

# Cong indulged in appeasement politics, BJP focused on everyone's development: Ritika

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JAMMU: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&K Ritika Trehan on Wednesday continuing campaign on last day of campaign in favour of party candidate Jugal Kishore from Jammu-Reasi parliamentary seat in Bahu constituency accused the Congress of indulging in the politics of vote bank and appeasement and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed the culture of politics in the country with focus on development of everyone.

Ritika highlighted the BJP-led central government's achievements in the last 10 years. She referred to the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya, abrogation of Article 370, notification of rules for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act implementation, and ban on the practice of instant triple talaq.

"Today the culture of politics has changed under the leadership of Modi ji. Earlier it was asked to which caste (a per-



Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&K Ritika Trehan campaigning for party candidate.

son) belonged, either forward or backward, from this side of the river or the other side, from hills or plains," she said.

"The Congress made brothers fight with each other and indulged in the politics of vote-bank. Modi changed the definition of politics of India. He changed the way of doing work. Under his leadership, the country has been heading ahead with the slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'," she said.

While they (Congress) did politics of appeasement, PM Modi did politics of "vikasvaad" (development), Ritika added.

Ritika also claimed the Congress has always opposed Lord Ram and Sanatan Dharma.

"The Congress has always been anti-Ram and anti-Sanatan. During the Manmohan Singh-led rule when Sonia Gandhi was the UPA chairperson, it had given an affidavit in court that Lord Ram is fictional and does not have any historical basis," she said.

"Is this not true that their lawyer had asked the court to extend the (hearing in) Ram Mandir case otherwise the BJP will get benefit of the decision in the matter. They did the work of disrupting

(construction of Ram temple). The Ram Mandir trust invited them (Congress leaders) for the consecration of Lord Ram's idol at the Ayodhya temple but they rejected it," Ritika said. Should such "anti-Ram" people who see politics in everything get your support?" she asked.

When the Indian Army entered Pakistan and took "revenge" for the Uri (terrorist attack), the Congress asked for evidence. Should such "anti-national" forces be allowed to come forward? Ritika asked the people, to which they replied in negative.

"They have so much love for anti-nationals that wherever

they see appeasement politics they turn soft. They have given tickets to people of the 'Tukde Tukde' gang. Can they ever be patriots? Their approach towards terrorism has been soft," Ritika claimed.

Recently action was taken against Naxalites in Chhattisgarh, but the Congress party calls them martyrs, she alleged.

"While PM Modi says remove corruption, the INDI alliance protects the corrupt. Leaders of this bloc are either in jail or out on bail," Ritika said.

Urging people to come out in large numbers to vote, Ritika said, "This Lok Sabha election is to realise Modi's resolution for 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India). Every vote is very important. It does big things and has the power to make big decisions. You have this power."

"It is this vote that made Modi prime minister in 2014 and today India stands among the leading countries in the world, she said.

# JU organises workshop on "Storytelling through Puppets"



JU students during a workshop on "Storytelling through Puppets".

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JAMMU: The one-day workshop on "Storytelling through Puppets" organized by the Literary Club under Utsaah at the University of Jammu's Main Campus.

Led by Prof. Sadaf Shah and supported by Prof. Satnam Kour Raina, the event aimed to revive the art of storytelling through the timeless medium of puppetry.

The presence of

Jaswinder Singh, an art expert from Sangrur, Punjab, added depth to the workshop. His insights into puppetry as a potent tool for communication would have surely inspired participants to explore their own narratives with confidence and creativity.

The workshop's emphasis on crafting puppets from various materials not only honed participants' artistic skills but also fostered a deeper connection

with their cultural heritage.

Prof. Sadaf Shah's acknowledgment of this aspect reflects the event's broader goal of instilling pride in cultural traditions.

Others present were Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Prof. Monika Sethi, Dr. Chinmoye Maharana, Dr. Sunil Kumar, and Rahul Sharma.

Prof. Sadaf Shah presented the vote of thanks.

# CSU Jammu explores academic excellence at IIM Jammu



CSU and IIM Jammu students and faculty posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: The collaborative visit between Central Sanskrit University Jammu and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu stands as a testament to the spirit of knowledge exchange and mutual growth in academia.

Led by Director, CSU Jammu, Prof. Sreedhar Mishra and Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay,

the visit was marked by a series of engaging activities aimed at fostering academic camaraderie and exploring avenues for collaboration.

Prof. B.S. Sahay's emphasis on the importance of collaborations in advancing knowledge and innovation underscores IIM Jammu's commitment to synergy and collective expertise.

The tour of the IIM Jammu campus, led by Prof.

Jabir Ali, provided insights into the institute's journey and its focus on aligning with national educational priorities such as the NEP 2020.

