

Northern Army commander visits NCC camp in Jammu, lauds cadets for fitness

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JAMMU: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday visited the ongoing camp of National Cadet Corps (NCC) here and complimented them on their high standard of physical and mental fitness.

Lt Gen Dwivedi was received by Additional Director General of NCC, Directorate J&K and Ladakh, Maj Gen Tejinder Kumar and subsequently the Army commander reviewed a smartly turned out NCC Guard of Honour and also the NCC marching contingents comprising selected boys and girls from Army as well as Naval NCC Units, a defence spokesman said.

Later, the spokesman said he also witnessed an impressive cultural programme con-



Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi during visit to NCC camp at Nagrota.

sisting of a group song and innovative ballet on theme 'Growing with NCC' presented by the cadets.

In his address to the cadets, the Army Commander complimented them on their high standard of physical and mental fitness as well as their 'josh' and dedication.

He acknowledged and complimented the stellar role played by the NCC units of the Directorate operating from Kathua to Turtuk in shaping the personality of

more than 25,000 youth of the region, which has been affected by severe challenges in the past decades.

The NCC provides a large number of opportunities for personal growth and personality development, he said and urged the cadets to make the best use of NCC, aim high, choose the path of growth and grow into responsible citizens of the country.

Lt Gen Dwivedi also highlighted the yeoman service being done by NCC cadets

for several social service activities like Puneet Sagar Abhiyan as well as Nasha Mukht Bharat.

The Army Commander was briefed about the peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh regions on an impressive model showcasing various developmental activities and initiatives of the government.

He interacted with the cadets selected for the upcoming NCC Republic Day Camp and the training staff, complimented them for their high standard of training, and wished them well.

The visit by the Army Commander and his highly motivational words thrilled the cadets and strengthened their resolve for continuing their training with renewed vigour and josh, the spokesman said.

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Doors of party always open for secular-minded people: JK Cong chief

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani Saturday said the doors of his party are open for secular-minded people and closed for those with a communal mindset. He termed the Democratic Azad Party headed by Ghulam Nabi Azad branch of the BJP and claimed it is "collapsing under its own weight".

Wani also extended support to the Kashmiri Pandit migrant employees and Jammu-based reserved category staffers who are on protest strike here since May demanding relocation outside the Valley following targeted killings by terrorists.

"The Democratic Azad Party headed by Ghulam Nabi Azad is a branch of the BJP but those who have gone there from the Congress are secular-minded people.

"It (DAP) is collapsing under its own weight, sooner than expected. Those who had joined him (Azad) because of some close proximity soon realized



J&K Congress Chief Vikar Rasool Wani briefing media.

the real game plan of the new party - to divide secular votes and help the BJP," he claimed.

The Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief asserted that people with a communal mindset are not welcome in his party. Wani claimed that those who joined the DAP felt "ditched by the fake slogans of the Azad-led group" which is yet to be registered with or recognized by the Election Commission. He said all like-minded people, NGOs, political parties and others are welcome to join the Rahul Gandhi-led

Bharat Jodo Yatra being held against the "politics of hate, record unemployment and unprecedented price rise and other issues the common people are suffering from". The Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief accused the BJP of "using the plight of Kashmiri Pandits across the country to garner votes". "Instead of sympathizing with them and resolving their issues, the government is harassing them and threatening to stop their salaries.

"While in opposition, the BJP always forcefully raised the issue of security of Kashmiri Pandits and other minorities in Kashmir. But since 2014 they did nothing and are only shedding crocodile tears for them," Wani claimed.

Demanding immediate release of pending salaries, the Congress leader said the party workers will not hesitate to join the migrant Kashmiri Pandit employees in their protest.

Dr Surbhi from AOI Jammu becomes First Breast Oncoplastic Surgeon in J&K

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JAMMU: American Oncology Institute (AOI) Jammu added another feather to its cap of honours with Dr Surbhi Kudiyar being the first trained Breast Oncoplastic Surgeon in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir region.

She has been conferred with the prestigious Magister Chirurgiae (McH) in Breast Oncoplastic from the University of East Anglia (UEA) (UK).

