

Ensure victory of Congress in J&K: Uday, Hari Singh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Uday Bhanu Chib, National General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress and Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of JKPCU urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to ensure the victory of the Congress party in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Addressing a public meeting in Chinore, Ward No. 62, in the Jammu North Assembly Segment, organized by Ali Hussain and Jung Bahadur Singh, the senior Congress leaders expressed heartfelt gratitude for the public's support during the recent Parliament elections and extended thanks on behalf of Congress candidate Raman Bhalla, acknowledging the collective efforts and dedication of the local populace.

Uday Bhanu said "Your trust and confidence in the

Congress Party during the Parliament elections have been truly inspiring. Now, we

he said that it's imperative that we come together, stronger than ever, to pave

In the meeting Som Nath Sharma, Parshotam Singh, Surinder Kumar, Pummy,

raised concerns about the shortage of drinking water.

In response, Hari Singh Chib and Uday Bhanu Chib promised to bring this pressing issue to the attention of the administration. They urged the government to ensure a daily or alternate-day supply of drinking water and to deploy water tanks to provide adequate drinking water to the inhabitants of these areas.

Uday Chib assured the public that their concerns and aspirations would be at the forefront of the party's agenda.

"We appeal to each and every one of you to mobilize your efforts and ensure a resounding victory for Congress in the upcoming Assembly elections," urged Uday. "Together, we can bring about the change that Jammu and Kashmir desperately need."



National General Secretary IYC, Uday Bhanu Chib addressing public meeting.

urge you to continue this momentum and work tirelessly to ensure our victory in the upcoming Assembly elections."

Hari Singh Chib emphasized the importance of unity and collective effort in overcoming the challenges posed by the current administration.

the way for a better future under Congress leadership.

Earlier, during the meeting, Ali Hussain and others expressed anger over the acute shortage of drinking water, highlighting that the water supply is currently provided only once every 6-7 days, and then only for a few minutes.

Kaka Ram, Neeta Chib, and Som Nath Bhagat were present.

A similar meeting was held at Mohallah Ration Keran, organized by Gian Chand and Nisha Kumari, Panch. The meeting was attended by Kailash, a Congress leader, along with a large number of men and women who also

Natrang empowering children through immense creativity and innovation



Participants of Natrang's Children Theatre Camp posing for a photograph.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Natrang is igniting the flames of creativity and innovation in children through its highly innovative platforms. The Children Theatre Camp, a sought-after summer destination in Jammu, stands witness to the extraordinary creative activities unfolding within its

premises.

Led by Padma Shri Balwant Thakur and conducted by National Awardee Sumeet Sharma, Natrang's Theatre Camp-2024 is pushing boundaries and setting new benchmarks in fostering creativity and innovation among children.

Balwant Thakur empha-

sized the methodical approach taken by Natrang in nurturing creativity among children, drawing from his experiences and learnings from international engagements.

Unlike mere fashionable activities, Natrang's initiatives are guided by highly experienced and professionally trained individuals who infuse creativity in children in a systematic manner.

The Children Theatre Camp-2024, coordinated by dedicated individuals like Kananpreet Kaur, Palshin Dutta, Mihir Gujral, and Mohd. Yaseen, boasts a diverse group of participants.

The children who are participating in the Children Theatre Camp-2024 include Saisha Malhotra, Adira Gupta, Priyaa Gupta, Viraj Singh, Viraj Gupta, Kamakhyia Bali, Raaga Sharma, Shrivya Sharma, Mehak Chib, Ruhaan Chandan, Dhanak Chandan, Amayra Mahajan, Vidhanshi Janwal, Nirvana Sah, Jazz Sah, Aradhya Sharma, Aaryya Jain, Nabhanya Chauhan, Daivik Gupta, Anaadi Abrol, Vannya Modi, Avni Roy, Rishik, Sharanya Mahajan, Sharvil Mahajan, Adeesha Singh, Ayaan Dutt, Ryan Gupta, Vaibhav Mahajan, Anmol Sharma, Jayaditya Singh and Aarav Gupta.

Appoint chairman, members of 8th Pay Commission: NMC urges Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: President of the National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) Subash Shastri on Tuesday urged upon the Prime Minister to immediately appoint chairman and other members of the 8th Pay Commission adding that except 7th Pay Commission all earlier pay Commission were constituted in the 3rd year of every decade as per past practice.

Interacting with media persons here Shastri said that notification for constitution of the 8th pay commission is the need of the hour, which is bound to have bearing on about one core employees and pensioners, both in Central as well as State governments.

He said that commission should timely expedite the report so that the implementation gets executed well before January 1, 2026, due date for

revision of 8th pay commission.

