

# Sadhotra castigates Administration for callous attitude towards people of border areas

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) and former minister has castigated the Union Territory Administration for adopting callous attitude in addressing the woes of the people living in border areas. He expressed this while addressing a meeting of NC workers held at village Lalyana in Bishnah here today.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sham Lal Sadhotra Block President. District President Jammu Rural (B), Naresh Bittu while welcoming the senior NC leaders and the workers highlighted the problems being faced by the people of the area on various counts due to authorities least bothered to listen to their woes under the existing Union Territory Administration.

Senior National Conference leader Ajay Sadhotra in his address on the occasion raised serious concern over the



Adil General Secretary JKNC, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and other leaders at a meeting.

incumbent Govt's callous attitude towards the people of border areas. He lambasted the UT Administration of totally ignoring the border area people in every aspect with the people in these areas left to fend for themselves. He said that it is really an irony that the BJP's proxy Govt in J&K is making tall claims about the equitable development of the nation while the ground situation speaks contrary. He said that the fact remains that during the present regime border areas remained completely ignored and untouched in terms of development as a result of which the condition

in these areas is quite deplorable. Rattan Lal Gupta, NC Provincial President Jammu in his address on the occasion slammed the Govt for its hollow slogans of strengthening democracy at grass roots level. He said, "Why the Govt is shying of holding Panchayat, ULB and Assembly polls in J&K?" Raising serious concern over Govt's delay tactics on holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, he said that people's miseries have increased manifold in absence of a duly elected Govt in Jammu and Kashmir. Asserting that only the representative government can best

understand the problems of the people and address their issues, he demanded that elections to the J&K Assembly be held at the earliest. He also asked the party workers to gear up for elections to ensure a smooth victory of National Conference so that people get rid of the governance that has given them nothing except miseries. The senior NC leader asserted that only NC can address each and every issue of the people of these areas as it had been doing during its governance in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary JKNC said that there is a dire

need to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to get rid of misrule in J&K.

Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu and Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell also addressed the meeting and said that the people of Bishnah have reposed faith in the National Conference and we are confident that they will continue support National Conference as they have done in the past by electing National Conference candidates twice from Bishnah Constituency.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include: Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Tarsem Khullar, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Sandesh Shan Secretaries Central Zone, Randhir Singh, Kuldeep Singh Kousal, S. Gurdarshan Singh, Rakesh Singh, Raehpal Singh, Jatinder Kumar, Sarita, Mohinder Kumar and others.

# PCPG meeting held with Traders Federation, Transporters SP City South asks traders to install CCTV cameras in business establishment to check suspicious movements



SP City South Shaheen Wahid interacting with traders at police-public meeting in Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: SP City South Shaheen Wahid alongwith SDPO City South, SHO Gandhi Nagar and I/C PP Nehru Market conducted a police public meeting with Traders Federation Ware House, Nehru Market Jammu & various Union Heads of Transporters.

Various traders, transporters and other prominent persons participated in the meeting.

A threadbare discussion took place regarding drugs, theft cases and other related issues.

SP City South Jammu also briefed them to inform the nearby Police Station or Police

Post if any information regarding drug trafficking is received to them.

Other important issues discussed were regarding poor conditions of roads, theft cases, employment of the local youths etc.

During the PCPG meeting, Traders Federation Ware house were advised to aware the drivers that no unattended material be left in their vehicles, as it would pose threat to the precious lives of commuters.

They were also made aware about the likely threats of sticky bombs and should advise not to leave their vehicles unattended.

SP City South Jammu

appealed the Traders Federation Ware House, Nehru Market Jammu to install CCTV Cameras in their business establishment and depute watchmen at night so that a greater vigil can be maintained over the suspicious movements/objects.

SP City South Jammu gave a patient hearing to the public and assured them of addressing the genuine demands in shortest possible time.

People were also encouraged to come forward in sharing information related to crime in their area.

I/C PP Nehru Market thanked the participants.

# Court initiates Perjury proceedings against Hostile witnesses

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Principal Session Judge Udhampur Haq Nawaz Zargar has initiated perjury proceedings against two witnesses who turned hostile in State Versus Prem Chand Case FIR No. 546/2018 of P/S Udhampur, offences under section 8/15 NDPS Act.

In an unprecedented case, acquitting the accused court said that two civil witnesses namely Brij

Mohan Son of Late Ram Krishan resident of Tehsil Kathua and Gureharan Singh son of Rajinder Singh resident of Barnoti Tehsil and District Kathua, have made the statements before the Magistrate under section 164-A Cr. P.C during the investigation, but both resiled from their statements in this court.

A perusal of the file reveals that both the above named witnesses had made

their statements under section 164-A Cr. P.C after due satisfaction recorded by the Magistrate. It appears that both the above named witnesses have deliberately and intentionally made the false statements in this court during the trial to screen the offender, accused in the present case.

It is trite that witness retracting in the court during trial from his/her state-

ment recorded under section 164-A Cr. P.C can be exposed to penal consequences under section 497-B Cr. P.C. In view of the this, let separate Robkar be framed against the above two prosecution witnesses and a notice be issued to both the above named witnesses/persons to show cause as to why proceedings under section 497-B Cr. P.C should not be initiated against both of them.

