

Adv Purnima terms NC's poll manifesto as bundle of unrealistic promises designed to mislead people

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JAMMU: Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor, Jammu, has strongly countered the National Conference's poll manifesto, terming it as a bundle of unrealistic promises designed to mislead the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Territory, focusing on practical solutions rather than hollow promises.

In response to the National Conference's promise of 200 units of free electricity, Purnima highlighted the BJP's continuous efforts in enhancing the power infrastructure of J&K.

"While the NC is busy making populist promises, the BJP has been working tirelessly to ensure 24x7 electricity supply, reduce transmission losses, and promote sustainable energy solutions.

Our focus is on creating a self-sufficient J&K, not one that relies on unrealistic handouts," she said.

The senior BJP leader also criticized the NC's promise of restoring the political and legal status of J&K to its pre-2019 state. "The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A was a historic move that brought J&K closer to the rest of India, fostering an era of unprecedented development, investment, and peace.

The NC's regressive agenda threatens to undo these

achievements and push J&K back into a state of isolation and underdevelopment," she added.

Highlighting the BJP's achievements, she pointed to the significant strides made in infrastructure, healthcare, education, and social welfare under the Modi government.

"We have built better roads, improved healthcare facilities, established new educational institutions, and launched numerous welfare schemes that have directly benefited the people of J&K. The BJP's track record speaks for itself, unlike the empty rhetoric of the NC," she stated.

Purnima also underscored

the importance of a stable and forward-looking government for the future of J&K.

"The people of J&K deserve a government that not only makes promises but also delivers on them.

The BJP is committed to transparency, accountability, and sustained development.

Our vision for J&K is one of progress, peace, and prosperity," she added.

The senior BJP leader urged the people of J&K to support the BJP in the ensuing Assembly polls, assuring that the Party would continue to prioritize the welfare and development of J&K, ensuring a bright and prosperous future for its citizens.

BJP holds election management committee meeting



General Secretary (organization) J&K BJP, Ashok Koul addressing the meeting.

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JAMMU: BJP held a meeting of its Assembly election management committee at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Monday.

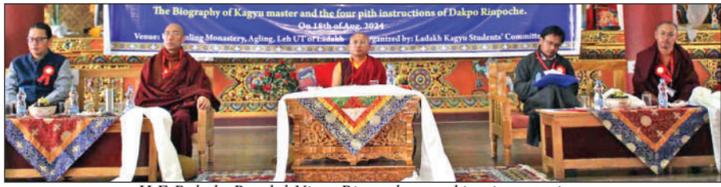
Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP addressed the meeting. Committee co-convenor & J&K BJP Vice-President Pawan

Khajuria, and BJP NEM & Incharge Election Office Priya Sethi also addressed the meeting. During the meeting, Ashok Koul discussed the working of the election management departments with their Incharges and asked them to further push their limits of working till the last day of the election. He asked the depart-

ments Incharges to leave no hole plugged during the present election campaign and deliver to their maximum capacities.

He asked them to closely watch the opposition parties and their false propaganda during the election period and counter them aggressively while conducting their routine election chores.

Seminar on 'Biography of Kagyu Master' held



H.E. Bakula Randol Nima Rinpoche speaking in a seminar.

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Ladakh Kagyud Student Committee, in collaboration with the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh, organized a one day seminar on the "Biography of Kagyu Master and The Four Pith Instructions of Dakpo Rinpoche."

The event took place at Urgainling Monastery and saw

the participation of around a hundred monks from various monasteries and local participants.

The seminar was graced by the presence of H.E. Bakula Randol Nima Rinpoche as the Chief Guest. Executive Councillor LAHDC Leh, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, served as the Guest of Honor. Special guests included Ven. Konchok

Tshephel, Khenpo Konchok Rangdol, and Khenpo Lobzang Tsumtin.

Speakers from various monasteries contributed to the conference, enriching the discussions and sharing insights on the teachings and life of the Kagyu Masters. The event served as a meaningful platform for the exchange of knowledge and spiritual wisdom.

