

## "Modi's Gaurantee"-a stolen JUMLA- AAP



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: The Sr. AAP leaders, S/Sh. Ram Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Romesh Lal Bhagat & Omprakash Sharma, in a joint statement issued here have expressed great wonder and astonishment as to how some prominent leaders of ruling dispensation, used to call as "MUFT KI REWARI" the welfare steps of Arvind Kejriwal for Delhi people and later on for PUNJAB people, are now openly promising & doling out subsidized LPG cylinder, electricity & water, "Muft Ka Rashan" for 5 years, from January, 2024, etc forgetting that same leaders criticized Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal for free electricity, world class health care for all, free bus fare for women, world class education for all, 4-DHAM free YATRA for Senior citizens etc etc.

The AAP leaders further said that shame on those who once criticized Kejriwal are now following his foot prints clearly establishing that Delhi Model of Governance, is most beneficial for the welfare of general masses and that of BJP promises LPG cylinders @ Rs 500 to the people in poll bound states, why don't they implement the same in 10 other states they rule in the country the AAP leaders asked, otherwise it can safely be presumed that it is another JUMLA they are accustomed of throwing very now & then just to befool the masses particularly at the occasion of general elections, the AAP leaders maintained. They further said that people of the country are now fed up with the false promises & JUMLAS of ruling Party leaders especially Prime Minister & also asked about the Modi's MSP guarantee on all crops? & that countryman has virtually decided to teach them a lesson in times to come. The country is being dragged towards unitary type of government & that is why all other leaders of BJP are missing in the print & electronic media and only one face is being given prominence under a calculated plan which is harmful and dangerous for the democracy and unity & integrity of the country, the AAP leaders cautioned. The AAP leaders further questioned that all the promises made to the countrymen by Modi or his government have turned futile & that nobody is ready to trust his so called guarantees, now called "JUMLAS", as Mr. Modi thumping his 56 inch, in a public meeting in BHOPAL had openly accused Ajit Pawar of Maharashtra of engulfing 70,000 crores and strangely he made him Dy. Chief Minister the other day; the AAP leaders wondered & asked about Modi Ji's MSP Guarantee? Where as it is Mr. Kejriwal who founded the culture of public guarantees in Delhi as also Punjab & has proved as synonyms before the masses and that is why there is no taker of Modi washing Powder in Delhi UT, MCD or Punjab, they claimed.

They further said that the slashing of LPG prices by Rs 200/= per cylinder as a gift to women folk on the eve of RAKSHAS BANDHAN since 2014, the AAP leaders, termed it as fear of huge public resentment and describe it as another trick to hoodwink common countrymen to fall in the trap of Bhartya Jhoo Party (BJP). They further said that entire countrymen are now awakened & know about the JUMLAS of ruling dispensation, as per renowned economists, the increase in the prices of LPG from Rs. 410/= per cylinder in 2014 to Rs. 1150/= in 2023, has added Rs.8,35,000 crores and now sensing the mood of common masses rebate of Rs.200/= per cylinder is nothing short of a joke but direct attempt to befool the masses and cautioned the public not to fall into this trap & forecast that more such "Drama Baazi" shall be seen in new next few days in view of Lok Sabha elections in the country. The AAP leaders further said that as against 8,35,000 crores collected on account of increase in the prices of LPG they have already declared as loan of Rs. 12,00,000 crores as NPA advanced to their Industrialist friends, they maintained, not to talk of granting MSP to farmers or granting 2 crore jobs to unemployed & highly educated youths per year since 2014 or decreasing GST on Atta, rice, milk, curd, edible oil etc etc maintaining that their countdown has already begun since back in HP, Karnataka, Delhi, Punjab & MCD elections, the AAP leaders lambasted. They further said that usual drama & JUMLA BAAZI of distributing of 71,000 & 75,000 appointment letters by PM, so far, at a time of Lok Sabha elections, will certainly catch no straw they claimed & said that farmers, women folk & un-employed Educated youths cannot be befooled any more now.

## GDC Billawar Organized Awareness Camp on Acid Attack Survivors

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Government Degree College Billawar organized awareness camp on Acid Attack Survivors on 12th February, 2024 under the mentorship of Dr. Alka Sharma, Principal GDC Billawar. Woman Study Center and IQAC, GDC

Billawar in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Services Committee Billawar organized this program.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Dr. Manu Sharma, Head, Department of English and member Woman Study Center (WSC), GDC Billawar.

