

Only Congress capable of addressing people's issues on priority: Uday, Hari Singh

BJP worker Surjit Singh Manhas joins Congress

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Uday Bhanu Chib, former President of Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir and currently National General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) along with Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) today reiterated that the Congress Party stands as the singular force capable of effectively addressing the issues confronting the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior Congress leaders were speaking during a public meeting held at Jammu North Assembly Segment. Rajni Bala, former Councillor also presented in the meeting.

Addressing a gathering, Uday Bhanu Chib highlighted the problems faced by the general public in the absence of an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that officers at the helm of affairs are indifferent to the issues faced by the common people, who are struggling with irregular power and water supply despite the installation of smart meters



Former President YCC J&K, Uday Bhanu Chib addressing public meeting on Tuesday.

and the payment of hefty power bills. He said that this situation has significantly impacted the daily lives of citizens, exacerbating their struggles and adversely affecting their overall quality of life.

Uday Bhanu Chib emphasized the urgent need for administrative accountability and responsiveness to alleviate these pressing concerns and improve essential service delivery. He said that people is the better judge and they will give suitable reply to BJP in the ensuing Assembly polls in J&K as like they gave in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls to BJP.

Hari Singh Chib, in his address, emphasized that the Congress Party, renowned for its inclusive policies and steady

fast leadership, remains committed to provide sustainable solutions to these pressing issues.

"In these challenging times, it is abundantly clear that the Congress Party alone possesses the vision and dedication required to understand and tackle the genuine concerns of our people," he said.

Hari Singh Chib called upon people of North Assembly segment to support the Congress in the upcoming Assembly elections, stressing the need for a responsive and accountable government that prioritizes the welfare of every citizen.

The senior Congress leader Rajni Bala also expressed her concern over the plight of women under the current

BJP rule at the Centre. She urged women to come forward and support the Congress party in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior Congress leaders appealed to the public to support the Congress party in the forthcoming elections, promising a government that would be attentive to the needs and issues of the people.

During the event, Surjit Singh Manhas, a staunch BJP worker, along with his supporters, joined the Congress party, pledging their support on the condition that the Congress fields a local candidate in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Hari Singh Chib said that joining of Surjit Singh Manhas will strengthen the base of Party. He assured Manhas that he would convey his concerns to the party high command.

Prominent among those who were present include Som Nath Sharma Block President Pata Paloura, Dayal Singh All India President Manhas Sabha, Rajinder Singh former President Manhas Sabha, Om Parkash President Guru Ravi Dass Sabha, Ch Nazir Ahmad Chairman Gujjar Community, Haji Sain, Ch Afiz, Shahbaz, Ahmad, Surinder Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Ajit Singh, Vijay Mengi, Bisha, Pummy Manhas, Mehsha, Sansar Chib, Bitu Chib, Rupal Singh, Surinder Singh, Naresh Sharma, Surinder Kumar, Parshotam Singh, Romal Singh, Dr Raj Pal Hans, Harbans Lal, Veena Devi, Kuldeep Baru, Bishamer Baru, Shyam Mengie, Raghbir Singh Panch, Jaywanti, Vinod Kumar Sharma, Kaka Ram and others.

ADC Jammu, JCMS President, others join Langar Sewa



ADC Jammu, Ansuya Jamwal and others serving Langar.

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JAMMU: On the fourth day of the ongoing Langar Sewa in the premises of Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), Ansuya Jamwal, Additional DC Jammu, Romesh Chander Gupta, Sabha President and Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu, served Langar to the people.

This langar is being organised for the entire period of the holy yatra of Amarnath, wherein, the people from across the country and even abroad reach the city of temples for their further journey to the holy cave.

Ansuya Jamwal, while expressing satisfaction over the Langar Sewa being

arranged by JCMS, said that Jammu serves as a transit camp for thousands of people who stay here for two to three days and many religious and social organisations provide various facilities to them.

JCMS too has provided the required space to the administration to set up registration counter and arranged Langar for almost two months.

Romesh Gupta said that the people visiting the Sabha premises have access to the toilets, bathrooms and drinking water besides hygienic and totally vegetarian meals in Langar.

