

SCs were repeatedly harassed during Cong, NC regimes: Balbir

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JAMMU: The BJP SC Morcha and social organizations should reach out to the members of their communities to educate them about the anti-SC mindset of Congress and NC, which were in power for decades together after the independence.

Balbir Ram Rattan, BJP senior leader, Co-Incharge Media Relations Department and the former Vice Chairperson, SC, ST, BC Development Corporation, said this during his meeting with a group of the prominent SC leaders of the party and some nonpolitical organizations.

The participants in this meeting included Vijay Anand Gill, President



BJP senior leader, Balbir Ram Rattan speaking in a meeting.

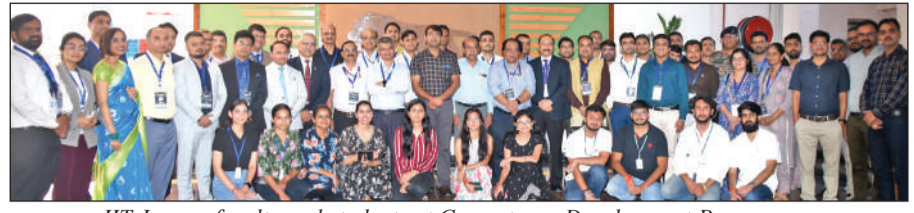
Bharatiya Valmiki Adhi Morcha, Adarsh Jathiar, Dharam Samaj, Raj Kumar Shivotra, Saryara Biradari Vice President, Jagdish Bhagat, Prabhari BJP SC

Office Secretary. Balbir Ram Rattan, in the meeting, shared with them that it was most unfortunate for the SCs in Jammu and Kashmir that they had to prove their identity of being member of a particular caste after every 12-15 years. It was not only a time consuming and hectic exercise to procure caste certificate under

new SRO but worst kind of harassment. This practice to insult the SCs on the name of procuring new caste certificate was there for decades together under the Congress and NC regimes. He said that the best way to punish these parties is to vote overwhelmingly against them and support BJP, which works on the line of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and has proved this time and again, which is reflected in every welfare scheme launched during the past ten years under PM Narendra Modi. Adarsh Jathiar, in the meeting, said that the SCs were also required to possess two separate caste certificates for seeking benefits of reservation in central and state government jobs and this too was unfair.

Ashok Gandhi said that the parties, which worked against the interests and welfare of the SCs, should be taught lesson in the coming elections by voting in favour of BJP.

IIT Jammu launches Competency Development Programme to strengthen India's cybersecurity



IIT Jammu faculty and students at Competency Development Programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu on Sunday inaugurated its Competency Development Programme (CDP), a crucial initiative aimed at bolstering India's cybersecurity capabilities. Funded by the National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation, and Training (NTIPRIT) under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), the programme will provide specialized training to DoT officers and industry stakeholders.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by prominent figures from the government, industry, and academia. Dr. Gaurav Varshney, Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering and

Project Coordinator of the CDP, emphasized the programme's importance in building a robust cybersecurity framework. He highlighted the need for collaboration between academia and industry to address the evolving digital landscape.

Representatives from various partner organizations, including the Data Security Council of India, GMR Aero Academy, GRAMAX Cybersec, Quick Heal Technologies, CompTIA, and EC Council, shared their insights and perspectives on the significance of cybersecurity and the role of industry-academia partnerships.

Shri Deb Kumar Chakrabarti, Director General of NTIPRIT, and Shri Atul Sinha, Deputy Director

General of ICT at NTIPRIT, highlighted the government's strategic initiatives to strengthen the nation's telecommunications and cybersecurity sectors.

The event also featured the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Cyber Defense Lab at IIT Jammu, which will serve as a hub for research and training in cybersecurity.

The Competency Development Programme marks a significant step forward in India's efforts to protect its digital infrastructure and ensure national security. With the support of the government, industry, and academia, the programme is poised to equip DoT officers with the skills and knowledge necessary to address the challenges of the digital age.

