

# NC-Cong treated women as 2nd class citizens, PM Modi empowered them: Rajni Sethi

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JAMMU: The J&K BJP Spokesperson, Rajni Sethi, on Friday said that previous governments of NC and Cong treated the women as second-class citizens, while the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi empowered women by ending anti-women laws and launching pro-women schemes.

This was stated by Rajni Sethi, while addressing a press conference at BJP media center, here today. Mahila Morcha Prabhari and BJP Vice President, Anuradha Charak, Mahila Morcha General Secretary, Neha Mahajan, and BJP Media Incharge, Dr Pardeep



J&K BJP Spokesperson, Rajni Sethi addressing a press conference at Jammu on Friday.

Mahotra were also present in the press Conference.

"For the last 70 to 80 years, NC-Cong governments treated women as 2nd class citizens but PM Modi after assuming office in 2014 empowered the women and

gave them equal rights", Rajni Sethi said.

"Now, women are living a dignified life in J&K and enjoying equal rights," she said, while adding, "Prior to abrogation of Article 370, women of J&K who married

outside were denied all rights but after abrogation of Article 370 on 5 Aug 2019 women got all rights even if they marry outside".

NC-Cong used women only as vote bank and did not empower them, she said,

adding that PM Modi launched several schemes for empowering women like 'Sukanya Smridhi Yojna', 'Drone Didi Yojna' 'Lakhpati Didi' 'Ladli Beti yojana' etc.

Rajni Sethi also said that BJP has also promised 33% reservation to women in local bodies and in J&K BJP has promised 50% reservation to women in local bodies (panchayats, BDCs).

"This shows that BJP is committed for women empowerment," she said and appealed to the women to support BJP in the Assembly elections.

BJP will form next government in J&K on its own and women will play an important role in this, she said.

# AAI Jammu conducts Health Camp in collaboration with ASCOMS



Jammu Airport officers and ASCOMS Jammu doctors at a camp.

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JAMMU: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) Jammu Airport marked Swachhata Hi Sewa Week by organizing a free health camp in collaboration with Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) Jammu. This camp provided complementa-

ry consultations and health check-ups for the employees and stakeholders of airport.

The health camp, led by Dr. Supinder Singh, was aimed at promoting health and wellness, in line with the government's initiative for improving the quality of life for all citizens.

"We are deeply committed

to ensuring the well-being of our employees, contractual employees and stakeholders," said Airport Director, Sanjeev Kumar Garg.

He further added that "This health camp is a reflection of our ongoing efforts to prioritize health and contribute to a healthy work environment."

# Gadkari boosted morale of party cadre ahead of Assembly Polls: Nitish Mahajan Urges support for BJP Candidate Vikram Randhawa

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of the Social Media Department of BJP, J&K, today lauded the visit of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to Jammu, stating that it has significantly boosted the morale of the party cadre ahead of the upcoming Assembly polls. His visit comes as a strong show of support for BJP candidate Vikram Randhawa, who is contesting from the Bahu Constituency.

In a statement issued here

today, Nitish Mahajan emphasized that Vikram Randhawa is a deserving candidate with an excellent track record of serving the people. "Vikram Randhawa has consistently demonstrated his commitment to public service, addressing the needs and concerns of the people of Bahu Constituency. He is the right leader to bring development and progress to the region," he added.

Appealing to the voters, Mahajan urged the people of Bahu Constituency to cast their

votes in support of Randhawa in the forthcoming Assembly elections. "A vote for Vikram Randhawa is a vote for development, stability, and a prosperous future for Bahu. Let us join hands to strengthen the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by supporting a candidate who will truly work for the betterment of the people."

The visit of Nitin Gadkari has further energized the BJP cadre and the electorate, with hopes high for a resounding victory in the Bahu Constituency.

