

PAGD constituents depict root cause of people's misery: Rana

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JAMMU: Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday described politics of deception and deceit, unleashed by constituents of PAGD over the decades, as root cause of the public unrest in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the tendency of being seen on both sides of the fence has eroded the credibility of the politicians, especially those who tend to be mainstream when rehabilitated to corridors of power and soft-separatists when out of it.

During his interactive session with a cross section of the society here, the BJP leader referred to the rants of restoration of 1953 position to J&K and the self-rule doctrine, saying the proponents conveniently forget these slogans after getting into the cradle of power and use them to mislead and hoodwink the



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"The proponents of the restoration of the 1953 status ignore the reality of the 1975 Accord and brazenly cast smoke screen over the political realisation that the needles of clock could not be reversed back", Devender Rana said, adding that after becoming the beneficiaries of the accord, they forget the bogey of 1953 status when in power but resort to the beat-

en track again whenever rejected by the people in elections. He asked them to introspect and ponder over the response they are getting in elections.

Rana wondered over the so-called moral grandstanding of some leaders, who keep shedding tears for the people but forget the bruises they kept inflicting upon them in the arrogance of power. They may pretend to forget but the people know how they taunt-

ed innocent children who fell victims to their wrong handling of situations and policies. The people also know how they mocked the victims by asking whether they had gone for fetching toffees while falling prey during violence unleashed by terror sponsored mobs, he added.

"The so-called mainstream leaders keep exploiting the public sentiment for the sake of power and bully New Delhi while finding their hegemony being threatened or challenged", Rana said while advising the self-seeking politicians to learn saying 'no' to contradictions and to shun their tactics for remaining relevant in the politics. Such tendencies might have worked for them in the past and now in the changed political landscape of the country believing that the politics of blackmail will yield dividends is illusionary. The people,

both in the Kashmir Valley and in the Jammu division, are sagacious enough to read between the lines and differentiate between the public interest and self interest.

He said the politics of deceit has exposed the politicians with vested interest.

Rana expressed his happiness over the people making sagacious decisions in coming under the umbrella of the BJP, which, he said, stands guarantee to ending the decades long exploitation and discrimination in accordance with the cherished agenda of the Prime Minister 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'.

He said the clear vision of Narendra Modi is instilling confidence among the people in this part of the country about peace heralding and massive development taking place in Jammu and Kashmir.

Notice served to CS in PIL regarding implementation of DV Act 2005

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SRINAGAR: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by Mehram Women's Cell Kashmir with respect to ineffective implementation of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (herein referred as 'DV Act, 2005') in Union Territory, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sindhu Sharma issued notice to the Chief Secretary to file response before May 13, 2022. In the PIL, it was submitted that establishment of shelter homes, as mandated by the DV Act, 2005 plays a prominent role in the efficacious implementation of the said social welfare legislation. The act was drafted and passed with the object of effectively protecting the rights of the women guaranteed under the Constitution who are victims of violence of any kind occurring within the family and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. However, even after more than a decade UT of J&K failed to execute and implement act properly. The State Government has failed not only to discharge the statutory obligations, but has also equally failed in fulfilling and showing requisite commitment to the constitutional and international duties/obligations with respect to the establishment of 'shelter homes'. Adv Syed Musaib, appearing for petitioners, further submitted that the gender discriminatory customs/ practices/ rituals against women continue to institutionalize second class status for women and girls with regard to elections, education, marital rights, employment rights, parental rights, and inheritance and property rights. These forms of discrimination against women are incompatible with their empowerment. Despite adequate protection ensured by the various provisions of DV Act, 2005, the women are still continuing to suffer and bear the agony and trauma caused by their in-laws because of the failure on part of UT Government.

OPD facility starts at Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar



Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma inaugurating Gynecology & Obstetrics OPD.

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JAMMU: Gynecology & Obstetrics OPD started on Thursday at Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar, GMC Jammu. The facility was inaugurated by Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal & Dean, GMC & AHs Jammu in presence of Dr Amita Gupta HoD Deptt of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Dr Ghanshyam Saini HoD Deptt of Pediatrics, Dr Arun Sharma, Medical Superintendent, Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar; consultants, doctors from SMGS and other officials. On the occasion, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma formally released Computerised OPD slips while consultants from SMGS start-

ed OPD. Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar GMC Jammu is 200-bedded hospital for mothers and children but due to COVID outbreak in 2020, the hospital was converted into a COVID Hospital, where 3 waves of pandemic were handled.