## DPS Kathua Class IX Organizes Inaugural Blessing Party for Class X Students



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: DPS Kathua witnessed a historic moment as Class IX students organized the first-ever Blessing Party for their seniors, the Class X students. This heart warming initiative showcased the spirit of unity and support within the school community, marking a significant milestone in the school's history.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the diya, symbolizing the auspicious beginning of the day. The talented girl band of Class IX enthralled the audience with soulful melodies,

setting the perfect ambiance for the occasion. The energy soared as the girls presented a lively Bollywood mashup dance performance, followed by an electrifying bhanga performance by the boys, showcasing the vibrant cultural diversity of DPS Kathua.

Vivek Arora, the esteemed Principal of DPS Kathua, graced the event with his presence and addressed the gathering. He extended his heartfelt blessings to the Class X students as they prepare for their upcoming board examinations. Emphasizing the importance

## Prominent political, social personalities join BJP in Jammu, Katra

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Prominent political and social activists joined BJP in two separate events at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and one event at Katra.

Satish Shastri State Secretary J&K Congress, along with more than 150 supporters joined BJP at the party headquarters.

Nakul Mattoo Former Corporator Srinagar, Waqar Chaudhary, through Abhinav Anand along with 200 Supporters joined on the occasion. Hundreds joined BJP in presence of BJP district President Rohit Dubey in Katra.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, accompanied by convenor BJP joining committee Balwant Singh Mankotia, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, Neha Mahajan and other party leaders welcomed the new entrants in separate events.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, welcoming the new entrants in the party fold, said that the people have made up their minds to support and vote for BJP to re-elect Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister of India in 2024. He said that to strengthen the ongoing public welfare policies of Modi government in its 3rd term, people in large numbers are daily joining the



party, so that PM Modi could lead the government more decisively for the public welfare works and to ensure the unprecedented development of India. He said that the party believes that the new entrants will work for the public welfare keeping the party ethics in mind.

Balwant Singh Mankotia, speaking on the occasion, said that the prominent faces belonging to different political and social organizations are themselves approaching the party leaders to join hand with the BJP party, which always strives to work for the betterment of nation and society. Satish Shastri thanked the party stalwarts for according the warm welcome into the party fold and said that he has returned to his home now. He said that he will do everything to propagate the policies and achievements of Modi government which has worked a lot for the upliftment poor and downtrodden.

Nakul Mattoo lauded the

efforts of BJP in addressing the genuine needs of poor and the oppressed. He said that he will leave no stone unturned in carrying out the public welfare and development works initiated by the BJP.

Others who joined BJP along with Satish Shastri, Congress State Secretary include Satpaul Hindu, Bharat Raksha Manch vice president, Raj Kumar Nischal, Tripta Devi, Anil Sharma, Jyoti Devi, Rajesh Gupta, Sarang Sharma, Ankush Shastri, Vijay Shastri, Anju Devi, Geeta Verma, Chaaru Abrol, Ex councillor Ashish Abrol, Raj Kumar Verma vice president, Bishan Lal Sharma joint director information retired, Shefali Sharma, Sunita Sharma, Sudhir Singh, Sunil Sharma, OBC President Sham Lal, Kailash Rani, Deepak Kumar, Ram Lal Shama, Krishna Devi, Asha Rani, Kuldeep Sharma, Ex Sarpanch Ashish Singh, Ramesh Gupta.

## Substandard Bitumen being used for Blacktopping of roads in JKUT: Balvinder

Loss of State Exchequer to the tune of more than 700 crores, demands CBI Probe

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Renowned RTI activist S. Balvinder Singh has raised alarming concerns about the usage of substandard bitumen in road construction projects across Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT). Singh highlighted that the disregard for quality control measures has led to significant financial losses, estimated to exceed 700 crores for the state exchequer.

Singh emphasized the issuance of a comprehensive quality control manual titled "Execution and Quality Control and DLP Enforcement manual dated 03.02.2022" by the then Principal Secretary works Sh. Shailendra Kumar. However, Singh lamented the lack of follow-up and enforcement of these guidelines by the Principal Secretary, resulting in widespread non-compliance by engineers and contracting agencies.

Key violations include the continued use of penetration grade bitumen, despite its ban according to manual guidelines. Singh pointed out that this inferior quality bitumen contributes to frequent deterioration of road surfaces, causing extensive damage and necessitating frequent repairs.

Balvinder further stated that it is very unfortunate that there is hardly any Hot Mix



Plant in having Capacity of 100-120 TPH & even the most of the HMP's (Drum type) are not of 60-90 TPH Capacity. But it has been observed that the allotments have been made to the Contractors for Drum Capacity of HMP 100-120 TPH. Which is another violation of the guidelines & huge loss to the Government exchequer. As per guideline in the manual Annexure-I, Para No: 2.11(C) Contractor must facilitate dedicated staff consisting of one qualified Engineer, Two Technical assistants for ensuring Quality Control at Plant and must have well-equipped laboratory for testing facility at HMP site. In absence of these Contractor must not be allowed to proceed with the dispatch of bituminous mixes. But it has been observed that most of Engineers/Hot Mix Plant holders (HMP) are violating the above mention guidelines.

