

# Heartfulness Centre Jammu organise Global Spiritual Mahotsav

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JAMMU: To promote inter-faith dialogue, promote world peace and attain sustainable development goals, Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with Shri Ram Chandra Mission Heartfulness Institute Kanha Shanti Vanam had organised 4-day's World Spiritual Mahotsav from March 14 to 17, 2024 at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad. The theme of this spiritual festival was 'From Inner Peace to World Peace'.  
The festival at Kanha was inaugurated by Draupadi Murmu, President of India and the valedictory address was given by Vice President of India.  
It was attended by repre-



Spiritual and religious organisations members at a programme in Jammu.

sentatives of 300 spiritual, religious and holistic Wellness organisations from India and abroad. More than 75000 souls attended it.  
On this occasion Secretary General Common Wealth conferred the title of Ambassador of Peace on Kamlesh D. Patel, the Global Heartfulness Guide and President of Shri Ram Chandra Mission.  
The speakers highlighted the Indian tradition of Universal brotherhood and need to promote divine qualities, - love, understanding, mutual trust, understanding, acceptance, purity, humility, generosity and contentment to attain inner peace.  
In keeping with the wishes

of Rev. Daaji a similar function was held at Heartfulness Centre Jammu which was attended by twelve spiritual and religious organisations.  
A meditation session was also held to give the participants the taste of transmission aided meditation.  
Those who spoke on the occasion post the mediation

session were the members of Brahma Kumari, Yogada Satsanga Dhan Kendra, Shri Ram Khishna Mission, Patanjali, Sant Nirankari Mission, Secy Indian Yoga Association, Vice Prez Association for Welfare of Senior Citizens, Advisor Confederation of Voluntary Social & Charitable Organisation, Gen Secy Vichar Kranti Manch International, President Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre, President Shree Hari Parbhu Sanstha,  
The proceedings were conducted by Centre in charge Raehpal Singh Manhas. The function concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sourabh Sharma Zonal Coordinator Heartfulness Jammu Centre.

# Cultural fabric, rich heritage of Jammu City is still alive: Sawhney

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Yogesh Sawhney, the former Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and a prominent Congress leader, on Sunday participated in a significant Bhandara event held at Shiv Mandir, Rajeev Colony in Jammu East.  
This event, organized by Vijay Manhas, Vice President of the District Congress Committee and President of Mahila Welfare Committee, Rajeev Colony, attracted a large number of devotees from the local community.  
The Bhandara, marked by traditional Pooja-Archana ceremonies, invoked a sense of spiritual fervour among the attendees.  
Sawhney, in his participation, extended his wishes to the devotees and offered prayers at the Shiv Temple.



Former Minister, Yogesh Sawhney paying obeisance at Bhagwan Shiv Temple.

He commended the organizers for holding such an event, stating that it adds to the joyous atmosphere prevalent in the region.  
Sawhney emphasized the importance of unity and peace during these festive times, extending warm wishes to all present.  
He also highlighted the significance of religious festivities as a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu & Kashmir, particularly in light of the political disappointments and dire economic situations they have faced.  
Despite challenges, Sawhney remarked that people draw hope from spirituality and continue to maintain their cultural heritage, even as they navigate through political and economic turmoil.

# SYVSS demands Bapu Asharam's treatment as per wish

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Yatra was organised by Shri Yog Vedant Sewa Samiti (SYVSS) Jammu in which thousands of Sadhaks participated and raised their demands to free innocent Sant Shri Asharanji Bapu.  
The yatra was carried out from Bhagwati Nagar Ashram to Vivekanand Chowk to Shalamar to K.C Morh to Bus Stand to Ashram.  
Ashram Vakta Rama Bhai said that the health condition of 86-year-old Saint Asharanji Bapu, who is kept in Jodhpur jail under false charges, is very critical.  
Before going to jail, at the age of 74, Bapuji was only suffering from trigeminal neuralgia and back pain, despite a very busy lifestyle, but due to the stressful environment of continuous cus-



tody for more than 11.5 years, now at the age of 86, he is suffering from heart disease, prostate cancer, Rama Bhai said.  
In view of his serious physical condition, an application for parole was recently filed, which was canceled ignoring the severity of his disease.  
When relief is given to the accused and culprits of scam, murder, money laundering etc. then why is innocent Saint Asharanji Bapu being deprived of getting proper treatment as per his wish, Rama Bhai questioned.  
Shri Yoga Vedanta Seva Samitis, all the seekers, women organizations and many Hindu organizations demanded that the government should provide relief to respected Bapuji at the desired place and for treatment through suitable medical methods as soon as possible.

