

JeI, FAT misused education for radicalization, LG Govt secures future of students: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Vice President BJP and former Minister Priya Sethi today said Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), Jammu and Kashmir, along with its affiliate Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT), stands fully exposed for using the sacred platform of education to spread radicalization instead of knowledge.



Priya Sethi

"For years, these organizations misled young children and attempted to poison their minds with separatist ideology under the cover of schooling," Priya Sethi who is former education minister said in a statement.

NIA Court frames charges against three in killing of two non-locals in Srinagar

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JAMMU: A Special NIA Court in Jammu on Saturday ordered the framing of charges against three men accused of conspiring with a Pakistan-based handler to kill two non-local labourers in Srinagar in February this year.

Additional Sessions Judge (designated under the NIA Act) Sandeep Gandotra held that prima facie material existed to prosecute Adil Manzoor Langoo, Ahran Rasool Dar alias Tata, and Dawood under stringent provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and the Arms Act.

The charges arise from the February 7, 2024 attack in Shaheed Gungj, Srinagar, where two labourers - Anrit Pal Singh and Rohit Massi, both from Punjab - were shot at close range. Singh died on the spot, while Massi succumbed to injuries the next day. The assailants, the NIA alleged, sought to revive militancy and spread fear among non-locals working in Kashmir.

According to the chargesheet, Langoo (A1) became radicalised in 2023 after reading jihadist literature such as Milestones by Ayoub Qutub and consuming extremist content online. Through a Telegram group called Kashmir Fighters, he came in contact with Jahangir alias Peer Sahab (A4), a handler based across the border, who directed him to collect a pistol and ammunition from Benina in January 2024.

On February 7, Langoo allegedly executed the attack using the weapon, while Dar (A2) and Dawood (A3) provided logistical support, assisted in concealment of arms, and attempted to destroy evidence. Forensic examination confirmed Langoo's DNA on the seized pistol. CCTV footage, protected witness testimonies, and call records further linked the accused to the crime.

Special Public Prosecutor K.S. Pathania submitted that the accused had acted in concert with a Pakistani handler of Lashkar-e-Taiba/TRF to wage war against the State. He relied upon forensic reports, DVR analyses, and witness statements to argue that sufficient material existed to frame charges.

Defence counsels - Advocate I.H. Bhat for Langoo, Advocate F.A. Wani for Dar, and Advocate A.M. Dar for Dawood - countered that the accused had been falsely implicated. They argued that the book Milestones was not a banned text, that disclosure statements before police were inadmissible, and that no direct evidence of conspiracy was produced.

Rejecting these submissions, the court held that "cumulative evidence on record raises grave suspicion" and warranted a full trial. The court directed that the accused face trial under Sections 302 (murder), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) of the IPC; Sections 16, 18, 20 and 23 of the UAPA; and Section 7/27 of the Arms Act.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has already granted sanction for prosecution under the UAPA, while sanction under the Arms Act was obtained from the District Magistrate, Srinagar.

She said. Priya Sethi said that institutions linked to JeI and FAT were never about genuine education or empowerment. They were hubs of indoctrination, trying to create generations detached from the mainstream of progress. "Children who deserved modern education, scientific thinking, and opportunities for growth were instead being exposed to regressive propaganda. This betrayal of trust by JeI and FAT cannot be forgiven," she said. She added that such organizations never worked for the welfare of society but rather acted as breeding grounds of extremism, misguiding generations of Kashmiri youth and pushing them away from the mainstream.

By seizing control of these schools, the government has broken this vicious cycle and secured the academic future of thousands of innocent students, she said.

She stressed that such organizations had only one objective - to keep the youth of Jammu and Kashmir away from peace, stability, and development. By taking direct

control of these schools, the government has ensured that no student will ever again be used as a pawn in the separatist agenda.

Priya Sethi praised the Modi government for its firm resolve in protecting the nation's future by striking at the root of radical networks.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a clear message that education will not be allowed to become a tool of separatism. Under his leadership, Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a transformation where schools will now serve their real purpose - nurturing talent, unity, and nation-building," She stated.

She further assured parents that government supervision will bring transparency, accountability, and quality to these schools.

