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Why weren't NC, PDP bad when BJP need their support in past: Omar's jibe at PM Modi

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Stating that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi should have talked about the killing of two soldiers in Kishwar and the ongoing encounter at Baramulla, National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah today said why NC and PDP weren't bad when BJP need their support in the past.

"BJP was in government with the PDP post 2014 elections. Wasn't PDP bad then and responsible for Kashmir mess? If BJP would get less numbers after Assembly elections and if PDP extends support to it, BJP won't find any faults in PDP to form the government," Omar as per News Vibes of India (NVI) told reporters on the sidelines of a political rally in Devsar area of Kulgam district of South Kashmir.

He said when late Vajpayee made him (Omar) a minister in BJP regime, why didn't they find faults in him. "Since its election time, PM Modi is all of a sudden finding faults within NC and PDP. He should have talked about the killing of two soldiers in Kishwar yesterday and the ongoing encounter in Tappar, Baramulla," Omar said.

He said they were told that after revocation of Article 370, gun will go away from J&K, but "Is it so."

Pertinently, PM Modi in his speech in a political rally in Doda today, held NC, Congress and PDP responsible for ruining J&K for the past 70 years.

The PM said that these parties promoted separatism and terrorism in J&K. He even targeted the NC manifesto stating that the document advocates revival of terrorism, separatism and stone pelting in J&K.

Complaint filed against IAS Officer over alleged irregular appointments in J&K

JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): A complaint has been filed with the Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir, accusing IAS officer Nazim Zai Khan, Mission Director of the National Health Mission and Ayushman

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"Three dynasties destroyed J&K": PM Modi attacks Congress, PDP, NC in Doda

JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be a fight between "three dynasties" and the youth of the union territory.

He named Congress, National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP) as the three dynasties whose corrupt practices "hollowed out" and "destroyed" Jammu and Kashmir.

"This year, the elections to Jammu Kashmir assembly are going to be held between the dynasties and the youth of Jammu and Kashmir," PM Modi said in his first rally in the election bound erstwhile State.

"These three families are responsible for the dire state that J-K was in for decades. They indulged in corruption

and made you struggle for your basic needs. These families laid the foundation for terrorism and extremism in the valley. They provided a safe haven for the propagation of terrorism for personal gains," the Prime Minister said.

"On one side, there are these three dynasties and on the other, my sons and daughters of Jammu and Kashmir. These three dynasties are - the Congress, the National Conference and the PDP. What these three dynasties have together done with you all is nothing less than a sin. These three families prepared the necessary ground for separatism and terrorism here. Who benefitted from it? The enemies of the nation. They were harbouring terrorism so that their shops of millions continue to prosper. They are responsible for ruin-



ing Jammu and Kashmir for decades," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister pledged that his government would make a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir, stating that it was "Modi Ki Guarantee."

"I can see that our sisters and daughters have come here in big numbers to bless us. I am thankful to you all. I will repay this love and bless-

ings of yours by working twice and thrice as hard for you and the country. Together we will build a safe and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir and this is Modi's guarantee," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister further stated that the assembly elections of Jammu and Kashmir would decide the fate of the Union Territory.

"This time the elections of Jammu and Kashmir is going to decide the fate of J-K. Since independence, our beloved J-K has been targeted by foreign powers. After this, 'pariwarwad' started hollowing this beautiful state. The political parties you trusted here did not care about your children. Those political parties only promoted their own children. The youth of J&K have been suffering with terrorism and the parties promoting 'pariwarwad' were having fun by misleading you. These people have never allowed new leaders to emerge anywhere in J-K. You also know that panchayat elections were not held here after 2000," PM Modi said.

He further said that "Pariwarwad" did not allow the youth to come forward and that is why, after coming to power in 2014, I have tried to

bring forward the new leadership of the youth in Jammu and Kashmir."

"In 2018, panchayat elections were held here. In 2019, BDC elections were held and in 2020, DDC elections were held for the first time. Why were these elections held? So that democracy reaches the grassroots level in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The Prime Minister referred to the remark by then Congress Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde in which he said that he was scared to visit Lal Chowk

"There was a time when there used to be an undeclared curfew after evening. The situation was such that the Union Home Minister used to be scared to visit Lal Chowk," he said.

PM Modi referred to the changing situation in Jammu

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Terrorism increased in J&K since Modi Sworn in for third term: Supriya Shrinete

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Congress on Saturday accused the Centre of failing to end terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and claimed that terrorism has returned stronger in union territory where it had been eliminated many years ago.

Click Here To Join Daily Excelsior on WhatsApp And Get Latest News Addressing a press conference at the party office here, the party's



spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said there have been 25 terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir in

the 98 days since Prime Minister Narendra Modi was sworn in for his third term.