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JAMMU: In light of the upcoming UT Assembly elections, the Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) convened a significant meeting today at its office in Chanakaya Chowk, Parade, Jammu. The meeting was chaired by DBPS President Ved Prakash Sharma and saw participation from numerous prominent citizens, scholars, and educators from various fields.

During the meeting, Ved Prakash Sharma urged the public to vote wisely in the

ongoing assembly polls, emphasizing their importance for the future of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Jammu region.

He praised the high voter turnout in the first phase of the elections, describing it as a testament to the strengthening of nationalist forces in the region.

Sharma encouraged eligible voters, especially the youth, to exercise their democratic right, stressing the necessity of electing honest, well-educated candidates with a spirit of

nationalism and a commitment to public welfare.

Representatives from various social and religious organizations also voiced their concerns during the meeting. They called for the restoration and upkeep of significant historical and religious sites in the Jammu division, along with a rationalization of the reservation policy for all communities living below the poverty line.

Key demands included addressing unemployment in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, declaring Jammu

as a "Nasha Mukta" (drug-free) zone, and establishing a fixed salary for pujaris at a minimum of Rs 15,000 per month, similar to the model in Andhra Pradesh.

Additional requests included the constitution of a Brahman Welfare Board, modeled after those in Haryana and Punjab, regularization of daily wagers, contractual, and contingent workers, and the improvement of the drainage system across Jammu City to alleviate issues related to flooding and public health.

Several other speakers at

the meeting included V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Advocate P.C. Sharma, Chairman of DBPS, Som Nath Sharma, Subash Shastri, Ex-D.C. B.S. Jamwal, and various others, who echoed these sentiments and added their perspectives on the pressing issues facing the region.

The meeting highlighted the collective commitment to fostering a better future for Jammu and Kashmir through active civic participation and addressing key socio-economic challenges.

# DBPS urges public to vote wisely in assembly polls

# NABARD sanctions 26 soil testing labs for J&K schools

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JAMMU: NABARD has sanctioned grant assistance for the implementation of 1,000 Mini Soil Testing Labs in 1,000 schools under the School Soil Health Programme of Integrated Nutrition Management (INM) of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

The project is being implemented by NAB Foundation, a subsidiary of NABARD. The pan India project is being implemented in two phases with a total financial outlay of Rs 12 crore. In J&K, 26 such labs will be established, 15 in Jammu and 11 in Kashmir region. Deputy General Manager NABARD, Surinder Singh said that the project aims to facilitate the testing of soil samples across 26 schools in J&K. NAB Foundation shall

provide the modern digital soil testing analyzers along with 50 free testing kits to each school at first instance, during both the Kharif and Rabi seasons.

The facility will be provided free of cost to farmers in the initial period of implementation and later a very nominal amount shall be charged by these schools from the farmers for availing this facility.

He said that the initiative seeks to cover an area of approximately 20,000 hectares, ensuring comprehensive soil testing. The project will not only focus on soil testing but also provide students with practical, hands-on learning experiences. Students will be actively involved in soil sampling, testing, and interpreting soil health cards, thereby gaining crucial insights into the science of soil health and its significance in

agriculture.

"In terms of educational impact, the project is set to foster a deep understanding of soil health among students and teachers alike. By engaging students in practical learning, the project will help build knowledge about sustainable farming practices, encouraging them to adopt and promote such methods in the future. This hands-on approach will create a strong educational foundation in soil science, benefiting the participants in both their academic and personal growth," he said.

He further said that the project will directly impart knowledge on soil health to an estimated 50,000 to 1,00,000 students, thereby creating a large-scale impact on future generations of both farmers and agricultural professionals.

# Paddy harvesting in Budgam district in full swing

## MASROOR AHMAD

BUDGAM: In Kashmir, paddy harvesting normally starts in ending September and lasts till the end of October. But this year it started much earlier in district Budgam and lower areas of Pulwama district due to hot summer season. It's an interesting period that changes attitude immediately because of the upcoming season of paddy crops. Farmers are busy with paddy harvesting in Gowherpora, Kuzwera, Kultrah, Khanda, Chadoora, Soibugh, Beerwah of Budgam and Parigam, Nawa, Gadoora, Pinglana and other areas of Pulwama district. Men and women are working hard and trying to finish harvest paddy from the fields as clear weather is forecast for more days.

