

# Omar Abdullah Government committed to faster development of remote areas: Sadhotra

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BATOTE: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Sunday reaffirmed the commitment of Omar Abdullah government to faster development of remote and far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

Interacting with people in Batote, Sadhotra assured the people that the National Conference dispensation will take decisive steps to accelerate progress, improve infrastructure, and speed up the efficient delivery of essential services to enhance the ease of life for the citizens.

Sadhotra emphasized that National Conference remains steadfast in its mission to bridge the developmental gaps that have persisted in various regions, particularly in rural and underprivileged areas.

He said that the party will work tirelessly to create robust infrastructure, improve road connectivity, enhance power and water supply, and strengthen the social welfare system to uplift the standard



Additional General Secretary NC, Ajay Sadhotra and other leaders after interacting with people at Batote in Ramban Assembly Constituency.

of living for all.

Sadhotra criticized the BJP's ten-year rule in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that it had caused immense suffering to the people, both directly and indirectly. He highlighted the unprecedented economic distress, rising unemployment, weakening of democratic institutions, and neglect of public welfare under BJP's tenure. He assured that the NC government will take corrective measures to undo the policy failures and injustices inflicted on the people over the past decade.

Former Minister referred to priority accorded by National

Conference government to Education, Healthcare, and Employment, saying efforts are being made to generate employment opportunities, encourage skill development, and promote entrepreneurship to tackle the growing job crisis in the region.

Expressing gratitude for the overwhelming mandate given to National Conference in both Assembly Seats of the Udhampur District, Sadhotra thanked the people for their unwavering faith in the party's leadership and vision.

He assured that National Conference will live up to the expectations of the people and

work towards fulfilling their aspirations.

The Additional General Secretary National Conference also urged National Conference workers to intensify their engagement with the public, actively identify local issues, and seek redressal at appropriate forums.

He emphasized that grassroots connect and collective efforts are crucial for achieving meaningful governance and ensuring that every section of society benefits from the government's policies.

Reiterating National Conference's commitment to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir,

Sadhotra assured that the Omar Abdullah government will usher in a new era of development, justice, and prosperity.

He called upon all sections of society to support National Conference's vision for a stronger, united, and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.

National Conference leaders visited the house of Arif Wani District Secretary to condole the death of his father who was also former Secretary of Ramban District of the Party and also visited Batote to condole the death of mother of Mr Arshad Block President Batote.

Others who accompanied Sadhotra are Abdul Gani Malik Former Minister President Udhampur Reasi Zone, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary National Conference Jammu Province, Abid Magray District President Ramban, Ch Aslam Khan, Randhir Singh, Ashwani Charak, Arif Mir, Sunil Verma District President Udhampur, Ram Parahotam District President Udhampur Rural, Capt Paviter Singh and Naresh Chand.

# 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' benefitting all sections: Balbir



Spokesperson J&K BJP, Balbir Ram Rattan chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: The Modi government's flagship initiative, 'Sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas' continues to uplift every section of the Indian society through inclusive development, ensuring that growth reaches the last mile.

Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson, J&K BJP said this during his meeting with a group of party activists. He said that this vision of collective progress has been instrumental in fostering economic empowerment, social welfare, and infrastructural growth, benefiting millions across the nation.

Under this initiative, he said that, key sectors such as education, healthcare, employment, and rural development have witnessed unprecedented advancements.

Balbir while elaborating on this vision, pointed out that the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and Ayushman Bharat have provided affordable housing and healthcare to the underprivileged, while Mudra Yojana has empowered small entrepreneurs with financial assistance. These efforts have created new opportunities, reduced poverty, and enhanced the quality of life for millions.

He further shared that marginalized communities, including women, farmers, and youth, have been central to this mission. "Women empowerment programmes such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and Ujjwala Yojana have ensured better education, financial independence, and health benefits for women" Balbir said, adding that farmers have benefitted

from PM-Kissan Samman Nidhi and Soil Health Card schemes, ensuring financial stability, improved agricultural productivity, and better access to resources.