"Huge claims were made that after August 2019, peace will be established in Jammu and Kashmir. I will not talk about the time since 2014 or 2019, but it has been 98 days since Modi was sworn in. In the last 98 days, there have been 25 terror strikes in J-K in which 21 security personnel were martyred, while 28 others were injured," she said. Shrinete said 15

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Three terrorists killed in Baramulla encounter, search ops on

BARAMULLA, Sep 14 (Agencies): Three terrorists have been killed in an encounter at Chak Tappar area of Pattan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said Saturday.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that two more unidentified terrorists have been killed at Chak Tappar encounter that started late night yesterday, the

number of total slain to three. Initially, one terrorist was killed.

The search operation is ongoing. The terrorists were trapped inside a school building.

Earlier officials told KNO, that a joint team of Army's 29 RR, CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police had laid a cordon and search operation in Chak Tappar village of Pattan in Baramulla

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Militants won't be allowed to disrupt J&K polls: IGP Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Sep 14 (Agencies): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone, Vidhi Kumar Birdi Saturday said that security forces are much alert and attentive to thwart designs of anti-national elements, and said terrorists won't be allowed to disrupt upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

"Security forces are alert and attentive. Any sort of design of terrorists which aims to upset upcoming Assembly elections in J&K will be foiled. They won't be allowed to interrupt elections at any cost," IGP Kashmir Zone told reporters in Tappar area of Baramulla where encounter between terrorists and security forces was underway.

IGP Kashmir said the encounter is underway, and it will take more time to get over. "The encounter is underway, and it will take more time to be completed. The body of a terrorist has been spotted at the encounter site. Once the firefight is over, things will be cleared," he said.

Replying to a query, the IGP Kashmir said that it will be premature to share operational details at this point of time.

"The topography of the area is wild and rugged, and is distanced from a populated area. It is premature at this point of

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Sawhney criticizes BJP's 10-year rule in Jammu during campaign

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JAMMU, Sep 14: In a strong statement during his door-to-door campaign for the Jammu East assembly, Congress - National Conference candidate Yogesh Sawhney strongly criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for a decade of inaction and neglect in the region.

As he listened to the concerns of local residents, Sawhney said it was clear that people are "fed up" with the BJP administration. Sawhney noted the widespread discontent among the public, stating, "People have been suffering under the BJP's rule for the last 10 years, and it seems they have done nothing but spread false narratives to whitewash their failures." He added that during his interac-



tions with residents, recurring complaints about key issues like power shortages, frequent disconnections, and water scarcity were voiced.

The Congress NC candidate referenced the long and unannounced power cuts that have plagued the area. According to many locals, power infrastructure has either not been upgrad-

ed or has deteriorated over the years, leading to worsening electricity supply, especially in peak summer months. Water shortages were also a major issue highlighted by Sawhney.

Residents of several areas in Jammu East expressed their frustration over irregular water supply, saying that the problem had persisted for years without

any long-term solutions from the administration.

Sawhney further criticized the BJP for its lack of focus on infrastructure.

He pointed out that basic civic amenities like roads and public transportation remain underdeveloped. "The condition of infrastructure in Jammu is appalling. What was the BJP doing for 10 years? Why did they fail to address these fundamental problems?" he asked. Concluding his campaign, Sawhney promised that if elected, he would work toward resolving these long-standing issues, ensuring better access to power, water, and infrastructure for the people of Jammu East. He reiterated that the time had come for a change in leadership, as "the BJP has had its chance, and it failed to deliver."

Randhawa unveils visionary blueprint for Bahu Constituency



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader, MLA candidate for Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, interacted with voters during door to door campaign at Ward No. 48, Gorkha Nagar and its adjoining areas of Bahu Constituency, emphasizing the need for change and prosperity over dynastic politics. He was accompanied by State Vice President J&K Anuradha Charak, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Ex Councillor Sharda Kumari Co-Covenor Vivek Patyal, Mandal President Neeraj Puri, District Vice President Karuna Chetri, District Secretary Amit Sharma, District Mahila Morcha President Divya Jain, Sunny Sangotra, Daljit Singh, Subash Chander and others were present on the occasion.

Vikram Randhawa unveils blueprint for the general public of bahu constituency. He high-

lighted the BJP's commitment to good governance, development, and social justice, contrasting it with the legacy of dynastic politics that has hindered Jammu and Kashmir's progress. He emphasised that there is renewed enthusiasm among the people in a fear-free Jammu and Kashmir, and expressed confidence that the people would choose the BJP and a "double engine" government focused on development.

While addressing the gathering BJP popular leader Vikram Randhawa emphasized that J&K is moving forward on the path of development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He remarked that the BJP has always stood for "one country, one constitution, one flag, and one leadership," and now, Jammu and Kashmir is fully integrated with India. Randhawa noted that tourism and investment in the region are increasing rapidly, opening up new employment opportuni-

ties. He noted a significant change since the abrogation of Article 370.

