

Congress intensifies protest against surge in terrorist attacks across Jammu Region

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JAMMU: In response to the recent surge in terrorist attacks across the Jammu region, the Congress Party staged a protest today in Barnai ward no 65 in Jammu North Assembly constituency. The demonstration was headed by Uday Bhanu Chib, General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress, who took a strong stance against the current state of security in the region.

The protesters gathered in large numbers, voicing their concerns over the rising violence and insecurity that has plagued Jammu in recent weeks. Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC was also joined the protest.

Talking to reporters, Uday Chib, General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress, strongly condemned the Government for its handling of the deteriorating situation



Congress leaders and workers burning effigy of Pakistan during a protest.

in the Jammu region.

The senior Congress leader highlighted the acute shortage of essential amenities, including power and drinking water, which has severely impacted the daily lives of residents.

He said Govt's inability to address these critical issues has exacerbated the challenges faced by the people, leading to widespread dissatisfaction and hardship.

He called for immediate intervention to rectify the situation and urged the government to prioritize the basic needs of the population to ensure their safety and quality of life.

Hari Singh Chib, another senior Congress leader, who highlighted the urgent need for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir to

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Gaurav Gupta unanimously elected as Honorary Secretary of Jammu Club for 2024-26

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JAMMU: In a landmark decision at the first meeting of the Managing Committee of Jammu Club, Gaurav Gupta was unanimously re-elected as the Honorary Secretary for the consecutive 2nd term 2024-26. The meeting was held on Wednesday chaired by Ramesh Kumar, Vice President of Jammu Club and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. The Managing Committee, consisting of both elected and nominated members, expressed their confidence in Mr. Gaurav Gupta's leadership and vision for the club. His unanimous election underscores the collective support and trust he has garnered among the committee members.

The meeting was attended by the distinguished members included Anil Sharma, KAS, Er. Ashok Gandotra, Ashwani Gupta, Er. Pooja Kohli, Indu Puri, Sidharth Samnotra, Dr.



Gaurav Gupta taking over the charge of Honorary Secretary of Jammu Club.

Ritesh Gupta, Kavita Gupta, Vikram Dhawan, Dr. Hema Gandotra Jandial, Karan Khosla, Vasundhara Sharma and Shalja Mahajan.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, while congratulating Gaurav Gupta, highlighted the importance of unity and dedication among the members to drive the club towards greater achievements. He expressed his optimism that Gaurav Gupta's tenure would bring about

innovative initiatives and enhanced member engagement.

In his acceptance speech, Gaurav Gupta expressed his gratitude to the Managing Committee for their unwavering support. He emphasized his commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community within the club, enhancing facilities, and organizing events that cater to the diverse interests of the members.

AOI launches 'BreakTheHabit' Campaign to raise awareness on Head & Neck cancer

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JAMMU: The escalating incidences of Head and Neck Cancers are profoundly influenced by the interplay of tobacco and alcohol consumption. These two primary risk factors collectively contribute to approximately 80% of oral cavity cancers, emphasizing their significant role in disease development. Tobacco consumption manifests in various forms, including smoked products such as cigars, cigarettes, and beedi, as well as smokeless varieties like gutkha and chewing tobacco. It's a leading source, especially in the

northeastern parts of India that contributes the highest incidence of cancer in India. Smokeless Tobacco (SLT) consumed both orally and nasally shows association with potentially malignant oral disorders and oral cavity cancers. The detrimental impact of tobacco is compounded when coupled with alcohol consumption, creating a synergistic effect where the combined risk exceeds the sum of individual risks.

American Oncology Institute (AOI), one of the largest Cancer hospital networks in South Asia has launched an awareness cam-

aign #BreakTheHabit for a Safer Tomorrow, aimed at raising awareness about head and neck cancer. The campaign emphasizes the importance of breaking habits like tobacco and alcohol use, which are major contributors to these cancers. This campaign is an extension of the "Kal Ki Soch" short film released last year, which raised awareness about oral and mouth cancer for public health interest. Through its brand tagline, "We journey with you," AOI aims to reinforce its commitment to create a world without fear of Cancer.

Jammu Kashmir repeatedly rejected Congress, NC & PDP: Raina

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir has repeatedly rejected Congress, NC & PDP, said Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP and added that these parties never worked for the common people and misused the power corridors to carry their personal agenda in order to benefit themselves and a few blue-eyed persons. Now, when the people have understood their ill intentions, the people have outrightly rejected them in every election held recently.

