

NC, PDP equally responsible for promoting gun-culture in J&K: Ghulam Hassan Mir

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MENDHAR : The Apni Party Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir Wednesday accused the National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of pushing youth towards terrorism to fulfill their political ambition in Jammu and Kashmir:

Seeking an end to the gun-culture and making a plea to bring the younger generation towards the bright future, Mir said that the Apni Party has committed that it favours general amnesty for the detained youth so that they can return to their normal life.

Mir was addressing a public meeting that was organized in Mendhar Tehsil of Poonch District in Jammu Province.

The meeting was held following an impressive roadshow that was taken out by the Party leaders in which hundreds of people participated with large number of cavalcade of vehicles, and motorbikes that passed through different roads in Mendhar as a part of election campaign in favour of the Party candidate for Rajouri - Anantnag Parliamentary seat, Zafar Iqbal Manhas.

The Party's District President in Poonch, Ex-MLA Shah Mohammed Tantray, and the District Committee members were also present on the occasion whereas the public meeting was organized by Vice President Youth Wing, Media Coordinator, and Spokesperson, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan. While landing the people for showing their enthusiasm and faith in the Party candi-



Apni Party Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir speaking at a programme.

date, Ghulam Hassan Mir said that the people should come forward and vote in favour of Zafar Iqbal Manhas sahab, who is a local candidate.

He said that the Party has committed to implement welfare schemes for the people of Jammu as well as Kashmir i.e., 500 units of free electricity in Jammu region during summer season, and 300 units of free electricity during winter season. He further said that the Party would enhance the widow/old age pension up to Rs 5000 from Rs 1000, will provide four cooking gas cylinders to each family per year under Ujjwala Scheme, and the enhancement of marriage assistance scheme up to Rs 1 lakhs for the girls from economically weaker sections.

Highlighting the welfare schemes to the people, he raised the question that the National Conference, and Peoples Democratic Party have failed to bring out their roadmap for development and welfare of the people.

In place of bringing out their roadmap, he questioned the intention of Dr Farooq Abdullah, President of the

National Conference, for raising an inflammatory slogan in Kashmir yesterday, that shows they have become demoralized in these elections, and want the youth to again adopt the gun-culture. "The terrorism got wings in Jammu and Kashmir because of the policy of promoting terrorism by these local political parties although they themselves kept close relations with Delhi. On the other hand, the same parties continued to create wedge between the people and the Govt of India for their political ambitions," he said, while asking the youth to come forward and vote support the Party candidate in the scheduled elections for Rajouri-Anantnag seat, Zafar Iqbal Manhas.

Subsequently, he said that these parties showed the path of jails and graveyards to the youths of J&K for decades. However, the Apni Party opposed such policies.

While opposing the divisive policy of NC, he said that the Apni Party believes that the youth should adopt the path of development for their prosperous future.

He reminded the people that

Delhi has accepted the demands of the Govts in Jammu and Kashmir, but these parties were responsible for the turbulent period in the erstwhile State.

As the Party has gained support from the region, he said that the National Conference has been frustrated as they are fearing defeat in the ongoing Parliamentary elections. Hence, its Chief Dr Farooq Abdullah gave a provocative speech yesterday in Kashmir:

"Unfortunately, Dr Abdullah wants his children to continue to rule Jammu and Kashmir and on the other hand, they want the children of the general masses to suffer by adopting violent means that would destroy their future. However, the Apni Party would not allow this to happen," he said.

"We believe the issues can be resolved by talking to the Govt of India," he said, while citing an example of peaceful situation that can be witnessed in Kashmir in the last several years in comparison to the rule of NC, and PDP in which hundreds of youths got killed and many sustained permanent disabilities.

He challenged the NC - PDP to showcase their roadmap that would bring employment, industrialization, peace, and development in Jammu and Kashmir. "These parties always tried to create division between people, and regions by racking up controversial issues like self-rule, autonomy, emotionally exploited youth etc. He also criticized them for their inability to provide electricity to the people of J&K, even as they

were in rule, when they signed MoUs for hydroelectric projects. "The NC, and PDP did nothing to generate employment, industrialization," he alleged. Meanwhile, Zafar Iqbal Manhas said that he wants to get the detained youth released from the custody. These youths were detained during the regime of National Conference, and PDP even as these youths were not armed.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir suffered most because of the dynastic rule by the NC, and PDP:

"As the people are not ready to believe them again, they have extended support to the Apni Party," he added.

