

Dr. Ambedkar got true honour during Modi govt: Sat



President J&K BJP Sat Sharma CA and others during an event at Akhnoor.

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JAMMU: A series of transformative steps has been taken under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership that have given true honour to Babasaheb Ambedkar's vision and ideals.

Sat Sharma CA, President, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said this while addressing a massive gathering at Akhnoor town, along with local MLA and prominent leaders.

Sat Sharma CA said that although Congress was in power at the centre for decades together after independence but unfortunately Dr. Ambedkar did not get due recognition for his services to the nation during all

these years. It was only under the Modi government that a concerted national effort was made to institutionalize his memory and ideals. Prime Minister Modi has often stated that Babasaheb's life was devoted to the upliftment of the marginalized and that honouring him means ensuring dignity, opportunity, and justice for every Indian.

Sat Sharma CA said that a landmark initiative has been the development of the "Panchteerth" - five key places associated with Ambedkar's life, now developed into national monuments. These include his birthplace in Mhow (Madhya Pradesh), the place of his

education in London, Deeksha Bhoomi in Nagpur, Mahaparivran Sthal in Delhi, and Chaitya Bhoomi in Mumbai. These sites have been beautified, developed with modern infrastructure, and promoted as national pilgrimage destinations for followers and admirers of Babasaheb. Modi government has also declared April 14 as national holiday.

Kuldeep Sharma, Akhnoor district President, while speaking on the occasion, said that merely remembering Dr. Ambedkar on his birth or death anniversary is not enough. The real tribute to a multi-faceted personality like Ambedkar is to carry forwards his ideals and vision of

equality and justice to all. Mohan Lal Bhagat, MLA Akhnoor, said that Ambedkar Jayanti events highlight Ambedkar's vision of social harmony, empowerment, and constitutional values. He said that under PM Modi's leadership, Ambedkar is not just remembered but is actively integrated into governance and policy. He further said that the Modi government has ensured that Babasaheb Ambedkar receives not just ceremonial praise but real and lasting honour. Today, millions across the nation acknowledge that Ambedkar's true recognition has come under Modi government.

Former MLA Rajeev Sharma said that Dr. Ambedkar did not allow social hurdles come in his way of acquiring education and move on the path of progress. Dr. Ambedkar proved his ability to reach respectable positions and set new example of rising despite odds. Brijeshwar Rana, Suraj Singh, Manmohan Singh, Daljit Singh Chib, Jagdish Bhagat, Suresh Sharma, Bhushan Bral, Shakti Bhagat, Surinder Singh, Sushma Sharma, Nisha Devi and others were present.

Dr. Arti Nanda becomes first Indian-Origin President of ISPD



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REASI/JAMMU: In a landmark moment for India and a proud milestone for Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Arti Nanda, an eminent pediatric dermatologist hailing from Reasi, has been unanimously elected President of the International Society of Pediatric Dermatology (ISPD). She assumes the role following the successful tenure of outgoing President Dr. Amy Paller (USA).

The official transition of leadership took place at the World Congress of Pediatric Dermatology, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from April 7 to April 11, 2025. Dr. Nanda will now lead the ISPD - a globally respected organization in the field of dermatology - for a four-year term spanning 2025 to 2029.

This election marks a historic moment, as Dr. Arti Nanda becomes the first person of Indian origin to be elected President of the ISPD in its illustrious history. Her elevation to this global leadership position is not only a personal triumph but also a matter of immense pride for the nation and the Indian medical fraternity.

Dr. Nanda's rise to international acclaim is deeply rooted in her humble beginnings. Born in Jammu and raised in the small town of Reasi, located in the Jammu region of Jammu & Kashmir, she belongs to a respected Dogra family. She is the daughter of the late Shri Madhav Lal Nanda, a renowned lawyer, leader, and social activist, and Smt. Kailash Nanda, an esteemed educationist. She is married to renowned Nephrologist Dr. Madan Mohan Kapoor and is the elder sister of Engineer Sanjay Nanda and Shri Ajay Nanda, former Minister and MLA of Jammu and Kashmir. She is the granddaughter of late Sh. Roop Chand Nanda, a celebrated lawyer and one of the founding members of the Praja Parishad Movement in J&K.

Dr. Nanda received her early education in government schools in Reasi and went on to graduate in medicine from Government Medical College, Jammu. She pursued her post-graduate and super-specialty training in Dermatology and Venereology from the prestigious Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. She also holds a

DNB in Dermatology and has served as a Senior Resident at PGIMER, Chandigarh, and for a brief period at AIIMS, Delhi.