Seema Parhiar, SDM R S Pura, Incharge Mahajan Hall also accompanied.

JCCI President, Arun Gupta, on this occasion, showered praises on the management of JCMS for doing a great service during the yatra period.

Shiv Partap Gupta, (Sr Vice President), Sanjay Mahajan (Gen.Secretary) also appealed its members and Jammities to let them know if anyone from among them want to arrange the Langar Sewa for the pilgrims, first come first serve will be the motto of Langar Sewa .

The office bearers of the Sabha namely Shiv Pratap Gupta (Sr. Vice-President), Harinder Gupta (Sr. Vice President), Sanjay Mahajan, (Gen. Secretary) ,Subash Gupta ,Vice-President ,Balbir Gupta ,(Secretary) both Langer Incharges , Atul Gupta , Surinder Gupta (Vice-Presidents) C P Gupta (Patron) , Ram Saroop Gupta , Satish Gupta , Darshan Gupta , Vijay Gupta (Marriage Bureau) , Rajan Gupta , Balraj Gupta , Bhuvnashwar Gupta and, others were also present in the Langar Sewa.

BSS Panjgrain starts Langar for Amarnath pilgrims



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma inaugurating Langar for BSS Panjgrain Nagrota for Shri Amarnath pilgrims.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma and former Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta, on Tuesday inaugurated a Bhandara, being organized by Bharat Sevashram Sangha at Panjgrain, Nagrota.

Bhandara has been organized by the devotees of the Sangha under the banner of Baba Amarnath Charitable Trust and it will continue till the end of the Yatra.

The pilgrims will be served breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Langar during the Yatra period.

While speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma appreciated the social work done by the organization by reaching to the affected community members at the time of the natural calamities in J&K. He said that BSS is engaged in hosting social welfare activities all over the country.

It contributes towards development of the people at large, and in particular the financially-weak and neglected sections, he said, adding that BSS is contributing in the spheres of health, education and self-employment.

Chander Mohan Gupta also praised the works done by Sangha.

Earlier on their arrival, the Sham Lal Sharma and Chander Mohan Gupta performed Puja in traditional style of BSS in the presence of Swami Satyamitrananda Ji, prominent members of Sangha and civil society.

Swami Satyamitrananda

mentioned about the distribution of relief material and establishment of Langars for the uprooted people in the State especially in Jammu division during the last year's natural calamity in the State.

Swami Satyamitrananda Ji informed that BSS also play a substantial role by supplementing efforts in arranging medical camps and other facilities for the visiting devotees Srinagar too. He said thousands of devotees and Sadhus have been availing the facilities made available by the BSS at Nagrota.

In the programme, clothes were distributed to the Amarnath pilgrims. Later, Sham Lal Sharma and Chander Mohan Gupta served Prasad of the Bhandara to all the participants.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Skill Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIEDC) at the University of Jammu (JU) launched a new Certificate Course in Theatre (Basic) in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, aiming to nurture students' creative and aesthetic abilities.

The course, inaugurated on Tuesday in the presence of distinguished personalities including Prof. Alka Sharma, Director of SIIEDC, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Monika Chadha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Ankit Mahajan, and Sumeet Sharma, is designed to acquaint students with the profound benefits of theatre for holistic personality development.

Prof. Alka Sharma high-



Prof. Alka Sharma, Director of SIIEDC and others faculty posing with participants.

lighted that the Certificate Course in Theatre will deepen students' understanding of artistic forms and harness theatre's transformative impact on physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions.

Emphasizing theatre's role as a potent tool for enhancing soft skills crucial for academic success, she underscored its potential to refine communication, confidence, and creativity.

Prof. Prakash Antahal articulated the course's objective of familiarizing students with various aspects of theatre, offering insights into its diverse genres through a blend of practical and theoretical sessions.

He emphasized the course's focus on fostering skills such as teamwork, spontaneity, and self-exploration, crucial for personal growth and professional development.

He acknowledged the guidance of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University, for facilitating innovative educational initiatives.

Prof. Monika Chadha encouraged participants to seize the opportunity to enrich themselves through punctuality and dedication.

