

United and empowered: J&K BJP's vision for a stronger tomorrow, says Pawan

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JAMMU, JAN 23:

Jammu & Kashmir is not merely a geographical entity; it is a shared national responsibility and a collective trust of over 1.30 crore citizens. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) remains resolute in its commitment to building a united, peaceful, and empowered Jammu & Kashmir, free from the politics of division, dynastic entitlement, and fear-mongering that dominated the region for decades. Expressing these views, Pawan Sharma, State Secretary, BJP Jammu & Kashmir, said that the BJP's vision for Jammu & Kashmir is rooted in national unity, constitutional equality, transparent governance, and grassroots empowerment, unlike the NC-PDP model of politics that thrived on emotional exploitation, regional imbalance, and deliberate underdevelopment.

"For decades, Jammu & Kashmir suffered not due to

lack of resources, but due to lack of political will. NC and PDP treated power as personal inheritance, not public responsibility. Their politics revolved around families, not futures; slogans, not solutions," said Pawan Sharma. He asserted that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed a decisive break from appeasement-driven governance. The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A ended a system that benefited a select few while depriving common citizens—women, Dalits, refugees, and marginalized communities—of basic constitutional rights.

"The same parties that today speak of democracy once thrived on denying rights to their own people. They opposed transparency, accountability, and equal laws because it threatened their vested interests," he added. Highlighting the BJP



government's commitment to balanced regional development, Pawan Sharma said that for the first time, development is being planned on merit and need—not on political loyalty or dynasty. "Jammu is no longer ignored, and Kashmir is no longer held hostage to separatist-friendly narratives. Both regions are progressing together," he stated.

"Today, Jammu & Kashmir is witnessing unprecedented development—modern highways and tunnels, expanded rail connectivity, new med-

ical colleges, AIIMS, improved power supply, and a revived tourism sector. These are tangible outcomes, not election-time rhetoric," he said, adding that NC-PDP regimes left behind stalled projects, financial mismanagement, and shattered public trust. On youth empowerment, Pawan Sharma remarked that earlier governments turned recruitment into a source of patronage and corruption. "BJP replaced favoritism with fairness. Transparent recruitment, merit-based opportunities, and skill development have restored the confidence of our youth, who were earlier forced to migrate or surrender to despair," he said.

Addressing peace and security, he stated that while NC and PDP oscillated between soft separation and political silence, the BJP adopted a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and corruption. "Peace cannot coexist with appeasement. Strong

action and clear intent have ensured that common citizens can live without fear," he asserted. He further said that BJP believes in real grassroots democracy, unlike earlier regimes that centralized power within families and secretariats. Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions and urban local bodies has given voice to people at the grassroots, breaking the monopoly of elite politics. Concluding, Pawan Sharma said, "The BJP's promise is crystal clear—a united Jammu & Kashmir aligned firmly with the nation, and an empowered Jammu & Kashmir where development is inclusive, governance is accountable, and opportunities are equal.

The era of dynasties, deception, and division is over. The future belongs to unity, development, and decisive leadership, and the BJP is fully committed to delivering a better tomorrow for the people of Jammu & Kashmir."

GDC Kakryal holds online lecture on 'Vande Mataram'

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KATRA, JAN 23:

Government Degree College Kakryal, Katra, in collaboration with its National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit, organized an online awareness lecture on the theme "Vande Mataram – The National Song: Relevance in Modern India" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of India's National Song, Vande Mataram. The programme was conducted under the able guidance and leadership of the worthy Principal, Dr. Rajni Bhagat. Owing to inclement weather conditions prevailing in the region, the event was organized in online mode through Google Meet. The primary objective of the programme was to sensitize students about the historical, cultural, and national significance of Vande Mataram, a

composition that played a pivotal role in India's freedom struggle and continues to serve as a source of national inspiration and patriotic consciousness in contemporary times. The lecture witnessed active and enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and NSS volunteers. The distinguished faculty members present on the occasion included Prof. Younus Salem, Dr. Abdul Hafiz, Dr. Ishfaq Parry, Dr. Bilal, Dr. Ishfaq Bhat, Ms. Somalya, and Mr. Hilal. The resource person, Dr. Usha Sharma, Head, Department of Sociology, delivered an erudite and insightful lecture elucidating the origins of Vande Mataram, authored by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, and traced its evolution from a literary work in Anandamath to a powerful emblem of India's

national awakening. She also highlighted the instrumental role of the song in mobilizing the masses during the freedom movement and emphasized its continued relevance in modern India as a symbol of unity, cultural heritage, and national pride.

