

Women play vital role to build society for bright future of country: Rattan Lal Gupta

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Mata Rani ka Bhandhara was organized by the students and scholars of Jammu University under the chairmanship of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) at the revered Bahu Fort temple on the occasion of international women day.

It was inaugurated by Rattan Lal Gupta, former MLC and Provincial President of JKNC, who was chief guest and presided over by Former Minister and Zonal President JKNC Babu Rampaul.

Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC, Ankush Abrol and Provincial President of the SC Wing of JKNC Vijay Lochan were the guests of honor. A large number of students, scholars, and devotees were also present at the event, adding to the spiritual fervor of the celebrations.

Addressing the gathering, Rattan Lal Gupta lauded the efforts of the students and scholars for organizing the event, emphasizing the importance of spiritual gatherings in fostering community spirit and promoting cultural heritage.



He spoke about the role of women in history and their continued contributions to society. He encouraged young scholars and students to actively participate in activities that uphold moral and spiritual values while acknowledging the vital role that women play in the socio-cultural fabric of the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Babu Rampaul said we should respect all the religions so as to maintain amity, brotherhood and harmony, he insisted, adding that all the festivals should be celebrated together by people belonging to different religions.

He also highlighted the significance of International Women's Day and the role of women in shaping society.

He emphasized that such religious and social events not only reinforce cultural values but also serve as a platform to promote unity and inclusivity. Rampaul further stated that Jammu University students and scholars are committed to upholding traditions and contributing to the welfare of society through such initiatives.

Ankush Abrol also extended his greetings on International Women's Day and praised the students for their initiative in organizing the event. He stressed the need for more such gatherings to promote communal harmony and cultural awareness among the younger generation.

The Mata Rani ka Bhandhara concluded with

prayers for peace, prosperity, and the empowerment of women across all sections of society.

The organizers expressed their gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants for making the event a grand success, reaffirming their commitment to continuing such endeavors in the future. Vikshay Vashist delivered the welcome address; Gourav Paratap Singh, University President NSF was delivering the vote of thanks.

Other prominent present on the occasion include Dr Rajesh Sharma, Dr Gourav Bharat, Dr Rajesh Singh, Bishan Das Dalhotra (Retd Sp), Dr Gourav, Ram Singh, Amit Gupta, Rahul Gupta, Lovesh Bharat, Ramesh Lal, Monhar Lal, Rakesh Singh and others.

Natrang presents Hindi play 'Ajgar Raaj'

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Natrang presented a Hindi play 'Ajgar Raaj' written by Chiranjeet and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre in its weekly Sunday Theatre series. The play 'Ajgar Raaj' attacks imperialist, expansionist and opportunistic policies of our neighboring country by highlighting its efforts to push mankind across the world towards destructive weapons, bloody wars and the propagation of destruction.

The play begins at the court of Ajgar Raaj, where he is celebrating his 74th birthday with his commander, tells him that his master Shaaitaan had given him a boon that if he completes 73 years of his life, he will never die, becoming immortal. Along with this, he also declares his Commander as his crown prince in the absence of his Prime Minister.



On the occasion of his 74th birthday, 'Ajgar Raaj' announces that today he has become immortal, hence he should be considered as God and celebrating a huge celebration all over the world, his "Lal Kitab" should be considered as the divine book of God. After this, a commentary on the "Lal Kitab" is broadcast on the Radio, after which Ajgar Raaj orders the commander to broadcast it 101 times and to wipe out all religions and sects. Then a voice echoes in

which the dragon king is warned that he is the enemy of humanity and world peace and all the dictators who declared themselves God have been killed, so he too will die soon. Ignoring this warning, he cites the teachings of his "Lal Kitab" and says that the whole world is afraid of his destructive weapons.

At the same time, the Prime Minister of Ajgar Raaj who has returned from visiting many countries, tells that no one is afraid of him anymore, a

civil war has broken out in his own country and people have blackened his pictures. Many countries have expelled their citizens from their countries. Angered by this, the dragon king says that Shahe Jhutistan should now be asked to attack India. On this the Prime Minister says that Shahe Jhutistan wants us to attack them first.

The dragon king directs the commander to order the army to attack. Just then sounds of laughter start coming from all sides and the Prime Minister says that because of his words the whole world along with India is laughing at us and with this everyone starts laughing and the play ends.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Aryan Sharma, Adakh Bagal and Krishay Bhatia. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the music of the play was scored by Mehak Chib.

