

## Balwant Thakur felicitated in Shimla on World Theatre Day

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**JAMMU, MAR 28:**

Eminent Theatre Director and former Cultural Ambassador of India to South Africa and Mauritius was felicitated at the historic Gaiety Theatre, Shimla on the occasion of the celebrations of world theatre day. A day-long celebrations were organised by the Beginners Shimla in association with the Department of Language and Culture Government of Himachal Pradesh and Gaiety Theatre Society. In addition to being the Chief Guest of this prestigious event, Balwant Thakur also gave a presentation on the new emerging trends and approaches in the global theatre. A book entitled 'Gaiety Theatre Ke Rangchar' edited by Dr. Bharti Kuthiyala was also released by him on the occasion. It may be recalled that Balwant Thakur worked for Himachal Pradesh Government and created an iconic mega musical theatre show entitled 'Himachal' featuring the origin of Himachal from Vedic times to the day of the creation of a separate state Himachal Pradesh. This mega show with 65 artists on stage was performed all over Himachal for 80 times. On the occasion Balwant Thakur's overview of world theatre and its comparison with Indian theatre particularly the theatre of the north was the highlight of the celebrations in Shimla. He dwelt in detail about the reasons responsible for the failure of theatre becoming a strong moment in this region. Balwant Thakur is one of the largely travelled theatre directors of Indian stage who has the credit of having presented theatre in over hundred countries. These presentations were not limited to just showcasing his creative works but also the exchanges and interactions with world theatre directors and scholars.

Based on his experience of global theatre practices, he presented the true picture of the-



atre today. Fact remains that Balwant Thakur through his extraordinary efforts has successfully made a space for theatre not only in India but at the International level as well. He has a lot to share with his fellow theatre practitioners, his anecdotes about his encounters with the realities of sustaining a cultural moment in Jammu. His new innovations as a creative director and cultural administrator are praiseworthy and are worth documentation and dissemination amongst the new crop of theatre professionals. His recent innovations of introducing theatre as a medium of personality transformation requires to be documented as a book so the entire fraternity of theatre take benefit of his new discoveries.

On the occasion two senior directors/actors of National School of Drama Aseema Bhatt and Amla Rai also spoke on various aspects of theatre. The seminar was presided over by the eminent scholar and former IAS officer S. N. Joshi whereas Director Language and Culture Government of Himachal Pradesh Pankaj Lalit was the Guest of honour. The celebrations concluded with the presentation of two mind blowing plays presented by The Beginners Shimla under the direction of Kapil Sharma.

## Cong will face humiliating defeat in LS polls: Ex Mayor

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**JAMMU, MAR 28:**

Jammu and Kashmir BJP Vice President & former Mayor, JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta, while interacting with a group of the party activists in a meeting at Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, said that the popularity of BJP has unnerved the opposition parties, particularly the Congress, which is finding it difficult to face the public. He said that the Congress leaders are day dreaming of regaining trust of the people but the ground realities speak that in the upcoming elections of Lok Sabha, it will face humiliating defeat and totally wiped out.

Chander Mohan Gupta said that the Congress-led UPA under Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh ruled the country for ten years and the BJP-led NDA under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, too ruled for same period. While during the ten years of UPA,

different sections of the people in Jammu and Kashmir were deprived of genuine rights, they were discriminated, there was almost no development and the poor, needy, marginalized class, led miserable lives, as there was no one to listen to their grievances and provide any relief. "When the BJP-led NDA came into power at the Centre and the days of miseries and discrimination with the people in Jammu and Kashmir were over", Gupta said and added that lot of good works have been done in the last ten years under PM Narendra Modi, which has been hailed by people cutting their region, religion, gender, in entire length and breadth of the UT.

The BJP leader said the Congress leaders are out on roads to once again mislead the people on false slogans and promises to gain votes but will not succeed in their designs as the people don't

want to repeat their past mistakes of supporting this party, which was never concerned for the wellbeing of a common citizen. He stressed upon the party activists to reach at the doorsteps of the people and share with them numerous welfare schemes of Modi government, which have changed the lives of crores of people across the country. He also asked them to identify the beneficiaries of welfare schemes and seek their support for the party so that Narendra Modi leads the nation as Prime Minister for the third consecutive term and the welfare schemes and development projects get further push to meet the requirements of the people.

The meeting was attended by Balbir Ram Rattan, Kunti Jasrotia, Ramesh Gupta, Pardeep Sharma, Surinder Choudhary, Dil Bahadur Singh, T.K. Sharma, Uma Kapahi, Asad Mallick, Vijay Choudhary and others.