Vishv Mangley Sabha organizes rally to condemn heinous crime of rape, murder



Women Cell of Vishv Mangley Sabha raising slogans during a rally.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Women Cell of the Social Organisation, Vishv Mangley Sabha, organized a meeting and rally to condemn the heinous crime of rape and murder of a lady doctor in Kolkata.

During the meeting, it was resolved to hold additional seminars aimed at training women to teach their sons to respect women and to educate their daughters and other women in self-defense techniques.

Prominent women from Jammu participated in the rally, including Veena Handa, Veenu Khanna, Vanita Kohli, Dr. Lotika, Gurpreet Handa, Er. Sonika Mahajan, and Deepali Arora (Advocate).

Understanding boundless nature of soul: Madhuparamhans

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandagi on Sunday delivered an enlightening discourse at Mishriwala, where he delved into the profound nature of the soul. He emphasized that the soul is distinct from Pran (life force) and is not merely bound by the physical aspects of existence. While Pran is essential for the functioning of the body, the soul transcends it.

Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj explained that although the soul cannot be captured or bound, it has, in a metaphorical sense, bound itself through attachment and illusion.

He likened this to a dog living in a glass house, which, upon seeing its own reflection, mistakenly believes there are many dogs and becomes confused. Similarly, people are deceived by the illusions of the material world, much like how mirrors in shops create the illusion of vastness.

The soul, he said, has trapped itself in this cycle of illusion, much like the dog that eventually perishes barking at its reflections.

He also addressed the widespread issue of addiction, noting that despite being fully aware of the dangers, individuals continue to indulge in harmful habits.

This, he explained, is due to the over-



powering influence of the mind's evil tendencies, which compel individuals to act against their better judgment. Even when people acknowledge the impermanence of the world, they remain entangled in attachments and material desires.

Maharaj Ji further highlighted the incredible subtlety of the soul, comparing it to a tiny droplet of water that can be divided infinitely.

Despite its subtlety, the same soul has the capacity to animate both the colossal body of an elephant and the minuscule body of an ant. This demonstrates the soul's wondrous and unfathomable nature.

Through his discourse, Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj encouraged the congregation to reflect on the true nature of the soul and to rise above the illusions and attachments that bind it.

CUJ ISRO Centre celebrates National Space Day 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: First National Space Day 2024 was celebrated with great enthusiasm and innovation at the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), under the esteemed patronage of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, at the ISRO Centre of Central University of Jammu.

Prof. Rakesh Jha, Head of the Department of Electronics and Communication, presided over the event, while Dr. Priyank Sharma, Assistant Professor coordinated the event. The day began with a formal opening ceremony where Dr. Sunil Yadav,



A dignitary speaking in a programme at CUJ.

Associate Professor in the Department of ECE, highlighted the significance of space science and technology in modern society. His address set the tone for a day filled with insightful discussions and interactive sessions. A key highlight of the event was an expert talk by Scientist Alok Kumar Singhal

on "Satellite Communication and Its Applications," which delved into the critical role of satellite technology in various aspects of communication.

Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Assistant Professor, ECE delivered an expert talk on "5G Communication and the Effect of Radiation on Human

Beings," providing valuable insights into the advancements and implications of 5G technology. The celebrations included a Poster Competition for students, encouraging them to creatively express their understanding of space-related themes. A quiz competition was also conducted, testing the participants' knowledge of space science, astronomy, and space missions. The competitive spirit and enthusiasm among the participants were palpable, with winners receiv-

ing certificates and space-themed prizes as tokens of recognition.

The first three prize winning team were Sourav Kumar (Team no. 15), Baibhav Kumar and Bal Krishan Mandal (Team No. 10), M. Jarhad Farooq and Keyur Bhargav (Team No. 05) and Nandani and Megha Jha (Team No. 02)

The event witnessed the participation of 15 teams, each showcasing remarkable knowledge and creativity.

The day concluded with a formal vote of thanks from Dr. Priyank Sharma, who expressed his gratitude to the distinguished guest speakers, participants, and volunteers.

He acknowledged their efforts in making National Space Day 2024 a resounding success and thanked those who contributed prizes for the event.

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Coffee House Wali Ladki'



Natrang artists performing in Hindi play 'Coffee House Wali Ladki'.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Natrang presented a scintillating performance of a Hindi play 'Coffee House Wali Ladki' in its Sunday Theatre Series at Natrang Studio Theatre.

