

## Mehbooba's remarks against BJP have no takers in country: Kavinder

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JAMMU: The unfounded remark made by PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti against the Bharatiya Janata Party has no takers in the country as her divisive agenda has already been exposed badly.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta in a statement issued to media persons here on Saturday.

It is pertinent to mention that the former Chief Minister has said that what BJP and RSS are propagating is not Sanatan Dharam because it teaches inclusivity and BJP is working exactly opposite to that idea.

Refuting what was alleged by the PDP chief, Kavinder said that PDP has been exposed badly for indulging in anti-national activities with its activists. He said that Mehbooba is bound to trigger such needless controversies to satiate her divisive agenda as she is struggling to regain lost ground even in her one-time strong bastion, the Valley.

He said that PDP is a spent force now and its chief is trying her best to revive the party which she herself devastated by toeing the anti-national line and neglecting the aspirations of the people of J&K. The senior BJP leader

said that no one in the UT of J&K gives importance to her rants which are baseless and meaningless also because BJP needs no certificate from her to prove its credence.

He said that Mehbooba needs to do a lot of self introspection before blaming others for her party's decimation which has left her dejected and distressed.

Kavinder said that BJP has emerged as the resounding force in J&K due to its even-handed policies therefore the outlandish stand taken by Mehbooba will make no difference as BJP has become a force to reckon with in J&K.

## Pre-launch of ‘Take it Eazy’ in Kashmir



*Nalanda Way Foundation members during pre-launch of the ‘Take it Eazy’ programme.*

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SRINAGAR: Nalanda Way Foundation, an organisation that uses visual and performing arts to help children from disadvantaged communities in India, organised a pre-launch of the "Take it Eazy" programme in collaboration with UNICEF and Directorate of School Education, Kashmir.

The event took place in Govt

Girls Higher Secondary School, Kothi Bagh, Lal Chowk, Srinagar on Saturday.

The programme was launched by the Chief Guest, Director School Education of Kashmir, Dr. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, and attended by teams from the Innovation & Counselling Cell along with the Cultural Wing of the Directorate. During the pre-

launch event, the project was introduced to students and teachers in Kashmir.

"Take it Eazy" is a project that aims to address the mental health and wellbeing of adolescents aged 13-17. It uses an innovative storytelling methodology, where two characters discuss and resolve issues of adolescents in a fun and engaging way. Listening to "Take it

### Kabotra Mahaian Biradari congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: The Annual congregation of Kabotra Mahajan Biradari will be held on 19th November, 2021 (Friday) at Kuldevi Sheetla Mata Mandir, Rakh Baran on Jammu-Akhnor Road.

All the Biradari members are requested to participate in the congregation along with their family members and seek the blessings of Kuldevi Sheetla Mata.

The programme will start with Pooja at 10:00 A.M. followed by Puran Ahuti and community Bhandara.

On this occasion, the election of the Biradari Committee will also be conducted. All the participants shall strictly follow SOP Guidelines with the regard to COVID-19 issued by the government.

### NC nominates office bearers for District Samba

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JAMMU: With the approval of Provincial President J&K National Conference Jammu Province Rattan Lal Gupta, Adv. Sudhagar Chand Gupta District President Samba nominated Office bearers of District Samba.

Balbir Singh, Saleem Mohd and Mittar Paul Singh shall be Senior Vice Presidents. Satish Singh, Dr. Lal Mohd, Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr. Pritam Chand, Ramesh Bhagat and Raman Kumar Sharma shall be Vice Presidents. Ram Kumar, Bahadur Singh, Madan Lal and Ali Hussain shall be Secretaries.

Tara Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Ravinder Singh, Hassan Din, Parshotam Lal, Parveen Rajan, Parvez Kadir and Ravi Sharma shall be Joint Secretaries. Rajesh Vaid shall function as cashier. Tara Chand shall be Press secretary.

While Hazi Aziz, Surjeet Singh, Thoru Ram, Yash Paul, Gurdas Chand, Ram Dhan, Ramesh Chander, Tilak Raj Sharma, Babu Ram, Rajini Devi, Surya Begum, Riyaz Malik, Mr S. Kuljinder Singh, Ram Lal, Rehmat Ali, Kaptaan Singh, Joginder Kumar and Ram Lal shall be executive members.

