

People of Kashmir Valley also support Art 370 abrogation: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has stated that, in heart of hearts, people of Kashmir Valley also support abrogation of Article 370 though they may not say so openly. They realise that Art 370 deprived them of the benefits available to people in the rest of country while serving the purpose of only a handful few in power, he said.

Dr Jitendra said, the government's decision to abrogate Article 370 has garnered widespread support from across the sections of people across the length and breadth of Jammu & Kashmir. Speaking at the "Rashtra Sarvopari Summit" organised by Republic TV on the theme "New India, New Kashmir," Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised that the people of Jammu & Kashmir do not favour the reinstatement of Article 370.



Highlighting the peaceful conduct of recent elections in the region, Dr. Jitendra noted that there were no instance of election boycott, signalling a positive shift in the political landscape. He pointed out that before the abrogation of Article 370, key provisions of the 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution, which empower local bodies and panchayats, were not implemented in Jammu & Kashmir.

"Earlier, financial resources were not reaching the grass-roots level, but now funds are directly benefitting the locals," he remarked.

Dr. Singh also mentioned that the youth of Jammu & Kashmir are now aligning with mainstream India, driven by the opportunities arising from the country's growing global stature. He observed that the last 25-30 years of Jammu & Kashmir were marred by terrorism,

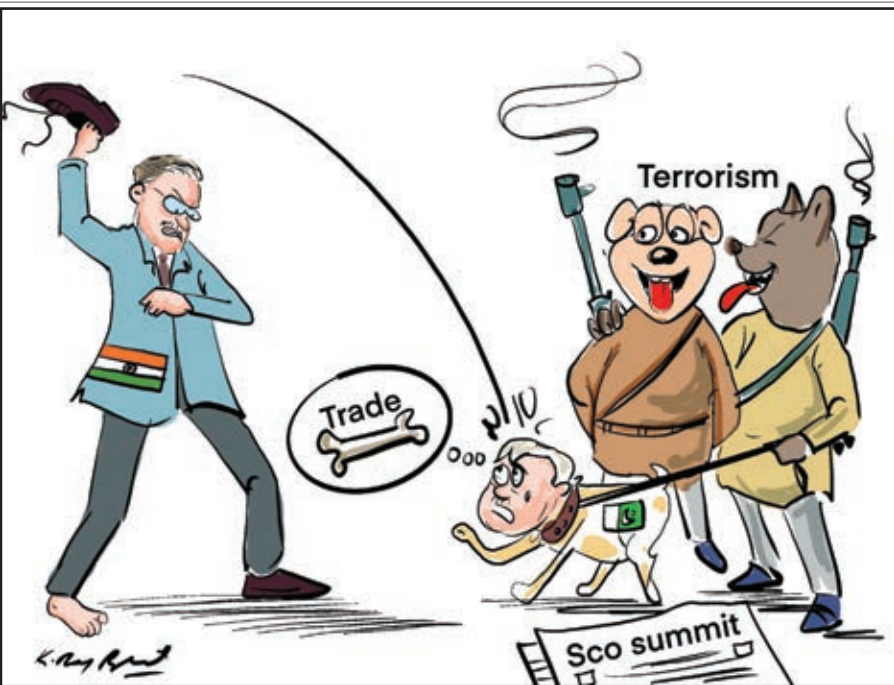
but the past decade has witnessed significant improvements, including a tenfold increase in start-ups. Welfare schemes that were previously stalled are now being implemented smoothly.

The Minister further pointed out that the record-breaking 2.5 crore tourists visiting Jammu & Kashmir this year is a clear indicator of the region's return to normalcy.

On the issue of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoJK),

Dr. Jitendra reiterated that it is an integral part of India. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, he assured that Jammu & Kashmir's statehood will be restored at an appropriate time.

In conclusion, Dr. Jitendra Singh touched upon India's ambitious space exploration plans, stating that the country is expected to send humans into space by 2025. He also expressed hope that India will achieve its goal of sending a manned mission to the Moon by 2040.



SSH GMC Jammu conducts successful open heart surgery on patient with Single Kidney

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JAMMU: Cardiac Surgery Department at Super Speciality Hospital (SSH) GMC Jammu performed a rare feat of successful operation of a lady with defective heart valve and at the same time having a single kidney.