He stated that incidents of stone-pelting have completely stopped, with terrorism at an all-time low and tourism reaching new heights. According to him, the dominance of terrorists and stone-pelters has been eradicated.

He elaborates my vision is to create a Bahu Constituency where every citizen has access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities," Randhawa said. "I will work tirelessly to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance in all domains of society.

Randhawa's vision has resonated with the public, who are eager for a leader who will bring about transformative change and development of Bahu constituency. Randhawa appealed to the voters to exercise their franchise wisely, choosing a candidate who will work for their betterment and the region's prosperity.

Randhawa pointed out that voter participation in Jammu and Kashmir has surged, with voting percentages increasing from around 10 per cent in the past to 58 per cent in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He said that the upcoming assembly elections will be historic and the people of Jammu and Kashmir will choose BJP for sustained development and stability in the region.

Selective Media Entry at PM Modi's event in Doda sparks outrage

Top News Report

DODA, Sep 14: A surprising turn of events, several mediapersons were denied entry to cover Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address in Doda, Jammu & Kashmir, despite being invited by the district administration. The incident has sparked discontent among the local media fraternity, who are raising concerns about transparency and fairness in the event's media coverage.

According to reports,

the district administration had extended invitations to all media outlets, encouraging them to cover the high-profile event.

However, when journalists arrived at the venue early in the morning, only 3-4 mediapersons were handed entry passes, leaving the majority of accredited journalists standing outside. No clear explanation was provided for the restricted access, leading to frustration among the excluded journalists.

"We were all invited, and we came prepared

to cover the event in a fair and comprehensive manner. But when we reached the venue, only a handful of media personnel were given entry passes. This kind of selective access goes against the spirit of press freedom," stated a journalist who had been denied entry.

The media fraternity has expressed serious concerns over the incident, calling it a violation of journalistic rights. They emphasized that the role of the press is to provide unbiased and transparent cover-

age of significant public events, especially when the Prime Minister addresses the nation.

"The lack of clarity regarding the distribution of passes is troubling. Events of national importance should be accessible to all media outlets, big or small. Excluding the majority of journalists undermines the right to free and fair reporting," said another media representative.

In response, the local media is urging the district administration to take corrective

measures and ensure that future events are conducted with full transparency and equal access for all accredited journalists.

This incident has triggered a broader discussion about the need for media freedom, with several journalist associations calling for an official explanation from the district authorities. While there has been no official comment from the administration as of now, the media fraternity remains hopeful that such oversights will not be repeated.

76 Bn CRPF organizes "Swachhta Hi Seva-2024" Abhiyan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Under the most significant cleanliness campaign, 76 Bn CRPF organized " Swachhta Hi Seva-2024 " abhiyan and Rally at Bachittar Complex, Sector-7, Channi Himmat, Jammu under the leadership

of Sh. Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Commandant [A.O.L]- 76 Bn. Sh. Raj Kumar, Ex- Chairman of Health & Sanitation , Channi Himmat Jammu, graced this occasion.

This Program was inaugurated with an aim to achieve the vision of "Clean India". Sanitation and cleanliness plays an important role in our daily life. It is important as it prevents dangerous diseases like Dengue, Malaria, Typhoid, Hepatitis and other diseases caused by mosquito bite.

During this program, Jayram Prasad, Second in Command-76 Bn, Girish Chand Singh Sontiyal, Deputy Comdt-76 Bn, Jawans & families of 76 Bn and Local Public of surrounding area of Channi Himmat participated with full zeal & enthusiasm.

CBSE hosts insightful capacity building programme on NCF-Foundational Stage at DPS Nagbani



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Delhi Public School Nagbani proudly hosted a significant workshop on the "National Curriculum Framework - Foundational Stage." The sessions were attended by educators from various CBSE affiliated schools from Jammu region. The CBP was led by distinguished CBSE resource persons Dr. Atul Hans and Mr. Arindam Roy Choudhury.

The event was inaugurated with the traditional lighting of lamp followed by Ganesha Vandana which set a reflective and respectful tone for the day's proceedings. Mr. R K Verma, Principal of the school welcomed the resource persons with the presentation of potted plants. Both the resource persons delivered an in-depth exploration of the National Curriculum Framework, emphasizing its pivotal role in shaping the

foundational stage of education. Their expert guidance covered various aspects, including curriculum design, effective teaching strategies, and the integration of new pedagogical approaches to enhance early childhood education.

S S Sodhi, Chief Guest on the occasion said that Delhi Public School Nagbani continues to demonstrate its commitment to educational excellence and

professional development through such impactful initiatives. The workshop served as a valuable opportunity for educators to refine their skills and contribute to the enhancement of early childhood education.

