

BJP launches Samrasta mission for social harmony, vows to make Bharat 'Tirangamayi'

Shadow Correspondent Jammu, 25 July:

BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) addressed a district workshop in Akhnor under the 'Samrasata Sankalp Abhiyan', being organized to commemorate the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji. The workshop was attended by BJP J&K Vice President Bharat Bhushan, District Prabhari Vinay Gupta, District President Kuldeep Sharma, District President Jammu Adv. Rajesh Gupta, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, former MLA Rajiv Sharma and other senior leaders.

The event was held as part of the 'Samrasata Sankalp Abhiyan' organized to mark the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji, reaffirming the Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment to strengthening India's civilizational values and promoting social harmony.

Meanwhile, BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization)



Ashtok Koul chaired an organizational meeting at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to finalize preparations for the Samrasata Sankalp Abhiyan and the upcoming Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. BJP J&K Vice President Rashpal Verma, General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, MLA Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, Morcha Presidents Arun Prabhat, Dharminder Ku-

mar, and Adv. Neha Mahajan were also present in the meeting.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the party leaders, said that the saints of Bharat Bhoomi have enriched the nation's history and culture by giving timeless principles of humanity, equality, compassion and social justice, ensuring the welfare of every section of society.

He said that these ideals

remain the foundation of a strong and prosperous India.

Describing Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji as a great social reformer, Sat Sharma said that Guru Ravidas united society against prevailing social evils and spread the universal message of humanity, unity, equality and oneness. He asserted that BJP workers must carry this message to every village, ward and

household with enthusiasm, making the Samrasata Sankalp Abhiyan a mission to reconnect society with its cultural roots and strengthen social harmony.

Ashtok Koul, in his address, said that BJP's organizational strength lies in its continuous engagement with society and its unwavering commitment to India's cultural heritage.

He asked party leaders and workers to ensure that every programme reaches the grassroots through active public participation.

Koul also called upon the cadre to make the upcoming Har Ghar Tiranga campaign a grand success by organizing a series of activities before 15th August, making the entire nation "Tirangamayi." He said that every BJP worker must inspire citizens to proudly hoist the National Flag and reinforce the message that the nation and the Tricolour stand above everything else, reflecting the spirit of patriotism and national unity.

DC Kulgam chairs District Road Safety Committee meeting; finalizes Road Safety Plan



Shadow Correspondent KULGAM, JULY 25:

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee at the DC Office, Kulgam, to finalize the District Road Safety Plan and review measures aimed at improving road safety across the district.

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the urgent onboarding of District Hospital, Sub-District Hospitals

(SDHs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) on the e-DAR portal to ensure timely reporting and management of road accident cases.

The DC also stressed the effective implementation of the PM RAHAT scheme to facilitate prompt assistance to accident victims.

The DC issued strict directions to the concerned departments for the implementation of the norms and guidelines of the Supreme Court Committee on Road

Safety (SCCoRS) and the Road Safety Policy 2025.

He called for coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to strengthen road safety mechanisms in the district.

Highlighting the importance of engineering interventions, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Roads & Buildings (R&B), PMGSY and other executing agencies to identify and rectify accident-prone, black spots on all roads. He instructed the concerned departments to

JKEDI organizes Interactive Session for Women Entrepreneurs in Srinagar



Shadow Correspondent SRINAGAR, JULY 25:

Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), through its District Office Srinagar /CWE-K, today organized an interactive session for women entrepreneurs aimed at fostering innovation, strengthening entrepreneurial capabilities, and facilitating meaningful engagement with industry leaders.

The session was presided over by Shradha Sharma, CEO and Founder of Your Story and Bharat Project. The event was attended by Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI and other officials from

JKEDI. The interaction also witnessed the participation of distinguished faculty members from the Central University of Kashmir and the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, alongside aspiring and established women entrepreneurs from across the region.

Addressing the gathering, Sharma underscored the pivotal role of mentorship, networking, and strategic guidance in enabling women-led startups to scale and succeed. She emphasized the need for nurturing entrepreneurial talent through sustained support mechanisms and highlighted the growing ecosystem of funding oppor-

tunities available to innovative startups.

Encouraging women entrepreneurs to build scalable and impactful ventures, Sharma reiterated her commitment to supporting promising women-led enterprises with viable and market-ready products.

The session provided participants with valuable insights into startup growth strategies, access to funding, and the importance of building resilient business models.

It also offered an open platform for women entrepreneurs to share their experiences, discuss challenges, and seek expert guidance on strengthening their entrepreneurial journeys.

