

NLC Bharat is need of hour: Former Lok Sabha Speaker

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JAMMU: Several prominent leaders have endorsed the National Legislators' Conference (NLC) Bharat scheduled to take place next month in Mumbai.

Cutting across party lines, the leaders have expressed that the exercise that will see congregation of over 2,500 legislators, will be a historic event.

Speaking at recent event organized at the Jio World Convention Centre, Sumitra Mahajan, former Lok Sabha Speaker said, "MLCs and MLAs from different regions will come together to discuss sustainable issues, exchange perspectives, and learn about the challenges being addressed in their respective states. It is essential to prioritise the nation first, followed by the state, and then the individual constituency. Such gatherings facilitate communication and understanding between legislators from different regions, allowing them to learn about each other's constituencies and exchange ideas."

The leaders believe that in a



Former LS Speaker, Sumitra Mahajan with other dignitaries at a programme.

diverse culture like ours, there is a need to bring legislators from across the country, cutting across party lines to have a meaningful dialogue.

Speaking through video conference during the recent event, Dr Meira Kumar, former Lok Sabha Speaker said, "There are very few countries where there are multiple religions and sects. The forthcoming conference is all set to create history. Several issues related to social justice, international relations, or education, are going to be discussed. This is a great opportunity. We need to document the learnings from the conference properly so that it can serve as

a learning document even years from now."

Rahul Narwekar, Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly too lauded the efforts put by the organisers of NLC Bharat.

"Rahul Karad, under whose views and vision this idea was conceptualised, deserves more than an applause for coming up with such a brilliant idea of getting legislators across the country on a common platform to ensure that we adopt the best parliamentary practices and best principles of parliamentary democracy, which in effect is going to strengthen not only the values of democracy in this

country but also give new ideas to legislators across the country." He urged the need for the conference which will only strengthen our democracy. "As we all know, under the leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India today stands to be the 5th largest economy in the world, which is the youngest populous country in the world with an average age of 27 years. And in the true sense, I must also acknowledge that the parliamentary system might have its disadvantages, but after comparing it across the world, it is the best among the best for sure, and therefore we must exert our individual efforts to strengthen the system. If we have to convert this advantage of being the youngest populous country in the world, we need to inculcate the values of parliamentary democracy in every youth in this country."

NLC Bharat is a non-partisan platform that will unite over 2,500 Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) from every

State and Union Territory in Bharat. The gathering scheduled to be held at Jio World Convention Centre from June 15-17 will provide an exceptional platform for elected representatives to showcase their commendable practices and exchange innovative ideas. With this being the first-ever conference of its kind in our nation's glorious history, it promises to be a transformative moment that will shape the course of Indian politics for generations to come.

The conference offers lawmakers a chance to interact and share knowledge, with a focus on improving legislative effectiveness and promoting good governance for a brighter future. Distinguished legislators from Bharat will engage in experiential learning and thematic discussions, joined by national and global leaders and party officials aimed at strengthening democracy. This comprehensive approach promises to yield valuable insights and strategies for shaping the future of democracy in India and beyond.

PDТА elects office bearers; Harish re-elected as President

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JAMMU: Pacea Danga Traders Association (PDТА) held election to elect the office bearers. In the election, Harish Gupta was re-elected as President of the Association for consecutively third term. While Gaurav Mahajan elected as Vice President, Nichal Anand as General Secretary, Rohan Mahajan as Secretary, Vaibhav Gupta as Organizing Secretary and Nishant Chadha as Treasurer. 43 votes were polled in favour of Harish Gupta and was elected as President of the Association, while his opponent Rahul Mahajan bagged 23 votes. Gaurav Mahajan got 42 votes and was elected as Vice President, while his opponent Dharam Pal Dogra got 24 votes. Nichal Anand, Rohan Mahajan, Vaibhav Gupta and Nishant Chadha were elected unopposed. The election was held under the supervision of Observers Sanjay Anand, Rajiv Gupta, Manohar Gupta and Rakesh Mahajan. Members of Pacea Danga Traders



Newly elected office bearers of Pacea Danga Traders Association at Jammu.

Association said Harish Gupta, who won the president election third time, is very dedicated and very popular in the market for his excellent work. Gupta has a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by the Pacea Danga trading community, said an association member Rajinder Sethi, who is Managing Director of 'Celebrations'. "Gupta is committed to work tirelessly to address our issues, while also fostering an environment conducive to innovation, growth, and prosperity," Sethi added. "Our immediate focus will be on

strengthening the communication channels between traders, local authorities, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a seamless flow of information and a transparent decision-making process." Harish said and added, "We will also focus on advocating for the rights and interests of our members, and actively engaging with policymakers to create an enabling business environment."