The workshop included interactive sessions, where participants engaged in discussions and hands-on activities to better understand the framework's application. The resource persons'

practical insights and answers to educators' queries made the workshop highly informative and engaging.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Bhawna Madaan, Headmistress of the school. She expressed her gratitude to the resource persons, participants and the school's organizing team for their contributions to the success of the workshop.

Massive landslide affects connectivity on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway

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JAMMU, Sep 14 (Agencies): A massive landslide hit the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway on Saturday leading to the

suspension of vehicular traffic.

Connectivity to the Bhata Dhurian village has been affected.

According to official sources, road-widening work was under way

when debris, including big boulders, fell on the road resulting in its complete closure.

However, restoration work has begun to assist the hundreds of stranded vehicles.

JP Atray Cricket Tournament

Teamwork powers J&K to big win over Minerva Club

Top News Report

JAMMU / PATIALA, Sep 14: Teamwork powered Jammu and Kashmir to a big victory by a huge margin of 196 runs over Minerva Cricket Club to keep their hopes alive in the ongoing 29th All India JP Atray Memorial Cricket Tournament 2024 at Dhruv Pandove Cricket Stadium, Patiala today. Earlier, J&K rode on a magnificent batting display by the quartet of Suryansh Raina, Irfan ul Haq, Kanhaiya Wadhawan and Nasir Lone to score a good total of 267

runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process.

Suryansh top scored with splendid 91 runs off 105 balls, studded with 13 boundaries, while Irfan ul Haq contributed power-packed 53 runs off just 26 balls with 4 fours and an equal number of sixes. Kanhaiya Wadhawan also scored valuable 52 runs off 69 balls with 4 boundaries, while Lone Nasir remained unbeaten on 30 runs off 43 balls with 3 fours.

Anshul Negi was the most successful bowler for Minerva Cricket Club, who took 3 wick-



ets by conceding 46 runs in his 10 overs, while Monty Saini, Sid-

harth Bakshi, Jashanpreet Singh and Tushar Kapadiya claimed one

wicket each.

In reply, Minerva Cricket Club bundled out for paltry 71 runs to lose the match by a huge margin of 196 runs.

Skipper Agni Chopra top scored with 24 runs off 31 balls with 2 boundaries, while Jovanpreet Singh contributed 17 runs to the total.

For J&K all the bowlers bowled with the disciplined line and length and hit the right areas. Left-arm spinner Sarvashish Singh and right-arm off spinner Uday Pratap Singh bagged 3 wickets each,

while skipper Shubham Singh Pundir took 2 wickets. Speedsters Mujtaba Yousuf and Lone Nasir claimed one wicket each.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Punit Bisht as the Head Coach, Kavaljeet Singh as the Bowling Coach, Sameer as the Bowling Coach, Guru Pratap Singh as the Trainer and Rehman as the Physiotherapist.

J&K will face Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) Colts in the next outing on September 16 at PCA Stadium, Mohali.

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan protest



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a strong anti-Pakistan protest and demonstration in response to the martyrdom of two Army JCOs in Kishtwar and the ongoing encounter in the Kashmir Valley. The protest also addressed the recent discovery of a terrorist plot to blast in Poonch and the recovery of large quantities of ammunition in the Pir Panjal region, Poonch, and Chenab Valley. Addressing the

protesters, Dimple expressed deep shock over the terrorist attacks in Kishtwar, which resulted in the death of the brave Army JCOs and injuries to other soldiers. He accused militants of escalating violence across all ten districts of Jammu after the abrogation of Article 370 and the demolition of the J&K Dogra state. Dimple pledged zero tolerance for militancy, anti-national activities, attacks on security forces, and targeted killings in Jammu and Kashmir. He issued a stern warning to ISI,

Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Pakistan, asserting that Jammu and Kashmir will remain an integral part of India.

He extended full support from Mission Statehood to the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police, and emphasized the people's readiness to support efforts to integrate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) into Jammu and Kashmir. Dimple called for the initiation of an "Operation All Out" to address active ISI sleeper cells in the region. He also urged the Indian Army Chief to consider surgical strikes or even a war with Pakistan to liberate POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan, and integrate these territories into Jammu and Kashmir.

Other leaders present included Swarn Lal, S Kala Singh, Arun Verma, Mohinder Lichee, Mohan Lal, Kewal Kumar, Daleep, Vikas, Deepak, Balu Kumar, and Lohri Shaha.

Use Hindi in every sphere of life: ABS

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Aadarsh Bhartiya Samaj (ABS), a social organization working under the guidance of Col (Retd) RK Sharma-Chairman and Daljeet Singh-President observed Hindi Diwas.

On the occasion they said that we should promote the use of Hindi language in every sphere of life for unity and integrity of nation so that Hindi as a national language and mother

tongue may retain its glorious importance.

Ex Sub Tek Chand Raina expressed that every citizen of the country should contribute in promotion of Hindi language and should encourage others to teach and learn the language.

