

Cong protests against BJP over Rahul Gandhi poster

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Friday held a protest against the BJP for portraying Rahul Gandhi as a 'new age Ravan' in a social media poster.

The BJP poster on X had triggered a strong criticism from the Congress which on Thursday called it totally unacceptable and "downright dangerous".

Led by former minister Yogesh Sawhney, scores of Congress workers took out a protest rally in the city. They shouted slogans against the BJP and burnt its effigies.

"We condemn such acts of the BJP. The protest is to show our anger over the cheap act of BJP. We wanted to take a rally to the Raj Bhawan to hold protests there, but were prevented from doing so," Sawhney told



Congress workers staging portest in Jammu on Friday.

reporters here. "Rahul ji is our leader and we cannot tolerate such language against him."

He is the leader of this country, Sawhney said.

"The People of this country like him. The BJP is afraid of the growing love of the people

towards Rahul ji, that is why it is adopting such tactics," he said.

Others present in the protest were DCC Jammu Rural led by DCC President Hari Singh Chib, which was attended by Senior PCC leaders Ravinder Sharma,

Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Kanta Bhan, Vinod Sharma, Manmohan Singh, Pranav Shagotra, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Kapil Singh, H.S. Mehta, Sanjeev Panda, Dwarka Choudhary, Vijay Shastri, Kamal Singh, Bhanu Mahajan, Praveen Sarwar Khan, Satish Sharma, Sandeep Dogra, Pawande Singh, Shamsher Chand, Kuldeep Kumar, Sakunder Khan, Atul Sharma, Anirudh Sawhney, Jatin Raina, Hoshiar Singh, Ricky Dalotra, Michael Wazir, Camres David Babloo, Anoop Gupta, Com. Gurnmeet Singh, Miss Tamana Heer, Sushant, Ajai Motton, Jatinder Bhagat, Farooq Ahmed, Ajay Kumar Lakhotra, Madhu Kumar, Prem Sharma and others.

Shiv Sena warns Pakistan to desist from unholy acts, burns effigy

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JAMMU: In response to the brutal killing of 15-year-old Sahil Dar by terrorists in the village of Vanihama, Anantnag district, Shiv Sena activists today gathered near ChanniChowk in Jammu and expressed deep sorrow, demanding financial assistance of Rs 1 crore for the victim's family from the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Manish Sahni, State President of Shiv Sena J&K, strongly condemned the inhumane act of terrorism, symbolically burning an effigy of terrorism with a clear message to those supporting and perpetrating such heinous acts, including Pakistan.

Talking to reporters here, Sahni emphasized that terrorism knows no religion; it is an enemy of humanity itself. It



Shiv Sena activists burning effigy of Pakistan.

holds no significance for Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, or any other community. Their only purpose is to spread terror and make their presence felt.

While addressing the issue of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, Sahni dispelled claims of weakening terrorism, stating that in recent years, terrorism has not only affected

Kashmir but has also extended its reach to Jammu. Narcoterrorism has also posed a serious threat to the security agencies, he added.

Sahni firmly stated that without teaching Pakistan a lesson, the restoration of peace and tranquility in Jammu and Kashmir is unlikely.

Present at the occasion were key members of the party,

including MeenakshiChhibber, President of the Women's Wing; VikasBakshi, General Secretary; SanjeevKohli, Vice President; Raj Singh, president Kamghar wing; Geeta Devi, Secretary; Sarishita, Rajesh Handa, Youth Secretary; Mangoo Ram, Manoj, Mamta Devi, Suresh Kumar, PriyaKisru, Nancy Devi, Roshni, Simran, and others.

Anti corruption Court awards 2 years imprisonment, fine to JE in trap case

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JAMMU: The Special Judge Anti-corruption Court, Jammu, Tahir Khurshid Raina awarded third consecutive conviction in a trap case within a span of five months, whereby a Jr. Er, Electrical, Ved Parkash, R/O. Parihote, Doda, came to be convicted & sentenced to two years imprisonment & fine for demanding & accepting bribe. The message is loud and clear that whosoever ventures to indulge in such a crime, law will take its course with all its strength & efficacy.

Court while awarding sentence, observed that the case in hand is based on a trap, laid by the Vigilance Organization, Jammu, (now ACB), whereby it is alleged to have caught the accused red handed, who was Meter Reader cum I/C Junior Engineer, Electrical, on the day when he is alleged to have demanded Rs. 20,000/- from the complainant for processing his case for getting power connection to run flour mill in village Kanhal, Bishnah. The deal between the complainant and the accused, as alleged, was struck for Rs. 20,000/- as bribe amount, out of which, complainant had to pay Rs. 5000/- as a first installment to the accused. Same he paid on the day and date settled between the two, which is the alleged day of occurrence i.e., 14-10-2017.

Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina after hearing APP Irshad Ahmad Sheikh for the ACB, observed that the three consecutive convictions in the trap cases within a span of five months are stark testimonies to the fact that cor-

ruption exists in the ranks and files of our officialdom and inspite of having laws and system in place to check it, its rise and spread did not get curbed at the desired level. This court earlier also through its judgments and orders, conveyed its serious concern about burgeoning corruption and its lethal impact on the society. However, once again this court seizes this opportunity to convey its concern to the people at helm to devise effective, innovative and impactful strategies for complete annihilation of the same to give meaning to the lofty mandate of 'Rule of Law', as enshrined in the Constitution. It will be a greatest service to the society and the nation.

Court further observed that The FIR in the case got registered in the year; 2017, and the charge-sheet is filed in this court in the year; 2018. In totality, the convict is facing the accusation for the last 6 years. The investigation agency, since the date of occurrence, took one year in filing the charge-sheet in the court, which was quite unwarranted in such like cases where the investigation substantially completes on the spot itself, except of some formalities to be completed in the follow-up. However, there is no such impression before the court that the convict in any way was responsible for delaying the investigation. Similarly, in my humble opinion, the ideal time limit for deciding such cases, based on a trap is 6 months, but this court took around five long years to culminate the same. However, on my perusal, I do not find any reason to be attributed to any conduct of the convict on account of which the delay of five

years has happened in deciding the case. Rather the blame shifts to the prosecution which is delayed in producing the witnesses before the court. So the conduct of the convict, either during the course of investigation or trial is not blameworthy, a factor which I consider to influence the award of sentence to the convict. Apart, there is no past history of the convict brought before the court by the prosecution as being infamous for such misconduct in the department. He, in fact, is caught for the first time for such type of offences. This court hopes that during this long period of six years, when he has faced consequences of his proved misconduct, he may have now a sense of remorse for what he did. Moreover, he may have a family to run, which, in fact, will suffer if maximum punishment provided in the statute is awarded to him.

Accordingly, accused is awarded one year's simple imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 10,000/- for commission of offence under Section 4-A of PC Act, Svt. 2006 and one year's simple imprisonment with a fine of said Rs. 10,000/- for commission of offence under Section 5(2) of the Act. Both the sentences run concurrently. In case of non-payment of fine, the convict shall further undergo simple imprisonment for a period of three months. Court further said that the convict is on bail. His bail bonds are accordingly cancelled and the sureties are discharged. The convict is taken into custody to be sent to the District, Jail Amphalla, Jammu, for undergoing the sentences so awarded to him. JNP

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JAMMU: A Voluntary Blood donation camp using Blood Collection and Transportation Vehicle was organised by Directorate of Health Services Jammu on 6th October 2023

under ongoing Ayushman Bhaava Campaign. Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma inaugurated the camp in the presence of Deputy Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Deputy Director Planning Deepa Sharma, Chief Accounts Officer Deepshika Sharma, State Epidemiologist Dr. Harjeet Rai, Controller of Stores Jammu Dr. Ritesh Khullar, CMO Jammu Dr. Harbaksh Singh, State Venerologist, Zonal Leprosy Officer, Medical Superintendent Govt. Hospital Sarwal, Nodal Officer NCD and other officers and officials from the Directorate of Health Services Jammu and CMO Office Jammu.

Director Health Services Jammu voluntarily donated blood in the camp in goodwill gesture thereby setting an example for others to donate blood to help the needy



Director Health Services Rajeev Kumar Sharma inaugurating blood donation camp

patients, as every drop of blood is valuable and can save life. Officers and officials from the Directorate and CMO Office Jammu also donated blood in the camp. The blood bank team headed by I/C Pathologist Dr. Utra Sambyal and the logistics were provided by Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu Dr. Parveen Yograj. Total of fifteen units were collected which were transported to blood bank Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu in Blood

Collection and Transportation Vehicle.

Service for ABHA ID generation was also provided in the camp so that the employees are benefitted by the scheme under which safer and efficient digital health records are maintained. Total of forty ABHA IDs were generated by the team deputed by CMO Jammu headed by Dr. Mridula Singh, Medical Officer.

The event was managed by Health Education Bureau, Directorate of Health Services Jammu.

GDC Ramgarh organizes Financial Literacy, awareness camp with SBI Bank



A resource person imparting awareness.

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RAMGARH: The NSS Unit of GDC Ramgarh and the IQAC of the college organized an interactive session with the SBI Bank on 6th of October in the college premises to disseminate awareness about the SBI Bank Schemes, Services, benefits, Security and other facilities given to the students.

The event started with the welcome address presented by Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Convener IQAC. She threw light on the proceeding of the programme and its benefit for the students in their everyday life.

