

Congress committed to fight for restoration of statehood: Bhalla

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AKHNOOR: "Jai Hind Sabha" followed by "Jai Hind Yatra" as part of AICC campaign, was organised by Congress party at Akhnoor today which was led by Working President Raman Bhalla, former minister Mula Ram, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Former minister Yash Pal Kundal, Former MLA Th Balbir Singh, Former MLC Incharge HQ Ved Mahajan, Incharge President DCC Rural Hari Singh Chib, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Kissan cell Chairman Bharat Priye, Social media Chairman Jatin Raina, Congress Contesting candidate Akhnoor Prof Ashok Bhagat ,Kuldeep Sharma and Several army Veterans. A rally carrying national flag was also taken out raising slogans in favour of armed forces.

Addressing a large gathering Working President Raman Bhalla lashed out at the BJP and centre government for politicizing Operation Sindhoor while taking no action against BJP senior leaders who insulted



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla along with partymen at Akhnoor.

the armed forces.Operation Sindhoor is the achievement of brave armed forces & of the nation & not of any political party,he added.

Bhalla said that Modi government & BJP has failed to answer the vital questions regarding the security failures at Pehalgam, why Pakistan was informed about the operation Sindhoor, how US announced ceasefire and how Pakistan got IMF aid after Pehalgam attack. He questioned the failures foreign policy of Modi government.

Accusing BJP of denying legitimate right of statehood to people of Jammu kashmir Bhalla said that statehood is the right of people of Jammu and Kashmir and centre gov-

ernment can't deny it for too long as people will come on roads and Congress will lead from the front..

He said all sections of people are suffering due to dual control system in J&K due to lust of power and proxy rule of BJP's through LG rule and demanded immediate restoration of statehood.

Senior congress leader and former Minister Mula Ram hit out at BJP govt for betraying people on statehood after getting mandate in Jammu over false assurance of restoring it soon after Assembly elections . People will have to fight now to get back their status and rights .

He appreciated the congress candidate Ashok Bhagat and local congress

leaders for organising a mega show today and also securing around 25000 votes in last assembly elections and said that Congress is the only strong force against BJP 's divisive politics.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said that people stood behind government and forces to teach Pakistan a lesson after Pehalgam but US president suddenly announced ceasefire and now he has invited Pak army chief for Lunch besides terming Pakistan as partner in fight against terror. This is very surprising and contrary to the claims of Modi government regarding isolation of the terror country Pakistan.

Yash Pal Kundal lambasted

BJP for its deivide and rule policy and asked people to be united to get back right to statehood and land,jobs for locals.

Hari Singh Chib appreciated the party workers and local congress leaders for their dedication towards party against all odds. Senior leaders Th Balbir Singh, Ved Mahajan, vijay Sharma, Bharat Priye and others spoke and paid rich tributes to martyrs.

Congress candidate prof Ashok Bhagat launched an offensive on the BJP for failing to fulfil the promise of statehood besides regularisation of daily wagers and others and demanded a special employment package in the army, para military forces for border belt.

Later a large jai hind rally in the honour of armed forces was taken out in Akhnoor area raising slogans in favour of armed forces.several prominent leaders took part including Bansilal Gupta Mohanlal KP Singh Prem Lal Baldev Raj ZEO, Master. Om parkash Master Des ,Ram Lal & others.

Shiv Sena Hindustan urges Govt to resume manual delivery of electricity bills to households in border areas

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ARNIA: A meeting was held in Arnia Town, chaired by Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri, where members of Shiv Sena Hindustan, including farmers and village heads, gathered to discuss pressing electricity issues in the area.The meeting highlighted the frequent power cuts in Arnia Block, which are affecting farmers who require electricity to irrigate their crops, particularly rice.

The meeting was attended by prominent members, including Balwant Saini, Satpal, Suresh Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Brahm Singh, Raj Kumar, and Vijay Luthra, among others.

Kesri speaking on the occasion said that despite the installation of smart meters, power cuts continue, and bills are not being delivered to households, causing difficulties for residents, especially in border areas where people may not have access to smartphones. Shiv Sena Hindustan demands that the government provide



SSS J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri briefing media.

more electricity to farmers to enable them to irrigate their crops effectively.Kesri requested that the government resume manual delivery of electricity bills to households, especially in border areas where residents may not have access to smartphones.

Kesri said that meeting emphasized the importance of electricity for farmers, who rely on it to irrigate their crops and sustain their livelihoods.

Kesri criticized the government for its failure to provide adequate power supply to the farming community, particularly during the paddy cultivation season, which is affecting not only

agriculture but also education and healthcare sectors. The lack of power supply is hindering farmers' ability to irrigate their crops, leading to potential crop damage and losses. Frequent power cuts are affecting farmers' ability to irrigate their crops, leading to potential crop damage and losses.

