

'Gunda Raj' prevailing in UP, other BJP-ruled states: Sapra

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JAMMU: Claiming that "Gunda Raj" was prevailing in all the BJP-ruled states, senior Congress leader Charan Singh Sapra on Wednesday linked the actions of the UP government with Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Congress leader expressed concern over the silence being maintained by the majority of the people over the prevailing situation in the country. All India Congress Committee (AICC) spokesperson Sapra demanded immediate sacking of Union minister Ajay Mishra, arrest of his son Ashish Mishra and an impartial probe into the recovery of huge quantities of heroin at a port in Gujarat and an alleged bribery scam in e-commerce giant Amazon.

"The terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is because of



AICC Spokesperson Charan Singh Sapra talking to reporters.

Pakistanis and the Pakistani (terror) groups but we are witness to BJP terrorism in Uttar Pradesh, where the innocent and unmindful farmers were crushed to death by vehicles and the political leaders arrested to stop them from visiting the bereaved families," Sapra told reporters at the party headquarters here. He was flanked by Chief Spokesperson JKPC Ravinder Sharma, besides former Minister and Vice President Raman Bhalla, General Secretaries PCC Th. Balwan Singh, Yogesh

Sawhney and President JKPYC Uday Bhamu Chib. "There is a "Gunda Raj" in Uttar Pradesh and in other states where BJP is in office. This is not the Azad Bharat where the right to freedom, right to speech and right to liberty have been snatched and autocratic rule imposed," he alleged. Referring to the reported directive of the Haryana Chief Minister to party activists to use sticks against protesting farmers, the Congress leader said it is because a majority of the people in the country are

silent on the issues concerning the country. "They need to relook because if today it is farmers, tomorrow there will be traders and day after someone else," he said. He said the entire country was shocked by the Lakhimpur Kheri incident and the subsequent action of the UP police to detain Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi. "The culprits are roaming freely while Priyanka Gandhi is put behind bars. Both the minister and his son are giving bytes to the media to save themselves and the local administration is also making all attempts to save them," he said. Attacking the central government for its policies, he said it is not only farmers who are at the receiving end but over the past two years, 14 crore youths of the country have "lost their jobs, while nearly 2.75 crore small traders were forced to

wind up their businesses". "The lives of the masses have become miserable due to the continuous price hike of essential commodities, including petrol, diesel and domestic gas. This government is doing selective politics and is out to trample opposition besides murdering democracy and the Constitution," he alleged. Sapra also questioned the government's silence over the recovery of nearly 3,000 kg heroin from the Adani-operated Mundra port in Gujarat on September 16.

The Congress leader also attacked the BJP-led government for selling national assets like airports and railways to corporate houses and said what was built over the past 70 years was put on sale by this seven-year-old government.

Sapra also condemned the frequent civilian killings by terrorists in Kashmir.

Deaf Judo Champions' delegation calls on Advisor Farooq



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JAMMU: A delegation of Deaf Judo Champions on Wednesday called on Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan and apprised him of their issues and concerns.

The delegation, led by Suraj Bhan Singh, Senior Judo Coach, J&K Sports Council comprised of Roshan Bhan Principal J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra School for hearing handicapped, Shahidi Chowk, Jammu and parents of deaf and dumb Judokas.

Advisor was informed that two Deaf and Dumb Judokas, Rakshinda Mehak and Vishal Khajuria, have been selected for representing India in the ensuing first World Deaf Judo Championship being held at Versilia, France from 27th Oct

2021 to 30th Oct 2021. Suraj Bhan Singh shall be escorting the National Judo team of 6 members, 3 men and 3 women including the selected Judokas hailing from JK UT. The team will leave for France on 26th Oct 2021 and before leaving for world championship a special training camp shall also be held at Delhi.

Advisor Farooq Khan complimented the specially abled Judokas for being selected for International tourney expressing hope of their victory in the event. He assured full cooperation and logistic help to the team for this global championship.

Wishing good luck to the Judokas and Coach, Advisor assured that the players would be suitably rewarded for their performance in this world championship.

Sham Singh qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Dr. Sham Singh, son of Jameet Singh and Kanta Devi, resident of Kharote (Morha Dharalan, Tehsil and District Kathua has been declared qualified for award of the degree of Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Hindi by University of Jammu. He worked on the topic "Suryabala Ke Sahitya Mein Samajik Yatharth" under the supervision of Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta.

Sawna qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Sawna Sharma, daughter of Harbans Lal Sharma and Pushapalta Sharma and wife of Abhishek Baru, resident of Trikuta Nagar, Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Economics by University of Jammu vide Notification No. 09 of 2021 dated October 5, 2021 under Regd. No. 36231-MOO.

