

Bloodshed culture in J&K, legacy of NC, Congress, PDP: Khatana

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BHADERWAH: Campaigning for the BJP candidate from Doda East, Gajay Singh Rana, senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana launched a scathing attack on the National Conference (NC), Congress, and People's Democratic Party (PDP) for their role in promoting a culture of violence that has left thousands of widows and orphans in Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing massive rallies from Bhaderwah to Kehra Gandoh, passing through Thatri, Khatana accused the trio of pushing the region into decades of darkness and division.

"The dynastic politics of NC, Congress, and PDP have created a legacy of bloodshed. These parties thrived on communal and regional divisions, manipulating the people for their own gain while neglecting development and peace. Their divide and rule strategy has left a trail of destruction," Khatana said, adding that their policies resulted in unimaginable suffering for families across the region.

Thousands of families have been shattered due to the decades-long conflict that these political parties allegedly nurtured for their personal ambitions. Widows, orphans, and dis-



Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana campaigning at Doda.

placed families became a tragic byproduct of their leadership. Khatana emphasized that the people of Chenab Valley, who once believed in these parties, are now fed up and ready to embrace the BJP's vision for a peaceful and progressive future.

"The BJP believes in nation-first policies, not appeasement. We do not divide people based on caste or religion, unlike the previous regimes. The people of Jammu & Kashmir are tired of this old, dynastic politics. They now seek peace, progress, and development, something the BJP is

committed to delivering," Khatana remarked as the rally drew large crowds, which he referred to as a sea of people that crossed caste and religious lines.

The campaign has positioned Gajay Singh Rana, a leader known for his clean and transparent image, as the frontrunner for the Doda East Assembly seat. Khatana confidently declared that Rana's leadership would script history in the region, thanks to the people's growing disillusionment with NC, Congress, and PDP. The senior BJP leader contin-

ued his criticism, accusing the rival parties of being responsible for the region's backwardness, having stifled growth and infrastructure development. He reiterated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would make their choice clear in the upcoming elections, signaling the end of the era of violence and communal divisions fostered by the old guard.

With the Chenab Valley residents expressing growing support for the BJP's developmental model, it appears that the tide may be turning against the traditional political powerhouses of Jammu & Kashmir. The people, especially those who have borne the brunt of decades of violence and instability, now seem eager to teach a lesson to those they believe betrayed them in the name of politics.

This rally reflects the deepening desire for change in the region, a departure from a legacy of violence and bloodshed to one of peace and prosperity under BJP's governance. Gajay Singh Rana, the party candidate, urged the public to rally behind him in defeating the harmful agendas of NC, Congress, and PDP. He expressed deep gratitude to the people for supporting the BJP and standing firmly for the nation's cause.

"Vote Kareingey Hum, Vote Kareingey Sab" Nuked Natak staged

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RAMBAN: Nuked Natak "Vote kareingey hum, vote kareingey sab" staged by Sangam Theatre Group Reasi various Locations of district Ramban i.e. Main Market Raj Garh, Bus stand Gool, Bus stand Khari, Park Matra and Main bazaar Ramban and was organized by District Administration Ramban and supported by Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.



Artists performing during the Nukkad Natak at Ramban.

On the occasion at Gool Sh Harjit Singh (JKAS) Tehsildar Gool, was the Chief Guest. Other officers, School Children, Locals, Senior Citizens and general public witnessed the Nuked Natak show.

The Natak based on Young Voters electoral registration and Election promotions. Artist stressed on new voters in the age of 18 years enrolled in the electoral, more and more participation of younger's registered themselves to cast the vote properly in fair and ethical manner in

upcoming Elections. The play depicts rights of the voter and how to elect the right candidate.

The characters of the play narrated the general mass "Vote Keran ge hum, Vote Keran ge sab....Vote daalna haq hai sabka aur hamari shaan hai". This awareness of Election promotion achieved on one side through the active dissemination of information among the general public with a special focus on the knowledge about voters more participation.

The Actors who performed the Nuked Natak

were Varsha kumai, Nidhi Singh Thakur, Tanvi Sharma, Shakir Abrar, Himanshu Darshan, Mohd. Akram Khan and Raja Aamir Khan. The play was written & directed by M. Akram Khan.