Youth-focused initiatives like Skill India and Start-Up India have generated employment and entrepreneurial opportunities, enabling self-reliance.

Balbir said that the union government's focus on infrastructure development, including roads, electricity, and digital connectivity, has further bridged the urban-rural divide.

The push for a Digital India has facilitated financial inclusion, e-governance, and job creation, ensuring that technology reaches every citizen. The sustainable development efforts like clean energy promotion and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have significantly improved environmental and public health conditions. The government remains committed to empowering every individual, reinforcing the idea of Antyodaya-uplifting the last person in the queue, ensuring growth for all.

Party activists Hans Raj Loria, G.R.Bhagat, K.K.Digra, Seema Devi, Raj Kumari, Vaishno Devi, were present in the meeting.

# Wings Ek Udaan, Sunya IAS Institute honored as Most Trusted Brand in Civil Services Exam preparation



CM Omar Abdullah presenting award to Wings Ek Udaan and Sunya IAS Institute officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a ceremony held at the Radisson Blu in Jammu, Wings Ek Udaan in collaboration with Sunya IAS Institute was awarded the prestigious title of "Most Trusted Brand in the Field of Education for Civil Services Exam Preparation" at the Big Impact Awards. The award was presented by the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Omar Abdullah in the presence of many distinguished

guests including the former DIG, several MLAs, prominent industrialists, and noted entrepreneurs. The Big Impact Awards recognize outstanding contributions and achievements in various fields, emphasizing innovation, trust, and quality in service delivery. This accolade reflects the dedication and hard work of the Wings Ek Udaan and Sunya IAS teams in providing exceptional educational services and their com-

mitment to excellence in civil services exam coaching.

"We are truly honored to receive this recognition," said Shoaib Farid, Director of Wings Ek Udaan. "This award is not just a testament to our team's dedication but also to our students' hard work and trust in our mission to provide accessible and top-quality education."

Wings Ek Udaan, together with Sunya IAS Institute, has set benchmarks in the competitive exam preparation industry by integrating innovative teaching methodologies with comprehensive study materials, tailored to the evolving needs of civil services aspirants.

This recognition motivates us to continue our mission of empowering future leaders and civil servants with the knowledge and skills required to excel in their endeavours.

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JAMMU: Natrang presented a play in Hindi 'Yamraaj Ka Nimantran' here today at Natrang Studio Theatre in its weekly Sunday Theatre series under the direction of Neeraj Kant. The play 'Yamraaj Ka Nimantran' is the story of an arrogant king who is used to hearing false praises and who feels that if he is not around, his subjects will become orphans, majority may go crazy and may commit suicide by jumping into the sea.

The play begins in the court of Raja Abhiman Singh where he wants to know from his minister what the people think about him. He asks the queen about herself and what kind of man she thinks the king is. He wants to know from Royal Pandit Gungani as what kind of king he is? All three shower praises him. On this King



Natrang artists performing in Hindi Play 'Yamraaj Ka Nimantran' on Sunday.

Abhiman Singh says that this means that he should rule the kingdom for another hundred years. With this the court is adjourned.

In the next scene, the king, who was sleeping at night, gets

startled by the arrival of Yamdoot, sits up on the bed and asks Yamdoot who he is and why he has fallen into the clutches of death like this. When Yamdoot tells that he has come to take him to hell on the

orders of Yamraaj, the king tells that he himself is Prajapal, Lokpal, Mahipal, Dandpal and Mahakaal on earth. Doesn't Yamraaj know this? But Yamdoot starts carrying the king with a rope around his neck. The king shouts a lot but Yamdoot does not listen. In the end, Yamdoot and the king agree that if even three people love the king, then Yamdoot will leave him here and will return to Yamlok empty handed. Yamdoot asks the king to lie down and puts a white sheet on him and then the queen, the Minister and the royal Priest are called individually. But since these three praise the king falsely, none of them want that the king's life should be spared and he should live longer anymore. The queen says that after the king's death, her son will become the king and she will become the queen mother;

hence the king must die. Minister and Pandit who are tired of giving false praises and are now satisfied that they will not have to tell any more lies. After everyone leaves and after listening to their thoughts, the king finally requests Yamdoot to take him to Yamlok and the play ends. This is how the king comes out of his falsehood and is exposed to the real world. The play carries a very relevant social message and the artists were successful in portraying the same very effectively.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Kartik Kumar, Aryan Sharma, Mehak Chib, Adakash Bagal, Krishay Bhatia and Akrit Sharma. The lights and the music of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen. The presentations were done by Manvi Devi.