Singh stated that after submitting an RTI request to the PWD(R&B) Department Jammu and lodging a complaint with Principal Secretary Sh. Shailendra Kumar, Div Com Jammu, and DC Jammu, the Chief Engineer PMGSY hastily issued a corrigendum. However, it only urged to interpret Bitumen S-90 as VG Bitumen, yet failed once again to specify the Viscosity Grades of Bitumen to be used in different regions under their jurisdiction, in accordance with climatic conditions as prescribed in IS:73-2013 Code.

Despite clear instructions in the manual for all contractors and engineers to use VG grade Bitumen with legible and indelible markings including the manufacturer's name, month and year of manufacture, type of material, grade, and batch number, it has come to light that contractors, under the direction of engineers, are still using

## Apni Party will end discrimination in J&K if it forms Govt: Bukhari

Demands railway line linkage up to Poonch, Uri, Karnah, Kralpora in Kupwara

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: The Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari Monday said that if his Party forms the next Govt they would end the discrimination in Jammu and Kashmir by ensuring equitable development, employment to the educated unemployed youth, revamp of educational and health care infrastructure across the erstwhile State.

Altaf Bukhari was addressing a public meeting here at Gole Gujral, Jammu. The largely attended meeting was organized by Party leader, Balbir Singh (Bawa).

In his address, Bukhari commended Bawa for organizing an impressive meeting and his work among the people to address their issues, especially in absence of an elected Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I see a wave of change in Jammu. People want to give a chance to a new political party because they feel misled by the traditional political parties in Jammu and Kashmir. The people of Jammu have also developed a feeling of disconnection with the BJP after 2014 last assembly elections in which the Jammu voted the BJP to power. However, the BJP failed to fulfill the promises which were made with the



people," he said while expressing his support to the people who were feeling alienated without an elected Govt.

While the country is witnessing assembly elections in various states, he said that "The assembly elections are not being held in Jammu and Kashmir for the last five years without citing any reason."

"The Panchayats and Municipalities have completed terms, but no elections were declared for these democratic institutions including the assembly elections in J&K," he said.

Expressing surprise over the unruly delay in holding elections in J&K, he apprehended that the BJP might be worried about anguish against them among the masses because they have failed completely.

He however appreciated the people for extending their support to the Apni Party, especially in Jammu. He asked the people to bring change in Jammu and Kashmir by supporting the Party candidates so that his Party can form an elected Govt and represent the people to resolve the issues. He also sought support of the people for the restoration of statehood. Appreciating the Govt of India for railway link up to Rajouri, the Party President demanded that the railway line should be extended up to Poonch and then the border district shall also be linked through the railway line with Uri for 12 months connectivity (all weather) that would help the local economy to grow and the security forces on the other hand.

He said that the railway line shall also be further extended from Kupwara to Karnah - Karalpora etc unconnected area to provide better connectivity through Indian Railways in the rural and unexplored populated areas in Kashmir Valley. Regarding the worsening infrastructure in Govt schools across Jammu and Kashmir, he said that: "We have 23000 Govt schools and well qualified teachers. Of these 23000 schools, many have no buildings or proper infrastructure and 70% lack toilets yet the people are advised to send their children to the Govt schools where improvement is needed." He questioned the previous Govts for their failure in upgrading and developing the school infrastructure whereas reports suggest shortage of subject specialist teachers in the schools. "Many schools have no electricity, no desks for students to sit on, and the students are compelled to sit on the floors in the classrooms," he said, and he also expressed concern over the shortage of doctors, staff, and technicians in the hospitals/Primary Health Centers across J&K.

Expressing dismay over increasing unemployment, he

raised a question mark on the objectionable / delayed / cancellation of recruitment process for various posts due to which the aspirants have become over aged and sparked various protests.

The projects have failed to complete on given deadlines like the Jammu-Srinagar Highway that has become a cause of problem for the transporters and commuters because of delay in its completion, he added.

He also expressed concern over the unaddressed issues of the transporters / drivers who face problems in Nagrota (Jammu), Udhampur, Qazigund (Kashmir) whenever they are stranded for days without drinking water, and toilets etc.

Meanwhile, he said that his Party would reduce losses of the electricity and save the public money even after providing free of cost 500 units and 300 units of electricity to each family in J&K during summer and winter seasons.

Instead of harassing the common people, he said that the power department should penalize the big industrialists and recover the revenue from them in place of harassing the residential power consumers. Expressing shock over the less amount of compensation to the border shelling victims, he said that the compensation amount should be enhanced from Rs 5 lakhs by the Govt, and he shall highlight the same before the authorities.

