

# Congress always empowered women, 73rd, 74th amendments ensured 33 percent share of women: Karra

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**SRINAGAR, JUL 2:**  
Addressing a day long Mahila Congress Convention in Srinagar as part of Party's movement "Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq", J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President on Tuesday asserted that Former Prime Minister (Iron Lady of India) Indira Gandhi was credited for women empowerment, while having demonstrated her determination to bring women at par with the men in respect of proper representation and equality in the society.Karra said women empowerment is Congress baby and the Party has done enough to empower women in the country, assuring that the party under the Leadership of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and LOP Rahul Gandhi will continue to work vigorously for women empowerment to the fullest. Addressing the Mahila Congress convention, Karra slammed BJP for befooling Nation over women empowerment, whilst it (BJP) has done nothing, but used women empowerment for political gains. Referring to the Congress Party's great endeavors with respect to



women empowerment, Karra said Indira Gandhi as first women Prime Minister, Pratibha Patil was the First President of India and Meira Kumar was first Speaker of Lok Sabha, Rajiv Gandhi introduced 1/3rd representation for women in all three tiers of Panchayat in the country through 73rd and 74th amendments of the constitution of India and remained committed to justice and equality to women irrespective of their region or colour. UPA Govt ensured 8300 women representa-

tives in J&K Panchayat Raj institutions including DCC Chairpersons and 1/3rd women from SC & ST communities, at the same time, JKPC President regretted that due to the lack of support from BJP ,UPA Govt could not be able pass bill in Lok Sabha for 1/3rd women reservation in Legislatures, but passed the same in RS for 1/3rd which shows blatant hypocrisy and exploitation on the part of BJP. Congress Party under the Leadership of Mallikarjun Kharge and

LOP Rahul Gandhi is committed to women empowerment to the fullest, will continue to defeat BJP's fake narrative with respect to women empowerment, which has become a tool in the hands of BJP to befool people for electoral gains, Karra added.Refrerring to the ongoing Hamari Riyasat Harma Haq movement, JKPC President termed it party's great initiative while vowing to continue to fight for the restoration of Statehood to J&K, which is our right and cannot be denied, he added.  
J&K Mahila Congress President Shameema Raina while addressing the convention expressed gratitude to PCC President for presiding the convention and assured him that Mahila Congress Workers across J&K will continue to work for women empowerment and greatly contribute to ongoing Party's movement "Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq" which has been launched for restoration of Statehood to J&K.MLA Irfan Hafeez Lone, Senior Leader Abdul Gani Khan and Media Coordinator Dr.Audil Farooq Mir (Lasjan) also addressed the convention and hailed Congress Party's tireless efforts for women empowerment.

## 14 BJP MLAs meet CM Omar Abdullah, stresses to make Urdu non-compulsory for post of Naib Tehsildar with other two issues



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**SRINAGAR, JUL 2:**  
A high-level delegation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), comprising 14 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), met with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at his office in Srinagar.The delegation comprising BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP Vice-Presidents Sham Lal Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, and, Shakti Parihar, General Secretary Dr. D.K. Manyal, and MLAs Chander Prakash Ganga, B.S. Mankotia, Pawan Gupta, Vikram Randhawa, Prof. Gharu Ram, Baldev Sharma, Satish Sharma, Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, and Surinder Bhagat presented strong objections to recent administrative decisions that have triggered widespread concern among the public.  
At the forefront of the discussion was the controversial and divisive advertisement marking Urdu a compulsory qualification for the post of Naib Tehsildar. The BJP leaders condemned this move as

regressive, exclusionary, and in direct contradiction to the spirit of linguistic diversity enshrined in the Constitution, especially after the recognition of five official languages in J&K i.e. Hindi, Dogri, English, Urdu, and Kashmiri under the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020.  
The delegation categorically stated that imposing Urdu as a mandatory qualification amounts to systemic discrimination against a significant portion of the youth from the Jammu region and elsewhere, who have not studied the language. "This clause has the potential to deprive thousands of deserving and meritorious candidates of their rightful opportunity to serve in the administrative framework of the UT," the leaders said. The delegation unanimously demanded the immediate withdrawal of the advertisement with the Urdu clause. They urged the Chief Minister to revise the decision on the pattern of 2011 during his previous tenure,

