

NC-Congress rule left thousands orphaned and widowed in J&K: Gulam Ali

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BANIHAL: In a fervent campaign for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) Er Gulam Ali Khatana urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to reject the National Conference (NC)-Congress alliance, accusing it of pushing the region into turmoil in the past. Speaking at a series of meetings in Levra Chamahwas, Ajnadi, Khari, Amkoot, and Badigam Fagow in Banihal, Ramban, MP Khatana highlighted the importance of continuing the BJP's journey of peace and progress initiated under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Addressing large gatherings in these areas, Khatana called on the masses to support BJP candidates in the upcoming elections, asserting that it is now the responsibility of the people to elect a government that will continue the region's development. He stated, "It is the people of Jammu and Kashmir who must now elect their own government by voting for BJP candidates to keep the momentum of peace and progress going. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji has brought about tremen-



MP) Er Gulam Ali Khatana during poll campaign at Banihal.

dous changes in Jammu and Kashmir, and under the dynamic leadership of Home Minister Amit Shah, the region is transforming into a model of peace and progress for the rest of the country."

Khatana did not mince words when criticizing the past regimes led by the NC-Congress alliance, accusing them of misgovernance and fostering an environment of violence.

"Nobody can undermine the changes that have taken place in J&K under Modi Ji's leadership. The NC-Congress alliance, which ruled the region for decades, is responsible for terrorism, strikes, stone-pelting, and other issues that plagued the state under their patronage. These dynastic parties pushed Jammu and Kashmir

into the depths of chaos, leaving thousands of children orphaned and thousands of women widowed," he remarked.

The BJP leader accused the NC-Congress alliance of introducing a gun culture in Jammu and Kashmir, which, he said, devastated the futures of countless families. "They sacrificed the well-being of thousands of families for their own political gain," he stated. In contrast, he praised Prime Minister Modi for offering hope to nationalist-minded citizens eager to contribute to nation-building.

"The BJP has put pens, laptops, and quality education in the hands of your children, paving the way for a brighter future. I am proud that our people have chosen

the path of progress under the visionary leadership of PM Modi," he added.

Khatana also took a swipe at the internal contradictions within the NC-Congress alliance, calling it an alliance formed out of the lust for power rather than any genuine ideological convergence. "The NC and Congress are not united by any common cause. Their leaders have been at each other's throats, they come together because they fear a humiliating defeat in the elections. This is not an alliance of principles but one of desperation," he added. Referring to former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah contesting from two constituencies, Khatana suggested that this was a sign of the alliance's fear of

losing credibility. "These elections are between the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the NC-Congress alliance. The fact that Omar Abdullah is contesting from two seats shows the fear within the alliance. They know their influence is waning," he remarked.

Khatana appealed to the people to vote for the BJP and form their own government, saying, "It is time for the people of Jammu and Kashmir to come together and form their own government, a government led by the BJP. Let us continue the journey of peace, prosperity, and development."

The campaign trail in Banihal, which has traditionally seen a strong presence of the NC-Congress alliance, witnessed enthusiastic support for Khatana as he championed the BJP's narrative of progress and stability, with many locals expressing hope for a brighter future under the Modi-led government.

The MP was accompanied by Haji Yousef, Ajaj Ahmed Sohail, Sarpanch Iqbal Katoch, Gulam Hussain, BJP ST Morecha district president, Muzzfar Ahmed Lone, Reyaz Ahmed Lone, Ab Rashid Dar, and other leaders.

Order attributed to Raina being circulated on social media is fake: Sat Sharma



J&K BJP Working President, Sat Sharma briefing median in Jammu on Wednesday.

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JAMMU: The J&K BJP Working President, Sat Sharma, on Wednesday said that the order being circulated on social media with BJP letter head requesting party's Kashmir workers to attend welcome rally of Abdul Rashid Sheikh (Er Rashid) is fake and said that the party will soon approach ECI and FIR will be lodged.

"This is nothing but political propaganda by frustrated political parties of Kashmir," Sat said, while addressing a press conference at BJP media center.

BJP Spokespersons, BJP media center Incharge, Arun Gupta, Lt Gen (Retd), Rakesh Sharma, Dr Tahir Chowdhary, YV Sharma, Abhijeet Jasrotia, Balbir Ram Rattan and BJP J&K media Incharge, Dr Pardeep

Mahotra were also present in the press conference.

"The letter being circulated is totally fake and the signatures of Ravinder Raina also do not match," Sat said, while adding, "The office of Ravinder Raina has not issued any such letter".

This is a political fraud and those responsible for this must be brought to book, Sat said.

The political parties of Kashmir, he said, are frustrated and seeing defeat in the Assembly elections they are indulging in such fake propaganda, Sat said.

"We will soon meet ECI to lodge FIR in this matter," Sat said, and added, "The frustrated Political parties of Kashmir are trying to defame BJP and divert the attention of the people".