Regarding concerns of the people about Punjabi language, he said that the parents shall encourage their children for Punjabi teaching/learning and assured them that the Punjabi language shall be taught in the schools.

He however also insisted on teaching Hindi, Punjabi, Dogri and Kashmiri languages.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion include State General Secretary, Syed Asgar Ali, Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh, Media Advisor, Farooq Andrabi, Additional General Secretary, Arun Kumar Chibber, Provincial Vice President, Adv Nirmal Kotwal, State Secretary, Mohinder Singh Parihar, District President Jammu Rural-A, Pusp Dev Kumar Uppal, District President Jammu Rural-B, Harpreet Singh, SC State President Both Raj Bhagat, Provincial Secretary/Incharge Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta, State President, Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, Vice President Youth/Media Coordinator/Spokesperson, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, General Secretary Youth/Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President, Jammu Youth, Vipul Bali, Raj Kumar Sharma, Adil Wani, Vikram Rathore, Bhagat Ram.

## Sadhotra releases NSF's annual calendar



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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Former Minister and JKNC Additional General Secretary, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra today released the annual calendar taken out by National Secular Forum (NSF) in a simple but impressive ceremony organized at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here. Ajay Sadhotra was the chief guest whereas Former Minister and President JKNC Central Zone, Babu Rampaul presided over the occasion. Ankush Abrol, JKNC Provincial Joint Secretary; and Dr Vikas Sharma, JKNC Zonal Secretary were the guests of honour. Speaking on the occasion, Sadhotra lauded NSF for propagating the message of secularism. He emphasized on the need to spread the message of oneness among the different sections of the society. "India is home to cultural and religious diversity. Under such circumstances, it is highly imperative to keep secularism intact to strengthen the nation," he said. He exuded confidence that youth of the nation will thrive to strengthen the bond of amity and brotherhood among different communities. Babu Rampaul also lauded the efforts of NSF particularly promoting the cause of patriotism by remembering revolutionaries who fought with the British Empire and secured freedom for us. Earlier, NSF State Secretary, Vikshay Vashist welcomed all the esteemed guests and briefed about the special features of the calendar. He said that Jayanti of martyrs of Independence have been mentioned on each page so that the younger generation could also remember them. Mohd Omar Farooq NSF Jammu University President, Vineet Gupta Jammu University Chairman, Abhishek Uppal Jammu District Chairman, Roshan Sharma President Jammu District, Rahul Shah President Cluster University, Atul Sharma Senior Vice-President Jammu University, Gorav partap Singh, Roohullah Farooq, Mehtab, Suman, Baber sohil, Ashu, Faayez Iqbal and others were also present on the occasion.

## Demanding restoration of waiting lists in recruitments JJSF hold protest at GGM Science College Jammu

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JAMMU, FEB. 12: Activists of Jammu Joint Students Federation on Monday held a massive protest at GGM Science College Jammu demanding restoration of waiting list provision in recruitments. The protest was led by Keshav Malhotra District President JJSF. Scores of JJSF activists holding play cards in their hands gathered at the main gate of the college and raised slogans demanding justice and restoration of waiting lists.

Addressing the media Bharat Verma President GGM Science College Jammu said that the decision of abrogation of waiting list provision in recruitment rules is against the youth of jammu and kashmir. Due to paper leaks followed by cancellation of three mega recruitments of 2021-22 i.e JKPSI, Junior engineer, Finance Account Assistant various recruitment examinations were piled up. With some new advertisements in 2023 and old, results and final list for these examinations are being declared by JKSSB. There are many candidates who have been selected in multiple advertisements on



merit but they could join only one post and thus leave other posts vacant. Since there are many candidates who are on merit and they are also qualified in the exam. They should be given a fair chance for their appointment in respect of their merit.

Keshav Malhotra, Jammu District President of JJSF said that provision of waiting list in recruitments is not new but it was already there in recruitment rules of 2010. The government took an arbitrary decision to abrogate Sub-rule (7) of rule 14, the provision for the waiting list. Abandoning the waiting list undermines the principle of meritocracy. The government should reinstate the waiting list provision in recruitment rules to protect rights of legitimate candidates as soon as possible. He also added that the action of the government to suppress the voice of youth

using police in college today is unacceptable and provocative. We are exercising our freedom of expression guaranteed by the constitution of India as a fundamental right. We are concerned and so the government should be as it is related to the youths of jammu and kashmir. We urge Hon'ble LG to address the issue and restore waiting list provision in recruitment as provided by all states and union territories as well as government of India in recruitments.

Raghav Singh, President JJSF SPMR College of Commerce addressing the media, appealed to the administration to consider the genuine demand of youth at earliest.

They said JJSF is all prepared to lead a province level agitation for restoration of the waiting list if our demands are not addressed.