He extended heartfelt gratitude to all the members who participated in the elections and expressed their trust in the vision of PDТА.

Jammu Mayor holds interactive session on polythene ban in GGM Science College

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JAMMU: GGM Science College, in collaboration with Jammu Municipal Corporation organized a special awareness-cum-Interactive Session on the Polythene Ban making it a mass movement involving janbhagedari among the youth in educational institutions under the aegis of India's G-20 Presidency.

Rajinder Sharma, Jammu Mayor, was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Baldev Singh Billawaria Deputy Mayor, Jammu was the Guest of Honour. The programme was successfully conducted under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the college and under the supervision of Dr. Anil Kumar Verma, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Prof. Raj Kumar Gupta and Prof. Hitesh Basotra.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Deepali Mahajan NSS Program Officer and Eco Club Convenor Prof. Preeti Dogra along with other team members Dr. Pankaj Bandharia, Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Dr. Sham



Principal GGM Sc College, Prof. Rajesh Gupta presenting memento to Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma.

Singh, Dr. Lakhwinder Singh, Prof. Kiran and Prof. Jyotdeep. A debate competition on the topic "Why Polythene Should be Banned?"

The debate was judged by Dr. Poonam Kamotra, Dr. Deepa Mattoo and Dr. Chanchal Angral. Anil Kumar Sharma from Sem V secured 1st position while Damandeep Singh, also from Sem V, secured 2nd position. The 3rd position was shared by Akriti Sharma of Sem II and Ananya Gupta of Sem IV. Certificates were given to the winners by Mayor Jammu. A thought-provoking skit highlighting the negative consequences of polythene usage was also performed by the NSS volunteers. A sapling was also planted in the College

premises by the Mayor to commemorate the occasion as a symbol of commitment towards Clean Jammu Green Jammu. The Mayor emphasized on the need for collaborative efforts to eliminate the use of polythene, envisioning a cleaner and greener future for Jammu. The Deputy Mayor highlighted the significance of youth engagement in environmental initiatives and encouraged students to become ambassadors of change.

The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Prof. Preeti Dogra, Head, Department of EVS. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Deepali Mahajan, NSS Programme Officer.

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JAMMU: Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) celebrated Fresher's Day on Wednesday.

This cultural event was organized by Department of Sports, Cultural & Academics under the guidance of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Vice Chairman, Sport & Cultural Activities.

The Chief Guest of function was Davinder K Batra, Secretary, Manik Batra, Trustee, ASCOMS was the Guest of Honour and Bhisham Batra, Trustee, ASCOMS was the special guest on the occasion.

The others present were Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, Dr. Ravinder Gupta, Vice Chairman Sports & Cultural Activities, various HODs, faculty members of ASCOMS, ASCONE & ASCOPS, staff, students and parents of newcomers.

Various scintillating cultural events depicting all Indian cultures from Kashmir to Kanyakumari were presented by the 1st Prof MBBS students.



Title holder students posing with ASCOMS faculty and Trustees.

During the function, various contests were also conducted which were judged by Manik Batra, Bhisham Batra, Dr. K.S Mehta, Prof & HOD, Surgery and Dr. Sapna Puri, Prof & HOD, OBstt. & Gynae. Ayush Gupta was crowned as Mr. Fresher while Tamanna Sharma was crowned as Miss Fresher. Shipra Gupta was adjudged as Miss Incredible and Ashutosh Pandey as Mr. Incredible while Kasak Katoch was judged as Miss Charming and Arun Ghai as Mr. Charming.

Davinder K Batra said

that our college doesn't only focuses on education but it works in a 360 degree manner by developing personal qualities such as leadership, teamwork, determination, flexibility, confidence, self-belief, respect etc, in all to mould a versatile person in you.

Batra appreciated the student for presenting the incredible performances.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal appreciated the students for their scintillating performance in today's function which kept the audience spell bound. He congratulated all the

newcomers for achieving for their success in getting a seat in this prestigious medical college. He said that this is a first step towards their dream and achieving the goals.

He also thanked the parents of the students for becoming part of this occasion. While concluding his address, he said that you all should meet and greet everyone and make a cordial relationship with all and always try to be extraordinary in every case to stand out and shine your way out as we all have very high expectation from all of you.

Dr. Malhotra also appreciated the efforts put in by the students under the supervision of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Vice Chairman Sports & Cultural Activities for organizing this event.

Prizes were distributed among the winners by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, Special Guest, Director Principal and Vice Chairman, Sports & Cultural Activities. The 2nd Prof MBBS students conducted the proceedings during the cultural activity.