# Congress party leaders with supporters join BJP ahead of LS elections

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lok Sabha-2024 elections bugle has been sounded, the Congress party has got a big blow from Hakkal Panchayat of RS Pura-Jammu South constituency.  
Former Congress sarpanch Kunti Devi and Naib Sarpanch Sudesh Kumar, eight Panchns left the party and joined BJP along with their supporters.  
All these leaders took membership of the party in the presence of BJP State General Secretary Davinder Manyal, former Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria, District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, District Incharge Ayodhya Gupta, BJP leader Zorawar Singh, Mandal President Vijay Sharma and



BJP leaders welcoming newly joined members in Party fold.

Captain Rajinder Singh. Manyal, while congratulating the newcomers, said that everyone's dignity and respect will be taken care of in the party.  
Referring to the Lok Sabha elections, he said that the target is big, hence every worker has to ensure his best contribution in view of the role decided by the party.  
Billawaria said that for-

mer Sarpanch Kunti Devi, Panchns along with supporters joined BJP now Hakkal Panchayat has become 'Congress Mukh'.  
He said that by passing the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also ensured 33 percent reservation for the women of the country in the democratic structure.  
It is certain that the opposition will lose its deposit from RS Pura-Jammu South assembly seat in the upcoming assembly elections.  
Mankotia said that the joining of former sarpanch and panchns in the BJP party is a proof of their faith in the principles of good governance supported by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.  
Rekha Mahajan said that the respect of women is safe

only in BJP. She said that the BJP takes care of everyone, whereas this is not the safe environment for other parties.  
Senior BJP leader Zorawar Singh said that impressed by the work of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, everyone is joining BJP for country building. He said that apart from Narendra Modi, no other political party has any other option in the country.  
Former Sarpanch Kunti Devi said, "I have expressed my faith in the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, I am inspired by the way he is working to take the country forward."  
She further said that I have faith in the policies of BJP and believe that Prime Minister Modi is the right leader to bring the necessary changes in the country.

# Sadhotra welcomes ex-BJP Corporator in NC fold

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Sunday welcomed the former BJP Corporator of Jammu Municipal Corporation Ward No. 32 Satpal Karloopia and his workers into National Conference at a function held in Jammu North Assembly Constituency at Lower Muthi, here.  
"The delay in the assembly elections, along with other measures, has fueled perceptions of a disregard for the democratic rights and aspirations of the people of



Additional General Secretary National Conference Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and other leaders with newly joined former BJP Corporator Satpal Karloopia.

J&K," he Sadhotra. Ram Pal, National Provincial President Conference Zonal President Jammu Rattan Lal, former Minister and Zonal President Jammu Central Welcoming the former

BJP Corporator Mr Satpal Karloopia and his workers into the party fold, the senior leaders exhorted the people to support the National Conference, which stands for holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir with opportunities of progress to all, irrespective of caste, creed, region or religion.  
They said history stands testimony to the contribution of the National Conference in the upliftment of people and development of all the regions and sub regions of J&K.  
Prominent among those present on the occasion included Pardeep Kumar

Bali Provincial Secretary, Ghar Singh Chib Ex-Corporator Provincial Joint Secretary, Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary, Raghubir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural-A, Rakesh Sharma YNC President Jammu Rural, Baru Ram Bhagat Vice President, Jammu District, Dr Vikas Sharma Zonal Secretary, Randhir Singh, Senior Vice President Marh Block, Manmohan Youth leader, Mohinder Rana, Bhagwan Dass Sharma, Darshana Bhagat, Kamla Devi, Sahil Singh Chib, Rohit Kerni, Amit Gupta.

# Er Sachin Tickoo elected Vice Chairman AIPEF

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Er Sachin Tickoo, President JKEEGA has been elected as Vice Chairman of All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF), the voting of which was held at Chennai where in 25 States and Union Territories participated.  
The constituent members of AIPEF from all states expressed hope that Er Sachin Tickoo shall deliver his best for safeguarding the interests of the engineering fraternity and 20 lakh Power Employees of India.  
The recognition assumes significance given the fact that Er Sachin Tickoo has made significant contribution to the Power sector employees of not only of JK but whole India.  
Jammu Kashmir Power Employees congratulate him for this success.