"50 Percent of DA should be forthwith merged into basic pay and pension", he said, adding, 20 percent interim relief should be sanctioned as early as possible in favor of the employees and pensioners, so that they would get sigh of relief of rising prices and inflation. Stressing on the need, Shastri also urged him to immediately restore old pension scheme in place of NPS as confidence building measures.

He said that many state like Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Karnataka have restored old pension scheme in favor of NPC employees.

He hoped that the New NDA Government at the Centre will take positive step in this regard.

Shastri also appealed to Prime Minister to release 18

months pending DA arrears, beside regularization of daily wagers who have completed seven years of service in March, 2024, adding their monthly emoluments should be raised to Rs. 18,000 per month.

Other demands included clearance of all pending GP fund and gratuity cases, setting up of Labor Welfare Board, implementation of all Central Labor Law in UT J&K beside granting medical allowance of Rs. 1000 per month to pensioners at par with Central Government were highlighted on the occasion.

Among other present included Rajan Babu Khajuria, B.S Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Chaman Lal, Birbal, Raman Sharma, Vinod Kumar, Ex-Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh, Ram Singh, Subash Sharma and Ram Lal Sharma.

Gaurav raises concern over surge of terror incidents in Jammu Region

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu, has expressed serious concern over the recent surge in terror incidents across the Jammu region, highlighting the alarming escalation of terrorist activities close to district Jammu. In a statement issued here today, Gaurav Gupta emphasized the gravity of the recent terrorist attack on a bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi district, which serves as the base camp for the revered Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

"The targeting of pilgrims in such a sacred and heavily visited area is deeply disturbing and underscores the urgent need for heightened security measures," he stated.

Gaurav highlighted the

alarming progression of terrorist activities, from Dangri village in Rajouri to Poonch including terror attack on Army Truck, and now extending their reach to the Reasi district, where innocent pilgrims are being targeted. This disturbing trend underscores the urgent need for enhanced security measures and concerted efforts to safeguard the lives of civilians across the region, he said.

Drawing attention to the upcoming Machail Yatra in Kishtwar district and the imminent commencement of the Annual Kheer Bhawani Yatra and Amarnath Yatra, Gaurav expressed concern over the potential risks posed by these large-scale religious gatherings of devotees amidst the backdrop of escalating terrorist activities. "With lakhs of



devotees expected to visit the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine from across the country, ensuring their safety and security must be paramount," he stressed. Gaurav condemned the attempts by terrorist organizations to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere of the Jammu region, highlighting the grave threat posed to the lives and livelihoods of the local populace. He urged the Central Government to take serious note of the surge in

terror incidents and to swiftly implement robust measures to address the growing security challenges. "We cannot afford to underestimate the nefarious intentions of these terrorist elements, whose sole aim is to instill fear and sow discord among the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said, adding that it's imperative that the Central Government takes proactive steps to safeguard the lives and well-being of our citizens."

Gaurav appealed to the J&K and Central Government to allocate additional resources and deploy enhanced security measures to combat the escalating threat of terrorism in the region. He called for a united effort from all stakeholders to ensure the safety and security of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Five-day Hindi Workshop concludes at CUJ

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The five-day Hindi Workshop organized for the employees of Central University of Jammu under the Hindi Teaching Scheme of the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, concluded successfully.

The workshop aimed to promote the use of Hindi in administrative work and enhance participants' typing skills in Hindi. Throughout the workshop, attendees were trained in various aspects of Hindi typing techniques, grammar, vocabulary, and the practical use of idioms. Additionally, the workshop focused on the development of administrative language,

Hindi in their daily tasks. Participants were also introduced to various digital tools and software that facilitate Hindi typing and document management.

Practical sessions were conducted, allowing participants to practice real administrative tasks, further reinforcing their learning.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor Central University of Jammu emphasized that such initiatives are crucial in promoting the Hindi language and strengthening its role as a national language.

Prof. Jain reiterated his vision of seeing Hindi widely used at the Central University of Jammu not only as a liter-

ary and cultural language but also as an administrative and academic language.



Employees of Central University of Jammu enhancing typing skills in Hindi during a workshop.

providing participants with the necessary vocabulary and style to effectively use

Nitish delivers lecture on 'Advantages & Disadvantages of Social Media'



Nitish Mahajan, Co-Incharge of Social Media Department, BJP posing with others.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Nitish Mahajan, Co-Incharge of Social Media Department, BJP, Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday delivered a thought-provoking guest lecture on the advantages and disadvantages of social media in today's era. The lecture, organized by the MDK Foundation (NGO), was attended by a diverse audience, including notable figures such as Asger Ali, District President of BJP ST Morcha in Jammu North, Molvi Talib Hussain, Mohd Anwar, and Saleem Khan. Nitish underscored the critical nature of social media and emphasized the importance of using it responsibly.

