

# BJP is always committed and dedicated to uplift every individual: Rekha

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JAMMU: Accelerate the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) "Viksit Bharat" (Visionary Bharat) activities under the stalwart leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the ground level, as a masses outreach program in Jammu South, led by its President BNP District Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan on Sunday elaborated the remarkable, strengthening India on "Jan Samvad Abhiyan" in Belicharana area of Gandhi Nagar Mandal of Bahu Constituency in presence of BJP leaders include



President BNP District Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan speaking at a programme.

Narinder Gupta koki District Vice President, Bharat Bhushan Mandal President, Suraj Rana Mandal General Secretary, Main Speaker Raghav Arora and the general public were present on the occasion. Rekha Mahajan, while

addressing the public on Booth Jan Abhiyaan, highlighted that the BJP is always committed and dedicated to uplifting every individual, primarily those who have been left behind by successive Governments over the decades, and constantly

reaching out to the last person in the society for their empowerment and betterment across union territory of J&K, irrespective of region and caste obstacles. Rekha educates the general populace that PM Modi isn't bothered by criticism and credited him for taking "radical decisions at the cost of his popularity" throughout every hub of the world. She counted that PM Modi's supernatural, extraordinary brainiac skills always miracle all segments of society, especially impoverished people those were depended upon the central government's welfare and multiple friendly schemes for their upliftment. Rekha underlined that PM Modi is a "selfless man" always committed and devoted to the national interest of the public. She further claimed that the policies of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had

secured a political resolution to the "protests and sporadic incidents of insurgency and infiltrations" in Jammu and Kashmir. Rekha added that she would like to credit the "Modi Sarkaar" primarily the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, for always exhibiting and keeping confidence in the general public of J&K.

Narinder Gupta and Bharat Bhushan emphasized the BJP's commitment to inclusive development, echoing the party's mantra of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas". Booth President Ravi Sharma, Ranjit Singh, Ward President Pritam Shan, Shakti Kendra Parmukh Rakesh Sharma, Anita Shan, Rishil Langleh, Amarika Kotwal, Ramkour, Susheela Sharma, Daler Singh, Vikram Rao, Rajesh Sharma, Bashir Khan, Barkat Ali, Abbas Rather were present in the program.

# Bukhari urges people to fortify Apni Party for J&K's prosperous future

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SRINAGAR: Addressing a massive public rally in the Trehgam constituency of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Sunday, endorsed party leader Dr Noor-ud-Din Shah as the leading face in the constituency and urged the people to support him for a better future. He said, "This place holds historical significance, especially in terms of its political dynamism. However, the traditional parties and their leaders have consistently overlooked the development of this region, leaving it underdeveloped and its people deprived. But, I assure you that if Apni Party gets your mandate in this constituency, we will restore its past glory and propel it towards a path of development and prosperity." "I request your support for Dr. Noor-ud-Din Shah, who, I believe, can effectively represent



JKAP President, S.M.A Bukhari addressing a gathering.

your interests and lead this constituency towards a path of progress and development. He is one of you and does not belong to any political dynasty," he added. Sharing his vision for the prosperity of the Trehgam constituency, Bukhari said, "A well-established road network, train connectivity, and the setting up of industries here will enable this area to flourish with prosperity and provide ample employment opportunities. I assure you, we are committed to turning this

vision into a reality for the people of Trehgam." "The lack of development is evident in Trehgam, and it can be gauged by the fact that this place does not have a degree college or a well-equipped hospital for the residents. I wonder what the leaders have done whom you trusted and mandated over the years," he added. He appealed to people to strengthen Apni Party so that it could realize its objective of peace, prosperity, and the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

