

J&K Youth Congress gearing up for upcoming elections

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JAMMU: District Youth Congress (DYC) Jammu Urban held a meeting at the Congress party office in Jammu. Paramjeet Singh Pammi, Indian Youth Congress (IYC) Coordinator, Anirudh Sawhney, General Secretary of J&K Youth Congress (JKPYC), Chairman of the Sports Cell, Adv. Ranjot Singh, Rahul Tandon, General Secretary of JKPYC, and Samina Kausar, Incharge of SuperShe J&K, along with several office bearers of the District Congress Committee (DCC) attended the meeting.

The meeting was organized by Vankul Jamba, DYC President for Jammu Urban. The meeting centred around the discussions on forthcoming activity. Present members also discussed and strategised for upcoming protest on Saturday by J&K Youth Congress on their demand of restoration of statehood and against recent



IYC Coordinator, P.S. Pammi, General Secretary JKPYC, Anirudh Sawhney at a meeting.

terror attacks in J&K.

Later during the meeting, State President of the Pradesh Youth Congress (PYC), Akash Bharat, joined the discussion. He briefed the members about Joint Secretary AICC and Incharge IYC Sh. Krishna Allavaru's upcoming three-day tour program to Jammu and Kashmir. The tour includes a crucial meeting on July 23rd for the Kashmir province, followed by another on July 24th for the Jammu province. Akash Bharat outlined various upcoming programs and protests, including the Ward Chalo Program and the Chalo

Panchayat Program, which aim to address and protest against several pressing state issues. During the meeting, Paramjeet Singh Pammi IYC Coordinator took the opportunity to explain the ongoing programs of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) to the office bearers. He highlighted the importance of strengthening the party's presence at the grassroots level and encouraged members to actively engage with local people. His emphasis was on working diligently at the grassroots to build a robust foundation for the party's future endeavors.

He emphasized the significance of unity, strategic planning, and grassroots involvement in achieving their political objectives. State General Secretary JKPYC Anirudh Sawhney, addressing the attendees, reiterated the urgency of election readiness, stating the J&K Youth Congress is now election mode. He stressed the need for aggressive efforts to strengthen the organization in light of the approaching elections. Sawhney urged assembly presidents to form committees, appoint youth Ward Presidents and booth presidents, and work

tirelessly to garner support and strengthen the party at the grassroots. He said that the party's call to action was to be prepared and proactive in their organizational duties during this crucial time. He underscored the party's commitment to addressing the concerns of the younger generation, advocating for their rights, and ensuring their active participation in the political process.

Adv. Ranjot Singh, Rahul Tandon, and Samina Kausar also spoke during the meeting, addressing various issues faced by the youth. They brought attention to different aspects of youth Congress engagement.

Akash Bharat, Paramjeet Singh Pammi, Ranjot Singh, Anirudh Sawhney, Rahul Tandon, Sameena Kousar, Vankul Jamba, Digvijay Singh, Anmol Kohli, Sunil Singh, Mehul Abrol, Sajid Khan, Yawar Malik, Rohit Kumar, Suhail Manhas, Varun Mehra, Raghav Khajuria and others were present.

Joint Action Committee for addressing Engineering Career Progression concerns

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SRINAGAR: A meeting of the Joint Action Committee of Graduate Engineering Associations convened at the JKMEGA office in Srinagar addressed critical issues concerning Assured Career Progression (ACP) for engineers. Representatives from JKCEGA, JKEEGA, and JKMEGA gathered to discuss the long-standing challenges faced by the engineering fraternity, particularly regarding career advancement.

Emphasizing the engineers' pivotal role in realizing government public welfare initiatives, the committee expressed appreciation for the recent government decision to form a subcommittee dedicated to recommending measures for granting ACP. They highlighted that

despite decades of service, only a small fraction (6%) of engineers ascend to higher posts like SE or CE, while a significant majority (76%) retire at lower levels such as AE or AEE, attributed to a hierarchical stagnation against sanctioned strengths. This stagnation was noted to have significantly impacted morale within the fraternity.

The meeting was attended by including Er Nasir Amin President of JKCEGA (Jammu & Kashmir Civil Engineering Graduate Association), Er Firdous Ahad Bhat: President of JKMEGA (Jammu & Kashmir Mechanical Engineering Graduate Association), Er Sachin Tikoo: General Secretary of JKEEGA (Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduate Association), Er Mudassar

Untoo: General Secretary of JKCEGA, Er Mohammed Iqbal Malik: Vice President of JKMEGA, Er Mudassar Nabi: Provincial Secretary of JKEEGA, Er Anzar Ahamed Shiekh: Guidance Council Member of JKMEGA, Er Shuja Hussain Qureshi: Organizing Secretary of JKMEGA, Er Farhan Mazoor: Secretary, Legal Affairs of JKEEGA, and other leaders from the associations, underscoring unified support for prompt and favorable recommendations from the subcommittee to alleviate ACP concerns and restore motivation among engineers for enhanced contributions to community development initiatives.