Insightful sessions led by Arup Bhattacharya, AO-Academics, IIM Jammu and Dr. Barnali Chaudhary, Dr. Barnali Chaudhary, a distinguished faculty member, IIM Jammu offered a deeper understanding of IIM Jammu's pedagogical frame-

work and its commitment to ethics and professionalism in higher education.

These sessions not only enriched the visiting delegation's understanding but also inspired a sense of purpose and commitment to ethical excellence.

The collaborative spirit demonstrated during the visit signifies a shared vision of advancing education for the benefit of society. As the delegation bid farewell, they carried with them not only cherished memories but also a renewed sense of inspiration from their enriching experience at IIM Jammu.

This collaborative endeavor between Central Sanskrit University Jammu and IIM Jammu serves as a shining example of academic excellence and cooperation in higher education.

# JU, ACB conclude one-month internship



JU students and faculty posing with Director ACB J&K, Shakti Kumar Pathak.

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JAMMU: The Law School, University of Jammu (JU) on Wednesday concluded a one-month internship programme in collaboration with the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), J&K. This internship was specifically designed to focus on hands-on experiential learning regarding anti-

corruption legislation and policies, aligning with the vision outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Throughout the duration of the internship, interns had an opportunity to work closely with the ACB J&K, under the guidance of Director Shakti Kumar Pathak and

Prof. (Dr.) Manju Janwal, Director of The Law School. Together, they engaged in various activities aimed at gaining a deeper understanding of corrupt practices prevalent in different sectors and identifying effective strategies to address them.

The interns demonstrated remarkable dedication and

innovation throughout the programme, highlighting their commitment to upholding integrity and ethical standards in the legal profession.

To acknowledge their hard work and dedication, a felicitation ceremony was organised, providing interns with certificates of merit and recognition for their efforts in combating corruption.

The internship was coordinated by Dr. Nitan Sharma, Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, Dr. Mohd. Arif, and Dr. Rajneesh Khajuria from the Faculty of Law, JU.

Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Dr. Monica Narang, Dr. Shubha Vats, Dr. Vandita Sharma, SSP GS Ghuman, SSP Sandeep Wazir, and SSP Rashid Bhat provided support throughout the duration of the internship.

# Medical health check up drive launched in GRP Jammu



Doctors examining GRP Jammu personnel during a medical camp.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A medical health check up drive was initiated in GRP Jammu. Basic health check up of officers, NGOs and others including SPOs of GRP Jammu was conducted in a phased man-

ner by a team of Health officials of GRP Jammu in GRP Lines Jammu.

As a welfare measure the new initiative has been taken to promote health awareness among officers and Jawans for a better

healthy life.

General Counseling/Briefing regarding a disciplined life style for better health and life was provided to the Jawans/ Officials coming for check up by the officers of GRP Jammu.

# GDC Marh organises cleanliness drive under SVEEP

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JAMMU: The Bharat Scout and Guide Unit, NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Marh organized two-day Shramdaan / Cleanliness Drive on the college Campus.

The program was supervised by the Prof. Asha Kumari (HOD Geography), Dr. Priya Sharma (HOD Economics) and Prof. Surbhi Gupta (HOD Commerce) under SVEEP activity.

Principal, Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, while inspecting the activity, emphasized on the need of such activities, involving students to develop the feeling of togetherness and deep connection with the college, thereby inculcating the mission of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

A total of 8 Volunteers (Sushain Sharma BA 4th Sem, Rahul Kumar BA 4th Sem, Gourav Kumar BA 4th Sem, Atinder Kumar BA 2nd Sem, Rohit Kumar BSC 2nd Sem, Ketan Kumar BA 2nd Sem, Gorav Kumar BA 2nd Sem, and Harbans Lal BA 2nd Sem) participated in this activity.

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Romesh Gupta urged the community members to come forward and donate generously for this noble cause so that the weaker section of the community get benefitted.

Among others present were Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary), Shiv Partap Gupta (Sr. Vice President), Surinder Gupta, Atul Gupta, Subash Gupta, Dinesh Gupta (Vice President), Balbir Gupta (Secretary) and Mohan Lal Gupta (Cashier).

# SSP Traffic City Jammu holds SVEEP meeting

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JAMMU: SSP Traffic City Jammu on Wednesday held Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) meeting with the officer/officials of Traffic City Jammu wherein guidelines set by Election Commission of India were propagated.

The participants were educated regarding their right to vote and stress was laid to ensure maximum electoral participation during the forthcoming General Parliamentary Elections.

SSP Traffic City Jammu, while amplifying awareness a public information among the members of traffic wing,



SSP Traffic City Jammu speaking during SVEEP meeting.

highlighted the theory of "Greater participation for a stronger democracy" and also directed the officer/offi-

cial for garnering public cooperation for the smooth conduct of Parliamentary Election-2024.