# Natrang features Hindi play 'Girgit'



A scene from the play 'Girgit' Directed by Balwant Thakur, presented at Rani Park, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Hindi play 'Girgit' directed by Neeraj Kant featured here today in Natrang's weekly Theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at Rani Park, Jammu. Based on a Russian short story by Anton Chekhov the play proved to be the hard hitting satire on the present socio-political system. The adaptation of the play was deeply rooted in the soil of Jammu and its dramatic structure made the audience feel as if they are watching their own story. Every time the play is staged, some highly contemporary and situational aspect is added to it which refines its beauty. Natrang has been endeavor-

ing to showcase highly relevant political and social satires and today's play demonstrated to be the shining example of that. The play 'Girgit' revolves around a dog and corrupt police officer, who changes colours like a chameleon, every time as the situation changes irrespective of right or wrong. The stage action starts when a Dog bites a pickpocket who approaches the officers to help him to roundup owner but in vain. A passerby hints that the dog belongs to the local Minister as he saw a similar dog moving around his Bungalow. On getting his clue, the officer starts beating the pickpocket for teasing a respectable dog. The offi-

cer claims that a dog of minister cannot bite unless and until forced to do so. While he is beating the pickpocket, another man from the crowd observes that the local minister cannot keep such dog, as he is known to have pointer-hunting dogs only. On this, dog is thrashed and search continues for the owner of the dog to enable the pickpocket to claim the compensation. The beating of the dog continues until a servant of the minister appears on the scene. At first he refuses to recognize the dog but later identifies him as the minister's brother's dog who has visited from Delhi. Here the dog is escorted back home with full official protocol. Vishal Sharma as Police Officer portrayed aesthetically the changes of colours of the central character who was equally supported by Aadesh Dhar as his subordinate. Neeraj Kant as the senior officer successfully exhibited the complexities of the senior bureaucrats. Among others who gave impressive performances included Sanket Bhagat as thief, Sumit Bandaral & Brijesh Avtar Sharma as Minister's Servant, Tarun Sharma as Dog, Abhimanyu Choudhary and Kushal Bhat.

# Indira Gandhi's legacy continue to inspire women today: AYC Jammu North

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the 106th Birth Anniversary of Late Indira Gandhi, Bharat Ratna, First Lady Prime Minister of India, the Assembly Youth Congress (AYC) Jammu North organized the prestigious Indira Priyadarshini Awards 2023. The ceremony, held in Ward No. 60 Jammu North, aimed to recognize and appreciate the significant contributions of various local women in the region to society and to confer the Indira Priyadarshini Certificates upon the women who have been working for the community, and hold important positions in society. Senior Leaders, Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC, Uday Bhanu Chib



Senior Congress leaders, Hari Singh Chib and Uday Bhanu Chib after presenting awards to women.

former State President (NSUI, Youth Congress) J&K, along with Anirudh Sawhney General Secretary JKPYC, Soam Nath Block President Congress Patta Paloura, Parveen Akhtar Mahila Congress State Secretary J&K, Vankul Jamba DYC

President Jammu Urban, Sunil Singh AYC President Jammu North were present. Senior Leaders present shared words of encouragement and appreciation for the awardees, highlighting the importance of recognizing and celebrating the achieve-

ments of women in various fields. Various women, including underprivileged, SC, ST and BPL ladies were honoured with the certificate for their work. Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC, paid tribute to the Indira Gandhi, stating that she

continues to inspire generations with her leadership and dedication to the nation. The Indira Priyadarshini Awards serve as a platform to honour women who follow in her footsteps, making noteworthy contributions to the betterment of society. Uday Bhanu Chib stated that through the awards, they were commemorating the historical icon; and celebrating the enduring spirit of empowerment that Indira Gandhi symbolized, especially for women. Anirudh Sawhney, General Secretary JKPYC, also spoke in the event and thanked the women who were honoured with the Indira Priyadarshini Certificates for their unrelenting contribution to the people.

# Vibodh calls for PDP, NC, Congress Mukht J&K

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held an impressive public meeting at Paloura, Jammu on Sunday which was addressed by BJP Jammu and Kashmir general secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta. Speaking on the occasion Vibodh highlighted the misdeeds of the National Conference, PDP and Congress in Jammu and Kashmir and maintained that it is necessary to root out these corrupt and anti-nationalist parties to safeguard peace, prosperity and development of the Union Territory. "NC, PDP and Congress Mukht Jammu and Kashmir will be the major cornerstone in the making of New and prosperous J&K. It is not merely a slogan but the determination of the people to make the Union Territory corruption-free and liberate it from the clutches of