# Court rejects bail of inter-state narco smuggler

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Samba Adnan Syed rejected the bail application of king-pin of inter-state narco smuggler namely Sarabjit Kour.

According to the prosecution case that on 8.9.2023 the officer of NCB Jammu has recovered 0.840 gram heroin from the possession of the accused namely Skinder Singh and others at Raya Morh Samba and arrested the accused under section 8/21/29 NDPS

Act. During investigation and examination of accused Rajveer Kaur during her statement disclosed that the seized contraband was provided by Sarabjit Kour @ Shaboo to accused persons and further Sarabjit Kour being an owner of the house permitted the commission of offence and is the main kingpin of the smuggling gang of inter-state smuggling of heroin from Punjab to Jammu; that as per the call details

of the accused, it is established that Sarabjit Kour is continuously in touch with accused Rajveer Kour, Maninder Singh and other drug associates and was arrested on 28.09.2023 in the above said case; that the case is under investigation and accused arrested by the NCB mentioned herein falls under commercial quantity; that the accused is involved in a very heinous crime against the society and public at large

and particularly indulging young generation in addiction to all this.

Additional Sessions Judge Samba Adnan Syed while rejecting the bail application observed that the menace of trade and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substance has become alarming to society in general and young generation in particular. This menace requires to be curbed with a heavy hand as it is eating into vitals of the society.

# Major Gen Sachdeva visits NCC Training Academy Nagrota, motivates cadets



Major General RK Sachdeva, ADG NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh addressing Cadets at NCC Training Academy in Nagrota.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NAGROTA: Major General RK Sachdeva, Additional Director General of the NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, Pays Inspirational Visit to NCC Training Academy in Nagrota.

His visit was aimed at interacting with and motivating the NCC Cadets who have been diligently undergoing CATC for the last 5 Days. During his

visit, Major General RK Sachdeva engaged with the young NCC Cadets, offering words of encouragement and sharing his invaluable insights and experiences.

His inspirational presence provided a significant boost to the cadets morale as they continue their intense training regimen in the Camp.

Major General Sachdeva commended the dedication and

commitment of the NCC Cadets and emphasized the importance of discipline, leadership and teamwork in their training. He urged the cadets to strive for excellence and embody the values of the NCC.

Major General RK Sachdeva's visit served as a reminder of the NCC's mission to groom young leaders and instill in them the spirit of patriotism and service to the nation.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Taking forward the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) on Tuesday, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma attended VBSY at Ward 7 Municipal Committee Gho Manhasan in Marh Assembly Constituency.

People welcomed Modi Ki Guarantee wali Gadi Yatra on reaching Narasimha Temple at Gho Manhasan where camp was organized by various departments.

In-charge of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Rajendra Singh Chib along with District President Jammu North Omi Khajuria and BDC & General Secretary BJP Surendra Bhagat welcomed Member of Parliament.

SDM Marh Manu Hansa and Tehsildar Marh Ram Pal

# Jugal attends VBSY at Gho Manhasan



MP Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma and others distributing calendars during VBSY.

Sharma greeted Member of Parliament and other dignitaries at the occasion.

BMO Marh Jyoti Bhau organized Medical Camp in which local residents came for free check up facility. She also narrated Member of Parliament that free medicines are also available in the medical camp and they are distributing them to the needies. Cultural items were also presented by the stu-

dents during the Yatra.

Member of Parliament visited the stalls and took stock of people newly registered in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

He, while admiring the great decision of Prime Minister, said that this Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is started to serve every poor who left out without taking the benefit of Modi Welfare Schemes. He said that this

Yatra is working on the theme of Sarkaar Apke Dwaar and we should take benefit of this Yatra and register yourself to take benefits of Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

He also distributed Calendars and caps among the students who performed well.

He also distributed Ayushman cards and sanction letters among the bene-

ficiaries of for Widow Pension, Old Age Pension and Disabled Pension sanctioned by the Social Welfare Department. Office Secretary Sunny Prajapati, Pawan Choudhary distinguished citizens of the Panchayat, mothers and sisters were present, the chief guests inspected all the stalls and also gave Ayushman cards to some people on behalf of the medical department. Along with those distributed, some people were given sanction letters.

Chaudhary Jitendra Singh former Chairman of MC Gho Manhasan, Chairman Gho Manhasan Bharat Bhushan, General Secretary and former Councilor Manohar Lal Bhagat, EO MC Gho Manhasan Anish Gandotra, NT Hansraj and others were also present at the occasion.

# Three YEP returned cadets of 2 J&K Bn NCC motivates 540 Cadets

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Three Youth Exchange Program NCC Cadets in 2023 of 2 J&K BN NCC (Jammu Group / JK&L Dte) motivate 540 NCC Cadets undergoing Annual Training Camp at NCC Training Academy Nagrota.

In a historic First time-Three cadets of the Battalion represented India in Youth Exchange Programmes (YEP) in 2023. This achievement marks a significant first for any battalion in the NCC, with three cadets being selected to participate in the prestigious YEP in a single Year.

