

Karra urges Block presidents to strengthen party at grassroots level

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JK PCC) Chief Tariq Hameed Karra called on party block presidents to bolster the grassroots units of the party to combat communal and divisive forces, ensuring the maintenance of brotherhood and harmony in society.

Addressing a meeting of block presidents from Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Rajouri, and Poonch at the PCC headquarters today, Karra emphasized that block presidents are crucial functionaries who serve as vital messengers of the party's high command. He urged them to strengthen the party's presence from the booth level to Halqa Panchayat levels, promoting the policies and programs of the party at the



local level. Karra expressed deep concern about the growing communal tensions and the attacks on secular values and the Constitution, stressing the importance of unity in diversity. He reminded the attendees of the nation's founding principle—uni-

force in the face of rising divisions, transcending barriers of caste, creed, color, religion, and region.

During the meeting, Karra took stock of the party's organizational structure at the grassroots level, advising the block presidents to strengthen the basic units in preparation for upcoming elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The session lasted over five hours and also involved a detailed discussion on areas of improvement and necessary measures to enhance the party's reach and effectiveness.

Among the key attendees were Javed Ahmed Wani, Vijay Hiteshi, Jafer Ahmed Bhat, Mushtaq Ahmed Wani, Firdos Ahmed, Ghulam Abbas Malik, Shams Din, Sheikh Jindu Ram, and others.

Manjit urges GOI to fulfill promise on JK statehood

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VIJAYPUR: Apni Party Provincial President and former minister S. Manjit Singh expressed growing concerns over the delay in restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, calling it a breach of promises made to the people. Speaking at a meeting with party leaders in Gurgani village, Block Parmandaj, Samba District, Singh emphasized the discontent among the local population due to the unfulfilled commitment made by the government.

"Jammu and Kashmir is a historic state that was once ruled by Dogra Maharajas. The people of J&K have made significant sacrifices in building this state, and delaying the return of statehood will only deepen feelings of dissatisfaction," said Singh. He further stressed that the ongoing delay could



undermine the faith of the people in the administration. Singh also expressed disappointment over the lack of development in the Parmandaj region, which he said had been neglected for decades. He accused the local administration of political bias and claimed that the people of the area had been deprived of basic facilities due to this. "The administration must provide equal developmen-

tal opportunities across all regions, including the construction of lanes, drains, health facilities, and reliable drinking water supplies," Singh urged. He also highlighted the poor response from government officials, with locals repeatedly reporting their issues, but seeing little to no action. "People are often told to come back another time, but their issues remain unre-

solved," Singh added, reiterating his call for the immediate restoration of statehood in order to make government departments more accountable. The meeting, attended by Samba District President Raman Thappa and other leaders, concluded with a renewed commitment to continue pressing for statehood restoration and improved governance.

Mahajan Sabha felicitates MLA Vikram Randhawa



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JAMMU: Mahajan Sabha Channi Himmat organized a grand event to felicitate the newly elected MLA of Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa. The event was presided over by Sabha President Vipan Gupta, who presented the MLA with a bouquet and a trophy to mark the occasion.

The program witnessed the presence of prominent dignitaries, including Ward 52 Corporator Ajay Gupta and Ward 51 Corporator Raj Kumar Tarkhan. Both leaders lauded the commendable work undertaken by the Sabha under the leadership of Shri Vipan Gupta over the past years.

In his address, Vipan Gupta expressed gratitude to the MLA, corporators, and members of the Sabha for attending the event and contributing to its success. He highlighted the Sabha's achievements, including organizing medical camps where tests worth Rs. 7 lakh were conducted free of cost. Gupta also announced that the Sabha has compiled a telephone directory of around 700 families, which is slated

for release by January next year. Additionally, he put forth the demand for a piece of land at a government rate to establish an office for the Sabha.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Vikram Randhawa thanked the voters of Bahu Constituency for his overwhelming victory in the recently held assembly elections. He appreciated the Sabha's efforts in fostering community engagement through such events. Shri Randhawa emphasized the role of civil society in combating the menace of drugs among the youth and urged vigilance against crimes like theft and drug abuse. He assured the gathering of his availability for public welfare and pledged to address the Sabha's demand for land on a priority basis.

The event was seamlessly conducted by General Secretary Ashok Gupta, while former president Ashok Jandyal also graced the dais. Other office bearers present at the event included Mohan Gupta, Dalip Gupta, Kushvinder Gupta, Ankit Gupta, Anit Gupta and Vishavdeep Gupta among others.

CRPF organizes free Medical camp in Ramban; 250 villagers benefitted

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RAMBAN: Over 250 needy villagers, including women, children, and the elderly, received free medical treatment and medicines during a daylong medical camp organized by the 84 Battalion (Bn) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The event, held under the aegis of the Jammu Sector CRPF, marked the first such initiative by any security force in Sawani, a remote village situated approximately 30 kilometers from Ramban district headquarters.

The camp was inaugurated by Ranbir Singh, Commandant of 84 Bn, in the presence of Assistant Commandants



Lakhwinder, R.R. Meena, and Inderjeet Singh. Local leaders, including Vinay Singh, Panch of Sawani and Md. Abdul Rasheed, Naib Sarpanch, along with village elders, women, children, and

media representatives, also attended the event. Addressing the gathering, Ranbir Singh emphasized the CRPF's dual role in maintaining internal security and contributing to



nation-building. He highlighted the force's deployment across conflict zones in Jammu and Kashmir, the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) regions, and the Northeast, as well as its social outreach

programs aimed at fostering connections with local communities.