and issue a fresh advertisement. The Chief Minister gave an affirmative and positive response.  
BJP MLAs raised the displacement of shopkeepers from Nai Basti due to the ongoing highway/flyover expansion project. They highlighted the dire situation of affected families and called for urgent rehabilitation. The Chief Minister, acknowledging the gravity of the issue, directed the Principal Secretary to address the matter on priority. The delegation also pushed for the expeditious release of the long-pending selection list under the 'sportsman quota', emphasizing the need to recognize and reward the contributions of athletes from the UT who have brought laurels to the region and the nation.The BJP delegation reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the interests of all sections of society and pressing for fair governance and justice through constructive dialogue and democratic means.

## IIM Jammu signs MoU with Sheffield University Management School

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**JAMMU, JUL 2:**  
The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sheffield University Management School, The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, marking a significant step forward in its global academic engagement and collaborative initiatives.  
The MoU aims to foster mutual cooperation and facilitate academic collaboration in areas of teaching, research, student and faculty exchange, and joint educational initiatives between the two institutions. The agreement is grounded in the principles of equity and reciprocity and provides a broad framework for further discussions on specific collaborative programs.  
Under this MoU, both institutions will explore the possibility of, Exchange of

faculty, staff, and students, Joint research and academic programs, Extended study programmes for qualified students and personnel, Collaborative models in MBA education leveraging the strengths of both institutions, Visits by senior officials to expand and develop cooperative mechanisms, and Increased awareness of each other's academic offerings and research facilities.  
Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, highlighted that the collaboration represents a strategic milestone in IIM Jammu's journey toward global excellence. He emphasized that the partnership with the University of Sheffield, a globally reputed institution, is well-aligned with IIM Jammu's vision to provide world-class education, foster impactful research, and create opportunities for cross-cultural academic engagement.

He noted that the MoU would significantly benefit both students and faculty by enriching their overall learning ecosystem. The collaboration is expected to provide valuable global exposure, facilitate knowledge sharing, and build robust academic linkages between the two institutions. Both parties have agreed to designate representatives to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the MoU. While the MoU itself is non-binding, it lays a strong foundation for future collaborations, which will be governed by specific formal agreements.This partnership is a testament to IIM Jammu's commitment to expanding its international footprint and cultivating a globally engaged academic environment. The MoU was coordinated by International Relations Office, IIM Jammu.

## Jammu faces health crisis as BJP MLAs remain silent: Rajesh Gupta

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**JAMMU, JUL 2:**  
In a blistering critique, senior National Conference leader Rajesh Gupta has accused the Modi-led BJP government of betraying the poor and dismantling their last hope for affordable healthcare. Gupta lashed out at the Centre's shocking move to quietly remove life saving surgeries from the Ayushman Bharat Sehat Scheme, calling it a "healthcare scam sold with slogans." The Ayushman Bharat scheme, once paraded as the world's largest health insurance program, has now been reduced to a cruel illusion for thousands of families. As of March 15, common surgeries like gallbladder removal, piles, appendix operations, and fissure treatment have been silently dropped from the coverage list."These were not luxury treatments they were daily survival procedures for the poor," Gupta said. "The Modi government has thrown patients to the wolves." With private hospitals barred from performing these procedures under the scheme, government hospitals like GMC Jammu are drowning under pressure. Doctors report waiting periods of up to three months, even for patients in severe pain.But perhaps more shameful is the silence of BJP's elected MLAs. "They were loud before elections, now they're invisible while their people suffer. Their silence is not just cowardice it is criminal," Gupta thundered.He demanded immediate restoration of the delisted surgeries and warned that the public urban and rural alike will not forget this betrayal. "From the hills of Poonch to the streets of Jammu city, people are waking up to this fraud. No more slogans. We want care, not cruelty."