Congregation of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari on July 21

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JAMMU: The Annual Congregation of All India Rohmetra Mahajan Biradari will be held on July 21, 2024, Sunday at Devsthan Temple, Sector 14 Behind Power House, Shiva Ji Chowk, Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting of Akhil Bhartiya Rohmetra Mahajan Bradari held under the chairmanship of the President Parbhakar Rohmetra. It was decided that the annual congregation will be held on July 21, 2024 (Sunday) at Devsthan. All members of Biradari are requested to attend the Congregation and seek blessings of Kulddevta Baba Pargan Nath Ji.

Among others present in the meeting were Prabhakar Rohmetra, Yogesh Rohmetra, Ravi Rohmetra, Pardeep Rohmetra, Satpal Rohmetra, Yashpal Rohmetra, Moolraj Rohmetra, Ajay Rohmetra, Neeraj Rohmetra, Vinay Rohmetra and Abhishek Rometra.

GGF Women Wing donates for marriage of needy girl

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JAMMU: The Women Wing of Gandhi Global Family (GGF) has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to social welfare by donating a significant sum of money to support the marriage of a young girl from an underprivileged background.

This heartfelt contribution, aimed at ensuring a joyous and dignified wedding ceremony, underscores the Women Wing's dedication to uplift and empower women and girls in our community. The key Members of the Women Wing Sumi Sahi, Dr. Parvinder Kour, Punit Kour and Dr. Alka Sharma handed over the donation with the support of Dr. Behu Mehta, Renu Anthony, Dr. Jyoti Malhotra, Mukta and Sangeeta Dhar. The President



GGF Women Wing members donating to a girl.

of the Women Wing Dr. Alka Sharma expressed her pride in the collective efforts of the members, stating, "We believe that every girl deserves a memorable wedding day, irrespective of her financial background. Our donation is a small step

towards ensuring that this young girl can start her new life with dignity and joy." The atmosphere was filled with gratitude and emotion as the generous donation was handed over to the family. The bride-to-be's mother,

overwhelmed with gratitude, said, "This donation is a blessing for our family. We were worried about arranging the wedding, but thanks to the Women Wing of GGF, my daughter can now have the wedding of her dreams." The Women Wing of GGF has been consistently involved in various charitable activities aimed at supporting and empowering women and girls. This latest donation is part of their ongoing efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

It is pertinent to mention here that Gandhi Global Family (GGF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving lives and fostering community development through various philanthropic activities. The Women Wing of GGF specifically focuses on initiatives that support and empower women and girls, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to thrive.

CISF detects international passenger carrying medicines worth Rs. 49 Lakh at IGI Airport

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NEW DELHI: CISF detected a huge quantity of different types of medicines worth Rs 49 lakh at Delhi's IGI Airport on Friday from a passenger bound for Almaty, Kazakhstan.

When asked, the passenger could not produce supporting documents. Later, the passenger, along with the detected medicines, was handed over to Customs for further action in the matter, Central Industry Security Force (CISF) said in a press release.

The passenger was identified as Khabibullave Abdumutalibjon Khotamjon Ugli (Uzbekistan national) bound for Almaty by Air Asthana flight No. KC-908 (STD-1135 hrs). On checking his baggage, consisting of one trolley baggage and two carton boxes, through the X-BIS machine, some doubtful images were noticed," the CISF stated in a press release.

Thereafter, the passenger was allowed to complete the check-in formalities and was kept under close watch through physical

and electronic measures. After clearing the check-in process and immigration formalities, the passenger was intercepted by CISF surveillance and intelligence staff and brought to the departure customs office. On thorough checking of his check-in baggage in the presence of customs officials, a huge quantity of various types of medicines with an approximate value of Rs 49 lakh were detected.

On inquiry, the passenger could not produce supporting documents for carrying such a huge quantity of medicines. Later, the aforesaid passenger, along with the detected medicines, were handed over to Customs for further action in the matter.

CCI urges LG Sinha to intervene in displacement of shops in Jammu



President CCI Jammu, Arun Gupta speaking in a meeting.

