

BJP's people-centric approach in J&K a stark contrast to Gandhi-Mufti-Abdullah Alliance: Khatana

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NEW DELHI: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Member of Parliament Er. Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transformative policies, which he believes have significantly improved the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking ahead of the upcoming assembly polls, Khatana underscored the importance of challenging entrenched dynastic politics, which he argues obstruct citizen participation in national development. Khatana commended Jamat-e-Islami's decision to contest the assembly elections as a sign of hope inspired by Modi's leadership. He highlighted Modi's efforts to create an inclusive environment where all citizens have the opportunity to contribute to nation-building. "Those

who believe in Indian democracy and the policies of Shri Narendra Modi will not be disappointed," Khatana asserted. The BJP leader also addressed recent political developments in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the alliance between former Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah, and former Congress President Rahul Gandhi. Khatana criticized this coalition, describing it as a move to undermine the progress and stability achieved in the region. He warned that this alliance could destabilize the peace fostered under the current administration, stating, "This alliance threatens to unravel the normalcy, peace, and progress that Modi has achieved in Kashmir." Reflecting on recent interactions between political figures, including a meeting between

Rahul Gandhi and Omar Abdullah in Kashmir, Khatana criticized these traditional elites for neglecting the aspirations of the Kashmiri people. He emphasized the BJP's commitment to improving security and stability in the region, stating, "I feel proud to be a soldier of BJP, a party that ends the fear of being killed in Kashmir." Khatana contrasted the BJP's people-centric approach with the alleged self-serving tactics of past political leaders, accusing them of exploiting the Kashmiri people for personal gain. He praised Modi's governance for eliminating civilian killings and creating opportunities for Kashmiri youth. "Modi has changed the definition of governance," he said, highlighting the positive impact of BJP policies on the region's growth and development.

Congress tie-up with NC exposes its real face: Dr Parneesh

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JAMMU: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener Department of Training, BJP, J&K, slammed the Congress over its alliance with the National Conference for the Assembly polls and said the move exposes "the real face" of the party. In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader said that the Congress, which has been out of power for a decade, has once again shown its intention to play with the unity and security of the country in its greed for power. "By allying with the Abdullah family's National Conference, the Congress party has revealed its intentions. The people of the country want to know how the Congress is supporting the promises made in the National Conference's manifesto," he said. Restoration of Article 370

and Jammu and Kashmir's statehood as well as implementation of the autonomy resolution passed by the erstwhile assembly in 2000 are among the National Conference's 12 guarantees announced in its manifesto for the upcoming polls. Dr Parneesh asked whether the Congress supported the promise of a Separate Flag in Jammu and Kashmir and if it wanted to push the UT back into "the era of unrest by bringing back Article 370 and Article 35A". "The real face of the Congress, which supports the divisive thinking and policies of the National Conference of giving autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir, has now been revealed to the people. There is no doubt that the Congress has formed an alliance with the NC with the sole intention of gaining power," he further said.

GDCT organizes Blood Donation Camp



Chairman GDCT, Arshad Ali Choudhary posing with others members and blood donors.

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JAMMU: The Welfare Department Dawat-e-Islami India, under the Garib Nawaz Relief Foundation, in collaboration with the Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust (GDCT), organized a Blood Donation Camp at the Sahr Ludhianvi Cultural Hall, here on Sunday. The camp was inaugurated by Arshad Ali Choudhary, Chairman of GDCT, who served as the Chief Guest. The event drew a large number of participants from various communities, all coming together for a noble

cause. Doctors and technicians from various faculties were present, offering free medical consultations and collecting blood donations. Arshad Choudhary, in his opening address, praised the Foundation and its organizers, Maulana Noor Mohammad Qadri and Qari Ghulam-ud-Din Attari, for their dedication to encouraging the younger generation to contribute blood for this vital cause. During the event, notable figures such as Er. M. Sadiq Azad, General Secretary, Bashir Ahmed Noon,

Financial Advisor, Trustee Anwar Chowdhary, Advocate, Trustee, and Advocate Aslam Khan, spoke about the importance of such initiatives. The GDCT management honored donors and volunteers with certificates of appreciation for their contributions. The medical team from the Department of IIBT, Blood Centre, GMC, including Dr. Taseer Mehraj, Giridhari Lal, Rakesh Dogra, Deepak Ranyal, Anmol Rattan, and others, were recognized for their exceptional services.