Raina and other senior leaders of party addressed different Tridev Sammelans across the region.



Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP speaking at a programme.

Ravinder addressed the Tridev Sammelan at Swastik Resort in Reasi Constituency at Reasi. District President Rohit

Dubey, Former Minister Ajay Nanda, Sheel Magotra, Kabla Singh, Adv Pawan Dev Singh, Romel Singh, Sukhdev, Ritu

Thakur, Paras Mani, Anuj asanson, DDC Members and others were the prominent present.

Shakti Parihar, BJP vice-President addressed the Tridev Sammelan at Community Hall Bhaderwah in Doda Assembly Constituency at Doda. Vipran Sharma, Vistarak, District President Babu Ram, Rakesh and others were the prominent present. Pawan Sharma, District Prabhari addressed the Tridev Sammelan at Dak Bungalow Bhaderwah in Bhaderwah Assembly Constituency at Doda. DDC Chairperson Dhanantar Singh Kotwal,

Sangita Bhagat, Manjeet Razdan, and others were the prominent present.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the Tridev Sammelan, emphasized the ground level working by the party leaders. He said that Tridev hold the key to the strengthened and alive organization at the bottom which ensures the victory of the party at the booth level. He said that the victory in any election is based upon the performance of the party at the booth level and asked for their increased working to ensure grand victory in upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

Urban Forestry Division organizes plantation drive

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JAMMU: The Urban Forestry Division of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday organized a plantation program titled "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" at Sainik Colony in RS Pura, Jammu South constituency.

The event was honored by the presence of former Deputy Mayor of Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria as the Chief Guest, alongside Urban Forestry Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Ashwani Kumar as the Guest of Honour.

Billawaria highlighted the importance of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, initiated on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Former Dy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria planting a sapling.

He emphasized that what began as a campaign has now evolved into a mass movement across the coun-

try. According to Billawaria, this campaign symbolizes reverence towards both our mothers and Mother Earth.

He expressed gratitude towards all participants who have joined this movement by planting saplings in the

Talab Tillo Range organizes plantation Drive

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JAMMU: The Talab Tillo Range of the Jammu Forest Department's Urban Forestry Division to promote environmental conservation by planting trees during the monsoon season and dedicating them to their mothers.

The event was attended by several senior BJP leaders including Ved Raj Sharma, Ranjit Singh, Shalu Gupta, Ajay Pratap Singh, Rajinder Singh (Poppy), Rajni Gupta, Satyam Singh, Omeshwar Kumar, Nitin Charak, Ashwani Bali, Ashok Sambyal, and others, showcasing broad support and participation from the community in this important environmental initiative.

The message to care for the trees planted is crucial for



Talab Tillo Range members planting a saplings.

ensuring their growth and contribution to making Jammu and Kashmir greener and pollution-free.

Such initiatives not only enhance the natural beauty of the region but also contribute significantly to mitigating envi-

ronmental challenges like pollution and climate change.

Efforts like these from the Forest Department play a vital role in fostering community involvement and responsibility towards environmental sustainability.

BJP Kashmir Displaced District pushes for swift solutions to migrant camp problems

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JAMMU: A delegation from the BJP Kashmir Displaced District, including General Secretary H K Razdan and Vice Presidents Chetan Wanchoo and Vimal Raina, met with Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Arvind Karvani to discuss the pressing concerns of residents from the Kashmiri migrant camp in Jagti and TRT Camp Nagrota.

The delegation presented a comprehensive memorandum outlining the urgent issues that need immediate resolution. The delegation informed Commissioner Karvani about the significant problem of non-functional street lights in the area. This has particularly affected elderly residents who fear walking outside

during the evening hours due to potential encounters with insects and snakes.

The delegation emphasized the need for swift repairs and restoration of the street lighting to ensure the safety and security of all residents.

In addition to lighting issues, the delegation highlighted severe water supply problems. The existing tubewell requires repairs, and the current water systems are non-operational. They stressed the necessity for immediate repairs and maintenance to ensure a reliable and clean water supply for the community.

Another critical issue brought to the Commissioner's attention was the deteriorating condition of the internal roads in Jagti.

Security concerns were also raised due to recent incidents of theft. Although the SDPO office of Nagrota had previously identified spots for CCTV installation, no action has been taken to implement these measures.

The delegation called for the installation of proper dustbins and regular waste collection to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. They also recommended a review of the current fund utilization to ensure effective sanitation practices are being followed.

