

Khatana criticizes Congress for disempowerment of Muslims

Calls on community to reject fear politics and support Modi in nation-building

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JAMMU: In a strong critique of the Congress party, BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana accused the Congress of deliberately keeping Muslims illiterate and disempowered during its decades-long rule in India.

Addressing polling booth meetings at Narwal, Bathindi, and Sunjwan in Jammu, Khatana urged the Muslim community to reject the fear politics allegedly promoted by Congress and instead support the BJP, which is focused on the empowerment of all communities under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. "It is the responsibility of every citizen in this country to keep the NC, Congress, and PDP out of power, as these parties have plunged the nation into darkness. I urge the people of Jammu and Kashmir to vote for the BJP and choose a brighter future," he added.

"Congress used Muslims as a vote bank for seventy years, keeping them deliberately uneducated and marginalized," Khatana stated.



Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana addressing polling booth meetings at Narwal.

"Now, the party is creating fear among the community to continue exploiting them for political gain."

Khatana's remarks came as part of a broader address aimed at encouraging Muslim voters to see beyond the rhetoric of the Congress and recognize the BJP's efforts to uplift all sections of society. The Congress party's historical approach to Muslims has been one of manipulation, with the party keeping them in a state of dependency through inadequate education and socio-economic opportunities.

"The Congress party

survived by dividing people and exploiting their fears. For seventy years, they kept Muslims illiterate and economically weak so they could control their votes without offering real progress. Today, the same party is playing a new game by instilling fear in the community," Khatana said during his address. He emphasized that Muslims should not fall prey to Congress's divisive tactics.

The Rajya Sabha MP praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government for fostering inclusivity and progress for all

citizens, regardless of religion, caste, or region. Khatana asserted that the country is steadily advancing toward becoming a global leader, a goal he argued could only be achieved with the participation and empowerment of every segment of Indian society, including Muslims.

"India is on the path to becoming a world leader, and this vision can't be realized without the involvement of all communities. The Modi government is committed to the welfare of every citizen, without discrimination,"

Khatana said, reaffirming the BJP's stance on inclusive governance. "There is no need to fear under the Modi government. We are dedicated to the empowerment of all citizens, including Muslims, and providing them with equal opportunities."

The BJP leader also accused Congress of fueling communal tensions for political survival. The Congress party continues to rely on fear-mongering and division to maintain its voter base, particularly among minority communities. He argued that such tactics have not only harmed national unity but also stunted the socio-economic progress of the very groups the Congress claims to represent.

"The Congress party thrives on communal and divisive politics. It has done more harm than good to this nation by perpetuating fear and insecurity among minorities," Khatana remarked. "In contrast, the BJP is focused on unity, growth, and the betterment of all citizens."

Department of Students Welfare, CLUJ hosts awareness program on International Ozone Day



Dr. Rakesh Attri speaking in an awareness programme at CLUJ.

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JAMMU: The office of Dean Students Welfare, CLUJ organized an impactful awareness program in honor of International Ozone Day and International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.

The event was held under the patronage of Prof. Bechan Lal, Chancellor, Cluster University of Arts Dr. Monika Sharma acting Incharge DSW CLUJ, who delivered the welcome address and highlighted the critical importance of protecting the ozone layer.

In her address, Dr. Monika Sharma emphasized the vital role the ozone layer plays in shielding our planet from harmful ultraviolet radiation.

She urged everyone to take collective responsibility in ensuring its preservation for the well-being of future generations.

The program featured a notable presentation by Dr. Rakesh Attri, a distinguished expert on environmental science from University of Jammu.

Dr. Attri shared his extensive knowledge on the topic of ozone depletion. His presentation provided in-depth information about the factors contributing to the depletion of the ozone layer, including human activities and industrial processes. He also offered practical solutions and strategies for mitigating this environmental issue, emphasizing the importance of global cooperation and individual actions in addressing the crisis. The event was conducted

by Dr. Kuldeep Raina (Cultural Coordinator CLUJ) Dr. Shubhra Jamwal, (Assistant Dean, GCOE) and Ashraf, (Assistant Dean, MAMCollege). Their efforts were instrumental in the successful execution of the program.