Pt Chaman Lal Sharma reiterated that Hindi Diwas is not only the day of importance but it's a day to feel proud to use our mother tongue.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at Kathua District Library



Top News Report

KATHUA, Sep 14: In an effort to promote the Hindi language, the District Library Kathua today organized a vibrant Hindi book exhibition and Kavi Sammelan. The event saw enthusiastic participation from readers, noted writers, social activists, journalists, and scholars.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Anna Jamwal, Tehsildar Nagri, in the presence of distinguished citizens and dignitaries such as Cdr Amit Khajuria, Baldev Raj Bhagat, Madan Mangotra, and Sham Lal Sharma. Sunil Sharma, Librarian of the District Library, briefed

attendees about the program and highlighted the history and significance of Hindi.

The Kavi Sammelan featured poets like Cdr Amit Khajuria, Vijay Sharma, Sham Lal Khajuria, Mosami Bhagat, and others, who mesmerized the audience with their heartfelt recitations, encouraging everyone to embrace Hindi.

Chief guest Anna Jamwal lauded the library's efforts and emphasized the importance of Hindi in the modern world. The event was well-received and attended by many, including Vijay Kumar, Jatinder Kumar, Navdeep, and others.

GDC Nowshera celebrates Hindi Diwas with enthusiasm



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NOWSHERA, Sep 14: GDC Nowshera celebrated Hindi Diwas on September 14, marking the day when Hindi was adopted as one of the official languages of India in 1949. The event was organized by the Department of Hindi and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members highlighting the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of the Hindi language. The celebration com-

menced with an inaugural speech by Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, the Principal of the college who emphasized the significance of Hindi as a unifying force in India's diverse linguistic landscape. GDC Nowshera takes immense pride in promoting linguistic diversity and honoring Hindi, a language that reflects the soul of our nation. The event featured a variety of cultural performances, including poetry recitations and debates that

showcased the beauty of the Hindi language. Students also participated in essay writing and storytelling competitions, expressing their love and appreciation for the language. A special lecture on the history and evolution of Hindi was delivered by Prof. Priyanka Kumari, HOD Hindi who highlighted the global importance of Hindi and its growing presence in the digital world. Prof. Sonali Katharia, Assistant Professor in Hindi encouraged students to embrace Hindi not only as a language of communication but as a carrier of India's ancient wisdom and modern aspirations. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks and the promise to continue fostering a love for Hindi and other regional languages.

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GDC Nagrota celebrates Hindi Diwas

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NAGROTA, Sep 14: Cultural Committee of the College celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm with this year's theme "From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence". Every year on 14th September Hindi Diwas is celebrated to promote the language and its use throughout the nation. This day commemorates the adoption of Hindi as Raj Basha in

1949. First prime minister of the country Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru declared this day to be observed as Hindi Diwas. It also celebrates the Birth Anniversary of Beohar Rajendra Simha, a great Hindi poet and scholar who worked tirelessly towards making Hindi the Raj Bhasha of the country. Students shared their views using different elements of the language like poetry and

speech. These celebrations aim at honoring the Hindi language and making it more popular among the youth of the country.

Principal GDC Nagrota, Prof. Anjali Mahajan addressed the students and highlighted the immense cultural and linguistic significance of Hindi.

The programme was organized smoothly by Dr. Radha Rani, Dept. of Dogri.

GDC Kishtwar celebrates Hindi Divas

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KISHTWAR, Sep 14: Department of Hindi, Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar celebrated Rashtriya Hindi Divas on Saturday in the Department of Hindi by organising a Symposium and Poster Making campaign.

The event was organised by Dr. Vijay Kumar, HOD Department of Hindi under the patronage of worthy Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal who, speaking on the occasion, stressed the need of learning and speaking Hindi language.

The function was attended by over 100 students who spoke on about the various dimensions of the Hindi language, taking pride in the language, glorifying its beauty and how it helps us in preserving our culture. Various inspiring poems were recited by the partici-



pants showing the richness of Hindi literature and its significance as a means of cultural and social identity. Beautiful posters made by students also showed the beauty of Hindi language and how it helps in retaining our cultural ethos.

Dr Vijay Kumar, Prof Sonika Sen, Prof Asma Javed and Prof Vikram Singh also expressed their opinions on the occasion and enlightened students about Hindi language and cul-

ture and significance of the language in maintaining unity and harmony in the country.

The anchoring on the occasion was done by Sanjana Sharma while the participants included Ashish Sharma, Priyanka Devi, Neha Devi, Kirti Kumar, Sandhya Devi, Payal Sen, Sakshi Devi, Alka Devi, Sonika Devi and Vanshveer.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Vikram Singh and refreshment was given to all the students present on the occasion.

GDC Darhal holds SVEEP pledge in campus

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DARHAL, Sep 14: Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal organized a SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) pledge ceremony on its campus today. The event aimed to promote voter awareness and encourage students to participate in the democratic process.

