

China can rename maps, not realities: Gaurav

China's 'fictitious naming' won't change reality: Gaurav slams Beijing over new county near Arunachal, PoK

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JAMMU: BJP spokesperson and Convenor, International Affairs, Gaurav Gupta on Monday launched a blistering attack on China over its latest move to create and rename administrative regions near Arunachal Pradesh and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, calling Beijing a "repeated offender and habitual liar" engaged in "manufacturing geography to suit its expansionist agenda."

Reacting to reports of China establishing a new county—Cenling—in

its Xinjiang region near the strategically sensitive Wakhan Corridor, Gupta said the move is part of a "well-calculated geopolitical design" aimed at reinforcing illegitimate territorial claims and altering facts on the ground through propaganda.

"China believes that by renaming places and creating new administrative units, it can rewrite geography. But let me state unequivocally false claims will not alter reality," Gupta asserted.

He emphasized that the development is not an isolated incident but part



of a consistent pattern, recalling Beijing's earlier attempts to create Hean and

Hekang counties in areas overlapping with India's claimed territory in Lada-

kh, including parts of Aksai Chin. Gupta said these actions clearly demonstrate China's intent to "incrementally expand control while masking it under administrative restructuring."

Gupta further underlined that the newly created county's proximity to the Wakhan Corridor, a narrow strip connecting Afghanistan to Xinjiang highlights China's security-driven motives, including concerns over Uyghur militancy and regional instability. However, he warned that such justifications cannot legitimize en-

croachments into disputed or sovereign territories.

Reaffirming India's firm stance, Gupta declared, "Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. No amount of Chinese propaganda or 'fictitious naming' exercise can change this undeniable truth."

Drawing sharp parallels with Pakistan, Gupta accused China of adopting Islamabad's long-standing strategy of pushing baseless claims over Jammu & Kashmir and PoK. He described the growing alignment between the two

countries as a "chor-chor alliance," alleging a coordinated attempt to distort facts and challenge India's territorial sovereignty.

"This nexus between China and Pakistan is not coincidental. It reflects a deeper, strategic collusion aimed at creating confusion, spreading misinformation, and undermining India's territorial integrity," he said.

Gupta also termed the move provocative and destabilizing, warning that such actions risk escalating tensions in an already sensitive region. "This is not diplomacy; this is de-

ception. It is a deliberate attempt to provoke and test India's resolve," he added.

Calling on the international community to take serious note of what he described as China's "pattern of repeated violations and narrative manipulation," Gupta said India will continue to respond firmly and decisively to any such attempts.

He concluded by reiterating that India remains fully committed to safeguarding its sovereignty and will not allow any distortion of facts or geography to succeed.

Anti-drug awareness events held across Doda

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DODA: As part of the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Municipal Council Doda Monday hosted an awareness programme here in the Town Hall to educate the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free society.

Executive Officer MC Ravi Saini led the event witnessing active participation from municipal officials, community mobilizers, Swachhta executives and volunteers.

Speakers highlighted the serious risks associated with substance abuse, including its adverse effects on physical and mental health, breakdown of family and social structures and its long-term impact on the youth.

Tehsil Social Welfare Office Bhaderwah organized a comprehensive awareness programme here at Bus Stand to sensitize drivers, conductors and passengers



to the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Pamphlets carrying messages on drug abuse prevention and helpline information were distributed among drivers, conductors and passengers to spread awareness. The material emphasized the importance of a drug-free lifestyle and encouraged individuals to seek support in case of need. It also highlighted the role of community participation in preventing substance abuse

and promoting a healthy society.

Government Degree College Kastigarh organized an informative and thought-provoking debate on the harmful effects of drug abuse. The students confidently expressed their views and showcased a strong understanding of the issue. Dhanni, Kavita, Neha, Priya, Anshuman, Rundher and Sandeep spoke eloquently on different aspects of substance abuse.

Ashok Koul reviews party programmes, pushes for team building & mass connect in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL: J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul, chaired an organizational meeting with district office bearers, constituency presidents, and morcha presidents of District Ganderbal at the party office, Ganderbal.

The meeting witnessed the presence of J&K BJP State Secretary & Prabhari Ganderbal District, Arif Raja, District President Ganderbal, Gh. Hassan Rather, along with other senior leaders and party functionaries.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, emphasized the need to further strengthen the party organization at the grassroots level. He stressed that a strong, and alive organization is the backbone of party, and called



upon the leaders to ensure the formation of dedicated teams at every level of the party hierarchy, from booth level to district level.

He asked that every activist, whether new or senior, must be actively involved in party programmes to ensure collective growth and effective mass contact.

Koul highlighted that the BJP has always thrived on its cadre-based structure, and maintaining coordination among all sections of workers is essential. He directed the leaders to regularly organize meetings, outreach activities, and public programmes to strengthen the connect with the masses.