Katra Chamber appreciates Jammu police for its exemplary efforts

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: The Chamber of Tourism, Trade, and Industry, Katra, would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation and commendation to the Jammu Police for their swift and effective resolution of the tragic abduction and murder case of Mangal Singh, a cab driver from Jammu. This heinous crime has shaken our community, and we stand united in our gratitude towards the dedicated police force that worked tirelessly to bring the perpetrators to justice. Raj Kumar Padda president Katra Chamber complimented that the successful apprehension of the gang of interstate criminals from Ratia Fatehabad, Haryana, was a testament to the unwavering commitment and professionalism of the Jammu Police. He

appreciated the operation of Jammu Police which was meticulously conducted under the close supervision of Inspector Parvez Sajad, SHO Nagrota, and Inspector Nishant Gupta, SHO Jhajjar Kotli, with strategic oversight provided by SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma. Their efforts, along with the overall guidance of Joginder Singh SSP Jammu, SP Rural Jammu, and SDPO Nagrota, ensured that this complex case was cracked within an impressive four-day timeframe. This achievement not only highlights the efficiency and coordination of our law enforcement agencies but also reassures the public of their safety and the effectiveness of our justice system. The Chamber of Tourism, Trade, and Industry,

Katra, recognized the importance of such prompt action in maintaining the trust and confidence of the people, especially those who work in sectors that rely heavily on the security and well-being of our community, such as tourism and trade. "We would like to convey our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Mangal Singh during this difficult time. The swift justice served by the Jammu Police brings a measure of solace to those affected by this tragedy," they said. Once again, we extend our sincere thanks to the entire Jammu Police team for their remarkable service and dedication to justice. We remain committed to supporting our law enforcement agencies in their ongoing efforts to keep our community safe.

Over 4.07 lakh voters registered for 4 LA constituencies in Pulwama Distt.

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PULWAMA: The Pulwama district, a key region in the electoral landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, is ready for the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024, which will take place during the first phase. The district has registered a total of 4,07,637 voters, including 2,02,475 males, 2,05,141 females, and 21 transgender across its four Assembly constituencies viz Pampore, Tral, Pulwama, and Rajpora. To ensure smooth and efficient voting, 481 polling stations have been established by the Election Commission of India (ECI) throughout the district, providing every registered

voter the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. Assembly Constituency (AC) 32 - Pampore has 1,00,383 registered voters, including 49,697 males, 50,680 females, and 6 transgender individuals. To accommodate these voters, 120 polling stations have been allocated within this constituency, underscoring its importance in the district's electoral framework. AC 33 - Tral has 98,156 registered voters, comprising 48,801 males, 49,348 females, and 7 transgender individuals. The constituency is set to conduct its electoral process across 116 polling stations, ensuring comprehensive voter coverage.

AC 34 - Pulwama features a total of 99,555 voters, with 49,423 males, 50,130 females, and 2 transgender individuals. For this constituency, 112 polling stations have been designated to manage the electoral process effectively. AC 35 - Rajpora emerged as the largest constituency within the district, with a total of 1,09,543 registered voters, including 54,554 males, 54,983 females, and 6 transgender. A total of 133 polling stations have been set up to ensure smooth voting operations in this area. Pulwama District is fully prepared to manage the

voting process with precision and accessibility. Dedicated 24/7 control rooms have been established, equipped with voter helplines and tasked with monitoring Flying Squad Teams and Static Surveillance Teams. These control rooms also manage any violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) reported through the C-Vigil platform and serve as the central hub for granting various permissions, including those related to campaigning. As the district gears up for the Assembly Elections 2024, Pulwama is committed to ensuring a transparent, fair, and efficient electoral process for all its residents.