JKEDI continues to organize such capacity-building initiatives to promote innovation, encourage entrepreneurship among women, and strengthen the startup ecosystem across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

FDA conducts special Enforcement Drive on Milk & Milk Products across all districts of UT

Shadow Correspondent Srinagar, JULY 25:

The Food & Drugs Administration (FDA), J&K, conducted a focused UT-wide special enforcement drive on milk and milk products with a view to ensuring the quality and safety of milk being sold to consumers across Jammu & Kashmir.

During the drive, Food Safety teams conducted 213 inspections of retail milk vendors across various districts and lifted 170 enforcement samples of loose milk for testing of prescribed quality and safety parameters through NABL-accredited Food Testing Laboratories. The enforcement samples were lifted from different areas of Jammu, Samba, Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Udhampur, Kathua, Srinagar, Anantnag, Bandipora, Budgam, Ganderbal, Kupwara, Shopian, Kulgam and Pulwama. In addition, 10 samples of other high-risk food commodities were also lifted for quality and safety testing.

Milk and milk products, being highly perishable and widely consumed food commodities, have been accorded priority under the enforcement and surveillance activities of FDA. The special drive was undertaken to maintain regulatory oversight over the quality and safety of milk and milk products available in the market. Further, during the drive, three Food Business Operators (FBOs) were compounded under Section 69 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and a penalty of ₹5,000 was imposed for violations observed during enforcement activities. Five Improvement Notices were issued to Food Business Operators for rectification of deficiencies relating to sanitary and hygienic requirements noticed during inspections. The Food & Drugs Administration has reiterated that such focused enforcement and sampling drives shall continue across the Union Territory, particularly in respect of high-risk food commodities like Meat & Meat products, Sweets, Bakery products, and appropriate action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 shall be initiated against Food Business Operators found violating the prescribed food safety standards.

ICDS Bandipora organises "Kabaad Se Jugaad" TLM Competition for Anganwadi Workers

Shadow Correspondent Bandipora, 25 July:

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Nazir Ahmad Mir, and District Programme Officer ICDS Bandipora, Yaar Ali Khan, today presided over a Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Competition for Anganwadi Workers here under the "Kabaad Se Jugaad" initiative.

The main objective of the initiative was to promote creativity, resourcefulness and environmental awareness among Anganwadi Workers. Through the competition, workers were encouraged to prepare low-cost, innovative and child-friendly Teaching Learning Materials using discarded and waste materials. The "Kabaad Se Jugaad" initiative served a dual purpose. It enhanced the quality of preschool education through attractive and interactive learning aids, and promoted the message of cleanliness and environmental responsibility by converting waste into useful educational resources.

Anganwadi Workers from different centres

across Bandipora participated in the competition with great enthusiasm. Each worker prepared TLMs from materials that would otherwise be thrown away. The exhibits included alphabet and number charts made from old cardboard and chart papers, shape sorters and puzzles from waste plastic bottles and boxes, story-telling puppets from old socks and cloth, counting beads and abacus from bottle caps and wires, and environmental charts made from newspapers and magazines.

The TLMs were judged on the basis of creativity, usefulness, durability, safety for children and effective use of waste material.

The competition had a positive impact on both teaching and cleanliness. It enhanced the teaching skills of Anganwadi Workers and also spread the message of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." By turning kabaad into useful learning tools, the Anganwadis became more colourful and engaging for children. At the same time, the initiative helped in maintaining cleanliness in and around the centres.

Online Registration opens for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Admissions for Academic Session 2027-28

Shadow Correspondent BARAMULLA, JULY 25:

The online registration process for admission to Class VI in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) for the academic session 2027-28 has commenced.

Eligible students and their parents are advised to complete the registration process well before the last date to avoid any inconvenience.

Applications can be submitted online through the official websites www.navodaya.gov.in and <https://cbseitms.rcil.gov.in/nvs>.

The last date for submission of online applications is 31st July 2026.

Admission to Class VI will be conducted through the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST) 2027-28, which is scheduled to be held on 28th November 2026.

Students seeking admission must fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria, including the age requirement. Candidates born between 1st May 2015 and 31st July 2017 (both dates inclusive) are eligible to apply.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to submit their applications well in advance and ensure that all required information and documents are uploaded correctly to avoid last-minute issues. Eligible students are urged to make the most of this opportunity to secure admission to one of the country's premier residential school systems, renowned for providing quality education and holistic development.

DC Bandipora reviews Mission YUVA; DLIC approves 309 Cases



Shadow Correspondent BANDIPORA, JULY 25:

A review-cum-District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting under Mission YUVA was held in Bandipora under the chairpersonship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib.