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JAMMU: Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) Jammu urged upon the Lieutenant Governor UT of J&K Manoj Sinha to personally intervene in the matter regarding displacement of 39 shop owners who are going to lose their business establishments due to ongoing construction of flyover from Kunjwani to Satwari towards Women's College Gandhi Nagar. Arun Gupta reminded the LG Manoj Sinha that on many occasions you have clearly mentioned that none of the

small shopkeepers shall be harassed but in this particular case 39 shopkeepers along with their families are going to lose their livelihood.

Now the Tehsildar South has put the notice on the shops which clearly asks the concerned shopkeepers to vacate these 39 structures and remove the belongings by or before July 19, 2024 failing which action shall be initiated under provisions of National Highway Act 1956 without any further notice. There are many examples in the past that the people uprooted by the developmental activities were rehabilitated to

ensure their livelihood and secure meals to their families.

However, he said, "we know that there is no rehabilitation policy at this time but we are sure that policies are framed from time to time as per the requirements to facilitate the effected people. In this particular case we request that in view of the slogan of Prime Minister Sab Ka Sath- Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas some policy be framed to rehabilitate the effected shop owners who are paying their rent to the Jammu Municipality now Jammu Municipal Corporation since 1963."

The flyover from Kunjwani to Satwari as mentioned in the notice that this particular flyover related to Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway is not true, whereas the express way from Delhi-Amritsar-Katra has been diverted from Kunjwani to Katra and this particular flyover is a part of further development of Jammu City, he said.

BJP asks LG administration to rehabilitate people before dislodging them

Kavinder presses for pro-people approach of administration

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JAMMU: Pressing for the pro-people approach of administration, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir led by Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister asked the LG administration to look after the interests of common masses and rehabilitate the people before dislodging them out of their business spaces during the ongoing development projects.

Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by Prabh Singh Jamwal, BJP Treasurer, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, BJP Media Incharge, Vijay Gupta, Seh-Prabhari District Jammu Rural, Pawan Singh, former JMC Councillor, Bharat Bhushan, Mandal President, and shopkeepers of Nai Basti.



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta addressing a press conference at Jammu on Friday.

Kavinder Gupta, while addressing the media persons, said that the administration has the duty to serve the people not to leave them desperate and helpless. He said that the administration has the duty to first look after the interests of people and their revenue resources before taking any decision.

Kavinder Gupta said that it is a pity that the administration has all of a sudden

attached notices on the shops of Nai Basti telling them that they have the last day in their shops.

He said that the people are sudden left roofless, with no other income. If the administration is so emotionless to throw people out of their establishments with no ways to pay back their heavy amount of loans and feed their families.

Kavinder Gupta pointed out

that they have already pin pointed and identified the places where they could be allotted alternative spaces to rehabilitate.

He said that they are demanding spaces just near about 11 Marla which is nothing in comparison to big chunks of lands allotted to different people for various purposes. He said that they are just demanding land on which they would rather construct

their kiosks themselves. He said that at the time, when the Modi government is looking after the interests of people, giving them shelter, residential homes, food, and ways to earn, the administration has left the people clueless, the people of Nai Basti, who have been working in their shops since decades together.

He said that we are of a strong view that the BJP won't allow anybody to steal their basic resources. He said that the administration has to first create a policy to rehabilitate the persons before dislodging them from their present shops.

He asked them to create space for kiosks or shops to create their earning sources at a suitable space so that their lives are not shattered economically.

Biography of 'Rangeelay Thakur' released

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JAMMU: At a well-attended function organised by the Duggar Manch at K L Sehgal auditorium here last evening, a book, "Rangeelay Thakur" was released. It is the biography in Dogri of nationally famous classical music maestro, Vijay Singh Sambyal, written by an eminent writer and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Dr. Om Goswami.

The function was chaired by L D Shastri and K B Jandial IAS (Retd) was the Chief Guest. The auditorium was packed with Jammu's Dogri literary personalities, members of the Central Govt Pensioners Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA), Dogri lovers and artists. Among those present included former DGP, Dr Ashok Bhan, former DGO & CVC Kuldeep Khoda, former IGP's C L Banal & Prem Gupta. O P Sharma & K L Sharma, all members of CGPWA. A large number well-known Jammu's literary world were present including Nirmal Vinod, Brij Mohan, Shivdev Singh Susheel, Vijay Attri, Raj Kumar Behrupia, Ramesh Verma, Bishan Singh Dardi.

Sambyal, former Station Director of All India Radio, Jammu is popularly known as



L D Shastri, K B Jandial and others releasing book "Rangeelay Thakur".

