

# Why Indira Gandhi, Sardar patel ignored in naming institutions: Congress

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SUNDERBANI: Congress on Sunday blamed the LG administration of dancing to the tunes of BJP and RSS and ignoring the great leaders and martyrs of our nation like Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and great stalwart of freedom struggle Sardar Patel in naming institutions after Leaders and workers of ruling party and selected martyrs of choice .

Paying rich tributes in an impressive function at Sunderbani, JKPC chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma questioned why no institution is named after Indira Gandhi who was martyred as Prime Minister in office. The Iron lady was a terror for the enemies of India and divided Pakistan thus creating Bangladesh fifty years ago.

Atal Behari Vajpayee gave her the honour of the Avtar of Mata Durga ,after victory of the country in Bangladesh .



JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and others paying tributes to former PM Indira Gandhi.

The college in Sunderbani is being named after Atal but nothing after Gandhi , who was Avtar of Durga as per Vajpayee. We respect Atal too and no objection to naming of some institution after his name but why ignore the prime minister who was martyred in office. Another prime minister who too was martyred, Rajiv Gandhi, but did not find place in the list while Shiyama Prasad Mukherjee finds name for Degree college Kalakote.

Remembering the contri-

butions of Congress stalwart and first Dy prime minister and Home minister Sardar Bhallavbhai Patel, he questioned why his name is missing in the list , if BJP really respects him and his ideology. Sardar patel shall be remembered for his great contributions including for banning RSS after assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

He said that ignoring such great leaders and real martyrs is a blunder with the history and fraud with future generations .He said that

there should not any politics on the question of martyrs and recognising the contributions of stalwart.

He cautioned the LG administration to draw a fair mechanism abd criteria without any political or other bias and don't be selective in choosing martyrs, gallantary award winners and the eminent persons for naming institutions and placed.

He also questioned why the gallantary award winners in the district Rajouri like Yadhunath Singh PVC , Brig Usman MVC, Hav Deputy Lal and others, the first few gallantary aeardees of independent India were ignored in the district Rajouri.

Similarly the elected stalwarts like first assembly and member of Constituent Assembly Com Krishan Dev Sethi , Master Beli Ram were ignored in Nowshera and Nand Kumar Vaid a veteran politician of Sunderbsni did not find mention in the list

while a local BJP leader of the area finds place for naming a city school .

It is not understandable who takes decisions and how and probably on the list of some BJP/RSS activists. How can the LG administration ignore the real heroes and martyrs who laid down their lives fighting for unity and territorial integrity of the country, he questioned expressing resentment .

The Congress, youth congress and NSUI workers passed a resolution seeking redrawing of the list and naming subderbani college and Higher secondary after Indira Gandhi and Sardar Patel and likewise considering other martyrs, gallantary awardees, and deserving eminent personalities on a fair criteria.

Presidents of BCC Sunderbani NC Sharma Retd DFO, Devak- Tirth Ram , Siot - Ajit Singh and large numbers of senior Congress leaders and office bearers attended the function and paid floral tributes.

# Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra holds monthly General Body Meeting

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KATRA: 84th Monthly General Body Meeting of Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) was held at PWD Guest House Katra on Sunday. Meeting was chaired by its President, Shiv Kumar Sharma followed by welcome address and proceedings were conducted by Chanay Ram, Executive Member of the forum.

In the beginning, Immunity boosting Medicines were distributed by Department of Ayush under the supervision of Ravinder Pandita, District officer. Dr. Shadi Lal Pandita And Dr. Dilawar Khan explained the prescription of Medicines.

A team of Induslnd Bank Katra also paid their visit in the meeting. Shivender Gupta, branch manager explained in brief about the working, door step service by bank, rate of interest and flexibility of the loans for different purposes.

Birthdays of four worthy



Forum members celebrating birthday of a member.

members Chanay Ram, Babu Ram Sharma, Chuni Lal and Sobha Ram were celebrated in the meeting by giving warm greetings by the President and presenting them a gift by the senior members and President.

Deepak Dubey (JKAS), Dy. CEO, SMVD Shrine Board was the Chief Guest on this occasion who was honoured by presenting him a Mata Ki Chumari and a Pagri (Turbon).

While Ashok Kumar Verma, retired senior bank

manager from OBC bank was also honoured by presenting him a Mata Ki Chumari and Pagri for his noble contribution for providing financial assistance of Rs.12, 000/- per year to Rakesh Kumar, a Paralympian Archer who represented India to play at Tokyo, Japan.

29 members of the forum were present. Meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by Sukhdev Singh vice-president of the forum.

# DC Rajouri visits Bal Ashram; takes stocks of facilities



DC Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan interacting with an inmate at Bal Ashram.

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan on Sunday visited Bal Ashram Manjakote to assess the facilities being provided to the inmates there.

