

Rana asks Cong whether it believes in PAGD's stand on Art 370 abrogation

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday asked the Congress to clarify whether it believes in the stand taken by People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on the abrogation of the temporary Article 370 of the Constitution of India.

"As the so-called Yatra is entering Jammu and Kashmir, the people here have a right to know whether the Congress stands behind the PAGD's inappropriate rants over this issue of national importance, as the repeal of the special provision binds the Union Territory with rest of the country, psychologically and emotionally", Rana said while addressing BJP Karyakartas at Ghagwal



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana speaking at a programme.

and Sumb here today.

Rana said opposition to the repeal of Article 370 is negating the spirit of the Constitution, as its architect Babasaheb B R Ambedkar had consciously incorporated it as a temporary provision.

By aligning with the PAGD, the Congress is willfully and contemptuously giving affront to the vision of Baba Saheb. Since Rahul Gandhi is claiming his yatra to be binding the people of the country, the very opposition to repeal of Article

370 amounts to dividing it, he said, adding that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would be curious to know about the stand of the Congress on this issue.

Devender Rana, during his address, dwelt in detail on the

stature India has acquired in the world under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In this context, he referred to hosting of 2023 G-20 summit as a major stride towards India becoming the Vishwaguru.

Rana exhorted the people to strengthen the BJP for prosperous, progressive and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir. He said the Union Territory is ushering in a new era of peace and progress under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Later in the evening Rana also met with prominent citizens of Samba and had interaction with them. A deputation of VDCs, SPOs also met Rana.

DGP J&K decorates Haseeb-Ur-Rehman with DIG rank



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh decorating Haseeb-Ur-Rehman with DIG rank.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh decorated Haseeb-Ur-Rehman with DIG rank in a piping ceremony at Police Headquarters here on Monday. ADGP Headquarters PHQ, M K Sinha was also present on the occasion.

The DGP and ADGP

Hqrs. congratulated the officer and his family. They wished him good luck for the new assignment and a successful career ahead.

Haseeb-Ur-Rehman has been posted as DIG, Railways J&K. He has also been assigned to look after the work of State Investigation Unit (SIU), Jammu.

Don't glorify jawans: Mustafa Kamal



Traffic violators won't be spared: RTO

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBHA: Regional Transport Officer Jammu, Pankaj Mangotra on Monday acted tough against traffic violators and swooped on Jammu Kathua route to book violators, especially in passenger vehicles. He challaned 30 vehicles and seized 2 vehicles for violation of MVA Act.

Speaking on occasion, the RTO Jammu said such drives would continue to check the violations and penalize the violators under relevant sections, besides ensuring safety. While seeking cooperation of people from all walks of life, the RTO Jammu said masses should respond to such campaigns, and understand the magnitude of the problem. "The number of road accidents could be brought down if the people cooperate with



Regional Transport Officer Jammu, Pankaj Mangotra challaning a violator.

the department.", he added. He further added that Parents should respond to the situation and do not gift speed and power vehicles to their children, and instead try to bring required behavioural change in them so that road accidents could be avoided to a large extent,"

Later, the RTO Jammu also launched a signature campaign to generate awareness among road users regarding road safety. ARTO Samba Rehana Tabassam, MVI Vikas Srivats Official from ARTO Samba accompanied the RTO Jammu.

Aspirants of various exams hold protests against JKSSB at district headquarters

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A number of aspirants of JKSSB and others, preparing for various posts, held a joint protest at Press Club Jammu on Monday, while similar protests were held at other district headquarters as well.

Speaking on the occasion, Vinkal Sharma said that the exams conducted by JKSSB were cancelled by the administration due to several irregularities like hiring a black-listed company, having a long list of failures. The same was acknowledged by High court too, which directed Government to constitute a committee under retired High court Judge to investigate the matter but Government used its power unethically and obtained stay over that enquiry, he



JKSSB aspirants raising slogans during a protest.

added. "Now re-exams conducted by a previously black-listed company have also entered into controversy as answer-key got leaked prior to notified date," he added. The protesting aspirants alleged that JKSSB is pretending that nothing serious has happened whereas a link was leaked and circulated on social media on December

28, 2022 claiming that it was answer-key link. The aspirants urged the Government to implement Single bench judgment for punishing corrupt JKSSB officials, investigation of leakage of answer key, framing stern law to stop paper leakage with provisions of harsh punishments for private as well as Government

employees, participation of private players in public recruitments etc for ensuring transparency in recruitment process.

