

Cong-NC should clarify stand on Pak minister's open support to their agenda of Art 370: Rana

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MATHWAR: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday asked the Congress-National Conference Alliance to clear their stand on Pakistan Defence Minister's open endorsement to their agenda on Article 370.

Addressing series of election meeting organized by Rachpal Singh (Bittu), Devender Rana said the ball is especially in the Congress court, which owes an explanation to the nation whether it approves of what the Pakistan's Federal Minister said.

He wondered how can 'Hate Modi' and 'BJPs Nation First Mantra' drive the Congress and NC to such an extreme edge where they are seen on the same page with a country that believes in giving thousand cuts to India.

Devender Rana, who is BJP candidate for



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing public rally.

Nagrota Assembly Constituency, said the Congress has crossed all limits of political morality by tarnishing India's image across the continents and furthering the cause of inimical elements- be it China or Pakistan and separatists in this part of the country. He referred to the recent statement of a Pakistan Federal Minister endorsing the Cong-NC agenda of reinstating Article 370, a discriminative and obstructive provi-

sion that stands buried forever by visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rana also castigated the National Conference for advocating talks with Pakistan, knowing well they have no locus-standi to meddle in the country's external affairs domain . Yet assuming the role of being devil's advocate, the party is exposing its vulnerabilities of losing the ongoing elections, he added.

Rana termed the Congress

and National Conference as an unholy alliance that does not only feel comfort in the cushion of inimical forces but also work against the marginalised segments. By alleging with the NC manifesto, the Congress has covertly supported the repeal of the reservation guaranteed to SCs, STs, Gujjars, Paharis and OBCs in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 in accordance with the Babasaheb's Constitution.

He said the BJP will not

allow this dubious design of the National Conference and its ally the Congress to disempower these segments, asserting vehemently that such a sinister design amounts to depriving these marginalised communities of employment, education and space in politics.

He assailed the National Conference for attempting to trample the Babasaheb's Constitution, guaranteeing equitable and fair share to the marginalized communities in jobs, education and political spectrum.

He described the joint NC-Congress move as a step towards rolling back the progress registered over the years in the upliftment of these segments and undermining the social fabric across the country.

Reiterating BJP's commitment for inclusive development, Rana dwelt in detail various path breaking

initiatives taken across Jammu and Kashmir during the past over five years with an avowed objective of ensuring progress , creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments.

He said the investments will manifest in industrialization on a mega scale thus opening vistas of opportunities for economic empowerment and generation of jobs for professionals, technocrats, educated unemployed besides skilled and unskilled workforce. He said J&K is at the threshold of a new era of peace and progress as per Naya J&K vision of the Prime Minister. He also referred to his vision about Nagrota and said the coming years are crucial for developing the constituency as an economic, educational and developmental hub of the region.

ADGP Jammu awards PSI Nitish Khajuria for conducting investigation leading to conviction in NDPS cases



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain awarding PSI Nitish Khajuria.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, on Tuesday awarded PSI Nitish Khajuria with a Commendation Certificate Class-I along with cash reward for his exemplary performance as investigator the then In-charge of Police Post Pouni Chack. The award was presented in a ceremony held at Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ) Jammu.

PSI Nitish Khajuria has been recognized for his outstanding work in securing convictions in three significant cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

These cases include FIR No. 36/2022 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act, FIR No. 80/2022 under Section 8/20 of the NDPS Act, FIR No. 239/2022 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act and Section 48-F of the Excise Act at Police Station Domana.

Anand Jain lauded PSI Khajuria's relentless efforts in combating drug-related crimes. Securing convictions, in NDPS cases, helps in combating such crime effectively, he added.

CUJ organizes Expert Talk

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Omvir Singh Bhadoria, Training and Placement Officer at IIIT Jabalpur, delivered an insightful talk on the skills required for successful placements in the current job market, specifically for students pursuing B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and ECE (Avionics) in online mode.

Bhadoria emphasized the importance of strong technical proficiency, particularly in core electronics subjects like analog and digital electronics, signal processing, and communication systems.

Additionally, he highlighted the significance of programming skills in languages such as C, C++, Python, and MATLAB.



Omvir Singh Bhadoria, Training and Placement Officer at IIIT Jabalpur being felicitated.

Proficiency in advanced technologies like IoT, embedded systems, VLSI design, and FPGA development were underscored as critical for career growth in sectors like avionics and electronics. Beyond technical abilities, Mr. Bhadoria stressed the importance of soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. These skills play a vital role in ensuring stu-

dents perform well in interviews and excel in professional environments. He encouraged students to continually upgrade their knowledge, remain adaptable, and gain industry exposure through internships and certifications. Platforms like Coursera and Udem were recommended for acquiring relevant certifications. The session also covered preparation

strategies for placements, including improving aptitude, participating in mock interviews, and building a strong resume. Mr. Bhadoria concluded by discussing current industry trends and expectations, advising students to focus on both academic knowledge and practical applications. Overall, the talk provided students with actionable insights to enhance their employability in the competitive job market, equipping them with both the technical and soft skills necessary for a successful career.