Chirag Paswan re-elected as Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief for 5 years

STATE TIMES NEWS
Ranchi: Union minister Chirag Paswan was on Sunday re-elected as Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) president for five years at its national executive meeting here. The decision was taken unanimously at the meeting, Paswan said. "The national executive, in its meeting here, has re-elected me for the next five years," he said. Paswan, the Minister of Food Processing Industries, said the upcoming assembly elections in Haryana, Jammu Kashmir and Jharkhand was also discussed in the meeting. In Jharkhand, the party may contest the polls either with national alliance partner BJP or on its own, he said.

18,179 adoptions since 2019, only 1,404 children with special needs find homes

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Of the 18,179 adoptions recorded since 2019, only 1,404 involved children with special needs even as the absolute numbers of adoptions saw an increase over the next five years, according to official data. Though the number of children with special needs for adoption has risen, the adoption rate is still significantly low, activists pointed out. Children with special needs require additional support due to physical, developmental, behavioural or emotional challenges. In 2019-20, India saw a total of 3,745 adoptions -- 3,351 in-country and 394 international. Of the total number, only 56 boys and 110 girls with special needs were adopted, the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) said in its response to an RTI query filed by PTI. In 2020-21, a total of 3,559 adoptions were recorded including 3,142 in-country and 417 inter-country. Only 110 boys and 133 girls with special needs were adopted in this year. The number of adoptions dropped marginally to 3,405 -- 2,991 in-country and 414 international -- in 2021-22. The total number of adoptions included 136 boys and 206 girls with special needs.

In 2022-23, 3,441 adoptions -- 3,010 in-country and 431 inter-country -- were recorded, with 156 boys and 188 girls with special needs finding adoptive families. The number of adoptions in 2023-24 increased significantly to 4,029 -- 3,580 in-country and 449 international. These included 135 boys and 174 girls with special needs. Adoptions of children with special needs have shown a marked increase over the past five years. Despite a slight dip in 2023-24, the overall trend indicates a growing acceptance of children with special needs among prospective adoptive parents. But challenges persist including the fact that a significant proportion of children available for adoption fall into this category. As of July 5, 2024, 420 children with special needs were waiting for adoption in childcare institutions across India, according to CARA. Citing data from CARA's Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), the founder of NGO Families of Joy Avinash Kumar said that as of July 2024, 76 per cent of the 1,709 children legally available for adoption were those with special needs. These figures are stark,

especially when compared to the dwindling number of healthy children available for adoption. Only 25 healthy children under the age of two are available for adoption nationwide, making up just 1 per cent of the total. In 19 states, there are no healthy children below the age of 10 available for adoption, highlighting broader challenges within India's adoption system, Avinash Kumar said. The classification of children with special needs remains contentious. Former CARA CEO Deepak Kumar said, "Even those children who have got a minor correctable disease or ailment, which over a period of time may no longer classify them as special needs, are still labelled as such for the purpose of adoption." This broad classification includes children with developmental delays or minor physical conditions like a cleft palate, which can be surgically corrected. "Parents are very wary of adopting a child with even minor correctable issues, leading to a preference for perfectly healthy children as per the age profile," Deepak Kumar said. This reluctance often results in these children being placed in inter-country adoptions, where they are