Major General Anupinder visits SKC GDC Poonch to inspire NCC Cadets

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In a landmark visit aimed at reinforcing the NCC framework and motivating young cadets, Major General Anupinder Bevl, VSM, Additional Director General of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate NCC, accompanied by Brigadier DN Pandey, Group Commander Jammu NCC, visited Shri Krishan Chander Government Degree College (SKC GDC), Poonch. The visit marked a significant milestone in the college's NCC journey, focusing on reviewing the progress of the unit and inspiring cadets to reach greater heights. Upon arrival, the dignitaries were warmly received by Prof. Jasbir Singh, Principal of SKC GDC, Col. Naresh Kaushik, Commanding Officer of 5 J&K Battalion NCC, Lt. (Dr.) Youghish Kumar Sharma, ANO Boys Wing, and Assistant Professor Mehnaz Kouser, CTO Girls Wing, along with the Principals and ANOs from nearby colleges and schools in Poonch District. The NCC cadets of the college, dressed smartly, presented



a Guard of Honour, impressing the visitors with their discipline and precision. The visit commenced with the National Anthem and an interactive session with the cadets, during which the NCC unit presented their annual activity report. The cadets also showcased the history of Poonch Linkup Day and highlighted their achievements in national-level events, including blood donation camps, yoga sessions, and trekking expeditions, demonstrating their dedication to service and self-improvement. In a special moment of recognition, Major General

Anupinder Bevl awarded the prestigious Director General NCC Commendation Card to Junior Under Officer Mahima Maini for her exceptional performance at the National Level Shooting Championship, further motivating the cadets to strive for excellence in their respective fields. In his address to the cadets, Major General Bevl lauded their hard work and exceptional achievements. He also shared a personal connection to the region, recalling how his grandfather served as an Education Inspector in Poonch in the 1930s and his own tenure as a Colonel in the Rajouri-

Poonch area. The ADG emphasized the Government of India's commitment to empowering NCC cadets, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to expand NCC participation to 25 lakh cadets across the nation. He announced plans to increase the strength of the 5 J&K Battalion NCC Poonch from 2800 to 3500 cadets, with a special focus on enhancing female participation. Furthermore, the ADG acknowledged the growing participation of cadets from Poonch and Rajouri districts in national-level camps and training programs and urged the cadets to further elevate this trend. He also highlighted the opportunity for NCC cadets to participate in overseas deployment camps, offering them invaluable global exposure. Major General Bevl encouraged the cadets to fully engage in the NCC's diverse activities, push their limits, and strive for excellence in every aspect of their lives. He reiterated that the NCC not only serves as a training ground for leadership and discipline but also plays a crucial role in shaping the future of the nation.

Army organises Self Defence progm on International Women's Day at Bajabain

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Indian Army organised a comprehensive self-defence training session for girl students at Government Senior Secondary School, Bajabain. The event aimed at equipping girl students with essential skills to protect themselves in times of adversity. The initiative was designed to instill confidence, resilience and a sense of empowerment among young girls, aligning with the broader objective of promoting gender equality and safety.

The training conducted by skilled army personnel, included practical demonstrations of self-defence



techniques, situational awareness strategies and confidence building exercises. The session also emphasized the importance of mental and physical strength in overcoming challenging situations. The interactive and dynamic nature of the training allowed the participants to actively engage, ask questions and practice the techniques under expert guidance. Speaking on the occasion, Mr BN Sharma, Principal of the government Senior Secondary school expressed gratitude to the Army personnel for their invaluable contribution and reiterated the importance of empowering young girls to ensure their safety and independence. The event not only celebrated the spirit of womanhood but also highlighted the role of self-defence as a powerful tool for self-empowerment. This initiative reflects Indian Army's unwavering commitment towards creating a safer and more inclusive society, where every girl feels empowered and confident to face the world.

Centre, police clueless as security situation worsens: Karra

Congress condemns Billawar Killings, criticises biased approach of adm

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JKPCC Chief Shri Tariq Hameed Karra today lashed out at the centre government & LG administration for being clueless as the security situation and law and order is worsening in upper reaches of Kathua district.

Addressing a massive gathering of District Congress Samba, today as part of ongoing campaign of the party for restoration of statehood, Shri Karra said that the shocking incidents in Billawar - Bani belt of Kathua district for the last few days, in the background of serious terror incidents in the recent past, in the area, expose the false claims of centre government and LG administration regarding normalcy either on militancy front or law and order situation.

is the state of affairs that the government is still clueless about the recent killings of five persons in two incidents in mysterious circumstances while the administration is behaving in most biased manner instead taking cooperation of all in dealing with the situation.