Former MLC, Vibodh Gupta addressing a public meeting at Jammu on Sunday.

dynastic political parties. These parties exploited common people and did nothing for the development and progress of J&K," said Vibodh. Vibodh highlighted the 70-year-long history of struggle and sacrifices of BJP leaders to abrogate Article 370 to revive democracy and to give democratic rights to women, SCs, PoJK refugees, Gujjars and

others. He strongly asserted that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi led central Government with its courage and historic decision to abrogate Article 370 and 35 A opened up a plethora of opportunities for our people and restored the past cultural and traditional glory of Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing the gathering,

BJP district president Omi Khajuria thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for unprecedented growth and development in Jammu & Kashmir and said that the region is witnessing major development under the Modi government. Speaking on the occasion, BJP Mahila Morcha leader Arti Thakur said that the Modi government has worked on the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

# Khatana promises renaissance of Pokhran, Gajinder accuses Cong of Corruption

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POKHRAN: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, highlighted the historical significance of Pokhran and the need for its comprehensive development. Emphasizing that Pokhran was bestowed with international recognition during the tenure of then President APJ Kalam and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he lamented the deliberate neglect of the region by the Congress Party. MP Khatana asserted that once the BJP assumes power, Pokhran will be accorded top priority, receiving a substantial boost in developmental initiatives. He underscored the party's commitment to ensuring equal opportunities for growth for all sections of society, with a particular focus on minority communities.



BJP MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana addressing a gathering at Pokhran.

Union Minister Gajinder Singh accused the Congress of being synonymous with corruption and accusing them of perpetuating a "transfer industry" in Rajasthan. Minister Singh emphasized the BJP's dedication to good governance and a corruption-free administration, promising a restoration of law and order

in the state. Pokhran BJP Candidate, Mahant Pratappuri Ji Maharaj, also expressed his vision for the constituency. If given the opportunity, he pledged to transform Pokhran into a model constituency, excelling in development, employment opportunities, and overall growth. The BJP leaders collective-

ly advocated for a brighter future for Pokhran, promising to eradicate the shadows of underdevelopment and corruption that they claim have plagued the region for too long. As the election season unfolds, the BJP aims to garner support based on its commitment to progress, inclusivity, and accountable governance.

# Rural Sanitation Directorate commemorates World Toilet Day

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UDHAMPUR: In a dedicated effort to underscore the importance of sanitation and hygiene, the Directorate of Rural Sanitation Jammu and Kashmir celebrated World Toilet Day at an event held in Udhampur which was attended by DDCs, BDCs, PRIs, Students, and staff members of Government Higher Secondary School Barolla, locals, RDD staff and sanitation workers. Addressing the gathering, the Director Charandeep Singh highlighted the significance of World Toilet Day as a platform to raise awareness about sanitation challenges and promote effective solutions. Emphasizing the role of sustainable Sanitation practices, the Director urged the community to adopt measures that contribute to long-term cleanliness. "Ensuring access to proper sanitation is not only a matter of health but also a fundamental right. We must focus on sustainable practices that go beyond just building toilets. It involves creating a culture of cleanliness and hygiene that lasts," stated the director. He emphasized that there was a critical need for sustainable sanitation practices to ensure the overall well-being of

communities. During the event, the Director launched Toilet Etiquette posters to be put on all CSCs. Various initiatives from Single Pit to Twin Pit, Compost Pits and Soak Pits, and projects aimed at promoting sustainable sanitation were showcased at Government Higher Secondary School, Barallo Udhampur. The Director also visited the GOB-ARDHAN project in the block. The director called for active public support in implementing these measures, emphasizing that community involvement is essential for the success of any sanitation program. Residents and community leaders attended the event, expressing their commitment to supporting initiatives that promote cleanliness. Discussions revolved around the need for collective efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment. Chairman DDC Lal Chand also emphasized on the importance of sanitation. He informed that sanitation in rural areas have improved phenomenally. On the occasion, the Director asked the field staff to inform the public about the twin pit technology and conduct a survey for construction of twin pits. Each twin pit beneficiary