IGNOU extends last date for admission, re-registration till August 31

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has extended the last date of admission as well as re-registration for the July 2024 admission cycle till 31st August, 2024 on public demand.

IGNOU Offers UG, PG, Diploma, and Certificate programmes. The minimum eligibility criteria for UG courses is that students must have passed 10+2 from a recognized board and for PG courses, candidate must be a graduate from a recognized university.

Seeking applicants can access the admission portal at the front page of the National website www.ignou.ac.in or directly follow the link https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in. IGNOU offers admission to various UG, PG, Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma programmes in distance learning and online education mode. As per the new UGC guidelines, candidates can now study two online or offline programmes at the same time.

Before filling the admission form online, a candidate

needs to create a User ID and Password on the SAMARTH portal and be ready with a Mobile No., Email ID, properly scanned academic documents, photograph and Bank Debit /Credit/Net Banking for payment of fee.

Learners seeking admission must provide their own email ID and mobile number at the time of registration even if they are submitting their admission forms online from a Cyber Cafe. Learners must exercise caution and be vigilant while submitting their admission forms. They

must note their User ID and Password for future use.

It is pertinent to mention here that IGNOU has launched 52 new programmes in Open Distance Learning mode and 5 new programmes in Online mode in the year 2023-24 which include Four-year undergraduate programmes (FYUP) in Commerce, Economics, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Anthropology, Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, Social Work, Philosophy, Journalism & Digital Media, Biochemistry,

Facilities and Service Management.

"Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, IGNOU RC Jammu informed that the University has further extended the last date of admission for the ongoing July 2024 admission cycle till August 31, 2024 keeping in view the interest of students as there were many representations from the aspiring learners to further extend the last date in view of the onset of monsoon and incessant rains resulting in internet and other disruptions across the country.

Ex-CJ Magrey visits Ahata Waqar Day Care in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Former Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey on Monday visited Ahata Waqar, a day care and recreation centre located in Chanapora, Srinagar. This centre operates under the auspices of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar.



Former Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey welcoming at Ahata Waqar on Monday.

The event began on a thoughtful note with a poetry recitation by a student from Higher Secondary School Chanapora, capturing the essence of the day's gathering. This was followed by a welcome speech delivered by Abdul Ganie Parry, the Chairman of Senior Citizens Council. The cultural significance of the occasion was further enriched by a moving poem on Ahata Waqar, presented by Abdul Rashid Qazi. Addressing the event, Justice (Retd) focused on the urgent need to address various social evils, with a particular emphasis on drug abuse. Drawing from his extensive experience and dedication to

social causes, he outlined practical strategies for combating this menace. He further emphasized the importance of community involvement in overcoming such challenges, offering both guidance and encouragement to the senior citizens and staff of Ahata Waqar for their ongoing efforts in this regard.

During his speech, Justice (Retd) Magrey acknowledged the concerns shared by the senior citizens regarding the centre and assured them of his continued support in addressing these issues. He also discussed various initiatives he has championed to tackle social evils, reinforcing his commitment to fostering a safer and healthier

society. In his concluding remarks, Former Chief Justice extended his heartfelt appreciation and encouragement to District Legal Services Authority- Srinagar for the exemplary effort in establishing and nourishing the institute exclusively for the benefit of senior citizens. Rohie Jan, teacher from Higher Secondary School Chanapora, addressed the participants about the menace of drug abuse, urging the community to come together and take an active role in combating this issue. Her motivational words resonated with the audience, inspiring them to contribute to the cause.

The event was attended by Jehangir Ahmed Bakshi, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar; Shabir Mujahid, Former Director Doordarshan, Hakim Yaseen, former Director Sericulture, Khazer Mohd Trag, Retired Engineer & other Members of the Ahata-e-waqar and Senior Citizens of locality of Chanapora.