The NSS Unit of the college reaffirmed its commitment to fostering national values, cultural awareness, and social responsibility through such educational initiatives. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the valuable contributions of the resource person, participants, faculty members, and organizers. The event served as a befitting tribute to the 150 illustrious years of Vande Mataram, reaffirming its timeless message of unity, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to the motherland.

Kesri condemns communal twist to cleanliness appeal, demands withdrawal of complaint

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Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri in a press conference in Jammu today has strongly condemned the recent controversy arising from an appeal made by a Hindu organization to meat shop owners in Gujjar Nagar, terming the entire episode as an unfortunate attempt to give a communal colour to a purely civic and hygiene-related initiative. Senior Shiv Sena Hindustan leaders, including Vice Chairman Rajkumar, Border President Sanjeev Sharma, Secretary Rajkumar, State Vice President Ramesh Gupta, Praveen Gupta and Vinod Kumar were present during the press conference. They collectively warned that such unnecessary actions could fuel communal tension and play into the hands of elements seeking to disrupt peace and brotherhood in the region.

Addressing media persons, Kesri stated that the appeal was made with the sole intention of improving cleanliness standards in the area and ensuring public health, without targeting any particular community. Kesri said that earlier during meeting convened by Shiv Sena Hindustan, party members discussed in detail the incident in which meat shop owners were requested to fol-



low basic hygiene norms, including covering meat with clean cloth, installing glass shields, and maintaining personal cleanliness while handling food items. He clarified that such practices are essential for safeguarding public health and are universally applicable to all shopkeepers, irrespective of their religious identity. Notably, several shopkeepers welcomed the suggestions and expressed their willingness to implement them in the interest of cleanliness.

However, Kesri expressed serious concern over the role of certain mischievous elements who attempted to misrepresent the appeal as a communal act. These individuals alleged that the request was directed only at Muslim-owned shops and tried to provoke sentiments by suggesting selective targeting. Kesri emphasized that this misleading narrative resulted in a minor verbal disagreement, but categorically stated that no physical

altercation took place and no injuries were reported.

Kesri further clarified that the Hindu organization had intended to extend its cleanliness drive to both Hindu and Muslim-owned shops across the locality. Unfortunately, the matter was blown out of proportion by vested interests, culminating in the filing of a complaint against the organization's leader at Peer Mitha Police Station. He termed the filing of this complaint as highly condemnable and unjustified, asserting that it only encourages divisive forces and undermines communal harmony.

Kesri has given the administration a clear two-day deadline to withdraw the complaint, stressing that failure to do so could escalate the situation unnecessarily. He has also urged police officials to identify and take strict action against those deliberately attempting to create disharmony and disturb the peaceful atmosphere. Reiterating party's unwavering commitment to peace, unity and communal harmony, Kesri cautioned against any attempts to polarize society for ulterior motives. "We demand that the administration act swiftly to quash the complaint and ensure that the intentions of those trying to disturb the peace and harmony of the region are firmly defeated," Kesri said.

Second anniversary of Shri Ram Mandir Praan Pratishtha celebrated at Brij Nagar

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The second anniversary of the historic Praan Pratishtha (consecration) of Shri Ram Mandir, Ayodhya, was celebrated with great devotion, enthusiasm, and community spirit at Brij Nagar area of Block Miran Sahib, Jammu. On this auspicious occasion, the Shree Ram Sewa Committee, Brij Nagar, organized a grand Langar (community meal) beautifully reflecting the eternal values of Seva (service), unity, and Sanatan culture.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people of all age groups, who gathered in large numbers to mark the sacred occasion in a spiritually charged and harmonious atmosphere. Devotees expressed deep reverence for Lord Shri Ram by actively participating in the Langar and associated activities, making the celebration both meaningful and memorable. The Langar was organized with selfless dedication and collective effort by committee members and local

volunteers. The key organizers and supporters included Sh. Santosh Sharma, Vishwanath Sharma, Ganesh Goga, Ashutosh, Subash Sharma, Anil Sharma, Babu Sharma, Ashwani Khajuria, Raju Sharma, Nipun Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Arun, Ankush Raina, Rakesh Sharma, Janak Choudhary, Dheeraj Sharma, Raju, Rinku, Mukesh Sharma, Subash, Mahinder, Shami, Neeraj "Tinku", Prince Saksham, Sunny, Tushar Anmol, Abhimanyu "Jonty", Sonu Sharma, and others who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the programme. This noble initiative stood as a shining symbol of harmony and brotherhood, where people came together beyond social distinctions to share food and blessings.