Speaking in Pahari language, he assured that he would fight to ensure a Parliamentary seat for Pir - Panjal, Hill Development Council on the patron of Leh-Kargil, promotion of tourism, equitable development, policy for employment generation and infrastructural development.

Expressing gratitude to the people for expressing their support to him, he said that he is committed to bridge the gaps and differences between the communities, and the regions.

Earlier, District President, Poonch, Ex-MLA Shah Mohammed Tantray also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the welfare schemes of the Party.

He said that the Party is aimed to bring equal development in all the regions and end the discrimination regarding the distribution of funds, protection to the jobs, and land for locals.

World Brahman Federation reviews preparations for Parshuram Janmotsav



Jammu and Kashmir World Bramhan Federation members during a meeting.

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AKHNOOR: Jammu and Kashmir unit of World Bramhan Federation organized a meeting at Chowki Choura under the chairmanship of advocate Dakhseesh Sharma. In the meeting, former Sarpanch Ravi Kumar, former Sarpanch Baldev Raj Sharma, former Sarpanch Romesh Sharma, former Panch Raspal, Vishal Sharma, Mukesh Sharma, Suraj Prakash, Amit Sharma, Prabhu Dahiya, Vikrant, Yash Paul, Ravi Sharma, Nikhil Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Rajinder Kumar and many other socio-political people of the area were present.

The main objective of the meeting was to review the preparations for Parshuram Janmotsav. Addressing the gathering, Advocate Sharma emphasized that all Brahmins should unite and work for the welfare and

betterment of their society. He said that World Braman Federation is continuously demanding that Brahman Welfare Board should be established in Jammu and Kashmir so that the needy Brahman families can get government assistance. He said that at present, the quota of Brahmins is being continuously given by political people for personal gain to some people who have no need of it. He said that we all should come together to protest against the decreasing share in jobs and education. He said that soon World Brahman Federation

will form its teams in Chowki Choura. During the meeting, Suraj Prakash was unanimously elected president of World Brahman Federation Block Chowki Choura.

It was unanimously decided by everyone that this year the birth anniversary of Lord Shri Parshuram ji will be celebrated with great pomp on 10th May in the main market located at Chowki Chaura.

Where on that day there will be havan yagya in the morning and a huge community langer will be organized in the afternoon.

Pr. GHSS Chowki Jandrore Cluster visits MS Sangli



Principal GHSS Chowki Jandrore Cluster Head B.K Pathak with students of Govt Middle school Sangli Katwalt.

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UDHAMPUR: Principal Govt Higher Secondary School Chowki Jandrore Cluster Head B.K Pathak visited Govt Middle school Sangli Katwalt Zone Kalwanta Ramnagar to take stock of school functioning.

Principal BK Pathak visited the school and found the whole premises neat and clean. All the classes were properly engaged by the respective teachers. Mid day meal was very delicious, on the whole school was functioning

very nice. Meanwhile Principal Pathak appraised by the staff and students for their dedication towards teaching and learning and rewarded them as above the private schools. Those who were present Kuldeep Kumar Headmaster MS Sangli, Makhan Singh, Godavari Devi, Rani Devi Satyam Deeksha Nisha Devi and Sham Lal. Principal Pathak also met with PRI's and Parents namely Romal Singh Panch, Dev Raj, Prem Chand Baldev Chand many more.

KVK-Kathua organizes training programme for Floriculture farmer

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KATHUA: Krishii Vigyan Kendra, Kathua organized a farmer training programme for floriculture farmers at village Chann Rakwal under the project Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA). The programme was held under the dynamic leadership of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor and under the directions of Dr Anurish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu. The programme was attended by More than 25 farmers. The theme of the farmer training was Commercial marigold cultivation and its economic benefits.



Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK-Kathua with farmers at a programme.

Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK-Kathua welcomed the farmers and told them about the background of the programme and the project. He said that KVK-Kathua has been working in a mission mode to promote marigold cultivation

among the farmers of the region through various awareness programmes, demonstrations and providing them the technical knowledge. He also elaborated the schemes for floriculture farmers under HADP and advocated the farmers to get maximum ben-

efit from them.

The programme was led by Dr. Vishal Sharma, Scientist (Agronomy) of KVK, Kathua with the brief introduction of marigold cultivation. He stressed the farmers on inclusion of floriculture component in Integrated Farming System for income augmentation and for sustaining soil health. He told that the main aim of the programme was to develop entrepreneurship development among the famers/rural youth so that they can augment their income. He motivated the farmers on the quality production of marigold for harnessing maximum benefits.

Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief

Scientist (Plant Protection) discussed about the farmers about the disease pest management in marigold for harnessing the maximum production and returns. She also stressed upon the year the round mushroom cultivation for enhancing farmer's income. Compost making was also discussed during the programme.

Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, Senior Scientist (Agril. Extn.) in his address briefed the farmer about flower cultivation for harnessing maximum returns. He informed the farmers about the benefits of forming Self Help Groups. He emphasized that they should work as SHG of quality

marigold producers for getting more remunerations. He also elaborated the different schemes of floriculture department.

Amit Kumar (FA, ARYA) was also present in this programme and make all the arrangement to make this programme successful. The different types of queries raised by the farmers about the marigold cultivation and its marketing which were satisfactorily answered by scientist of KVK- Kathua. The farmers showed keen interest in the programme. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Ckakarbarty Ravan, a progressive farmer of the area.

DIPR hosts symposium on Nasha Mukht Bharat at GBHSS Reasi

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REASI: Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu on Wednesday organised a Symposium on "Nasha Mukht Bharat" here in Government Higher Secondary School Boys Reasi.

The objective was to educate the next generation regarding the perils of Drug abuse and the role of individuals in eradicating this menace from society.

The students presented valuable information on the topic and also presented a colorful Cultural programme. Students were judged on parameters of Pronunciation, Modulation of Voice, Factual Representation, confidence etc.



DIPR Cultural Unit Jammu members with winner students and faculty of GHSS Boys Reasi.

Vishawjeet Singh, Pritam Kumar & Anshu Mali acted as Judges for the day. Anita Rani Teacher of the school hosted the event. A total number of 10 students participated in the competition.

First position was bagged by Satvik, second position by Aditya Veer Singh and third position was secured by Vishal Thakur.

Speaking on the occasion the school Principal Ashok

Kernia educated the students regarding the topic and appreciated the Department of Information & Public Relations for organising such a meaningful event in the school. Among others present were Staff members of the school and a large number of students.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer Nasir Ahmed Khan.

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today reviewed implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme (BBBP), besides functioning of Sakhi One-Stop Centre District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in separate meetings here.

Chairing a meeting of District Level Task Force, the DC reviewed the implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme in the district

The meeting delved into major objectives of the scheme, including check on dwindling sex ratio, containing girl school dropout and other important points and the strategies to



DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat chairing a meeting .

ameliorate these challenges.

The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) outlined the action plan for BBBP in the district, encompassing Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities, specialized meetings of girls with police officials, and special training programs aimed at fostering their independence. The members of the district level task force also suggested measures to ensure the

comprehensive success of the BBBP scheme in Rajouri district. The meeting decided to constitute a committee to conduct random checking of clinical establishments to enforce compliance with the regulations prohibiting sex determination tests. This proactive measure aims to prevent any illegal practices that perpetuate gender discrimination and undermine the objectives of the BBBP scheme. Similarly, the Deputy

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of BBBP; functioning of One-Stop Centre, DHEW, CWC & JJB

Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of SAKHI One-Stop Centre and District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) in a spate meeting.

