NCC conducts visionary conclave

The NCC NAGROTA: Training Academy under the aegis of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate conducted a Review and Future Planning Conclave at Nagrota, which brought together recently Course Qualified Associate NCC Officers and Care Taker Officers (CTOs) from the entire Jammu region covering all 10 districts

The event served as a melting pot of ideas, fostering discussions on training experiences, alignment with organizational objectives, and strategies for preparing a future-ready youth.

The event was presided over by the Group Commander, Brigadier PS Cheema and attended by staff and all Commanding Officers of the NCC battalions in Jammu Group. The conference witnessed active participation from Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) who shared their transformative experiences from training at the Officers Training Academies Kamptee and Gwalior.



Group Commander, Brigadier PS Cheema posing with staff and Commanding Officers.

The ANOs shared their views on the routine of a regimental life, the syllabus and the immersive experience of enjoying enforced diversity and how it changed their whole perspective positively. The pride of wearing the uniform was a common emotion which was echoed by all participants.

In addition, emphasizing the significance of domain knowledge, the CTOs who are PHDs in the fields such as Environment, Psychology and Business Administration highlighted ways to integrate their NCC training methodologies effectively. Key agenda points included discussions on aligning training practices with higher objectives given by the DG NCC, Key Result Areas by ADG NCC Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Directorate, sharing study material, addressing infrastructure issues of creating obstacle courses at the aca-

Additionally, the conference delved into challenges related to transfers of trained ANOs to specialized knowledge into non-NCC institutes, benefits of

demic institutes, and strategiz-

ing nominations for upcoming

events and training programs.

E-enrolment, training plans for the current year, and adjustments in strength due to new raisings and expansion.

Brig Cheema underscored the collective responsibility of all stakeholders in nurturing and motivating youth to excel in various facets of life. He highlighted the importance of community engagement and media outreach in promoting the NCC's values and achievements which also converge with the Vision, Mission and core values of all academic institutes.

Reflecting on the event, Brig PS Cheema expressed satisfac-

tion with the depth of discussions and the constructive suggestions put forth by the participants.

He urged the ANOs and the CTOs to put in concerted efforts for data sufficiency, data interpretation and data analysis in line with the ongoing efforts of E-Enrolment and NCC Integrated Software (NIS) and create repository and institutional knowledge of great strides taken by the NCC as an organisation with collective contribution from all stake

He expressed his gratitude to

the Higher Leadership for active guidance and constant upgradation of facilities in the NCC Training Academy Nagrota. He also commended the dedication of the ANOs, caretaker officers and Heads of the institutes towards fostering the growth and development of NCC cadets which is visible from the enhanced number of entries to defence forces, CAPFs, state government jobs and all walks of life as professionals

Vibodh Slams Congress for Backing 'Break India' Forces 'Kharge remarks on Kashmir bears imprint of separatists'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a scathing attack on the Congress Party, BJP J&K General Secretary, Vibodh Gupta on Sunday accused the congress of actively nurturing separatism in Jammu & Kashmir. While addressing a Nuked Sabha at Kumharan Gali in Ward No. 11 in Jammu East Constituency, Gupta emphasized that the Congress has consistently supported a "Break India" strategy which encouraged the anti-India sentiment to prosper.

Gupta highlighted the detrimental role played by the Congress in fomenting separatist sentiments in Jammu & Kashmir, thereby obstructing the progress and prosperity of the region. He pointed out that the Congress's approach towards J&K using Skeih Abdullah has perpetuated instability and hindered efforts towards peace and development.



BJP J&K Gen Secy, Vibodh Gupta addressing public meeting.

While reacting sharply on Congress President Kharge's statement "Kashmir Se Kya Wasta Hai" Vibodh said that Kashmir belongs to all Indians and whole India belongs to everyone in Furthermore. Kashmir. Gupta condemned the Congress Party's election manifesto, describing it as a "bundle of lies" designed to deceive the electorate. He asserted that every page of the Congress manifesto is fraught with false promises

and misleading assertions,

aiming solely to garner political mileage without any genuine commitment to the welfare of people.

