

Paharis, OBCs neglected under NC, Cong regimes for 70 years: Priya Sethi Says Democracy flourishing under Modi regime in Valley

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NEWSHERA: Pahari tribal as well as people belonging to OBC suffered for last 70 years because of selective discrimination by National Conference, Congress and Peoples Democratic Party.

This was stated by Priya Sethi, National Executive Member, BJP and former Minister while intensifying elections campaign meeting in support of likeminded parties working in the interest of the Nation. Mandal President Ravinder Shamra, DDC Sangita Sharma, DDC Neena Sharma, BDC Bal Krishnan, Sukhdev Choudhry District general Secretary were also accompanied the former minister.

The senior BJP leader said that no development was witnessed far flung and remote areas of Rajouri district during the successive governments headed by NC, Congress and PDP in the erstwhile state.

She said that these parties only misused the power of democracy to fill up their own pockets and cheated people on the name of region and religion.



Priya Sethi, NEM BJP addressing elections meeting.

She asserted that in 2009, NC, Congress and PDP conspired against the people of Jammu region and brought ban on inter-district recruitment.

Priya Sethi said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi after taking over the reins of Central Government has done justice to all the sections of people in Jammu and Kashmir.

She said that several communities faced injustice in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, but their voices remained unheard over the decades. But the Modi government has empowered the communities by fulfilling their aspirations.

She stated that the Union Government has brought the

weaker sections into mainstream in J&K.

Relying on Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas, Modi Govt has taken many steps for the welfare and development of Paharis and OBCs by extending 27 per cent reservation in admissions in the Central Education Institutes; eg. Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas as well as Medical and Technical Education Institution and NEET, she said.

She mentioned that under the Modi regime 10% reservation granted to Pahari ethnic tribe and 8 per cent reservation give to OBCs.

She reiterated that Modi Govt has taken many decisions for welfare of the weaker

sections of the society and accordingly taken a decision to implement OBC reservation in J&K by replacing the discriminatory Social Caste 'OSC' category.

During her statement, Priya Sethi highlighted the flourishing of real democracy under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

She stressed that in previous years, only 14 percent of the population actively participated in the polling process. However, this year, during the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha polls, the percentage of people participating has significantly increased to nearly 38 percent. She said that the Valley youth opted for ballot over bullet.

Priya Sethi emphasized that only Modi Government did justice with the people of Rajouri and the people are benefitted by the true public oriented policies of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led Union Government. She appealed to the people of the area to cast their vote in favour of likeminded parties who are working in Nation's interest for the welfare of people of the country.

ADGP Jammu reviews security preparedness for upcoming LS elections in Rajouri district

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Jammu Anand Jain, on Saturday visited Rajouri/Poonch districts where he held review meetings with officers of Police, Army and CAPF in connection with Parliamentary Election to take stock of the preparedness of elections. He also reviewed an area familiarisation exercise and paid rich tributes to martyrs.

The ADGP Jammu was accompanied by DIG Rajouri Poonch Range and SSP Poonch. He undertook an area familiarisation exercise from Bhimber Gali to Rajouri via Manjakote.

This exercise was aimed at gaining a deeper understanding of the terrain and strategic points, ensuring enhanced security measures in the region.

Moreover, Jain held significant security meeting at the DPL Conference Hall in Rajouri. The meeting focused on the security arrangements put in place



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain chairing a meeting of Police, Army and CAPF officers.

for the smooth conduct of the elections. The ADGP sought inputs from the officers on various projects planned to ensure safe and secure elections.

During the meeting, emphasis was given on the need for area domination by the Police and Security forces during the election.

He impressed upon the participants to implement a fool proof plan for security of candidates and polling booths.

He said that the security arrangements for Polling booths should be put in place efficiently, keeping in view the sensitiveness of the areas.

ADGP Jammu stressed upon for ensuring peaceful and violence-free elections. Stress was also laid on coordination and synergy of all forces on the ground to ensure free and fair elections.

The meeting was attended by DIG RP Range, DIG CRPF, SSP Rajouri, Addl

SP Rajouri, all SDPOs, and DySP Operations including nodal officers of CAPFs and Army.

The ADGP Jammu also paid heartfelt tributes to the martyrs of the Jammu and Kashmir Police at the Martyrs Memorial at District Police Lines (DPL) Rajouri. The solemn ceremony honoured the sacrifices of brave officers who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Together we have to create an inclusive society filled with positivity: Darakhshan

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SHOPIAN: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Saturday met a delegation of locals and had a meeting with the prominent religious preachers of the area at Hirpora in Shopian, which was organised by Javed Ahmad Qadiri, Executive Officer of J&K Waqf Board for Shopian.

Dr Andrabi emphasised on the Ulema to create awareness among the youth about the hazards of the drugs and infuse in them the teachings of sufis and spiritual saints.

Speaking on the occasion,



Chairperson JKWB Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visiting Hirpora in Shopian.

Dr Darakhshan said that together we have to create an inclusive and humanitarian

society where there is peace and prosperity.

"It was a very positive con-

versation with the youth of the area & the prominent Ulema. Our youth are filled with posi-

tivity and it is our responsibility to give them opportunities to realise their dreams. Our religious leaders are the reformists and the spiritual guides too", said Dr Andrabi.

Dr Darakhshan led the huge vehicle rally from Hirpora for Poonch for participation in Mohabbate-Rasool Conference. At Pir Ki Gali (the meeting point of Kashmir valley & Poonch on Pirpanjal top) she paid obeisance at the shrine of Peer Sheikh Ahmed Karim (RA) known as the living saint.

She took stock of the basic infrastructure needs at the shrine.

DGP Swain visits Sharda Temple at LoC Teetwal

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TEETWAL: Director General of Police (DGP) R.R. Swain made his inaugural visit to the Sharda Temple at the Line of Control (LoC) in Teetwal, Kashmir on Saturday, marking a significant milestone.

Accompanying him were ADGP Vijay Kumar, DIG Vivek Gupta, SSP Shobhit Saxena, and various other police officials.

Upon arrival at the temple, he was received by committee members Ajaz Khan and Joginder Singh.

During his visit, DGP Swain paid his respects at the temple and offered prayers. The Chairman of the Save Sharda committee



DGP R.R. Swain visiting Sharda Temple at LoC in Teetwal.


expressed gratitude for the DGP's visit, noting that former DGP Dilbagh Singh had visited the temple during its construction in 2022.

He appreciated the DGP's recognition of their efforts in preserving and promoting the temple.

Sapna Kotwal, the Nodal Officer for media, accompanied the DGP during the

visit. As a token of appreciation, DGP Swain was greeted with a traditional Sharda Shawl and presented with a copy of a book on Sharda authored by Ravinder Pandita.

The visit underscored the significance of the Sharda Temple and the commitment to its preservation and reverence.



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