During the meeting, the Assistant Director Employment, Dr. Amil Khateeb, briefed the chair on the status of various Mission YUVA

parameters in the district and the measures being undertaken to improve performance indicators.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the timely processing of cases, proper handholding of beneficiaries, and close coordination among all stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of Mission YUVA schemes.

A total of 309 cases were placed before the DLIC for

consideration. After thorough scrutiny and deliberations, 309 cases were approved.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments and banking institutions to work in close coordination to ensure the timely disbursement of sanctioned cases and facilitate aspiring entrepreneurs in establishing sustainable ventures.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Director Employment Bandipora, ARTO Bandipora, Cluster Head, J&K Bank, Functional Manager DIC Bandipora, District Nodal Officer NABARD Bandipora, Employment Officer Bandipora, District Programme Manager NRLM, Branch Managers of J&K Bank, SBDU Lead, and BHD Leads of Bandipora, Sumbal, and Gurez.

Sharika Foundation celebrated Mata Sharika Jayanti



Shadow Correspondent Jammu, 25 July:

The children and volunteers of Sharika Foundation celebrated Mata Sharika Jayanti with immense devotion and enthusiasm through a day-long spiritual celebration at Sharika Bhawan.

The sacred Puja was per-

formed according to the traditional Vedic Kashmiri Pandit Vidhi, followed by Pushp Archana Sahasrakar—the recitation of the one thousand holy names of Mata Sharika. Sharika Bhawan was beautifully adorned with flowers, and in the evening, a magnificent Deepmala illu-

minated the premises with hundreds of glowing diya, creating a truly divine and serene atmosphere.

Prasad was lovingly distributed among devotees, guests, and neighbouring families. The celebrations concluded with the distribution of scholarships to deserving children and ration kits to needy and single mothers of the community, reaffirming Sharika Foundation's commitment to service, compassion, and sharing joy.

Heartfelt appreciation to Shri Sanjay Dhar Ji, whose unwavering dedication, selfless service, and commitment to the Foundation continue to inspire the community. His efforts in preserving our traditions while serving those in need are truly commendable. May Mata Sharika bless him with strength and success in this noble mission.

Shadow Correspondent Jammu, 25 July:

Following the resignation by the Dharmendra Pradhan, Dr. Hari Dutt Shishu emphasized his sensitiveness towards the issue, who ensured the effective mechanism to curb the cult-prits, before submitting his resignation.

Dr. Shishu said that under Shri Pradhan's leadership as Union Education Minister, India witnessed historic reforms in education. "From the successful implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 to strengthening of IITs, IIMs, NITs, and promoting mother tongue-based learning, skill development and digital education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan gave a new direction and dignity to Indian education. His focus on making education accessible,

affordable and future-ready has empowered crores of students across the country," Dr. Shishu stated.

He further said that Shri Pradhan's tenure ensured that the youth of Jammu & Kashmir also benefited from central schemes, new institutions, and a curriculum aligned with national aspirations.

On the political front, Dr. Shishu said that Dharmendra Pradhan's action of taking moral responsibility has sent a message loud and clear that BJP will never allow our young generations to be used by the disgruntled forces inimical to the sovereignty and integrity of our nation."

Naming Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Ke-

riwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Arundhati Roy, Yogendra Yadav, Chander Shekhar Ravan, Rakesh Tikait, and their ilk, Dr. Shishu alleged that these

elements, having been repeatedly rejected by the people through democratic ballots, are now trying to regain political space by exploiting the energy of the nation's youth and students.

"These elements thrive on an anarchic mindset. Having failed to convince voters, they are now resorting to campus politics and propaganda to create confusion among young minds," Dr. Shishu stated.

He also exposed the Congress party for using students for political mileage. "Congress ignored the genuine needs of students when in power, and now in opposition they are joining hands with disruptive forces to mislead youth for short-term gains," he said.

Contrasting this, Dr. Shishu highlighted the genuine concern of the

Government towards youth and students. "The Modi Government, building on the foundation laid by leaders like Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, has placed youth at the center of nation-building. Through NEP, Skill India, Start-up India, and massive investment in educational infrastructure, our students are being prepared to lead a Viksit Bharat," he said.

"The Government remains committed to providing a safe, progressive and opportunity-rich environment in educational institutions. We will not allow anti-national narratives to hijack the future of our students," Dr. Shishu added.

He concluded by saying that India's youth are aspirational and patriotic, and stand firmly with development, nationalism, and a strong and sovereign Bharat.