

## Congress holds inter-faith prayer in Jammu, says politics of hate a threat to nation

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JAMMU: Congress on Monday organised a "Sarv Dharam Prarthana Sabha" in Jammu today to pray and give a message of peace and religious harmony in the wake of attempts to vitiate the atmosphere of social and religious harmony in the country besides denouncing politics of vendetta.

Led by JKPPCC Chief G A Mir and attended by senior Leaders and Activists, the religious and spiritual personalities of Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Christians gave their religious discourse which contained a message of peace, religious Brotherhood and harmony besides oneness of God. They enlightened the gathering that no religion preaches hatred towards other religions and every religion preaches right path of service of humanity and peace. They appreciated the Congress party for the initiative to spread the message of peace religious brotherhood in the society.

Working President Rmān Bhalla Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, vice presi-



Senior JKPPCC leaders led by President G.A. Mir during inter-faith prayer.

dent Kanta Bhan, Yogesh Sawhney, Balwan Singh, Manmohan Singh, Th Balbir Singh, Indu Pawar, Shabir Ahmed Khan, Rajnish Sharma, Gurdarshan Singh, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Uday Bhanu Chib, Dina Nath Bhagat, Gajan Singh, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Th Kamal Singh Corporator, Ch. Hussain Waffa, Dr R K Khajuria, Kapil Singh, Sahil Sharma, Rajveer Singh, Babbal Gupta, Sonu Dogra, Rajinder Singh, S. Rajinder Singh, Nathu, Ricky Dalotra, Sahil Langeh, M/S Tumana, Gurmeet Singh and others.

Earlier Seva Dal team sung the famous Bhajan of

Mahatma Gandhi ji "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Pati Peawan Sita Ram—"

Addressing the gathering JKPPCC Chief G A Mir expressed grave concern over the atmosphere of politics of hate and political vendetta which are dangerous for the social and secular and democratic atmosphere. He said that provocative and mischievous activities are taking place with a nefarious design to disturb peace and traditional harmony in the country. He said that attempts to vitiate the atmosphere of religious brotherhood is very dangerous for

the multi religious, multi lingual and multi cultural nation.

He also lodged a strong protest of the party over the politics of vendetta and termed it political intolerance of BJP and Modi government. He said opposition Leaders of Congress party are being booked and framed under stringent laws like Jignesh Mevani MLA Gujarat in order to deter opposition to stop them to speak against ruling party. It is Dangerous for the democratic system and against Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech and expression and right to protest.

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## AK Angural, ITS takes over as Principal GM of BA Jammu of BSNL J&K Telecom Circle

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JAMMU: Ashok Kumar Angural, a senior ITS officer of 1987 batch today took over the charge as Principal General Manager Telecom Business Area(BA) Jammu (PGMT BA Jammu) Jammu from Mr. Ram Kumar Agrawal, who has been transferred to Delhi on central deputation in Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. With his vast experience and under the able guidance of Sanjeev Tyagi, CGMT J&K Telecom. Circle and the dedicated BSNL staff, Jammu BA will flourish and gain the confidence of the customers.

A son of the soil, AK Angural has already served



in Telecom District Jammu as G M T D before proceeding to Foreign Service

Deputation in TCIL for execution of TCIL's Foreign Telecom Projects initially for three years which was extended from time to time eight years from February 2014 to March 2022.

During this Foreign Service assignment, he worked for four years as Regional Director of TCIL in Kuwait and next four years as CEO, TCIL Muscat for its Foreign Telecom Projects in Oman.

Raina, who is the president of the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit, also dismissed the criticism of the Congress and other parties over no mention of restoration of statehood and early assembly polls in Modi's speech on Sunday.

"Their pain (opposition parties) is understood after the prime minister's historic rally," he said.

On National Panchayati Raj Day, Prime Minister Modi on Sunday addressed a rally at Pali Panchayat in the district in his first public appearance in Jammu and Kashmir after the

abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

His speech was relayed to all gram panchayats across the country and during the event he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of several projects for the union territory that came into existence after the Centre abrogated the article which granted special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are thankful to the people who turned up in large numbers at the rally which shows their love and respect for the

## Open Anand appointed General Manager at Skyview by Empyrean Patnitop UT J&K

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JAMMU: Empyrean Skyview Projects Private Limited (ESPPL) appoints Open Anand as General Manager, Skyview by Empyrean Patnitop UT J&K.

Anand comes to Skyview, the first of its kind holistic lifestyle and leisure destination in the Himalayas with over three decades of experience in the hospitality industry across various formats, brands and locations across India. His experience in the hospitality industry is comprehensive and spans most areas including operations, Food & Beverage Management, revenue management, HR solutions, training, sales and marketing.

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Carlson hotels Asia Pacific and certified as an Internal Auditor for ISO-9002, Anand has been involved in designing and implementing training programs for bringing in keen customer focus and maximizing revenue and profitability while adhering to best service standards. He holds a Masters in Business Administration Degree from Sikkim Manipal University, Bachelor of Arts from Delhi University and Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Institute of Hotel Management, Goa. Syed

Junaid Altaf, Managing Director ESPPL, welcoming Anand to ESPPL, said, "We are delighted that Open Anand has joined our team. He is recognized for bringing in value and operational efficiency to any business model and we look forward to him implementing these at Skyview and enhancing the Skyview by Empyrean brand".

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## Mayor visits Shitlee Filtration Plant Nagrota

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JAMMU: JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Commissioner Avny Lavasa, Public Health And Sanitation Committee Chairman Raj Kumar and other Municipal Councillors along with PHE Officers paid a visit at Shitlee Filtration Plant Nagrota to assess water woes and to overcome water crises in the urban area in the coming days.

