

BJP accomplished its agenda of inflicting misery to last person in society: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Describing the BJP's tall claim of reaching out to the last person in the society as yet another Jumla, Former Minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra said they have fulfilled their promise by inflicting all the miseries to the last person.

Addressing a public meeting at Chak Lal Din (Dei Chak) in Marh Assembly Constituency, which was presided by Sh. Charanjeet Singh Block President, Sadhotra said that all categories of people and not only the 'last person' are feeling the callousness of the BJP's double engine government on all fronts, the drinking and power supply in particular.

The situation is quite precarious during the ongoing humid and scorching monsoon season across the Jammu Region with the most important services playing pranks, leaving the people to sweat due to erratic power supply



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra with new entrants at Chak Lal Din (Di Chak) in Marh Assembly Constituency.

and suffer because of dry taps most of the time.

The smart meter installations and the whopping electric bills are added punishments to the consumers, he added.

The old, physically challenged and destitute are denied the pensions, the only source of succor for them. Nobody in the administration is willing to explain why such a basic social service guar-

antee has been stopped which speaks volumes about the lack of accountability, the key requirement of the governance, he said.

He also spoke in length over the rising prices, saying inflation had hit hard the budget of the middle, lower middle and the poor segments of the society.

Sadhotra said the daily wagers in various departments are craving for regularization for over a

decade but the administration continues to remain in denial towards their legitimate grievances, as a result of which their families are taking to streets during these difficult times.

The Former Minister also expressed concern over the damages caused to human life, property and crops due to incessant rains and flash flooding, demanding compensation for all those affected.

Hundreds of people led by Varinder Kumar Lakhotra joined National Conference.

Others who spoke on the occasion are Babu Charan Dass Bhagat Ex-Sarpanch, Subedar Ghasita Ram Sarpanch, Capt Om Parkash, District President Raghuraj Singh, Corporator Ghar Singh, Youth District President Rakesh Sharma, Mrs Darshana Bhagat, Aman Singh Manhas, Capt Joginder Lal Bhagat, Rattan Lal, Ch Nagar, Karan Kumar, Ch Keemat.

VC JU releases translation of "Asfar-e-Shohab" by Prof. Shohab Malik



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai and other faculty releasing book "Asfar-e-Shohab".

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JAMMU: The Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU) Prof. Umesh Rai on Wednesday released the translation of the book "Asfar-e-Shohab" written by Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal, IMFA and Former Head, Department of Urdu.

The book has been translated into Kashmiri by Pyare Hatash, a well-known Kashmiri writer and Sahitya Academy award winner, and has been published by Qasmi Qutub Khana, Jammu.

The book is the collection of travelogues of Prof. Malik which contains 11 travelogues, including those of Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Mauritius, besides Lucknow and Hyderabad.

Prof. Umesh emphasised the need to promote

regional languages of J&K and informed that the JU will do its best to promote Dogri and Kashmiri languages.

The book release function was jointly organised by the Rasa Javedani Memorial Literary Society, the Department of Urdu, the Department of Buddhist Studies and the Institute of Music and Fine Arts, JU.

Brj Nath Betab presented a detailed paper on the book. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar JU, Prof. Anju Basin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Reyaz Ahmed, HOD Urdu, Prof. Chaman Lal, Assistant Professor Urdu, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Assistant Professor, Buddhist Studies and Aser Kishitwari, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secy. to VC, and Dr. Naseeb, Assistant Professor, JNU Former Director General, Finance, J&K Govt., were present on the occasion.

Remove anomalies in OROP 1, 7th Pay Commission, OROP 2 : SSP

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JAMMU: Col SS Pathania (Retd) , President Sainik Samaj Party, J&K UT urged the Union Government to remove numerous anomalies, which are existing in OROP 1, 7th pay commission and OROP 2, recently revised by the union government.

These anomalies are affecting officers, JCOs, Other ranks and family pensioners and causing them huge financial losses.

Arrears of OROP 1 equalised in June 2019 by the government, are not yet given and more than 2 lakh pensioners including family pensioners have died, without getting arrears.

Next equalization is due in June 2024, and very little is

being done to ensure timely implementation and release of arrears in a given time frame.

A large number of ex servicemen organisation staged a huge protest on July 2023 and requested government to seriously address the issue of various anomalies and give them timely justice, failing which, various organisations will have to intensify their protests and hit the roads and God for jail Bharo Andolan.

Pathania urged the government to show empathy, appreciation and gratitude to the veterans community, form a committee and resolve the issue in totality on a fast track, as soldiers and veterans must be treated with respect and their dignity is maintained.



Power of Storytelling emphasized during online panel discussion by PRSI Jammu

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JAMMU: The Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Jammu Chapter, organised an enriching panel discussion on the theme 'Power of Storytelling in Public Relations: Crafting Narratives for Strong Relationships.'

