

# Opposition ruled States denying people benefit of Modi's schemes: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KOLKATA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Monday accused the opposition ruled States of denying people the benefit of Modi's schemes.

He said, the most striking example of this is West Bengal where many people have not even heard of some of the public welfare schemes of the central government, which have otherwise gained enormous popularity across the country.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a series of BJP election meetings in the Lok Sabha constituencies of Howrah and Hooghly, Dr. Jitendra recalled that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in the public rally at Howrah yesterday mentioned that Howrah was at one point



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, flanked by BJP National Secretary Arvind Menon and Party candidate Rathin Chakraborty, during election campaign at Howrah, Kolkata on Monday.

of time known to be the hub of industry in India.

Dr. Jitendra said, people of West Bengal have now begun to realise how the decades-long rule first by CPM and then by TMC has thrown Bengal back for several years and brought entire development to a virtual

halt. He recalled that once upon a time, the common adage was that what Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow, which in other words means that Bengal was always ahead of the other States and other regions of the country. But unfortunately, it is the other

way now, he regretted.

Taking a dig at the TMC Govt, Dr. Jitendra said, the TMC, the Congress and other opposition parties keep criticising the Modi government for unemployment but on the contrary the State governments run by these parties don't allow

the Modi government initiatives which would have led to generation of employment in large numbers as well as job creation.

Under the TMC rule and earlier during the CPM rule, Dr. Jitendra said, three generations of the Bengal youth have missed the opportunity which was available to the other States of the country.

In the last ten years of the Modi government, for example, a new Startup policy was initiated and the number of Startups in India went up from around 350 to 1.12 Lakh and India rose at number three globally in the StartUp ecosystem. But the benefit of this was not seen in equal measure in West Bengal in spite of the youth here being highly talented and awakened, he lamented.



# Anti Bribery Management System certification awarded to POWERGRID

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India has been awarded Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) IS/ISO 37001 certification by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in a program held on May 8, 2024 at POWERGRID Corporate Centre, Gurugram.



Lalthan Pari, Director, Management System Certification (Central), BIS handing over ABMS Certificate to Dharmendra Kumar Madan, Chief Vigilance Officer, POWERGRID

The ABMS Certificate was handed over by Lalthan Pari, Director, Management System Certification (Central), BIS to Dharmendra Kumar Madan, Chief Vigilance Officer, POWERGRID in the presence of Ajay Tewari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, R. K. Tyagi, CMD,

Abhay Choudhary, Director (Projects), G. Ravisankar, Director (Finance), Dr. Yatindra Dwivedi, Director (Personnel), Ashish Tripathi, Chief Vigilance Officer, BIS, Anish Anand, Dy. CVO, POWERGRID and senior officers of POWERGRID and BIS. The Chief Guest of the event Ajay Tewari, Additional Secretary (MoP) spoke about the importance of Vigilance mechanism in government organizations.

The ABMS Certification to POWERGRID is commitment to transparency & act as preventive vigilance tool for fairness and integrity in the Organization under the guidance of Central Vigilance Commission and Ministry of Power.

During the event, training sessions on ABMS were also conducted by BIS & POWERGRID officials.

# Mission LiFE events culminate at SKUAST-J

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), in collaboration with NAHEP-IDP and the NSS wing of SKUAST-Jammu, recently organized an expert lecture on "Environmental Degradation and Climate Change" as part of the "Mission LiFE" initiative.

The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices among students and the community.

Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, graced the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Prof. Tripathi expressed concern about the adverse effects of climatic changes resulting from the overexploitation of resources.



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. B.N. Tripathi addressing students on Mission LiFE.

He emphasized the importance of transitioning to sustainable practices, aligning with the vision of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP 26). Prof. Tripathi stressed the significance of adopting eco-friendly lifestyles at both individual and community levels to promote environmental conservation. The event featured an expert lecture by Prof. A.S. Jasrotia from the University of

Jammu, who discussed critical issues related to climate change, such as natural calamities and their impact on rivers like Jhelum, Chenab, and Indus.

Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director of Education and Chairperson of the Mission LiFE Programme at SKUAST-Jammu, provided an overview of Mission LiFE, its alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and its focus on circular economy principles.

Additionally, the event recognized the winners of poster and ideation competitions conducted earlier as student pre-events.

Yashaswini Sharma won the first prize in the poster making competition for her work on the theme "Swatcha Bharat-Umat Bharat," while Divyansh Pandey secured the first prize in the ideation competition for his concept on "Hormones from Stallion Urine."

Certificates, mementoes, and cash prizes were awarded to the winners. Officers of SKUAST-Jammu Prof. S K Gupta,

Director of Research; Prof. Anrishi Vaid, Director Extension; Prof. Sanjay Khar, Director Planning and Monitoring; Prof. Anil Kumar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture; Prof. Rajesh Katoch, Dean Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry; Prof. Vikas Tandon, Dean Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry; Prof. Sushil Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Prof. S.E.H Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Basic Sciences graced the event with their presence.

The programme was attended by Heads of Divisions, Associate Director Extension, faculty members and over 700 students of various faculties of the University. Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Student Welfare extended formal vote of thanks. Dr. Ankur Rastogi conducted the proceedings of the event.

# JKAP holds meeting to discuss modes of effective poll campaigning in Khanetar



JKAP Provincial Secretary, Dr. Rohit Gupta at poll campaigning in Khanetar.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) held a meeting on Monday to discuss modes of effective poll campaigning in Khanetar Poonch.

The meeting was presided over by J&K Apni Party

Provincial Secretary & Incharge Membership, Dr. Rohit Gupta.

The meeting jointly organised by Haji Fazal Hussain and Thakur Varun Dev Singh saw an active exchange of ideas and suggestions between the participants to

ensure effective poll campaigning in favour of J&K Apni Party nominated candidate on Anantnag-Rajouri seat, Zaffar Iqbal Manhas.

Notably, the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat is scheduled to witness polling on May 25, 2024.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ashutosh Gupta, Convenor BJP Transport Cell, J&K, on Monday lauded the role played by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President for resolving the issue being faced by the transporters amicably by taking up the matter with the District Administration.

Addressing media persons here, Ashutosh Gupta informed that the District Administration has issued some restrictions on the parking of buses in the BC Road area and the transporters have accepted the direction issued by the authority. But suddenly the authorities have denied



Ashutosh Gupta, Convenor BJP Transport Cell, J&K and others members posing with Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President.

the transporters to run their business smoothly on the BC Road.

He the transporters have approached Yudhvir Sethi, highlighting the issues they were facing due to unnecessary restrictions

imposed by officials of the District Administration. These restrictions were significantly impacting their travel-related businesses.

Upon receiving this issue, Yudhvir Sethi immediately

took up with Deputy Commissioner Jammu and effectively resolved the issue in a collaborative manner. His proactive intervention led to the amicable resolution of the matter, alleviating the burdens

faced by the traders.

Expressing his commitment to the welfare of the business community, Yudhvir Sethi said that the BJP has always stood shoulder to shoulder with the business community, which plays a vital role in driving economic growth, creating employment opportunities, and contributing to the overall development of the region. He lauded the role of the business community as indispensable contributors to the socio-economic fabric of the region, acknowledging their resilience, innovation, and dedication towards fostering prosperity and progress for all.

# Former Mayor starts 'Jan Suraaj' movement

## Noble thoughts by good people to work on collective efforts for welfare: Sharma

### Leader today should be man of integrity, educated, sensitive towards society: former Mayor

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Former Mayor, Rajinder Sharma on Monday attended an important public meeting under the banner of 'Jan Suraaj' in Ward number 30 of Jammu West Assembly Constituency where the people raised a lot of issues before Sharma.

The people who were present in the meeting demanded that a good political system that may work for addressing public issues is the need of the hour in Jammu as there are a lot of public problems in every nook and corner of J&K.

It was resolved in the meeting to give a practical shape to a public body under the name of 'Jan Suraaj' wherein the body will work with people having good and noble thoughts and will include collective efforts of all for the welfare of all.

