

# NC will bounce back to power with heavy majority: Rattan Lal

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UDHAMPUR Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President J&K National Conference expressed strong confidence in his Party's return to power in Jammu and Kashmir, citing widespread public support and the recent performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing a day-long convention of party workers and functionaries of District Udhampur Urban, the senior NC leader said that the Party will bounce back to power in J&K with a heavy majority in the ensuing Assembly elections. The convention was held under the chairmanship of Sunil Verma, District President JKNC Udhampur while Rattan Lal Gupta was the chief guest.

While presenting welcome address, Sunil Verma, District President highlighted the utter neglect which the far flung areas of the region have been confronting under the present regime steered by BJP leadership. He said that people facing hardships due to the phlegmatic attitude of the government have been eagerly waiting for Assembly polls to bring back the NC Government, which has an exemplary track record of ensuring public welfare and excellent governance.

The NC stalwart leader



Provincial President JKNC, Rattan Lal Gupta with newly joined members and party leaders.

criticized the BJP leadership for failing to meet the expectations of the people, which he claimed has resulted in the saffron party's diminished vote share. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been deeply disappointed by the BJP leadership. The promises made by the BJP have remained unfulfilled, leading to a significant decrease in their vote share in the recently held Lok Sabha elections", he said adding that BJP knew its fate in the valley, and that was the reason why the party did not field any candidates. "This is a clear indication of BJP's dwindling support and their acknowledgment of the people's discontent", he maintained.

The Provincial President highlighted the overwhelming response received by the National Conference during

the Lok Sabha elections, attributing it to his party's longstanding commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "NC has always been the voice of the people, and this was evident in the enthusiastic support which the party has received during the Lok Sabha elections", he said adding that NC is looking ahead to the forthcoming Assembly polls with strong optimism as all the factors are hinting for its bright prospects.

Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), made a fervent appeal to the people, urging them not to succumb to the divisive agenda of the BJP. He emphasized the importance of maintaining brotherhood and harmony among all communities.

Vijay Lochan, Chairman of

the SC Cell of Jammu and Kashmir

National Conference, described the tenure of the current regime as the darkest era for weaker sections. He emphasized that there is no one in the power corridors willing to listen to or address their plight, leaving these communities neglected and unheard.

Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone and Akash Verma District President Udhampur Urban YNC highlighted the need for unity and called on the populace to strengthen the hands of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in their efforts to lead the region towards peace and progress. They stressed that only through collective support and solidarity can the community overcome challenges and ensure a better future for

everyone.

On this occasion prominent BJP, Panthers and Congress Party's leaders/ workers joined National Conference. The prominent names are Hazi Ch. Mohd Bashir, Ashok Kumar, Madan Lal, Sachin Atri, Ram Kumar, Raj Ali, Ch. Dullah, Puran Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Sahil Sharma, Rahul Sharma, Nikil Verma, Mansa Ram, Ram Lal, Yashpal Singh and Babu Singh.

Those who were present in the meeting included:- Mohd Iqbal Phamra, Gurmeet Singh, Amar Nath Rtd Principal, Man Mohan Verma, Jagdish Singh, Bishan Dass, Subash Sharma, Capt Rattan Singh and party functionaries of District and Blocks.

## Five-day course on "Investigation of Cyber Crime" concludes at SKPA Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: A five-day course on "Investigation of Cyber Crime" commenced at S.K. Police Academy Udhampur on June 25, 2024, and concluded on Saturday.

Fourteen officers from J&K Police participated in the course. The course was designed as a capacity-building tool for J&K Police's investigating officers to tackle the increasing menace of cybercrime in virtual space.

The course featured a wide range of discussions, deliberations, and demonstrations on various topics including types and techniques of computer forensics, hacking methodologies, operating systems, denial-of-service



Participants of summer camp posing for a photograph.

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UDHAMPUR: The three-day-long summer camp organized by Manav Uthan Sewa Samiti (MUSS) concluded with great success. Suram Chand Thappa reported that 55 children participated in the camp, where they received training in a variety of activities

including dancing, painting, essay writing, yoga pranayama, meditation, and various physical exercises. On the concluding day, a valedictory function was held, presided over by Mahatma Samta Bai ji, the incharge of Maa Rajrajeshwari Ashram. During this event, Bai ji distributed certificates of appre-

ciation to all the participants. She blessed the young participants, encouraging them to embrace spiritual and moral values as they move forward in life. Other present at the function were Archana Sharma, Anitu Sharma, and Geeta Devi while Sunakshi trained the children throughout the camp.