The political parties of Kashmir have no issue and

therefore, they are indulging in such practices, he said.

"The BJP is getting support from all sections of the society and from every nook and corner of J&K and there should be no doubt in anybody's mind that we are going to form next government in J&K with majority," Sat said. "BJP is going to the people with its achievements and future programmes for the development of J&K and welfare of its people, while the political parties of Kashmir are engaged in political fraud by circulating fake orders," Sat said, while adding, "Some parties have not even released their manifesto yet as they have no vision".

These parties are rattled after Home Minister released visionary 'Sankalp Patra', he said.

Narayana Hospital performs Rare Tumour surgery



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KATRA: In a remarkable surgical achievement, the doctors at Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital have successfully removed a rare tumor located in the mediastinum (chest cavity) of a young girl. The tumor had been compressing her heart, severely affecting its function and posing a significant risk to her life.

The intricate procedure was led by Dr. Abhinav Choudhary, Consultant Surgical Oncology, and supported by Dr. Ronil Dutt, Consultant CTVS. The anesthesia team, including Dr. Pankaj, Dr. Kuldeep Raina, and Dr. Parul Gohil, played a crucial role in ensuring the success of the surgery.

Dr. Choudhary noted that the patient had pre-

viously consulted multiple surgeons locally who were reluctant to undertake the operation due to the high risk involved, including potential injury to the heart and major blood vessels adjacent to the tumor. Additionally, the family faced financial constraints, making travel to specialized centers in Mumbai infeasible.

After a thorough review of the case, Dr. Choudhary assured the patient and her family that despite the high risk, the surgery could be successfully performed at the Hospital. He emphasized that the procedure would be conducted free of cost under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, reflecting the hospital's commitment to accessible healthcare.

The surgery, which lasted six hours, involved meticulous dissection of the tumor to carefully separate it from the heart and major blood vessels. The patient endured the procedure well and has since been discharged. A follow-up examination has confirmed that she is now completely free of symptoms.

Dr. Choudhary expressed his satisfaction with the successful outcome, stating, "This surgery was a significant challenge, but our team's expertise and dedication made it possible. It is incredibly rewarding to see the patient recover fully. We take great pride in providing this level of care and are honored to have been able to assist this young girl".

This successful operation represents another milestone for Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, demonstrating its capacity to handle complex cases and its unwavering commitment to patient care.

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BHADARWAH: The School of Management Studies, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, successfully organized a vibrant Management Club Activity. The event aimed to enhance student engagement, creativity, and innovation in management practices. Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Rector of Bhaderwah Campus, appreciated the efforts of the students and faculty in organizing a meaningful and educational event. He emphasized the role of co-curricular activities in shaping future leaders, stating, "These events provide a platform for students to not only showcase their talents but also to learn the crucial skills necessary for thriving in the world of management. The level of dedication and passion shown by the students is truly commendable and reflects the quality of education being imparted at Bhaderwah Campus."

Dr. Umesh Choudhary I/C Head Department of Management, while inaugu-



Faculty members along with students during the event.

rating the event, lauded the collective efforts of the students, faculty, and staff for their contributions toward making the event a resounding success. In his keynote address, he encouraged students to actively participate in future activities, emphasizing the importance of personality development and self-grooming in the corporate world. His interactive session highlighted the significance of creativity and innovation, which was further demonstrated through

engaging activities with the students.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various programs, including BBA, B.Com, and MBA, with Tanvi Choudhary serving as the master of ceremonies. The program featured a series of insightful presentations delivered by students on a wide range of contemporary topics.

Key highlights of the event included, Nitin, a B.Com 3rd Semester student, delivered

an impactful presentation on the societal issue of Drug Abuse, discussing its consequences and preventive measures. Riya, a BBA student, presented on Latest Trends in Business, offering an overview of recent developments in the business world. Prakarti, an MBA 1st Semester student, inspired the audience with Success Stories of Women Entrepreneurs from Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing their resilience and innovation. Sameer Mehta, from

MBA 1st Semester, shared insights on Emerging Trends in Management, highlighting strategies shaping the future of business. Simran, a BBA 3rd Year student, addressed the vital topic of Hygiene in Society, emphasizing its role in personal and public health and

Arbaz, a B.Com 3rd Semester student, concluded the presentations with General Knowledge Tips, broadening the audience's awareness on diverse subjects.

The event saw the presence of several esteemed faculty members, including Dr. Atif Javed Qazi, Dr. Raashidah Gani, Amit, Rajinder Kumar, Asma, and Surbhi Langleh, who actively contributed to the success of the event with their support and encouragement.

The program concluded with a high tea, providing students and faculty an opportunity for informal interaction and intellectual exchange, fostering an environment of camaraderie and collaboration.