Surgical team after performing surgery of defective heart valve at SSH Jammu.

38 years old female patient suffering from Calcified Aortic Valve causing severe narrowing and leaking of valve leading to breathlessness on walking and heart failure.

She was also having thyroid disorder and was on medication for the same. She had only one kidney. Left kidney was not developed at all.

"Such patients pose great challenges to the Cardiac anaesthetist, Perfusionist and the surgical team" stated Dr Shyam Singh, Head of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery, Government Super speciality hospital, Jammu.

"A delicate balance has to be maintained by titrating various drugs used by Cardiac Anaesthesia team so that Kidney function remains optimal" remarked Dr Puja Vimesh, Professor & Head of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology.

The Perfusionist, the man behind the Heart Lung machine maintaining the blood pressure of the body while the patient heart is made still for operation of Valve surgery

plays a pivotal role as low pressure can compromise the kidney function. Perfusion team comprised of Charanjit Singh and Roshan Lal.

The surgical team has to work against time to complete the job of removing calcified valve and replacing it with artificial heart valve.

The patient was optimised in Cardiovascular & Thoracic surgery ward before taking her up for surgery on October 14, 2024.

The services of Nephrologist Dr Raju Bhandari were sought for putting patient on Aminoacid infusion for three days prior to Surgery to protect kidney function as Cardiopulmonary bypass itself can cause decrease in kidney

function.

The surgical team consisted of Dr Shyam Singh, Dr Mohit Arora, Dr Vivek Gandotra, Dr Prabhdeep, Dr Rouf assisted by Dr Gourav Yadav (PG) and Scrub Sisters Rigzen Angmo, Sonia Sharma & other staff under In charge OT Vishali and Sapna Manhas.

Cardiac Anaesthesiology team comprised of Dr Puja Vimesh, Dr Rasmeet Kour; Dr Vikas Gupta assisted by Dr. Sana & Dr Priya (senior residents), Dr. Param, Vikas Sharma senior technologist, Saleem, Arif, Kazim, Karan, Sheikh Rouf, Tofeeq and Tarun. Patient was extubated next day.

In Cardiac Intensive Care unit SSH, patient was monitored

by highly trained Staff sisters and Cardiac anaesthesia technicians which included Sisters -Supervisor Tanjeet Kour; Tajinder Kour (incharge ICU, SSH), Sayeeda, Nayeem, Vandana, Shivani, Shivalika, Ekta, Nighat, Sonali, Sonakshi, Pooja, Urnila, Rajinder, Neetu and MTS Staff Ashish, Skeela, Kanika and Bharat. Principal Professor Dr Ashutosh Gupta lauded the efforts of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Department of Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology to make such surgeries possible, and routine in SSH Jammu under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, for which patients donot have to pay from their pockets.

Sahai represents J&K at International Engineering Trade Fair held in Brno, Czech Republic

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JAMMU: Rahul Sahai, the Chairman of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) Jammu Chapter, recently represented Jammu & Kashmir at the prestigious International Engineering Trade Fair held in Brno, Czech Republic. During his visit, he had the honor of meeting Petr Fiala, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic.



Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Chapter representing J&K at International Engineering Trade Fair.

Their discussion focused on exploring potential avenues of collaboration between the two regions, particularly in the engineering and technology sectors, where both parties see significant opportunities for growth and development.

In addition to his meeting with Prime Minister Fiala, Sahai engaged with several high-ranking officials and business leaders, including Ing. Lukas Viecek, the Minister of Industry and Trade; Jan Michal, the CEO of Czech Invest; Michalis Busios, Project Director of

BVV Trade Fairs Brno; David Muller, Director General of the European Union and Foreign Trade Section within the Ministry of Industry and Trade; Petr Jaros, who oversees the Department of Africa, Asia, and Australia; and Pavel Cap, Project Director at the Association of Engineering Technology.

During these high-level meetings, Sahai extended formal invitations for these dignitaries to visit Jammu &

Kashmir, emphasizing the region's potential as a hub for industrial growth.

He specifically highlighted opportunities in manufacturing, automotive parts, and packaging materials, pointing out that Jammu & Kashmir offers a robust Industrial Policy that provides numerous incentives for foreign investments.