The expert talk was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Datt Sharma, Associate professor & Dr. Misbah shafi, Assistant Professor under leadership of Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha.

Health Deptt launches Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0 in Leh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
LEH: The Health Department, under the National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP), has launched the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0 at Leh Main Bazar. This two-month initiative aims to raise awareness among the youth of Ladakh about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use.

Dr. Rinchen Angmo, State Nodal Officer for NTCP Ladakh, welcomed attendees and highlighted the campaign's significance. She presented five strategies to achieve its objectives: strengthening the Tobacco-Free School initiative for 100% compliance, promoting Tobacco-Free Villages with national support, enforcing COTPA and PECA laws to prohibit public smoking and

e-cigarettes, raising awareness about other addictions through social media and legal measures, and providing resources like de-addiction centers and the Tele-MANAS helpline for mental health support.

Dr. Stanzin Jamyang, NTCP District Consultant for Leh, emphasized the goal of establishing 160 tobacco-free schools and 20 villages. He underlined the importance of media outreach and strict law enforcement, along with mobile counseling services to enhance the campaign's success.

Chief Guest ADDC Leh Sonam Norboo urged community members-including parents, schools, and local bodies-to collaborate in creating a Tobacco-Free Society. He stressed the need for discussions on the harmful

effects of smoking and encouraged students to educate their families about tobacco risks.

The event featured captivating performances by local artists and it also includes traditional Yak and Shondol dances by the Yaya Group and a Nukkad Natak by Ladakh University students, which enriched the cultural atmosphere and reinforced the campaign's message.

The campaign concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Yangchen Dolma, District Health Officer, who expressed gratitude to all participants and partners for their support.

The Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0 aims to foster a healthier, tobacco-free future for the youth of Ladakh through enhanced awareness, law enforcement, and community engagement.

DGP J&K sanctions Rs.2.04 Cr. Special Welfare Relief Also sanctions financial assistance for martyrs daughter

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police J&K R.R. Swain has sanctioned Rs. 2.04 crore as Special Welfare Relief for NoK of deceased police personnel /SPO who have passed away while in service. He has also sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh for the marriage ceremony of a martyr's daughter.

The special welfare relief of Rs. 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased Police personnel (Inspr. Gurdeep Singh, HC (Tel) Davinder Singh, HC Ram Raj, SgCt Manoj Kumar, SgCt Farooq Ahmad, SgCt Intiyaz Ahmad, SgCt Gulzar Ahmad Wani, SgCt Imran Fayaz and Ct. Vishal Singh). They passed away due to illness while in service.

Rs.1 lakh each has been already paid to the families/ NoK deceased personnel for performing the last rites as immediate relief by the PHQ through their concerned Unit/Wing.

The DGP has also sanctioned Rs. 6 lakh in favour of the family/ legal heirs of deceased SPO Deepak Sharma, who passed away while he was engaged with the Police department. Out of this amount, Rs. 50000 was already paid to the family/NoK for performing the last rites as immediate relief.

Four-day-long plantation activity held in JU



A plantation drive getting underway at JU.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Starting on the 20th of September, a four-day plantation activity organized by the Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit of the University of Jammu culminated on Tuesday. More than eight hundred saplings of diverse ornamental and fruit plants of Molsari, China palm, Excoecaria, Terminalia, Hamelia, Murraya, Hibiscus, Loropetalum, Traveller's palm, Parijat, Kinnow, Mosambi, Lime, Star fruit, etc. were planted in lawns near the National Flag located at the University of Jammu and residential area of the University.

Professor Piyush Malaviya, Convener, Arboriculture and Landscaping Committee, Professor Parmil Kumar, Member, Mr. Ajmer Singh, Landscape Development Officer, and the staff members of Arboriculture and Landscaping Unit enthusiastically participated in the plantation activity.

IIM Jammu celebrates Hindi Pakhwada with lecture by Dr. Rajeev Kumar Rawat

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu marked the ongoing Hindi Pakhwada 2024 with a special online lecture delivered by Dr. Rajeev Kumar Rawat, Joint Director (Official Language) at IIT Kharagpur. This initiative underscores the institute's commitment to promoting the usage and implementation of Hindi in academic and technical contexts.