The former Mayor while addressing the gathering said

that stalwarts like Maharaja Hari Singh gave the slogan of quit Kashmir much before Mahatma Gandhi had started quit India movement.

"There are many other remarkable achievements of Maharaja which also include empowering women and working for the upliftment of tribals and other marginalised sections of the society," Sharma maintained adding that such a great thinker have ruled J&K.

The senior BJP leader further said that Jammu has produced Chief Justice Supreme Court of India, Chiefs of Indian army and much more including Pandit Prem Nath Dogra who became head of Jan Sangh. "Then how come that people of Jammu are worried for oriented leadership," Sharma continued adding that public of today want that their leader should be man of integrity, educated and the one



Former Mayor, Rajinder Sharma speaking at public meeting.

who remains sensitive towards the society. In the meeting a lot of thinking was done after which the gathering voiced that only BJP can give such a matured and upright leadership which may address the public grievances effectively.

It was resolved in the meeting that that the BJP worker who will raise certain issues will himself/herself constitute a committee of his area which

will note down the problems of that area for giving the same to BJP Mandal President and the Mandal President in turn will attach his cover letter to those and forward it to the former Mayor Rajinder Sharma who will forward the same to Commissioner Secretary or the Secretary of the concerned department for solution.

In this way transparent and accountable delivery system

will be framed.

The meeting was held in Ward number 30 of Jammu West Assembly Constituency at Talab Tillo area.

Those present in the meeting said till the use of money in elections is not stopped, corruption cannot be eradicated from the society and we have to work for this particular noble cause. In a new no tea or snacks were served in the meeting but only pure water was served to those who were present there. It was a small meeting with limited number of people under name Jan Suraaj while theme of the meeting was 'Sahi Loog, Sahi Soch aur Samuhik Prayas'.

Kapil Chib, former JMC Councillor; BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra; Vicky Kumar; Beena Mahajan, BJP contestant and prominent citizens of the area attended the meeting.

# Darakhshan casts her vote at Lalbazar in Srinagar

## First election in Kashmir after decades, without bloodshed and boycott coercion: Andrabi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Monday cast her vote at Municipal Office Polling Booth at Lalbazar in Srinagar. Spoke to media after her vote, she said that Modi has ensured that democracy in the true spirit of it is ensured in Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is the first election in Naya Kashmir after decades without any violence, death threats, boycotts, coercion and rigging. Still some politicians with myopic mentality say that nothing good has happened in Kashmir," she added.

"Prime Minister Modi has transformed J&K into a peaceful place. LG administration has gifted us an environment in which we



Chairperson JKWB Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi after casting her vote.

are able to vote freely," she said.

Dr Darakhshan said that never has she seen such a positive atmosphere in the valley on the polling day.

She appealed to all to be part of this great democratic process and contribute in strengthening the democratic values of this great nation.

# Beat Booths maiden initiative of Jammu Police, extending reach in rural areas

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Police Sub Division Nagrota in order to increase surveillance and monitoring in rural areas flanked by national Highway has come up with unique and innovative idea of 'Beat Booth'.

These beat booths shall be designated in each beat of all the police stations to make accessibility of police more frequent and effective.

This will also ensure

prompt response and mobility in case of exigencies as there shall be more frequent touring and visits of police officers and officials in these beat booths.

Rural areas being vast and far are hard to dominate effectively as there are 25 Beats in the Subdivision Nagrota i.e. 15 of PS Nagrota and 10 of PS Jajjar Kotli and this beat booth system shall enhance capabilities of police for Rural patrolling.



And it will definitely help in better monitoring and surveillance of areas and persons with suspicious backgrounds with active participation of public.

Beat Booths shall have detailed information of all villages and Mohallas and also contact numbers under provision of Dial your police station & Dial your police Subdivision for the assistance of general public.

The aim of designating

beat booths is to strengthen the policing at ground level and to make redressal of public grievances at their doorsteps. The strengthening campaign was carried by SDPO Nagrota, SIOs Nagrota and Jhajjar Kotli under supervision of SP Rural Jammu.

Public has welcomed this step of Jammu Police and expressed hope that this will further enhance public police relations.