Haji Hashim Ali, Ashok Attri and Om Parkash shall be special invitees. Joginder Kumar has been nominated as Block President Vijaypur: Sat Paul as Block President Ramgarh and Swaran Singh shall be Block President Bari Brahmana.

Gupta congratulated the newly constituted District Committee and hoped that the District Committee will reach to the gross root level to mitigate the sufferings of the people of District Samba.

### GC CRPF Jammu organises cleanliness drive



*CRPF officers and Jawans during a cleanliness drive.*

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JAMMU: In Group Centre (GC) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Jammu under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was organized under supervision of Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG GC Jammu.

In this sequence, on Saturday, a cleanliness drive was conducted outside the CRPF Camp. In this cleanliness drive PC Gupta, Commandant, Ajay Sharma, Asst. Comdt, Rajesh Kumar, Asst. Comdt., Umesh Chandra, AC(M), Jaswinder Singh, AC(M), Atul Chandra Baro including Subordinate Officer and Jawan of GC CRPF Jammu participated enthusiastically. During this, P.C. Gupta

addressed everyone present there and briefed about the importance of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan being organized under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and inspired them to maintain cleanliness in their daily life. He said that the objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is not only to clean the surroundings, but with the participation of every citizen to create a garbage free environment by planting more and more plants, providing toilet facilities and to build a clean India.

Under this cleanliness drive, the garbage was cleaned from the surrounding area of the camp premises. Along with this the common citizens were also motivated to maintain cleanliness.

### Computer Operation & Communication course concludes at PTTI Vijaypur



*Principal PTTI Vijaypur, SSP Khalil Ahmed Poswal presenting certificate to a participant of the course.*

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VIJAYPUR: Two weeks Computer Operations and Communication Course (COC) organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur was concluded today in which 12 police personnel of the rank of ASI (Telecom) of various units of Police Department including Ladakh Police, nominated by PHQ-J&K participated. The objective of this course was to enhance the capabilities of police officials about Computer Operations and Communication Skills. The valedictory moments were graced by Khalil Ahmed Poswal, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur who emphasized the importance of use of Computer in various latest communication skills.

While speaking on the occasion, Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that this course would definitely help Police personnel in performing their field duties as well as day to day Police work, especially working with Web Mail/File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and use of computer with various Communication system viz. VHF/UHF, HF and POLNET.

Rajinder Singh Rahi, Vice Principal, Sajjad Ahmed Khan, DySP (Indoor), Satish Kumar, DySP (Admn/Outdoor), Inspr: Neeraj Kumar (CTI), SI Tejinder Singh (Course Coordinator) and SI Shehbaz Ahmed were present during valedictory function.

## NC felicitates newly nominated OBC Wing functionaries

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JAMMU: National Conference (NC) on Saturday felicitated the newly nominated functionaries of the OBC Wing at a function held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan with senior leaders expressing the hope that they will dedicate themselves for the betterment of weaker sections in a missionary spirit and endeavour for getting their miseries addressed.

Additional General Secretary Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal said the new responsibility to the dedicated leaders calls for their proactive approach in reaching out to the people and further galvanizing the party at the grass roots level so that it meets the challenges and expectations of the marginalized segments of the society.

Dr Kamaal recalled the revolutionary measures initiated by the National Conference for welfare of the people, especially weaker sections, peasants, women and down-trodden.

The party is committed to work for class less society



*NC leaders along with newly nominated OBC Wing members.*

based on social justice and equality, he added.

Congratulating the office bearers, Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta lauded the huge contribution of the cadre, including functionaries and grass-roots level workers in their different capacities, in making National Conference a vibrant and pro-poor political party that has along served the masses in all the regions and sub-regions.

Gupta also greeted them on behalf of the President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah, who

are closely monitoring the inner-party democratic process.

Provincial President Jammu Province OBC Cell Abdul Gani Teli also congratulated the newly nominated functionaries and urged them to reach out to the people in a big way.

Those felicitated included Devi Ditta Mehra District President Jammu Urban, Mangtullah Lohar District President Ramban, Nazir Ahmed District President Doda, Sangat Singh District President Jammu Rural "B", Mohd Javed Bhat District

## Balwant Thakur reaches Jammu, receives rousing reception

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JAMMU: Balwant Thakur, the Cultural Diplomat of India to Mauritius, accorded a rousing reception on his arrival in Jammu.