The power shortage is also impacting education and healthcare sectors, which may have long-term consequences on the community. Kesri's criticism emphasizes the need for the government to take responsibility for addressing the power supply issues and finding solutions to support farmers and other affected sectors.

Army organises interaction program with Ex-servicemen, widows



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REASI: The Indian Army organized a special interaction program with Ex-servicemen and Widows at the remote location of Batsiyala in district Reasi.

The event was aimed at recognizing the invaluable contributions of the veterans and families of brave hearts who laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

The program witnessed

participation from a large number of ex-servicemen and Veer Naris and widow's form the region.

The army representatives addressed various issues related to welfare schemes, pensions, medical facilities and resettlement opportunities available to veterans and their families.

This outreach effort reaffirms the Army's unwavering commitment to the welfare

and well-being of its veterans and braveheart families, especially in remote and far-flung areas.

It also served as a platform to strengthen the bond between the serving soldiers and the veteran community.

The Indian Army continues to honour its brave soldiers and their families and remains dedicated to supporting them in every possible manner.

PDP senior leaders organise workers' meeting in Jinder Kalan

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R S PURA: JKPD senior leaders Narinder Sharma, Incharge RS Pura constituency, and Karan Singh, Incharge Suchetgarh constituency, organized a workers' meeting at village Jinder Kalan. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Bachan Lal, Raj Kumar, Rattan Lal, Anil Kumar, Puran Chand.

The meeting provided a platform for party workers to share their grievances and concerns.The senior leaders listened attentively to the grievances and concerns of the party workers, demonstrating their commitment to addressing their issues.Sharma and Singh assured the workers that their grievances would be highlighted before the concerned authorities, and



PDP leaders during the meeting at R S Pura.

efforts would be made to address them in a time-bound manner.

Narinder speaking on the occasion said that the meeting aimed to strengthen the bond between the party leadership and workers, ensuring that their concerns are heard and addressed.He assured gathering to highlight their grievances before

the authorities taking forward agenda of Party President Mehbooba Mufti who is committed to effective representation and timely resolution of issues.The meeting was a significant step in fostering a sense of trust and confidence among party workers, and it underscored the party's dedication to

addressing the concerns of its workers and the community, added Narinder.

Narinder said that meeting reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen the hands of JKPD President Mehbooba Mufti, who has been a bold voice in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting public issues and advocating for the rights of the people.The meeting participants expressed their solidarity with Mehbooba Mufti, acknowledging her efforts in raising public concerns and working towards the welfare of the people.The gathering pledged to strengthen Mehbooba Mufti's hands, recognizing her leadership and commitment to addressing the issues faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, added Narinder.

Karan Singh speaking on

the occasion said that meeting reflected the trust and confidence of the party workers in Mehbooba Mufti's leadership and their commitment to work together to address the challenges faced by the people of the region.He stated that the workers are committed to strengthen its grassroots presence and reconnect with the public. The party aims to highlight its achievements and reaffirm itself as a viable democratic alternative.

Singh stressed that party is preparing for the upcoming Municipal, Panchayat elections with renewed vigour. "Our well-structured grassroots network will be activated in line with the political vision of our founder, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed," Singh said.

DDC member inaugurates key development works at Kabir Sabha, Maira Mandrian

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AKHNOOR: Prominent BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Pandit Suresh Sharma inaugurated developmental works worth Rs 3 lakh at Kabir Sabha, Maira Mandrian today. The completed projects include tile installation and essential preservation works aimed at improving the infrastructure and upkeep of the Sabha premises.

Addressing a gathering organized by Kabir Sabha on the occasion of Sant Kabir Das Ji's 627th Prakash Utsav (Birth Anniversaries), Suresh Sharma expressed gratitude for the community's trust. He stated, "Last year during this very event, the local community had raised a



DDC member Suresh Sharma inaugurating dev work.

demand for these development works. I am proud to fulfill that promise today by dedicating these completed projects to the people."

He further remarked, "Under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi, numerous welfare schemes are being implemented across the nation, touching lives and empowering every section of society."

Speaking on the spiritual significance of the day, Sharma added, "Sant Kabir Das Ji's teachings on truth,

equality, and humility continue to illuminate our path even today. By walking the path shown by him, we can build a more meaningful and fulfilled life."

Members of Kabir Sabha extended heartfelt thanks to Suresh Sharma for his commitment and urged him to continue prioritizing the community's development needs.