She worked on the topic, "Nature and Extent of Child Labour: A Study of Selected Districts of Jammu and Kashmir" at PG Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, JU under the supervision of Prof Rajender Gupta.

Team Helios of Jodhamal School to participate in F1 for Schools in London

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JAMMU: Team Helios Racing of Jodhamal Public School participated in prestigious F1 in School challenge season 4 held in Delhi.

They showcased their exceptional technical skills, innovative thinking and made a special mark by qualifying for the F1 in school World Finals, scheduled to be held in United Kingdom in 2022.

The team members include Skasham Sagar, Samridh



Winner students posing with faculty member.

Sharma, Samik J Singh, Ashmit Gupta and MyshaTabrez mentored by Neetu Johri.

Out of the top 30 national teams participating in the event, Team Helios qualified for the International World Finals in the United Kingdom.

Jodhamal Public School in collaboration with Times of Sports has been conducting STEM programmes for the last few years.

This STEM programme is

multi-disciplinary challenge in which team of students aged 9 to 19 deploy CAD / CAM software to collaborate design, analyse, manufacture, test and then race miniature compressed air powered balsa wood F1 cars.

Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee and Dr. Deep Khare, Principal of Jodhamal Public School, Jammu celebrated their victory and appreciated the sheer hard work put in by the team and their mentor for achieving this marvelous feat.

Randhawa felicitates Skating coaches on Nat'l Coaches Day

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JAMMU: Former Member Legislative Council (MLC) and Secretary Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) JKUT, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, on Wednesday on the eve of the National Coaches Day honoured the Skating Coaches at MA Stadium in Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Randhawa said that a coach plays a vital role in channelling the energy of the child in a specific field which needs a lot of hard work. He said that the coaches in Jammu and Kashmir are doing marvelous job amid lack of infrastructure and among these he showered appreciations on Skating Coaches of Jammu who are training children with limited infrastructure. Randhawa further said that today millions of coaches serve as those examples for tens of millions of athletes across the country. The importance of well-trained coaches is clearer now, than at



Former MLC, Ch. Vikram Randhawa honouring Skating Coaches at MA Stadium, Jammu.

almost any other time in our history so today is a good day to recognize the men and women who serve the athletes of this nation well. It is also a good time to recognize those organizations and institutions that are committed to preparing coaches to provide not only the technical and tactical knowledge required to coach the sport, but also the interpersonal skills to teach the life lessons that the proclamation states are the moral fiber on which our future as a Nation depends.

"This is a good day to celebrate a coach that has had a positive impact on you, your child, or your community. It is also a good day to support the push for quality coaches and the institutions that that are committed to this goal" Randhawa added.

Those who were honoured on the occasion include Madan Khajuria, Kamal Kumar and Krish Gupta. Ashok Singh DSO Sports Council Jammu was also present on the occasion.

DYSS holds cleanliness activity at Nihalpur Stadium



Staff of Zone Miran Sahib of DYSS taking part in cleanliness drive at Nihalpur Simbal in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', zone Miran Sahib of the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) on Wednesday organised cleanliness drive at Nihalpur

Lower Panchayat Stadium. Led by Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Rakesh Kakar, the drive was joined by other officials and staff of the zone.

"The drive was mainly carried out to spread the message of 'Clean India Green India' with the active participation of Naib Sarpanch, Captain (Retd) Ravinder Singh along with other locals of panchayat Nihalpur Simbal," informed the ZPEO, Rakesh Kakar.

ADGP Jammu promotes 377 HCs to ASIs

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JAMMU: Addl. Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu, Mukesh Singh on Wednesday issued Formal Promotion Order in Respect of 377 HCs to the rank of ASIs.

While congratulating the promoted Police Personnel and their families on the eve of Navratri Festivals, ADGP Jammu Zone, lauded the efforts of these officers in earning their due promotion well in time and further expressed hope that they shall rededicate themselves towards their work even with more zeal and enthusiasm to make the department feel proud.

44th Stag J&K UT & Inter-District TT Championships 2021

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Ritvik to lock horns with Arya in Sub Jr Boys final

Table Tennis matches in progress.

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JAMMU: Improving from his last years performance, Arya Gupta sailed into the sub junior boys final defeating Archit Mahajan of Udhampur by 3-2 whereas in the second semifinals Ritvik Gupta continued his form from the district championships to enter into yet another final defeating Rudraksh by 3-1. Nitya Arora lifts cadet girls title by defeating Tuhina by 3-0.