## PM Modi has completed all impossible-looking tasks: Rekha Mahajan



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**JAMMU, MAR 28:**

Ahead of Lok Sabha polls Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan held a meeting with Shaktikendra Parmukhs of Ward no 3 and 4 in Cantonment area, Gandhi Nagar Mandal of Bahu Constituency drops under District Jammu South. The meeting was organized by the Vice Chairman of the Cantonment board and the President of BJP Gandhi Nagar Mandal Bharat Bhushan. The meeting was conducted in a cordial atmosphere, under the leadership of its President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan in the presence of Vice President and Prabhari Gandhi Nagar Mandal Narinder Gupta Koki, Ex Councillor Jasmeet Kaur Pandey and others were present on the occasion.

While addressing the Shaktikendra Pramukhs, Rekha Mahajan asked them to gear up for the upcoming parliamentary polls and reach out to the people across the union territory of J&K. She urged them to identify and concentrate on specific areas and stressed strengthening the grassroots network in the coming weeks.

Rekha Mahajan also expressed them to bolster the party's outreach to the different segments of society by activating the booth-level activists in Jammu South.

Lauding the Narendra Modi-led government's initiatives in front of partymen and boosting the morale high, BJP leader Rekha Mahajan, highlighted significant progress made over the past decade in improving access to essential amenities, citing a series of statistics.

She asserted that under the leadership of Modi ji, in 10 years of good governance, the Central government has worked for the welfare of more than 60 crore poor people in the country. In these 10 years, PM Modi worked to provide tap water to 70 crore poor people of the country, drinking water has reached several houses in J&K for the first time after 75 years of its independence. She further highlighted the initiatives taken by the government to bolster national security and deliver social justice, besides the economic achievements of its tenure and PM Modi has completed all impossible-looking tasks.

While guiding the workers, Rekha Mahajan stated that our country was at number 11 in the table of world economies; today, it is at number five.

## Psychological profiling and career counselling organized at Potha, Poonch

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**POONCH, MAR 28:**

Army Goodwill School, Potha conducted Psychological Profiling and Career Selection Counselling workshop for students and teachers at AGS, Potha under Operation Sadbhavana from 24 to 27 Mar 2024. Psychological Profiling is beneficial in providing specifics about the character-

istics and mental abilities of a person by measuring the skills of aptitude testing, aiding and diagnosing conditions like depression, anxiety, stress and challenges faced by students and teachers during routine curriculum. The initiative provided direction for behavioural management strategies to be used at home and school. Career Counselling helped students to identify their suit-

able career choices and goals in future. It was also conducted for the teaching staff of AGS, Potha which will help them to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their students and enable them to tailor their teaching methods and materials, to better suit the needs of each individual. A of 20 teachers and 180 students were benefited from the said initiative.

## Hilly, rural areas confronting development deficit under J&K Govt: Sadhotra

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**BILLAWAR, MAR 28:**

J&K National Conference today kicked off an intensive election campaign for the I.N.D.I Alliance, signaling a strong push towards victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. In this regard, a day-long convention was organised under the chairmanship of Th Suram Singh, senior NC leader and former minister in Billawar area of district Kathua.

On the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and former minister, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo Zonal President Chenab Valley and former Minister, Ram Pal ji Zonal President Jammu Samba Kathua and former minister, Abdul Ghani Malik, Zonal President Udhampur Reasi and former minister, Laxmi Dutta, Harshvardan, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary and Amrish Sharma were also present.

At the beginning of the



meeting, Th Suram Singh raised serious concern over lack of support from the incumbent government. He said that the hilly, rural and far off areas are being discriminated badly by the present government. He maintained that the present government has miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the general public.

Addressing gathering, Ajay Sadhotra observed that the ground situation in context with the development in the rural and hilly belts is pathetic as people are craving for basic amenities. He said that people are confronting development deficit but the gov-

ernment is busy in spreading false narrative of colossal development in far off belts of J&K, which is a white lie as on ground people are facing multiple problems with no solution in sight. He said that neglect of hilly terrains is visible on ground but the government is trumpeting development, development and development day and night. Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, criticised the present government for its failure to stand on the expectations of people of Billawar, Bani Basholi area of Kathua district. He emphasized that only National Conference can bail out people from this

misery as castles of development made by J&K Government in air are distant apart from reality. He called upon party workers to gear up for the upcoming polls.

Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo said the present government has miserably failed to address the problems being faced by youth of hilly and remote areas due to highest ever employment in J&K. He said that only the National Conference can give a tough fight in the ensuing polls and stressed upon the need of unity and dedication to overcome obstacles and ensure the success of the party.