"Our children will now study in an environment of positivity and patriotism, without the shadow of radical ideology," Priya Sethi said, adding that the BJP stands committed to supporting every initiative to secure the future of the youth and to build a peaceful and developed Jammu and Kashmir.

JCMS to celebrate Mahajan Milan on Sept 28

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JAMMU: The Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) has announced the celebration of Mahajan Milan on 28th September 2025 at 11:00 AM at Mahajan Bhawan, Shalamar Road, Jammu.

The event commemorates the 159th birth anniversary of Lala Hans Raj Mahajan, revered social reformer and founder of the Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Shikshani Sabha.

During a meeting of office bearers, JCMS President Romesh Chander Gupta appealed to Mahajan community members across Jammu and Kashmir to participate in large numbers.

He highlighted the event as a tribute to Sher-e-Duggar's legacy and a celebration of unity, pride, and progress within the Mahajan Biradari.

Several eminent personalities have confirmed their participation, including Kavinder Gupta, Lt. Governor of Ladakh; Jangi Lal Mahajan, MLA from Mukerian and President of the Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Sabha; Arvind Gupta, MLA from

Jammu West; and Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of National Conference, among other distinguished guests from across the country.

The Sabha will felicitate community members who have excelled in various domains, including gold medalists in sports, newly appointed civil servants, recipients of honorary academic/professional degrees, cultural contributors, and academic toppers.

Community members are encouraged to submit nominations for recognition. Details can be shared via WhatsApp to Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary): 9419186404, Subash Gupta (Vice President): 9419183199, Surinder Gupta (Vice President): 9906904505.

The meeting was attended by key office bearers and working committee members, including Shiv Partap Gupta, Sanjay Mahajan, Subash Chandra Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Atul Gupta, Vipan Gupta, C.P. Gupta, Ram Sarup Gupta, Balbir Gupta, Arun Gupta, Ravi Ramotra, Parshotam Gupta, among others.

RMCC organizes free Multi-Speciality Health Camp

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JAMMU: The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre (RMCC), Ramakrishna Vihar, Udheywala, successfully organized a Free Mega Multi-Speciality Health Camp on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, offering a wide range of healthcare services to the community.

The camp was led by renowned specialist Dr. Vishav Dev Singh Dadwal, Gastroenterologist from SMVD Narayan Hospital, along with Dr. Lotika Bharti and Dr. Shivani Padha from the Government Ayurvedic Hospital.

A team of 12 expert doctors provided free consultations across multiple specialties, including gastroenterology, allopathy and ayurvedic general medicine, ENT, dentistry, gynaecology, ophthalmology, and physiotherapy. In addition to consultations, the camp conducted

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of the 93rd Birth Anniversary of Shri Lajpat Rai Mehra Ji, founder of Neurotherapy, Mata Vaishno Lok Kalyan Sansthan organized a one-day free Neurotherapy camp at Trikuta Yatri Niwas, Anphalla, Jammu.

The event was held in collaboration with the Lajpat Rai Mehra Neurotherapy Research & Training Institute (LMNRTI) and marked the first-ever initiative of its kind by the Sansthan.

The camp was inaugurated by MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, in the presence of coordinators and core committee members, and prominent citizens including Sunit Raina and Nidhi Chauhan, former councillor. During the camp, more than 240 patients received free Neurotherapy treatment, highlighting the Sansthan's commitment to healthcare and community welfare. Ajay Gandhi, President of the All India Neurotherapy Association, addressed the gathering, noting that over 30,000 Neurotherapy centers operate across India, benefit-



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi with others at a programme.

ing more than 1.5 million patients. He also highlighted that certificate courses in Neurotherapy are offered at Om Sterling Global University, Hisar, and Gandhinagar University, Ahmedabad, providing employment opportunities for students who have completed 12th grade.

The camp was attended by prominent dignitaries including Ram Gopal Parihar (President, LMNRTI), Pushpak Srivastava (General Secretary, LMNRTI), Sunit Mahajan Ji (Treasurer, LMNRTI), and Barendra Prasad (Treasurer, AINA), along with coordinators and core committee members from 22 states. Key contributors in the camp's management included Amit Sharma, Ramesh Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Sunil Kumar, and

Awadhesh Thakur.