Ritvik and Gurasees entered the final of cadet boys. Earlier in the semi-finals played today, Ritvik beat Pranit 3-1 and Gurasees beat Gourav 3-0. In Boys Pairs final, Pranit beat Prajwala 3-2 and won the trophy. Ragini to face Mishti in Sub Junior girls final. In semi-finals, Ragini beat Nitya 3-1 and Mishti beat Niharika 3-1. Men's First Round: Arya beat Rakshan 3-0, Pranav Khajuria beat Junaib Iqbal 3-2, Rajan beat Mukeet 3-0, Maanay beat Sarthak 3-0, Jishnu beat Sourav 3-1, Qazi beat Prabhjot 3-0, Jayesh beat Lucky Mehta 3-0, Nitin beat Veerashwar 3-0, Anuj beat Amit 3-0, Mehboob Elahi beat Varun Bhardwaj 3-0 and Akshit beat Ridhik 3-0. Prominent among those who were present, Satbir Singh, Sanjay Wahi, Rajan Sharma, I.P Singh, Satish Gupta, Ajay Sharma, Er Saleem Bandey (Secretary Poonch district TT Association), Ashok Singh (Sports officer Jammu Province), Vikas Gupta (Joint secretary, Judo federation of India), Gurvinder Singh Sasan, Vasu Devan, Sandeep Khadota, Narinder Singh, Sheetal Gondota and Sanjeev Gupta.

Tears & resolve as family, friends and Kashmiris say farewell to Makhan Lal Bindroo

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JAMMU: The Sound of Vedic chants and azaan from a nearby mosque fused in melodic harmony for a brief moment at the Bindroo residence where hundreds of mourners from every walk of life gathered on Wednesday to pay their respects to humanist-businessman Makhan Lal Bindroo who was gunned down by terrorists.

He is a recipient of the top award in adventure in mountaineering, the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (equivalent to Arjuna

Award) and was declared the best mountaineer of India in 2017 with the conferment of IMF Gold Medal.

Meanwhile, members of Mountaineering Association of J&K, led by its president Zorawar Singh Jamwal and general secretary, Shaweta Khajuria, have expressed gratitude to the distinguished mountaineer for his kind gesture of donating award money to Tawi Trekkers J&K.

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Minutes after Bindroo was shot at point blank range, allegedly by terrorists of The Resistance Front (TRF) at his pharmacy near Iqbal Park, ultras gunned down a chaat vendor, Virendra Paswan from Bihar elsewhere in the city.

Almost simultaneously, another civilian, Mohammad Shafi Lone, was killed at Naidkhai in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Bindroo's wife Kiran said, "In our prayer room we have all religions together. My husband believed in one religion and that is humanity and nothing else.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and Lok Sabha MP Farooq Abdullah pleaded with her son Siddharth Bindroo not to leave Kashmir.

Abdullah, who was in tears as he hugged Siddharth, said, "Your father was a brave man. He stood against all odds and I am requesting you not to leave Kashmir like your father. God will Inshallah punish the culprits. It is unfortunate that the beast consumed him too."

At one point, Abdullah lost his cool when pressed to give a political statement.

"Is this the moment to ask stupid question? We have lost a wonderful human being and you have no value in emotions," he said angrily as he waded

PHQ accords sanction for seizure of 2 vehicles under UAPA

74 vehicles used for terror activities seized so far

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has accorded sanction for seizure two vehicles used by Over Ground Workers (OGWs) for terror activities in the union territory, an official said on Wednesday.

Under a PHQ order, the spokesperson said, sanction has been accorded to seizure of Maruti Alto K-10 bearing registration No. JK05G-5626 and Alto K-10 bearing registration No. JK21C-8461 which were used by OGWS on April 22, 2021 for looting cash and one 12 Bore rifle from Guard of J&K Bank, Business Unit Khore, Sherabad Patti. During the investigation of FIR No. 75/2021 under Sections 392, 307, IPC 7/25, 7/27, A. Act 16, 20, 39 UA(P) Act of Police Station Pattan, the spokesperson said, it came to

for that OGWS namely Nisar Ahmad Bhat and Arif Mir were affiliated with LeT outfit. The evidence collected during the course of investigation, the spokesperson added, substantiated that vehicles Alto K-10 bearing registration No. JK05G-5626 and JK21C-8461 were used for commission of incidents/robbery and fall within the ambit of "proceeds of terrorism" in terms of Section 2(g) r/w Sec.25 of unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 and were accordingly liable to be seized in Aforesaid case.

In exercise of powers conferred by section 25 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, DGP J&K has accorded sanction for seizure of these two vehicles, PHQ has accorded sanction for seizure of 74 vehicles, which include mostly four wheelers and two wheelers, five houses, six shops, land and cash, so far.

His daughter Shraddha Bindroo, however, was dry eyed and fierce.