

# Sadhotra cautions against politicizing armed forces' heroism in Op Sindoor; terms it victory of entire nation

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, on Sunday cautioned against politicizing the heroic achievements of the Indian Armed Forces, emphasizing that their recent success in thwarting the misadventure of Pakistan is a collective victory of the entire nation. Addressing a public meeting at Sanan Ghat, Dhar Mahanpur in Basohli, which was organized by Madan Lal Ex-Sarpanch and Raja Rafiq Block President, Basohli, Sadhotra said, "the valour of the tri-services reflect the indomitable spirit of India. This triumph is not of a particular party or group, but of every Indian who stood united against the aggression of a rogue nation. Attempting to politicize such acts of courage undermines the unity and morale of our forces and speaks volumes about the myopic and opportunistic nature of



Additional General Secretary National Conference & Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing public meeting at Sanan Ghat in Dhar Mahanpur in Basohli.

such politics." He lauded the exemplary unity demonstrated by the people, irrespective of religion, region or caste, saying this overwhelming solidarity has shaken the confidence of the enemy nation, which faced a befitting response from India's armed forces. "The enemy has been unnerved not only by the strength of our military response but also by the resilience and unbreakable spirit of our people," he added. Expressing deep solidarity with the victims of border shelling, Sadhotra extended his heartfelt support and concern for those who have suffered due to cross-border hostilities. He hoped that the government would prioritize the rehabilitation of affected families and take prompt steps to rebuild homes damaged in the shelling. Responding to the issues raised by locals, Sadhotra assured that the issue of inadequate staffing at the local Higher Secondary School would be taken up with the concerned authorities to ensure the students do not suffer academically.

# SRCC conducts anthropology workshop for UPSC, JKAS aspirants



UPSC, JKAS aspirants at a workshop.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: SR College of Competitions recently organized a well-received workshop on the optional subject Anthropology for aspirants of the UPSC and JKAS examinations. The workshop was led by a distinguished faculty member, known for his extensive experience and result-oriented teaching approach in Anthropology. The session was designed to help aspirants understand the Anthropology syllabus in a systematic and simplified manner. The expert offered a clear roadmap for preparation, covered key themes and topics in detail, and shared

clearing session, where students received personalized guidance and valuable exam-specific tips directly from the expert. Participants appreciated the workshop's clarity, practical insights, and its student-centric approach. In addition to subject-specific workshops, SR College is also offering a comprehensive IAS General Studies + CSAT Test Series and a focused JKAS Mains Test Series. The JKAS series includes 18 full-length tests, each followed by detailed discussions and individualized mentorship to help aspirants strengthen their writing and presentation skills. These tests are conducted every Sunday at the college campus. With such targeted initiatives and expert-led programs, SR College of Competitions continues to uphold its commitment to delivering high-quality coaching and structured guidance for civil services aspirants across region.

Some of the students demanded that all the Arts subjects be introduced in the 10+2 Sanan Ghat School. Additionally, he shared concern over the proposed shifting of the Primary Health Centre (PHC) from the area, asserting that rather than relocation, the facility should be further strengthened to serve the growing healthcare needs of the local population. "The government led by visionary Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will address these genuine concerns on a priority basis," he said. Sadhotra reiterated the National Conference's commitment to standing by the people, advocating for their needs, and preserving the integrity of national institutions, including the armed forces, from becoming tools of political propaganda. He exhorted the people to maintain the glorious ethos of togetherness, saying unity in diversity has been India's greatest strength. Madan Lal Ex-Sarpanch, Mohinder Singh, Hans Raj, Pawan Singh Ex-Naib

Sarpanch and Mashu Ram joined National Conference. Sadhotra welcomed their joining and hoped that their dedication and zeal will further strengthen the party in this area. Others who spoke in the public meeting were Sham Narayan Mehta District President Kathua, Ayesha Gupta, Sadanand Block President, Chain Singh, Ch Makhan Din. Others who were present on the occasion were Mohd Ayoub Malik Provincial Secretary, Raghubir Singh District President Jammu, Anrish Sharma Vice President Central Zone, Sandesh Shan Zonal Secretary Centre Zone, Aslam Khan Zonal Secretary, Hamid Chowdhary Zonal President YNC, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu, Surinder Mehta Block President Lakhampur, Vishawjeet Singh Youth District Vice President Jammu, Rajesh Sharma Sr. Vice President Kathua, Veer Ji Bhat, Sandeep Manhas, Asha Mehra, Anju Dogra, Madhu.

