

## 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



NC leaders felicitating Ragbir Singh Manhas on his nomination as District President NC Jammu Rural.

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.

Sadhotra said that Jammu and Kashmir has suffered immensely during the recent years and all eyes were now upon the National Conference to correct the wrongs committed in governance.

Sadhotra recalled the role of National Conference in political empowerment of the people and socio-economic transformation of Jammu and Kashmir, saying the initiatives taken in strengthening democracy and forging the bonds of amity between various sections of the people by the towering leaders has ensured peoples participation in decision making.

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 Nimrandeep Singh Bhullar which met the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Wednesday. Prominent among others accompanying the JKPYC General Secretary were Ranjit Chopra (Gen. Secretary JKPYC) and Brinder Pratap Singh Bhathiyal (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.

The delegation JKPYC delegation submitted a Memorandum of Demands with regard to the aforesaid urgency in further age relaxation in the interest of the youth of J&K who are aspiring to join the belt force and serve the union territory and are anxiously waiting for relaxation since the advertisement No. 06 of 2021 was issued on 21-10-21 especially

in view of the fact that the police department did not make any recommendations for the posts of police sub-inspectors since 2016 and now the rules and criteria has also changed since the abrogation of Article 370 and scrapping of Section 35-A of the Constitution of India.

It further argues that age relaxation to the aspirants of 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. It further appeals for one last opportunity on compassionate grounds to serve the nation and became the part of J&K government. According to the memoran-

dum, the new policy of absorbing more and more youth would be augmented by 5 year age relaxation.

Others present in the delegation were Shehzad Choudhary, Gaurav Jamwal, Anshuman Singh, Balvinder 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 Shehnath 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, Pattal Puja at 9:30 AM & distribution of Parsad 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 Parsad 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 Pragan Nath ji. Among those present in the meeting included Prabhakar Rohmetra, Yogesh Rohmetra, Ajay Rohmetra, Neeraj Rohmetra and Vinay Rohmetra.

### Ganotra, Degyal Brahmin Congregation on Nov 19

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JAMMU: Bi-Annual congregation of Ganotra and Degyal 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 Dahi.

## CHO Jammu reviews Horticulture activities in Jammu



Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu, Sarabjit Singh chairing a meeting

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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.

Chief Horticulture officer impressed upon all the officers to expedite the works undertaken for the development of the departmental nurseries and achieve the targets allotted under different schemes up to ending December 2021 so as to incur full expenditure well in time.

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

ing the latest innovations like Modified High Density Plantation, Strawberry cultivation, Micro-irrigation technologies, Protected Cultivation techniques, Organic farming and Mechanization. Thread-bare 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.

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.

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JAMMU: DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi on Wednesday stressed on bringing transparency in the functioning of District Administration.

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.

The DDC Chairman asked the concerned quarters to ensure that the aforesaid Master Plan should be placed in public



DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan chairing a meeting

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.

Bharat Bhushan also gave directions to JDA for simplifying the procedure for granting permissions for the convenience of people intending to construct their houses. He also said that JDA demanding the NOCs for power and water

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



VC SMVDU Padmashree 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 Padmashree Prof. R.K. Sinha (also known as the Dolphin man of India and Dolphin Sinha) said that to save lives, only emotion will not work, our thinking should be in such a way that after death, we have to save the lives of other. He filled the

organ pledging form and motivated others also.

Dr. Elias Sharma, HoD Urology, GMC Jammu and Nodal Officer SOTTO J&K through his presentation aware the students regarding deceased organ donation. 'The solution to bridge the ever widening gap between organ availability and organ requirement in India is possible only through systematic strengthening of the deceased organ donation programme' he added.

Dr. Ashok Sharma, Dean faculty sciences, SMVDU Katra during his welcome note said that organ donation is the need of an hour: Nagendra Singh

Jamwal, registrar SMVDU and faculty from various departments of university graced the occasion. The event saw an overwhelming response from the students.

Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sakshi Arora, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engg., and President board of cultural activities, SMVDU Katra.

The Session concluded with felicitation of the dignitaries and more than 60 participants pledging for Organ Donation.

The highlight of the event was the QA session that saw a very high level of engagement and interaction by the participants.