The event, conducted in a virtual format under the guidance of Prof Anil Sammitra, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, Chairperson PRSI, J&K Chapter and Dr Arehana Kumari, Associate Professor, JNU, Secretary PRSI Jammu, garnered participation from various parts of the country to explore the pivotal role of storytelling in the field of Public Relations.

The distinguished panel comprised Prof. Simrat Gulati, Visiting Faculty and Advisor at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi, and Deepna Mehta, former



Additional General Manager, Corporate Communication, National Thermal Power Corporation.

Emphasizing the evolution of storytelling in brand building over the years, Prof. Simrat underscored how a compelling narrative can forge a deep connection between a brand/product and its audience, effectively driving product sales and brand/product loyalty.

Deepna shed light on her experiences and challenges while spearheading communications efforts at NTPC, elaborating on how effective storytelling fostered a sense of pride and trust within the NTPC community and beyond.

Chairing the event, Dr. Garima Gupta, HoD, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, highlighted that by acknowledging emotions and extending empathy through storytelling, we can foster a sense

of togetherness and strengthen the fabric of our communities.

During the interactive Q&A segment, the attendees expressed their delight in participating in the event, and shared insightful opinions.

Veteran journalist from Jammu, OP Sharma, underscored that storytelling is deeply ingrained in India's cultural heritage, drawing inspiration from literary luminaries such as Munshi Premchand and Mulk Raj Anand.

Dr. Ravia Gupta, Asst Prof, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, Executive Member,

PRSI Jammu Chapter, asserted, "The power of a good word needs to be spread," underscoring the transformative impact of impactful narratives.

Dr. Ajit Pathak, National President, PRSI, conveyed his warm wishes to the PRSI team, panelists and attendees. He encouraged them to stay connected and continue collaborating in the pursuit of excellence in the field of public relations.

Dr. Monisha Qadri from Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, Joint Secretary, PRSI Jammu, gave an introduction to PRSI and its Jammu Chapter.

Harry Walia, Journalist, Media Professional, Member, PRSI Jammu, presented vote of thanks, while Ambika Rashmi, Convener of the Nalanda Student Forum of PRSI, moderated the discussion, and Komal Shangleo, student of Central University of Jammu, introduced the guests.

The attendees included Dr Pardeep Singh Bali, Asst. Professor, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, Treasurer, PRSI Jammu; Manish, Central University of Jammu, Lifetime Member, PRSI Jammu, media students from JU and IIMC.

Jodhamal students win bronze medal at Int'l Open Roller Hockey Tournament



Winner Jodhamal School students representing India team posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: It was a moment of pride and triumph as three young students from Jodhamal Public School, Daanial Butt, Dhruv Sadhotra and Namish Gupta, showcased their exceptional talent and dedication on the international stage.

Representing Team India U-14 at the prestigious International Open Roller Hockey Championship held in Macau from 26th July to 31st August, the Indian Team exhibited their sport-

ing prowess, securing a remarkable 3rd place and clinching the bronze medal by an impressive victory of 10-0 against China.

Despite the tough competition, Daanial Butt, Dhruv Sadhotra, and Namish Gupta demonstrated remarkable skill, teamwork, and perseverance throughout the tournament, bringing glory to their country and school.

The outstanding achievement of these young athletes was attributed to the excellent guidance and undeterred

support provided by their coaches, Kamal Anand and Ritish.

The coaches' expertise and dedication played a pivotal role in nurturing the talents of these budding roller hockey players and preparing them to compete at an international level.

This is also pertinent to note that another student of Jodhamal Public School, Ranvir Singh Shan is also set to represent the country in roller skating at the World Skating Championship in Italy in Sept.

Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal and Shefali Sanwal, Vice Principal of Jodhamal Public School, expressed immense pride and joy in the students' accomplishments.

They lauded their commitment to sportsmanship and applauded their exceptional performance, which exemplifies the school's emphasis on fostering well-rounded individuals.

Missing of women in country alarming, govt. issue white paper: NAUP



NAUP Gen Secy (women wing) Shikha Bandral talking to reporters at Jammu.

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JAMMU: National Awami United Party General Secretary (women wing) Shikha Bandral raised the issue of crime against women in Jammu and Kashmir UT.

According to the missing reports of 2019 to 2021 upto ten thousand women and girls went missing in these past three years, she said and appealed to Director General of Police Dilbag Singh to take stern action against officials who are not shown seriousness to control the thing in proper way. The agencies have to check the mushrooming of population in outer circle of Jammu and should identify with Aadhaar cards

and other documents so that figures come out the actual Jammu residents and thrown out the Rohingyas out of Jammu and Kashmir, she said and appealed to police department to focus on CCTV in every nook and corner to control the other crimes also.