Established in 2008, Mata Vaishno Lok Kalyan Sansthan manages facilities such as Trikuta Yatri Niwas, Anphalla and Keshav Ashram, Katra, providing lodging for pilgrims, patients, and economically weaker families. The Sansthan also conducts various social welfare initiatives, including computer training, distribution of essentials, financial assistance for marriages, and scholarships for meritorious students.

Expressing gratitude, the Sansthan announced that such free Neurotherapy camps will be organized regularly in the future to benefit more patients and society at large, reinforcing its mission of community service and human welfare.



Dignitaries with RMCC members and doctors at a camp.

several free diagnostic tests such as Fibroscan (liver test), neuropathy test, uric acid test, and blood sugar test. Patients were also offered a full-body checkup at a discounted rate of Rs 1200, covering CBC, lipid profile, blood sugar, TFT, LFT, KFT, and Vitamin D tests, with fasting required prior to testing.

The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Arun Manhas, JKAS, Director of Industry & Commerce, Sandeep Seointra, Additional Secretary to Government, Agriculture

Production Department, Purushottam Kumar, Ministry of External Affairs, Dr. Ashwani Jojra, Raman Gupta, Director Pans and Pots, and Dr. Ajay Kumar. They praised the Mission's commendable work and encouraged local citizens to take the benefits of these medical services.

A total of 347 patients benefited from the expertise and services provided during the camp, highlighting the organization's ongoing commitment to community welfare, preventive healthcare, and compassionate service. Swami Yajnadarhananda

Ji, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, emphasized the mission's dedication to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, stressing that service to humanity is a form of divine worship.

He expressed that such initiatives aim to provide accessible, quality healthcare to all sections of society while promoting wellness and preventive care.

For more such initiatives, stay connected with Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, on 9596984032, he said.

Modi Govt uplifted over 27 crore people from poverty: Dr. Pardeep

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JAMMU: Reaffirming the Modi government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the poor, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP, stated that more than 27 crore people have been lifted out of poverty in the last 11 years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

leadership. He contrasted this with the Congress era, which, he said, reduced the poor to mere vote banks for decades.

Quoting the World Poverty Atlas, Dr. Mahotra said India has nearly eliminated extreme poverty, with the headcount falling from 16.2% in 2011 to just 2.3% in 2022-marking a



reduction from 20.6 crore to 3.36 crore people. He added that India's GDP has more than doubled over the decade, with growth benefiting the lowest income groups through job creation, capital investment, and targeted welfare.

Dr. Mahotra highlighted schemes like PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, and

Jan Dhan Yojana as transformative efforts that empowered millions with dignity and security. Direct Benefit Transfers and MGNREGA ensured support reached the grassroots without leakages.

He emphasized the rise of a strong middle class, enhanced rural infrastructure, and a consumption-driven economy as signs of inclusive development. As the BJP-led NDA government completes 11 years, he said its pro-poor, pro-development approach stands vindicated.

"With transparency and people-centric governance, PM Modi's vision of a poverty-free and empowered India is becoming a reality," Dr. Mahotra concluded. The delegation included

JK agriculture technocrats meet Director Anil Gupta, discuss employee issues



JK agriculture technocrats meeting with Director Agriculture, Anil Gupta.

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JAMMU: A joint delegation of the J&K Agriculture Technocrats Employees Association, led by State President Babu Hussain Malik and Vice President Harmeet Singh, met Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta, to congratulate him on his new assignment. The delegation included

Chairman Gurmeet Singh, Raj Kiran, Sanjay Razdan, I.D. Singh, Suresh Sharma, and others. The team highlighted key concerns of non-gazetted employees and urged redressal. The meeting aimed at fostering better coordination between employees and the department for improved service delivery.

FICCI FLO JKL hosts second "Skill to Scale" workshop to empower women



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JAMMU: FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh (JKL) conducted the second edition of its "Skill to Scale Workshop" aimed at empowering women from self-help groups and local cooperatives in the Muthi area.

This workshop was organized under the leadership of Aarti Chowdhary, Chairperson FICCI FLO JKL, who has been spearheading initiatives to foster women's economic empowerment in the region. This phase of the workshop adopted a "Train the Trainers" model, where 20 women leaders and heads of SHGs were specially trained to further impart knowledge and skills within their respective groups, multiplying the impact of the initiative.