Police Observer takes security review for J&K Assembly Elections 2024 in Doda District

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DODA: A crucial meeting was held in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex Doda to review Security arrangements for Assembly election. The meeting was chaired by Police Observer Dharmveer Singh, overseeing AC-51 Bhaderwah, AC-52 Doda, and AC-53 Doda West and attended by District Election Officer (DEO) Harvinder Singh, SSP Mohammad Aslam, and officers from the police, army, BSF, and other security forces. The focus was on finalising the security arrangements for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the upcoming general assembly elections.

SSP Doda presented a comprehensive plan detailing the deployment of forces, law and order management, and the establishment of checkpoints and control rooms.

The strategy also included specific provisions for the deployment of BSF, force allocation on an AC-wise basis, and the setting up of strong rooms.

Discussions also touched on critical topics such as the current militancy scenario, de-induction plans post-elections, and the establishment of key locations for security forces to ensure seamless operations on polling day.

Speaking at the meeting, the police observer emphasized the need for heightened alertness in sensitive polling stations and urged officers to maintain strict discipline and coordination with their respective forces.

He directed that forces remain stationed at least 100 meters away from polling stations to avoid potential conflicts. Further, he instructed security personnel to refrain from using mobile devices in sensitive areas and to stay vigilant, especially in light of the recent militancy activities. Ensuring high morale among the forces was highlighted as a priority to maintain a secure environment.

District Election Officer Harvinder Singh, along with the police observer, addressed any concerns raised by security personnel. They assured the forces that all necessary measures were in place to handle any challenges. The DEO stressed the importance of collaboration between security and election officials to guarantee the safety of both voters and election staff, aiming for a smooth and transparent election process.

Kishtwar: SVEEP Programme ignites Electoral Awareness in AC 48-Inderwal

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KISHTWAR: Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign took centre stage today across Mughal Maidan, Drubeel, and Marwah areas of Assembly Constituency (AC) 48-Inderwal.

The SVEEP programme at Mughal Maidan was marked by an energetic Nukkad Natak performance by the students of Government Higher Secondary School (HSS) Mughal Maidan. Through a creative and engaging street play, the students conveyed vital messages about the importance of voting, the power of each vote, and the responsibility of every citizen to participate in the democratic process.

The performance drew an enthusiastic response from the local community, raising awareness on voter rights and responsibilities, and highlighting the necessity of increased voter turnout in rural areas.

Meanwhile, a seminar on voter awareness was held at Government High School Drubeel, which saw active participation from both students and local residents.

The seminar was followed by a rally, where students, teachers, and community members marched through the streets, chanting slogans encouraging people to vote. The rally not only spread the mes-

sage of electoral participation but also fostered a sense of civic duty among the younger generation. Participants held placards and banners promoting the importance of voting in free and fair elections, stressing that every vote counts towards building a stronger and more representative democracy.

At Marwah headquarters, an impressive SVEEP programme was organized, focusing on engaging grassroots health workers, including Anganwadi Workers (AWW) and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs). Recognizing their influential role in rural communities, the event sought to empower these women leaders to act as ambassadors of voter awareness within their localities.

During the programme, detailed sessions were held to educate AWWs and ASHAs about the electoral process, voter rights, and the importance of encouraging rural women and marginalized sections of society to cast their votes.

This effort is seen as pivotal in addressing voter apathy in remote and hard-to-reach areas of the constituency.

As part of the continuing SVEEP campaign, more such programmes will be organized in other parts of the district to ensure that every eligible voter is well-informed and motivated to exercise their right to vote.

Fresh Talent shines at SMVDU's Annual Talent Hunt Programme

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KATRA: The vibrant Matrika Auditorium was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as SMVDU held its much-anticipated Talent Hunt Program, organized by the Board of Cultural Activity (BCA), SMVDU showcasing the remarkable talents of the university's freshers.

The event, a highlight of the university's cultural calendar, saw an impressive array of performances from new students eager to make their mark.

From melodious vocal performances and instrumental solos to captivating dance routines, bhangra, and dramatic skits, the stage was set for a celebration of cre-



ativity and youthful energy. Dean of Students Welfare, Prof. R.K. Mishra inaugurated the event with the lamp lighting ceremony and an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of nurturing and showcasing student talent.

He commended the freshers for their courage and creativity, noting that such events are crucial in fostering a vibrant campus culture.

Dr. Rahul Sharma, the Cultural Coordinator, and Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, the BCA President, played pivotal roles in organizing the event.

Their dedicated efforts ensured that the Talent Hunt was a well-executed and

memorable experience for everyone involved.

In addition to the individual acts, group performances brought a sense of camaraderie and teamwork to the stage, highlighting the collaborative spirit of the university community.

The audience, composed of students, faculty, and staff, cheered on the performers with enthusiastic support, creating an encouraging atmosphere throughout the event. Overall, the Talent Hunt was a resounding success, reflecting the vibrant and dynamic culture at SMVDU and setting a promising tone for future university events.

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