# BJP leadership visits shelling-hit Chamb & Akhnoor, assures swift relief and security



J&K BJP President Sat Sharma speaking at a programme.

Kuldeep Sharma and other senior leaders of the party accompanied BJP President during the tour. Senior BJP leadership, besides interacting with the people at the ground level, conducted back-to-back public meetings. Senior BJP leadership also joined the Tiranga Rally in Pargwal area of Akhnoor to honour the sacrifices and bravery of brave Indian Forces. The Tiranga Yatra was organized by the Citizens for National

Security, Akhnoor. Sat Sharma, lauding, the brave Indian forces who gave befitting reply to the Pakistan's bewildered aggression, said that the Indian forces meticulously and professionally proved the India's might and made it very clear that India won't tolerate any misadventure risking the lives of innocent Indian nationals. Sat Sharma assured the people that the Modi government and the BJP family stand like a rock with them.

He further said that the party leadership will advocate for the quick disbursement of claims, and all the needed infrastructure for the civilians to lead their lives with dignity and security. Sunil Sharma highlighted the commitment of the Central Government to establishing lasting peace in the region. Referring to 'Operation Sindoor', he said the action had sent a strong message globally that India stands resolute in defending its peace and sovereignty.

Samba, Prof. Surinder Parihar, H.O.D. History, G.C.W., Gandli Nagar and Sh. Mukul Magotra, Curator, Dogra Art Museum, Jammu. Speaking at the event, Prof. Poonam Choudhary from the University of Jammu emphasized the importance of museums in fostering cultural exchange and education. She applauded the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museum's efforts in curating exhibitions that not only preserve history but also inspire future generations to appreciate and engage with traditional art forms. The celebration of International Museum Day 2025 at the Dogra Art Museum underscored the evolving role of museums as dynamic spaces for learning, innovation, and community engagement. By offering free entry, the museum ensured accessibility for all, encouraging a wider audience to participate in the festivities and deepen their understanding of Jammu's rich artistic heritage. The event is curated and coordinated by Mukul Magotra, Curator, Dogra Art Museum, Jammu under the supervision of Sh. K.K. Sidla, Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.

# IEI Jammu Centre celebrates World Telecommunication & Information Society Day

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated World Telecommunication & Information Society Day with the theme "Gender Equality in Digital Transformation". The event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Centre. On this occasion, Satish Sharma, Minister for IT, Youth Services & Sports, Transport, Science & Technology, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, ARI & Training, Govt of J&K UT graced the occasion as Chief Guest, Mr. Manish Jain, Director Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India, Jammu was the Keynote



Minister for IT, Satish Sharma at a programme being organized by IEI Jammu Centre.

Speakers. Er. Anil Verma, FIE Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function. Er. Anil Verma, Chairman in his Welcome Address introduced the day's theme to the audience. He emphasized that it is the prime duty of every citizen to make females digital savvy by making them aware about the use of ICTs. Smartphones in present days' World can make a major difference to achieve Gender Equality in this context. He also advocated for issuance of one smartphone each to every Anganwadi worker so that she in turn

can educate all the young girls and women in their respective Anganwadis digitally aware and literate. Satish Sharma, Chief Guest in the beginning asked the gathering to observe two minutes silence for peace of departed souls during the recent conflict with the neighboring country. He also highlighted that digital transformation is going to transform the face of Jammu & Kashmir and in that league, efforts are being made to setup IT parks in cities of Jammu and Srinagar which shall provide employment to

young of J&K and especially 50% of the seats shall be reserved for females. It shall be a leap frog step in the gender inclusiveness and pave way for bridging the digital divide. The initiatives like free e-buses for women shall bring the women from rural areas closer to the main stream and help them to connect with employment opportunities across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir. The aim of J&K Govt. is to contribute towards sustainable development in our UT & end the years of gender discrimination prevailing in the socie-

ty. Manish Jain, Keynote Speaker highlighted the importance of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in digital transformation and initiatives of Department of Telecom for digital inclusiveness so that digital divide in the country is minimized. The goal of sustainable development is only possible if 50% of population i.e. females also equally create, code and lead our country to progress. During the seminar Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE; Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist & Er. Anil Kumar, AMIE also presented their papers on the theme. Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre presented the vote of thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.

# Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation launches 14-day scholarship selection drive

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation (HREF) has commenced a 14-day Scholarship Selection Drive from May 18 to 31, 2025. This noble initiative is aimed at providing educational support to underprivileged children, especially girls and students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds. The drive was formally inaugurated today by the Guest of Honour, Jagmohan Sharma, Former Executive Director of POWERGRID and Chairman of JPDCL. The event marked the beginning of a campaign dedicated to empowering young lives through education. This year, the foundation plans to induct approximately 300 new students into its scholarship program. The drive is open to students from classes 1st to 3rd studying in government



schools, ensuring that the support reaches the grassroots level. In addition to its scholarship program, the foundation also recognizes academic excellence through special awards. The "Ram Lal Bhalla Awards For Toppers Scheme" rewards students who secure more than 75% marks, while the "Sunanda Dna Awards" honor students who excel in board examinations. Kunil Bhalla, Managing Trustee of the foundation, extended an open invitation to eligible children and their families to participate in

this opportunity. He emphasized the foundation's commitment to creating a brighter future through education, stating that HREF continues to stand on the pillars of trust, compassion, and a strong drive to uplift society. The scholarship test will be held daily from May 18 to 31, 2025, between 9:30 AM and 12:00 Noon at the Bee Enn General Hospital Complex, Talab Tillo Road, Jammu. The foundation hopes to witness a strong turnout and looks forward to nurturing the next generation of scholars.

# Arun Gupta elected President of Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg Jammu witnessed a spiritually uplifting and significant day as it conducted its elections in a solemn atmosphere, beginning with Sandhya, Hawan, and devotional bhajans. In a unanimous decision reflecting unity and collective trust, Arun Kumar Gupta was elected as President and was vested with the authority to form his own cabinet. The election

proceedings were conducted under the guidance of Dr. Kulbushan Mahotra, Senior Vice President, ensuring transparency and discipline throughout. Balwan Singh, General Secretary, presented detailed updates on the developmental initiatives at Bathera and Bathera School, including enhancements in rental income that will support ongoing projects. Ashok Chaturvedi, Manager of Arya Kanya Vidyalaya, Kachi Chawani,

highlighted the school's progress and its mission of empowering young girls through value-based education. Following his election, Arun Kumar Gupta announced his cabinet, appointing Dr. Kulbushan Mahotra as Senior Vice President, Diwakar Chauhan as Vice President, Balwan Singh as General Secretary, Pt. Mukesh Shastri as Treasurer, and Ashok Chaturvedi as

Manager of Arya Kanya Vidyalaya. In his vote of thanks, Gupta expressed deep gratitude for the trust placed in him by the members and pledged to uphold the values of Arya Samaj with integrity and devotion, working collectively to achieve the goals set forth. The event concluded with the distribution of Rishi Langer, marking the close of a meaningful and harmonious gathering.

# DC Rajouri assesses damages in shelling affected Gonni village

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today visited Gonni village in the Dhangri area to assess the damages caused due to recent incidents of cross-border shelling. He was accompanied by Revenue Officers and other concerned officials. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the losses suffered by the residents and issued on-the-spot directions to the Revenue Department to expedite assessment of damages to



DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma visiting Gonni village to assess damages.

property, livestock, and crops. DC Abhishek Sharma also

interacted with the affected families and other members

of the general public at their doorsteps. He patiently listened to their concerns and assured them of swift redressal of genuine grievances. He emphasized that the district administration stands firmly with the affected families and is committed to ensuring timely relief and rehabilitation. The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers to maintain close coordination with the locals and ensure that all necessary support is extended to the affected households without any delay.