Due to uncontrolled urbanization in the Kashmir Valley, from 1,35,000 hectares of land under paddy cultivation seven years earlier, the land currently under paddy cultivation has come down to 1,29,000 hectares, according to Department of Agriculture. However, there has been a significant



increase in rice yield per hectare from previous years.

"This year, there is going to be a record yield as our estimates suggest that the yield per hectare will be between 65 to 68 quintals this year as compared to last year's 60 to 65 quintals per hectare. This is because of the fact that the paddy plantation was done at the most opportune time this year and was later helped by timely rains and proper temperature for the crop to flourish. As the mornings and evenings grow colder with each passing day, the rice straw in the paddy fields in most parts of Kashmir has turned gold, and harvesting of the crop is in full swing these days in many areas. Officials said

that paddy production has increased over 10 percent and there is good news for the farmers as the Meteorological Department has predicted dry weather for a week. Mostly during the harvesting, many are desperately following weather-related predictions so that the harvesting is done safely.

Rice is the staple food in Kashmir and the crop has the distinction of being the most extensively cultivated across the Valley and in the Jammu division. The area under the rice is distributed by both regions of which about 60 percent is from Kashmir and 40 percent is from the Jammu division.

"Harvesting is a time-consuming process which needs

collective effort rather than a single man's capacity," Amir Ahmad, of Kuzwera Chadoora Budgam told the STATE TIMES, adding, "Working together is very important in paddy fields as this work seems a little difficult."

He said that during the season almost all members of the family get involved in this practice. But for the past few years local people, especially young generation is showing less interest in paddy harvesting, that is why now we are totally dependent on non-local labour force.

"Among the family, the children can't harvest but they fetch food for others working in the fields. The paddy harvesting is the primary step which takes two or three days", he added.

Another farmer, Shabir Ahmad Baht said, "This year, the farmers are delighted at the increased production of the paddy and exclaimed that suitable weather aided better production of paddy compared to the previous year, with the help of new seed varieties the quality and quantity of

paddy crop has increased.

The climatic conditions for paddy this year were almost favourable and the exact percentage of increase in production will come after October 15. Because of the extreme climatic conditions in Jammu and Kashmir, rice is only grown once a year.

Experts said, "These days, Kashmir is witnessing vertical growth in rice cultivation because of utilization of resource-efficient technology, even though it is a sad reality that we are losing agricultural land to built-up areas. But we hope this trend stops very soon so that we are able to make good use of our land." They added that it is not only about rice cultivation, "we can even grow vegetables on a far greater scale than we do currently if land resources are utilized properly."

# Max Fashion launches Kalki Koehlin in style with its latest 'New New You' Campaign

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dubai-Based Landmark Group's most loved fashion brand Max Fashion prepares to step into a new chapter for the brand with a special collaboration with renowned actor and style icon Kalki Koehlin for the 'New New You' campaign. The campaign forays into the space of renewed self-confidence, instilling a sense of evolution that leaves the customer feeling brand new, thanks to the transformative power of style. This campaign boasts a refined collection that captures the sentiment of reinvention, whether it's for a festive celebration or friendly gathering (workwear, casual outfits, fusion festive wear or high-glam occasion wear) - these styles set the tone for celebrations this season. A collection this stylish needed

someone who aligned perfectly with its playfulness, someone who has the unique ability to break conventional fashion boundaries while staying true to her personality - and who better than the brilliant Kalki Koehlin - who reinvents herself with every vibrant role she takes on. With the 'New New You' collection, Max Fashion aims to inspire its customers to have the freedom to explore different facets of their personality with its latest western & festive styles and accessories. Kalki's bold choices, both in her career and personal style, inspire confidence and self-expression - values that align with the brand's vision to connect with new age aspiring families On being the face of this fun, fresh new campaign for Max Fashion, Kalki Koehlin says, "I believe fashion is an

extension of one's personality, and Max Fashion's 'New New You' campaign truly allows me to do that. I am thrilled to be a part of it and I must say Max Fashion has completely surprised me with its cool, vibrant and comfortable styles."