Tehsildaar Gool, Harjit Singh (KAS) and public of Gool appreciated the efforts made by the artists of Sangam Theatre Group Reasi as well as D.C.Ramban for presenting such type of Nuked Natak for the awareness of young voters and enrolment of electoral registration.

Beautician course in Pir Panjal Region: A step toward empowering local women

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RAJOURI : Army's newly launched beautician course in the Pir Panjal region is currently underway, offering a significant opportunity for women in this remote and challenging area to gain valuable skills and achieve economic independence. This initiative, which commenced earlier this month, is part of a broader strategy to enhance socio-economic conditions in the region, known for its geographical isolation and limited access to educational and employment opportunities. The beautician course is being conducted at a community center set up by the Indian Army, specifically designed to meet the needs of the local population. The curriculum covers a comprehensive range of beauty care techniques, including skincare, haircare, and makeup application. The training is provided by a team of skilled local experts and trained facilitators who



Women learning beautician techniques.

are well-versed in the latest beauty practices and techniques. This ensures that the education provided is both relevant and practical, catering to the specific needs and resources of the Pir Panjal region. Participants in the course include women from various villages across the Pir Panjal region. Many of these women have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn new skills that have the potential to transform their lives. By acquiring expertise in beauty care, they are not only gain-

ing the ability to enhance their own personal well-being but are also opening doors to new economic opportunities. The skills learned in this course can enable them to start their own beauty services business or find employment in local salons, thereby contributing to their families' incomes and fostering economic growth within their communities. The Indian Army's involvement in this initiative underscores its commitment to supporting and developing remote and underserved

areas. The beautician course is part of a larger effort to promote community development and resilience in regions that face significant challenges. By equipping women with practical, marketable skills, the program aims to create a ripple effect of positive change, improving both individual lives and the broader socio-economic landscape of the Pir Panjal region. The Indian Army's beautician course in the Pir Panjal region represents a significant step toward empowering local women, offering them not only the tools to improve their personal and economic well-being but also contributing to the overall development of their communities. The initiative embodies a forward-thinking approach to addressing the unique challenges faced by remote areas, setting a precedent for future programs aimed at fostering self-sufficiency and economic development.

KVK Reasi promotes natural farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on natural farming on natural farming practices under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-Jammu.

According to Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, Reasi district of J&K has an immense scope in natural farming and farmers can produce high quality farm products without using synthetic pesticides and herbicides. He added that KVK is stressing on the production of safe and healthy food by promoting the natural farming practices. He added that for a healthy society, healthy food is required and natu-



KVK Reasi scientist Dr Banarsi Lal guiding rural youths on formulation of natural farming inputs.

ral farming can play the significant role in the production of quality and safe food. He further said that natural agricultural produce is beneficial for human health, soil health and ecosystem. He narrated that KVK is guiding farmers on four pillars of natural farming namely Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, Aehhadana (mulching) and Wapasa (moisture). He informed that Jeevamrit is a rich source of bacteria that fix nitrogen and solubilize phosphorous, potassium and other micronutrients. He also

informed that mulching enhances soil nutrients, reduces insect-pests load, boosts productivity and offers economic sustainability.

He emphasized on the opportunities and self-employment generation among the farmers by the adoption of natural farming practices and inclusion of millets in diet. He said that natural farming is a technique through which farmers can reduce the cost of cultivation and produce the quality and healthy food. He informed that natural farming bal-

ances the agro-ecological system and can be considered as the future of farming. He said that by the adoption on natural farming farmers can enhance their income and employment with minimum or no input cost. He said that the KVK is imparting skills on natural farming to the farmers and KVK scientists are demonstrating the practices in the formulation of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Panchgavya, Agniastra, Neemastra etc. and also guiding them on the practices of mulching and Aechhadana required for the natural farming. He narrated that KVK is guiding the Self Help Groups (SHGs)/Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) for better marketing of agricultural produce and for generating more farm profits.

He added that many farmers are showing keen interest towards the adoption of natural farming.

SMVDU students excels in student conference Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition



Winner students along with faculty members.