Sahai urged the Czech delegation to consider sending representatives from their Industry Department to

explore collaborative efforts and investment possibilities in Jammu & Kashmir.

He expressed appreciation for the initiatives taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who have been instrumental in fostering an environment conducive to investments, particularly in the manufacturing sector in Jammu.

As a well-respected leader and advocate for industrial development, Rahul Sahai continues to champion the cause of Jammu & Kashmir on the global stage.

Under his leadership, the PHDCCI Jammu Chapter plays a pivotal role in representing the interests of local businesses and promoting trade, thereby facilitating economic growth in the region.

Sahai's efforts aim not only to attract investment but also to ensure that Jammu & Kashmir is recognized as a preferred destination for businesses worldwide.

JKNC Legal Cell Jammu Province celebrates landmark victory in recent assembly elections

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JAMMU: The Legal Cell of Jammu Province of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) headed by Adv D S Chauhan celebrated the party's remarkable success in the recent assembly elections. The victory signifies the people's endorsement of JKNC's vision for a progressive and inclusive Jammu & Kashmir. With Omar Abdullah assuming the office of Chief Minister, the party stands committed to addressing the aspirations and challenges facing the people across the region.

Adv D S Chauhan along the Legal team in Jammu Province extended its heartfelt congratulations to Omar Abdullah on his return as Chief Minister, a role in which



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he has consistently demonstrated dedication to the welfare and rights of all citizens. His leadership is seen as a beacon of hope for furthering development, peace, and democratic values in Jammu & Kashmir.

This victory reaffirms the people's trust in the JKNC's

agenda, aiming to bring lasting progress to the region.

The Legal Cell has been an active supporter in the electoral process and remains dedicated to providing continued legal expertise to the party. It pledges to assist the administration in navigating any legal challenges that may

arise, ensuring the rule of law and justice prevail in every sphere. The cell is committed to safeguarding the legal and constitutional rights of the people while addressing issues that matter most, such as development, protection of special rights, and the upholding of democratic principles.

Omar Abdullah's assumption of the Chief Minister's office marks the beginning of a new chapter for Jammu & Kashmir, with a focus on economic development, youth empowerment, and strengthening regional harmony. The Legal Cell assures its full support to the Chief Minister in carrying forward the party's vision for a prosperous Jammu & Kashmir.

The Legal Cell of Jammu Province takes this opportunity

to thank the voters, party workers, and supporters for their unwavering efforts and faith in the JKNC. This victory is not just a political success but a step towards achieving the shared dreams of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Together, the party and the people will work towards a future marked by progress, stability, and peace.

All those spoke and present were Adv Mehrukh Syedan, vice president, Adv Meharban singh secretary, Adv Upasana Thakur, joint secretary Adv Atul Chanyal treasurer and the executive members Adv Nisar A Gattoo, Adv Joginder singh, Adv Azhar Khan, Adv Damini, Adv Pawan Bandral, and many more.

Jammu hosts Mission YUVA workshop



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JAMMU: A one-day capacity building program under the ambitious Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) was organised on Friday in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Jammu. The event, held under the supervision of the District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya focussed on equipping young people with the skills and entrepreneurial spirit needed to generate sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The program brought together district officers, Block Development Officers, Child Development Project Officers and experts from various sectors. Notable speakers included Director Skill Development J&K, representatives from the Government Polytechnic College, NABARD and J&K Bank, all of whom shared their expertise on topics ranging from credit facilitation to fostering youth entrepreneurship.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Skill Development, O.P. Bhagat, highlighted the importance of creating an environment conducive to entrepreneurship, stating, "We must cultivate an atmosphere where entrepreneurship can thrive, as this will not only empower our youth but also generate much-needed employment. A target has been set to facilitate the establishment of over 1.37 lakh enterprises across the region."

Representatives from J&K Bank emphasised the bank's role in providing financial support to young entrepreneurs, while experts from NABARD focused on the collaborative strategies that could drive the mission forward, particularly in rural areas. The program concluded with closing remarks from the Assistant Director District Employment & Counselling Centre, Mukhlis Ali who expressed optimism about the path ahead for the region's youth.

