements.

He said that the employment crisis in the erstwhile State is growing day by day.

"J&K is home to the total unemployed youth in the country. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, a large number of people lost



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their jobs," he said.

He further said that "It is a fundamental right of youths of the country that they question the democratically elected government about employment.

Meanwhile, Pushp Kumar Uppal said that to hide the data on unemployment, the labour ministry discontinued its employment survey, and now the government is clueless about the joblessness in the country."

Shanker Singh Chib expressed apprehension that the BJP could create a rift between Hindus and Muslims to dilute the movement against unemployment. Therefore, he asked the youths not to indulge in any communal or casteism issues, and keep employment and education as their priority. While speaking at the gathering, Partap Singh

Jamwal criticized the attempt by the authorities to mislead people with regard to good days instead of addressing the suffering of the general masses.

"The bureaucracy is responsible for alienation and hopelessness among people which has kept the general masses away from governance," he said.

Provincial President Apni Student Union, Anuj Manhas highlighted the issues of students whereas Bhanu Partap Singh Gorla also addressed the gathering.

Prominent youth leaders also joined on the occasion and they include Vikas Singh Chib, Sawarn Singh, Vrinder Kumar, Shemsher Singh, Bunty Kumar, Sukhdev Kumar Sharma, Raman Kumar, Ram Sawarn, Pankaj Sharma etc.

## Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: DLSA organizes painting competition in Bandipora



**TT CORRESPONDENT BANDIPORA, OCT. 17:** District Legal Service Authority Bandipora on Saturday organized a painting competition at Govt Middle School branch Bandipora as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Secretary DLSA Fariqa Nazir said the programme was organized in collaboration with Zonal Education office Bandipora under the guidance and Chairmanship of Principal District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Ibrahim Wani. She said the theme of the competition was "Freedom Movement".

She said the competition was earlier conducted at

Zonal level out of which 30 participants were finalized for today's competition. The winners would be given away prizes during the closing ceremony.

Another Door to Door programme was conducted by District Legal Services Authority Bandipora, Tehsil legal services committee Bandipora and Tehsil Legal Services Committee Sumbal at weaker sections of the society of District Bandipora villages including Pazalpura Mantrigam, Ajas Bandipora and Trigam Sumbal Sonawari, spread awareness regarding NALSA Schemes, Legal Services Schemes and other Govt. Welfare Schemes.

## Unemployment, inflation all time high under BJP's misgovernment: Tony



**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** DDC Member Suchetgarh Taranjit Singh Tony on Sunday asserted that BJP's misgovernment has broken all records of unemployment and inflation in the country as well as UT of J&K region.

Addressing public meetings here at villages Pindi, Nowabad and Chakroi in Suchetgarh Constituency, he said that misgovernment by the Modi government has lead to deep crisis as far as joblessness and price rise of essential commodities including fuel are concerned. A large number of people in the areas falling in Suchetgarh Constituency after getting impressed by the working style and public welfare policies adopted by T.S Tony embraced his ideology and pledged to work under his leadership.

The DDC member said that directionless BJP government has made J&K its research laboratory and that is the reason every day the indifferent leadership of the

party is experimenting extensively giving two hoots to the hardships and agony faced by the people. He said that uncontrolled unemployment and sky-rocketing inflation has lead to perilous situation in the UT and the days are not far when under Modi government the people will die of hunger and starvation. "The rhetoric of BJP leadership about colossal development in J&K is limited only upto newspapers and electronic media as ground reality is exactly opposite", he said adding that BJP government should on ground and assess the reality in real terms. He said that there is dire need that government should take up some revolutionary steps to contain unemployment and inflation or else people will teach BJP a befitting lesson.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanchs Sarfo Devi, Sham Lal Bhagat, Tilak Raj Bhagat and Shashi Bhagat appealed to the SC and Backward Classes community to refrain from giving

votes to BJP as its policies are anti-SC and BC and also against the general masses.

Tony demanded that Panchayat funds should be regulated as most of the plans are yet to see the light of the day. He said that on papers, J&K has become the best place on the globe but in reality development and progress are missing terms from the dictionaries of the common man.