more likely to find families willing to support them. In other countries, a more comprehensive support system for children with special needs exists. "In other countries, parents adopting children with special needs are given a lot of facilities, including allowances and planned surgeries. They are well looked after, which is why these children find homes more easily abroad," the former CARA CEO said. The current approach to categorising and labelling children with special needs has faced criticism. Avinash Kumar described CARA's categorisation system as "regressive". He said the term 'special needs' carries a negative connotation and makes it hard for children to be placed with adoptive families. "The categorisation and definition of special needs is itself regressive in CARA. If a child has the smallest of impairments, they are dumped into the special needs category," he said. Avinash Kumar said he led a task force to redefine the categorisation but despite numerous suggestions, little has changed. "We suggested that instead of labelling children as special needs, they should simply be called children. Any

child who has been traumatised and cut off from their family needs more love and care. They may appear to be physically fine but will still require special empathy and support," he said. He also emphasised the need for a more nuanced approach to categorising these children. "Instead of dumping all children into one category, there should be gradations and efforts should be made to educate both the parents and the child about their specific needs," he suggested. Despite significant challenges, Deepak Kumar said there are signs of a gradual change in attitudes towards the adoption of children with special needs in India due to increased dissemination of information and changing social attitudes. He said that during his tenure as CARA CEO, he observed an increased preference for girls over boys among adoptive parents and this has grown further in recent years. "When I was there (CARA), about 30-35 per cent of people opted for boys, 40-45 per cent for girls and the remaining 15-20 per cent gave no preference. Now, the number of parents wanting to adopt girls is slightly higher than those who want to adopt boys," he said.

CBI conducts searches in Kolkata over 'financial irregularities' in RG Kar hospital

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI/KOLKATA: CBI sleuths on Sunday conducted searches on the premises of former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh, ex-MSVP Sanjay Vashisth and 13 others in and around Kolkata in connection with their probe into alleged financial irregularities at the institute, officials said. The anti-corruption unit of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) also searched the residences and offices of those engaged in supplying materials for the management and care of patients. At least seven officers of the central probe agency have been questioning Ghosh at his Beliaghata residence since 8 am, while others were grilling Vashisth, the former medical superintendent and vice principal of the hospital, and another professor of the forensic-medicine department of the medical establishment, among others, they said. Accompanied by a huge team of central forces, the CBI team reached Ghosh's residence around 6 am but was made to wait for nearly one-and-half hours before he opened the doors, the off-

icials said. The other officers of the central agency went to the residence of a supplier in Howrah, he added. "Vashisth is being questioned on how much he knew about the financial irregularities that happened in the hospital when he was the MSVP," he said. Another team of CBI officers also conducted searches at the ex-principal's office in the hospital and also went to the canteen in the academic building. They asked present principal Manas Kumar Bandyopadhyay to reach the hospital in the morning and accompany them during their searches in the medical establishment. A postgraduate trainee woman doctor was allegedly raped and murdered in the seminar hall of the hospital on August 9, following which a Kolkata Police civic volunteer was arrested. The gruesome crime resulted in nationwide protests by doctors and citizens. On the direction of the Calcutta High Court, the CBI registered cases into the killing as well as alleged financial irregularities.

During the protest, the alleged slogans were raised, the official said. According to the police, the morcha was organised without permission and the slogans created communal tension and enmity between communities. "An offence has been registered at the Bundgarden police station against 200-300 people who had participated in the morcha," said a senior police official. The case has been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for

300 booked for raising objectionable slogans during protest in Pune

STATE TIMES NEWS
PUNE: Police have registered a case against nearly 300 people after alleged objectionable slogans were raised during a protest outside the Pune District Collectorate, an official said on Sunday. A 'Sarvdharm Sambhav Mahamorcha' was organised on Friday to protest against the recent purported remarks by religious leader Ramgiri Maharaj against Islam.

unlawful assembly, promoting enmity on grounds of religion, race and language and doing acts prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony and under the Maharashtra Police Act. Ramgiri Maharaj had allegedly made objectionable remarks against Islam at Shah Panchale village in Sinnar taluka of Maharashtra's Nashik district during a religious event some days ago. Multiple cases have been registered against him over the remarks.