The session was led by Iruvanthika Chowdhary, who imparted hands-on training in flower-making using scraps of Katrana cloth. The exercise not only promoted upcycling and creativity but also highlighted opportunities for income generation through hand-crafted products. Speaking on the occasion, Aarti Chowdhary said that such initiatives are crucial in equipping women with sustainable livelihood skills, fostering self-reliance, and creating a ripple effect of empowerment at the grassroots level. She added that FLO JKL will continue to design and deliver programs that strengthen women's entrepreneurial spirit and community collaboration.

With this workshop, she reaffirmed her commitment to nurturing women's entrepreneurship, fostering collaboration, and building self-reliant communities across the region.

MLA Bani inspects damage after heavy rainfall in constituency

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BANI: MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, today undertook a detailed tour of his constituency to assess the damage caused by recent heavy rainfall, focusing on critical infrastructure and public facilities affected by the down-pour.

During his visit, Dr. Singh inspected the Goduffal Panchayat and the Katli-Malhar road, areas that have borne the brunt of the extreme weather. The Goduffal road was found completely washed away, causing major disruption in connectivity for local residents. The heavy rains also damaged elec-



MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh during visit to rain-affected area.

tricity and water lines, leaving thousands of people without essential services. Accompanied by senior officials including XEN PMGSY, XEn PWD, AEE PMGSY, BDO Duggani,

Addressing the situation, Dr. Rameshwar Singh directed officials to take swift measures for the restoration of damaged roads, water supply, and electricity facilities, emphasizing that essential services must be made functional at the earliest to alleviate the hardships faced by the public.

He stressed that timely intervention is crucial to ensure smooth movement and uninterrupted civic amenities for residents of the affected areas.

The MLA also interacted with locals, listening to their grievances and assuring them of full government support in rehabilitation

CCI Jammu expresses gratitude to UT Cabinet for acknowledging issues faced by Satwari shopkeepers

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JAMMU: Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu President Arun Gupta has expressed gratitude to the UT Cabinet headed by Chief Minister for acknowledging the issues faced by the Shopkeepers in Satwari. The Government is now considering a rehabilitation plan for them.

Gupta said that these shopkeepers have been severely impacted losing both their business and livelihood due to construction of a flyover.

He stated that the CCI has consistently supported the affected individuals and has raised the issue with both the Union and UT Governments. He also mentioned that the Late Sh. Davinder Singh Rana had previously appealed to the Government to take steps for their rehabilitation. The Government had, in the past promised to rehabilitate the affected shopkeepers.

Gupta appeals to the Government to create a clear roadmap and a comprehensive rehabilitation plan. He urges the government to ensure proper allocation of alternate sites and adequate compensation for the affected shopkeepers.

Arun Gupta President CCI also called on the government to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims of the recent cloudburst tragedies in Kishtwar and Kathua.

Arun Gupta appealed to the government for adequate relief measures for those affected. He also urged the public and the business community to come forward and contribute to the rehabilitation of the cloudburst victims in their districts.

Court convicts ex-Girdawar in trap case

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PULWAMA: In a significant verdict reinforcing the commitment to combating corruption, the Special Judge Anti-Corruption Court Pulwama, Dr. Noor Mohammad Mir, convicted Ghulam Hassan Kumar, son of Ghulam Rasool Kumar, resident of Tarigan Devbug, Kulgam, in a bribery case registered under FIR No. 22/2008.

The accused, then-serving as Girdawar, was found guilty under Sections 5(2) read with 5(1)(d) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006 and Section 161 RPC, for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 2,000 from the complainant, in exchange for demarcating land measuring 18 kanal and 18 Marla. Following a complaint filed on June 16, 2008, a trap was successfully laid by the Vigilance Organisation Kashmir (now Anti-Corruption Bureau), during which the accused was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe. After thorough investigation, a chargesheet was filed on December 4, 2008, and the case proceeded for judicial determination.

On August 18, 2025, the Court delivered the judgment, sentencing the accused Under Section 5(2) r/v 5(1)(d) of J&K PC Act, Svt. 2006 for simple imprisonment for three years and six months along with a fine of Rs 20,000.

In default of payment, an additional simple imprisonment of three months. Under Section 161 RPC the accused was sentenced for simple imprisonment for one year and a fine of Rs 10,000. In default, an additional simple imprisonment of one month.