

## 3-day painting exhibition begins at Kala Kendra

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JAMMU: A three days' painting exhibition by Pallavi Sambhyal, organized by the Kala Kendra Society, at the G R Santosh Gallery, began here on Monday with its formal inauguration by Principal Secretary, Culture and Tribal Affairs, Suresh Kumar Gupta.

The inaugural event witnessed presence of a number of dignitaries including Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Sanjeev Rana; Secretary Kala Kendra Society, Dr. Javaid Rahi; Regional Director IGNCAL, Shruti Awasthi, Convenor INTECH, S M Sahni, Ravinder Kaul, noted Art Critic and Dr. Arvinder



Principal Secretary, Culture and Tribal Affairs, Suresh Kumar Gupta visiting exhibition.

Singh Amn, Former Additional Secretary of the Academy among others.

The visitors comprising artists and individuals from various walks of life graced the occasion with their participation.

Suresh Kumar Gupta commended the art work of Pallavi Sambhyal, keenly observing its reflection of the diverse landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir. He underscored the recent initiative of Kala Kendra Jammu in

reopening all galleries for artists to exhibit their work, encouraging artists to take advantage of this opportunity.

Pallavi Sambhyal, born and brought up in Samba district of Jammu region, shared her

journey as an artist, expressing her passion for portraying the beauty of Jammu and Kashmir through her landscape paintings. She is also imparting training to youngster in the field of art and designing.

The exhibition will continue for three days, offering art enthusiasts and the public an opportunity to immerse themselves in the artistic portrayal of region's natural splendor.

Earlier, Dr. Javaid Rahi highlighted the exhibition's focus on showcasing the rich landscape of Jammu and Kashmir through the 50 paintings on display. He emphasized that the event aims to provide a platform for J&K artists to exhibit their talent.

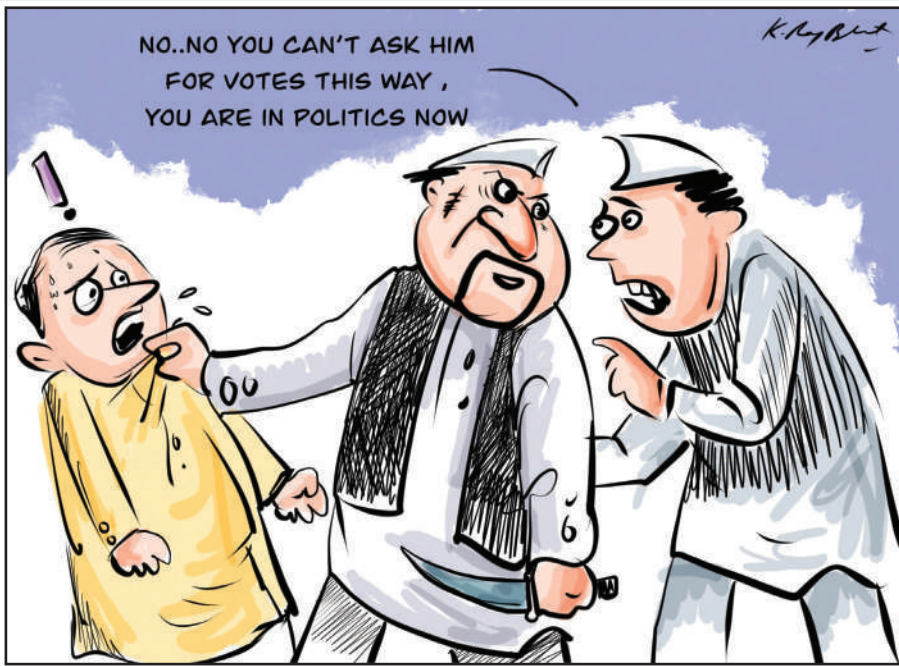
## Sachin Pilot to address rallies in Jammu today

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JAMMU: AICC leader and star campaigner Sachin Pilot will address big Congress rallies at Kathua and Suchetgarh area tomorrow.

Pilot will address the Congress rally in Kathua - Ramleela Ground at 11:00 AM and Khour near Suchetgarh at 1:00 PM, the JKPC Chief Spokesperson Senior Vice President Ravinder Sharma said.

He said Sachin Pilot shall be joined by AICC Incharge J&K Affairs Bharat Singh Solanki, JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani, AICC Secretary Manoj Yadav and INC candidates Ch. Lal Singh and Raman Bhalla in respective constituencies.