## Dr Andrabi welcomes first batch of Amarnath Ji Yatris at Baltal, inaugurates Bahandara

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**SRINAGAR, JUL 2:**  
Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board & Minister of State Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visited Baltal Base Camp today afternoon. She took a tour of the entire Camp area and took stock of the arrangements for the pilgrims. Dr Darakhshan welcomed the first batch of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris and felicitated them. She interacted with the pilgrims and wished them a successful yatra. Waqf Board Chairperson inaugurated the Bahandara of Mahadev Seva Samiti at Baltal which will be serving to the yatris during the entire yatra period. Andrabi interacted with service providers and other departmental representatives about the yatra preparedness. Dr Darakhshan spoke to media and said that this yatra was synonymous with our tradition of spirituality and cultural excellence. "Historic Shri Amarnath Yatra is the strong symbol of harmony in Kashmir. It signifies Hindu-Muslim unity and we all are committed to strengthen this bond", said Dr Darakhshan. She said that Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board in coordination with the government departments and the people of J&K have ensured a fool proof Yatra as per the precedence of the land. She said that this Yatra brings in people from whole of India here and it is the best example of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat'.

## Sat Sharma highlights Modi Govt's transformative push for women empowerment

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J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) chaired an organizational meeting of the BJP Mahila Morcha, led by its President Sanjita Dogra at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.BJP Vice-President and Mahila Morcha Prabhari Anuradha Singh Charak, BJP Secretary and Morcha Seh-Prabhari Venu Khanna, Morcha General Secretaries Neha Mahajan and Reema Padha, along with other members of the State Team and District Presidents of Morcha participated in the meeting. Addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma commended the tireless efforts of the Mahila Morcha cadre and appreciated their grassroots connect and impactful outreach. He said that the role of women in Indian politics is undergoing a historic transformation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "From the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill granting 33% reservation to women in legislatures, to the launch of landmark schemes like Ujjwala Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PM Matru Vandana Yojana, and Mission Shakti, the Modi Government has set unprecedented benchmarks in women-centric governance," he said. Sharma urged the Mahila Morcha team to further intensify their efforts and reach out to every woman at the booth level to spread awareness about the welfare schemes introduced for their benefit. "It is our duty to ensure that the benefits of these transformative policies reach the last woman in the line," he added. Sanjita Dogra earlier welcomed the BJP President and presented a detailed account of the ongoing organizational and outreach activities undertaken by the Morcha. "Our cadre is actively working in every district, especially focusing on women beneficiaries of central schemes. We are committed to strengthening the party's base through our consistent presence and service," she stated. Anuradha Singh Charak, while addressing the team, said that the women are the backbone of the BJP's social fabric, and their increasing participation reflects the trust reposed in the party's vision. Venu Khanna emphasized that the BJP Mahila Morcha is not just an organizational wing, but a movement of empowered women determined to build a stronger nation.

schemes initiated by the Modi government for different sections of society.Balbir Ram Rattan said that the Modi government has made justice accessible to all and laid the foundation of discrimination-free governance. He said that those sections of society that were earlier left behind in the race for development are now among the top priorities of the government. The schemes introduced for women, farmers, labourers, youth, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes are proof that this government is concerned for every citizen.  
Referring to schemes like Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana,

Kisan Samman Nidhi, and initiatives for self-employment and startups, he said these programmes are not only making the beneficiaries economically self-reliant but also instilling a sense of trust in the government.He urged the youth to share information about these schemes within their communities so that more and more needy people can benefit and become self-dependent. Balbir said that the Narendra Modi government has brought administration to the doorsteps of the people, making them realize "what governance truly means and how it works." He added that this change is not just about policies, but also a transformation in mindset.

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## Welcoming with heart & hygiene: Directorate of Rural Sanitation greets yatris at Nunwan, Baltal

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**SRINAGAR, JUL 2:**  
The Directorate of Rural Sanitation today extended a traditional welcome to the first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 pilgrims at the Nunwan and Baltal base camps. In a gesture symbolizing warmth and harmony, the Yatris were greeted with garlands by officials of the Directorate and the sanitation teams, setting a tone of devotion and cleanliness for the Yatra ahead. Girls dressed in traditional Kashmiri attire, along with sanitation volunteers, added cultural vibrance to the welcome ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Director General

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## SMVDU NCC Cadet participated in Special National Integration Camp at Srinagar