With over four decades of clinical experience, Dr. Arti Nanda has made exceptional contributions to the field of pediatric dermatology. Currently based in Kuwait, she serves as a Consultant Dermatologist and Head of the Pediatric Dermatology Unit. She also heads the Rare Skin Diseases Clinic, Autoimmune Bullous Diseases Clinic, and the Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic.

Dr. Nanda is a leading medical educator; currently serving as Research Coordinator, and has held roles such as Director and Assistant Program Director of the Dermatology Board at the Kuwait Institute of Medical Specialization. She teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate medical students and is a frequent speaker at conferences.

Her academic contributions are equally impressive. Dr. Nanda has authored more than 170 research publications, most of which have been published in leading international medical journals. Her research has had a global impact, advancing the clinical understanding and treatment of complex skin conditions, particularly in pediatric populations. She has been an invited speaker and chair in more than 20 countries for various international congresses, including the World Congresses of Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology, American Academy of Dermatology, European Academy of Dermatology, and the

European Society of Pediatric Dermatology, to name a few.

She began her international academic journey as an Advisory Board Member of the ISPD (2014-2017), followed by positions of the ISPD Board Director (2017-2021), Secretary General of ISPD (2021-2025), and now President (2025 onwards). She is also a member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology's Task Force on Pediatric Dermatology and Autoimmune Blistering Diseases. In 2022, she received the International League of Dermatologists' (ILDS) Award of Appreciation for the global advancement in Pediatric Dermatology, the highest certificate of recognition in the field of dermatology.

Dr. Arti Nanda's election as ISPD President is a symbolic victory for merit, perseverance, and the power of education. From a small town in Jammu to the global stage, her journey is an inspiration to countless young medical professionals in India and around the world.

Her leadership is expected to bring fresh perspectives, strengthen international collaborations, and enhance the global focus on pediatric dermatology in developing regions. It also highlights the increasing global recognition of Indian medical expertise. Deeply rooted in her origins, she remains a proud Indian and a true daughter of the soil.

Congratulations, Dr. Arti Nanda, on this remarkable achievement. May your leadership continue to inspire excellence and bring global recognition to Indian talent in the medical field.

Women playing vital role in disseminating Party's policies at grass roots level: Bimla Luthra



NC State Vice President Women Wing Bimla Luthra during the party convention at Kathua.

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KATHUA: A one-day women's convention was organized at Village Govindsar in District Kathua. The Convention was organized by Koshar Parveen District President Kathua Women Wing. Bimla Luthra, former MLA and State Vice President Women Wing, was the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering Bimla Luthra lauded the role of women in disseminating the party's policies and vision effectively. She reiterated that the present government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, remains steadfast in its commitment to Women empowerment, ensuring their active par-

ticipation in the decision-making process. She assured the Women workers that all local concerns raised during the convention would be taken up the party high command.

Bimla Luthra said that the achievements of Omar led Government in a short span of five months. "Women have received unprecedented attention with initiatives like free travel in government buses, enhancement of Girls marriage assistance Rs 50000 to Rs 75,000, free 200 power units for AAY families, 10 kg free ration per person, per month for AAY families etc. These steps reflect the NC Government's commitment to women empowerment," she

added. In her welcome address, Koshar Parveen expressed heartfelt gratitude to Bimla Luthra and all the dignitaries for their presence and support. She highlighted key local demands and issues concerning women and rural development, urging the party leadership to take these forward. She also laid out a proactive roadmap for the upcoming panchayat and urban local bodies polls, encouraging women to participate in democratic processes with strength and unity.

Those who were present included Joginder Kaur District Vice President Women Wing Jammu Urban, Sapna Block President Jammu East Women Wing, K.K Bakshi District Secretary National Conference, Suresh Sharma District Vice President, J.P Singh Block President, Shakeel Ahmed Tony Block President, Ashu Rajput District President Women Wing Kathua Rural, Anju Sharma Senior District Vice President, Vijay Padma and others.

Traffic Awareness programs conducted across Handwara



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HANDWARA: In a proactive initiative to promote road safety and responsible driving, the Police District (PD) Handwara organized a series of traffic awareness programs across various locations in the police District. The events witnessed active participation from students of different schools, who played a vital role in spreading awareness among the general public.

The programs, held under the supervision of senior police officials, included awareness rallies, distribu-

tion of informative pamphlets, and interactive sessions on traffic rules and regulations. Students, accompanied by their teachers and local traffic police personnel, engaged with commuters and emphasized the importance of wearing helmets, using seat belts, and avoiding mobile phone usage while driving.

The initiative aims to instill a culture of road safety among youth and create a sense of shared responsibility towards safer roads in Handwara.

Kishtwar pays tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 134th Birth Anniversary



DC Rajesh Kumar Shavan being honoured during the event.

