

Substance abuse harms not only individual but also their family, society: Sham Lal

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JAMMU: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust organized a awareness rally in Kangrail village to promote Sanskrit and raise awareness about drug prevention as part of Sanskrit Month.

The rally, which began at Government High School Kangrail, aimed to convey important messages to the community about the benefits of Sanskrit and the dangers of drug abuse.

The event featured various activities, including tree planting and the distribution of educational materials. The chief guest, former minister Sham Lal Sharma, praised the Trust's initiative, emphasizing the importance of education in combating drug abuse. Sharma highlighted that education is a powerful tool in fighting the ills of drug use and encouraged a focus on learning as



Former minister Sham Lal Sharma flagging off awareness rally.

a productive alternative. "Substance abuse harms not only an individual but also their family and society," he said. Mahant Rohit Shastri stressed

the language's foundational role in Indian culture and its influence on other languages. He urged the community to support efforts to advance Sanskrit, not-

ing its significance in understanding Indian traditions and enhancing intellectual growth. Shastri emphasized that Sanskrit's contribution to other languages underscores its importance and encourages its promotion. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal advocated for teaching Sanskrit at home to foster its use and appreciation among children, while Rajan Sharma discussed the detrimental effects of drug addiction on physical, mental, and familial well-being.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including school principal Rakesh Verma, former Sarpanch Dr. Shailu Sharma, and other local figures.

Their presence underscored the community's commitment to both the promotion of Sanskrit and the fight against drug abuse, reflecting a united effort towards cultural and social betterment.

Prof Dr Neha Nanda's visit to AIIMS Jammu highlights patient safety and antimicrobial stewardship

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JAMMU: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu on Tuesday hosted Professor Dr Neha Nanda, a distinguished expert in infectious diseases and healthcare epidemiology from the University of Southern California (USC), for an enlightening visit focused on enhancing patient safety and combating Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

During her visit, Dr Nanda delivered a compelling talk on the "Culture of Patient Safety" at AIIMS Jammu, where she shared the strategies implemented at USC to achieve near-zero hospital infection rates and promote the appropriate use of antimicrobials.



Director AIIMS Jammu Prof (Dr) Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta presenting memento to Professor Dr Neha Nanda.

opment of resistant strains and safeguarding the effectiveness of treatments for future generations.

By promoting appropriate antibiotic use, healthcare facilities can not only enhance patient care but also play a vital role in combating the global threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Dr Nanda engaged in detailed discussions with the Department of Microbiology, exploring avenues for collaboration between AIIMS Jammu and USC. Her focus on the need for inter-departmental coordination resonated with the audience, as she elaborated on how such collaborations can create wonders in addressing the challenges posed by antimicrobial resistance AMR.

"Collaboration is key to driving innovation and achieving significant advancements in healthcare," Dr Nanda stated. "By working together across departments and institutions, we can develop inno-

vative solutions to reduce antimicrobial resistance and enhance patient safety."

Dr Neha Nanda's visit marks a significant step towards building international partnerships aimed at addressing global health challenges.

Her expertise and passion for patient safety and antimicrobial stewardship inspired the attendees and reinforced the commitment of AIIMS Jammu to excellence in healthcare.

As part of her visit, Dr Nanda also toured the AIIMS Jammu facility, meeting with faculty members and exploring ongoing research initiatives. Her insights and recommendations were invaluable in identifying potential areas for collaboration and growth. AIIMS Jammu is excited about the prospects of collaborating with Dr Nanda and University of Southern California (USC) to strengthen efforts in combating AMR and advancing patient safety. The institution remains dedicated to fostering a culture of innovation and excellence in healthcare delivery.

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DGP reviews security measures for I-Day celebrations

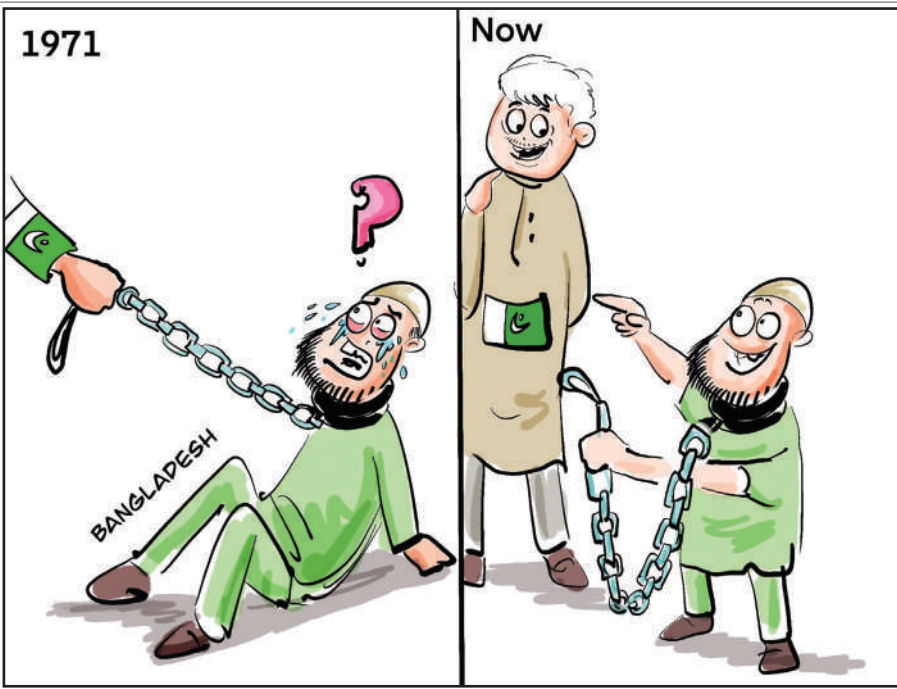
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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain on Tuesday reviewed the security measures for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations in the Union Territory.