Large number of poor CUET candidates allotted outside centres: Congress

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JAMMU: Congress has taken stong exception to the allotment of examination centres for CUET candidates from J&K, to outside Centres as a result large number of poor students wouldn't be able to appear.

Reacting to reports that large number of CUET candidates having been allotted centre outside Jammu and Kashmir, which they can't afford. It is first time such has been happening to the students of Jammu and Kashmir.

JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma regretted that the poor students of Jammu and Kashmir are feeling harassed and difficult to appear in the test. There is no reservation in admissions to the local students of J&K, which is very unfortunate & great injustice to the poor students of J&K.

He sought review of the allotment of centres within J&K only preferably in the respective districts of candidates.

Jammu Motor Vehicles, brand-new Mahindra Dealership starts delivering SUVs

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JAMMU: Jammu Motor Vehieles LLP (an Authorized Dealership of Mahindra & Mahindra), at B C Road, Rehari, Jammu started delivering Mahindra SUVs on Wednesday to its customers.

The two SUVs, XUV 700 & Thar 4x4 were delivered by Swatantar Aggarwal-Chairman of Aggarwal Group and Sanjay Aggarwal-Managing Director of the Group in the presence of Ajay Aggarwal, Vineet Aggarwal and other Directors and family members of Aggarwal Group along with dignitaries from prestigious Banks, NBFCs, Customers and Staff Members of Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP.

Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP, an Authorized Dealership of Mahindra & Mahindra has been started by Vineet Aggarwal, a scion of The Aggarwal Group, has proven his mettle in the Jammu Bajaj dealership having been conferred upon with numerous prestigious Awards in last 25 years in recognition of his sustained efforts for Jammu Bajaj in achieving excel-



Pankaj Aggarwal and Anuj Aggarwal, Directors of the Group handing over key of XUV 700 to the a customer.

lent performance in Sales & Service, high levels of Customer Satisfaction & Retention and for exhibiting a visionary leadership demonstrating 360-degree dynamism in all aspects of the auto dealership business.

Pankaj Aggarwal and Anuj Aggarwal, Directors of the Group handed over the keys of XUV 700 to the customers

Gagan Jain, owner of Nazrana Designer Jewellery and Vardhman Jewellers, Karan Market and Thar 4x4 to Pallav Gupta in a grand ceremony at the B C Road Showroom and congratulated Jammu Motor Vehicles Team for their splendid work and wished them great success in the times to come.

Vineet Aggarwal said, "Jammu Motor Vehicles has a wide range of Mahindra Vehicles & Network across Jammu by way of having Personal Vehicles Showroom at B C Road, Rehari and Kunjwani, offering a complete range of Premium & Personal SUVs like New Thar, Scorpio-N, XUV 700, Scorpio Classic, XUV 300, Bolero Neo and e-SUV XUV 400 in their different variants and price Range along with the facility of In-House Finance & Exchange of Used Cars to Customers".

Going further, Vineet Aggarwal stated that Jammu Motor Vehicles has established its active presence in the Commercial Vehicles Segment sales by having its Showroom at Greater Kailash, Jammu presenting vehicles like Bolero

Pick up, Maxx Pick up, Bolero Camper, and Bolero Maxitruck Plus along with Last Mile Mobility Vehicles like Alfa, Jeeto, Supro, Treo Auto, and Treo Yaari, etc. where all kinds of sales are being provided by well qualified Sales Professionals.

He continued, "Jammu Motor Vehicles has its state-of-the-art Workshop and Bodyshop with professionally trained manpower and high-tech diagnostic and repair equipment at the Lane No. 12, Industrial Area, Gangyal, Jammu to provide best possible services to customers."

While concluding the function Nitin Aggarwal, Partner of Jammu Motor Vehicles thanked all distinguished guests for gracing the occasion, Customers Gagan Jain and Pallav Gupta for taking delivery of XUV 700 & Thar 4X4 and for their presence, and valuable time.

He assured us that Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP will strive hard to serve its customers and make all possible efforts to provide the best services at all times it remains.

JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates National Technology Day



Glimpses of National Technology Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: National Technology Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi

to recollect all the technological advancements. Kiran Mengi, the teacher Incharge of the celebration explained that

technology plays a critical role in modern society. Everyone is touched by the power of technology in one way or the other way.

She also talked about some famous Indian scientists and their discoveries. Jakiens highlighted that technology connects us,

Technology inspires us, Technology amplifies our power. The principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah

said, "Latest Technology has made India powerful enough to mark its presence in the world of science and technology.

There are pros and cons of Technology, it depends on mankind, how they use it." The Principal conducted the quiz competition relat-

ed to the current affairs and latest technology developments. The winners of quiz were also rewarded.