IIM Jammu inaugurates tenth batch of Capacity Building Program



Participants of tenth batch of Capacity Building Programme of IIM Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
LADAKH: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, in collaboration with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC), commenced the tenth batch of the Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) on Monday at University of Ladakh Campus heralding a new chapter in entrepreneurial empowerment.

The event was graced by Padma Angmo, Commissioner/Secretary (Hr. Edu/Tech. Edu/SW), Technical Education and Skill Development, UT of Ladakh. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, presided over the event on an online mode.

The tenth batch comprised 62 participants from various parts of the UT of Ladakh.

Among the notable attendees were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu (Online Mode); Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Centre

for Small Business Development, IIM Jammu; Dr. Vijay Prabhagar, Program Director, Capacity Building Program, IIM Jammu.

The ceremony commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment and empowerment that the program seeks to instill.

Padma Angmo, IIS, Commissioner/Secretary (Hr. Edu/Tech. Edu/SW), Technical Education and Skill Development, UT of Ladakh, acknowledged IIM Jammu's efforts and commended the participants for their innovative ideas. She encouraged them to fully leverage the program by engaging actively and making the most of the opportunities provided. She expressed her happiness with the active participation of women, highlighting this as a reflection of the collective commitment to gender equity and empowerment. She urged all participants to seize this moment to learn, connect, and grow, emphasizing that this initiative has the potential to transform lives and communi-

ties. She called for collective efforts to harness the full potential of the program, driving forward the vision of a prosperous and empowered Ladakh.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, marked the commencement of a significant program on Raksha Bandhan, emphasizing its collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and DICC across 20 districts in Jammu and Kashmir and 2 districts in Ladakh. He emphasized the recent approval of Project YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, aimed at boosting employment through entrepreneurship.

The program envisions transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a hub of enterprises and employment, with a focus on empowering youth, women, and vulnerable groups. A four-pronged strategy has been developed to create 1.37 lakh enterprises and 4.25 lakh jobs over five years, supported by Rs 1830 crores in budgetary allocations and Rs 5000 crores from financial institutions.

This initiative aligns with the Union Budget 2024-25 and the vision of Narendra Modi, The Prime Minister of India, to generate 4 crore jobs nationwide. He also mentioned the establishment of SBDU Centers in Kargil and Leh, with more than 350 participants already trained in earlier programs, reaffirming IIM Jammu's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship.

Prof. Jabir Ali highlighted the Capacity Building Program as an engaging and valuable initiative. He provided an overview of the MGNF Programme, discussing the development of the Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) and the evolution of the Capacity Building Program. He emphasized the importance of creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He also encouraged collaboration and mutual learning among participants to maximize the program's impact.

Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Centre for Small Business Development, IIM Jammu, in his welcome address, provided an overview of the program, setting the stage for an enriching journey of learning and growth. The ceremony also included the Campus Audio Visual of IIM Jammu followed by brief introductions from the participants, offering insights into their backgrounds and aspirations, further enriching the diverse tapestry of the program.

Dr. Vijay Prabhagar, Program Director, Capacity Building Program, IIM Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks.

Apni Party leadership meets to finalise poll manifesto



Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Monday chaired a party meeting at the Srinagar party headquarters.

The meeting, attended by top leaders from both provinces- the Valley and Jammu-aimed to assess the current political scenario and devise a strategy for the upcoming assembly polls. During the meeting, the leaders finalised the poll manifesto following in-depth discussions. The manifesto would be made public soon.

As per a press release issued here, the party leadership engaged in extensive dis-

ussions during the meeting, finalizing the election manifesto for the upcoming assembly polls and assessing the current political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the hours-long meeting, presided over by Party Chief Bukhari, veteran leaders and district presidents provided grassroots-level feedback from their respective areas and shared their insights for outlining the party's poll strategy.

The leaders engaged in comprehensive discussions and exchanged ideas while finalizing the election manifesto and devising a strategy for the upcoming polls.

The meeting participants also addressed

a range of public issues and party matters. They made several decisions to address these issues effectively.