While interacting with the inmates of the Bal Ashram, the DC took stock of the facilities being provided to them. He also inquired about the needs and their requirements to ease their lives in the Ashram.

It was apprised that the path leading to the Ashram has dilapidated due to floods. The DC asked the concerned from the PWD to take appropriate measures to mitigate the sufferings of the students.

He also directed the staff of the Ashram to ensure proper cleanliness and better facilities to the inmates.

While inquiring about the functioning of the hostel mess, he directed the hostel administration to maintain cleanliness in and around the hostel and serve a healthy diet to the inmates.

He also urged the students to give priority to education, dream big and work hard with dedication and determination to achieve the desired goals of their life.

# Focused strategy required to exploit tourism potential in J&K: Col Mahan

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BASOHLI: Religious tourism has a great potential in Jammu and Kashmir and it was one of the major contributors to the Union Territory's economy.

This was stated by Col Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua while starting earth work of 500 Mtrs long link road from Nagrota-Farnot Road to the much revered Shrine of Baba Rajamandlik in Plakh Panchyat. The Shrine visualizing mesmerising Ranjit Sagar Dam Reservoir in Basohli region is visited by thousands of devotees ever year.

The DDC Chairman said that religious shrines constitute rich wealth of our cultural heritage. "Jammu region has bountiful places of Gods and deities. It has a vast vari-



Col Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman interacting with locals.

ety of tourist attraction places having a great potential pilgrimage as well as site seeing tourism and these places need to be exploited for the tourism," he added.

Recommending expansion of facilities for pilgrims and promoting infrastructure projects to enhance connectivity within the different regions of J&K, Col Mahan said a focused strategy and initiatives were

been allocated during current financial year. The proposed road will facilitate thousands of devotees of Rajamandlik who come from different parts of the J&K and neighbouring state of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

The work is being carried out under the supervision of PWD (R&B) Division Executive Engineer, Basohli.

The DDC Chairman said that BJP Government at the Centre is fully sensitive towards the issues of the people and is taking comprehensive measures for redressal of the same at the earliest.

"Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working with the agenda of holistic development of all the regions of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, besides putting in concerted efforts to meet the

development aspirations of the people."

Col Mahan thanked and appreciated the commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP Government at the Centre and State Administration under the Lt Governor for reaching out to remotest part of the country to build durable infrastructure including much needed Road connectivity to people in isolated regions.

Besides DDC Chairman, prominent residents to name Capt Harnam Singh, Hoshiar Singh, Angrez Singh, Sher Singh and others were present in large number. The DDC Chairman also visited neighboring Village of Chonke Da Laad to inspect ongoing work on Mann-Sanki link road and emphasized on the quality of work and timely completion of the project.

# PYD donates hearse & mortuary box to Kargil Hanuman trust



PYD members during the programme.

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UDHAMPUR: Parashuram Yuva Dal (PYD) on Sunday donated one hearse and one mortuary box to Kargil Hanuman trust in Udhampur.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib and District President

and Founder member of PYD Sudesh Bharti handed over keys of newly modified hearse and a fully AC mortuary box to Mahatma Radhey Dass Tiyaagi amidst crowd of volunteers. DC in her massage appreciated the efforts of Parashuram Dal volunteers for this

noble cause and ensured any possible cooperation and support to Dal for any as such noble cause in near future.

Addressing the media persons Sudesh Bharti said renowned Subash Shastri was the spirit behind this noble mission who had encouraged Dal to do such noble cause. Bharti said nearly 8.5 Lakh total cost which includes a new well spacious hearse and one fully AC mortuary box was dedicated to Kargil Hanuman trust today. He said major part of donation was made by respected Pt. Prabakar and number of PYD donors.

# National Unity Day celebrated at NHPC Dulhasti Power Station



NHPC officials taking pledge at Kishitwar.

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KISHTWAR: NHPC Dulhasti Power Station celebrated the National Unity Day on Sunday as part of birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Vallabbhai Patel. Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Dulhasti Power Station administered the unity pledge to the officers at the Field Hostel Premise. He urged everyone to make their contribution to strengthen the security, unity and integrity of the nation. On this occasion, G.C. Sinha, Dy. General Manager (Electrical), Shri Jagrup Kumar, Senior Manager (Electrical), Parmanand, Senior Manager (Electrical), D.P Awadhya, Senior Manager (IT), Ashok Kumar Dhanwal, Senior Manager (HR) and other Senior Officer were also present.

# COVID-19 awareness lecture for youth held

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PALLANWALA: Army conducted a COVID awareness programme for youth of border villages at Govt High School, Milan Di Kui in Akhmoor Tehsil (J&K) to spread awareness on COVID-19. The occasion was fruitfully utilized by the Indian Army in creating awareness amongst the people in remote region regarding symptoms and protective measures to stem the tide of the pandemic. Student congregation at

Govt High School, Milan Di Kui was addressed by the Indian Army Doctor on the subject of common symptoms, preventive measures and management of a COVID infected patients.