The organizers emphasized that such events not only strengthen cultural and spiritual values but also foster social unity and collective responsibility. Residents of the area lauded the efforts of the Shree Ram Sewa Committee, Brij Nagar, and expressed hope that similar initiatives

PSPS GCW organizes mass singing of national song "Vande Mataram"

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JAMMU, JAN 23:

PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhinagar organised a mass singing of the national song "Vande Mataram" to commemorate Phase II of the celebration of 150 years of National Pride – Vande Mataram Programme, being observed from 19.01.2026 to 26.01.2026 where in Convener IQAC Cluster University of Jammu Dr Meenakshi Bandral graced the occasion as special guest. The programme was held in the Smart Classroom with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. Despite heavy rains and adverse weather conditions, the event witnessed active participation from staff members, students, and NCC cadets of 9 JK Girls Battalion, who collectively sang the national song and expressed their love and respect for the nation. The programme aimed to instil a sense of unity, national pride, and cultural values among the students and cadets. The entire campus resonated with patriotic spirit during the mass singing. The programme was held under the patronage of Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, Principal of the College and Under the guidance of Dr. Vijendra Kumar, Staff Secretary & Head Dept of Sanskriti. The event was successfully coordinated by Major (Prof.) Shivan Sharma, ANO, 9 JK Girls Battalion, whose guidance and efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the programme. Such activities play a vital role in nurturing nationalism and collective responsibility among the youth, and the college remains committed to organising events that promote national integration and cultural heritage.

Continuing its sustained crackdown against bovine smuggling under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu (Rural) Police successfully foiled an attempt of illegal transportation of bovines and rescued a large number of animals. During the intervening night of January 22/23, 2026, a police team from Police Post Sidhra intercepted a vehicle involved in the illegal activity. As a result, 40 bovine animals were rescued and a truck bearing registration number JK02DG-1123 was seized. However, the driver of the vehicle managed to flee from the spot taking advantage of darkness. Accordingly, FIR No. 15/2026 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act has been registered at Police Station Nagrota. Further investigation into the matter is underway.

GDC Vijaypur celebrates Basant Panchami

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VIJAYPUR, JAN 23:

Government Degree College (GDC) Vijaypur celebrated the vibrant festival of Basant Panchami and organised an Essay Writing Competition under the banner of 150 Years of Vande Mataram. The program commenced with a floral tribute, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp with an aim to instill patriotic fervor among students and highlight the cultural and literary significance of the national song Vande Mataram. The program was held under the able guidance and leadership of Dr. Ashu Vashishtha, Principal GDC Vijaypur, who appreciated the efforts of the organizers and participants for their enthusiastic involvement. In her address, Dr. Vashishtha emphasized the importance of cultural and intellectual activities in shaping the holistic personality of students and fostering a sense of national pride. The event was coordinated by Dr. Naseem Choudhary, HOD English, and Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal, Lecturer, Department of Education, with the support and cooperation of other dedicated faculty members viz Dr. Anoop Kumar Bhagat, Dr. Manoj Heer, Dr. Arti Sharma, Prof. Sonia Devi, and Prof. Manisha Bharti. The essay writing competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who expressed their views on the theme with creativity and thoughtfulness. The celebration of Basant Panchami, marking the arrival of spring and dedicated to Goddess Saraswati, added a touch of cultural vibrancy to the campus atmosphere. The event concluded with words of appreciation for the organizing committee and participants for making the program a success.

Adv Devraj reviews Republic Day readiness in RS Pura, urges huge public participation

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RS PURA, JAN 23:

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Executive Member of BJP Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, Advocate Devraj Sharma, today visited various Panchayats of the RS Pura constituency to review the preparations for the upcoming Republic Day celebrations. The visit was aimed at ensuring that the national festival is celebrated with full enthusiasm, dignity, and patriotic spirit at the grassroots level. During his interaction with Panchayat representatives, local leaders, and party workers, Adv Devraj Sharma emphasized that Republic Day is a historic and proud occasion for every Indian, symbolizing the strength of the Constitution and the democratic values on which the nation stands. He said that the celebration of this day reminds citizens of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and the vision of the Constitution's framers, who laid the foundation of a strong, united, and democratic India. Adv Sharma appealed to all sections of society—youth, women, farmers, senior citizens, and social organizations—to actively participate in Republic Day celebrations a people's movement that reflects unity in diversity and reinforces a sense of collective responsibility towards

the nation.

Adv Devraj Sharma further stated that celebrating Republic Day at the Panchayat level plays a crucial role in deepening democratic awareness and fostering national integration. He expressed confidence that the people of RS Pura constituency will celebrate the occasion with unmatched zeal, discipline, and respect for the Tricolour. Adv Sharma called upon citizens to renew their commitment to the ideals of the Constitution and to work together for a stronger, prosperous, and self-reliant India. "Let us celebrate Republic Day not just as a ceremony, but as a reaffirmation of our dedication to the nation, its unity, and its democratic values," he said.