She stressed the pivotal role of arts and culture in expanding imagination and fostering social consciousness and empathy.

The course was conceptualized under the guidance of Prof. Garima Gupta, Coordinator of Skill Development and Career Planning Vertical.

Sumeet Sharma, a seasoned Drama Instructor at the Department of Students Welfare, JU, will lead the course, leveraging his extensive theatrical expertise to enrich participants' learning experience.

The involvement of visiting faculty and experts in related fields promises to further enhance the course's impact.

Among the enthusiastic participants are Arjun Pratap Singh, Avni Sharma, Riya Jandial, Mahi Gupta, Rishiv Prabhakar, Malvika Kalra, Kartik Kumar, Sumakshi Pandita, Medha Gupta, Dyutima Kesari, Sohana Gorika, Subani Kaur, Kakan Mahajan, and Kanupreet Kaur.

Interested individuals can still join the programme until 5th July by registering at the Department of Students Welfare, JU, ensuring they benefit from this enriching educational opportunity.

BJYM condemns Rahul Gandhi's remarks on Hindus at LS



BJYM activists protesting against Rahul Gandhi in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) President Arun Prabhat has strongly condemned the recent statement made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi regarding Hindus during his speech at the Lok Sabha yesterday.

In a powerful rebuttal, Arun Prabhat expressed his dismay and disappointment over the remarks, describing them as not only offensive but also deeply divisive. He stated, "Rahul Gandhi's statement in the Lok Sabha yesterday was an affront to the Hindu community and a blatant attempt to polarize society along religious lines. Such comments are not only irresponsible but also detrimental to the unity and integrity of our nation."

Arun Prabhat emphasized the importance of respecting all religions and communities, urging political leaders to act responsibly and refrain from making statements that could incite hatred or discord. "At a time when India is striving for greater inclusivity and harmony, it is disheartening to wit-

ness such divisive rhetoric from a prominent leader," he added.

The BJYM President called upon Rahul Gandhi to issue an immediate apology for his remarks and to retract his statement to mitigate the damage caused. He also appealed to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha to take appropriate action against such conduct to maintain the decorum and sanctity of the Parliament.

Also, BJYM activists burned the effigy of the Rahul Gandhi in front of the Congress Party Headquarter at Shahidi Chowk, Residency Road Jammu and also raised the slogan "Hindon ka Apmaan nahi sahega Hindustan". Present at the Protest were General Secretary Abhishek Slatia, Vice Presidents Himja Mengi, Ishant Gupta, District Presidents Kanav Sharma, Jatinder slathia with their teams, and State Secretaries Surekha Janwal, Amit Sharma, Rishab Sharma, Sagar Kotwal, Abhiudit Koushal along with many other Karyakartas.

DSS denounces structural alterations at Bahu Fort; condemns vandalism at Shiv Temple in Dharmari

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), Jammu and Kashmir, has once again raised the issue of continued indifference of the concerned government institutions towards the significance of preserving various heritage sites and historical monuments of Jammu.

President of the Sabha and former Cabinet Minister, Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, today came down heavily upon the administration for not only permitting the defiling of the face of Bahu Fort Complex at the main entry gate, but also for allowing gross tampering of the antique ammunition store (Barod Khana) situated within the Fort Complex, to construct sheds and wash rooms, toilets, etc respective-



President DSS, Gulchain Singh Charak talking to reporters.

ly without approval from the concerned authorities, in a highly unplanned and unethical manner.

He said that such alterations at the main entry gate of the historical and religiously-culturally important Bahu Fort, in fact amount to an act of sacrilege.

Charak alleged that the work was being executed without any authorization, in violation of the Jammu and

Kashmir Ancient Monument Preservation Act, 1920, read with subsequent amendments, including the Jammu and Kashmir Ancient Monument Preservation (Amendment) Act, 2010.

Charak calls for the removal of any unauthorized alterations that have been made to the Bahu Fort. This indicates concern over preserving the historical integrity of the monument.

He requested for proper cleaning of the Bahu Fort, specifically after garbage removal with focus on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene at the heritage site.