Since May 2020, Maternity hospital was started as a dedicated level-3 COVID care facility which catered 626 patients during 1st wave of COVID. During 2nd wave, it was made level-2 COVID facility and 644 patients were admitted. All Gynaec, obstetrics and pediatric COVID Positive requiring ventilator support were admitted and COVID positive surgeries in respect of Jammu division

Orientation and cascading training of AYUSH Health & Wellness Centers' staff culminates

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JAMMU: In order to fully equip the community health officers, pharmacists and support staff of Ayush, health and wellness centers being established in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir by Directorate of Ayush J&K. As per the guidelines of Ministry of Ayush, Govt of India, a 4 day re-orientation and cascading training programme was organized in the Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital, Indira Chowk Jammu under the supervision of Dr. Mohan Singh, Director Ayush, J&K.

In this 4 days training programme, three-member teams from each 10 district of Jammu Division comprising of two Ayush Medical Officers (CHO) and one pharmacist participated wherein the team was given exhaustive sessions about essential components of Ayush Health and Wellness

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centers like Population enumeration, family empowerment, community based screening of Non-communicable disorders, propagation of Ayush interventions, local medicinal herbs, development of Nutritional and medicinal garden, School Health Program, Diagnostic Kits and Information technology skills etc.

Many practical sessions on Prakriti Parkshan (Temperament), Diagnostic kits handling, biomedical waste management were also organized by the organizing committee of the training programme.

The training was organized under the coordination of Medical Superintendent Govt. Dr. Vandana Dogra and Divisional Nodal Officer AHWC, Jammu Division Dr. Aftab Iqbal Mir.

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than 300 centers have been upgraded to Ayush Health and Wellness centers. Total 30 participants were participated in the training.

In the valedictory function, Dr. Mohan Singh Director Ayush J&K, motivated the participants to implement all the components of Ayush Health and Wellness centers at their respective AHWCS and cascade the training among the other CHOs and Ayush support staff in their districts.

He also highlighted that such trainings will be the regular feature and will go a long way in the effective operationalization of the Ayush Health and Wellness centers. He also urged the CHOs and support staff to provide holistic health and wellness to the communities, propagate and promote the Ayush interventions in Comprehensive Primary Health Care.

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Prime Minister. She enjoined upon all especially the students to inculcate in them the habit of keeping their surroundings clean and hygienic.

She said that by saying 'No to Plastic' we can transfer the safe, healthy and sustainable environment to our next generations.

Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Sanjeev Verma, in his address, stated that it is the leadership and people who actually make these initiatives successful. He stated that he has given the target of planting more than 5 lakh saplings in the city to social forestry

use. PCCF/Director, Social Forestry, Roshan Jaggi, lauded all the volunteers including students, NYKs, employees and NGOs for taking part in this initiative. He informed that today's cleanliness drive though was confined to 20 km stretch of National Highway yet it carries a greater significance as such societal problems can be resolved through community participation and behavioral change.

Earlier, a cleanliness drive was carried out on the stretch of National Highway from Kunjwani Chowk to Sidhra in which large number of students from government schools and colleges including village panchayat representatives, volunteers from NYK, civil society members, and NGOs participated.

The initiative had been taken in the backdrop of directions issued by the Chief Secretary given to various departments to make concerted efforts against the increasing plastic pollution in the UT.

BJP cannot absolve itself over continued violence, targeted killings in J&K: Cong

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JAMMU: Attacking the BJP over its support to the makers of "The Kashmir Files", the J-K Congress on Thursday said the ruling party has failed to take any major initiative for return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits despite being in power for over seven years.

The recently-released film is based on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley in the 1990s.

"The BJP-led government at the Centre cannot absolve itself of the sin of sufferings and killings of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community. Unfortunately, the present government is in office for over seven years but has failed to take any major initiative for their return and rehabilitation," J-K Pradesh Congress Committee chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said.

The government needs to take firm result-oriented steps for the return of Kashmiri Pandits and their rehabilitation and settlement in an atmosphere of security and harmony by bridging the gaps rather than further vi-

ating the atmosphere by promoting hatred and division, Sharma said.

He said Jammu and Congress unit of the Congress considers that it is time to heal old painful wounds instead of bleeding them, and isolate fundamentalist and radical forces to defeat the Pakistani designs on Kashmir.

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