

Secularism core of NC's political philosophy: Gupta, Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Describing secularism as core of the political philosophy of National Conference, Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta and former minister and senior leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Wednesday said the party has withstood the vicissitudes of history during most testing times.

Felicitating Ragbir Singh Manhas on his nomination as District President NC Jammu Rural, Gupta called for strengthening the glorious ethos of Jammu and Kashmir and stressed the need for a united front against divisive forces, saying unity in diversity has been strong characteristic of the state, which is to be nurtured by foiling the machinations of elements inimical to brotherhood and peace.

Gupta referred to revolutionary steps taken under the stewardship of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in realizing the vision of empowering the people politically, economically and educationally. He



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said the National Conference reflects the genuine urges and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir State, which is a blend of different faiths and cultures.

Congratulating the newly nominated District President, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra recalled the huge role played by the National Conference by putting its best to steer the state out of morass and led it to peace, progress and development. This could be possible only because of the visionary role of the leadership and unflinching support of the people, irrespective of caste, region and religion, he added.

He said Sher-e-Kashmir

Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah had envisioned a strong, prosperous and secular state which is enshrined in his famous charter of Naya Jammu and Kashmir.

"This concept continues to be the guiding force for the party", Sadhotra said.

Former minister and Jammu-Samba Kathua Zone President Babu Rampal also congratulated the new District President and exuded confidence that the functionaries of National Conference will further strengthen the party at the grass roots level.

NC Vice President Jammu Province Brij Mohan Sharma and Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu Province felicitated Manhas, hoping he will take all along for the betterment of the people.

The newly nominated District President Rural Manhas expressed his gratitude to the leadership for reposing their faith in him and assured that he will do his best to come to their expectations.

JKPYC delegation calls on LG Sinha, demands 33 years as upper age limit for SI aspirants on compassionate grounds

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress JKPYC has demanded an upper age limit for the posts of Sub Inspectors in Jammu and Kashmir Police be fixed as 33 years on compassionate grounds.

The demand was raised by a delegation of educated unemployed youth of Jammu & Kashmir led by social activist and General Secretary JKPYC Nirandeep Singh Bhullar which met the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Wednesday. Prominent among others accompanying the JKPYC General Secretary were Ranjith Chopra (Gen. Secretary JKPYC) and Brinder Pratap Singh Bhathyal (Secretary, JKPYC).

He requested the LG that to direct the competent authority to update the concerned website regarding the enhanced age limit so that the aspirants do not feel any difficulty or hurdle in filing the online applications for JKP SI recruitment exams.

Bhullar said that the major-



JKPYC delegation members interacting with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

ity of youth who has crossed their age bar because of the administrative flaws, poor policies, COVID-19 and various other reasons direly need one time age relaxation on compassionate grounds i.e. of at least 5 years and requested the LG to look into the matter to reconsider this issue related to the career and future of J&K Youth.

It further argues that age relaxation to the aspirants of JKPS had been once enhanced from 32 to 37 years for JKPS, then why a 33 year old is not eligible for Sub Inspector and demands the same analogy to be adopted in the case of Sub-inspectors posts.

Others present in the delegation were Shehzad Choudhary, Gaurav Jamwal, Anshuman Singh, Balwinder Choudhary, Gaurav Sharma and Gagan Jasrotia.

Jandial Biradari congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: All Jandial Sabha is holding annual congregation at Devasthan of Bawa Sehjnehal ji at Gole Puli, Jammu on the occasion of Kartik Purnima on November 19 with strict observance of COVID protocol prescribed by the Govt. No person would be allowed to enter the Devasthan without face mask and the devotees are advised to use hand sanitiser to protect against COVID. At a time not more 50 persons would be allowed in the sanctum sanctorum as prescribed by the Govt.

The Chief Patron, Justice K K Gupta (Retd), Chairman I C Jandial & President, All Jandial Sabha Raman Gupta have appealed to the Biradari members to co-operate in holding safe congregation by wearing mask on the occasion.

As per the programme, Dewaj Arohan will be held at 9:00 AM, Patta Puja at 9:30 AM & distribution of Pashad at 10:00 AM.

Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: Bi-annual congregation of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari will be held on November 19 at Devasthan, Sector 14, behind Power House, Shivaji Chowk Nanak Nagar, here.

This was decided in a meeting of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari. According to Ravi Rohmetra General Secretary of the Biradari, this was decided that due to COVID-19 pandemic there will be no Bhandara but packed Parshad of Kichri will be provided. The organizers requested all Biradari members to participate along with families in the congregation following all COVID-19 protocols to seek blessings of Kuldevta Baba Pragya Nath ji. Among those present in the meeting included Prabhakar Rohmetra, Yogesh Rohmetra, Ajay Rohmetra, Neeraj Rohmetra and Vinay Rohmetra.

Ganotra, Deygal Brahmin Congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: Bi-annual congregation of Ganotra and Deygal Brahmin Biradari will be held November 19 (Friday) at Devasthan Kharha Madana (Purmandal).

As per release issued here the Biradari will organize religious function including Hawan. Bhandara will take place in the afternoon. All the Biradari members are requested to participate in this religious function and seek blessings of Bua Dati.

CHO Jammu reviews Horticulture activities in Jammu

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JAMMU: To have a complete review of Horticulture activities as well as physical and financial achievements under Capex/UT CSS in respect of District Jammu, a review meeting was chaired by Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu Sarabjit Singh on Wednesday at Jammu, wherein DLSMS Sanjeev Kumar and Sandeep Gupta and horticulture development officers of Jammu district attended the meeting.

At last, all the officers of the districts assured the chair to extend full co-operation and vowed to work hard for the betterment of farming community and achieve the targets in time.

He emphasised to glamorize the Horticulture Profession and to make a shift from Traditional Horticulture to Smart Horticulture by adopt-



Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu Sarabjit Singh chairing a meeting

ing the latest innovations like Modified High Density Plantation, Strawberry cultivation, Micro-irrigation technologies, Protected Cultivation techniques, Organic farming and Mechanization. Threadbare discussion was held about the ways and means, the department could adopt for the betterment of the poor farmers and removal of the bottlenecks in the implementation of departmental schemes and also sought suggestions from the officers for providing hassle free services to the farming community and to address complaints and grievances in an effective manner.

He was speaking during a meeting held to discuss Master Plan 2032 here at PWD Guest House Gandhi Nagar Jammu. In the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anshul Garg, ADDC Jammu, ACD Jammu, Vice Chairman JDA, DDC Members, BDC Chairpersons of Jammu district and officials of JDA and Rural Development Department were present.

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domain for bringing transparency in the functioning of the administration. He made it clear that the people have the right to know about the exact jurisdiction of the aforesaid plan. He divulged that 90 new villages have been added in the Master Plan and it is imperative that the people should know this fact besides having precise

knowledge of the Khasra Nos. of the villages being incorporated in the Master Plan 2032.

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supply is an 'absurd' thing as the same has been promised by the Prime Minister himself and the government is committed to do this as soon as possible. He said that the process of getting permission for the construction of houses should be online and time bound. He demanded one week's time is more than enough to give such permissions.

The DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan also reviewed CAPEX Budget during the meeting. He

said that the functioning of RDD is not satisfactory.

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SOTTO J&K organises awareness program on Organ Donation in SMVDU



VC SMVDU Padmasree Prof. R.K. Sinha posing with other dignitaries.

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KATRA: State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) J&K in collaboration with Board of Cultural activities Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra organised an awareness cum organ pledging program on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion Vice Chancellor SMVDU

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