

# DSRS, JU organises lecture on 'The Cost of Freedom: Remembering the Horrors of Partition'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu (JU) has organised a lecture on 'The Cost of Freedom: Remembering the Horrors of Partition' by Dr. Shreeya Bakshi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Dr. Ajay Sharma, Assistant Professor, Centre for Kashmir Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.



A Resource person delivering lecture at University of Jammu.

formally welcomed the speakers and highlighted the journey and future projections of the department in organising such events of strategic and regional importance.

Dr. Shreeya Bakshi has done an extensive research on 'displaced people residing in J&K'. She elaborated on the impact of displacements on 'West Pakistan Refugees and Pakistan Occupied Jammu Kashmir Refugees.' Dr. Shreeya highlighted how partition has led to the loss of cul-

ture, heritage, language and economics of displaced communities. Dr. Ajay Sharma highlighted that "the partition of India is a story of unprecedented human displacement and forced migration. It is a story in which millions were uprooted from their original homelands and sought new settings and in new environments that were alien and resistive."

tence came to a sudden and dramatic end. In his Presidential address, Prof. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, emphasized that we must take lessons from the past so that the future of Bharat can be secured. He stressed on writing history research based on authentic facts which can enlighten our future generation to make Bharat as a 'Vishav Guru' implementing the ideology of 'Vasudhev Kutumbhakam'. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam, Sr. Assistant Professor, DSRS. The proceedings of the program were conducted by MA Semester I student Vanshika Parihar. This program was attended by the department faculty Dr. Ganesh Malhotra and Dr. Ranjan Sharma, faculty from other departments of the university, Research Scholars and Postgraduate students.

# ACB arrests VLW for demanding Rs 20, 000 bribe

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested a village level worker for demanding and accepting Rs 20, 000 bribe in Vilgam village of Kupwara in north of Kashmir. An ACB official said "A received a complaint from a resident of village Kulkrossa, where he alleged that a case under PMAY was sanctioned in his favour by Block Development Officer, Vilgam. The complainant received two instalments of monetary assistance of Rs 50,000 and Rs 75,000 from the concerned

department through bank account." "The construction of the house of complainant was incomplete due to non receipt of final instalment of Rs 50,000 which was due in March this year. The complainant alleged that he visited the BDO office many times, but the payment was refused on one pretext or other by Nazir Ahmad, Village Level Worker (VLW) of the concerned block, who was demanding Rs 20,000 bribe," official said. "On receipt of information, which prima facie disclosed the commission of offence punishable U/S 7 of the

PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018), case FIR No. 10/2024 was registered at PS ACB Baramulla and investigation was taken up," official added. During investigation, official said, a trap was laid and the accused was caught while demanding and accepting Rs 20,000 bribe from the complainant. "The bribe amount was recovered from the possession of the accused and was immediately taken into custody following due process of law. Further investigation of the case is going on," official said.

# Wushu, Fencing, Handball selection trials held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports District Jammu organised Inter School District Level Selection Trial competitions in the sports discipline of Wushu U-19 Yrs boys & girls and Fencing under AAG Yrs boys & girls at MA Stadium Jammu and Inter Zonal District Level Selection Trials in the discipline of Handball U-19 Yrs. boys and girls at Dogra Ground Jammu. The competitions are being organised under the patronage of Director Youth Services and Sports

JK UT Rajinder Singh Tera under the guidance of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Vd Parkash and the overall supervision of DYSSO Jammu Sunil Kumar Sharma along with in charge DYSSO Smt. Harvinder Kour. The officials, convenors and other technical officials were deployed for the smooth conduct of these competitions. The competitions are being conducted by experts including Yash Paul Sharma, Vishal Malhotra, Anil Shan and other technical officials of the department.

# Lotus will bloom in J&K: Rekha



BJP District President Rekha Mahajan and other leaders at a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Bahu Constituency Prabhari Jaidev Rajwal, alongside BJP District President Rekha Mahajan and District General Secretary Pushpinder Singh, on Tuesday expressed strong confidence in the party's ability to form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) with a significant majority. Addressing party workers at the Bahu assembly office, Rajwal emphasized the BJP's readiness for a substantial victory in the upcoming elections, attributing this potential success to the party's achievements and development initiatives in J&K. Rajwal praised the dedication of the party workers, stating, "Your hard work and commitment will lead us to victory in the assembly polls. Under PM

Narendra Modi's leadership, we are set to form the next government and continue serving J&K with integrity and vision." He underscored the party's dedication to inclusive development, aiming to benefit every citizen regardless of their background. Rajwal urged the BJP cadre to intensify their efforts, signaling the start of a vigorous election campaign. Rekha Mahajan encouraged workers to engage in extensive ground-level efforts, connecting with prominent community members and advocating for the Narendra Modi-led Central Government's vision for a peaceful and prosperous J&K. Referring to eight medical colleges set up in Jammu and Kashmir under BJP rule, Rekha said, "If Jammu has to progress and develop further, Lotus has to bloom here."