BJP Mandal President Kerni, called upon everyone to work hard and ensure that everyone plays his role in further strengthening the BJP under the able leadership of PM Modi. He also gave a detailed account of various welfare schemes by the central Government for the common masses. These schemes he said have benefitted one

Former MLA campaigns in favour of Raman Bhalla



Former MLA Balwan Singh speaking at public meeting.

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JAMMU: Former MLA Thakur Balwan Singh and Senior Vice President on Sunday addressed workers' meeting at Muthi in support of Candidate Raman Bhalla organized by Raman Sharma (Block President Patta Ploura)

attended addressed by many prominent persons like Rajroop Singh (Ex-Sarpanch) Muthi, Sham Lal and Vijay Kumar, Ramesh (Ex-Additional Kumar DC), S.S Chib, Rajinder Sharma, Arun Sharma, Raj Kumar, Kamal Kumar. DP Sudan, Kali Dass

Balwan Singh deliberated upon various day to day problems being faced by the public in the absence of any elected Govt.

Balwan stated that people have realized that they have to support Congress which can address their issues and fulfill their expectations.

Asserting the commitment of Congress to regional and religious unity in Jammu and Kashmir, Singh said that the party cadre was prepared for any sacrifice to nurture and sustain this glorious legacy.

Balwan further said that Congress Party works on

STATE TIMES NEWS Dr Arvind

JAMMU: Relief Karwani, and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) released Navreh Song written by noted poet and writer Kanwal Peshin in an impressive religio-cultural event, organised by Athrot Foundation at Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, Bohri, here on Sunday. The Navreh song has been sung by Sunita Bhan, besides well known vocalist, while the music has been composed by Ravi Dhar, Music Director of great repute and has been recorded at Vitasta Music Studio.

On the occasion, Saptrishi 5100 year Calendar, published by Dr Manmohan Jyotishi Research Foundation, was distributed among the audience by Swami Kumar, a well known



with students and other dignitaries.

religious preacher and Guru of Geeta Satsang Ashram Muthi, MK Yogi, Community face and social activist and Sh Shanti Lal Sidha, Music Icon and renowned vocalist.

The event started with Sharda Vandana by Kanwal Peshin followed by 'Henzey Vanvun' by the team of ladies

from Jagti led by Chandra Dhar. A wonderful musical presentation by budding artists mesmerized one and all. Suhas Koul, Lavanya Koul, Nirmit Raina and Pranav Pandita sang Bhajans which won acco-

The VIPs were felicitated with typical Kashmiri 'Kenzi

Award of appreciation for preserving of culture was presented to Chandra Dhar, Sushma Pandita, Kiran, Fancy Koul, Meenakshi Handoo, Angly Suri, Suhas Koul, Lavanya Koul, Nirmit Raina and Pranav Pandita along with the family members who supported to make it happen.

The Navreh Song and Calendar released on the occasion was distributed among all and theb honour of felicitation and distribution was done by Dr Rohit Koul, Director Peoples Hut Foundation and Dr Ramesh Razdan.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief guest Dr Karwani lavished praise on Athrot for its commendable work in serving the society and preserving culture. While appreciating the

young artists for singing in Kashmiri, Dr Karwani advised all to preserve and promote mother tongue.

"The time is ripe to preserve and promote culture. The best way to preserve culture is to promote the mother tongue, which is rich in all respects," Dr Karwani maintained.

Special guests MK Yogi, Shanti Lal Sidha and Swami Kumar appreciated the efforts of organisation for conducting such events and providing platform to young and budding artists and kudos to Athrot Cultural Foundation for making informative videos for preservation and promotion of culture.

The program was anchored by Kanwal Peshin and vote of thanks was presented by RK

BJP all set to return to power with record number of seats: Bharat Bhushan Support BJP candidates for unprecedented development

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JAMMU: Upcoming polls are the real test for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) cadre as nothing short of clean sweep is the aim of the party in the impending political battles and to achieve the goal hard work and dedication are the only

This was stated by Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, senior BJP leader and DDC Chairman Jammu while holding series of meetings at village Makwal and Village Prambli in Marb Assembly Constituency.