"COVID appropriate behaviour should be followed and vaccines reduce the chance of severe infection", the Indian Army Doctor informed the gathering. The children, parents and teachers who participated in the awareness programme thanked the authorities for this initiative.

# CVPPPL celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



CVPPPL officials taking pledge.

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KISHTWAR: As a part of seque of events in the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and in order to observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabbhai Patel, Chenab Valley Power Projects [P] Ltd, took 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge' on Sunday

The event, as a part of the series of activities planned

by CVPPPL to observe the Mahotsav, was organised. Employees of the company as well as the contract workers engaged through the contractors participated in event by taking Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge which was led byDr. Mani Sunita Lakra, General Manager (Medical Services),Sh. Sanjay Gupta, General Manager (Contracts), CVPPPL along with other senior officers.

# GDC Ramnagar celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

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RAMNAGAR: To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabbhai Patel, NSS Unit of Govt Degree College Ramnagar organized two days' programme to observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas under the noble patronage of Dr Udhey Bhanu, Principal GDC Ramnagar and guidance of Prof Ritika Mahajan, NSS PO of the college.

To preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of our Nation, the value of strong and united nation given by our nation builder Sardar Vallabbhai Patel

plays an important role. In connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, NSS volunteers, students and staff of the college unitedly took Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge. Then after, Principal of the college Dr UdheyBhanu urged the students that such pledge binds each individual to be a better citizen and be responsible about their national duties.

An online lecture was also organized. Prof Swarna Devi, HOD Political Science GDC Ramnagar was the resource person. She explained how unity in disparity is important for the development of a nation but the need of the hour is to respect each others religion, customs, culture and traditions.Students and NSS volunteers took keen interest and participated in Query session also. Prof Suresh Kumar Dogra, HOD Physics felicitated the programme and Prof Brinder Kumar, Convener IQAC delivered vote of thanks.

# Tributes paid to Indira Gandhi

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KATHUA: Senior Congress leader and Former MLC Subash Gupta along with Anant Ram Dogra, Rajiv Gupta, Ramesh Kundel, Narinder Rathor, Rameshwar Sharma Bunt, Ravi Sharma Paid floral tributes to Indira Gandhi Former Prime Minister of India on her 37th Martyrdom at Dayalachak.

Subash Gupta said that Indra continued to serve the nation fearlessly till the last, her life is source of inspiration for all of us. He further remembered Indra Gandhi for her long life dedication and service to the Nation. She strengthened the secularism of this country by promoting equality & Justice in governance of this country. His contributions in the shape of bank nationalization, foreign policy, abolition of Privy Purse, strengthening green revolution, etc has led India



Congress leader Sumeet Magotra donating blood.

on the path of progress and self-reliance India he added.

Those who paid tributes are Mukesh Sharma, Devinder Kumar, Madi Kumar, Ramesh Kumar Kannu Kumar, Tilak raj, Kumar, Ritik Kumar, Adresh Kumar Ashu kumar.

UDHAMPUR: To observe 37th death anniversary of late Indira Gandhi, Senior Congress Leader Sumeet Magotra organised a blood donation camp in District hospital Udhampur.

Magotra along with congress workers donated blood to paid rich tributes to the Late Prime Minister. Magotra said that Indira Gandhi was an Iron lady and she never compromises with the integrity of the nation. She has given a big lesson to Pakistan for founded Bangla Desh. She sacrifices her life for the sovereignty of India. He appeals the congress workers to follow the path shown by the beloved Indira also.

# Art 370 deprived people of rights during last 70 years: Kavinder

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POONCH: Article 370 stalled the development process in Jammu and Kashmir and deprived people of their rights in the last over seventy years.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta during two-day Halo Bol Conclave 2021 held at Poonch.

Deeryng Pt Jawaharlal Nehru for doing blunders in past especially with regard to Kashmir; Kavinder said had Nehru not given J&K in the hands of Sheikh Abdullah things would have been totally different with region leading in the country as far as development and progress are concerned. He said that few dynast families devastated J&K in whatever way they could without paying any heed towards people's miseries.

"Corruption and nepotism used to rule the roost during NC, Congress and PDP's regimes as these parties seldom care of people and their problems", he said adding that these dynast politicians abetted corruption and nepotism to the hilt.

Kavinder said that terrorism is not the outcome of abrogation of Article 370 but it was this Article of Constitution that brought in terrorism into J&K. He said that BJP will be remembered for its historic step to remove Article 370 in the times to come and people of J&K will remain grateful to the party for accomplishing this near impossible task of freeing up the region from the clutches of this contentious provision of constitution.

The senior BJP leader said that IIT, IIM,

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