# Ex Policemen League of District Jammu holds monthly meeting

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JAMMU: The monthly meeting of the Ex Policemen League of District Jammu was held under the leadership of President Karanjit Singh.

The meeting saw active participation from retired police personnel and was focused on addressing the challenges faced by retired members of the force.

Ex DGP Dr. S.P. Vaid took the opportunity to personally listen to the concerns and issues faced by retired police personnel. He took stock of their plight and acknowledged the difficulties they endure after retirement.

SP South, Ajay Kumar, also attended the meeting and was requested to forward the issues raised by the ex-policemen to higher authorities.

Several important issues were discussed, including discrepancies in the pay and pensions of retired personnel holding the same rank, the



Ex Policemen League of District Jammu members with dignitaries at a monthly meeting.

unavailability of essential medicines at the Police Hospital, the reservation of jobs for the wards of retired police personnel, and the smooth renewal of gun licenses for ex-policemen.

Another key demand raised was the establishment of a police colony in Jammu and Srinagar where retired police personnel could access affordable plots.

It was also proposed that

local police units, such as Police Posts and Police Stations, should keep a record of the retired police personnel residing within their jurisdiction. This would help ensure better communication and welfare among the retired community, allowing them to stay connected with the local administration, members said.

The attendees emphasized the importance of the local

administration taking a more active role in supporting ex-policemen, including regular updates on their welfare.

The meeting also highlighted the commendable work done by the District Police Jammu in solving heinous offences in a professional manner, particularly blind cases that had been successfully resolved.

SP South was requested to

direct Beat Officers to regularly check on the welfare of retired police personnel within their respective jurisdictions.

A large number of legendary retired police officers participated in the meeting, including Ex DGP Dr. S.P. Vaid, ADGP S.S. Wazir, IGs S.S. Bijral, Sunil Sharma, S. Watali, V.K. Ghai, DIGs Deepak Salthia, Rajinder Gupta, Nisar Ahmed, SSPs Kanwar Ranjit Singh IPS, Ch. Chirag Din IPS, Suresh Kumar Sarwar Chohan, M.L. Sharma, Kulbir Handa, SPs S.R. Datta, Ch. Gulzar, Sardar Khan, B.L. Kaul, DSPs Mohan Singh, Khalil Ur Rehman, Kr. Yoginder Singh, Parshotam Bali, Daljit Singh, S. Chib, Senior Vice President Lal Chand, Ch. Bhag Ram, Kamal Sharma, Insp. Mohd. Sadiq, Vice President Mohd. Taj, SIs Satpal, Ramesh Satpal, Singh Sharma, Mohinder Kumar, and Manohar Lal Ratta.

# NC turned back on its election promises, silent on return of KPs: Sahni

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JAMMU: The attitude of Omar government, which passed the proposal of restoration of statehood and special privileges for Jammu and Kashmir on the lines of North-Eastern states in the first cabinet meeting, has now cooled down.

To avoid a situation of conflict, there is procrastination in fulfilling the promises of free electricity, drinking water, minimum wages, regularization of daily wagers etc.

The surrendered attitude of NC has given a severe blow to the expectations of the people, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that in the situation of two power systems in Jammu and Kashmir, the people and their basic issues are being crushed.

NC, which won the assembly elections, has surrendered on its main issues to avoid a situation of conflict. At the same time, in the 2025-26 budget, the Center is bringing the Police at par with the Delhi Police by keeping the Jammu and Kashmir Police budget under the estimates of the Ministry of Home Affairs. From which it is clear that the full statehood of Jammu and Kashmir is not going to be restored in the near future. At the



same time, the silence and soft attitude of the Omar government on this is an indication that something is definitely cooking between the NC and the BJP.