The play has been written by Dr. Satya Parkash Sangar and directed by Neeraj Kant. It is pertinent to mention here that every Sunday, Natrang features highly relevant plays of different genres, and languages for its audience for their cultural, social and literary orientation. Prominent amongst those who graced the occasion includ-

ed Angel Kotwal, Sanjeev Luthra, Rajeev Luthra and Vinod Padha. In the play 'Coffee House Wali Ladki', a lad is shown as a flirtatious person who makes friendship with girls, spends money on them and makes false promises. As he belonged to a very rich and influential family he did not face any problem till time a girl, knowing his real intentions, decides to teach him a lesson. She meets him at a 'Coffee House' and sets a trap to make him confess his habitual mistakes. She very cleverly invites him to meet her in her hostel,

where the principal, warden and security were already informed about his visit. When he arrives and flamboyantly declares the reason for his visit, he was exposed before everyone and was threatened to be publically humiliated, moreover his family and the principal of his college were also informed about this. Caught and scared, he expressed repentance for his lies and deceits and pledges to be truthful and respectful towards girls in future. Those who acted in the play included Brijesh Axtar Sharma, Kananpreet Kaur, Kushal Bhat, Aadesh Dhar, Vrinda Gujral, Lalita Sharma and Palshin Dutta. The lights of the play were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant and the music was rendered by Vishal Sharma. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Mihir Gujral.

Shiv Sena demands spend donations on welfare of Hindus Repeal of Hindu Donations Act 1951: Sahn



Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K chief Manish Sahn talking to reporters.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded immediate repeal of Hindu Endowments Act 1951, spending the donation amount on the welfare of Hindus and giving first right to Hindus for admission in colleges and universities run by Hindu temples. In a press conference held in Jammu today, state head Manish Sahn said that it is ironic that in a country with 80% Hindu population, the government has maintained

its complete control over about four lakh Hindu temples and donations whereas on the contrary, Muslim, Christian and other religious places have been given complete exemption. Sahn said that in the Constitution of the country received in 1950, under Article 26, it was clearly stated that the government will not have to interfere in any religious place. This article got us rid of the laws and regulations of the British and Hindus got their temples back but in 1951, a

law was made under the Hindu Charity Act and the state governments were given the full right to control the temples. Sahn said that there are about 9 lakh Hindu temples in the whole country and about four lakh temples are under government control.

It is not clear where the money goes that Hindus offer to God in the temple according to their faith. Sahn has appealed to all Hindu organizations, saint society to come forward and join this campaign of Shiv Sena (UBT) for the protection and upliftment of temples and take effective steps with immediate effect in unity to repeal the 1951 Act which is a blow to the faith of Hindus.

On this occasion General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli were present.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad to celebrate its 60th Anniversary Year

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) is organizing provincial meetings across the country. The meeting for the Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh provinces was held at Karan Palace, Nagbani, Jammu. This two-day meeting saw the participation of key officials and workers from all organizational dimensions and district units. VHP's National General Secretary, Bajrang Lal Bagra, and Northern Regional Organizational Minister, Mukesh Khandekar, addressed the workers.

Bajrang Lal Bagra announced that the VHP's foundation day, which coincides with Shri Krishna



VHP's National General Secretary, Bajrang Lal Bagra speaking in a meeting.

Jannashanti, will also mark the celebration of the 60th anniversary year, known as "Shashti Poorti Varsh."

This year marks the completion of 60 years since the establishment of VHP. On this occasion, foundation day and Shashti Poorti Varsh programs will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy at the block, district, and provincial levels.

Currently, VHP operates in

64 countries worldwide, where committees work for the protection of Hinduism and Hindus. He further mentioned that during the Shashti Poorti Varsh celebrations, grand processions featuring depictions of Lord Krishna and Lord Ram will be organized, along with Satsangs (spiritual gatherings), Hanuman Chalisa recitations, and community feasts. The meeting was

attended by workers from all 20 districts, who provided updates on the organization's activities. On this occasion, VHP's provincial working president, Rajesh Gupta, stated that the organization runs several service projects, such as children's moral education centers, sewing centers, free hospitals, ambulance services, cow shelters, and free medical clinics.