On partnering with the fabulous Kalki Koehlin, Pallavi Pandey, Head of Marketing, Max Fashion says, "As we embark on an exciting journey of transformation at Max Fashion, the 'New New You' campaign is our commitment to constantly evolving and bringing fresh, trendsetting styles to our customers. This collaboration with Kalki Koehlin represents the bold, confident, and ever-evolving spirit of our brand. We aim to inspire our customers to explore new possibilities and embrace every side of themselves with our latest collection, designed for the modern, aspirational

Indian family."

Sumit Chandna, Deputy CEO, Max Fashion, adds: "Max Fashion's growth and success have always been driven by our commitment to delivering value, quality, and fresh fashion to our customers. With the 'New New You' campaign, we are not only launching a dynamic new collection but also reinforcing our retail strategy to bring continuous innovation to over 520 stores across 210+ cities. This campaign marks a new chapter in our business, where we focus on expanding our presence, both in physical stores and online, with an unwavering dedication to customer satisfaction and style evolution."

The Max Fashion x Kalki Koehlin 'New New You' campaign launches on 20th September in all Max Fashion stores across India and www.maxfashion.in.

# Jashn-e-Jamhooriyat event at GDC Kupwara ignites voter awareness, enthusiasm among first time voters

## STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: The conference Hall of Govt. Boys Degree College Kupwara reverberated with the vibrant voices of democracy and voter awareness as a grand event themed "Jashn-e-Jamhooriyat" was held under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative.

General election Observer Trehgam, Kupwara P. Hema Latha, General Observer Handwara, Pankaj K. Panday, General Observer, Karnah, Prakash Bindu, General Observer, Lolab, Tshewang Gyachho Bhutia and District Election Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Ayushii Sudan graced the occasion and emphasized the vital role of youth in promoting voter awareness. They urged students and first-time voters to become agents of change by educating others about the importance of

exercising their fundamental right to vote.

The other officers present on the occasion were ADDC Kupwara, District Nodal Officer SVEEP, ROs, Deputy District Election Officer Kupwara, other officers, youth Icons, students and first time voters.

The highly impactful event, which drew an enthusiastic crowd from all walks of life, featured a mesmerising array of cultural and musical performances by local artists, cultural groups and performers as well as thought-provoking musical skits and mock parliament by students who took to the stage to convey the message of the importance of voter participation in strengthening democratic fabric.

In a powerful display of voter engagement under the leadership of DEO Kupwara, this highly impactful event captivated the students, first time voters and other audi-

ence which emphasised the critical role of each voter in shaping the nation's future.

The event was further enriched with the insights of other dignitaries who spoke on the occasion and urged the students to advocate for voter participation among their eligible relatives.

A vibrant cultural segment creatively conveyed the significance of voter awareness through various cultural dances and skit performances. A highlight of the program was a scintillating art exhibition which added a colour to the mega event.

The SVEEP programme concluded with a strong appeal to the public to engage actively in the upcoming assembly elections in the six assembly constituencies of the district on Oct 1, reaffirming that every vote contributes to the shaping of the district's future.

# CEC Tashi Gyalson launches Mahindra Thar ROXX MX5 in Leh

## STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, along with Thiksay Councillor Stanzin Chosful, officially launched the Mahindra Thar ROXX MX5 in Ladakh.