Er Sachin Tickoo after electing Vice Chairman of AIPEF.

# SAKRS, J&K discusses community issues

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha (SAKRS), J&K (UT) organised a meeting to discuss various issues confronting the community. Budget estimate for the year 2024-2025 was approved by the working committee.  
Under the leadership of Bishan Singh, President of the Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, J&K (UT), a meeting was attended by Working Community Members, Advisors, and Prominent Members.  
The agenda encompassed



SAKRS, J&K members during a meeting at Jammu on Sunday.

crucial topics such as budget estimates for the ongoing financial year 2023-2024 and projections for 2024-2025, along with discussions on providing widow pensions and scholarships to economically disadvantaged students within the Biradari community.  
Deliberations were conducted meticulously, resulting in the unanimous passage of the revised budget estimate for 2023-2024 and the budget estimate for the upcoming year. Notably, a sum of Rs. 7 lakh was allocated for widows' pensions and Rs. 3 lakh for scholarships for economically weaker students for the fiscal year 2023-24.  
Moreover, organizational matters took center stage, with emphasis placed on the imperative of organizing Sakha Sabhas, Tehsil Sakhas, and District Rajput Sabhas.  
It was unanimously agreed upon to promptly convene meetings for Sakha Sabha, Tehsil Sabha, and District Sabha across various districts and Tehsil Headquarters.  
The voices of various stakeholders, including Narayan

# BJP's Social Media Department meets Jugal Kishore, discusses strategizes for upcoming LS polls

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Social Media Department of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, on Sunday held a meeting with Jugal Kishore, the contesting candidate from Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency. The meeting aimed to strategize and plan for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.  
Ankit Gupta, the Convener of the Social Media Department, led the team which included Nitish Mahajan, Manjeet Singh Jasrotia, and Satish Jandyal, the Co-Convener.  
Jugal Kishore, the contesting candidate, expressed his contentment towards the Social Media Department for



BJP Social Media Dept members calling on Jugal Kishore.

their efforts and emphasized the significance of social media in reaching out to a wider audience and disseminating accurate information. He termed the social media team as frontline warriors and emphasized their vital

role in the upcoming polls as trendsetters. He acknowledged the power of social media in shaping public opinion and expressed confidence in the team's ability to effectively communicate the vision and accomplishments of the

party to the electorate.  
During the meeting, Ankit Gupta, the Convener of the Department, gave a comprehensive briefing on the importance of digital engagement and social media outreach in today's political landscape. He emphasized the need for a robust and effective online campaign to connect with the masses and convey the vision and achievements of the BJP to the voters of the Jammu constituency.  
Ankit Gupta expressed his gratitude to Jugal Kishore for the tremendous work in the Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency during his previous two tenures and the dedication he has shown in bringing about development

and progress.  
Nitish Mahajan assured the contesting Member Parliament Jugal Kishore that the social media team would actively engage with young volunteers to further strengthen their campaign. He recognized the potential of young minds and acknowledged their significant contribution in reaching out to the masses.  
With the Lok Sabha elections approaching, he assured that the Social Media Department, under the guidance of Ankit Gupta, is prepared to embark on an energetic and focused campaign to ensure a resounding victory of the Party in the upcoming polls.

# Natrang presents Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba'



didactic.  
The play opens at the home of one 'Anokhe Lal' who has converted it as rehearsal space as he is the

director of the play which is scheduled to be staged within a few days. The drama erupts as the play proceeds as it appears that no one is

serious in doing rehearsal other than the director. The artists who used to plead for a single entry in the play have turned prier now and come up with different excuses to skip rehearsals. At the top of it, the newly appointed servant adds to the confusion as he comes up with a new problem every time he enters the room. 'Anokhe Lal' was very much worried about the performance of the play as nothing was going right, when the real father of 'Anokhe Lal' arrives to whom the servant intro-

duced himself as the father of 'Anokhe Lal' on which both the servant and Anokhe Lal received a thorough beating from the real father.  
Natrang actors who performed in the play included Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Vishal Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Kanaapreet Kaur, Samket Bhagat and Kushal Bhat. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant Sharma and the presentations were done by Sushant Singh Charak. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

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