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner assured the delegation that these issues will be addressed promptly to improve the quality of life for the residents of Jagti and TRT Camp Nagrota.

Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 29th BoDs meet of JKWDC

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday emphasized upon the management of Jammu and Kashmir Women's Development Corporation (JKWDC) to enhance their reach and business and formulate a plan for increasing and actualising the objectives of corporation in more efficient manner.

The Advisor made these comments while chairing the 29th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of JKWDC at Civil Secretariat here today.

The meeting, among others, was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare department, Sheetal Nanda; Director General, Development Expenditure Division-I, Finance Department, Sajad Hussain Ganai; Managing Director, JKWDC, Ulfat Jabeen; Additional Secretary



Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chairing a meeting.

PD&MD, representatives of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Divyangjan and Finance Development Corporation (NDFDC).

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar called upon the management of JKWDC to

enhance their reach and business as the corporation is providing loans at much cheaper rates than any other lending institutions. He asked them to formulate a detailed plan on how to increase and actualise the objectives of corporation in more efficient manner.

The Advisor underscored the corporation's pivotal role in fostering women empowerment across the region and emphasized the need for sus-

tained efforts to enhance socio-economic opportunities for women from diverse backgrounds. He underlined the importance of implementing various initiatives religiously to meet diverse needs of women from various backgrounds. During the meeting, the BoDs discussed financial position of the corporation as well as tool detailed evaluation on impact of current programs and women-centric welfare

schemes offered by JKWDC.

The BoDs called for enhancing the outreach and accessibility of Corporation's services to remote and marginalized communities so that more women folk can take benefits of various schemes implemented by JKWDC. The Board asked the management of Corporation to organise loan melas and other awareness activities across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BoDs also called upon the management to maximize their efforts for recovery of loans. The Board further asked them to formulate a plan for one time settlement of long time defaulters.

The BoDs also asked the representative of finance department to credit UT share to corporation on timely basis so that the loans can be disbursed to beneficiaries smoothly.

Congress Manifesto Committee invites suggestions from general public Committee to tour different areas to meet people: Ravinder

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JAMMU: Congress manifesto committee for Jammu today held its first meeting and decided to seek suggestions & demands from general public and meet cross sections of the society to incorporate their views in the drafting of congress manifesto for Assembly elections.

The meeting was presided over by Ravinder Sharma, Senior Vice President and

Chief spokesperson Co-chairman of the Sub-Committee and attended all members including T.S. Bajwa(Ex-MP), Indu Pawar(Ex-MLA), Shashi Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Satish Sharma, Uday Bhanu Chib, Mohib Khan, Prof. H.R. Sharma and Iqbal Dar. Shri Yash Paul Kundal could not attend. The meeting decided to seek the co-operation and suggestions of cross

section of society in framing the report. The committee shall visit different districts and meet cross sections like farmers, labourers, traders, transporters, working women, youth, students, working class, Rehri/Phadi, temporary daily wagers, category employees and all those who issues require special attention.

The committee shall announce the schedule to

meet people in different areas in media and also fix dates for meeting delegations at PCC and District HQs. The people are free to write on following mail Id or whatsapp Nos. or meet as per schedule fixed, Ravinder Sharma said.

The Congress has decided to frame people's manifesto for assembly elections, as people have lots of hopes from the congress party.

Abolish review system for enhancing age of superannuation from 62 to 65 years of state university professors: Dr. Narinder

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JAMMU: The delegation from various university professors and units of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh of Jammu & Kashmir met with Dr. Narinder Singh, National Secretary of BJP, to advocate for the abolition of the review system and the enhancement of the age of superannuation for university teachers

from 62 to 65 years in the Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory.

The delegation argued that the University Grants Commission (UGC) mandates a retirement age of 65 years for university teachers across India, as per guidelines from both the sixth and seventh pay commissions. The UGC Regulations 2010 and 2018 emphasize maintain-

ing uniformity in retirement ages to avoid discrimination.

In response to these concerns, Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP National Secretary, supported the demand to abolish the review system for retirement age enhancement.

He emphasized the need for uniformity in the retirement age across all universities in the Jammu

& Kashmir Union Territory, aligning with UGC guidelines and ensuring fairness and equality for university teachers.

The delegation's efforts underscored a push towards standardization and fairness in employment policies for university teachers in the region, aiming to alleviate grievances and promote a conducive academic environment.