## Kashmir becoming first choice for Bollywood, filmmakers seek advance permissions

### ■ MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Kashmir has always been more than just a picturesque location for Bollywood. It's a music that has inspired generations of filmmakers to create stories of love, loss, and salvation. From timeless classics like Sharmila Kapoor and Sharmila Tagore starrer 'Kashmir Ki Kali' to modern blockbusters like Salman Khan and Kareena Kapoor starrer Bajrangi Bhai Jaan, the cinematic charm of the Valley has remained unparalleled.

Amid the current peace and tourist rush, filmmakers from Bollywood and South Indian Cinema are making and trying to capture the essence of Kashmir on celluloid. In 2023, Kashmir emerged as a focal point for the film industry and hosted the shooting of 102 films and web series. More than 200 filmmakers have sought permission from the authorities to shoot in the scenic valley this year.

In the past two years, around 700 producers applied for shooting permission, with 300 receiving the green light. Under the new Film Policy, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has put the permission system under Public Services Guarantee Act. The administration has to give permission to filmmakers within a stipulated time of 30 days. A single window system has also been put in place to make it easier for the producers. The filmmakers can apply for permission online. The government is also providing these filmmakers with incentives to shoot at various locations across the Valley.

This policy, which aims to position Jammu and Kashmir as a hub of cinematic creativity and productivity, has played a pivotal role in attracting filmmakers to Kashmir.

Similarly, south Indian film productions have also found solace in the fascinating

landscape of Kashmir. Whether it is the dramatic sequences of a romantic saga or the action sequences of the thriller, the valley provides a canvas for every cinematic vision.

As the film industry again started to date with Kashmir, the first multiplex was opened in September 2022. Theatres in the Valley were shut in the early 1990s and it was after a gap of three decades that a multiplex was opened. Multipurpose cinema halls were also opened in other districts of Kashmir, including volatile Pulwama and Shopian.

Locals say that tourism in the valley has got a huge boost in the last three years and now it seems that the film industry also returning to its favourite destination, it will not only help employment generation but also encourage the new generation to step into the Hindi cinema and television industry.

## Kavinder Gupta terms BJP's Sankalp Patra- Modi's Guarantee 2024 as roadmap to 'Viksit Bharat'

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JAMMU: "BJP's Sankalp Patra - Modi's Guarantee 2024" focusing on 'GYAN' provides a comprehensive works by the NDA government and presents a vision for building 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, said Kavinder Gupta, former Dy Chief Minister.

He accompanied by Balbir Ram Rattan, former VC and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP was addressing press conference at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Kavinder Gupta said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the BJP's Sankalp Patra 'BJP's Sankalp - Modi's Guarantee 2024' for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections at Delhi.

During the event, BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Defense Minister and BJP Manifesto Committee Chairman Rajnath Singh, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and Union Finance Minister & BJP Manifesto Committee Convenor Nirmala



Former Dy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta talking to reporters.

Sitharaman were also present on the stage.

He said that the Sankalp Patra focuses on the quantitative and qualitative aspects that how the policies and schemes of the Modi government have provided good governance, free of corruption and which has worked for every needy section of society.

Narendra Modi personally dedicated the Sankalp Patra 'Modi ki Guarantee' for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 to beneficiaries of the government's public welfare schemes, extending this dedication to the people of the entire nation,

he said adding that this Sankalp Patra reinforces the four strong pillars of a developed India - youth power, women empowerment, farmers, and the underprivileged.

"Our focus lies on the Dignity of Life, Quality of Life, and employment generation through investment," he said.

He stressed the vision of the Modi government on the 'Reform, Perform, and Transform' principle.

He said that the 'Modi ki Guarantee' ensures that the free ration scheme provides nutritious, satisfying, and

affordable food to all.

He spoke on the Women-Led Development, commitment to transforming India into a hub for food processing, mantra of "Viksit bhi, Virasat bhi".

He mentioned the potential of tourism in our country, fortifying three pillars of infrastructure, the bedrock of 21st-century India: social, physical, and digital infrastructure. He said that the BJP never hesitates to make bold and challenging decisions in the best interest of the nation, as for us the country is bigger than the party. Finally, Kavinder added that the momentum of the new India is unstoppable. He said that the BJP has formulated this Sankalp Patra to transform the dreams of 140 crore citizens into reality and called upon the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir to bestow their faith on the BJP in this Parliament election to fulfill the aim of 'Development for all, prosperity for all'.