During the event, CEC Gyalson congratulated Mentokling Mahindra for introducing this innovative vehicle, emphasizing the importance of supporting local products and indigenous initiatives. He remarked that the launch of the Mahindra Thar ROXX MX5 showcases engineering excellence and reinforces the commitment to pro-



CEC Tashi Gyalson cutting cake during launch of Mahindra Thar ROXX MX5 in Leh.

moting local entrepreneurship.

CEC Gyalson also stressed the "vocal for local" initiative, highlighting the need to prior-

itize and support local industries, further noting the significant contribution by Mentokling Mahindra in generating employment opportu-

nities for locals, emphasized the importance of harnessing local resources and talent to strengthen the local economy.

The event served as a platform to discuss the significance of supporting local industries, encouraging collaboration between businesses and the community.

CEC urged attendees to embrace local craftsmanship and innovations, fostering a culture of sustainability and self-reliance in Leh.

The Mahindra Thar ROXX MX5 is anticipated to have a significant impact as a product of high engineering standards.

# NILM hosts School-Level Painting Competition at MIE School Paloura

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Incredible Literacy Mission (NILM) organized a school-level painting competition at the Major Institute of Education (MIE) in Paloura Dhok, Jammu. This initiative aimed to promote literacy and creativity among students, encouraging them to express their thoughts and ideas through art.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students, who showcased their artistic talents and unique perspectives on themes related to literacy and education. The event not only provided a platform for creative expression but also fostered healthy competition, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation. R.S. Thakur, Project Director of NILM, stated, "Art is a powerful tool for communication and self-expression. Through this competition, we aim to inspire students to embrace their creativity while raising awareness about a healthy environment." Key school staff members involved in the event included Abhishek Singh, Chairman of the school, and Jyoti Devi, Principal, along with Neeru Dogra and Shivani Manhas. At the conclusion of the event, certificates were awarded to all participants, celebrating their contributions and creativity.

# IN THE COURT OF IST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMMU.

Present: Rambir Singh Jastola  
UID No.: JK00079

Banarsi Dass S/o Lt. Chhajji Ram  
R/o H.No. 3, Ward No. 61, K.C door Muthi Teh. Jammu North  
Vs  
..... Petitioner/s.

1. Sonia Devi W/o Lt. Ajay Kumar R/o Vill. Rampur Teh. Phillave Distt. Jalandhar. (PB)  
2. Vijay Kumar S/o Banarsi Dass  
3. Anita Devi W/o Vijay Kumar, both resident of K.C Doors, Ward No. 61, Teh. Jammu Distt. Jammu North.

In the matter of:- Petition under Guardian and Wards Act, for appointment of the petitioner as Guardian of the minor namely Varun Bhagat S/o Lt. Ajay Kumar age 12 yrs for the Welfare of minor of Child. The Minor Varun Bhagat was born 28.05.2012. Out of the wedlock of the deceased Ajay Kumar & Sonia Devi. The father of the minor Varun Bhagat was died on 31.1.2013.

Notice to: Public at large.  
Whereas, the Petitioner/s has/ have filed the above titled Petition for his/her appointment as Guardian of the minor namely Varun Bhagat S/o Lt. Ajay Kumar age 12 yrs for the welfare of minor of child. The minor Varun Bhagat was born 28.05.2012. Out of the wedlock of the deceased Ajay Kumar & Sonia Devi. The father of the minor Varun Bhagat was died on 31.1.2013.

Now, through this Proclamation/Publication, the public at large is hereby informed that in case any person is having any objection/claim in the above titled petition, he/she/they may appear in this court in person or through an Advocate and file objections on 28.10.2024 at 10:30 AM, failing which the matter shall be decided under law. In case the date fixed is declared public holiday the case shall be taken up on the next working day.  
Given under my hand and seal of this Court today the 31st day of Aug. 2024.

No. 1761st/ADSJ  
Date: 18.09.2024

Sd/-  
Ist Additional District Judge  
Jammu