Mulwarwan fire mishap Member Secretary J&K LSA holds virtual meeting with Secretary Kishtwar LSA

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KISHTWAR: On the directions of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority on Friday held a virtual meeting with the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kishtwar in connection with the recent fire incident at Village Mulwarwan, Tehsil Warwan, Kishtwar.

The meeting was attended by Shauddin Ahmed, Secretary DLSA Kishtwar, LADCs, panel lawyers and PLVs.

"The prime objective behind this significant and timely initiative is to ensure that the District Legal Services Authority performs its obligation in rehabilitation of victims of fire-incident by ensuring protection of their legal rights", maintained Amit Kumar Gupta. He said that victims of such



incidents often face various legal issues because of loss of documents such as identity cards, health cards, property title deeds and other documents which lead to property disputes, non-release of timely compensation etc. "Our endeavour

should be to assist the victims in retrieval or re-issuance of such documents by liaising with government departments and agencies", he added.

Gupta asked Manjeet Singh Manhas, Chairman DLSA (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Kishtwar, for constitution of a special team which shall visit the place of incident and assist the victims and their families supporting the rehabilitation process. He also asked for organizing awareness programmes to inform the victims about their legal entitlements under various laws, compensation schemes and other statutory provisions that can aid in their rehabilitation.

itiation. A legal aid helpdesk has also been decided to be set up at the place of incident.

Amit Kumar emphasized that the intervention of Legal Services Authorities should be for coordinating the integrated, strategic and sustainable development measures taken by the Government for rehabilitation purposes. The thrust of the efforts shall be for strengthening the capacity of victims of the fire incident and to coordinate with the Government departments and non-governmental organizations for providing quick aid to the victims, he added.

Secretary DLSA briefed the Member Secretary about the steps already taken by the DLSA to provide legal aid services to the victims of the devastating fire. He assured that the initiative taken by the J&K Legal Services Authority shall be properly implemented in order to safeguard the rights of fire-affected families besides ensuring that the process of rehabilitation is equitable, just and inclusive.

UT Govt should accord priority to return, rehabilitation of KPs back in Valley: KPS

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu in the meeting of its executive committee held under the chairmanship of its president K K Khosa deliberated upon the recent political developments in the Union Territory including the establishment of a democratically elected government earlier this week.

The members unanimously expressed their appreciation and satisfaction over the fulfillment of the commitment by the Union Government to hold free and fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The members extended their congratulations and best wishes to Omar Abdullah for assuming the office of Chief Minister once again and hoped that his government would work in tandem with the Union Government to address the issues of the people of the UT including the long pending issues pertaining to the



Kashmiri Pandits. The members expressed their appreciation for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the polls by the Election Commission of India.

They expressed hope that the UT government shall accord highest priority to the issue of return and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Pandits back in the Valley with honour dignity and full sense of security.

It is imperative to mention that the recent appeal by Dr Farooq Abdullah regarding the return of Pandits can be turned into reality by the JKNC led government alone, with the wholehearted and benevolent

support from the Modi led NDA government in the center.

The members stressed that a robust return and rehabilitation policy should be worked out in consultation with the Kashmiri Pandit community urgently in a time bound period. The Sabha requested that in the meantime some pressing issues like those of hike in the relief amount being paid to the displaced community, a fresh community specific recruitment drive alongside the promised recruitment for the youth of the union territory in general should be prioritized and measures should be taken to safe-

guard the properties of places of worship especially in view of the recent judgement of the High Court. The Sabha appealed that since the newly elected chief minister is fully aware about the difficulties being faced by Kashmiri Pandit community after it's uprootment from Kashmir; during the past few decades, their mitigation is of paramount importance to save the community. This can be done only when a congenial environment is created in the valley to revive the syncretic culture which had been existing prior to the year 1990. Those who attended the meeting included Deepak Dhar (Sr. Vice-President), Ashwani Koul (Vice-President), S. L. Bagati (Gen. Secretary), B. L. Tikar, Rajinder Tikar, Dr. Usha Tickoo, Asha Kitchloo, B. L. Rawal, Prof. R. K. Ganjoo, V. K. Bakshi, V. K. Mukhi, Satish Khoda and Bharat Bushan Gosaini.