Later, Tony led a rally in favour of farmers protesting across the country against the new farm laws. Addressing the rally, Tony asked the government to come out with practicable and lucrative policies to attract investments in the country to effectively tackle the joblessness. He said that in J&K the need of the time is to increase subsidy in the farming sector so that more and more people remain associated with farming sector or else the pool of unemployed will see addition of former farmers who will be forced to leave their occupation as the farming is becoming unfeasible due to end to subsidies by the BJP government. The meetings were held by Yashpal and Bishan Kumar Basha.

Rashpal Singh, Darshan Choudhary Naib Sarpanch, Darshan Devi, Vicky Choudhary, Ghar Singh, Parveen Choudhary, Krishan Choudhary and Capt Khair Singh Chib were also present.

## ADDC Kupwara visits Jumagund to take stock of winter preparedness

## Reviews progress of various departments in the area

**TT CORRESPONDENT KUPWARA, OCT. 17:** On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan Saturday visited border area Jumagund of Kupwara district to take stock of winter preparedness by various departments and hear the problems of the people in the far flung area.

During the visit, the ADDC convened a public darbar at Jumagund in which officers, PRIs and senior citizens, besides, people in large numbers participated.

On the occasion, local PRIs and senior citizens apprised the chair about various developmental issues facing the population of the area. The ADDC heard their issues patiently and passed on spot directions to the concerned officers for redressal of the issues raised. Later, the ADDC convened a separate meeting of officers and took a detailed review of progress of various departments in the area. The departments reviewed include PDD, Health, Education, RDD, PMGSY, Food, Agriculture, Horticulture, ICDS, Animal and Sheep Husbandry.



The ADDC stressed upon the officers to work with added dedication and ensure all necessary amenities are provided to the people of the far flung area of Jumagund which remains cut off for most of the months from the rest of the district.

Reviewing the Food supplies, the ADDC was informed that 1150 quintal rice is presently dumped in the area to feed the local people during the winter months.

The ADDC directed the concerned officer to dump an additional supply of Aatta and sugar before the onset of winter in the area.

Regarding snow clearance, the ADDC directed the Executive Engineer PMGSY to ensure availability of men and machinery for timely snow clearance in

the area during upcoming winter season so that the people of Jumagund shall not face any inconvenience.

The ADDC also directed the concerned BMO to station a doctor in the local sub centre on a regular basis during the winter period so that people are provided with essential medical aid locally.

Reviewing the power sector, the ADDC directed the concerned engineer to speed up the repair of damaged conductors in the area to ensure restoration of power supply as early as possible.

Among others, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Tehsildar Trehgam, BDO Qadriabad, BMO, Executive Engineer PMGSY, AEE KPDCI Trehgam and other concerned attended the meeting.

## BJYM Spokesperson Urges Administration To Wake Up From Slumber To Check Increasing Dengue Cases

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, OCT. 17:** Chetan Wanchoo, Bharatiya Jana Yuva Morcha (BJYM) spokesperson while raising serious concern over rising number of Dengue cases in Jammu and Kashmir has urged the administration to take effective measures to check further spread of the disease.

In a statement issued to

media here today, Chetan Wanchoo castigated the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) authorities for not playing the due role in maintaining the optimum sanitation conditions that are necessary for prevention and elimination of this disease. He accused the JMC of failure to carry out regular fogging drives in all the wards of Jammu city

adding that this clearly indicates the callous and negligence on the part of Corporation authorities besides their non seriousness to deal with this deadly disease. The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) spokesperson said that if this is the condition in urban areas one can very well imagine the sordid state of affairs on this account in rural

areas where fogging drives have not been conducted at all. Asserting that the things could take a serious turn if immediate measures are not initiated to check and eliminate the spread of this deadly virus, he urged the Union Territory Administration to wake up from deep slumber and take necessary steps to save people from this

deadly disease.

Chetan Wanchoo also impressed upon the authorities to establish a 24x7 helpline in this regard making the people aware about dos and don'ts pertaining to this disease besides the necessary precautions to be observed by them in preventing the breeding of mosquitoes from where the disease emanates.