

# SRS lambasts Kangana for her 'Bheekh' remark on India's freedom, demands stripping her of Padma award

BJP should immediately expel Kangana for insulting freedom fighters, Martyrs: Rajiv

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JAMMU: Shri Ram Sena (SRS) Jammu and Kashmir has lambasted Kangana Ranaut for her 'Bheekh' statement on freedom got in 1947 and for asserting that India got real freedom with dignity in 2014.

In a statement issued to media here today, Rajiv Mahajan, President, Shri Ram Sena Jammu and Kashmir condemned the remarks of Kangana Ranaut in strongest words. He said that it is an irony of this nation that a celebrity after receiving the prestigious national award white washed all the sacrifices of hundreds of freedom fighters to whom we owe the freedom that we enjoyed post 1947 and continue to enjoy the same even today.

Mahajan lamented that it



seems that Kangana has never turned the pages of history and now needs to be sent back to school for proper studying of Indian history especially the chapters related to India's freedom struggle that ultimately led to Independence on 15th August 1947 with the unfortunate partition of the subcontinent.

Kangana has disrespected thousands of martyrs of the Indian freedom struggle and people who fought for the independence of the country.

He said that the 'eccentric' actress should be booked under relevant sec-

tions of law for disrespecting the freedom struggle and the people of the entire nation.

The Shri Ram Sena said that it is unbelievable that the heroes of the freedom struggle including Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev and Subash Chander Bose besides a long list of others who sacrificed their lives to pave the way for freedom from Britishers can be belittled or demeaned by a celebrity who has no standing in political circles besides having absolutely no knowledge of the Indian freedom struggle.

Terming Kangana's undesirable remarks as a great insult and disservice to the nation, its people and especially the heroes of freedom struggle, the Shri Ram Sena President demanded stringent action against

her by the government so that nobody else dares to resort to such insulting and unwanted comments that try to demean those whom we owe the freedom and liberties that we enjoy today as an independent nation.

Asserting that national awardees can't have the immunity against facing the tune of law, Mahajan urged the Union Government led by PM Narendra Modi to immediately withdraw the Padma award recently conferred on her at the Rashtrapati Bhawan by President Ramnath Kovind.

He also appealed to the BJP top leadership to immediately expel such unscrupulous people from the party membership who are hurting the sentiments of nationalist people of the country.

# BoI conducts Customer Outreach Programme at New Delhi



MD & CEO, BoI Atanu Kumar Das handing-over sanction letter to a beneficiary.

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NEW DELHI: Bank of India (BoI), one of the premier PSBs has been conducting "Customer Outreach Programme" through its branches across country to include more and more people to the main stream banking and offering them the banking services of their choice.

BOI conducted another 'Customer Outreach Programme' at its National Banking Group, New Delhi with an attendance of over 100 customers including new and existing customers from

all the branches across New Delhi Zone.

The programme was inaugurated by MD&CEO Atanu Kumar Das by opening New 116 BCs outlets at various locations inLadakh, Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan.

Bank intends to enrol 1500 BCs in these states during this quarter.

Field General Manager Arun Kumar Jain, Zonal Manager, New Delhi Zone Ajay Kumar Panth, other senior officers and respective branch heads along with customers were present during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Das highlighted various initiatives taken by the bank under RAM (Retail, Agri and MSME) in recent times for the benefit of its customers.

He informed that bank has recently slashed ROI for home loan and vehicle loan and has posted a net profit of Rs 1,050.98 crore for the quarter September 2021 marking a rise of 99.89 per cent. He said "BoI is committed fully to the economic revival process."

He further added that BoI is at forefront on successful

ly implementing all the Govt. sponsored Schemes viz. MSME, Mudra, Stand-up, Start-up, PM SVANidhi schemes. Bank has achieved 33 % PMSBY enrolments in PMJDY against DFS Targets 30% for Q2FY21-22 and has won "APY Annual Award (2020-21)" for overall performance for achieving 'per APY' target. Bank is implementing E-PLAT-FORM solution for Straight through process of major Banking products.

Das also distributed sanction letters to the beneficiary customers of various banking products viz. Housing Loan, Vehicle Loan, Stand up and Start up, MSME and PM SVANidhi schemes to the tune of Rs 300cr. It is noteworthy that during the month long "customer outreach programmes", Bank of India has sanctioned Rs 5000 cr and disbursed more than Rs 4000 cr in RAM segment alone. Another Rs 8500 cr disbursement was done in corporate segments.