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**SRINAGAR, JUL 2:**  
Cadet Saher Sharma from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) had the distinct honour of participating in the Special National Integration Camp (SNIC)-2025 held at Srinagar, J&K. The camp served as a confluence of culture, discipline, and national unity, bringing together NCC cadets from across India in the scenic and vibrant region of Kashmir.One of the highlights of the camp was the Inter-Directorate Song Competition, where Cadet Saher Sharma proudly represented the Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh (JK&L) Directorate, performing Dogri, Ladakhi, and Kashmiri songs, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region.Cadet Saher also participated in the celebration of International Yoga Day on 21st June, where a grand yoga demonstration was held. In addition, she took part in inter-directorate volleyball matches and the Group Dance Competition, where she performed tradi-

tional dances of JK&L as a selected member of the cultural team.The cadets also visited several significant locations, including the War Memorial, Pani Mandir, Dharohar Museum, FOD Museum, and enjoyed a Light and Sound Show in the evenings. Their exploration continued with visits to the Shankaracharya Temple, Mughal Gardens, Pratap Singh Museum, and a serene boating experience on Dal Lake. A breath-taking trip to Sonamarg was also organized, where cadets witnessed a live demonstration of mountaineering gear and learned about climbing techniques on various snow conditions.A major highlight was the cultural performance before distinguished dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Omar Abdullah, and the Additional Director General (ADG) of the JK&L Directorate.  
Cadet Saher Sharma was especially honoured to be one of the six cadets selected for the opening act, performing a

graceful Ganesh Vandana, which set the tone for the entire cultural presentation. The final evening of the camp featured a grand Cultural Night and Prize Distribution Ceremony, where the JK&L Directorate secured First Position in Dance, NIAP, and Group Song competitions. Every cadet was awarded a certificate of participation, marking the successful conclusion of the camp.Cadet Saher's journey was guided and supported by Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator, and Ms. Deepika Malik, CTO, who played an instrumental role in her preparation. Their mentorship and encouragement helped her achieve this significant milestone.  
On this proud occasion, Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, and Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU, extended their heartfelt congratulations to Cadet Saher Sharma for her outstanding achievement. They also appreciated the efforts of the NCC unit of SMVDU for nurturing cadets and guiding them towards excellence and national service.

## Massive Yatra arrangements reflect spirit of Atithi Devo Bhava: Priya Sethi

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**JAMMU, JUL 2:**  
Senior BJP leader and former Minister, Priya Sethi today inaugurated the Langar (community kitchen) at Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Panjgrain Nagrota for devotees, marking the commencement of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025. The event witnessed an overwhelming spiritual fervor and was graced by several dignitaries and saints.The Langar has been set up to provide free meals to the pilgrims undertaking the arduous journey to the holy Amarnath shrine. The inaugural ceremony was held in the august presence of Swami Satyamitrnanandaji Maharaj, Secretary of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Jammu Branch, and Swami Mrinmayanandaji Maharaj, reflecting the deep spiritual ethos associated with this sacred pilgrimage.  
Prominent among those present on the occasion were Ashishbhai Patel, BJP leader from Gujarat, Brijesh Sharma, SP Rural Jammu; Shri Vinod, SDPO Nagrota; H.C. Katoch, Trustee Member, Bharat Sevashram Sangha; Thoru Ram, Ex-Sarpanch; and other

distinguished personalities. Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi lauded the selfless service of Bharat Sevashram Sangha in organizing the Langar and supporting lakhs of pilgrims who arrive from across the country and abroad to seek blessings of Lord Shiva. She said that such arrangements reflect the spirit of Atithi Devo Bhava and highlight India's glorious tradition of serving humanity.  
"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of the Union Home Ministry, the arrangements for the Yatra are elaborate, seamless, and spiritually enriching. The Jammu and Kashmir administration has left no stone unturned in ensuring the safety and comfort of the devotees," she said. Priya Sethi further appealed to the people to come forward and participate in the Yatra, which is not just a pilgrimage but a symbol of India's rich cultural and religious heritage.The event concluded with spiritual chants and blessings by the revered saints, invoking divine protection for all pilgrims embarking on the journey to the holy cave of Shri Amarnathji.