Students and faculty members took the pledge, promising to exercise their right to vote and contribute to a stronger democracy. The ceremony was led by Prof Zamir

Mirza Principal of GDC Darhal in presence of Najma Niazi CDPO Thanamandi Darhal, Dr Ghulam Abbas, Dr M Saleem Wani, Dr Tahseen, Dr Mohd Akhlaq and Prof Anzaar Ahmed who emphasized the importance of voter participation in shaping the country's future.

The event was part of the college's efforts to promote civic engagement and electoral literacy among its students. By taking the SVEEP pledge, the students committed to casting their votes in upcoming elections and inspiring others to do the same.



GDC Ramgarh celebrates Hindi Diwas



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RAMGARH, Sep 14: Government Degree College (GDC), Ramgarh celebrated Hindi Diwas with great fervor and enthusiasm.

The event was organized under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the college.

The highlight of the celebration was a thought-provoking lecture delivered by the esteemed guest speaker, Professor Balwan Singh, Department of Hindi, Govt. College of

Education Jammu. The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, setting a tone of reverence and cultural significance for the event.

The principal of the college extended a warm welcome to Prof. Balwan Singh and expressed gratitude for his participation. She highlighted the importance of the day and stressed upon preserving and nurturing this language in order to promote universal brotherhood. She also briefed that Hindi is the only

language that links our ancestry with present generations and thereby inculcating cultural linguistic heritage.

Prof. Balwan Singh delivered an engaging lecture on "Hindi: Ekta ki Bhasha" exploring the role of Hindi in promoting national unity and cultural integration. In his lecture, he elaborated on how Hindi serves as a common thread that weaves together the rich culture of India. His discussion highlighted the language's historical evolution and its role in promoting national integration and cultural harmony.

The lecture was attended by all faculty members and students of the college. The celebration of Hindi Diwas not only honored the language but also reinforced its significance as a unifying force in contemporary society.

GDC R S Pura releases Newsletter "Vartika"

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R S PURA, Sep 14: Newsletter/Magazine Committee of Govt. Degree College R.S. Pura released Newsletter Vartika Volume IX under the patronage of the Principal Prof (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervision of Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, Head Department of English and Convener of college Newsletter/Magazine Committee.

This Newsletter mirrors the vision and mission of the college. It also highlighted events, activities, aca-

ademic prowess and achievements.

Indeed, a college Newsletter is a souvenir that documents achievements of the students and staff as it leaves behind a trail of legacy for the prospective generations to follow and evolve over.

While addressing the gathering, Principal said that through this newsletter the student community will realize and achieve the blessings of a fully active and successful college life, useful to themselves and to the country – a life in which the intellect may be



roused, the emotions trained and social instincts are given proper expression.

She also emphasized that the college Newsletter also helps in building up teamwork which is very much needed today in the world of competition. It provides a platform for exposing the merits and academic achievements of the faculty. This enhances the documentation culture of the institute. This would definitely create an impact in the minds of readers by way of providing larger visibility and dimension

to the campus. Efforts to groom the students to serve the society are progressing.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour appreciated the efforts of the Editorial Board for bringing out this volume of the Newsletter. HODs of all departments graced the occasion. Members of the editorial board present in this event were Prof. Shelly Kalsi, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Renu Sharma and Mr. Akshay Sharma. Dr. Kiran Pathania Co-editor of the Editorial Board coordinated the event.

Khatana condoles Chatroo Martyrs' families, assures end of terror network in J&K

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Sep 14: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Er Gulam Ali Khatana, while expressing condolences to the families of the two Army personnel martyred in a fierce gunfight in Chatroo, Kishtwar, reiterated that terrorism is in its final phase in Jammu and Kashmir. He assured that the entire network of terrorism will soon be eradicated, bringing peace and stability to the region.

MP Khatana, who has been actively campaigning in Kishtwar for the party's upcoming elections, emphasized that the recent surge in terrorist activities will not deter the people of the region, who have shown an unwavering commitment to democracy and support for the BJP. "Yesterday, I convened several meetings in Chatroo, and what struck me was the resolute spirit of the people. They are no longer living in fear; they are embracing democracy and backing the BJP," he stated.

Referring to the martyrdom of

the two Army personnel during the Chatroo encounter, Khatana highlighted the bravery of India's armed forces and their ability to thwart any attempt by our neighbor country to destabilize peace in Jammu and Kashmir. "Such attempts by terrorists will not make any difference. The country is proud of its brave security forces, who are capable of countering any attempt by our neighbors to disrupt peace," he added.

The BJP leader stressed that terrorism is on its last leg in the region, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir are yearning for peace and progress. "The fear of anti-national elements no longer grips the people of this region. We have witnessed a change in the air, people want peace, and they want progress. Within 15 hours of the encounter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed his scheduled rally in Doda, undeterred by these cowardly acts," Khatana remarked.