Bharat Bhushan emphasized the BJP's potential to secure a resounding victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls with a record number of seats and gigantic margins across the nation. He said that the Party is poised to reclaim power at the Centre and usher in a new era of transformative governance. With a dedicated team of pas-



Senior BJP leader, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi with newly joined members.

is greated up to exceed all previous electoral accomplishments by securing more than 400 seats in the Lok Sabha polls.

He said that in the last nearly ten years, Modi government has achieved a significant milestone in which numerous reforms and policy initiatives were implemented to enhance the lives of common masses and elevate their social standing. He pointed out that the Prime

sionate party workers, the BJP Minister, Narendra Modi, has a personal interest in the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP-led government at the Centre has taken various initiatives to address the issues of unemployment, poverty, and underdevelopment in the Union Territory. He reiterated the government's commitment in delivering basic amenities and facilities to the people, particularly in rural

The senior BJP leader said that R.IP remains come to addressing the issues and concerns of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, thereby bridging the gap between the government and the masses with efficacy.

He appealed to the people of Marh constituency to strengthen the hands of PM Modi by supporting the BJP candidate in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in the Union Territory.

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JAMMU: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge, Department of Social Media, BJP, J&K, today emphasized the pivotal role of each individual's vote in driving development in the union territory. He was speaking while

initiating door-to-door campaign in support of Jugal Kishore, BJP's candidate for the Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha Seat at Bahu constituency.

Rekha Mahajan, District President BJP and Lucky Puri, Mandal President were also present.

Nitish underscored the transformative potential inherent in the democratic process, urging residents to rally behind the BJP candidate to ensure progress and prosperity for the con-



Every single vote will serve as catalyst

BJP leaders during a door-to-door campaign.

"In the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, every single vote will serve as a catalyst for development. It is imperative that we recognize the power vested in our hands as citizens and utilize it judiciously to shape the future of our constituency," he added.

Nitish highlighted the importance of supporting Jugal Kishore, citing his dedication to public service and unwavering commitment to the betterment of the region. He encouraged residents to actively engage in the democratic process, stressing the significance of their participation in shaping the course of gov-

In addition to the door-todoor campaign, Nitish

Senior citizens have important role

in educating society: JD Singh

Mahajan initiated Nukkad and booth-level meetings to foster community engagement and garner support for Jugal Kishore's candidature. These grassroots efforts aim to strengthen the bond between the party and the electorate, ensuring that every voice is heard and every concern addressed.

Among those who were present include Pushpinder Charak District General Secretary Rajinder Kaul, Gen Secy Trikuta Nagar Mandal, Prerna Nanda (Mahila Morcha leader). $_{
m Ajay}$ Jamwal Shakti Kendra Ward 53, Ankit Manawah Booth President 69, Naresh Chopra Booth President 99, Sandeep Sharma Booth President 135 and Vijay Khajuria Booth President 132.

GGM Science College hosts Farewell Cum Fresher Function for NCC Cadets

the Group Commander, fol-

lowed by an entertainment

programme that started

with Saraswati Vandana and

The Auditorium reverber-

ated with Bhangra beats

when the Bhangra was pre-

sented on the stage with

many an audience swinging

It was followed by the

Annual report of NCC which

highlighted the achieve-

ments of the cadets in vari-

ous events of the NCC,

major being the performance

in the prestigious camps of

TSC in which the JK& L

Directorate boys team stood

4th overall at the National

level and the Republic Day

Camp to name a few.

Ganesh Stuti.

on the beat.



Brig PS Cheema, Group Commander, NCC Group Jammu, lighting ceremonial lamp at GGM Science College Jammu.

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JAMMU: GGM Science College, Jammu hosted a farewell cum freshers function at its premises to bid farewell to the outgoing NCC Cadets and welcome the new cadets into its fold.

The chief guest of this function was Brig PS Cheema, Group Commander, NCC Group Jammu, who was given a Guard of Honour by the cadets on arrival and was welcomed by the Principal, Prof Rajesh Kumar Gupta, the ANOs and the Cadets of the college. The staff of 2 J& K Batallion NCC were also in attendance.