He stressed the need for authenticity and urged individuals to verify the

data and sources before sharing any information on social media platforms. "Social media can be a powerful tool for communication, but it must be wielded with care," he stated. Nitish Mahajan highlighted the significant role played by social media in mobilizing people towards the policies launched by the central government, especially during the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls.

He discussed how social media can be utilized to engage the public and create awareness about various development programs initiated by the government, while also cautioning against the spread of misinformation and negative agendas propagated by certain entities.

"The focus of today's session was to empower the public to form informed opinions about government policies and remain vigilant against the dissemination of false information," he explained. "By harnessing the potential of social media, we can work towards building a more informed and aware society."

The guest lecture concluded with a vibrant discussion and exchange of ideas, highlighting the growing importance of social media in shaping public discourse and facilitating citizen engagement.

Approval to construct 3 crore houses is revolutionary step by Modi 3 govt: Khatana

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that the government assistance for the construction of three crore houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) which has been approved by the Union Cabinet in its first meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a revolutionary step which will go a long way in addressing the housing needs of homeless population in the country.

In a statement issued by the BJP MP from New Delhi, Khatana said that J&K homeless people will also benefit from this.

"In the last 10 years PM Modi has launched revolutionary schemes for the people of the country like Ayushman Card which provides medical treatment for dreaded ailments upto the expenditure of Rs. 5 lakh free of cost," said Khatana.

"In the very first meeting of the Union Cabinet of Modi 3.0 government the

PM again made a public centric scheme which clearly shows that PM Modi is continuously working for the welfare of common people," he said.

The senior BJP leader said that the government has approved to provide assistance to three crore additional rural and urban households for the construction of houses to meet the housing requirements arising out of the increase in the number of eligible families.

"These houses will be having all the basic amenities like toilets, LPG connection, electricity connections and functional household tap connections," the BJP MP maintained adding: "Under PMAY, a total of 4.21 crore houses have been completed for the eligible poor families under the housing schemes in the last 10 years which was never even thought of by the previous regimes who only exploited the poor of India using their religious back-grounds and other factors for their vote bank politics."

Traders expresses solidarity with families of Pilgrims, condemns Reasi Attack

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU : In a meeting of Office Bearers of Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market (Regd.) Jammu held on Tuesday at Federation office Deepak Gupta, President strongly condemned the cowardice terrorism act of firing by terrorists on a pilgrims bus returning from the holy cave of Shiv Khori in which ten persons including the Driver and Conductor of the bus lost their lives besides 43 persons were injured. A two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul. Meeting also prayed for speedy recovery of the injured persons and also expressed sympathies with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. Deepak Gupta, President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market



Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market office bearers at a meeting.

(Regd.) Jammu voiced searing concerns about Pakistan's direct complicity in providing sanctuary to terrorists through its sinister intelligence agency, ISL. Deepak Gupta strongly

condemned Pakistan for carrying on the policy of enmity against India and harboring terrorists on its soil and using them to threaten life of the people & security forces in JKUT.

He further emphasised that the recent attack was a blatant attempt to derail peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir. He demanded that the UT administration should

immediately identify the cowardly terrorists so that they are brought to justice.

He demanded that law and enforcement agencies should also conduct a security review to ensure foolproof security in Jammu Division.

He requested the LG Administration that keeping in view the Amarnath Yatra, Budha Amarnath Yatra and Machail Yatra, the security and other agencies should be strengthened to avoid any such type of incidents during the upcoming yatra.

The other office bearers present in the meeting include Mumish Mahajan, Senior Vice President, Abhimanyu Gupta, Vc. President, Sham Lal Langer, General Secretary, Vishal Gupta, Secretary of the Federation.

Ajatshatru, Ranvijay visit GMC Jammu, enquire about well-being of Reasi terror ack victims



Ajatshatru Singh, senior BJP leader enquiring about well-being of injured at GMC Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ajatshatru Singh, senior BJP leader and a former minister, along with his son Ranvijay Singh on Tuesday visited the Government Medical College and Hospital (GMC) in Jammu to personally enquire about the well-being of those injured in the recent Reasi terror attack. Upon arrival at GMC Jammu, Ajatshatru Singh inquired about the condition of the victims, offering words of comfort and strength.

He personally interacted with each of the

injured, assuring them of all possible support, assuring them that they are not alone in their time of need. Ajatshatru also met with the senior functionaries of GMC Jammu to discuss the medical care being provided to the injured. Emphasizing the importance of comprehensive support, he urged the hospital administration to ensure that the injured receive the best possible medical treatment and care.

He asked them that no stone should be left unturned in the quest to help those affected by such a tragic incident.

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