

# Prominent ladies from Bahu constituency demand induction of Ritika Trehan into BJP's Parental Body

Express disappointment and frustration over ignoring Ritika's hard work, dedication and contributions to party

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JAMMU: A wave of strong support has emerged from several prominent women of the Bahu Constituency, urging the BJP high command to induct Ritika Trehan, Chief Spokesperson of BJP Mahila Morcha J&K UT, into the party's main decision-making body.

The women expressed deep disappointment over the recently announced list of office bearers for J&K UT, which, they feel, unfairly excluded Ritika despite her unwavering commitment and grassroots work.

Speaking to the media, entrepreneur Esha Modi emphasized Ritika's selfless dedication to the party.

"When the sacred soil from Ayodhya arrived, Ritika went barefoot door-to-door; treating it as a blessing for every house-



Prominent women of the Bahu Constituency addressing a press conference.

hold. She's the one we turn to in times of need - not just as a leader, but as a sister and supporter," she said, urging the party high command to recognize her contributions.

Dr. Sandeep Khosla recalled Ritika's active role during election campaigns and her vocal stand against injustice. "She led a candle march after the

Bengal rape case and took a stand against an MLA over misconduct at Doda Medical College. She's approachable and fearless - exactly the kind of leader we need," he asserted.

Entrepreneur Sapna Sethi highlighted Ritika's personal sacrifices, stating that she even missed her daughter's wedding celebrations to serve the party.

"True dedication like hers should not go unrecognized."

Longtime associates Sumi Sahi Seth and Ruchi Khare echoed the sentiment, noting Ritika's transformation into a devoted public servant inspired by PM Modi's vision. "She worked relentlessly during COVID, adopting TB patients, helping underprivileged girls,

and raising her voice against injustice. Her service is beyond politics - it's personal."

The collective voice from Bahu Constituency reflects Ritika's popularity and impact at the grassroots level. The women emphasized that uplifting Ritika would also empower countless others. "We talk about 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' - but when the beti is ready to lead, don't hold her back," they urged.

They appealed to senior BJP leaders, including Ashok Kaul, Sat Sharma, and Tarun Chugh, to recognize Ritika's efforts and ensure her rightful place in the party's core structure. Her inclusion, they believe, will reinforce people's faith in the system and send a strong message about women's empowerment in politics.

# Rajesh Sharma installed as President of Rotary Club Jammu City



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JAMMU: Rotary Club of Jammu City held its Presidential Installation Ceremony marking a new chapter of leadership and service.

The event was graced by the presence of Rotary District Governor Rtn Rohit Oberoi and Divisional Commissioner of Jammu Ramesh Kumar who jointly officiated the installation of the club's new President Rtn Rajesh Sharma.

In a ceremony filled with dignity and tradition, outgoing President Shivangi Gupta formally handed over the mantle of leadership to Rtn Rajesh Sharma, who will lead the club for the Rotary Year 2025-26.

Rtn. Rajesh sharma is a distinguished entrepreneur and respected leader. He previously served as Chairman of Federation of Indian chamber of commerce & industry (FICCI) and Confederation of Indian industry (CII).

The event was attended by Rotary members Sanjeev Vaid, Amit Gupta, Arvind Kotwal, Arun Ninawat, KK Sharma, Nirmal Mahna, Kamal Sharma, Dr Jyoti Kour, Ritika Mahajan, Abha Sundan, G N Tantray, Gurjeet Singh, members from different clubs, community leaders, dignitaries, and well-wishers.

District Governor Rtn Rohit Oberoi, in his address, emphasized the significance of service through leadership and applauded the club's efforts in areas like education, sanitation, and healthcare.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar as Special

Guest, highlighted the long-

# Mann Ki Baat by Modi is platform of visionary ideas, a roadmap for Viksit Bharat: Andrabi

## Dr Darakhshan listens to Mann Ki Baat at Nehru Park



National Executive Member BJP, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi and others listening to PM's Mann ki Baat.

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SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party on Sunday organised Mann Ki Baat Collective Listening Event at Booth No 67 of Nehru Park where Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, National Executive Member of BJP and the Chairperson of the J&K Waqf Board participated.

Hindi Version of Mann Ki Baat followed by Kashmiri Version of the same was listened keenly by all present on the occasion. Later, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that this broadcast has reached the pinnacle of popularity throughout the country and among Indian diaspora across the world. Andrabi

said that through Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister discusses issues and topics which are novel, innovative and enriching. "Mann Ki Baat is a platform of visionary ideas and a roadmap for Viksit Bharat. It infuses in us the spirit of patriotism and inspires us to contribute our way for the futuristic developmental vision", said Dr Andrabi.