Archana Kachroo, A.O., Head Office Jammu and Rajesh Mehta, F.I., Manager were the Resource persons from the Bank. In her lecture Archana Kachroo briefly explained about the financial literacy and enlightened the students about the govt initiatives in which the student community can open their accounts with zero deposits under social security schemes. Further Rajesh Mehta also threw light on the documents required for the same and also apprised the students regarding financial services such as Insurance Cover,

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The event was organized by Dr. Aditi Khajuria Convener and Dr. Shamsher Lal, PO NSS. The programme culminated with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. Shamsher Lal. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Lakhvinder Singh, Branch Manager, SBI Ramgarh, Aditya Jyoti, Branch Manager, SBI Swankha, Ravi Kumar, CSP Head J&K, Technical Team SBI Bank and all faculty members of the college.

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KATHUA: In a bid to promote wildlife conservation and raise awareness about the importance of preserving India's natural heritage, Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua recently celebrated National Wildlife Week with an array of engaging activities. The event, organized by the Ravi Eco Club and Science Club of the college and sponsored by the Jammu and Kashmir Science, Technology, and Innovation Council, was a resounding success, drawing the participation of more than 100 enthusiastic students.

The week-long celebration kicked off with a Guest Lecture delivered by Amit Sharma, Wildlife Warden from Jambo Zoo, who shed light on the escalating human-wildlife conflicts and the significance of effective conflict management. Sharma's presentation underscored the growing importance of protecting communities, build-

ing trust in conservation efforts, and preventing retaliation against wildlife.

Simultaneously, a Poster Making Competition attracted twenty creative minds, with Sumanshi securing the top position. Vishal Gupta and Rupali Jasrotia secured second and third place, respectively, while Kamakshi, Kanika, and Arpita received well-deserved consolation prizes. The jury panel, consisting of Dr. Anupma Arora, Dr. Roshan Lal, and Prof. Surbhi Gupta, had the challenging task of evaluating the impressive entries. The event was inaugurated with the lighting of lamps by Chief Guest Prof. Seema Mir, Principal of GDC Kathua, along with dignitaries including Prof. Rakesh Singh and Amit Sharma. Prof. Seema Mir empha-



National Wild Life Week celebrated in GDC, Kathua.

sized the significance of such awareness programs and their alignment with Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence and compassion towards all living beings.

Prof. Rakesh Singh, Convener of the event, elucidated on this year's theme, "Preserving Our Natural Heritage." He urged participants to recognize that Earth's biodiversity is not merely a collection of species but a legacy that must be safe-

guarded for future generations. Singh emphasized the vital role played by wildlife in maintaining the delicate balance of ecosystems.

Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Convener of the Ravi Eco Club, introduced the event's objectives and encouraged participants to protect and preserve India's rich flora and fauna with passion and dedication. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered

by Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Assistant Professor in Chemistry, who expressed gratitude to all attendees, participants, and contributors.

National Wildlife Week at GDC Kathua was a testament to the college's commitment to environmental stewardship and wildlife conservation, fostering a sense of responsibility towards the planet's natural wonders among the youth and the wider community.

GDC Ghagwal organises Career Counselling Session with JKEDI Samba

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GHAGWAL: Under the patronage of Dr. Sujata Slathia, Principal GDC Ghagwal in collaboration with JKEDI Samba and career counselling cell of the college headed by Dr. Deepika Sharma and Dr. Vani Awasthi organised an informative session for the students.

Vishal Ray (I/C Start Up and Incubation Centre, and Divisional Officer Jammu) and Mr. Virpartap Singh Slathia (District Nodal Officer, JKEDI SAMBA) apprised the students and staff of the college about various opportunities in start ups and innovation of businesses. They informed them about various schemes run by the government that can provide good financial basis for starting any new idea. All in all the session was fruitful and Principal requested them to hold more sessions like these in the college so that the students can earn while they learn.

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PRO Bhadarwah Campus Aarif Khateeb briefing media.

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BHADERWAH: To inculcate sense of belonging for the nation and promote communal harmony and peace among youth, Indian Army's 4 Rashtriya Rifles in collaboration with Bhaderwah Campus is organising a Mega youth Festival 'Sangam 2023' at Bhaderwah.

The 3 days biggest youth

festival of Jammu and Kashmir in which more than 500 students from different Colleges, universities and satellite Campuses of Jammu and Kashmir participate will be held at Bhaderwah Campus from 7th to 9th October.

This was disclosed by PRO Bhaderwah Campus Aarif Khateeb along with

2IC 4 RR Lt Col Sameer and Nodal Officer SANGAM 2023 Dr Jitendra Manhas in joint press briefing at Bhaderwah on Friday.

While addressing Media, Aarif Hafeez Khateeb PRO Bhaderwah Campus said that 'SANGAM' is the iconic youth festival of Jammu and Kashmir and this used to be the most important and eagerly

awaited event of the annual calendar of Jammu University.

"Our focus is to promote Peace, National Integration and communal harmony among youth beside we will also make the participating youth as ambassadors of tourism in Chenab region," Khateeb added, while inviting all people to be part of SANGAM 2023.

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