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KISHTWAR: The 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was commemorated with profound respect and patriotic fervor at Paddar in the Kishtwar district, organized by the Baba Sahib Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Seva Manch Paddar.

The commemorative program was graced by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, who attended the event as the Chief Guest.

The occasion witnessed vibrant participation from local residents, students, and officials, all united in paying homage to one of India's greatest social reformers and the principal architect of the Indian Constitution.

The DC on the occasion, highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's monumental contributions to the shaping of modern India.

"Dr. Ambedkar laid the cornerstone of democratic India. It is our collective responsibility to uphold the principles of justice, liberty, and equality

that he enshrined in our Constitution," he stated. He further praised Dr. Ambedkar's tireless advocacy for the marginalized and his unrelenting fight against social injustice. "His vision of an inclusive, equitable society remains as relevant today as ever. Let us draw inspiration from his life and continue working towards a just and inclusive India," the DC added. The event also featured a rich cultural program, including performances by local artists.

The Deputy Commissioner applauded the efforts of the organizing committee and participating teams for their enthusiastic contributions. The DC also felicitated the participants on the occasion. DDC Member Paddar Hari Krishan Chouhan, Chairman of the Baba Sahib Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Manch Paddar, Doulat Ram and other committee members were present on the occasion.

'The ChatterBox' celebrates two years, inaugurates new office in Jammu

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JAMMU: The ChatterBox, a popular infotainment platform celebrated for its vibrant blend of entertainment and cultural storytelling, marked a major milestone today by celebrating its second anniversary alongside the grand inauguration of its new office in Jammu. The inauguration ceremony was a festive gathering, graced by an illustrious array of personalities from Jammu's cultural, artistic, and media circles. The ribbon-cutting was performed by Padmashree Balwant Thakur, Former Cultural Diplomat of India to Mauritius and South Africa, along with Shubh Devi (grandmother of founder Shivam Singh) and Sushma Devi (his mother).

Shivam Singh, the visionary founder of 'The ChatterBox' and a recipient of the prestigious National Scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, welcomed guests and reflected on the platform's journey.

Among the dignitaries present were senior artists, renowned theatre personalities, cultural activists, journalists, social media influencers, and youth icons, each lending their voice to the celebration of a platform that has rapidly evolved into a cultural force in the region. Notable attendees included Padmashree Balwant Thakur, Neeraj Kant, Anil Tickoo, Sanjeev Gupta, Sumeet Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Sumita Pandit, Sunny Mujoo, Ravinder Singh, Akash Dogra, Deepak Singh, Irfan Nasrat Malik, Shabir Malik, Sahil Jerry, Abhimanyu Sharma, Karan Sharma, Kanhaiya Sharma, Sahil

Beyal, and Ravi Raghuvanshi. The event was further enlivened by captivating performances. Shivam Singh, Amit Singh Andotra, Anadhi, Ayush Sharma, Sidhharth Sharma, Rajan Janyal, and Rohit Verma showcased their talents through powerful acts of theatre, magic, poetry, and stand-up comedy, offering a true taste of the platform's artistic diversity.

Over the past two years, 'The ChatterBox' has carved a unique niche with its innovative approach to heritage exploration, storytelling, and grassroots engagement. With a mission to unearth the hidden gems of Jammu's culture and history, the platform has sparked a renewed sense of pride and curiosity among the region's youth. A central figure in this journey has been Meenakshi Bhagat, a fellow National Scholar, widely recognized as the backbone of the initiative. Her creative leadership and unwavering commitment have played a pivotal role in shaping the platform's identity and expanding its reach.

Addressing the gathering, Shivam Singh expressed gratitude for the continued support from the people of Jammu. "The ChatterBox is more than a media platform, it's a movement to rediscover our roots and amplify the unheard narratives of our land," he stated.

He also acknowledged the crucial support received from Mohd. Yaseen, Rahul Singh, Rajat Mathur, Amit Andotra, Mahikshit Singh, and Anadhi, who have stood by him throughout the platform's journey, helping it grow from a vision into a vibrant reality.

BJP celebrates Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti in Ramban

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RAMBAN: BJP District President Ramban and former MLA, Neelam Langeh, led the celebrations of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti at District Office Ramban, paying rich tributes to the architect of the Indian Constitution and a pioneer of social justice.

Addressing a large gathering of party workers, social activists, and members of the local SC community, Neelam Langeh highlighted the timeless legacy of Dr. Ambedkar, stating, "Baba Saheb dedicated his entire life to fight for the rights of the marginalized. It is our collective responsibility to walk on the path shown by him and work towards building an egalitarian society."

Langeh emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP government has been relentlessly working to fulfill Ambedkar's vision of an inclusive and progressive India. He also mentioned various welfare



BJP District President Ramban Neelam Langeh and others paying tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar.

schemes launched for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and other backward communities, including financial assistance, educational support, and skill development initiatives.

