

# Incidents of terrorism, cross border infiltration drastically reduced post-abrogation of Article 370, 35-A: Khatana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Senior BJP leader and Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Ghulam Ali Khatana has said that the country is moving on the path of progress and prosperity under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

Addressing a joining function at BJP office in Kathua, Khatana said that only PM Modi can make the country 'Vishav Guru' and elevate our economy to make India as the third top economy of the world.

He further said that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections BJP will emerge as a winner with historic number of seats from across the country and in J&K it will win all the five seats along with the one seat from the Union Territory of Ladakh.

"After the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A from J&K on August 5, 2019 both



Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Ghulam Ali Khatana along with new entrants of party at Kathua.

the J&K and Ladakh Union Territories are witnessing remarkable changes in developmental works and public welfare measures," the MP Rajya Sabha maintained adding: "Incidents of terrorism and cross border infiltration have been drastically reduced now while the stone pelting in Kashmir has been

finished post-abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A."

On this occasion prominent Gujjar leaders Sultan Ali, Mohd. Latief and Shorati Ali joined BJP along with their supporters and they were welcomed into the party by MP Khatana.

The new entrants said that they joined the BJP to

strengthen the public-centric leadership in J&K.

The MP Rajya Sabha said that BJP in J&K has done historic developments for the upliftment of tribal communities like Gujjars, Bakwervals, Gaddis, Sippis and others.

"The earlier political parties like NC, PDP and Congress that remained in power for about seven decades have befooled the tribal community members and used them only as vote bank," he further said adding: "Now under the leadership of PM Modi the country is moving ahead and we have even landed on the moon," Khatana.

Khatana stated that Gujjar community members have even reached Indian Parliament and on other positions in the country which earlier never happened under the rule of NC, PDP and Congress.

On this occasion many dep-

utations met the MP and demanded issuance of Ration Cards, land allotment for West Pakistan Refugees etc.

They also demanded facilities at crematoriums and grave yards at village Charie and sought administration's intervention to resolve these issues.

Ghulam Ali Khatana directed the local administration to look into these issues so that the poor people may get basic facilities of life.

He said that all the BJP works, leaders and activists are helping the common public to get the benefits of government schemes launched by PM Modi for the welfare of all the sections of the society.

The MP asked the gathering to strengthen the hands of BJP to see continuity of welfare measures started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

# Pilgrims from Doda district leave for Ayodhya; DDC Chairman, DC flag off pilgrimage

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DODA: District Development Council Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal, alongside Vice Chairman Sangeeta Rani, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and SSP Javid Iqbal, led a significant ceremony today as they flagged off buses carrying pilgrims to the newly constructed Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

The atmosphere at Dak Bunglow Doda was electric as a large number of male and female pilgrims gathered for the auspicious journey.

The ceremony, attended by notable figures including Sandeep Manhas, DDC Councillor Thatri, Manohar Lal, DDC Chiralla, and Yudhvir Thakur, DDC West, was marked by enthusiasm and religious fervor. Rekha Devi, DDC Assar, added to the dignified presence,



DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal and SSP Javid Iqbal flagging off pilgrims.

ensuring a representative gathering from across the district.

As the buses were flagged off, jam-packed with eager devotees, the air was filled with anticipation and devotion. The pilgrimage to Ayodhya holds immense significance for the faithful, who embark on this journey to pay homage at the sacred site of the newly constructed Ram Temple.

With the blessings of local officials and the support of the community, the yatis embarked on their journey to Ayodhya from Doda, carrying with them the hopes and prayers of the region. The ceremony served as a reminder of the enduring spirit of faith and unity, as people from diverse backgrounds came together to partake in this sacred pilgrimage.

# CRC Samba starts assessment camp for PWDs

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SAMBA: The Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC) Samba - Jammu, Under PDUNIPPD, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, started three days assessment camp (6 to 8 Feb, 2024) for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) on February 6th, 2024.

Under the guidance of Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director of CRC Samba - Jammu, the assessment camp aimed to provide comprehensive evaluations and support services to individuals with disabilities. The camp, was inaugurated by chief guest Sheetal Nanda IAS, Commissioner Secretary of the Social Welfare



Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary SWD inaugurating the camp at Samba.

Department, Jammu & Kashmir.

The assessment camp witnessed the active participation of individuals with disabilities, their families, and representatives from government agencies, health-care professionals, and non-profit organizations. Through a series of assessments and consultations, the camp facilitated personalized interventions and support mechanisms to

enhance the well-being and inclusion of PWDs within society.

Sheetal Nanda, lauded the efforts of CRC Samba - Jammu and reiterated the government's steadfast commitment to advancing the rights and opportunities of PWDs in Jammu & Kashmir. She commended the collaborative spirit demonstrated during the assessment camp and underscored the importance

of collective action in creating a more inclusive and barrier-free society.

Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director of CRC Samba - Jammu, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders for their unwavering support and commitment towards the empowerment of PWDs. She emphasized the center's dedication to promoting accessibility, equality, and dignity for all individuals, irrespective of their abilities.