Prominent among those who were present in the protest at Jammu included Sushil, Rohit, Ronak, Sakshar, Moin, Nasir and Ramneek while Rajat, Ajay, Aditya, Manik and others staged a protest at Samba. Similarly, Aquib, Najeeb, Shaqib, Shariq, Tahir and others participated in protest at Rajouri; Sahil, Keshav, Abhishek, Rohit, Vishal and others in Kathua, Rakesh, Anil, Nadeem, Ricky, Arun, Pankaj and others in Udhampur while Aasif, Aarif, Nadeem, Sahil, Nisar, Omar and others staged protest at Anantnag, Budgam and Baramulla.

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KATHUA: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla and Rajnish Sharma Mian convened a series of Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) preparatory meetings at Chakda, Hariachak, Khanpur, Lakhnote Nagri, Nanak Chak in Kathua district. The meetings were organised by President DCC Kathua Pankaj Dogra while prominent among those attended the meeting included ex-MLA Girdhari Lal Chalotra, Narinder Khajuria, Rakesh Sharma, Akash Bharat, Sanjay Razdan, Raman Thappa, Parveen Sharma, K B Singh, Jaswant Singh Kaka, Ravinder Paul Singh, Sat Paul Bhandari, Parmjit Singh, Tarsem



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing a gathering.

Paul Saini, Pankaj Sharma, Yog Raj, Rajnish Basotra, Block Presidents Sohan Lal, Ravi Sharma, Subash Chander and Vishu Andotra. Speaking on the occasion, Raman Bhalla said that BJY is a game-changer, not for Congress, not for Rahul Gandhi but for people of the country.

shades, people who used to criticise and oppose us, have now joined hands for sake of the nation due to which BJP is running helter-skelter and is scared," he added.

Rajnish Sharma Mian urged people of J&K to reject 'pro-rich and anti-youth' BJP for peace and prosperity in region. He slammed BJP government for using public money for polishing own image through massive advertisement.

Pankaj Dogra said that as people of all sections have turned against BJP, the elections in J&K are being delayed fear of losing polls. He further said that situation on ground zero in J&K is contrary to claims of BJP.

Shailender Singh bids farewell to outgoing Dy SP Manzoor Hussian



SSP STWS J&K, Shailender Singh and others officers according send off to DySP Manzoor Hussian.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A farewell function was organized to bid send off to DySP Manzoor Hussian, on his transfer from STWS Jammu to JKAP-8th Battalion.

SSP STWS J&K, Shailender Singh appreciated his initiatives and contributions in the workshop.

Manzoor had joined Police

Department in the year 1991 and served different wings of J&K Police besides a very significant posting at PT'S Kathua for a period of two years.

The officer remained posted at STWS Jammu for a period of four years and 10 months.

The officer contributed a lot for the up-gradation of workshop by his hardwork, dedica-

tion and professionalism and was awarded DGP commendation Medal in the year 2021. The officer is replaced by DySP Sujjad Mir of 1992 batch.

Altaf Ahmad Shah SSP Security J&K Jammu, Ranjeet Singh Sambyal SSP(Tech) SHQ J&K, Ravinder Paul Singh SSP SO to ADGP Security J&K, Ashish Rathore, CPO Security HQ J&K, Farooq Ahmed DySP (S) Pvt. Secy to ADGP Sec J&K, Sanjay Manhas Acctt. Officer SHQ J&K, Sujjad Mir DySP STWS Jammu, Mushtaq Mohammed Insp (S) PA to SSP STWS J&K, Satinder Pal Insp (Auto) STWS J&K and Mangal SSE Foreman STWS Jammu were also present.

Shailender Singh wished outgoing officer good luck for future endeavours.