Dr. Rawat, an eminent scholar, shared valuable insights on the integration of Hindi into higher education. He discussed the historical evolution of communication, emphasizing the transition from traditional methods to modern technologies such as computers, WhatsApp, and AI. He highlighted the ongoing disconnect with local communities and the



Dr. Rajeev K Rawat, Jt Director (Official Language) at IIT Kharagpur delivering lecture.

need for fostering better inter-connections through language. During his lecture, Dr. Rawat stressed the importance of incorporating Hindi into educational and official frameworks. He introduced tools like Bhashini, Anuvadini, and OCR2Edit, which facilitate

translation and enhance communication. He argued that while English serves as a useful supplementary language, it is vital not to lose the essence of Hindi, which should be upheld as the Rajbhasha.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, reiterated the

institute's dedication to promoting Hindi, aligning with the Government of India's Rajbhasha policy. He emphasized that the lecture represents a significant step toward advancing the mission of enhancing Hindi's presence in technical fields.

General Body meeting of Senior Citizens Chowadi held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Senior Citizens Support Services Club in Chowadi held its General Body Meeting, chaired by Dr. Kasturi Lal, the club's Chairman. He warmly welcomed members and outlined upcoming activities aimed at promoting the Dogri language in the region.

Ashok Gupta, the club president, conducted the proceedings, discussing the club's commitment to cultural activities, including a Dogri Kavi Ghoshthi, a Dogri play, and interactive sessions with prominent Dogri literature figures. The meeting also charted a plan for future initiatives, emphasizing collaboration with schools, colleges, and universities to further promote Dogri.

The event featured performances by senior citizens, showcasing songs and ghazals that added vibrancy to the gathering. Yoga expert S.K. Jain shared tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, especially during stressful times. Dr. Vijay Sharma, in charge of media coordination, captured the event with high-quality images and provided essential support.

The meeting concluded with a high tea, fostering camaraderie among attendees, including dignitaries like Kalash Langer, H.C. Vaid, Dr. Neelam, Smt. Vandna Mami, and others. This gathering reinforced the club's dedication to celebrating and preserving Dogri culture while providing a platform for senior citizens to connect and engage.

NSS Unit 1 of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar celebrates NSS Day



NSS Unit 1 of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar during cleanliness drive.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The NSS Unit 1 of PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, celebrated NSS Day by organizing a comprehensive cleanliness drive in the college campus. This initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and instill a sense of responsibility among students.

In addition to the cleanliness

efforts, NSS volunteers also participated in a blood donation camp at MAM College, Jammu, showcasing their commitment to social service and community welfare. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, reflecting the spirit of service that NSS embodies.

The Principal of the College, Dr. SP Sarswat commended

the students for their dedication and active involvement in these initiatives, emphasizing the importance of community service and environmental stewardship. He encouraged them to continue contributing positively to society. The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, NSS PO of Unit 1 of GCW Gandhi Nagar.

Master Pramod Sharma with supporters join BJP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Renowned social activist Master Pramod Sharma from Muralia (Miran Sahib) joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu and Kashmir, accompanied by 120 supporters.

The joining ceremony took place in the presence of Sat Sharma, State Working President; Rekha Mahajan, District President of Jammu South; DDC Devraj Sharma; and the BJP RS Pura team, alongside Yuva workers and local commu-



Master Pramod Sharma with supporters joining BJP.

nity members. The program was organized by Abhiudit Koushal, a member of BJYM J&K, in collaboration with DDC Devraj Sharma.

This significant event

highlights the growing support for BJP in the region and reflects the commitment of local leaders and activists to contribute to the party's vision and initiatives.

GCW Gandhi Nagar hosts debate 'Is voting right or duty'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: As part of the ongoing (Systematic Voters' Education and electoral participation (SVEEP) campaign, the Electoral Literacy Club, Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Tuesday

organized debate competition under the theme, "Is voting a right or a duty".

As many as 15 students participated in the competition judged by Prof. Bindu Chib, Prof. Suman Bala and Prof. Sunita Devi.Prof.

Liaquat Jafri lent a unique charm to the occasion with his gracious presence. Winners of the competition were Gunveen kour (1st), Khyrul Nisa Bhat (2nd) and Naina Rajput (3rd). Debate competition was concluded with the voter's pledge.

In the same series, a Social Media based activity was also organized on the theme, "Know your Constituency". The objective of this activity was to create awareness among the college students and the local community about the importance of knowing one's constituency and to enhance electoral participation and informed decision-

making. A total of 8 students participated actively and shared informative posts providing details of their respective assembly constituencies including Doda, Kathua, Billawar, Vijaypur and Jammu.

Principal of the College, Dr. S. P. Saraswat appreciated the efforts of participants and shared valuable views to motivate the students. Both the activities were coordinated by student coordinators Shrivya Gandotra, Pratishtha Sharma and Khushi Bhardwaj under the mentorship of Prof. Vinay Lata and Dr. Manmeet Kour.