A formal function was held at Natrang which followed his interaction with the artists in which he shared his experiences of handling cultural affairs at the global level.

Balwant Thakur is currently heading the world's biggest Cultural Centre of India abroad which is based in Phoenix, Mauritius.

Considered to be the highest position of Culture, Balwant Thakur has added new feathers to this assignment by giving a new flip to the showcasing of India abroad.

The Cultural center which Balwant Thakur is heading is one of the most sought after destinations of Mauritius which always buzzes with outstanding cultural conclave and spectacles.

This is the first visit of



*Natrang artists welcoming Director, Balwant Thakur at Jammu.*

Balwant Thakur in Jammu after he took over as Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture in the month of June, 2021.

He is the first cultural figure of this region who has made it to this highest International position.

During his visit to the City of Temples, he has planned to hold a series of meetings with Government departments,

cultural organizations and artists to explore new possibilities of holding International Indian Cultural festivals in Mauritius and other countries

to be organised in connection with the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

It is pertinent to mention here that prior to this, Balwant Thakur was appointed as Cultural Diplomat of India to South Africa and he headed the prestigious Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Johannesburg for over two years.

In South Africa amongst many out of world events, he organised special programmes commemorating Gandhi@ 150.

Mauritius which is known as

the paradise island has huge thrust for Indian culture amongst the masses.

Currently over 2,000 Mauritians are learning different disciplines of Indian music and dance and Indian Cultural Centre has dedicated ensembles of music, dance and theatre which keep performing regular programmes.

In today's interaction, Balwant Thakur gave an overview of the new approaches the world is initiating to preserve and propagate culture. Other than India the thrust and respect for culture in very high and surprisingly few economies are surviving on cultural showcasing thus attracting the whole world towards their cultural attractions.

He laid stress on the quality work which only can create more demand for Indian culture. Despite the fact that India is the oldest and unique culture of the world but we have not been able to generate the required thrust which other nations have created.

On the occasion he shared

his new innovative ideas which are destined to change the fate of India showcasing abroad.

He further stressed that all-out efforts should be made to create performances of International class so as to compete with the world standards. Mediocrity will neither create any demand outside India nor will it serve any cause in elevating the cultural face of India.

Known as magic man of theatre, Balwant Thakur has already been conferred the top Indian honours including Padamshree, Tagore Samman, Sapatrishti Samman, Abhinayak Samman, Sanskriti Award and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for direction in theatre. Here in Jammu and Kashmir he served as Secretary Academy of Art and Culture for over 8 years and Regional Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Ministry of External Affairs for over 6 years and created a lot of history for both the organisations by showcasing out of the world events.

## Workshop of Airway Management begins at GMC Jammu

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JAMMU: Eighth seed Workshop of Airway Management was inaugurated on Saturday under the aegis of Indian Society of Anesthesiology, Jammu city Branch at Government Medical College, Jammu. Faculty of Airway Management Foundation (AMF) comprising of about fifteen senior consultants from Delhi, Punjab, Chandigarh are here to give lectures and have interactive session with Faculty, Residents & Postgraduates attending the workshop. Dr. Rakesh, spokesperson of AMF, stressed on the need for airway management; latest gadgets and guidelines were demonstrated.

The two-day workshop was inaugurated by Principal & Dean Dr. Shashi Sudan, Dr. Smriti Gulati, Head of the Department of Anesthesiology and ISA office bearers namely Dr. Anita Vig President, Dr.



*Participants posing with Principal GMC Jammu and others during a workshop.*

Rajesh Mahajan General Secretary, Dr. Anjali Mehta Vice President, Dr. Updesh Kumar, Treasurer and Organizing Secretary.

About 100 delegates from various hospitals like Govt. Medical College, Jammu, SMGS Hospital, ASCOMS, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Narayana Hospital & GMC Kathua, GMC Amritsar and AMMC Delhi also participated in the workshop. Dr. Shashi Sudan presided over cake cutting ceremony on the occasion of 65th AMBU bag invention

year. Representative from AMBU & Teleflex STORZ were also present and provided technical support mannequins for the workshop. The highlight of the workshop hands on training of Postgraduates & Residents of latest Airway gadget like proseal, l-gel, video laryngoscopies of various types on mannequins. Surgical airway for emergency airway was also shown in latest. This coordination arrangement between Faculty of Airway Management Foundation & ISA of great benefit to the students.