## Ranvijay Singh visits Shiv Temple Arnas, reviews facilities for devotees

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ranvijay Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, visited the Shiv Temple in Arnas today to assess the facilities being provided to the visiting devotees. During his visit, he also offered prayers, seeking peace and prosperity for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Ranvijay Singh emphasized the Dharmarth Trust's commitment to enhancing the infrastructure and services at the temple to ensure a comfortable and spiritually fulfilling experience for all devotees. "Our goal is to provide a serene and well-maintained environment where devotees can pray and find solace," he said.



Ranvijay Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust paying obeisance at Shiv Temple in Arnas.

The Trustee also took the opportunity to urge the peo-

ple of the Jammu region to bring their children to the

temple. "It is essential for the younger generation to stay connected with their cultural and spiritual roots," he stated. "Visiting the temple can instill a sense of tradition and spirituality in children, which is invaluable for their holistic development," he added.

Ranvijay Singh asserted that the Trust continues to work towards the preservation of ancient temples established by the Great Maharajas of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring they are well-equipped to serve the needs of the community.

Varinder Singh Jamwal, Addl Secretary of Dharmarth Trust also accompanied the Trustee.

## AJKGS deputation calls on CEO



Deputation members of AJKGS.

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UDHAMPUR: A deputation All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi Sabha (AJKGS) led by state youth president Kuldeep Kumar met Bharat Bushan, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Ramban on Saturday. Youth President AJKGS discussed with CEO several pressing issues regarding Government High School Kariya Zone Batote.

Kuldeep Kumar highlighted the challenges faced by the school, where 99 percent of students belong to Scheduled Tribes (ST), totaling around 300 students.

"The public has expressed concerns that the school is understaffed and lacks a teacher proficient in Hindi despite having two teachers engaged from the same school as BLO (Booth Level

Officers). This situation has adversely affected the basic education of students in the area," Kuldeep said.

During the meeting, the AJKGS youth president urged the CEO to address these issues promptly. Specifically, they requested the filling of five vacant posts for master grade teachers and the immediate deployment of a Hindi teacher at Government High School Kariya Zone Batote. Additionally, there was a plea to fill all other vacant positions in under-staffed schools located in remote areas.

CEO Bharat Bhushan attentively listened to the deputation's concerns and assured them that the problems would be addressed as soon as possible.

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh chaired a meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee here on Saturday in his office chamber to address the issue of drug abuse in the district. The meeting was attended by key stakeholders, including law enforcement officers, health department officials, education department representatives, and members of non-governmental organizations. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh emphasized the urgent need to tackle drug abuse through a multi-faceted approach. He directed law enforcement agencies to intensify their efforts to curb drug trafficking by increasing patrolling in infested areas and



Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh chairing a meeting.

enhancing surveillance at entry points. Additionally, he instructed the health department to ensure the availability and proper use of drug testing kits in medical facilities to aid in early detection and intervention.

Strategic steps discussed included launching awareness campaigns in schools and communities to educate people, especially the youth, about the dangers of drug abuse. The Deputy Commissioner urged the education department to

incorporate anti-drug education into the school curriculum and organize workshops and seminars with the help of NGOs. Precautionary measures were also highlighted, such as establishing rehabilitation centers and providing counseling services for addicts. The Deputy Commissioner called for a coordinated effort among all stakeholders to develop a comprehensive action plan aimed at reducing drug abuse, preventing trafficking, and supporting affected individuals

through treatment and rehabilitation programs. During the meeting, DC Doda directed the health department to ensure the yellow line campaign to check any kind of drug abuse near the educational zone. This campaign ensures that no tobacco products are allowed entry beyond the yellow line. The college put up a signboard outside the gate stating that no tobacco-related products would be sold within 100 yards of the perimeter of colleges and schools. The meeting concluded

with a commitment from all participants to work collaboratively towards creating a drug-free district, ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sudershan Kumar; ASP Shakeel Ul Rehman; ACR Sunil Bhutyal; ACD Manoj Kumar; District Program Project Officer S. Parmjeet Singh; ACP Mushraf Ali Haf, Chief Education Officer P L. Thapa, CMO Om Prakash, CAO Anil Kumar Gupta, District Immunization Officer Dr Varsha Kotwal, and representatives of concerned departments.