# Bhairav Mandir Committee discusses arrangements for Annual Bhandara



Pandit Rumil Sharma talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: A meeting of Bhairav Mandir Committee was held in its office complex at Bhairav Bazaar, Jammu on Monday under the supervision of Pandit Rumil Sharma, wherein

## Badkulia Biradari congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: The annual congregation of Badkulia Biradari will be held at Datti Temple Birpur on Friday the 19th of November.

The Yagna for peace and prosperity of community and UT will be performed at 10:00 AM onwards.

Bhandara for devotees will be organized at 1:00 PM. Visiting devotees are requested to adhere to COVID 19 protocol strictly.

## Sumbria Rajput Biradari congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: All India Sumbria Rajput Welfare Committee is going to organize its annual congregation on 19th of November at the historic fort and temple of Goddess Ringari Mata, Thara Kalal in Kathua district.

The religious celebration would commence with the Biradari rituals and Pooja at 9:00 AM followed by Satsang at 11:00 AM and Preeti Bhoj at 2:00 PM.

Committee Chairman, Surat Singh Sumbria, while giving details of the community event, appealed all the Biradari members for strictly adhering to all preventive protocols regarding COVID-19 for their as well as safety of others.

## Malhan Biradari Congregation on Nov 17

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JAMMU: Annual Malhan Brahmin Biradari congregation is to be organized on November 17, 2021 at Jhiri Kahnachak Jammu. Organizing committee of Biradari has appealed the families to participate and seek blessings of local deity and follow the Covid-19 appropriate behaviour.

Chairman of the committee Banarsi Dutt Sharma said congregation will start with Pujan and Hawan near revered temple of Bawa Jitto and Bua Kauri.

After Puja and Hawan a community Langer would be organized for devotees. Election for the Biradari committee would also be held for the next year under supervision of Pandit Mool Raj Shastri.

arrangements for Annual Bhandara were discussed in detail.

During the meeting, Pandit Rumil Sharma allotted duties to each of the committee member and advised them to fulfill the same with zeal and dedication. Pt Rumil Sharma further disclosed that Prabhath Pheri will be taken out on November 21, 2021 while Ashirwad and Prasad programme will be held on November 29, 2021.

Rumil Sharma sought full cooperation of all the committee members to make the annual Vishal Bhandara Successful.

# Artists keep alive cultural heritage: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Vice President Yudhvir Sethi on Monday felicitated singers of Jammu city for their role in keeping alive the cultural heritage of Jammu during a simple yet impressive function here today.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi appreciated the efforts of singers for infusing life and making festive occasions vibrant and colourful. He said that the artists including singers are the best ambassadors of culture as they disseminate the culture and tradition of the areas which they represent through their performances especially on auspicious occasions.

He said that the artists deserve full credit for providing the live source of entertainment to the people in the present era of materialistic race when the life has become monotonous. Sethi thanked the singers for enriching the culture of Jammu with their valuable contributions. The senior BJP leader said that that not only singers but artists as a whole are the soldiers of histo-



BJP J&K Vice President Yudhvir Sethi felicitating singers.

ry who give life to the centuries old culture.

He said that there is a need to identify the artists including singers who live in far flung areas and are not yet exposed to the mainstream platform despite being the best ambassadors of folklore and culture that is still unknown to the people across the nation.

Sethi said that the focus of the Party (BJP) is to give importance to every culture and this cannot be done without according due respect and status to the real contributors i.e., the singers and other artists.

He advised the stakeholders that while keeping the main focus on Nationalism and Dogri culture, care has been

taken to involve maximum number of artists who have contributed in their respective fields for decades together.

Those who were felicitated during today's programme include Vikas Singh, Kartika Kumar, Gaurav, Piyush, Sawan, Ajay Kumar, Rajveer Manni, Sumit, Kamal Ladla and Rahul Sufi.

Before the conclusion of the programme the felicitated singers thanked the organizers especially Yudhvir Sethi for the noble gesture and assured that they would put in their best to work relentlessly for the cause of art and culture of Jammu region especially the local art forms with special focus on their area of specialization i.e., singing.

# Abusing BJP only agenda of 'issueless' opposition parties: Ravinder Raina

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JAMMU: The only agenda of opposition parties now is to abuse the BJP as they have been rendered issueless due to the speedy development of Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina said on Monday.