would be given Rs 6000. The Director lauded the teachers for constructing a demo of twin pits in the school and making students aware. He further praised the students for participating in rangoli making related to swachhata and Slogan writing competition. Awards were distributed among the top performing students in slogan writing competition. Miss Gudiya Sharma got 1st, Miss Madhu Devi 2nd and Miss Manisha Devi 3rd position respectively in slogan writing competition. Students also highlighted the importance of sanitation by participating in cultural programs organised by the authorities. The director concluded the event by calling for a united front in the pursuit of sustainable sanitation practices. "Cleanliness is a shared responsibility, and together, we can create a lasting impact. Let us work hand in hand to build a healthier and more sustainable future for our communities," the director urged. As the World Toilet Day celebration concluded, the focus now shifts to implementing the discussed initiatives and garnering continued public support for sustainable sanitation practices in the rural J&K.

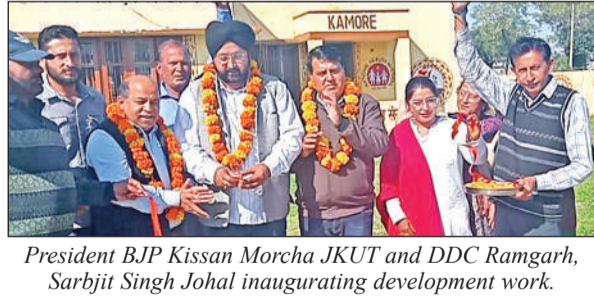
# BJP Govt firmly committed to root out terrorism: Purnima

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JAMMU: JKUT BJP Spokesperson and Former Deputy Mayor JMC, Adv Purnima Sharma has asserted that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Bharatiya Janata Party government has proved during its governance its firm commitment to rooting out terrorism from the country especially in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader while referring to the killing of 5 terrorists in Kulgam and others in Rajouri and Uri said that the annihilation of terrorists is being carried on a regular basis in Jammu and Kashmir as per the proactive strategy planned by the security forces. She said that it is for the first time that every aspect of every terror related case is being investigated in detail now which ensures that not only the terrorists get killed and all

those sheltering them, providing them logistics and helping them in identifying the person for targeted killing are punished. She said that BJP Govt in synchronized action with the UT Administration have zeroed in on the use of official as well as unofficial channels in financing terrorism, besides taking full note of the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorism financing thus giving the terror ecosystem a death blow. Purnima said that the greatest achievement of BJP Govt is that people in Kashmir are coming forward to establish peace and prosperity. She stated that BJP Govt has always reaffirmed that the actions to counter terrorism and its financing should be collective and unified, without exceptions on any ground besides reiterating its commitment to a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism.

# Strengthen PM's hands for equitable development of J&K: Johal



President BJP Kissan Morcha JKUT and DDC Ramgarh, Sarbjit Singh Johal inaugurating development work.

RAMGARH: Sarbjit Singh Johal, President BJP Kissan Morcha JKUT and DDC Ramgarh has asserted that only BJP can fulfill the aspirations of common people of this Union Territory especially in rural and far flung areas and urged the people to further strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for equitable development of every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. He expressed this during a function in which he kicked started development work of a boundary wall of PHC Lagwal and Keso Manhasa

Panchayat at Block Ramgarh District Samba. While addressing a gathering, Johal said that development is going on at an unprecedented pace under present government at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Referring specifically to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, he asserted that for the first time the rural areas of this Union Territory are receiving special attention because under the PM's dynamic vision, there has to be overall equitable development which clearly implies that development in rural areas has to be equitably pro-

portionate so that these areas are brought at par with the urban areas. He stated that it is an open secret that rural and far flung areas remained totally neglected for about seven decades in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir and it is only after Articles 370 and 35A that there has been a strategic shift in terms of development with rural and neglected areas being the focus areas of the BJP government. He said that only BJP can fulfill the aspirations of common people of this Union Territory especially in rural and far flung areas. Johal appealed to the people to further strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for equitable development of every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir. BDO Mukesh Sharma, Sarpanch Dr Kuldeep Raj Naib Sarpanch Parveen Choudhary and Rampaul were present on the occasion.