DEO chairs Training-cum-Review Meeting of Nodal Officers at Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: District Election Officer (DEO) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan today chaired a comprehensive Training-cum-Review meeting with all Nodal Officers in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections in the district. At the outset, the DEO held an interactive session with the Nodal Officers to assess key aspects of the election process, primarily aimed at ensuring free, fair, smooth, and transparent elections in all three assembly constituencies of Kishtwar district. The DEO conducted a

first-hand appraisal of the preparations concerning various crucial aspects and activities for the Assembly Elections, including the assessment of logistical requirements, manpower management plans, transportation of poll staff, Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Postal Ballots, training management, expenditure monitoring, SVEEP activities, Flying Squad Teams, Static Surveillance Teams, Media Certification and Monitoring Committees, adherence to the Model Code of Conduct, the functioning of the Control Room, voter registration, and the status of polling stations, to ensure a clean and incident-free elec-

tion. Special focus was placed on the SVEEP awareness program ahead of the Assembly Elections, involving all stakeholders and activating Booth Level Teams to spread awareness for maximum voter participation. The DEO also instructed the involvement of Youth Icons in the district for the SVEEP campaign. The DEO reviewed the preparedness for unique polling stations in all three Assembly Constituencies. He directed the Nodal Officers to take all required measures to ensure that every necessary facility is made available at polling locations and distribution centers. He also urged them

to mobilize all available resources on the ground to ensure an effective and meticulous election management plan. The DEO further directed the officers to undertake visits to polling stations to ensure that all requisite arrangements (Assured Minimum Facilities) are in place in adherence to the guidelines of the ECI. The meeting was attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ghulam Rasool, Deputy District Election Officer (Dy-DEO) Idrees Lone, CPO Kishtwar Shah Nawaz Bali, ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh, Election Nodal Officers, and other concerned officials.

Non-CUET application form reopened at GCW Kathua

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The Government Women's Degree College, Kathua, informs all students that the Higher Education Department (HED) has instructed the reopening of non-CUET application forms for admission to the first semester (NEP) for the academic session 2024-25. The application forms will be available from August 25, 2024, to September 4, 2024. All interested and remaining students are encouraged to fill out the non-CUET application forms within this period. Students are advised to complete their applications promptly to avoid any inconvenience. Candidates need to log on to https://jkadmission.samarth.ac.in/index.php/site/login. A step-by-step guide for filling out the non-CUET application form is available in PDF format on the Samarth portal, accessible via the following link: Non-CUET Application Form Guide.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE SAMBA
Present: Sh. Adnan Sayeed
Rajesh Singh Jasrota S/o Lt. Prabhat Singh R/o Vilage Gurha Jattan tehsil Ghagwal District Samba
VS
1. Ravinder Singh S/O Lt. Prabhat Singh R/o Vilage Gurha Jattan tehsil Ghagwal District Samba
2. Rama Rajput W/O Kuwant Singh D/o Lt. Prabhat Singh R/o Arazi Samba tehsil and District Samba
3. Ranjana Kumari W/o Karan Singh D/o Lt. Prabhat Singh R/o Pallan wala Jammu
Notice to the General Public
In the matter of : Petition for issuance of succession certificate to the petitioner in respect of amount Rs. 9,29,238/ (Nine lac twenty nine thousand two hundred thirty eight only) deposited in J&K Bank Branch Ghagwal a/c no. 003304060000840 along with interest which father of petitioner has left in J&K Bank Branch Ghagwal. Whereas the above named petitioner has applied for the grant of succession certificate the public in general is informed that if any person has /have objection in grant of succession certificate in favour of the above said petitioner he/ she shall file his/their objections personally/through any authorized agent in this court on or before 27-08-2024, the next date of hearing fixed in this case failing which appropriate order shall be passed.
Take note that in case the next date is fixed on is declared as public holiday the case shall be taken up on the next working day.
Given under my hand and seal of this court today 08.08.2024 at Samba.
Sd/-
Principal District Judge Samba