She said that Mann Ki Baat has become world's most popular show by any head of the state. Party leaders Sahil Bashir Bhat, Suhail Ahmad Bhat, Engineer Kamran, Muzamil Rasool and Aamir Baba were also present on the occasion.

# Dr. Navneet Kaur champions India's gender equity legacy at UN Beijing+30 Summit

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JAMMU: Eminent social reformer and Vice Chairperson of the All India Sustainable Development Council (AISDC), Dr. Navneet Kaur; powerfully represented India at the United Nations High-Level Hearing commemorating the 30th anniversary of the historic Beijing Declaration on gender equality. Held at the iconic UN Headquarters in New York, the event marked a dual milestone - three decades of UN Women and the Beijing+30 review - where Dr. Kaur stood alongside global leaders and UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous to call for urgent, transformative action on gender equity. In her compelling address, Dr. Kaur echoed the urgency voiced by Ms. Bahous, who warned, "At our current pace, women will wait more than 100 years for full equality." Dr. Kaur responded with a strong message: "We are not here to applaud being invited to the table, but to design the agenda-an agenda where every woman and girl is safe everywhere." Her remarks highlighted India's grassroots leadership and the AISDC's alignment with the six-pillar Beijing+30 Action Agenda, particularly focusing on eliminating violence against women and advancing economic inclusion. Dr. Kaur spotlighted AISDC's impactful initiatives, including Gender Equity Clubs in 200+ schools to combat street harassment, Economic Inclusion Hubs operating in 12 states to lift women out of poverty, and rural book clubs promoting feminist discourse on rights and safety. She also emphasized AISDC's action on workplace safety through active POSH Committees, promoting a safe environment for women and



girls. In response, Ms. Bahous lauded these community-driven initiatives as "exactly the grassroots leadership needed to achieve Generation Equality goals" and announced plans for expanded collaboration between AISDC and UN Women.

During the summit, Dr. Kaur also drew attention to critical global concerns, including human trafficking, child abuse, drug trafficking at sea, and the need for stronger legal safeguards under POSH and POCSO frameworks. She urged for gender equality to be placed at the heart of sustainable development, aligning her advocacy with AISDC's broader mission of empowering marginalized communities.

Dr. Kaur's participation at the Beijing+30 summit not only reaffirmed India's commitment to gender justice but also positioned her as a vital link between global policy and grassroots action. Her powerful presence on the global stage signals a future where women-led solutions shape inclusive and sustainable development worldwide.

# DHSJ convenes district level meeting on Health Programmes

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UDHAMPUR: Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, visited District Udhampur on Sunday to conduct a comprehensive review of the ongoing health programmes and services.

He was welcomed by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Udhampur, Dr. Anil Manhas, and other key health officials. The visit was aimed at assessing the progress, implementation, and effectiveness of various national and UT-level health initiatives in the district.

Dr. Zargar was accompanied by a high-level team including SM Dr. D.J. Raina, DD Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, DD Planning Dr. Monika Upadhaya, STO Dr. Jyoti Jolly, and Nodal Officers Dr. Kamal Gupta (NPCB & VI), Dr. Gurdeep (NIDDCP), Dr. Mridula (JK Sehat), and Dr.



Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar chairing a meeting.

Premila (Epidemiology). The meeting was attended by the MS Udhampur, Dy. CMO, and all BMOs of the district.

During the review meeting, CMO Udhampur gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting key health indicators, district-wide achievements, and implementation status of major schemes. The Director took an in-depth review of programmes including the JK Sehat app, National TB Elimination Programme, e-Sanjeevani telemedicine services, Non-Communicable

Disease (NCD) screening, RBSK ambulance services and referrals, availability of C-section services, and functionality of oxygen generation plants.

Other programmes reviewed included the National Programme for Control of Blindness, e-Sehaj services, NVBDCP activities, ASHA programme performance, and monitoring under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) through the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP). Dr. Zargar also

assessed progress under the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, especially the development of critical care infrastructure in the district.

Dr. Zargar expressed satisfaction over the efforts made by the district health team and acknowledged their com-

mitment towards effective service delivery. He emphasized the importance of robust data reporting, timely interventions, and ensuring district-level ownership of all health initiatives. He urged officials to maintain full compliance with national guidelines and to expedite all pending projects without compromising on quality.