The DC asked the concerned stakeholders to keep working with the added enthusiasm for the welfare of the women in the district. The DC emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between SAKHI-One Stop Center and different Departments including ICDS, Social Welfare and Health to effectively address gender-based violence. Later, the DC chaired a meeting of the District Level Child Protection Committee, which works for the effective welfare and protection of children in distress. The DC sought a detailed report on the functioning of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The concerned officers provided a briefing on their operations, highlighting key achievements.

The meeting also witnessed an in-depth and comprehensive discussion on the key points to enhance the functioning of the district-level child welfare committee. The issue of child labor was also discussed threadbare and the Deputy Commissioner asked stakeholders to take proactive measures to curb child labor effectively. Emphasis was placed on enforcing existing laws and implementing strategies to address this critical issue, ensuring the protection and well-being of children in the district. Meanwhile, the DC also discussed the cases for children in need of assistance in the sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC) meeting. As many as 78 cases were discussed in the meeting. The committee discussed individual cases and the DC asked to forward these cases to the Child Welfare Committee for further evaluation and approval.

DRCS Reasi celebrates World Red Cross Day with Theme "Keeping Humanity Alive"

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REASI: The District Red Cross Society Reasi today celebrated World Red Cross Day with the theme "Keeping Humanity Alive" in the Auditorium of the District Administrative Complex.

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan attended the event as Chief Guest, in the presence of Rakesh Wazir

(Chairman, DRCS), ADC Kul Bhushan Khajuria, ACR Anshumali Sharma, other District Officers and District Branch Managing Committee Members.

The programme started with the hoisting of the Red Cross Flag followed by a Symposium on the theme "Keeping Humanity Alive". Five students from College/Schools spoke on the theme. Patriotic song was also presented.

In his address, District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, emphasized the crucial role of the Red Cross in assisting and aiding people affected by natural disasters, armed conflicts, and other crisis worldwide. He stressed the need to form a team of volunteers who can work on the ground

during emergencies. He also encouraged students to become volunteers and contribute to relief efforts in the event of natural disasters. Further he emphasized the need of attendants "Sari" for patients of District Hospital Reasi.

Rakesh Wazir (Chairman, DRCS) highlighted the role of District Red Cross Society, Reasi in helping poor & needy people. He stressed on increasing the resources of the District Red Cross Society and involving maximum people in the Red Cross Movement. He also appealed to the General Public to donate generously towards the Red Cross Society for the welfare of very poor people.

Four Officers of different departments viz Chief Education Officer, Assistant

Regional Transport Officer, two Lecturers and other donors were felicitated with appreciation certificates by the District Development Commissioner for their generous contribution towards the District Red Cross Society. Prizes were also given away to participating students.

Prominent among others who were present on the occasion include District Officers, District Branch Managing Committee Members, District Red Cross Society, Reasi, Prominent citizens, Heads, Teachers and students of various Educational institutions. Vote of thanks presented by Sham Lal Kesar (Vice-Chairman, DRCS) Reasi. Programme concluded with the recitation of the National Anthem.

Awareness rally marks World Red Cross Day celebrations in Bhaderwah

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BHADARWAH: To aware people especially youths and students about the importance of different kind of acts to save lives, District Administration and Red Cross Society in collaboration with the YAC organised an awareness Rally at Bhaderwah on Wednesday to mark the world Red Cross Day.

ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar along with Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh, Principal Government Higher Secondary School Boys Bhaderwah Dr Nazir Ahmed, BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchey, BDO Bhaderwah Akhil Bhau, YAC President Naseer Mehboob, Social Activist Tariq Butt and others flagged off the awareness rally from outside ADC office at



ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar and others at an awareness rally.

New Bus Kotli Bhaderwah. The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Educationist Arif Rana.

Beside locals and staff members of Administration, a large number of students and staff of different Government and private schools also participated in the rally which after passing through different areas culminated at Seri Bazaar Park

Bhaderwah, where speakers addressed the gathering.

The Red Cross pledge was also administered to all the students and staff members.

Speakers shed light on how World Red Cross Society helps others without any discrimination across the world.

ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar while addressing gathering said, "It's all about cele-

brating the happiness that comes from helping others. Whether it's giving time, money, or support, the joy we feel in giving is a beautiful reward in itself."

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