Besides the party president, the prominent leaders who were present in the meeting included Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir; Chairman of the party's Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) Mohammad Dilawar Mir; Vice Presidents Zaffar Iqbal Manhas and Javid Mustafa Mir; General Secretaries Rafi Ahmad Mir, Vijay Bakaya, and Syed Asgar Ali; Additional General Secretary Hikal Ahmad Shah; Provincial Presidents Mohammad Ashraf Mir (Kashmir) and Sardar Manjit Singh (Jammu); Chief Spokesperson and State Secretary Muntazir Mohiuddin; Chief Coordinator Abdul Majeed Padder; and District Presidents Abdul Rahim Rather (Anantnag), Raja Manzoor (Kupwara), Shah Mohammad Tantray (Poonch), Ghulam Mohammad Mir (Pulwama), Shabir Ahmad Shah (Baramulla), Manzoor Bukhari (Rajouri), and Shafat Kazni (Bandipora), and others.

NC District Presidents appeal Omar Abdullah to reconsider decision to contest Assembly Election

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Reflecting the sentiment of the National Conference rank and file of the Jammu Province, District Presidents today urged the Vice President and former Chief Minister Mr Omar Abdullah to reconsider his decision not to contest the upcoming assembly elections in the larger interests of the party and the obtaining political scenario across Jammu and Kashmir.

In a joint statement issued today, the District Presidents appealed to Omar Abdullah to appreciate the deep yearning of the National Conference cadre and their grave concern over his decision, saying the politically sensitive Jammu and Kashmir will be led to a vacuum at this crucial juncture of its history when the people are grappling with numerous challenges, and more importantly for preserving their unique identity within the domain of India and political rights.

They said the inspiring leadership of Omar Abdullah will infuse a sense

of confidence among the grassroots level workers, who see in him a crusader to fight the just cause of Jammu and Kashmir and its people.

The District Presidents exuded confidence that Mr Omar Abdullah will take a call on the passionate appeal of the National Conference cadre from every nook and corner of both the regions, especially as the election schedule will be in place in the next two days.

It is time that the huge concern of the workers is addressed earnestly so that they plunge in the battle for ballot with renewed vigour and ensure massive victory of the National Conference at the strength of the overwhelming support of the people from both the regions and their sub-regions, they added.

"Needless to mention that Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah alone can steer Jammu and Kashmir to a new era of peace, tranquility, development and prosperity of the people", the District Presidents said.

The signatories to the joint state-

ment included Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban, Raghuraj Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B, Saudagar Chand Gupta District President Jammu Rural A, Ajeet Kumar Sharma District President Kathua Urban, Sham Narayan Mehta District President Kathua Rural, Sunil Verma District President Udhampur Urban, Ram Parshotam Sharma District President Udhampur Rural, Jagjeevan Lal District President Reasi, Dr Shamshad Shan District President Gool-Gulabgarh, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Abdul Qayoom Bagwan District President Doda Rural, Tanveer Ahmad Kitchloo District President Kishtwar, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Ashok Kumar Sharma District President Rajouri Rural, Shafayat Ahmad Khan District President Rajouri Urban, Bagh Hussain Rathore District President Poonch.

Training sessions held for officers, officials deputed for election duty in Kupwara



DEO Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan speaking in a training session.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: The District Administration Kupwara on Monday conducted a series of training sessions for various officers and officials who have been deployed for Election duty to ensure smooth conduct of the Assembly Election in the district.

A training session for the Sectoral Officers was held in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Kupwara which was presided over by District Election Officer

(DEO) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan.

The training was imparted by Nodal Officer Elections/ National Level Master Trainer (NLMT), Sameer Jan.

On the occasion, NLMT briefed the Sector officers thoroughly about the responsibilities during the forthcoming election and urged them to put forth every effort to make the Assembly election smooth and successful.

The Sector Officers including both Police and Civil Officers were acquainted with essential skills and knowledge to ensure the smooth conduct of the electoral process.

Participants actively engaged in interactive sessions and practical demonstrations to enhance their understanding and proficiency in handling diverse scenarios.

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