Mahajan criticized the opposition, particularly the Congress, for engaging in vote bank politics, asserting that the BJP's continued presence and progress are essential for J&K's advancement. The meeting also saw participation from key BJP figures, including Rohini Chandan (Media Management), Akshay Gupta (Social Media), Gaurav Sharma (Social Media), Balvinder Kumar (Office Management), Arun Dutta (Booth Work), Kulbushan Attri (Booth Work), Nayan Gupta (Call Center), and Abhishek Sharma (Call Center). The gathering concluded with a renewed sense of determination among the party workers, who are now more energized and optimistic about the upcoming elections.

# All J&K PoJK Samaj Front calls for representation of Poonchi candidate in RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly segment

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The All J&K and POJK Samaj Front today vociferously demanded that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) field a local candidate from the Poonchi Samaj for the RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly constituency in the forthcoming Assembly elections. This call was made during a press conference held in Jammu, where the Front's spokesperson, Darshan Raina, articulated the long-standing grievances and aspirations of the Poonchi community. Raina highlighted that the RS Pura Assembly constituency had been reserved for over 26 years, effectively



All J&K and POJK Samaj Front members talking to reporters.

marginalizing a significant portion of the population, particularly the POJK refugees of Poonchi descent. However, with the recent delimitation, the seat has now been opened to the general category, offering a long-

awaited opportunity for these communities to secure political representation. He pointed out that the Poonchi Samaj, which forms a substantial part of the RS Pura-Jammu South demographic, has historically been

deprived of their rightful political voice due to the constituency's reserved status. With assembly elections being held after a decade-long hiatus in Jammu and Kashmir, Raina emphasized the need for political parties to prioritize the Poonchi Samaj, who have remained politically disenfranchised for far too long. "We have pinned our hopes on the Bharatiya Janata Party, which has consistently assured us of due representation in all spheres and has addressed many of the refugees' long-pending demands. We are confident that if the BJP endorses a candidate from the Poonchi

Samaj for the RS Pura-Jammu South seat, it will not only secure a resounding victory but also restore justice to our long-neglected community," Raina asserted. He further urged the BJP to promptly declare its candidate for the constituency, underscoring the urgency for the Poonchi Samaj and other constituents to rally behind a representative who embodies their collective aspirations. Raina expressed optimism that a Poonchi candidate would garner widespread support across the RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, fostering communal harmony and unity among all sections of society.

# Swadeshi Jagran Manch conducts seminar-cum-workshop in Ashoka Skill Centre

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Discerning in respect to Swavlambi Bharat Abhiyan and observing Entrepreneurship Day ie, 21st August, Swadeshi Jagran Manch Jammu, J&K conducted seminar cum workshop in Ashoka Skill Centre, Rehari. The team of Swadeshi Jagran Manch headed by Anita Sharma, Mahila Pramukh (Chief ) of Jammu Province, Deepali Handa, head of batch Jammu Province, Anu Suri, Prant Sanyojika Jammu and Adv. Pooja Uppal, Sah Sanyojika Jammu addressed the gathering. A large number of youth including men and women were assembled and given information about



Chairperson, Kamal Gupta with Swadeshi Jagran Manch Jammu members.

Skill Development. They get training in different skilled courses-computer, stitching, mobile repairing, beautician etc.

After getting training, where they can be placed and become entrepreneurs was well explained by the team of Swadeshi Jagran Manch.

Anita Sharma highlighted the importance of Swadeshi and the contribution of domestic products to the economy. Deepali Handa emphasized the government efforts to make Self Reliant India and generate employment under Swavlambi Bharat Abhiyan. Anu spoke about women's contribution towards welfare of society whereas Pooja laid stress on their confidence and to face challenges without fear. It was highly appreciated. The chairperson, Kamal Gupta lauded the efforts of Swadeshi Jagran Manch and look forward to more such contribution of the organisation for the welfare of society.

# Assembly Elections-2024: Training for polling staff begins in Doda



DEO Doda speaking in training session.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: In preparation for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024, the District Election Office Doda organized an intensive three-day training session for polling staff. The Day one witnessed sessions at different venues, including Town Hall Doda, Community Hall Bhaderwah, and Degree College Kilhotran (Bhallessa). Approximately 400 polling staff members participated in the training today, which focused on ensuring a smooth and secure election process. During the sessions, District Election Officer (DEO),

Harvinder Singh, addressed the polling staff, emphasizing the critical importance of the voting of EVM (Electronic Voting Machine). Issuing strict instructions, the authorities tasked with the management and safeguarding of EVMs were asked not to leave any polling station unattended under any circumstances. The DEO Doda also discussed the issues related to the smooth operation of the elections, urging staff to stay vigilant and well-prepared for any challenges. Master trainers imparted crucial information and instructions to participants on conducting the assembly elections efficiently. The staff

was given tips on maintaining order in the polling stations, handling voter concerns, and ensuring the timely submission of election results were covered. The meeting was attended by Returning Officers (ROs), Chief Planning Officer Doda, Manesh Kumar Manhas, and other master trainers, all of whom contributed to the detailed discussion on election protocols and staff responsibilities.