## Jan Jagran Abhiyan: Common man victim of BJP Govt's anti-people policies, says Hari Singh

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JAMMU: Udhay Bhanu Chib, President Jammu and Kashmir Youth Congress (JKPYC) and Hari Singh Chib, President District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural have castigated the NDA government at the Centre for imposing heavy taxes on public thus making the life of common man across the nation quite miserable.

The Congress leaders levelled these allegations while addressing a large gathering during a function organized in Raipur Domana assembly segment under 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan' here today. It is pertinent to mention here that the 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan' commenced on 14th November 2021 and is scheduled to conclude on 29th November.

The JKPYC President, Udhay Bhanu Chib in his



DCC Jammu Rural President, Hari Singh Chib during meeting with people during Jan Jagran Abhiyan.

address on the occasion said that today the people across the nation and especially that of Jammu and Kashmir have become the worst victims of the wrong and anti-people policies of the incumbent NDA Govt. He alleged that the basic necessities have become so expensive these days that common man cannot afford to purchase these with the government showing no concern at all regarding these issues. On the contrary

those at the helm of affairs in governance are busy in selling out Public properties to their friends and favourites, he claimed. Cost of petrol, diesel and cooking gas is so high that it has already broken the backbone of the common man, he added.

The DCC Jammu Rural President, Hari Singh Chib in his address on the on the occasion came down heavily upon the BJP Govt at the centre

accusing it of downgrading the status of Jammu and Kashmir, a full fledged state by bifurcating it into two Union Territories of Ladakh and J&K. He said that today unemployment has reached its peak in Jammu and Kashmir, touching 24% which is highest not only in the country but in the world. It was promised that with abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A and converting the State into two UTs there would be unprecedented development, end of terrorism and also end of unemployment but instead things seem to be have reversed on ground, he lamented.

Hari Singh appealed to the people to highlight the failures of the NDA Govt in their areas of influence and make the people aware about its anti-people policies so that they teach BJP a lesson whenever the Assembly elections take place in J&K.

## SKJAVS Trust honours Jammu Bar President M K Bhardwaj



SKJAVS Trust member honouring Jammu Bar President Sr Adv M.K Bhardwaj.

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JAMMU: Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan (SKJAVS) Trust honoured Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association President Senior Advocate M.K. Bhardwaj and presented Shiv Mahapuran, Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta and Certificate in presence of office bearers.

On this occasion Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri said that M.K Bhardwaj is highly reputed

advocate and also congratulated him for his third tenure as president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association.

On this occasion other elected members among the Vice President Mohinder Pal Singh Palli, General Secretary Surjeet Singh, Joint Secretary Aditya along with trust vice President Pawan Khajuria, General Secretary Parbodi Sharma, Secretary Rakesh Gandotra were also present.

## RBBA felicitates President Dharmarth Trust for efficiently manning affairs of Raghunath Temple

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JAMMU: The newly elected team of Raghunath Bazaar Businessmen Association (RBBA) on Wednesday felicitated President Dharmarth Trust Ajay Gandotra for efficiently managing the affairs of Shree Raghunath ji Temple with bringing in drastic changes to increase footfall of the devotees and the visitors. The RBBA team comprising its President Sanjay Gupta, Sanjay Sethi Senior Vice President, Amit Goel General Secretary, Mohit Gupta Joint Secretary and Ankush Sethi Cashier visited Central Office of Dharmarth Trust and felici-



RBBA members felicitating President Dharmarth Trust Ajay Gandotra.

tated Ajay Gandotra for his out of the box initiatives in bringing on tracks the functioning of affairs of temples and shrines being run under the aegis of Dharmarth Trust especially Shri Raghunathji temple where he has started Langar Sewa on regular basis and also did commendable job in reno-

vating and decorating the temple premises to attract more tourists to this religious destination situated in the heart of Jammu City.

On the occasion, Sanjay Gupta extended wholehearted support to Ajay Gandotra in his endeavours to facelift the temple and the adjoining Bazaars as well because this

heritage site needs the same for rejuvenation to ensure more and more people visit the place and contribute in socio-economic development. Dr Gopal Parthasarthi Sharma, Secretary of Dharmarth Trust was also present during the meeting.

Ajay Gandotra assured the delegation that the Dharmarth Trust is in the process of renovating and face-lifting all the shrines and temples running under the Trust and assured that he will leave no stone unturned to beautify elegantly the Raghunathji temple premises and the area outside this century old religious destination.