# GCW Parade organises seminar on Folk Music

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JAMMU: A seminar was organized at PG Department of Music, Government College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu, on the topic "Folk Music of Jammu Region with Special Reference to Paakh."

The resource person for the seminar was Asha Kesar, a well-known singer from Jammu and at the national level.

The seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Principal GCW Parade Jammu, Dr. Ravendar Kumar Tickoo and was attended by Dean of Academics at GCW Parade, Prof. Avinash Gupta, along with senior faculty and many students from the college. The event was compared by Ritisha Manhas. The College Principal congratulated the Music Department for organizing the seminar and encouraged students to participate in such seminars and workshops.

Head of the Music Department, Dr. Jasmeet Kaur thanked Asha Kesar for sharing her valuable knowledge and inspiring students with her presence.

# Ek Bar Phir Modi Sarkar: Koul, Yudhvir lead massive bike rally in East Constituency

Says Dream of 'Congress Mukht Bharat' to be realized soon

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today took out a massive Bike Rally on theme "Ek Bar Phir Modi Sarkar" in staunch support of the BJP's Lok Sabha candidate for the Jammu Reasi seat, Jugal Kishore.

The rally, marked by fervor and enthusiasm, saw a significant turnout of party leaders, supporters, and well-wishers.

In a show of solidarity and unwavering support for the BJP's electoral campaign, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org), BJP, J&K, Priya Sethi former minister, Parmodh Kapahi District President, BJP leader Chandar Mohan Sharma, Sanjita Dogra President J&K BJP Mahila Morcha, Sunil Prajapati, President J&K BJP OBC, Adarh Kumar J&K President BJP SC Moreha, former Councilors Dr Akshay, Suneet Raina, Nidhi Magotra and Anil Masoom, Convenor East Constituency Hari Om, Rajesh ji, Mandal President Bajalta Ajay Sharma, Mandal President East Parveen Kermi, Mandal President Amphalla, Mandal President Anil Khajuria, Legal Cell Incharge, Gopal Mahajan District

Kathua President, Savita Anand, Kanav Sharma, Ashok Kumar, Anil Angral and hundreds of supporters joined the bike rally, reaffirming the party's commitment to securing a decisive victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

The bike rally commenced from Amphalla and traversed through key areas of the city, including Panjirthi, Chowk Chabutra, Jain Bazaar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazaar, Residency Bazaar, Swami Vivekanand Chowk, Jewel Chowk, J.P Chowk, Indira chowk, B.C Road, Amphalla, New Plot, Talli Morh and successfully concluded at Sarwal Chowk. During the rally, Ashok Koul reiterated the BJP's ambitious goal of securing 400-plus seats in the Lok Sabha polls, emphasizing the party's unwavering dedication to serving the nation and its people.

The senior BJP leader emphasized the transformative vision of PM Modi for a prosperous and inclusive India. He hailed the "Viksit Bharat" initiative as a blueprint for comprehensive development, one that prioritizes infrastructure enhancement, economic growth, and social welfare pro-

grams aimed at uplifting every stratum of society. He highlighted the BJP's steadfast commitment to empowering marginalized communities, fostering innovation, and harnessing the nation's vast potential to emerge as a global leader in the 21st century.

Yudhvir Sethi, in his address, said that Congress stands exposed before the people of this nation for its dynastic politics. He said that the only aim of Congress Party is to ensure sustainable dynastic power within the party. He emphasized that people know quite well that Rahul Gandhi is absolutely immature and Sonia Gandhi is thrusting the responsibility on him not realizing that grooming him is mere wastage of time. Moreover, her conduct clearly reflects that she is least bothered about the party but she's only trying to promote her son who has been aptly nicknamed as 'Pappu'.

Sethi asserted that developments within the Congress party are very soon going to culminate in a 'Congress Mukht Bharat' as the party has already pursued anti-people policies including the minority appeasement policy for seven decades.

# NIOS Stream 2 offers lifeline to students: Failures of other Boards can join and save precious year

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is extending a helping hand to students who have failed from any boards to join Stream 2 and prevent the loss of a precious year. With the recent declaration of results by various examination boards, many students find themselves grappling with failure or unsatisfactory performance, leading to uncertainty and anxiety about their future.

In a bid to prevent the loss of a precious year, one may join NIOS under Stream 2 where a failed students have the opportunity to transfer two passed subjects from their previous board examinations and appear for only three subjects from NIOS in the upcoming October 2024 exam-

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For details of admission you may visit www.nios.ac.in, www.sdmis.nios.ac.in or may call at the NIOS Regional Centre Jammu on 0191-2374640, 9419244053.



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the development of J&K. The restoration of peace and brotherhood is his biggest gift to the people, he said and has

ensured 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and provided justice to all sections of society."