He further stressed the importance of identifying and nurturing new talent within the party while also respecting and utilizing the experience of senior activists.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the ongoing party programmes, especially the Prashikshan Varg,

which aims to ideologically and organizationally empower party workers. The preparations and successful execution of the party's Foundation Day programmes were also reviewed.

Special emphasis was laid on organizing Ambedkar Jayanti programmes on April 14, with Koul urging all leaders to ensure wide participation across Ganderbal district. He stated that such occasions should be utilized to spread awareness about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision and the party's commitment to social justice and inclusive development.

Arif Raja said that the district unit is committed to implementing the organizational directives in letter and spirit and will ensure effective coordination at all levels.

Nagar Kirtan marks Khalsa Sirjana Diwas; Devotees participate enthusiastically; Administration and Police Join Celebrations

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POONCH: A grand Mahanagar Kirtan was organized to mark Khalsa Sirjana Diwas. Shri Guru Ramdas Ji Sewa Society and the Management Committee of Gurudwara Baithak Mahant Mohar Singh Ji organized the congregation, attracting active support and cooperation from the Sangat of Poonch.

The Nagar Kirtan was conducted successfully under the overall supervision of Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji of Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib.

The congregation commenced from Gurudwara Baithak Mahant Mohar Singh Ji and culminated at Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib, witnessing enthusiastic participation from devotees across the district.

Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma; Senior Superintendent of Po-

lice Shafiq Hussain Bhat and other officers from the civil administration and police department participated in the religious procession, reflecting communal harmony and strong administrative support.

Ragi Jathas recited Gurbani Kirtan from beautifully decorated Trolleys, while the Sangat joined in devotion, creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere along the entire route. Adding to the grandeur, several groups from Punjab showcased traditional Sikh martial and cultural arts, including Gatka parties (martial art), Nishanchis, Nagara parties, Narsinga groups, band parties and Dhol performers. The performances were widely appreciated by the Sangat. Later, Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji performed Ardas and Guru Ka Langar was served to all devotees, promoting the spirit of equality, service and brotherhood.

Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyaan; Mega awareness Prog held at Rajpura-Samba

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SAMBA: District Administration Samba Monday organised a mega awareness programme at Rajpura as part of the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan.

The programme was held under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan, reflecting the administration's firm commitment to eradicating the menace of drug abuse from the district.

The event was graced by local Member Legislative Assembly Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, whose presence lent significant momentum to the initiative.

In his inspiring address, Dr. Manyal called upon every section of society to stand united against the drug menace, emphasizing that the battle against substance abuse is not merely an administrative challenge but a



collective social responsibility.

"The youth — the backbone of the nation — must be protected at all costs," he stressed and urged seamless coordination among the district administration, educational institutions and the community at large to create a truly drug-free environment. He passionately encouraged the young generation to embrace a healthy, disciplined and purpose-driven lifestyle.

The programme served as a powerful platform to

sensitize students about the devastating consequences of substance abuse, reinforcing the importance of early awareness and prevention. Engaging and impactful sessions were conducted to equip the youth with the knowledge and resolve needed to resist the allure of drugs.

Addressing the gathering, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Ghagwal Kawaljit Singh Bali reaffirmed the administration's unwavering resolve to sustain such awareness drives across the

district. He underlined the indispensable role of public participation in making the Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan a success. The programme was organised by local Tehsildar Karanjeet Singh, witnessing participation from the Principal Government Higher Secondary School, former public representatives including Former DDC and Former BDC Members and a large gathering of students, all of whom pledged their support towards making District Samba free from the scourge of drug abuse.

Digital Bharat Darshan launched by Army on Rajouri Day to foster Nat'l Integration

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RAJOURI: In a pioneering move towards bridging the digital divide and fostering national integration, the Indian Army launched the Digital Bharat Darshan initiative on the occasion of Rajouri Day.

This transformative digital platform aims to provide students across Rajouri and Poonch, including those in remote villages, with an immersive and comprehensive experience of India's rich history, culture, educational prospects, tourism potential, military institutions and employment opportunities.

Building on the Army's longstanding tradition of conducting National Integration Tours for students, this initiative takes a significant step forward by leveraging cutting-edge multimedia tools to deliver a curated 20-minute audio-visual presentation.

The programme showcases India's diverse heritage, emphasizing unity in



diversity and is designed to engage students beyond textbooks, fostering curiosity and a deeper sense of pride in their country.

The Digital Bharat Darshan initiative, aimed primarily at students in remote schools and colleges, empowers educators and community leaders to enhance learning outcomes. It ensures that even students from geographically isolated regions have access to knowledge that enhances their awareness, builds informed citizenship and nurtures a spirit of national pride. This initiative is expected to play a pivotal role in overcoming socio-economic and geographical constraints, expanding

students' horizons and preparing them to contribute to the nation's growth and unity.