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KATRA: Students of School of Mathematics participated in one day students conference and Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition organized by Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu in Association with Jammu Mathematical Society. Ariba Rauf (B. Sc. Mathematics, 5th Semester) received the first prize in the student conference and Romel Dutta (M. Sc. Mathematics, 2nd Year) received the 2nd prize in the Alka Memorial Mathematical Competition. The awards were given by Padmashri Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman Higher Education Council, J&K UT during the inaugural function of National Seminar on Recent Trends in Analysis and Allied Areas- 2024 organized by the Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu on 12th September, 2024. Dr. Kuldip Raj, HOD Mathematics,

SMVDU was also present during the award ceremony. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU and faculty members of the School of Mathematics congratulated the students on their achievements and motivated them to bring more laurels to the University.

Ensuring compensation for land acquired by defense department is my priority: Mohan Lal

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AKHNOOR: Mohan Lal Bhagat, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate from the Akhnoor Assembly constituency and former Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), addressed large gatherings today in Sunail, Balgara, and Daskal. Several prominent leaders were present at the event, including BJP leader Bharat Bhushan Gupta, Assembly Co-Coordinator Surinder Singh, District President of SC Morcha Dev Raj Bhagat, Mandal Prashant Sharma, Sarpanch Prashant Sharma, Sarpanch Ratna



Mohan Lal Bhagat, BJP candidate from Akhnoor Assembly constituency during the public meeting.

Lal, Naveen Sharma, and Shotu Pawar. While addressing the gathering, Mohan Lal Bhagat reaffirmed his commitment to fulfilling the promises made in the BJP manifesto. He

emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government has delivered on its promises, the most significant being the abrogation of Article

370. This historic decision has brought peace and stability to the Kashmir region. He highlighted the fact that strikes, stone-pelting, and pro-Pakistan slogans are no longer heard in Kashmir. Bhagat urged the people to vote for the BJP in the upcoming elections, stating that only a strong and stable government can lead Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of development. He assured that once the BJP forms the government, the compensation for lands acquired by the Defense Department will be provided to the rightful owners at the earliest. Additionally, he promised to

strengthen the region's electricity infrastructure and review the functionality of smart meters to provide relief to the public from rising electricity bills.

Mandal President Sham Singh praised Mohan Lal Bhagat, noting, "Mohan Lal Bhagat has served the nation with honesty and dedication throughout his career. He took voluntary retirement two years before his due date to fully dedicate himself to public service. His administrative experience will greatly benefit both the party and the people."

BJP leader Bharat Bhushan Gupta also called

on the public to strengthen the BJP, stating, "On one side, we have parties advocating for the release of stone-pelters and the abolition of the Public Safety Act (PSA), and on the other, we have the Bharatiya Janata Party, working for the security and integrity of the nation. It is a matter of pride for Akhnoor to have a leader like Mohan Lal Bhagat, who is honest and visionary, and will lead the region towards progress."

All the leaders present at the event urged the public to work tirelessly to ensure Mohan Lal Bhagat's victory in the upcoming elections.

CRPF organizes cleanliness drive



CRPF men during cleanliness drive at SDH Bhadarwah.

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BHADARWAH: To be a part of "Swachhata Pakhwada" campaign, which is being observed all over India from 16 September to 2 October 2024, 33 Battalion CRPF along with staff of SDH Bhaderwah has organized Massive cleanliness drive in the premises of Sub District Hospital

Bhaderwah on Monday. The aim of the drive was to create awareness among the local public about cleanliness in our daily life and its important in creating a neat and clean environment for healthy society.

The fortnight campaign was launched by Commandant CRPF 33 Bn Bhaderwah Arun Kumar Singh along with BMO

Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuechay from SDH Bhaderwah.

Commandant CRPF Arun Kumar Singh said that the aim is to spread the message that like we are keeping our houses neat and clean, we have to keep our surroundings and public places also neat and clean for a healthy environment. He informed that

we have started from Bhaderwah Hospital and the drive will continue till October 2 at different places of Bhaderwah followed by special drives scheduled for 1st and 2nd of October on Gandhi Jayanti.

BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuechay expressed gratitude to CRPF to consider his request to conduct cleanliness drive in hospital premises, during which hospital's Sewerage Plant was also cleared from bushes and dirt to make it functional at the earliest.

Both the officers appealed one and all to keep their surroundings neat and clean so that a safe environment can be ensured for healthy lifestyle of all.

21C Ajay Kumar Verma, AC Pankaj Kumar, AC Ankit Kumar Gupta, AC Japeth and others were also participated in the drive.

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