Rangeelay Thakur in literary circles within and outside J&K. He is a famous classical singer, vocalist and musician who did his post graduated in classical music from Banaras Hindu University. His father, late Karishan Singh Sambyal, an educationist encouraged him to learn music right from the beginning. His journey in singing and music started under the supervision of Chanchal Singh who was a blind and used to sing spiritual songs at a temple at Samba. Afterwards he joined the Institute of Music and Fine Arts at Jammu and learned the technicalities of classical music from B. S. Bali. He had the privilege to learn from internationally renowned classical singer Pt. Bhim Sain Joshi.

Rakesh Verma a poet, actor, and activist of Duggar Manch presented an introductory paper on the biography giving insight of life V S Sambyal as recorded in the book.

Dr. Om Goswami penned each and everything about the life and work of Rangeelay Thakur: authored 165 books. In his address, he recalled how he would note down the talks of veterans in art and culture when they come to his office in the Cultural Academy and narrate their anecdotes and views on art, culture, languages especially Dogri. Sometimes, he would use that material in his articles. He said he has this literary treasure which could become the basis for more best sellers. Jandial complimented Om Goswami for writing a biography of one of the most talented artists of J&K providing insight of the struggleful but eventful life of Rangeelay Thakur. He said Sambyal is a saint artist and great nature lover which one can realise by visiting his Ashram at Chalani on Jammu Surinsar Road.

L D Shastri in his presidential address commended the literary work of Dogri writers like

Mohan Singh, Om Goswami and said they have contributed enormously for the growth of Dogri. He also lauded the contribution of Rangeelay Thakur in promotion of Indian classical music. Earlier, Vijay Sambyal narrated the struggle of his life with several interesting anecdotes including one when, on return from Banaras after completing Masters in Music, approached one officer for a job of a peon which was declined as inappropriate, but then he focused on UPSC competitive exam in which got through and joined Information & Broadcasting Service that took him to about ten states in the country. Two songs of Mohan Singh, and two of late Gyaneshwar Sharma whose composition Rangeelay Thakur has done were melodiously presented by his disciple Richhima.

President of the Duggar Manch Mohan Singh, Padma Shri recipient welcomed the guests and talked in detail about Jammu's struggle for bringing Dogri in the eighth schedule of the Constitution of India for which he thanked Jammu's civil society.

Vote of thanks presented by Shivdev Sushil and function was aptly conducted by Dr. Sushma Rani Rajput.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Smailpur, Rahya, Gurah, Utterbehni, Mandal, Central University and Industrial area Bari Brahmana will remain affected on July 21 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Company Bagh, Ware House, Jewel, Chand Nagar, Krishna Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 21 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Lower Roop Nagar, Muthi, PHE, Aap Shambu, Bread Factory, Shant Nagar, Vivek Vihar, Amba Theater and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 21 from 6 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply to District Udampur and Kishwar will remain affected on July 21 from 6 am to 10 am.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jarai, Bhagthali and its adjoining areas will remain affected on July 20 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Mission Shakti SANKLAP HEW organizes awareness programme

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JAMMU: Under the Supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Mamta Rajput, Mission Shakti SANKALP HEW Jammu on Friday organized an awareness seminar on Menstrual Hygiene and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao at NCC Training Academy Nagrota. Lecture on Menstrual hygiene was delivered by Dr Suksham Sharma Gynecologist she emphasised on the day to day hygiene of the girls during their Menstruation period.

Large number of NCC Training Academy Cadets attended the seminar. Sunil Kumar, Specialist in Financial Literacy Mission Shakti SANKALP HEW Jammu fully elaborated all the Government schemes & services and programmes such as BBBB, Health related schemes of NHM, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Ladli Beti, Scholarship Schemes, Education oriented Schemes, Skill Oriented various programmes, Business start up Schemes, Pensions for



Dr Suksham Sharma Gynecologist and others at a programme.

Old Age, Widow, Physically Challenged Person, SMAS For Marriage, Schemes for Women in Distress, Nasha Mukht Awareness Session, Helpline Nos they further stressed how these schemes are designed for the women's education, health, safety and empowerment. The focus point of the awareness session was the hygiene and empowerment of girls of NCC Academy motivating them to Actively participate in all the cultural educational

events so that they can contribute towards the society and how they can transform the society by their contribution.

The sanitary napkin vending machine was also installed in presence of District Mission Coordinator Mission Shakti Shagun Manchanda, for all the NCC girls cadets. At the end of the session sanitary napkins and refreshment was also distributed among the NCC Cadets.