By incorporating the latest in digital education, the Indian Army's Digital Bharat Darshan seeks to empower the youth, making them active participants in shaping India's future.

The Indian Army's commitment to safeguarding the nation's borders extends beyond defense; with initiatives like Digital Bharat Darshan, it continues to contribute to nation-building, fostering national integration and preparing the youth of border regions to actively participate in India's growth and development.

Kesri organizes welfare camp at Purkhoo to facilitate Govt schemes

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JAMMU: A welfare camp was organised by Shiv Sena Hindustan at Purkhoo Camp under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir President Pandit Rajesh Kesri, aimed at ensuring that benefits of Central Government schemes reach the grassroots level.

The camp witnessed active participation from local residents, especially economically weaker sections, who availed various services without the need to visit government offices multiple times.

During the camp, several issues related to ration cards were resolved on the spot, including correction of details, addition of new members, and rectification of errors in names.

Assistance was also provided for labour cards and awareness about various welfare schemes in-

troduced by the Government of India.

Organisers stated that the initiative was taken to reduce the hardships faced by poor people who often find it difficult to make repeated visits to government offices.

"These camps are meant to bring governance to the doorstep of the people, especially those who cannot afford time and resources to navigate bureaucratic procedures," said representatives at the event.

A large number of beneficiaries expressed satisfaction, stating that they received services conveniently within their locality. They appreciated the efforts of the organisation for simplifying access to essential documentation and government schemes.

Residents also extended their gratitude to both Shiv Sena Hindustan and the Central Government for making such facilities

accessible.

Addressing the gathering, Kesri urged people, particularly the youth, to stay away from drug abuse and focus on education. He emphasized that education is the key to building a strong future and helps in keeping individuals away from social evils.

"An educated child contributes positively to society and plays a vital role in nation-building," he remarked, highlighting the importance of instilling patriotism and responsibility among the younger generation.

Kesri also assured that similar camps would be organised again to cover those who could not avail benefits this time, reaffirming the organisation's commitment to public welfare. The event also saw the blessings and participation of elderly residents, adding to the community spirit of the initiative.

SMVDU's Dr Byotra delivers Invited Talk at Int'l Conference

KATRA: Dr. Deepak Byotra, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVD University Katra, participated in the 4th International Conference on Recent Trends in Materials Science & Devices (ICRTMD-2026) held in online mode organized by the Department of Physics, J.V.M.G.R.R. College, Charkhi Dabri, Haryana, India.

Dr. Byotra presented a research paper titled "Impact of Texture Configurations, Density and Nanoparticle Additives on the Static Performance of Hydrodynamic Journal Bearing" as an invited speaker and chaired a session during the conference.

The event brought together experts and researchers to discuss advancements in materials science and devices. The conference was supported by publication partners Research Wheel Publishers and Research Plateau.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVD University, congratulated Dr. Byotra on representing the institution at this prestigious online event and appreciated his contribution to the field of mechanical engineering.

Army enhance education infra with desk distribution for Gujjar and Bakarwal children

POONCH: In a commendable initiative to uplift the education system in remote areas, the Indian Army has provided desks to children from the Gujjar and Bakarwal community in Gaggian Mohalla, Loran, District Poonch.

This effort is part of the ongoing outreach by the Indian Army to enhance the educational infrastructure in far-flung regions of Jammu and Kashmir, where basic amenities remain scarce.

The Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, traditionally known for their semi-nomadic and nomadic lifestyles, often face challenges in accessing formal education. With limited resources, these communities have long struggled to equip their children with the tools needed for effective learning.

Recognising these hardships, the Indian Army has stepped forward to ensure that children in these remote areas have access to a conducive learning environment.

The distribution of desks is aimed at improving classroom conditions and providing students with proper seating arrangements. Local residents have expressed deep gratitude for the initiative, emphasising that it will not only improve educational facilities but will also inspire students to stay committed to their studies.

Rotary Club's commendable initiative: Mortuary freezer donated to hospital

AKHNOOR: In a notable act of community service, the Rotary Club Akhnoor has donated a mortuary freezer (dead body freezer) to the Akhnoor hospital.

This essential facility will help in the safe preservation of bodies and provide much-needed support to families during difficult times.

On this occasion, local MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat and BMO Akhnoor Dr. Roop Dhar appreciated the initiative, stating that it is a true example of humanitarian service.

They praised the efforts of the Rotary Club members and expressed hope that such public welfare activities will continue in the future.

They further added that facilities like this not only strengthen hospital infrastructure but also promote a spirit of compassion and cooperation in society.