Charak also condemned the vandalism that occurred at the Shiv Temple in Dharmari, located in the Reasi district. He highlighted a specific incident of cultural vandalism that needs to be addressed.

He called for strict action against the culprits responsible for the vandalism at the Shiv Temple.

Charak urged the government, led by the Lieutenant Governor, to form a special team of experts to investigate any violations observed at the historical monument of Bahu Fort, aiming to address and rectify any breaches in heritage preservation laws.

DGP sanctions Rs 2.98 Cr in favour of NoK of deceased Police Personnel

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Shri R.R Swain has sanctioned a special welfare relief amounting Rs. 2.98 crore in favour of 15 dependents/legal heirs of deceased personnel.

Besides, he has also sanctioned financial assistance for the families of two fallen heroes to support their daughters' marriages.

The DGP vide different orders has sanctioned special welfare relief, granting Rs 22 lakh each to the dependents and legal heirs of 13 deceased police personnel, including Sub-Inspector Ab Rashid Ganie, Assistant Sub-Inspectors Jai Pal Singh and Rahul Pandita, and Head Constables Ab Majid Lone, Subash Chandra, Surjeet Kumar, Divender Pal Singh, Jia Lal, and Mohammad Latif, SgCts Skinder Singh, Jai Pal Singh, and Rash Paul Singh, and Constable Sarafraz Ahmad.

The DGP has also sanc-



tioned Rs 6 lakh each for the dependents and legal heirs of two deceased Special Police Officers, Yesh Pal Singh and Mukesh Kumar.

Rs 1 lakh each has already been presented to the families of deceased police personnel and Rs 50000 each to the families of deceased Special Police Officers (SPOs) for performing last rites.

The DGP has also sanctioned financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh each for the marriage of the daughters of two martyrs and to a Follower whose residential house was damaged in a land-sinking incident, to support his rehabilitation.

Congress seeks judicial enquiry in Reasi incident, stern punishment to culprits

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Congress has demanded a time bound judicial enquiry into the incident of desecration of holy idols in a temple at Darmari in District Reasi, to identify the culprits and expose their motive behind the incident.

Strongly condemning the serious incident hurting the religious sentiments of the people, which allegedly happened during broad daylight, JKPC Working President, Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, DCC President Bhopinder Singh Jamwal and General secretaries PCC Rajesh Sadotra & Rakesh Wazir have

demanding independent judicial enquiry into the incident to expose the conspiracy behind to disturb peace & the religious harmony.

The culprits should be identified and booked under heinous offences for stern & exemplary punishments.

They questioned the failure of the police administration to trace out the culprits of the incident, after two day, even though incident took place during broad day light.

No one should be spared who are involved in hurting religious sentiments of people in order to provoke breach of peace and disturb peaceful atmosphere.

PMBI marks National Doctors' Day with free health check-ups, awareness on generic medicines



A dignitary speaking at health check-up camp.

STATE TIMES NEWS
ROHINI: Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), celebrated 'National Doctors' Day by felicitating the doctors who are relentlessly working for saving lives of the common masses.

This event was organized at JD Hospital Rohini with free health check-ups. Participating doctors shared valuable insights about generic

medicines with focus on Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), reinforcing the trust of the common people on Pariyojana.

Besides, number of beneficiaries, Janaushadhi Kendra owners, senior citizens took part. PMBI focussed for quality Janaushadhi products and also about their savings by using these medicines.

ABVP CUJ submits memorandum to CoE, demands to declare End Semester exam results

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University of Jammu (CUJ) unit on Tuesday submitted memorandum to Controller of Examinations Prof Suram Singh regarding delay in End-Semester exam results.

ABVP CUJ unit President Manoj Verma said that end-semester exams in the university are conducted in the month of May and the deadline fixed for declaration of results by university is 03 June. But more than one month has passed and still results have not been declared.

ABVP CUJ unit Secretary Abhishek Choudhary said students are facing difficulties in their admission process of PG & PhD courses as it is a requirement of many universities to submit the final semester results before admission.

ABVP demanded to declare the results of end-semester students as soon as possible so that students can complete their admission process within time.