## We are committed to ensuring political, economic empowerment of J&K people: Bukhari

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JAMMU: Reaffirming the Apni Party's commitment to ensuring the political and economic empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, its president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, urged the people to vote for the party's candidates, Zaffar Iqbal Manhas in Anantnag-Rajouri, and Mohammad Ashraf Mir in Srinagar, in the imminent Lok Sabha polls.

He was addressing an event at the party headquarters in Srinagar today. The event was aimed at welcoming several political and social activists and workers from south Kashmir's Pulwama district into the party fold.

The new entrants included prominent social activist

from Pulwama Waseem Ahmad Malik, BDC Avantipora Abdul Ahad, Ubaid Bashir, Adil Bashir - all from the main town Pulwama - and others.

Addressing the occasion, Apni Party president reiterated the party's unwavering commitment to ensuring peace, prosperity, and development in Jammu and Kashmir and the political and economic empowerment of its people.

He said, "Our primary agenda is to establish lasting peace, foster enduring prosperity, and promote sustainable development in Jammu and Kashmir, besides ensuring the political and economic empowerment of its people."

Taking a dig at the traditional parties, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari



JKAP president, Syed Mohd Altaf Bukhari with newly joined members and other leaders.

said that the deceitful policies by the traditional parties caused tremendous damage to J&K and its people over the years and decades.

He said, "The traditional parties bear responsibility for the deaths and destruction in this land, as their deceitful political narratives and emotional sloganeering have paved the way for bloodshed and violence. These parties now stand exposed before the public, as people know that the deceitful narratives by these parties pushed our young generation onto the path of violence, and eventually, thousands of them ended up either in jails or

in graveyards."

"Even after so much destruction and deaths over the past three decades, one of these parties still say that we will fight for the next hundred years. Are our youth for fighting and dying only?" he asked.

He went on to say, "These parties had established PAGD only to deceive people. Now, they have themselves buried this so-called alliance for their individual political and electoral gains."

Besides Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, the prominent party leaders who were present on the occasion included party's

Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, Vice President Zaffar Iqbal Manhas, chairman of the party's Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) Mohammad Dilawar Mir, Provincial President Kashmir Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Media Advisor Farooq Andrabi, District President Noor Mohammad Sheikh, Constituency In-Charge Pulwama Dr. Mir Samiullah, DDC Harwan and Party's Provincial Organiser Kashmir Shabir Reshi, party's IT Head and In-Charge Social Media Ovais Mushtaq, Senior Leader Zaffar Habib Dar, and others.

## SSDS to take out Shobha Yatra on April 17



SSDS J&K President Parshotam Dadichi talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha (SSDS) Jammu Kashmir President Parshotam Dadichi said that a Shobha Yatra will be taken out on 17 April, 2024 on the occasion of Rammavmi in Jammu.

"Shri Snatan Dharam Sabha along with Dharamarth Trust J&K will monitor this Shobha Yatra,"

Parshotam Dadichi said in the press conference here on Monday.

He said that Jhanki of "Shri Ram Darbar will be taken out by Natak Samaj of Sabha.

The pooja of Rath/Jhanki will be done at the Gate of Geeta Bhawan and then onwards the Rath will goes towards Shri Raghunath Temple from where other Jhankis the Shobha Yatra will

be taken out from Residency Road, Rajendra Bazar, Kanak Mandi, Bharat Mata Chowk (City Chowk), Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Paeca Danga, Moti Bazar, Geeta Bhawan, Ranbireswar Temple, Shalamar, Indira Chowk, and concluded at Hari Market. Parshotam Dadichi said that the Elections are also like festival in Democracy so people should celebrate Election like Festival and should vote. "Every Voter should vote in National interest. Every Voter should think that his/her vote will make India a Vishwa Guru. So People Should Vote for the preservation of Sanatan Values," he said.

Sanjay Gupta, Gen Secy was also present in conference.

## Vote for Modi will be vote for Vishwa Guru Bharat: Rana

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KATHUA: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday said that a vote for Narendra Modi is a vote for the realization of Vishwa Guru Bharat - a resplendent India that leads by example, enriching the lives of its citizens and contributing to the welfare of humanity at large.

Rana who was addressing series of Nukkad meetings in Panchayat Chilk West, Chilk East, Sounkhil, Katli, Channi and Lachipur in Jasrota Assembly Constituency of District Kathua, here this evening along with former Minister and Sr BJP Leader Rajiv Jasrotia, said "a vote for Modi is not merely a political choice; it is an endorsement of a vision for a Vishwa Guru Bharat. It signifies a pledge towards realizing the full potential of our Nation on the global stage.