In the final session of the meeting, the provincial minister of VHP, Abhishek Ji, made several new announcements: Sushant Sharma from Udhampur will be the provincial head of the Dharmacharya division, Sheetal Dutta will be the provincial convener for Durga Vahini, Rahul Sharma

from Samba will be the provincial co-convener of Bajrang Dal, and Sahil will oversee the organization's work as the provincial weekly meeting coordinator for Bajrang Dal. Also present at the meeting were VHP's vice president Shakti Dutt Sharma, provincial co-ministers Satish Kotwal and Karan Singh, Baba Amarnath and Buddha Mahant Yatri Trust's vice president Karan Singh Chanak, minister Sudarshan Khajuria, Swarna Singh Ji, Rajesh Chhibber Ji, Bajrang Dal provincial convener Kartik Sudan, Swarna Singh, Nishu Gupta, Naresh Bhatt, Sushma Sharma, Sudesh Devi, Preeti, and many others.

Anil Sawhney is President Rotary Club Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Rtn Anil Sawhney has taken over as President of the Rotary Club Jammu for the year 2024-25. Rtn Deepak Baboo has taken over as Secretary of the Club, besides other office bearers of the club have also taken over for the year 2024-25. The outgoing President Rtn Sat Pal, while briefing about the last year achievement for the year 2023-24, said that more than 10000 Sanitary Napkins were distributed in the rural as well as urban schools and colleges for girls students. The seminars on menstrual hygiene were also held during the period. In his presidential address Rtn



Anil Sawhney thanked the club members and the Rotarians present in the functions for giving him opportunity to serve the humanity. He pledged that the projects in hands will be further boosted in his tenure. He also pledged and assured Rtn Sat Paul Verma the immediate Past President that he will complete the pending projects

during his period of President ship. He further said that the two pending global grants amounting to Rs.70 lakhs will also be completed during his period. One out of two grants is almost completed and will be closed soon. The other grant of establishment of Rotary Eye Hospital at Raya will also be completed during his tenure.

Rtn Deepak Baboo Secretary of the club also spoke on the occasion.

Various Rotarians i.e., Rtn Prem Shankar, Rtn Sunil Sawhney and Rtn Gourav Vaid, Rtn Rtn Dr. Navneet Gupta, Rtn Harbans Singh were also present on the occasion.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leaders intensified the party's efforts in Jammu and Kashmir by holding a pivotal meeting with local cadres in the Bahu Constituency office.

Former Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister and MLA Haridwar, Madan Kaushik, was welcomed by BJP local leadership upon his arrival.

The meeting, coordinated by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, attracted a large number of party workers eager to discuss strategies for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The gathering, also attended by Prabhari Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, Prabhari Bahu Constituency Jaidev Rajwal, former MLC Charanjit Singh Khalsa, State Executive Member Uttarakhand Neeraj Panthri, Election Convener Bahu Rikki Gupta, and District General Secretary Pushpinder Charak, was

BJP to emerge victorious in Bahu assembly seat with majority: Madan Kaushik

Rekha ensure decisive victory for BJP in assembly polls



BJP leaders honouring former Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister, Madan Kaushik.

marked by high enthusiasm and fervor. Kaushik emphasized the need to fortify the party's grassroots presence, urging cadres to enhance their outreach and engagement with the public.

He highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

vision for Jammu and Kashmir, focusing on development, peace, and prosperity.

Kaushik called on party workers to spread the message of good governance and to work diligently towards securing a decisive victory for the BJP in the assembly polls.

Rekha expressed confidence in the party's ability to effect meaningful change in J&K, asserting that the BJP's cadres are pivotal to achieving electoral success. She stressed that the people of J&K are seeking change and that it is the party's duty to meet their expectations.

Charanjit Singh Khalsa praised PM Modi's vision as a beacon of hope and emphasized the collective effort needed to realize it.

The meeting demonstrated the growing momentum of the BJP in J&K and served as a crucial step in preparing for the assembly elections.

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