The police chief chaired a high-level meeting to review the security measures for the 78th Independence Day celebrations across the Union Territory, a police spokesperson said.

Threat assessment, counter-measures, surveillance, supervision, intelligence gathering, deployment of personnel and access control were discussed at the meeting, he added.

Top officers of the civil administration, police, Army, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and intelligence agencies attended the meeting and briefed the DGP on various aspects, the spokesperson said.



PM Modi's vision is prosperous J&K; BJP ready for huge victory in elections: Sukhnandan



BJP senior leader Ch Sukhnandan Kumar addressing public meeting.

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JAMMU: Former Minister and BJP senior leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar on Tuesday said that there is a new wave of enthusiasm among the residents of J&K following the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Addressing the gathering at Garhi near Purkhoo in Jammu North constituency, Ch Sukhnandan said BJP was all geared up for the upcoming Assembly elections and would surely register an overwhelming victory.

Sukhnandan said the development and prosperity brought with the vision and guidance of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi is

showing up in the smiles of the people of J&K.

The entire J&K is progressing and those who were anti-nationals have been taught lessons and they have also joined mainstream. Earlier they were on the path of agenda of Pakistan's ISI but now they have understood the reality and want progress and peace.

Many tourists places are being also developed in Jammu. LG J&K Manoj Sinha has also done great job by supervising the development projects for their speedy and timely completion, said Ch Sukhnandan.

The divisive and negative politics played by the

National Conference, PDP and congress has completely disillusioned the people and now they are looking for a new hope in BJP.

The NC and PDP are struggling to find relevance in the changing political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. Their failure to deliver on their promises and their involvement in corruption and nepotism have eroded the trust of the people, Ch Sukhnandan said.

On the other hand, the BJP is gaining popularity in Jammu and Kashmir due to its strong leadership and commitment to development and good governance. The party is working tirelessly to ensure that it forms the next government in the state, Ch Sukhnandan added.

DDC member Marh Balbir Lal, Naib Sarpanch Shamsheer Singh, Subash Gupta, BJP karyakarta Jasbir Singh, Mahant Achita Nand Giri Maharaj, Manoj Kumar, Panch Yashpal, Panch Pinki Devi, Bachan Lal, Janak Raj and many other prominent people were also present.

BJP is voice of people. We don't sell sentiments but work for people's welfare: Andrabi



Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi chairing the party convention.

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BARAMULLA: BJP National Executive Committee Member & Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Tuesday chaired the party convention at Dak Bunglow Baramulla.

Manifesto Outreach Committee for Baramulla district met twenty nine delegations from varied spheres of life who gave their feedback to the Party for upcoming Election Manifesto.

North Kashmir Prabhari of the party Mohammad Anwar Khan, Ex MLC Surinder Ambaradar, DDC Member Er Aijaz Hussain, Prabhari Baramulla M M War, District President BJP Baramulla Raja Waqar, General Secretary Farooq Ahmad & other Morcha Incharges were present on the occasion.

"BJP, unlike other political parties, believes in the power of people and this mega exercise

of getting inputs for party's election document is the endorsement of this spirit of grass root connections and beliefs of the party. Kashmir is enthusiastically participating in this mega reach out," said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi in her address.

She said that BJP's preparedness for upcoming polls is energizing.

"BJP is the voice of people. We don't sell sentiments but work for people's welfare. The dynastic politics has ruined J&K.", said BJP leader Dr Andrabi.

She said that she was surprised to listen to the rhetoric of the dynasts about resolution of public problems.

"Those parties who are the problem creators in J&K are talking about the solutions now. But BJP has always offered solutions and freed the people of J&K from the politics of bloodshed and exploitation", said Dr Darakhshan.