The event was a significant step in raising awareness about the ozone layer and encouraging proactive measures to protect our environment. The Department of Students Welfare thanks all participants and speakers for their valuable contributions.

Assistant Deans Sunita Kumari, Dr. Roomi Rani and Paranjit Singh also attended the lecture. The lecture concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr. Kuldeep Raina Cultural Convener CLUJ.

Madhuparamhans ji delivers religious sermon



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JAMMU: In a powerful sermon delivered by Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj in Ranjri, Jammu, he emphasized the unique nature of the soul, which transcends the physical elements and the attachments of the mind and Maya.

He pointed out that many people, despite leading seemingly fulfilling lives with material comforts, fail to recognize the importance of seeking salvation. He compared the soul to pure water, highlighting that while the soul itself is untainted, the experiences and attachments of life can muddy its

clarity. Just as a child may not understand the value of money until they grow older, many individuals remain unaware of the significance of salvation, often due to ignorance and a lack of curiosity.

Sadguru noted that people are caught in a cycle of living for worldly pleasures—education, jobs, families—without realizing the transient nature of these pursuits. He illustrated this with the analogy of a gambler who, despite the joy of winning, ultimately must leave everything behind, mirroring how people leave this world filled with regrets.

He stressed that ignorance, rooted in Tamoguna (one of the three gunas in Hindu philosophy), blinds individuals to the truth of their existence and keeps them bound to the material world. The mind, which mistakenly identifies itself with the body, becomes the true enemy, obstructing the soul's journey toward liberation.

Ultimately, Sadguru called for a deeper understanding and effort toward salvation, urging individuals to recognize their true nature beyond the mind and body, and to strive for spiritual awakening and liberation from the cycle of birth and death.

BJP Govt will not only meet but exceed expectations of people in J&K: Kavinder

Flags off Video Van, addresses Intellectual Meet in Samba

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta declared on Wednesday that his Party is committed to not only meeting but surpassing the expectations of the residents of Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to transform the region into a model of progress and development.

Kavinder made these remarks while flagging off a Video Van, along with Vikram Randhawa, BJP candidate for the Bahu constituency, in preparation for the upcoming Assembly elections. Among those who were present

included Rakesh Mahajan, Ved Sharma, Neeraj Anand, Sham Langer, Ajay Gupta, Mukherjee Sharma, Bakshi ji and others.

Speaking to the media persons, Kavinder Gupta emphasized that a vote for the BJP in the Assembly polls would be a crucial step toward sustainable growth and would set a new standard for development in the region.

He noted that the people of J&K have endured difficult times due to the mis-governance of dynastic political entities over the past 70 years. "The time has come to give the BJP a full opportunity to lead the region and address the

issues the people have been yearning for over decades," he stated.

The senior BJP leader highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has demonstrated his commitment to Jammu and Kashmir, and with a BJP government in the Union Territory, a development revolution is possible.

He stressed that the double-engine government can achieve remarkable transformation, making J&K a developed territory on par with other modern states in India. "A majority BJP government in J&K is poised to accelerate the region's transformation into one of the most devel-

oped states in the country," he asserted.

Kavinder urged party members to work diligently to consolidate votes in favor of the BJP, as a decisive victory is essential for getting J&K back on track.

He criticized dynastic parties for hindering the region's progress and emphasized that their defeat is crucial for advancing the interests of the people.

It is noteworthy that Kavinder Gupta is actively campaigning in the Bahu, Samba, and Vijaypur Assembly constituencies.

Later, he also addressed an intellectual meet in

Samba, highlighting the key achievements of the Modi Government over the past decade.

Kavinder outlined the party's ambitious vision for Jammu and Kashmir's future, focusing on infrastructure development, economic growth, and improved governance, while also emphasizing the importance of ensuring lasting peace along borders and within the region.

"The BJP's primary goal is to transform Jammu and Kashmir into a developed and prosperous region, fully integrated into the country's growth trajectory," Gupta concluded.