Several distinguished individuals were present at the event, including Dr. K.C. Bhagat, Ramlal Sharma, Master Chanchal Singh, Akshay Magotra, Tarseem Lal, Ravi Kumar, Sabha President Thoru Ram, Pritam Lal, Sewaram, Ashok Kumar, Sudesh Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Shakti Kumar, and many other respected community members.

Week-long activities organised at GDC Thannamandi to celebrate International Yoga Day

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THANNAMANDI: In a spirited celebration of the International Yoga Day, Government Degree College Thannamandi organized a series of engaging and meaningful activities throughout the week starting from Monday, June 16, 2025.

The events were conducted under the able guidance of Principal Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed, with active participation from the NCC and NSS Units, faculty members, and students of the college.

The week-long celebration commenced with a Yoga Pledge Ceremony and Yoga Practice Session at the college sports complex, emphasizing the importance of physical and mental well-being through yoga. Throughout the week, the college community took part in several events, including: Daily Yoga Sessions led by the Chief Librarian Anuj Bali, Poster-Making and Essay Writing Competitions on the theme "Yoga for Health" and Group Discussions high-



lighting the holistic benefits of yoga.

The grand finale was held on June 21st at the college badminton ground, where a large yoga demonstration led by instructor Mehtab Khan was conducted. Students, faculty, and staff-along with members of the NCC and NSS Units performed a collective yoga session in unison, symbolizing unity, discipline, and wellness.

The successful execution of the week-long activities was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the organizing team, which included Dr

Ashaq Malik, Dr. Nazaqat Hussain, Dr. Gulshan Rashid, Anuj Bali, Dr. Altaf Hussain (NCC Officer), Prof. Supriya Gupta, Prof. Fatima Parveen, Dr. Ashraf, Paramveer Singh, Zabar, and Shafqat Shabir.

On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed addressed the participants, stating, "Yoga is not merely a form of physical exercise but a philosophy of life that brings harmony between the mind, body, and spirit. Such events instill discipline and promote a healthy lifestyle among our youth."

DDC conducts visit to border village in Doongi Block; redresses grievances of locals

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RAJOURI: To resolve public issues at the grassroots level, District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma undertook a late evening visit to a border village in the Doongi block. The visit formed part of the district administration's sustained efforts to ensure timely redressal of grievances and efficient services delivery in far-flung areas. The DDC gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by



the locals. They projected demands related to road connectivity, electricity, water supply, healthcare and education.

The DDC also interacted with local entrepreneurs who have benefitted under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He reviewed the implementation of the scheme at the grassroots level and lauded the spirit of self-reliance being fostered among rural youth through agricultural entrepreneurship. He encouraged them to further expand

their ventures and assured continued support from the administration. The District Development Commissioner was accompanied by senior officers of the civil administration and other concerned officials. He assured the residents that their issues would be followed up rigorously and necessary interventions would be made on priority. The locals appreciated the visit of the District Development Commissioner and expressed gratitude for bringing governance to their doorstep.

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the rural youths on commercial floriculture, organic farming, poultry farming and value addition of fruits and vegetables of hillydistt. Reasi of J&K under Attracting and Retaining Youths in Agriculture (ARYA)project undergoing in the district. KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J.

According to Chief Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK),



Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, scientific commercial floriculture, organic farming, poultry farming and value addition of fruits and vegetables can play a significant role in enhancing the farm income and employment among the rural youths of the district.He siad that KVK is emphasising on the agri-entrepreneurship development among the rural youths and stressing

on the commercial agriculture so as to avoid to avoid the rural migration.

He informed that Attracting and Retaining Youths in Agriculture project has been initiated in Reasi distt. of J&K through which the KVK is developing skills among the rural youths so that can be made self-reliant and empowered.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi scientists are

guiding and technically supporting the rural youths of Reasi distt. for the commercial floriculture, organic farming,poultry farming and value addition of fruits and vegetables. KVK Reasi scientists are educating the rural youths on new varieties of poultry, marigold and vegetables. Diseases management practices in crops are also suggested by the KVK Reasi scientists.He expressed that Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi is endeavouring to enhance the income of the rural youths of Reasi district so as to generate more income and employment in rural areas.By observing the results of successful agripreneurs in Reasi district many other rural youths are coming forward for entrepreneurship development in agriculture.

DC Poonch inspects progress of work on Casualty Building at SDH Surankote

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today conducted an inspection of the under-construction Casualty Building at Sub District Hospital (SDH) Surankote. He was accompanied by SDM Farooq Khan, Tehsildar Mohammad Akbar and other concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of construction work and assessed the overall facilities at the hospital. Emphasizing the importance of timely completion, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Sub Divisional Magistrate to personally oversee the progress of the project and ensure its completion within 20 days.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration's commitment to strengthening health infrastructure and improving service delivery for the people of the region.

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