Dr. Zargar praised the Udhampur health team for their performance and encouraged them to maintain the momentum, work collaboratively, and strive towards achieving all public health targets effectively and efficiently.

# JKATA urges Govt to end re-employment without consensus, demands immediate action on OPS, promotions

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Agriculture Technocrats Association (JKATA), under the leadership of Dr. Surinder Radotra, held its monthly meeting today, highlighting several pressing issues faced by agriculture graduates across the Union Territory. Key concerns included the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), pending promotions, finalization of seniority lists, and transparent transfer policies for Agriculture Extension Assistants (AEAs) and Junior Agriculture Extension Officers (JAEOs). The association also issued a strong appeal against the ongoing re-employment policies, which they argue block promotional avenues for deserving in-service officers. Dr. Radotra emphasized that despite repeated assurances, over 4.5 lakh employees, including agriculture technocrats, are still awaiting the implementation of OPS. He acknowledged that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had committed to restoring OPS in the party manifesto and had also assured a JKATA

delegation of swift action. However, the final cabinet decision is still pending.

Addressing the long-pending issue of promotions, Dr. Radotra pointed out that JAEOs due for promotion since 2017 remain unregularized, and the final seniority list for AEAs is yet to be published despite multiple tentative lists. These delays have significantly impacted morale and professional growth.

JKATA has also raised concerns with the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, and Principal Secretary of Agriculture Shailendra Kumar, urging immediate and time-bound resolution of these issues.

The Association strongly opposes the extension and re-employment of retired officers, particularly at the Director level, stating that it stifles the progression of over 2,642 active technocrats. "Every serving employee has the right to timely promotion. These unfair practices must stop to maintain transparency and motivation in the department," said Dr. Radotra.

# Oro-facial pain webinar conducted by IDA Jammu

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JAMMU: A webinar was organised on Sunday by the Indian Dental Association (IDA) Jammu, under the presidency of Dr. Nipun Gupta, on the topic of 'Challenges in the Oro-facial pain and Its management.'

The resource person was Dr. Rahul Rupapara, Oral Pathologist, Professor in Govt Medical College, Rajkot, Gujarat. He has done his masters in orofacial pain TMD and dental sleep medicine, Roseman University, U.S.A.

Dr Rahul deliberated on various topics like diagnosis of oro-facial pain, odontogenic and non-odontogenic pain, management of the persistent pain after RCT, TMJ issues Vs TMDs.

He also stressed that a BDS is not only a dentist but a physician plus a dentist. So a dentist must treat a patient wholesome and not only the dental part.

Dr Bhupinder Singh, President, Dental Council of J&K and Ladakh was Chief Guest. Dr Gautam Sharma, Periodontist, Incharge Dental Department, Jammu University, former President IDA Jammu and Dr Sharda Yadav, endodontist, former professor, IDS, Sehora, Jammu, were scientific chairpersons.

Dr. Vibha Raina, Secretary, IDA, Jammu, formally introduced the speaker and dignitaries.

Dr Payal, convenor CDE, conducted the proceedings of the webinar. Dr Niharika, convenor CDH, provided technical support for the online session.

This was the first ever online session conducted by IDA, Jammu. Queries of the participants were resolved by the speaker at the end of the session. This webinar was conducted in association with Jenburkt Pharmaceuticals.

# Tribute to the 'Missile Man' on his death anniversary

# Dr. Kalam is living proof that education, despite all odds, leads to success: Balbir



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JAMMU: On the occasion of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's death anniversary, BJP senior leader and former Vice Chairman Balbir Ram Rattan, paid heartfelt tribute to India's beloved former President, calling him "a beacon of hope for every student with a dream."

Balbir said Dr. Kalam's extraordinary journey-from a modest fishing village in Rameswaram to the highest constitutional post in India shows how hard work, knowledge, and education can break through every barrier. "He faced poverty, yet never gave up on learning. That's what made him not just a scientist or President, but a national inspiration," Balbir added.

A visionary who reshaped India's defence and space capabilities through ISRO and DRDO, Dr. Kalam earned the title 'Missile Man of India'-but his greatest gift to the nation was his unwavering belief in the power of education. Honoured with numerous awards, including the Bharat Ratna, Dr. Kalam never lost touch with the youth.

He believed that a nation's progress begins in the classroom. He made it his mission to engage with students, spark curiosity, and encourage them to think beyond limits.

Even in his absence, Dr. Kalam's legacy continues to guide and inspire millions. He may be gone, but his dream of a knowledgeable, empowered India lives on in every student he touched.