Explaining Breast Oncoplasty, Dr Surbhi Kudiyar, said, "Breast reconstruction surgery can significantly boost self-esteem and have a positive effect on the mental health and social life of a woman after going through the entire treatment. With this revolutionizing oncoplastic breast surgery, we at AOI aim to help patients in the J&K region to heal both physically and emotionally. AOI has always



been at the forefront of providing quality healthcare that is on par with state-of-the-art infrastructure and international standards."

Dr Surbhi Kudiyar who is the daughter of Dr. R. P. Kudiyar who is an eminent Endocrinologist and Diabetologist of UT of J&K and daughter in law of B.D. Khajuria Retd. XEN PWD (R&B) has completed her MBBS from Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences, Jammu.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra Director Principal ASCOMS has been a great help in her research work during her course. She has presented various research papers in the international and national conferences highlighting the scenario of breast disease crisis in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jagmohan's first e-audio book 'Kahaani Suni Sunaayi' launched



R K Raina, Deputy Director and Head DD News & others releasing book in Jammu.

Balwant Thakur, Additional Secretary JKAACL Dr Arvinder Singh Amn, Dogri poet Vijay Verma, president Dogri Sanstha Prof Lalit Magotra, senior journalist O P Sharma, renowned news reader Narendra Bhasin, Chanchal Bhasin, litterateur Suman Pal and Programme

Dogri. There is no harm in learning and speaking other languages but ignoring one's own mother tongue, of course, is setting a bad precedent for others to follow," he opined.

"This is my small and maiden attempt to make children inclined to read, listen and understand their own language Dogri in an easy and interesting way. I want them to listen to it and respond," he explained the objective behind his creative endeavour. R K Raina, while appreciating his effort, described it as a "historical step to popularise Dogri."

Modi Govt helped India shift from 'women's development' towards women-led development: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Priya Sethi, BJP HQ incharge, National Executive Member BJP and former Minister said that chalking out the growth story of the country Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured that India shifts its stand from women's development towards women-led development.

Former Minister Priya Sethi, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, was accompanied by Rekha Mahajan, District President Jammu South. The exhibition was organized by Divya Abrol, woman entrepreneur.

The former minister said that under the grand vision of PM Modi, women have been

speaking after inaugurating

an exhibition titled Christmas

Midnight Bazaar here at Zone by the Park on Saturday.

Entrepreneur Divya Abrol dwelled on the various aspects about the exhibition and the efforts she took to make this venture reality.

Others present include Veenu Khanna, Geetanjali Mahajan, Anita Gondota, Reema Padha, Neeru Anand, Vaishano, Ritika Trehan, Savita Anand, Radha Sharma, Shallu Gupta and Divya Jain.

re-imagined as architects of India's progress and development, rather than being passive recipients of the fruits of development.

Rekha Mahajan said that, Modi government has implemented multi-sectoral schemes that recognize the true potential of women, empower them and provide them with the platforms to contribute in nation's growth story.

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the Artisans of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that the artisans are being helped in design, marketing as well as in acquiring required skills and techniques.

The Advisor further said that the Government is in process giving GI tagging to different handicraft products which will eventually benefit the artisans at large. He called upon the people of Jammu city to take part in this exhibition and boost the morale of artisans.

Advisor Bhatnagar on the occasion also complimented the Artisans who have come from different regions of India for participating in this exhibition.

Assistant Director, Development Commissioner Handicrafts office, Jammu and Kashmir, Ambika Sambyal in her address highlighted about the handholding initiatives launched by Union Ministry of Textiles for the upliftment of Artisans.

She added that the Handicrafts reflect expression of an artist and aesthetic beauty of an artisan is involved in crafting any handicraft item. The Assistant Director further said that around 72 broad categories of crafts are registered with Development Commissioner Handicrafts and around 100 products are GI tagged.

In his welcome address, organiser of the exhibition, Rajiv Pandita gave a brief outline about the broad contours of the 10 day exhibition and said that around 100 Artisans from

across the country are participating in the event.

During the sidelines of the exhibition, Advisor Bhatnagar also inspected different stalls of artisans and interacted with them about their crafts and techniques.

Among others, Managing Director, Handloom & Handicraft Corporation, J&K, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communications, officers, large number of locals and artisans were also present on the occasion.

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