"Dr. Ambedkar's message of liberty, equality, and fraternity continues to inspire millions across the country. The BJP is committed to ensuring that his dream of social justice becomes a living reality," Langeh asserted. Floral tributes were paid to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait, and the event concluded with patriotic slogans and a pledge to promote unity, dignity, and empowerment for all sections of society.

Several BJP leaders, local representatives, and youth leaders also participated in the event and expressed their admiration for Dr. Ambedkar's extraordinary contributions to the nation.

Among those who were present included Puran Chand, Prabhari Ramban, Renika Katoch DDC, Jagvir Dass DDC, Gurdeep Singh General Secretary, Anchal Singh Chib Vice President, Madhan Singh Vice President, Mohd Ali Sohil, Suman Kumari Secretary, Bashim Narian Secretary, Choor Singh Mandal Pradhan Maitra, Ramesh Singh Mandal Pradhan Ramban and others.

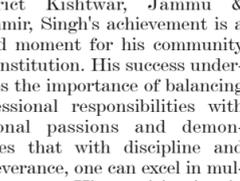
Kuljeet shines at 1st Maharathi Open International FIDE Rapid Rating Chess Tournament 2025

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JAMMU: Kuljeet Singh, Assistant Professor at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi-NCR, added another feather to his cap by earning an appreciation medal at the 1st Maharathi Open International FIDE Rapid Rating Chess Tournament 2025, held in Delhi-NCR on April 12-13. This prestigious tournament drew a large number of national and international participants, offering a platform for rapid-format chess enthusiasts to showcase their tactical acumen and competitive spirit. His commendable performance highlights his dedication

to the sport, even while managing a full-time academic career.

Hailing from Village Shanna Thakrie, District Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir, Singh's achievement is a proud moment for his community and institution. His success underscores the importance of balancing professional responsibilities with personal passions and demonstrates that with discipline and perseverance, one can excel in multiple arenas. His participation in events like the Open International FIDE Rapid Rating Chess Tournament is not only a personal triumph but also a motivational milestone for budding talents in the chess world.



IN THE COURT OF LD. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, RAJOURI

Present: Rajinder Sapru (Petitioner)
Mohd Ishaq S/o Late Mohd Bashir R/o Loor Kote Tehsil and District Rajouri.
Public at large and Ors. (Respondents)
IN THE MATTER OF:-
Application for grant of Succession certificate in favour of petitioner in respect of Rs. 1,10,000/- alongwith interest lying with The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch: Kallar as CCR under Account No. 0863050300001664, SS.No. OLTDR/A/23-178285 dated 23.01.2024 in the name of deceased Late Sh. Mohd Bashir S/O Nazam Din R/O Loorkote Tehsil and Distt. Rajouri who got expired on 02.11.2024 at G.M.C Rajouri.
NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE
Whereas, the above named applicant have applied for grant of succession certificate and seeking direction of the court to the concerned to release the amount Rs. 1,10,000/- alongwith interest lying with The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch: Kallar as CCR under Account No. 0863050300001664, SS.No. OLTDR/A/23-178285 dated 23.01.2024 in the name of deceased Late Sh. Mohd Bashir S/O Nazam Din R/O Loorkote Tehsil and Distt. Rajouri who got expired on 02.11.2024 at G.M.C Rajouri and in favour of applicant for his future prospective.
Whereas through this publication the public in general is informed that if any person/persons has/have any objection in grant of Succession certificate in favour of the above mentioned applicant, he/she shall file his/their objection personally are through any authorized agent in this court on or before 28.04.2025 i.e. the next date of hearing fixed in the case, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed. Take note that if the next date fixed is declared a holiday, the case shall be taken on the next working day.
Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 05.04.2025.
Sd/-
Rajinder Sapru
Principal District Judge, Rajouri

IN THE COURT OF LD. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, RAJOURI

Present: Rajinder Sapru
Baber Khan S/o Mohd Afsar R/o Jaglanoo Tehsil Kotranka District Rajouri.
Public at large and Ors. (Respondents)
IN THE MATTER OF:-
Petition for grant of Probate under Section 62 of Probate and Letter of Administration Act 1977 Will Deed executed on 25/07/2017 and registered on 29-07-2017 by Sub-Registrar Rajouri executed by Late Mohd Hafiz S/o Ahmeda R/o Jaglanoo Tehsil Kotranka District Rajouri in favour of petitioner namely Baber Khan S/o Mohd Afsar R/o Jaglanoo Tehsil Kotranka District Rajouri in favour of petitioner.
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Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 05.04.2025.
Sd/-
Rajinder Sapru
Principal District Judge, Rajouri