The function started with the lighting of the lamp by

Another highlight of this function was the Rank Ceremony of the new appointments, leading to a flood of energy and cheer among the cadets as they begin a new chapter in their NCC Story. Brig PS Cheema, praised

the cadets for their overall performance and the good work done by them throughout the year. He also praised the splendid entertainment programme presented by the Cadets. He urged the cadets to keep working hard and utilize the various opportunities NCC offers them and become better and efficient citizens of the country.

Udghosh - 2024 was a splendid success and was in sync with the high standards, the century old GGM Science College is synonymous with. The spirit and the energy reflected by the cadets in this function assured all present, that the future of this institution is indeed very bright and the worthy cadets of this institution will only add more glitter to the already resplendent name the institution

has in all fields.

to ease burdens on Displaced Community **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KPC advocates for Yearly Ration Slip issuance

JAMMU: The Kashmiri

Pandit Conference (KPC) strongly objected to and disagrees with the issuance of monthly ration slips to Kashmiri migrants. "This system inadvertent-

ly subjects the victims to feelings of dependency and akin to begging for sustenance. It not only inflicts emotional distress but also poses practical challenges, draining their time, resources, and dignity. We believe that the old system of yearly issuance of ration slips would ease out their problems," said KPC Chief Kundan Kashmiri.

He emphasized that the procedure of monthly ration slip issuance cannot be considered a significant move to enhance the dignity and ease of Kashmiri

Transitioning to an annual issuance process would demonstrate compassion acknowledge importance of dignity for every KP migrant, he said adding that it would alleviate the burdens faced by the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community languishing in rented and camp accommodations in far-flung areas of Jammu. The decision to provide yearly ration slips would be a beacon of relief for the Kashmiri Pandit community, sparing them the ordeal of frequent visits to the zonal offices, especially during the scorching heat

of summer, he said. KPC urged for streamlining every process in the Relief and Rehabilitation Office, Jammu, to ensure seamless implementation of such initiatives, alleviating any potential challenges faced by the migrants. This would be a beacon of hope for the victim migrants at the time of need.

Kundan Kashmiri hoped $_{
m the}$ Relief that Commissioner, Jammu, will take due cognizance of their communication in this regard.

Other leaders of KPC expressing concern over the cumbersome process of ration slip supply include Dr. H.L. Saraf, M.K. Raina, Susheel Bhat, Tej Pandita, R.L. Raina, S.L. Zuthsi, Rajender Dhar and Suraj Wali.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Jammu BJPSenior Kashmir Citizens Cell Convener, J.D. Singh, during his visit to ward number 26 of Subhash Nagar, Jammu, held a meeting with the elder citizens of the ward. Office bearers of the cell were also present in the meeting. J.D Singh, on the occasion, also distributed the calendars containing the details related to various development projects and welfare launched by schemes Modi Narendra Government during the last ten years. While speaking in the meeting, J.D. Singh said that BJP led NDA government was formed in

2014, it did splendid work

and received widespread

appreciation for its good

works and as a result of which the people of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, once again voted this alliance to power in 2019 and Narendra Modi assumed chair of PM for second term. He said that during these ten years of the government, many bold and historic decisions have been taken with regard to Jammu and Kashmir as well. J.D.Singh said that for the first time, India witnessed all round development, due share was given for the social-economic upliftment of the poor, needy and discriminated sections through numerous schemes initiated by the Modi government. "Whatever has been done for the nation and its people by PM Narendra Modi can be

J&K BJP Senior Citizens Cell Convener, J.D Singh with Senior citizens at a meeting termed as unparallel", said J.D.Singh, and added that the senior citizens has very important role in educating the society, their own families. friends and dear ones, about the good governance of PM Narendra Modi. J.D.Singh stressed upon the senior citizens to reach people and garner their support for the BJP candidate so that more and more new projects are brought and Naya Jammu and Kashmir' is developed, where people progress and lead dignified lives. Senior Citizens Cell Co-Covernor Subhash Gupta, Executive member Ashok Dogra, C.S. Manhas, Kuldeep Kumar, Jugal Kishore, Ravinder Kumar, Rajni Gupta were prominent who attended the meeting.