Our senior party leaders Ch Lal Singh and a team were detained at Ramkote Police station to stop them from proceeding

ahead while Dr Manohar Lal Sharma and team were restrained and stopped at Dinga Amb from proceeding towards the residence of victims to share the grief of families, on the contrary the BJP MLAs and leaders were allowed to go there, questioning the LG Administration's inapt handling.

He also criticised the attempt to assault MLA Bani by the miscreants and termed it unfortunate that a public representative was treated like this while performing his duty towards people.

Earlier two minutes silence was observed to mourn the killing of three persons whose bodies were recovered yesterday and to pray for peace to the departed souls besides to pray for solidarity with the victims families.

Accompanied by Working President Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, I/C HQ Ved Mahajan Ex MLC, PCC Coordinator Th Hari Singh Chib, Former Minister Yashpal Kundal, Gurbachan Rana Ex Minister Indu Pawar Ex MLA, Durga Dass Ex MLA, T S Tony DDC, Babbal Gupta, KD Singh, Tirth Bhagat, Jagdeep Singh, Sanjeev Panda, Rajveer Singh, Jatin Raina, Jagpreet Kour, Vijay Chaudhary Mandeep Chaud-



hary, Jatinder Bhagat, Jung Bhadur Sharma, Shamsher Chand, Adv Subash Dutta, Dinesh Singh, Rekha Atri and several others, Shri Karra was Chief guest on the occasion while Sanjeev Sharma Dist president presided over the impressive convention. PCC Chief appreciated the organisers Yash pal kundal, DCC President Sanjeev Sharma and district team.

Karra asked BJP to explain its position over the delay in the restoration of statehood which was promised by the Prime Minister and Home Minister to the people, time and again but

completely silent now, after assembly elections.

Most unfortunate is the complete silence of BJP MLAs over the restoration of statehood which is the basic right & question of identity and status of all people of J&K. The dogra rulers and dogras fought for the expansion of the boundaries of this great and vast state which was dismembered and downgraded by BJP thus insulting the dogra rulers and dogras the most. The people responded enthusiastically to the call of PCC chief for the ongoing struggle to restore statehood.

He also referred to the numer-

ous sufferings of people on account of BJP government and LG adm snatching their lands under their possession for decades, price hike, huge taxations, power and water taxations, rising price rise and record unemployment, issues of illegal mining etc and said only restoration of statehood is the way out to find solution to their problems.

He also regretted that this year budget could not accommodate the most genuine demands of daily wagers & NHM, Contractuals & such other categories but congress will press for it and also the centre should

come forward to help elected government in the matter.

He mentioned the commitments to the refugees of ,1947,1965&,1971 and said BJP has not implemented the package of 2014, on the initiative of Dr Manmohan Singh ji & fully supported their cause.

Shri Raman Bhalla lashed out at BJP for their betrayal on the issue of statehood and questioned their criminal silence and said time has come to ask them questions by the people. They can't run away after repeated commitments of their top brass.

Bhalla asked BJP where is refugees package after ten years and why they are facing harassment in the hands of BJP led centre government after getting massive mandate from jammu people. They are allowing loot of resources by mafia and the trades and jobs, lands of locals being taken away by outsiders.

He asked people to raise their voice for a struggle by Congress for restoration of statehood for solving problems faced by them.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma hit out BJP for failure to control situation in Kathua upper reaches and administration indulging in biased attitude in a democracy during elected

government.

He raised the issue of loot of government land like the one raised in assembly yesterday in Kathua district and asked people to stand up for protecting the rights, land jobs and peace of living for future generations. Jammu will have to fight to seek protections otherwise next generation will be landless and jobless he added.

Former minister Yash Pal kundal strongly criticised BJP for looting resources and snatching rights of people and identity, dignity and status of dogra state.

The farmers are suffering, the youth are suffering, the poor, downtrodden, dalits, traders, transporters, the workers are suffering while the BJP people and rich are enjoying. People will have to rise above divisive politics to fight for rights, he added.

DCC president sanjeev Sharma said that the Congress party brought about massive development in the past but BJP has indulged in anti people, anti youth, anti farmers, anti poor policies.

Th Hari Singh Chib, Durga Dass Jagdeep Singh, Jagpreet Kour, Mandeep Chaudhary besides several senior leaders, block presidents addressed the gathering.