DSE Ladakh announces MACP for lecturers; Ladakh Teacher Award Policy also rolled out

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LEH: In a major development, the Department of School Education, UT Ladakh has announced the implementation of the provision of Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) to the lecturers of the School Education Department, Union Territory of Ladakh, in sync with the rest of the country.

In this regard, a Departmental Screening Committee has been constituted, wherein the Director, School Education, UT Ladakh shall be

the Chairperson, and the Chief Education Officer, Leh, and Kargil shall be committee members, who shall examine and recommend lecturers eligible for the financial upgradation, strictly as per guidelines of the MACP scheme of 2019.

It is pertinent to note that the scheme shall be operative in the UT of Ladakh from the date of issuance of the order, i.e. September 5, 2024.

This Central Government provision intends to facilitate financial upgradations to employees facing stagnation



due to lack of promotional opportunities. MACP ensures every government servant's upgrade on completion of 10, 20 and 30 years of regular serv-

ice from the date of joining.

Additionally, the department has also announced the adoption of Ladakh Teacher Award Policy in the School Education Department of the Union Territory of Ladakh. All teaching faculties, inclusive of Lecturers/Masters/Teachers, of the School Education Department of UT Ladakh, shall be entitled to avail the benefit of the yearly best teacher award under the Teacher Award Policy of UT Ladakh.

The percentage of academic results achieved, the conduct of

extra classes, means and methods used in the classroom, innovative practices, subject knowledge, communication skills, regularity, community engagement, voluntarism, etc shall be evaluated, along with feedback from students and DDOs.

The policy has been introduced to identify and celebrate outstanding teachers in UT Ladakh who significantly promote quality education and lifelong learning practices among students while fostering a culture of excellence within the teaching community in a fair process.

The award shall encompass a cash incentive and an exposure tour within the country.

NDA honours Rajat Charak for winning silver medal at 10th Asian Wushu Championship



NGO NDA members honouring Rajat Charak.

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JAMMU: Nations Development Association (NDA), a registered NGO, honoured Rajat Charak, son of Pawan Singh Charak from Chak Lala, Bishnah, District Jammu, for his outstanding achievement at the 10th Asian Wushu Championship held in Macau, China. Rajat Charak brought laurels to Jammu and

Kashmir by securing a silver medal in the below 90kg weight category. The Indian team, comprising 24 members, delivered an impressive performance, winning one gold, five silver, and three bronze medals.

Swarn Singh Charak Chairman Nations Development Association, Sushil Singh Charak, Founder, General Secretary, and Former

Chairman of NDA, Deepak Singh Charak, Ashu Kumar, Aakash Singh along with NDA members, presented Rajat Charak with a Bouquet of flowers to recognize his achievement.

Rajat Charak's Achievement. Silver medal in below 90kg weight category. India's Performance. One gold, five silver, and three bronze medals. 10th Asian Wushu Championship. Held in Macau, China, from September 9 to 16. Jammu and Kashmir's Athletes, Shine on the global stage. Sushil Singh Charak praised the team's efforts, stating, "Rajat Charak's exceptional performance earned him a silver medal, making Jammu and Kashmir proud."

GDC Paloura conducts intra college debate competition



Faculty and students of GDC Paloura posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: IQAC of Govt Degree College, Paloura, Jammu under the guidance of the college Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kaur successfully conducted an engaging intra college debate competition on the topic, "Social Media: A Boon or a Bane".

The event aimed at fostering critical thinking and public

speaking skills attracted wide participation from students of the college.

The event was organized by the Department of English. The aim of the programme was to inculcate awareness among students regarding social media and its benefits as well as its drawbacks.

The jury members for the competition were Dr. Sapna

Sharma, Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Chemistry and Prof. Pooja Sharma, Head of Dept., Sociology, Govt Degree College, Paloura. Time management during the debate was handled by Prof. Poonam Rainu, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology. The proceedings were compared by Janshee and

Tanmay of Semester 3rd. After intense rounds of debate Shazia Choudhary of 5th semester was declared the winner of the competition, Jaswant Singh and Tanmay Mahajan of 3rd Semester shared the second position and Rohan Singh of 5th semester got third position.