He further pointed out that despite the terror attack in Chatroo, there was a massive turnout at the Prime Minister's rally in Doda, which he described as a clear indica-



tion of the people's trust in the leadership of PM Modi. "A sea of people arrived to listen to their beloved leader despite Pakistan's 'Napak' (nefarious) attempts to destabilize the region. This shows that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are united in their commitment to peace and development," Khatana said.

During his address at Doda, the Prime Minister had assured the families of the martyrs, as well as the entire nation, that the terror network would be wiped out. Khatana reiterated the Prime Minister's message, stating, "The PM assured every citizen, whom he considers as

family, that the network of terrorism will soon be eradicated. His determination to continue with the rally in Doda, despite the attack, demonstrates his unwavering commitment to a peaceful and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir."

Khatana also lauded the efforts of the security forces, who, he said, have been relentlessly working to dismantle the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. "Our security forces are successfully eradicating the terror infrastructure. The remaining terrorists will soon be flushed out from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir. Our leadership at the Centre has the capability to take decisive action to ensure the unity, safety, and integrity of the country," he affirmed.

The BJP MP also praised the unity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who, regardless of religion or caste, have come together to support peace and development in the region. He said that the Modi government's policies are designed to safeguard the larger interests of the people and to ensure that every citizen enjoys the benefits of peace and progress.

Pavneet Kour urges women to lead the fight against drugs in Jammu South



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: In a passionate address at a public meeting in Haqal, Ward No. 4, Pavneet Kour, the Apni Party candidate for Jammu South, made a compelling call to the women of the constituency to stand up and secure the future of their children by voting for her on October 1st.

Kour emphasized the growing drug menace as the primary threat to the youth and vowed to eliminate drugs as one of her top priorities, if she is elected as MLA.

She also stressed that the future of Jammu South's children depends on a collective effort to remove the scourge of drugs from their streets.

Kour shared her com-

prehensive plan to tackle the drug crisis, which includes collaborating with law enforcement to arrest drug suppliers, establishing rehabilitation centers for those affected, and offering youth alternative opportunities through sports, education, and community programs.

She also promised to push for stronger laws and policies to curb drug trafficking and ensure that the streets of Jammu South are safe for its young generation. "Our youth deserve a chance to grow in a safe, drug-free environment," Kour said.

In her speech, Kour made a direct appeal to the women of Jammu South, urging them to take the lead in this

battle. She highlighted the critical role women play as pillars of families and society, reminding them that their vote can be the catalyst for lasting change.

"On October 1st, I ask every woman in Jammu South to cast their vote for the 'bat' symbol, not just for me, but for the future of your families and community," she stated. Kour explained that her election symbol, the 'bat,' symbolizes strength, determination, and action—qualities needed to defeat the drug menace.

In addition to her focus on combating drugs, Kour laid out a broader vision for the development of Jammu South, with a special emphasis on youth engagement and women's empowerment. She promised to establish sports academies, technical training centers, and mentorship programs to provide the youth with productive avenues for growth.

Kour also vowed to fight for women's rights, better healthcare, education services, and the overall safety of women in the constituency. She concluded by calling on all voters to unite and support her campaign for a brighter, drug-free Jammu South.

Manjit Singh gets overwhelming support from all sections of society in Vijaypur constituency

Vows to fight for the rights of locals in Samba District

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Sep 14: The election campaign of the Apni Party candidate for Vijaypur assembly constituency, S. Manjit Singh has got massive support from the people, who are fed-up with the traditional parties and their divisive agenda.

"The people have put their faith in the policies, and agenda of the Apni Party that gives equal opportunity to all the members of the society irrespective of their caste, creed, region or religion.

The people want to cast their votes for a change for equitable development and peace," stated S. Manjit

Singh during an election campaign in Parmandal, Bari Brahmna and other villages of Vijaypur constituency.

The election rallies are being attended by all sections of society, and after ten years, the people are enthusiastic to elect a Govt that would work for their development, employment generation and protection of the rights of the local people, he said.

During all these years, he said that the claims of good governance have proven wrong, and the people were left to the mercy of the arrogant bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The bureaucracy in Jammu and Kashmir

betrayed the people of their own erstwhile state by taking initiative and protecting the mining and liquor mafia.

The local people, who were engaged in different employment sectors, were left helpless and unemployed after their source of earning was allegedly snatched by the non-locals in the industrial sector," he added.

He said that if he gets elected as MLA from Vijaypur, he will protect the employment of the locals in the industrial sector and will fight to get it reserved for the local residents only.

"If our resources are being utilized by the industrialists, it becomes the respon-



sibility of the Govt to ensure employment to the locals in these industrial sectors," he added.

He further stated that the Apni Party has also assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir to protect the natural resources, employment, and land for the locals.