## Progress on JJM schemes reviewed in Kishtwar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: A meeting regarding the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes in district Kishtwar was held on Saturday here under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav. The meeting was attended by ADC Pawan Kotwal; SDM Marwah Mohd Ashraf; ExEN Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Kishtwar Sunil Sharma, all AEEs of 5 subdivisions along with the contractors.

After a thorough scheme wise review, the chair directed JSMD to expedite the completion process of schemes and submit a report for fixing the responsibility of non-completion of schemes. The chair also directed the concerned officials to increase the pace of geo-tagging of scheme information boards and PWS sources. The meeting also discussed the issues encountered by the ground officials. The chair directed the department to remove any roadblocks in the execution of schemes.

## Status of Bio-Medical Waste Management reviewed

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chaired a meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee here on Saturday to review the implementation of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules 2016.

During the meeting, an Action Plan for the safe collection, segregation, handling, and disposal of bio-medical waste produced at the District Hospital Reasi was discussed. DDC Mahajan emphasized the urgency of preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the establishment of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) at the hospital, with a deadline of ten days. It was highlighted by the district officer of the Pollution Control Committee Reasi that the Annual Reports from the Health Department Reasi



DDC Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

District are yet to be submitted. DDC Mahajan directed the Chief Medical Officer and Deputy CMO to expedite the submission of these reports.

Healthcare facilities without beds, which require only authorization under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, were instructed to apply to the Pollution Control Committee Reasi within one month. He also directed all Health Department to designate Nodal Officers for training

from the district office of the Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC). The Nodal Officers will be trained as master trainers and will subsequently train personnel in their respective healthcare centers.

ADC Kulbushan Khajuria, Addl. SP Iftikhar Ahmed, CMO Ravinder Manhas, Dy. CMO, Medical Superintendent, Divisional Officer PCC and other concerned officers were present.

## Kathua Admin rolls out red carpet amid exuberant reception to Amarnath Yatris

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: The District Administration Kathua on Saturday extended a warm reception to the Amarnath Yatris at Lakhampur, the gateway to Jammu & Kashmir. A large number of enthusiastic pilgrims attended the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Yatris were ceremoniously greeted at the Lakhampur corridor in Kathua district by DDC Chairman Mahan Singh;



DC Rakesh Minhas with other dignitaries at a programme.

DC Rakesh Minhas; Vice Chairman DDC Raghunadan Singh; ADC Ranjit Singh (Yatra Nodal Officer); DC State Taxes Pardeep Manhas (Nodal Officer); Lakhampur Facilitation Centre); ASP Paramjeet Singh; SDM Hiranagar alongside other District and Sectoral Officers.

Departing at 11:30 AM from Lakhampur, many devotees who had registered for the pilgrimage were issued RFID tags on the spot, facilitated by 12 specially designated counters. The Yatris who were already registered for Yatra underwent eKYC procedures for RFID tag issuance. The Deputy

Commissioner, while formally welcoming the Yatris, informed them that the district administration has made comprehensive arrangements to ensure a comfortable and safe journey. Dedicated helplines and service counters have been established to provide assistance and relevant information to the pilgrims. Before departure, the Yatris were treated to captivating cultural performances, including Shiv Tandava and other devotional renditions, presented by troupes from the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in collaboration with District Information Centre Kathua (DIPR

Kathua). The performances, resonating with chants of 'Har Har Mahadev', 'Jai Baba Barfani', and 'Bham Bham Bhole', filled the atmosphere with spiritual fervor. District Administration Kathua has endeavored to provide an exhilarating and unforgettable experience for the Amarnath-bound pilgrims this year; with extraordinary efforts put into arrangements. The Yatris will now proceed from Jammu to the Himalayan cave shrine located in South Kashmir's Anantnag district. The 52-day long Shri Amarnathji pilgrimage commences today, June 29 and concludes on August 19.

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