At the same time, the Omar government has turned away to avoid a confrontation on the promises of free electricity, drinking water, minimum wages, employment, regularization of daily wagers, women empowerment etc. Sahni said that turning away from public issues and promises and getting close to the BJP will prove fatal for the political future of the NC. No concrete efforts are visible on the ground from the Center and Omar government regarding the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley.

# Healthy India Stronger India distributes certificates to 75 students of Skill Development Center

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JAMMU: In a remarkable demonstration of commitment to education and community welfare, Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman of the NGO 'Healthy India Stronger India' (HISI), distributed certificates and notebooks among 75 students who successfully completed various skill development courses at the NGO's Skill Development Center in Raghunathpura, Jammu.

The event was graced by K.K. Gupta (DIG Retd.), Dalbir Singh (Principal Retd.), Vinod Manhas, and Ashok Khajuria, along with dedicated staff members who joined in recognizing the students' achievements. The students, trained free of cost, now possess the skills necessary to build independent livelihoods, a

crucial step toward self-sufficiency and financial stability.

HISI, under the visionary leadership of Hira Lal Abrol, has been transforming lives through its Free Training Centre, providing skill development opportunities to economically disadvantaged students. The NGO offers free training in tailoring, beautician courses, computer literacy, music & dance, and even a free library-ensuring that \*\*no deserving student is left behind, regardless of religion or caste.

Speaking at the occasion, Abrol highlighted the significance of skill-based education in empowering young individuals from economically weaker sections. He emphasized that hard work, dedication, and perseverance are the key ingre-



Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman Healthy India Stronger India, and others after distributing certificates and notebooks among 75 students.

dients to success, urging students to seize the opportunity HISI provides and use their skills to secure a brighter future.

"There are no shortcuts to success," he reiterated. "Through continuous learning and dedication, one can rise above challenges and

achieve great heights."

HISI's efforts extend far beyond training; the organization actively supports students in starting their own ventures. Abrol also discussed the availability of loan facilities for students, helping them transform their skills into sustainable

businesses. By equipping them with the necessary tools, HISI is not just educating but also ensuring that its students step confidently into the workforce.

With the successful completion of their courses, the 75 students honored at the event join a growing com-

munity of over 7,000 individuals who have benefited from HISI's training programs. Many of these graduates have gone on to secure stable jobs or become self-reliant entrepreneurs, proving the effectiveness of skill development in breaking the cycle of poverty.

Beyond education, HISI plays a crucial role in holistic community welfare. The NGO regularly organizes free medical camps, providing essential check-ups and distributing medicines, books, and relief materials during crises. This comprehensive approach to social service underscores HISI's commitment to creating a healthier and stronger India.

The attendees at the certificate distribution ceremony expressed their gratitude for HISI's unwaver-

ing support. Many students shared their aspirations, acknowledging the immense impact of the NGO's initiatives on their lives. Inspired and motivated, they pledged to utilize their newly acquired skills to create a better future for themselves and their families.

Hira Lal Abrol's dedication to uplifting underprivileged communities is an inspiration to many. His leadership has shaped HISI into a powerful force for good, ensuring that marginalized sections of society receive equal opportunities for growth and self-reliance.

His grassroots initiatives are not only transforming individual lives but also strengthening communities. By prioritizing education, skill development, and

holistic welfare programs, he is paving the way for a more resilient and empowered India.

The program concluded with the recitation of Shri Ram Stuti, symbolizing the values of service, dedication, and faith that HISI upholds in its mission.

Through its tireless efforts, HISI continues to bring positive change to society. The success of this event reaffirms the critical role of NGOs like HISI in nation-building-helping individuals rise above hardships and contribute meaningfully to the country's progress.

As HISI marches forward, its mission remains steadfast: empowering the youth, strengthening communities, and building a healthier, stronger India-one student at a time.