# JCMS decides to provide financial assistance to beneficiaries

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A meeting of the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) was convened under the leadership of President Romesh Chander Gupta. During the meeting, it was unanimously decided to provide financial assistance totalling Rs. 3,22,500 to 215 beneficiaries, including widows, students, and other needy individuals within the community. Romesh Chander emphasized the importance of supporting the weaker sections of society and urged the community to actively participate in these humanitarian efforts. He called on the members of the Biradari to contribute generously and support those in need. Senior Vice President Shiv

Partap Gupta expressed gratitude to the donors whose contributions make such charitable endeavours possible, acknowledging their role in advancing the Sabha's mission of aiding the underprivileged. General Secretary Sanjay Mahajan provided an update on the status of pension disbursements. He assured that all existing pension recipients would be verified to ensure that the next round of pensions is distributed correctly. The meeting was attended by several key members, including Vice Presidents Surinder Gupta, Atul Gupta, Subash Gupta, and Dinesh Gupta; Secretary Balbir Gupta; and Cashiers Ram Sarup Gupta and Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta.

FORM 1 (See rule 3) NOTICE OF ELECTION

सूचित किया जाता है कि- (1) जम्मू और कश्मीर विधान सभा के 50-पाठर-नागसेनी विधानसभा क्षेत्र की सदस्यता के निर्वाचन प्रक्रिया अंतर्गत नीचे की जा रही है। (2) उम्मीदवार या उनके किसी प्रत्याक्षक द्वारा नामांकन पत्र 50- पाठर -नागसेनी विधानसभा क्षेत्र के रिटर्निंग अधिकारी(रिजिस्ट्रार/असिस्टेंट रिटर्निंग अधिकारी/हाइडीदार नागसेनी) को उनके दफ्तर एडी हॉलदुम (दूसरी मंजिल), मिनी सचिवालय, डिप्टी कमिश्नर कार्यालय, किलतार में, सुबह 11:00 से दोपहर 03:00 बजे तक दिवस 27 अगस्त, 2024 को जमा किया जा सकता है। (3) नामांकन पत्र के फॉर्म उपरोक्त स्थान और समय पर प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं। (4) नामांकन पत्रों की जांच 28 अगस्त, 2024 को दोपहर 01:00 बजे रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर 50 - पाठर नागसेनी के कार्यालय एडी हॉलदुम (दूसरी मंजिल), मिनी सचिवालय, डिप्टी कमिश्नर कार्यालय किलतार में की जाएगी। (5) उम्मीदवारी वापसी की सूचना उम्मीदवार या उनके किसी प्रत्याक्षक द्वारा या उनके चुनाव एजेंट द्वारा, जिसे उम्मीदवार ने लिखित रूप में अधिकृत किया हो, उपरोक्त अनुच्छेद (2) में निर्दिष्ट अधिकारी को उनके कार्यालय में 30 अगस्त, 2024 को दोपहर 03:00 बजे से पहले प्रस्तुत किया जा सकता है। (6) निर्वाचन प्रक्रियाओं को निश्चित रूप में मतदान 18 सितंबर, 2024 को सुबह 07:00 बजे से शाम 06:00 बजे तक प्रारंभ किया जाएगा।

डॉ. अमित कुमार, (जे.के.एस) रिटर्निंग अधिकारी 50-पाठर-नागसेनी विधानसभा क्षेत्र 50-PADDER-NAGSENI Assembly Constituency

प्रपत्र 1 (See rule 3) चुनाव की सूचना

पानदान चुनाव की जाती है कि- (1) 49-किलतार विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में जम्मू-कश्मीर विधान सभा के लिए एक सदस्य का चुनाव होगा है। (2) नामांकन पत्र किसी उम्मीदवार या उनके किसी प्रत्याक्षक द्वारा अनिवार्य उपायुक्त कार्यालय, (स्थान तब डीपी कार्यालय परिसर) किलतार में रिटर्निंग अधिकारी को सुबह 11 बजे अगस्त 27 बजे के बीच दिया जा सकता है। 27 अगस्त 2024 के बाद किसी भी दिन (सार्वजनिक अवकाश के अलावा) नहीं। (3) नामांकन पत्र के फॉर्म उपरोक्त स्थान और समय पर प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं। (4) नामांकन पत्र 28 अगस्त 2024 को दोपहर 01:00 बजे अनिवार्य उपायुक्त कार्यालय (स्थान तब डीपी कार्यालय परिसर) किलतार में जांच के लिए लिया जाएगा। (5) उम्मीदवारी वापसी की सूचना या तो उम्मीदवार द्वारा या उसके किसी प्रत्याक्षक द्वारा या उनके चुनाव एजेंट द्वारा ही जा सकती है, जिसे उम्मीदवार द्वारा उपरोक्त प्रपत्रांक (2) में निर्दिष्ट अधिकारी को देने के लिए लिखित रूप में अधिकृत किया गया है। अगस्त 30 बजे से पहले कार्यालय 30 अगस्त 2024 को। (6) चुनाव वापसी की सूचना में, मतदान 18 सितंबर 2024 को सुबह 07:00 बजे से शाम 06:00 बजे के बीच किया जाएगा।

पवन कोटवाल (जे.के.एस) रिटर्निंग अधिकारी 49-किलतार विधानसभा क्षेत्र