Road Safety Week: Debate, training camp for students held



ARTO Reasi addressing students during a programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

REASI: ARTO Reasi, Rajesh Gupta organised a debate competition on Road Safety Awareness at Presentation Convent High School, on Monday. Participating students also stressed on the need not to drive a vehicle till one attains the age of 18 year. They also highlighted the need to spread the message of Road Safety among the families and public to make it a sustained campaign to avoid the loss of precious human lives due to

road accidents. The speakers called for wearing Helmets and Seat Belts while driving the vehicle on the road. Rajesh Gupta called upon the school students to act as ambassadors of Road Safety by spreading the message among their near and dears.

On the occasion, an animated film on Road Safety was also screened by RTO Office Reasi to educate students about road safety. Prizes were also distributed among the participants.

MVD Udhampur organises medical cum awareness camp for drivers, conductors

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Udhampur on Monday organised a medical checkup cum awareness camp for drivers/conductors to promote healthy living for driver partners who are constantly on the move and need to monitor their health at regular intervals.

The camp was organised with the support and participation of the Health department. A dedicated team of doctors conducted on the spot medical examination of the drivers who were also provided counselling and literature on good health.

Medical checkup including sugar, Blood pressure and eye testing of more than 200 drivers and conductors was conducted.

Similar camps were organised in Ramnagar and



Doctors conducting medical checkup of drivers/ conductors.

Chennani areas also. Apart from this, the drivers were also made aware of monitoring of fatigue level as fatigue causes various effects on the wheel including slower reaction time, decreased concentration, altered judgment, memory lapses, increased risk of drowsiness or falling asleep which can lead to accidents on the road. The drivers were

made to realise the signs of fatigue and to take rest after long driving to avoid fatigue and accidents.

ARTO, Udhampur Jugal Kishore Sharma appealed to the drivers to stay healthy and cautious and ensure routine medical examination for a healthy life. He stressed that a healthy driver is the key for safe driving.

DFCO Doda team addresses complaint, stresses complying FSSAI regulations

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: Carrying forward its mission to ensure availability of good-quality and hygienic things for people, Food Safety DFCO Doda has taken action against a food vendor near GMC Doda. As per details, acting on a complaint against a vendor who used to prepare Biryani near GMC Doda, a team of Food Safety DFCO Doda led by Tariq Ahmad

Butt Assistant Commissioner accompanied by Mohd Ameen Khan, Food Safety Officer visited the spot and inspected premises of establishment. The team also lifted sample of Biryani on the spot for analysis.

Speaking on the occasion, Tariq Ahmad Butt said that the Department is committed to discourage malpractices and adulteration under support of Commissioner

FDA J&K and able guidance of District Administration Doda. He also emphasized on imparting general awareness among people for welfare of consumers. He further said, "Proper food preparation is important to prevent the invasion of infections which lead to bigger impact on people with fragile health conditions like infants and elders. FSSAI has approved

food coloring agents, which should only be used in food articles." On the occasion, he also imparted awareness on role of Food Safety and usage of permitted synthetic colors. It was apprised that food coloring is important issue and should be used under guidelines enumerated under FSSAI inclusive regulations and malpractice should be avoided.

Retirees Police League District Jammu holds monthly meeting

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Monthly meeting of Retirees Police League District Jammu was held under the chairmanship of its President Karanjit Singh DSP (Retd). Two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to departed souls Mangat Ram SP, Ved Parkash DSP, Rajesh Kumar SP, Onkar Singh DSP and Om Raj Sharma SI.

Most of the retirees said that they don't get proper attention in police units of the District and full doctor



Retirees Police League District Jammu members during a meeting.

medical staff not available in Police Hospital of all diseases.

They said that availability of free medicines of day to day use requirements still

not available and urged concerned authority to instruct Security wing of Police to facilitate work in Secretariat entry and other help.

they also requested SSP

District Jammu to hold meeting with Retirees.

The participants included Ch Chirag Din, Kr Ranjit Singh SSPs IPS M L Sharma, Mahandeep Singh, Prabhdyal Sharma, Savita Parihar, Tabasm Sarwar Chohan, SSPs Sewa Singh Mankotia, S R Datta, Mukesh Kumar, B L Kaul, SPs Mohan Singh, Daljit Singh, Mohinder Singh, Kr Yoginder Singh, S M Jangral, Ajay Punjabi, Devinder Singh, Mohd Sadiq and Ashok Kumar Padha.