The three cadets-SUO Vireshwar Manhas (YEP Vietnam) of MAM College,



Three Youth Exchange Program NCC Cadets in 2023 of 2 J&K BN NCC (Jammu Group / JK&L Dte) during visit to Annual Training Camp at NCC Training Academy Nagrota.

SUO Abhisek Saini(YEP Kyrgyz Republic) and SUO Sameer Singh(YEP Bhutan) of GGM Science College showcased exemplary dedication, discipline, and commitment, embodying the values instilled by the NCC.

The Youth Exchange Programmes offer a unique opportunity for cadets to

engage in cultural exchange, fostering international cooperation and understanding.

The Three Cdts shared their enriching experiences, with 540 NCC cadets at NCC Training Academy, Nagrota. Their narratives will serve as a source of inspiration, encouraging others to strive for excel-

lence and seize opportunities beyond borders.

This achievement not only adds a glorious chapter to the history of 2 J&K BN NCC but also underscores the organization's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals capable of representing India on the global stage.

# Police bids farewell to outgoing officers in Baramulla & Budgam

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BARAMULLA: Police organised impressive farewell functions in the honour of outgoing officers in Baramulla and Budgam upon their transfer from the districts.

In Baramulla, Police organised a farewell function at Officers Mess Baramulla in the honour of outgoing SDPO Tangmarg Ashfaq Alam-DySP upon his transfer from district Baramulla. While speaking on the occasion, DIG NKR Baramulla Vivek Gupta and SSP Baramulla Amod Ashok Nagure threw light on the tenure of outgoing officer and commended his supervisory skills, professionalism and decision making during toughest situations. On the occasion, SP



DIG NKR Baramulla Vivek Gupta according farewell to officer.

Hqrs Baramulla, CPO DPO Baramulla, DySP Hqrs Baramulla, DySP DAR DPL, SDPO Pattan, SDPO Uri, SDPO Kreeeri, SDPO Tangmarg and other officers were also present.

In Budgam, Police organised a farewell function at Officers Mess Budgam in the honour of outgoing SP Salim Jehangir and DySP DAR Owaise Rashid on their transfer from the district.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Budgam Al-Tahir Gilani threw light on the tenure of departing officers and commended their supervisory skills, professionalism and extended his best wishes to the outgoing officers. On the occasion, Addl. SP Budgam Raghav S, SP CIU Budgam Ajaz Ahmad Malik-JKPS, DySP Hqrs Sakib Ghani-JKPS and other officers were also present.

Later on, the outgoing officers were presented mementos and gifts as a goodwill gesture. The outgoing officers shared their experience and extended their gratitude to all ranks of police for their cooperation during their tenure.

# Chairman DDC Jammu advocates for involvement of PRIs in developmental works

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: District Development Council Chairman Bharat Bhushan, on Tuesday chaired a meeting here at PWD Guest House to take a comprehensive review of developmental works undertaken by different departments under the 2023-24 Capex budget.

DDC Vice Chairperson Suraj Singh, DDC members, district officers and other representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions

participated in the meeting. Sectoral officers presented detailed PowerPoint presentations, showcasing completed works and projects currently underway.

The Chairman, upon close scrutiny of progress reports, expressed satisfaction over the pace of work of most of the departments. However, he issued specific instructions to certain departments to enhance efficiency and address public needs. He emphasised the need for a time-bound

action plan to achieve established developmental goals. The DDC members actively participated by sharing feedback and engaging in direct dialogue with district officers. The Chairman lauded departments like Rural Development for their noteworthy achievements and called for greater involvement of DDC members and PRI representatives in planning and execution stages of public projects.

The DDC Chairman

delved deeper, reviewing block-wise and sector-wise details, offering special advice to the Jal Shakti Department regarding the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Anusya Janwal, presented a detailed breakdown of expenditure across various components and sectors. She updated the Chairman on ongoing and upcoming projects, fund allocation status and tendered works.

She urged departments to

expedite tendering processes, maintain work momentum and ensure regular personal monitoring by senior officers. She further emphasised the importance of open communication and collaboration with DDC members and PRI representatives throughout a project's lifecycle.

Those present at the meeting also included Chief Planning Officer, Uttam Singh; AD Planning, Satish Sharma besides other district officers.

# Jagran held at Vaishno Mata Mandir Bhagwati Nagar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: On New Year, a crowd of devotees gathered to attend the Jagran at Vaishno Mata Mandir, Bhagwati Nagar; here. The year started divine Aarti at the feet of Maa Vaishno Devi. Hundreds of devotees had gathered at the feet of Maa Vaishno Devi and prayed for the happiness and peace of the family.

In the Jagran of Mata, Pujari of Vaishno Mata Mandir, Bhagwati Nagar, Mahant Shri Lucky Baba recited Bhajans of Mata and left the crowd religious. The devotees kept dancing to Lucky Baba's Bhajans



Mahant Lucky Baba singing Bhajans during Jagran.

fill late night. Talking to media persons, Lucky Baba said that every year we organize Jagran and pray for communal harmo-

ny, brotherhood, unity and tranquility. Later, he distributed 'Parsad' to all the devotees after the Aarti.