The winners and participants were awarded certificates by the Principal of the college who applauded their dedication and preparation.

She expressed immense pride in the student's performance. She congratulated the participants for their enthusiasm and motivated them to actively take part in such events.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the organizing committee who extended gratitude to the Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kaur, faculty, judges and all participants for making the event a success.

No Aadhaar without a valid birth certificate for 0 to 5: Advisor Ladakh

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LEH: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal chaired a UIDIC meeting to review Aadhaar penetration and usage of Aadhaar for good governance in UT Ladakh, at Civil Secretariat Leh. Bhawna Garg, Deputy Director General (DDG) UIDAI, apprised the Advisor about the progress of Aadhaar enrolment/ update in Ladakh. She also apprised about the challenges to enrol children in the age-group of 0-5 years. The presentation covered key aspects including working of Aadhaar Centers, Aadhaar penetration status, Department wise review, Aadhaar usage for Welfare schemes etc. During the meeting, The Advisor Ladakh meticulously reviewed the work progress of Enrolment Agencies and highlighted issues related to the Aadhaar generation in



Advisor to Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal chairing UIDIC meeting.

UT. He stressed the officials to work hand in hand and identify delays and technical snags, so that left-out population to be covered. He emphasized that covering children aged 0-5 years under the Aadhaar initiative enables parents and children to avail multiple benefits. He further said that 0-5 years age should be enrolled with Aadhaar with a valid birth certificate. He instructed that birth certificates should be issued on time so that Aadhaar enrolment will be done in the hospital itself. During the meeting, the Advisor instructed that all the non-Functional

kits be made functional. He instructed officials that awareness campaigns and intensive advertisement should be done by all the enrolment agencies of Aadhaar. People should also be made aware of the document update process. Advisor stressed that residents who got Aadhaar more than 10 years ago should update their Aadhaar with valid documents. Moreover, document update is currently free online up to 14th December 2024. The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar, Bhawna Garg, DDG UIDAI

RO Chandigarh, S.D Singh Jamwal, ADGP Ladakh; Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr. V a s a n t h a k u m a r ; Commissioner Secretary, Social and Tribal Welfare, Padma Angmo; Administrative Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Yetindera M. Maralkar; District Magistrate Leh and other officials. Administrative Secretary, Information Technology, Anit Sharma, District Magistrate Kargil, Director Health joined the meeting virtually.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organizes Swachhata Pledge event

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JAMMU: The Eco Club 'Tawishi' and NSS unit 'Veerangana' of GCW Bhagwati Nagar organized a Swachhata Pledge Event on Wednesday marking the launch of a series of activities in celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas.

The theme for this inaugural event, "Swabhav Swachhata - Sanskaar Swachhata," focused on fostering cleanliness and environmental awareness. The event brought together students and faculty, united in their commitment to a cleaner and greener future. It commenced with an inspiring address by Dr. Meeru Abrol, the Principal of the college, who highlighted the vital role of individual responsibility in maintaining cleanliness

and safeguarding the environment. Students actively engaged in the event, enthusiastically sharing their thoughts on sustainable practices and emphasizing the significant role of youth in driving positive change. Together, they took a collective pledge to uphold cleanliness in their personal lives and within their community, embodying the spirit of the Swachh Bharat Mission, which aims to enhance awareness about sanitation and hygiene.

The event was expertly organized by Dr. Mosmi Raina, Convener of the Eco Club, reflecting a dedicated effort to inspire and mobilize the college community towards sustainable practices.

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JAMMU: Mock Drill held in Police Station GRP Manwal in collaboration with units viz area Magistrate, Territorial Police, UTDRE officers from health medical services and other sister agencies. The main aim of the Mock Drill was IED Blast demon-

stration and accordingly contingency plan and retaliation plan. To neutralize the ANEs and ASEs as per the already framed SOP in view the present security challenges and preparedness of our jawans in respond to any emergent situation and to thwart the nefarious designs of ANEs/ASEs.