The success of the assessment camp reaffirms CRC Samba - Jammu's pledge to continue its efforts in advocating for the rights and empowerment of PWDs. By fostering partnerships and leveraging resources, the centre remains steadfast in its mission to create a more equitable and accessible environment for all members of society.

# Week long programme on 3D Printing, New Product Development begins at SMVDU

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KATRA: A week-long Workshop on 3D Printing and New Product Development was inaugurated today at SMVDU. The workshop was organized by the Technology Innovation Hub, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University with an objective to disseminate knowledge of 3D printing and its role in the new product development so as to promote start-up culture in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The workshop is being attended by over 30 participants across the UT of J&K. The workshop is being coordinated jointly by Prof. K.R. Jha (Dean, FoE), Dr. Sanjay Mohan (Asst. Prof., School of Mechanical Engineering), Ankush Raina (Asst. Prof., School



Resource persons along with faculty members and participants at SMVDU.

of Mechanical Engineering) and Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Asst. Prof., School of Mechanical Engineering). Pertinent to mention that the Technology Innovation Hub, SMVDU is being funded by a project of Higher Education Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The event shall include lectures by faculty from institutes of national importance and industry professionals from diverse backgrounds.

Hands-on training related to 3D printing and related softwares shall be imparted to the participants during the week-long course.

Dr. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU presided over the inaugural function. Prof. Kumar stressed about the need of holding such workshops on new technological developments regularly keeping in view the vision of GoI for Viksit Bharat 2047 and Make in India campaign. Prof. K.R. Jha (Dean, FoE)

also spoke at the occasion. Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Co-Coordinator) delivered the welcome address. Dr. Sanjay Mohan (Co-Coordinator) of the event delivered the vote of thanks. Prof. Balbir Singh (Dean of Academic Affairs), Prof. E. Muthuswamy (Head, SME), faculty and staff members, scholars and other coordinators of the Technology Innovation Hub SMVDU were also present in the function.

# NC delegation meets newly posted SSP Kishtwar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: A deputation of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Kishtwar under the leadership of Ajeet Bhagat Senior Leader and Spokesperson Chenab Valley Zone met with newly posted SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom Choudhary.

The National Conference Sr. Leader Ajeet Bhagat welcomed SSP Kishtwar with great honour and wished him for the upcoming achievements in District Kishtwar. They discussed various issues related to District Kishtwar especially youths.

Ajeet said "we are proud on Kishtwar Police, We have witnessed the great achievements of Police weather it is communal harmony, Law and order anti drugs programs, police public rela-



Ajeet Bhagat, senior NC leader presenting bouquet to SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom Choudhary.

tions etc, we hope that the legacy will remain the same, SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom Choudhary thanked for their warm welcome and said that i am hopeful that people of Kishtwar District will always support police so that there would be a good relation between public and police and surely we will eject all the ills in Kishtwar

District, Those who were present on the occasion were Mansoor Ahmed Giri Ex Pench and Youth Leader National Conference, Imran Hussain Giri Executive Member National Conference, Sandeep Kumar Youth Leader National Conference and Sanjay Kumar Youth Leader National Conference.

# GDC Udhampur organises poetry recitation on drug de-addiction

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UDHAMPUR: NCORD Cell of Govt. Degree College, Udhampur organized a Poetry Recitation in collaboration with Department of Music and Urdu under the guidance of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta and Prof. Shobhna Sanyal, Convener of the NCORD Cell of the College. Worthy Principal of the college exhorted upon the students to play their role in spreading awareness among the masses as this is an immediate need of the hour to eradicate the drug addiction 'A menace' from the society and students can play an important role to aware the adductors. In this context Nikhil Brahmnu, Akshay Sumit Akhil and other students of the College recited their poems on this topic to create the awareness among the students of the college.

Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Hod Urdu and Prof. Samosh Kumar Hod Music Coordinated the program. Prof. Samosh Kumar also revealed that the problem of drug addiction is spreading very quickly and we should control and eradicate it through the awareness among the youth and masses. He also expressed that unfortunately, mostly young lot of the generation is going to effect badly. He also exhorted upon the students to play their role in spreading awareness among the masses to eradicate the Drug addiction.

Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Hod Urdu expressed the vote of thanks to all Prominent among the others who participated in programme include Prof. Anoksha Sharma, Dr Kuljeet, Prof. Shivi Mehra and a large number of students participated and attended the programme.

# MSCB Trust's National Art Workshop begins at Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: To encourage the young and budding artists to explore their hidden artistic talent, Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust has come up with a week-long National Art Workshop 'Trikuta-The Maharani of Mountains' on the bank of River Chenab in Akhnoor. The workshop which commenced today is being organised in collaboration with Petronet LNG.

The renowned artists leading the national arts workshop shall be reflecting different themes and aspects of art making the endeavour a world class experience for the budding artists and the lovers of art. A total of 10 artists in which Ashok Kumar from New Delhi, Gopal K Samantray from Ghaziabad, Gouri Vemula from Hyderabad, Jiban Biswas from Kolkata, Nilesh Vede from Mumbai, Rahul J Mhetra from Mumbai, Ranjeeta Kumar from Patna, Sanju Das from Delhi, Suman Dongre from Ujjain and Vijay Kumar from Delhi are taking part in the workshop.