Raina was addressing a meeting of the party's office-bearers at the BJP headquarters here. Union minister Jitendra Singh and party co-in-charge Ashish Sood were also in attendance.

Former deputy chief ministers Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, and BJP general secretary (organisation) Ashok Kaul attended the meeting, which assumes significance as it came a day ahead of the state working committee meet in Samba district.

"Opposition leaders are



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina speaking in a meeting.

frustrated as abrogation of Article 370 speeded up the developmental activities across J&K over the past two years and strengthened the bonds of brotherhood. They have become issueless and their only agenda is to abuse the BJP," Raina said.

Apparently referring to the demand of the PDP and the National Conference for initiation of dialogue with Pakistan, the BJP leader said, "They (opposition leaders) only speak about Pakistan and China as they have nothing other than that to say."

"We have recently witnessed targeted killings in the valley which was a conspiracy by Pakistan to disturb the prevailing peaceful atmosphere. We are thankful to our Army, paramilitary and police for frustrating the evil designs of the enemy nation," he said.

Raina also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking effective measures to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Referring to the upcoming assembly elections likely to take place after the completion of the delimitation exer-

cise, he said a political resolution would be passed in the working committee meeting, pledging to work for 50-plus assembly seats to form the next government with absolute majority in J-K with a chief minister from the party.

# Administrative inertia compounding problems of farmers: Mehbooba

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday lambasted the "callous attitude" of the administration towards farmers who have suffered massive losses due to recent adverse weather conditions.

The former chief minister said rice cultivators of border belts of Jammu and those growing apple and dry fruits in Kashmir contribute a major portion towards the economy of Jammu and Kashmir, and in both the regions, the losses suffered by them due to rain and snowfall run into crores of rupees. "It seems that the administration, instead of assessing the damage on ground, has fixed the compensation sitting behind the four walls of their offices, Mehbooba told reporters.

She addressed a series of party interaction programmes in the border belt of R S Pura and Bishnah on the outskirts of the city. The Jammu and Kashmir administration has declared a heavy spell of rainfall and



PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti being welcomed in R S Pura.

snowfall on October 23 and 24 as state specific natural disaster under state disaster response fund (SDRF) norms for the purpose of providing relief to the affected farmers.

Jammu, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Reasi, Samba and Kathua in Jammu division and Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian in south Kashmir are the districts covered under the declaration.

R S Pura, also known as the rice bowl of Jammu region and the major grower of internationally acclaimed Basmati rice, was the worst hit due to massive damage to the standing Basmati crop. I am told that the government

has assured peanuts to the farmers of R S Pura, Bishnah, Samba and other plains of Jammu as compensation, where farmers have suffered extensive damage to their standing crops, the PDP leader, who is currently on a five-day tour of Jammu, said. She said the sudden change in weather has damaged the crop of farmers and brought them to the verge of starvation, but government, I am told, has fixed Rs 600 compensation per kanal, which is disgraceful and disdainful for this hard working class of society .

Taking a dig at the BJP-led central government, Mehbooba said, The party

accused persons, but at the same time the actions of the accused persons are also to be taken into consideration while balancing between individual interest and the public interest. The illegal trafficking and trade in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances has posed potential threat to the whole society as it is eating the very vitals of the society and the menace of traffickers is spreading its tentacles to every nook and corner of the U.T of Jammu & Kashmir which cannot be ignored. The release of accused persons at this stage will definitely have its adverse affect on.

# Court rejects bail of Narco Smuggler

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Kathua Kamlesh Pandit rejected the bail application of one Raj Kumar alleged Narco Smuggler from whom 80 Kg Poppy Straw was recovered. While rejecting the bail application, Court observed that the menace of Drugs in the Indian Society has taken to the roots of Indian Culture and there is no doubt that release of accused in a case of Narcotic contraband involving commercial quantity will leave an adverse impact on the psyche of the society. This court is conscious about the precious right to liberty of the

While they claim to provide free ration to 80 crore population of the country, they seem to miss the point that the one producing this food is the farmer of this country who has been at the receiving end of the anti-farmer policies of this government, she said, referring to the ongoing protest by the farmers against the contentious agriculture laws of the Centre.

Recalling how former chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed had deep affection for the people living in the border areas, she said they are the worst hit due to the hostility between India and Pakistan.

"While friendly relations between the two countries are paramount for sustainable peace and development of the whole subcontinent, our people living along the border areas deserve the incentives of such peace the most, Mehbooba added.