Babu Rampal, in a rallying

## BJP's Social Media Deptt holds strategy meeting for Lok Sabha polls with Ramban office bearers

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**RAMBAN, MAR 28:**

Ankit Gupta, In-charge of Social Media Department, held a crucial meeting today with all office bearers of District Ramban in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The meeting aimed to galvanize the party cadre and develop an effective social media strategy to ensure success in the upcoming polls. In the meeting, Pawan Khajuria, State Vice President BJP and Prabhari Ramban, Rajeshwar Kumar, District President Ramban, Satish Jandial, and Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharges of Social Media Department, J&K. Ankit Gupta emphasized the pivotal role of the Social Media Department in shaping public opinion and setting trends during the elections. He emphasized the need for a robust social media strategy that leverages various platforms to effectively communicate the party's vision, initiatives, and

achievements to the electorate. He stressed the importance of timely and engaging content creation, strategic targeting of key demographics, and proactive management of online interactions to build a strong digital presence and foster positive engagement with voters.

Ankit also reviewed the assignments given to the local social media team thoroughly and encouraged them to work diligently towards the party's objectives. He urged them to actively contribute to the social media efforts and collaborate closely to ensure a unified and impactful digital campaign that resonates with the aspirations of the people of District Ramban.

Pawan Khajuria commended the efforts of the Social Media Department and highlighted the significant development activities carried out under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jammu and

call to action, urged workers to exhibit unwavering dedication and unwavering devotion in their efforts to secure victory for the Alliance candidates. Emphasizing the critical role of every individual in shaping the electoral outcome, he stressed the importance of tireless commitment and united action in realizing the alliance's goals.

Encouraging a spirit of determination and perseverance, Abdul Ghani Malik asked the workers to channel their energies towards mobilizing support, spreading awareness, and actively participating in the democratic process to ensure a resounding victory for the Alliance candidates.

Laxmi Dutta, senior NC woman leader, appealed to the women of the area to throw their full support behind Alliance candidates, emphasizing that only the NC possesses the vision and commitment needed to empower women and uplift their status in society.

## BSP organizes public meetings in Suchetgarh and RS Pura assembly Segment

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**RS PURA, MAR 28:**

Bahujan Samaj Party(BSP) has intensified its election campaign for the Lok Sabha elections. On Thursday, Bahujan Samaj Party, meetings were organized in villages Kalyana, Balesar, Qutub Nizam, Symbol Camp and Thikaria of Suchetgarh and RS Pura assembly constituency and appealed to the people to give their full support to Bahujan Samaj Party. During these meetings, State President of Bahujan Samaj Party Darshan Rana was Was chief Guest, besides seniors party Leaders Hari Chand, Raja Singh, Bishan Dass Bhagat, Raja Kumar Bhagat and Gurdev Singh and others were also present. Addressing the meetings on this occasion, State President of Bahujan Samaj Party Darshan Rana said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want change and only Bahujan Samaj Party can bring this change. He said that the public has understood that there is a lot of difference between the words and actions of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Congress Party, National Conference and PDP governments. These political parties have always betrayed the people of Jammu and Kashmir and after the elections are over, the leaders of



these political parties have not listened to the people. He said that even today Jammu and Kashmir is suffering from corruption, inflation and unemployment, but it is surprising that the leaders of these political parties have not spoken on these important issues till date. He also expressed his views on the issue of giving reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBC) and said that only eight percent reservation has been given to OBC people in Jammu and Kashmir, which is not enough and Bahujan Samaj Party has been continuously demanding. That at least 27 percent reservation should be given to OBC category people in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Bahujan Samaj Party is con-

tinuously raising this issue. He said that Bahujan Samaj Party candidate Jagdish Verma is in the election fray from Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha seat, hence the people of Suchetgarh and RS Pura assembly constituencies should give their full cooperation and support to the Bahujan Samaj Party so that the party candidate can serve the people after winning. He claimed that in the upcoming assembly elections also, Bahujan Samaj Party will contest the elections with strength and will win! During the meeting, other leaders of Bahujan Samaj Party also expressed their views and appealed to the people to contribute in making Bahujan Samaj Party successful.

## Vilakshan appoints Qureshi as State Secretary and Zaheer Ahmed as District President Rajouri

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**RAJOURI, MAR 28:**

Vilakshan Singh President, Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (Bhim) today announced the appointment of Mr. Mohd. Sayed Qureshi as the State Secretary and Advocate Zaheer Ahmed as the District President of the party for District Rajouri. With an unwavering commitment to serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the National Panthers Party(Bhim) continues to strengthen its leadership team to address the diverse needs and challenges faced by the region. Mohd. Sayed Qureshi brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his new role as State Secretary of the party. His steadfast commit-

ment to the party's principles and his proven leadership qualities make him a valuable addition to the team. Advocate Zaheer Ahmed, a seasoned legal professional, assumes the crucial role of District President of District Rajouri. With his extensive legal background and deep understanding of local issues, Advocate Zaheer Ahmed is well-equipped to lead and represent the interests of the district effectively. Vilakshan Singh, expressing his confidence in the newly appointed leaders, stated, "I am confident that Mr. Mohd. Sayed Qureshi and Advocate Zaheer Ahmed will play pivotal roles in advancing the party's agenda and serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir with integrity and dedication.."