In 1950, SC listing was done with sole indicator of untocuhability for Social & Educational Backwardness

A proviso was added even after 50Yrs to Art 335 for relaxation in qualifying marks/ evaluation standard
Educational Empowerment of Socially -Administratively "Depressed Citizens" can only reduce their Exploitation
Reservation enshrined in COI have surely less benefitted those who were kept in Focus in 1950
Are only the Governments responsible ? Are not community leaders too responsible ?

■ DAYA SAGAR

Two other very important Articles (Art- 338 and Art-340) were also included in constitution of India . Art-338 said [(1) There shall be a Special Officer for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to be appointed by the President.(2) It shall be the duty of the Special Officer to investigate all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under this Constitution and report to the President upon the working of those safeguards at such intervals as the President may direct, and the President shall cause all such reports to be laid before each House of Parliament .(3) In this article, references to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be construed as including references to such other backward classes as the President may, on receipt of the report of a Commission appointed under clause (1) of Article 340, by order specify and also to the Anglo-Indian community"].

The contents of Art-338 and Art-340 very explicitly reflect that the intentions of the framers of the COI were

that there would be almost day to day monitoring and observation of the implementation of the support measures concerning SC/ST in particular and any other nominated socially , educationally or otherwise backward people in India where the reasons and remedies for improvements in the fall outs/ fall backs too would be recommended/ applied by the government. But it is regretted that process for corrections in implementations and the policies for the special supports reaching the weakest among the weak did not receive the intimate attentions , the whole issues concerning reservations were only attended to satisfy the political ambitions of the those in the race for political power through elections and the likings of the community leaders standing in the front rows of the SC/ST and other prospective backward groups/ classes etc which well reflects from the present status where after 7 decades of India becoming a democratic republic still Article -330 and Art-332 are there after Art-334 having been amended 7 times after 1950 (even the lead line of Art-334 has been changed from < Art- 334.Not with-

standing anything in the foregoing provisions of this part ... > to < Art 334. *Reservation of seats and special representation to cease after certain period*. -- Not withstanding any thing in the fore going provisions of this part ...> [* Subs. by the Constitution (One hundred and fourth Amendment) Act, 2019, s. 2, for marginal heading (w.e.f. 25-1-2020)].Not only that even a proviso was needed for adding to Art-335 after 50 years of 1950 stating <" 1 [Provided that nothing in this article shall prevent in making of any provision in favour of the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for relaxation in qualifying marks in any examination or lowering the standards of evaluation, for reservation in matters or promotion to any class or classes of services or posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or of a State.] "> by the Constitution (Eighty-second Amendment) Act, 2000, s. 2 (w.e.f. 8-9-2000). As also Art-338 was also amended from <



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Scheduled Tribes to be appointed by the President ... > to < Art. 238. *National Commission for Scheduled Castes.***/[(1) There shall be a Commission for the Scheduled Castes to be known as the National Commission for the Scheduled Castes. (2) Subject to the provisions of any law made in this behalf by Parliament, the Commission shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three other Members and the conditions of service and tenure of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members so appointed shall be such as the President may by rule determine.]> * by the Constitution (Eighty-ninth Amendment) Act, 2003, s. 2, for the marginal heading (w.e.f. 19-2-2004) , ** sub.by the Constitution (Sixty-fifth Amendment) Act, 1990, s. 2, for cls. (1) and (2) (w.e.f. 12-3-1992) and *** Subs. by the Constitution (Eighty-ninth

Amendment) Act, 2003, s. 2, for cls. (1) and (2) (w.e.f. 19-2-2004).

In a way the backwardness was growing instead of reducing since a new Article was inserted in the constitution by the name 342A - Socially and Educationally Backward Classes by the Constitution (One Hundred and Second Amendment) Act, 2018, s. 4 (w.e.f. 15-8-2018) after Art 342 (342. Scheduled Tribes).

The political leaders have been demanding more and more reservations , there have been growth of smaller political parties focusing on particular caste numbers lead by particular caste leaders/ facility embers, ST/SC leaders complaining that all reserved posts are not filled, the back logs are not filled , often the reserved posts are filled by open category candidates taking cover of Art-335 or so . But very less caste / community leaders have worked for making the public education institutions / public support institutions work raising the educational / health levels of the weakest of the weak from among the socially & educationally weak fraternity strong enough to compete even with the betterers of their

own class what to talk of others.

So the affairs related to the reservations and the reactions that may come from the political leaders / caste leaders/civil society ,have to be handle very carefully . The judgment of the supreme could has surely been made in the greater interest of the general masses so it has not to be allowed to drift away from the pious path, The socially and educationally backward classes/ castes have fallen reasonably back in taking advantage of special support measures /provisions enshrined in constitution of India. Rather responsibility also lies on those who do not have any political power sharing ambitions to see that the real facts and intentions are carried to the beneficiaries as well as the governments are also reminded of their duty regularly atleast now onwards. No doubt caste census will have to be done with a broader prospective in case sub classification is made as has been also permitted by Apex court. Affairs have to be handled with patience.

To be continued...
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