Trust members along with artists posing for photograph.

Addressing the artists, Anuradha Rishi, Trustee of Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust said that the workshop is aimed at giving impetus to the genre of art and to encourage the young artists to explore their hidden talent. She said that the artifacts produced today will inspire the budding artists of Akhnoor and its adjoining areas to try hand and produce more alluring artifacts in the coming time.

Anuradha Rishi said that Jammu region is famous for its art and culture and the time has come to again involve the young generation into this career which is not only satiating but also capable of bringing good

fortune as it used bring in the past, when people from far off places used to come to the erstwhile state to appreciate its art and culture. She said that the Baru Trust is dedicated to promote art at various levels and in Jammu region its achievements are numerous because in the last several years many workshops and art camps have been organised under the ambit of this Trust and there are many working artists, who took the path of arts after coming in contact with Baru Trust.

Anuradha asserted that the sole aim of her Trust to spread awareness and provide platform to art and artists.

# DLC Doda approves 248 cases under HADP

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DODA: District Level Committee (DLC) for Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) approved 248 cases on Tuesday at its meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, who is also Chairman of the Committee. The cases shall be forwarded to the Chief Implementation Officer (CIO) for final call.

As many as 142 Agriculture sector cases

were approved for financial and logistic help to the farmers for setting up of poly houses, procurement of farm mechanised tools, construction of Vermi compost structures, Mushroom cultivation and Bee keeping, while 23 others fall under Sheep Husbandry sector for establishment of Sheep units each with 50 Sheeps/ Goats and assistance to FPOs comprising of more than 100 farmers.

Similarly 07 cases were cleared for Trout units and other Fisheries related activities in the district. Likewise, the Committee cleared 61 Animal Husbandry sector cases covering Poultry Development, Fodder Development and Dairy Development.

The meeting was attended by CPO, Suresh Kumar, CAO, CHO, CAO, LDM, Dy Director Sericulture, District Manager NABARD, AD Fisheries, and other officers.

# Modi Govt's proactive approach & dedication to national progress resonates nationwide: Neelam

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UDHAMPUR: Neelam Langeh, State President of BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha and former MLA on Tuesday intensified Dalit Yuva Samvad Abhiyan in Rannagar area of district Udhampur.

The Dalit Yuva Samvad, organized under the guidance of Neelam Langeh, aimed to facilitate an open dialogue between the youth and the Party regarding the welfare schemes initiated by the Modi government. The program also provided a platform for the youth to voice their concerns and issues they are currently facing.

Neelam Langeh interacted with the youth participants, sharing detailed insights into various government schemes designed for their upliftment. He emphasized the importance of awareness and participation in these schemes to ensure maximum benefit for the youth belong-

ing to the Scheduled Caste community.

During the interactive session, the youth had the opportunity to express their grievances and challenges, ranging from employment opportunities to access to education and healthcare.

Langeh patiently listened to each concern and assured the youth of her continued support in addressing their issues effectively.

Speaking about the event, Langeh stated, "The Dalit Yuva Samvad, initiated by the Party High Command, serves as a crucial platform for fostering communication and understanding between the youth and policymakers. By actively engaging with the youth and listening to their concerns, we can work together to overcome challenges and create a brighter future for our community."

He said that Central Government, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has

been characterized by its bold and transformative vision for India's development. Since coming to power, the government has pursued an agenda focused on economic growth, social welfare, and national security. Through initiatives such as Make in India, Digital India, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the government has aimed to propel India towards becoming a global economic powerhouse while ensuring inclusive growth and development for all segments of society. Additionally, the government's efforts to strengthen India's defense capabilities, enhance infrastructure, and promote innovation have further cemented its commitment to securing a prosperous and resilient future for the nation. Overall, the Modi Government's proactive approach and unwavering dedication to the nation's progress continue to resonate with citizens across the country, he added.

# Secretary/CEO KVIB chairs district level awareness programme at ITI Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Jammu and Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) today organized district level awareness programme at ITI here under the chairmanship of Secretary/CEO KVIB, Dr. Jagdish Chander Mehra to aware and sensitize the unemployed youth undergoing training in different trades.

Deputy CEO KVIB, Jammu Division, Lead District Manager Udhampur, Principal ITI, district officer KVIB Udhampur, representative of RSETI Udhampur and other concerned were also present during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary enjoyed upon the budding entrepreneurs to harvest the opportunities being provided by government by establishing self-employment ventures. He highlighted that the schemes implemented by KVIB like Prime Minister's Employment

Programme (PMEGP) and J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) provide financial assistance up to fifty lacs in manufacturing sector and twenty lacs under service sector to beneficiaries having qualification of 8th pass to establish their self-employment generating units. He urged upon the youth to take maximum benefits of these schemes.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy CEO KVIB elaborated in detail about the schemes implemented by the KVIB. He informed the budding entrepreneurs on the procedure of applying for financial assistance under PMEGP and JKREGP as well other related modalities.

Later, various sanction letters and EDP certificates were also distributed to the new entrepreneurs in whose favour financial assistance has been sanctioned by the banks.

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