District Police Kathua organises 'Thana Diwas' to strengthen Police Public relations

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KATHUA, JAN 23:

As part of the ongoing public outreach programme "Thana Diwas", an initiative of the Government of J&K UT aimed at strengthening police-public relations and ensuring timely redressal of public grievances, District Police Kathua organised programmes at multiple locations including PS Rajbagh, PS Hirnagar, PS Lakhanpur (Barni), PS Basohli, and PS Bani. The programmes were chaired by senior officers of District Police Kathua, including SP Operations Kathua Mukund Tibrewal, IPS, DySP Operations Kathua Pushpa Rajput, Addl. SP Kathua Rahul Charak,

JKPS, and concerned SHOs and SDPOs in their respective jurisdictions. Prominent civil society members, PRIs, and respectable citizens participated in large numbers and interacted with police officers. During the interactions, participants raised various issues of public importance such as tenant verification, drug peddling, installation of CCTV cameras, traffic management, law and order maintenance, and VDG recruitment.

The public was also sensitized about the prevailing security scenario and advised to promptly share information regarding any suspicious persons, vehicles, or movements. The officers assured

that genuine grievances related to policing would be addressed on priority, while issues concerning civil administration would be taken up with the concerned departments for early resolution. Emphasizing community policing, the officers highlighted its importance in building public trust and combating crime and social evils, with special focus on eradicating the menace of drug abuse.

SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma, IPS, reaffirmed that District Police Kathua remains committed to transparency, accountability, and close coordination with the public to ensure peace and safety across the district.

JKPDP leader Narinder invites public to celebrate Republic Day in RS Pura

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RS PURA, JAN 23:

JKPDP Senior Leader Narinder Sharma today extended a warm invitation to people from all walks of life to participate in the Republic Day celebrations at Panchayat Kotli Shah Doula in RS Pura.

He stated that celebrating Republic Day is a moment of immense joy, pride, and honor for every Indian, as it symbolizes the strength of the Constitution and the democratic values upon which the nation stands. Narinder Sharma emphasized that Republic Day is not merely a ceremonial occasion but a reminder of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and the vision of the framers of the Indian Constitution. He said that this momentous day inspires citizens to reaffirm their commitment to unity, integrity, and equality,

which form the foundation of a strong and progressive nation.

Sharma highlighted that organizing Republic Day celebrations at the grassroots level, such as in panchayats and villages, plays a crucial role in strengthening democratic consciousness among the people. He noted that such events help foster a sense of national pride and collective responsibility, especially among the youth, encouraging them to actively participate in the event and make it a symbol of unity and shared national spirit. Reiterating his commitment to democratic values and inclusive development, Narinder Sharma said that Republic Day reminds every citizen of their rights as well as duties towards the nation. He urged people to come together on this auspicious occasion, celebrate the spirit of the Constitution, and renew their pledge to work collectively for peace, progress, and prosperity of the country.

GDC Thannamandi celebrates 150th year of 'Vande Mataram' with a soulful tribute to Bose

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THANAMANDI, JAN 23:

Govt. Degree College Thannamandi under the Patronage of Principal Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad vibrantly celebrated the national spirit today through a special musical program organized as part of the Vande Mataram Campaign and a tribute to Subash Chandra Bose on his 129th birth anniversary. The event featured a powerful musical rendition of the national song, aimed at fostering patriotism and cultural pride among the student body. The program was conducted under the visionary patronage and leadership of the College Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, who has consistently championed the integration of cultural heritage and patriotism with academic excellence. The highlight of the event was

a collective choral performance of Vande Mataram by the college student volunteers. The rendition blended classical aesthetics with contemporary arrangements, creating an atmosphere of deep solemnity and national fervor. The event was a collaboration between Shikshit Bharat/Literary Activities Committee along with the Cultural Club of the college. At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Azad emphasized the importance of such campaigns in building character and unity among the nation, its significance in honoring the sacrifices of our ancestors, our freedom fighters specifically remembering Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and recommitting ourselves to the service of the nation.

The event showcased a fusion performance featuring a blend of background musical symphonies alongside vocal harmonies. The active involvement from faculty members Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Dr. Naseem Ahmed Malik, Dr. Ahsan Raza, Dr. Gohar Iqbal, Dr. Sheraz Ahmed, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Prof. Anuj Bali, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rumy Dar, Prof. Rizwana Kousar, Dr. Shazia Poswal, Dr. Mohd Ashraf, Dr. Ateeq Ul Rehman, lecturers, non-teaching staff, and the student volunteers highlight its wide-reaching impact. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Fatima Parveen and the singing of the National Anthem, leaving the audience with a renewed sense of pride and dedication to the country.