Vinay Singh, Sarpanch of Ramban, expressed gratitude on behalf of the villagers, noting that this was the

first-ever free medical camp organized in Sawani by any security force. He lauded the CRPF's efforts to support the health and well-being of residents in such a remote area. Dr. Anu Gorke, Senior Medical Officer of 84 Bn, led the medical team, providing consultations and distributing free medicines. Light refreshments were also served to participants during the event, which received widespread appreciation from the community.

This initiative underscores the CRPF's commitment to serving not only as a security force but also as a vital contributor to the welfare and development of local communities across India.

JKSSB Exam for Constable posts conducted smoothly

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RAJOURI: The OMR based written examination for the post of Constable, conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), was held smoothly today across the designated centers in Rajouri district. The process was closely supervised by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhishek Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Gaurav Savarkar, to ensure a fair and transparent examination process.

A total of 16,000 candidates had registered for the examination, which was conducted at 39 centers spread across Rajouri, Nowshera, and Sunderbani towns. These locations were strategically selected to minimize inconvenience to the candidates.

DC and SSP conducted random inspections of several examination centers to oversee the arrangements and ensure adherence to all guidelines. To ensure a smooth examination process, special arrangements were made, including the installation of



signages near the centers to assist candidates. Adequate seating arrangements, uninterrupted power supply, and the presence of medical teams were ensured at all centers. Additionally, a comprehensive traffic management plan was implemented to avoid congestion near examination venues.

ADDC Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, ADC Rajiv Khajuria and Flying squad teams conducted surprise checks to maintain discipline and ensure a fair examination environment. Candidates appreciated the arrangements and expressed gratitude to the district ad-

Tributes paid to Bawa Jitto

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JAMMU: An impressive function was organized today here in the premises of Krishi Bhawan to remember Shri Bawa Jitto (Baba Jitto Mal Dev ji Maharaj) - a legendary farmer of the area to reminisce his supreme sacrifice for securing the rights and social justice for the farmers.

The Department of Agriculture paid rich tributes to this epitome of farming community and saluted his courage against injustice and suppression by the landlords. The remembrance day is organized annually jointly by Agriculture Drivers Union, All J&K Agriculture Employ-

ees Association, the officers and staff of the Directorate of Agriculture Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Arvinder Singh Reen lauded the honesty, humility, courage and truthfulness of Shri Bawa Jitto. Recalling his sacrifice for the farming community, he said "We all should get inspiration from his life and work towards the betterment of our farming community and society as a whole."

A special adoration and worship was performed on the occasion which was followed by distribution of Prasad and Bhandara.

Later, the Director inaugurated a canteen within the premises of Krishi Bhawan,

aimed at providing better facilities for the staff and visitors. Satish Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), Alok Pandotra, Deputy Director (Training), Madan Lal, Plant Protection Officer, Dr. Ashwani Sharma, Deputy Director (Central), Dr. Aman Jyoti Sharma, Agriculture Chemist, Rajesh Verma, Assistant Entomologist, Kuldeep Singh, ADLE, Jograj Singh, Agriculture Economist, Verinder Dogra, Spawm Production Officer, Sandeep Dogra, SMS-DL, Koushal Chandel, SMS-DL, along with the members of the Driver Union and other officers from the department were present on the occasion.



DM asks police to intensify drives against drug abuse

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REASI: To review enforcement measures to combat the drug menace, District Magistrate Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chaired the District-Level Narco Coordination Center (NCORD) meeting.

The session witnessed active participation from key stakeholders, including the Police, Health, Education, Social Welfare, and Transport Departments. The meeting focused on fostering inter-departmental collaboration to strengthen the district's anti-drug initiatives.

The District Magistrate directed the police to intensify anti-drug drives across Reasi to identify and ensure preventive detention of drug dealers. He highlighted that the sports and education can play great role in fighting drug menace and engaging Sportspersons as Youth icons. He also instructed educational institutions to

take proactive measures, including organizing anti-drug awareness sessions during morning assemblies and installing CCTV cameras in shadow areas within school and college premises. He also directed transport department for random drug testing of drivers.

DM Reasi directed Police officials to scale up monitoring

of Criminals especially Bovicine smugglers, thieves who are mostly involved in drug trades. He urged all departments to work collectively to spread Public awareness through sustained campaigns, community engage-

ment programs and strict enforcement measures to root out drug menace from the district. ADC Reasi Kulbushan Khajuria, PO (ICDS) Mohammad Anwar Bandy, DySP Neeraj Padyar and other officials were present.

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Samba Fort enlivens amid dazzling handloom, handicrafts exhibition

SAMBA: The office of Assistant Director Handloom Samba on Saturday organised a comprehensive one-day exhibition and awareness camp at Samba Fort, highlighting the region's rich handloom and handicraft traditions. The event aimed at supporting and empowering local artisans and weavers, was presided over by Director of Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu Suraj Prakash Rukwal. More than 150 artisans and weavers participated in the event, which served as a crucial platform for recognizing and supporting local craftsmanship. In a significant move to boost the handloom sector, Director Rukwal distributed sanction letters to beneficiaries under various departmental schemes, including Credit Card Scheme, PM Weaver Mudra Scheme and additional Financial Support Schemes. As part of the initiative, Charkhas (spinning wheels) were also distributed to Handloom Cooperative Societies, further strengthening the local handicraft ecosystem.

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Ref: - e-NIT No. 05 of 2024-25 dated: 21.11.2024.

Due to low response of bids in response to the above cited e-NIT, the said e-NIT is hereby extended the new dates of submitting bids and opening of bids shall be as under:-

Last date of submitting online bids : 07.12.2024
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