Sanjay Kumar Baru, BJP senior leader and Ward 41 JMC Councillor accompanied by BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra addressed a meeting of BJP workers at Talab Tillo Bohri.

Sanjay Baru, while addressing the meeting, asked the party workers to review the ongoing development works in the ward.

He said that they must visit every area of the ward, where development works have been undertaken and asses the work for the quality.

He asked them to inquire with the locals whether they are satisfied with the present work and to assess their aspirations.

Free Orthopaedic Camp organized

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JAMMU: A Free Orthopaedic Camp was organized on Wednesday by the Departments of Orthopaedics, ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Orthopaedic Association at Ranjit Global School, Bandhu, Rakhwala, Kunjwani, here.

The camp was inaugurated by D.K. Batra, Secretary ASCOMS, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Rajesh K. Gupta, Prof & Head, Orthopaedics ASCOMS and Dr. Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Ranjit Global School.

This Free Orthopaedic Camp is part of Bone & Joint Day activities.

Around 100 patients were examined in the camp by a team of Orthopaedic Surgeons namely Dr. Anitpal Singh Raina, Asstt. Prof., ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Sunny Sharma,



Secretary ASCOMS, D.K. Batra inaugurating a camp.

Senior Resident headed by Dr. Rajesh K. Gupta.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra lauded the efforts of Dr. Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Ranjit Global School for getting the Camp organized in their school for the benefit of people of the area. D.K. Batra appreciated the efforts of Dr. Rajesh Gupta for conducting this camp in a smooth and efficient manner and desired that such campus should also be held in future in

other areas.

PPEU seeks Rs 50 lakh compensation, govt job for deceased PDL worker family

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JAMMU: A meeting of the Executive body of Provincial Power Employees Union (PPEU) was on Wednesday held under the chairmanship of Shakti Gupta Chairman, which was among others attended by Sanjeev Bali President, Ajaz Kazmi, Annay Gupta and Sat Paul.

The meeting unanimously appreciated the step of the Managing Director JPDCIL to have given strict orders to handover all the 11kv feeders to Engineering staff and foreman shall not be assigned with such assignment.

It had been seen in recent past that accidents had become a normal in the Subdivision Greenbelt of the Electric Division. Gandhi Nagar.

It was important to bring the guilty to justice and all those in whose section accidents have happened should be suspended.

The family of the deceased PDL worker should be given compensation of Rs 50 lakh immediately and job to the family member. The meeting called for holding DPC of all cadres on emergent basis.

Re-advertisement

Advertisement of CDPO Satwari, number C D P O / S A T / 4 3 2 - 442/2023-24 dated July 28, 2023 published on August 1, 2023 inadvertently carries some typing errors. So, it is again published in August 3, 2023 edition with correct names and details. The error is regretted.

Cyber Jagrookta Diwas observed at Heritage School

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JAMMU: As mandated by the Government of India, Cyber Jagrookta Diwas was observed at Heritage School Jammu, to generate sustained awareness among the students and staff on cyber security.

Chetan Sharma, Assistant Director Security J&K LSA, DOT, Bhupender, ADET, DOT and Shubam Yadav, LSA, DOT were shared their insights with the students related to all aspects of digital media. The aim of the workshop was to create awareness and deliver threat prevention



Heritage School faculty and students at a programme.

tools to students that will keep them informed of cyber crimes and vulnerabilities. Among the many words of advice to the Gen-Z, were the instructions to 'use separate email for social media so that the main email

account is protected from any spam and phishing'.

The session educated the young learners about the malicious methods used by cyber criminals and how they can spot potential threats and

what they can do to avoid falling victims to these insidious threats, ransomware attacks and financial frauds.

The session was attended by over 250 students in the presence of the Principal, Akash Pradhan, Vice-Principal Rashmi Thakur, Headmistress Vandana Jasrotia, Coordinators and staff.

Principal of the School, Rameshwar Mengi along with the Headmaster Harish Sharma, Incharges welcomed the team from Sharp Sight Eye Hospital.

The Team of Sharp Sight Eye hospitals explained that conjunctivitis whether bacterial or viral can be quite con-



Shiksha Niketan School faculty presenting memento to a dignitary.

tagious.

Some of the most common ways to get the contagious form of Pink Eye are reusing handkerchiefs and towels

when wiping our face and eyes. The other most important reason is the frequently touching of the eyes. Now they suggested some preven-

tions to keep our eyes safe from conjunctivitis to encourage everyone to wash their hands often, tell them to avoid touching their eyes and use clean handkerchiefs and tissues to wipe our face and eyes.

The Principal appreciated the efforts of Sharp Sight Eye Hospitals and encouraged the students to take proper prevention of conjunctivitis and told them to spread awareness and knowledge.