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Direction were also issued to officers of JKPPDD to supply 24x7 power to the dedicated feeders of PHE for smooth running of water supply.

## NSS & NAHEP SKUAST-J organise Yoga Day



Participants performing Yoga Asanas.

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JAMMU: In continuation to celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', NSS and NAHEP IDP, SKUAST-Jammu, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Prof

were demonstrated by yoga instructor of University Abhishek and students followed with great zeal.

The programme was organised for UG students as a part of series of activities to keep them fit mentally and physically. The programme was coordinated by Dr Subhash C Kashyap, NSS programme Coordinator and supervised and attended Dr. Akhil Gupta, NoSW FoA, Dr Kamlesh Bali, Dr Arvinder Singh, Dr Divyendu, Dr Balbir Dhotra NSS program Officer and Sanveet Kour, Young Professional-II, IDP SKUAST-Jammu. The programme ended with pledge of student to practice yoga regularly to keep fit and fine and with serving of refreshments.

J.P.Sharma, organised a common yoga protocol session for NSS volunteers of Faculty of Agriculture at Main Campus Chatha.

In the event Prof Rajesh Katoch also joined the yoga session and stressed upon the students to adopt health practices to maintain good health and yoga is the cheapest and most effective way to keep body fit. The event was a part of regular activities of International Yoga day 2022 as 'Countdown to International Yoga Day 2022'. The different 'Yoga Asans'

## Court acquits accused in rape case

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JAMMU: Presiding Officer Fast Track Court Khalil Ahmed Chowdhary after hearing both the sides observed that over all analysis of the evidence of prosecutrix as well as doctor witness, with regard to committing of sexual intercourse by the accused are major contradictions in their statements which creates doubt with regard to committing of rape by accused. Therefore, on cumulative consideration of the matter in its totality having regard to statements of witnesses would suggest that there is no concrete evidence on record connecting accused with the commission of offence.

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on March 9, 2018 and again

came to the police station on March 13, 2018 with her father and filed a written report, on which FIR was registered. Her age particulars were ascertained and as per Radiologist, the age of victim was between 12-15 years, whereas, as per school record, her date of birth was November 12, 2006. After completion of the investigation Challan was produced against the accused in the court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class City Judge Jammu where from same was committed to Court of Principal District Judge Jammu on June 9, 2018 and the court of Principal District Judge Jammu transferred the same to the court of 3rd Addl Sessions Judge Jammu on July 11, 2018, and in the meanwhile on the creation of the Court as Fast Track Court case came to be transferred to this court on April 30, 2021.

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## Pre -Institution Mediation & Settlement DLSA Udhampur hosts awareness programme for students of GHSS Kud

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UDHAMPUR: Following the Common Minimum Programme provided by J&K Legal Services Authority, under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Y.P. Bourne and overall Supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge), a legal awareness programme on Micro Legal Literacy and Pre-Institution Mediation & Settlement was organised today at Government Higher

to note that it is not part of the duty of the accused to show as to why a false allegation has been leveled against him and why particular witnesses have deposed against him but it is bound duty of the prosecution to establish its case against the accused beyond any reasonable doubt. Further it is beaten law that strong suspicion, co-incidence and grave doubt cannot take place of the legal proof. Suspicion however grave is not proof in absence of the reliable evidence and it is always unwise to act on mere suspicion. Thus, prosecution case fails and accused namely Ravi Rakwal, son of Din Dayal Rakwal, resident of Khajwa District Chhattarpur (MP) at present Janipuri Colony, Extension Jammu, is accordingly acquitted of the charges leveled against him. The accused, who is presently in custody, is ordered to be released forthwith," the Court directed.

Secondary School Kud by District Legal Services Authority Udhampur in collaboration with the management of the host school. The

institution stage. The resource persons encouraged the gathering to settle their disputes out of the court as the Indian Judicial System is overburdened with litigations.

Two students of the school Rajni Sharma and Shilpa Devi also spoke on the subject.

The Secretary DLSA Rajni Sharma thanked the participants for participating in the Legal Awareness Programme and urged the general masses to avail the services of Legal Services Institutions for settlement of disputes at pre-Mediation.

Resource persons of the Programme were Panel Lawyer Advocate Balwan Singh and Advocate A.S. Katoch. The programme was attended by the Students, Principal, teacher and School Staff.

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## Eye checkup camp organised for senior citizens

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JAMMU: Retired Officers Forum(Regd) is a Non Govt Organization on Monday organised an eye check up camp at Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, 23 A/C Gandhi Nagar Jammu in collaboration with medical staff of the institute of the Hospital,

S C Rekhi, (Gen Secy) of Forum, while introducing the members of the fraternity highlighted about the importance of Eye Sight for Oldies



Trustee DT, Ajatshatru Singh along with others inaugurating ultra modern Waiting Lounge at Shri Raghunath temple.

ice to the visiting devotees to facilitate their visit. The Trustee urged the people to come in large numbers to pay obeisance at Raghunathji Temple and is committed to take many more initiatives to bring in vibrancy in the working of the Trust.

Gandotra also informed that the Trust has retrieved 120 Kanals of land attached with Ram ji Mandir at Sumbi, Tehsil Marh by a team of J&K Dhamarth Trust. This was accomplished under the leadership of Trust's President and its Secretary. It is pertinent to mention that Ajay Gandotra during his surprise visit to Shri Raghunathji Temple Sagoon, Mansar in District Samba in November last year had committed that he will retrieve

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