"We will not allow interference of the non-local contractors/mafia in mining and liquor which has snatched the business/trade of the locals," he added, expressing full support to the people who have rendered helpless in the last ten years in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tree Plantation Drive organized at Chhatral

Top News Report

POONCH, Sep 14: In a commendable effort to promote environmental sustainability and support local ecosystems, the Indian Army has successfully carried out a tree plantation drive in the remote areas of Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir. The initiative, involved the planting of saplings across rugged terrains and challenging weather conditions.

The drive aimed to enhance green cover, combat soil erosion, and contribute to biodiversity in the region.

Troops and local residents collaborated in this effort, with soldiers engaging in the planting while also educating vil-



lagers about the importance of conservation. The Army's efforts are expected to not only improve environmental conditions but also positively impact the livelihoods of local communities by fostering a healthier environment.

This drive is part of a broader environmental and community welfare initiative by the Indian Army, reflecting its commitment to both national security and ecological stewardship.

DFSS holds protest against Pakistan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta, held a massive protest rally in Jammu city to condemn the martyrdom of two Indian Army soldiers, Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar and Sepoy Arvind Singh, who lost their lives in a gunbattle in Kishtwar. The protest included the burning of an effigy of Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, symbolizing the group's anger towards Pakistan's alleged role in supporting terrorism

in Jammu and Kashmir. Expressing his anguish, Ashok Gupta paid tribute to the fallen soldiers, stating, "I am deeply anguished to learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers in Kishtwar. Tributes to brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice protecting our nation. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families."

Gupta emphasized that the Over Ground Worker (OGW) network, which provides support to terrorists, must be dismantled. He argued that eliminating local support would make it

impossible for terrorists to hide or survive in the jungles for long periods. He also stressed the importance of national unity, stating that no political games should be played during this time of crisis. Gupta called for a strong attack against Pakistan to put an end to its support for terrorism, asserting that a united response is needed to eliminate such threats globally.

Among those present at the protest were party workers Abhishek, Prem, Kalu, Naresh, Vikky, Bantu, Vijay, Vikas, Sunil, Roop Lal, and others.

BJP misleading people on terrorism, Encounters persist even during PM's visit to Doda: Rattan Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Sep 14: Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has strongly condemned the recent statement by BJP leader Tarun Chugh for blaming the National Conference for the rise of terrorism in the Union Territory. He called the accusation baseless, questioning the BJP's credibility and the failure of its "Double Engine Government" in addressing the issue of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Mr. Gupta speaking in a joining function organized by Sardar Jatinder Singh Lucky at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan, Jammu today.

"Blaming the National Conference for terrorism is nothing but a desperate attempt by the BJP to mislead the people of Jammu and Kashmir. If the National Conference were truly responsible, why has the BJP's own government, both at the Centre and its Proxy Govt in the



Union Territory, failed to curb terrorism during its tenure?" Rattan Lal Gupta questioned. He further added that such false allegations are a tactic by the BJP to divert attention from its own failures in governance. Even today despite the PM's presence in Doda, three encounters were going on in J&K in which our two brave soldiers were martyred and two injured. This is a clear indication that the BJP's strategy to curb terrorism has not yielded the desired results," he said.

The senior NC leader emphasized that the National Conference has sacrificed its hundreds of dedicated party leaders including speaker, ministers, leg-

islatures and workers due to this terrorism. He said that NC has always fought for the preservation of democracy and the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, standing firm against the forces that threaten peace and stability in the region. "The BJP is attempting to rewrite history and malign regional parties by blaming them for terrorism. This is nothing but an act of deflection," he remarked.

On the development front, Rattan Lal Gupta asserted that the BJP government has made no significant contributions to the progress of the region, especially when compared to the National Conference. "People in the Chenab

Valley know that true development was only witnessed during Omar Abdullah's regime. The projects initiated during Omar Abdullah's tenure have now come to a complete standstill under the current administration. The so-called 'Double Engine Government' has utterly failed to deliver on its promises," he stated.

The Provincial President urged the people of Jammu region to support the National Conference in the upcoming Assembly elections, assuring them that the Party is the only one capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "The National Conference has a proven track record of bringing sta-

bility, peace, and development. It is time for the people to reject the divisive and misleading rhetoric of the BJP and vote for a party that truly understands the needs of the region," he added. National Conference candidates in Chenab Valley are sweeping all the seats in Chenab Valley.

Among those who joined the party fold included:- Headed by Satnaam Singh, Ajay Kumar, Suresh Balla, Parminder Singh, Harmeet Singh, Papu Khan, Anoop Kawantara, Harpreet Singh, Amarpreet Singh, Parneet Singh, Jatinder Singh, Iqbal Singh and others.

Those who were present on this occasion included Sheikh Bashir Ahmad, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretaries, Issrar Khan Sr. Vice President Central Zone, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Gurmeet Singh (Jimmy) and others.