"Through his decisive governance, inclusive policies, and tireless efforts, Prime Minister Modi has laid the foundation for a stronger, more vibrant India and a Vote for Modi will be Vote for Vishwa Guru Bharat", he said



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing public meeting on Monday.

adding that Modi Hai Tu Mumkin Hai.

Rana said Vishwa Guru Bharat embodies not just material progress but also spiritual and cultural richness. It envisions India as a beacon of wisdom, compassion, and harmony, inspiring the world with its timeless ethos and values, which is only possible under the leadership of Narendra Modi.

"In this Lok Sabha elections, it is imperative to recognize the profound significance of each vote cast. As citizens, we hold the power to shape the destiny of our nation, steering it towards progress and prosperity. In this crucial juncture, it is paramount to reflect upon the transfor-

mative leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its resonance with the vision of a Vishwa Guru Bharat - a global leader in various facets", he maintained.

He said under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India has witnessed unprecedented strides in various spheres. From economic reforms to technological advancements, from infrastructure development to diplomatic relations, every realm has witnessed a remarkable transformation. His unwavering commitment to the welfare and empowerment of every citizen has been exemplary, he added.

"Let us unite in this endeavour to shape a

brighter future for our beloved nation. Together, let us march towards the realization of Vishwa Guru Bharat under the sagacious leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

He gave credit to the people of all shades of life in Jammu and Kashmir for coming together to rebuild trust and forge a shared vision for the future. Following path breaking initiatives like empowerment through local governance, grassroots democracy, successful conduct of civic elections, enabling huge voter participation, the Union Territory is now embarking on massive participation in the parliamentary elections, he said, exuding confidence that the sagacious voters

will put their seal as affirmation of the policies and programmes of the BJP for prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the meetings Rajiv Jasrotia made a fervent appeal to the people to come forward in large numbers and vote in favour of progress, prosperity, and stability. He said "your vote is not just a symbol of your democratic rights, but a powerful instrument for shaping the future of our nation. Let us unite in solidarity and solidarity and collectively contribute to the journey of building a New India envisioned by Narendra Modi. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to a brighter, stronger and more prosperous India. Among others who were present in these meetings included Kewal Singh, Rocky Sharma, Angrez Chand, Gandarbh Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Jagdev Singh, Mohammad Aslam, Ravinder Singh, Suresh Sathia, JP Singh, Suresh Sharma, Sham Parshad, Balwant Singh, Pritam Singh, Abdul Wahid, Karam Din, Gurmeet Singh, Ranjit Singh, Harbachan Singh, Gurdeep Singh and others.

## Calls by personator to JKHCBA Members; Justice Tashi Rabstan chairs high level meeting

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JAMMU: On the requisition by J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu and prompt indulgence by Justice Tashi Rabstan, a crucial meeting was convened to address the pressing issue of fraudulent calls made to various lawyers by personator claiming as Superintendent of District Jail Jammu. The meeting was attended by Sunil Gupta, DIG Jammu; SP Cyber Security Cell, Kameshwar Puri; Superintendents Jail Amphala; and Kot Bhawal.

A grave concern was discussed, where cybercriminals posing as jail officials have been making calls to various lawyers, including Advocate Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, Radha Sharma, Rajeev Sharma, and several others.

These imposters request financial assistance for purported medical emergencies of their under-trial clients.

The officers were emphatically urged to initiate immediate measures to curb such cyber scams, which target even the esteemed advocates.

The urgency of the matter was emphasized, as it posed risks to advocates representing such inmates on both personal and professional fronts.

In response to these concerns, the JKHCBAJ proposed an interactive awareness program by cyber experts with the bar members about the dos' and don'ts in such situations.

The bar association extended sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Justice Tashi Rabstan for instructing the convening of this meeting,

recognizing the heightened risk to the legal fraternity from such cyber crimes, and instructing for immediate redressal thereof.

The officers present assured that they would take every possible step to investigate the matter and resolve it promptly. They also committed to sharing the contact numbers of jail authorities with the members of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu and requesting them to first verify the genuineness of the call by contacting these official numbers.

President Vikram Sharma, Sr. Advocate, along with other members including Parvesh Singh Salaria, General Secretary, and Utkarsh Pathania, Treasurer, addressed the issues with the officers during the meeting.