

Hardeep Puri, Rekha Sharma, Sat Sharma slam Congress for 'Killing' Women's Reservation Bill

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der government initiatives. Rejecting the misinformation spread by opposition parties, he categorically stated that claims regarding southern states suffering losses due to delimitation are baseless and misleading. Backed by data, he pointed out that states such as Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala stand to gain in representation, exposing the opposition's narrative as politically motivated propaganda.

He further accused Congress and its allies of acting as habitual disruptors, stating that their opposition to the bill reflects their deep-rooted discomfort with genuine women's empowerment, like Triple Talaq. "By celebrating the obstruction of a transformative bill meant for women, Congress has once again exposed its anti-women mindset and insulted the aspirations of 'Nari Shakti' across the nation," he said, adding that the BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, remains resolute in ensuring the passage and implementation of this landmark reform.

Rekha Sharma, in her address, strongly condemned the Congress for repeatedly derailing the cause of women's reservation over the past three decades. She noted that despite exten-

sive discussions in Parliament, the opposition once again chose to "kill" the bill. She reiterated Prime Minister Modi's assertion that women's reservation is not a favour but a rightful entitlement.

Sharma underlined that delimitation is a necessary and integral step to ensure effective implementation of the reservation framework, and accused Congress of attempting to create a false North-South divide to derail the process. She cited multiple instances of alleged anti-women conduct and statements by leaders of opposition parties, asserting that these reflect their regressive mindset. She said that former Minister Murugan of DMK in March 1989 pulled the clothes (Sari) of Jayalalita. Mulayam Singh of Samajwadi Party uttered that boys are boys, Rapes happen". Sandesh Khali has continuously witnessed the atrocities against women by Trinamool. Akhilesh Yadav of the Samajwadi Party said that the reservation should be given to Muslims based on religion.

Launching a blistering critique, she stated that Congress remains confined to dynastic politics, revolving around females from a single family, namely Indira, Sonia, and Priyanka, with little regard for empowering women beyond that circle, and even humil-

iating women MPs of these parties to please these entitled females. "The repeated obstruction of this bill proves that Congress and its allies are more interested in political theatrics than genuine social reform," she remarked, adding that such parties will continue to invent excuses to stall progressive legislation in the future as well.

Sat Sharma, earlier, provided a summary of the deception and historical blunder of the Congress and the INDI alliance. He asserted that the opposition's actions have exposed their hypocrisy and double standards on women's issues. He emphasized that while the Modi government has taken bold and historic steps to ensure women's rightful representation in governance, the Congress has consistently acted as the biggest roadblock.

Sharma stated that the people of the country, especially women, are closely watching these developments and will hold the opposition accountable for betraying their aspirations. He reaffirmed that the BJP will continue its aggressive outreach to expose the anti-women stance of Congress and the INDI alliance, and will not rest until justice is delivered to the women of India through the full implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir organises Heart Check-up Camp

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Today th 10th instant being conscious of the health problems of our Trustees, the Devotees and other Sr Citizens round about One Heart Check Up camp was organized by Sh Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Trust, Gandhi Nagar Jammu in Association with Fortis Escorts Heart Institute Delhi.

The Heart Check Up camp was inaugurated by Sh Vikram Randhawa Hon'ble M L A, Bahu in packed rush of Patients who had come for check up and for various Tests arranged by The Fortis Institute.

A prominent Dr Swati Mahajan, daughter of the soil, DM Consultant Cardiology held the consultations with all the Patients, suggesting the



requisite treatments, after seeing the Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and ECG Reports arranged by the Institute.

The President Sh V K Abrol, briefed the participants about the health problems specially related to Heart, Their Proper Treatment at the Proper time enabling long

good life.

Sh S C Rekhi, General Secretary Conducted the proceedings of the camp and thanked Fortis Escort Heart Institute Delhi, for the help they have rendered for Senior Citizens besides Trustees.

Prominent amongst others who participated

in the camp include Sarv Sh.K.B Magotra, Kapil Slathia, Sumesh Damral, Ved Verma, Kiran Rajput, Prashant Sharma, Tarun Gupta, Krishan P Gupta, P.C.Gupta, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Indu Bhushan Sharma, Prem Sharma, Romesh Thakur, Sandeep Singh, Ashok Gupta and others.

Health Minister visits at SMHS Hospital

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Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited SMHS to inquire about the health condition of the ailing father of Member of Parliament, Sheikh Abdul Rashid (Engineer Rashid).

MLA Hazratbal, Salman Sagar; Principal GMC Srinagar, Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah; Medical Superintendent SMHS, Dr. Andleeb Bashir; HoDs of various specialities, Consultants, senior doctors and other staff members were also present on the occasion.

During her visit, Sakeena Itoo met the attending doctors and medical staff to receive a detailed briefing on the condition of Khazir Mohammad Sheikh, treatment plan, and progress on his recovery.



The Minister directed the Principal GMC and Medical Superintendent to provide best possible medical care and ensure that all necessary facilities and specialized care as required is extended to the patient without any delay.

"Ensure constant medical supervision of the patient with comprehensive care by a team of experienced specialists", Sakeena Itoo directed the medical team.

Interacting with the family members, Sakeena Itoo conveyed her heartfelt concern and assured them of full support from the Health Department. She also prayed for the speedy recovery of patient and appreciated the dedication of the healthcare professionals attending to him.

Satish Sharma pays tributes to Martyr Subedar Parveen Singh

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, today paid glowing tributes to Vir Chakra awardee Martyr Subedar Parveen Singh at the unveiling of the Shaheedi Sthal and his statue in Village Devak, Tehsil Sunderbani.

The memorial was formally unveiled by Major General G.D. Bakshi, YSM, SM, in a ceremony organized by the Kalidhar Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association (KEWA) to honour the supreme sacrifice of the valiant soldier during the historic 1947-48 Jammu and Kashmir operations.

Joining a large gathering of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris, local citizens and dignitaries, Satish Sharma laid floral tributes at the Shaheedi Sthal and bowed in reverence to the martyr. The Minister underscored that the nation's freedom and sovereignty are safeguarded by the unparalleled courage and sacrifices of its soldiers.

"Subedar Parveen Singh's life is a saga of courage, sacrifice and unwavering devotion to the motherland. Such heroes are the true pillars of our nation. Their legacy must not only be remembered but actively carried forward by the future generations," he said.

Highlighting the vital role of youth in nation-building, Satish Sharma stressed the need to connect the younger generations with the inspiring stories of India's bravehearts. He said that Shaheedi Sthals and memorials play a crucial role in

nurturing patriotism, discipline and a sense of national responsibility among youth. He further reiterated the government's commitment towards promoting youth-centric initiatives, strengthening sports culture and expanding training programmes aimed at fostering leadership, resilience and national pride.

Satish Sharma also acknowledged the immense contribution of the armed forces and ex-servicemen in safeguarding the nation's integrity and mentoring society with a spirit of discipline and service. He appreciated the efforts of KEWA for organizing the event and for preserving the legacy of martyrs through such meaningful initiatives.

A wreath-laying ceremony was conducted as per the military traditions, with Maj Gen G.D. Bakshi laying the first wreath and unveiling the statue. This was followed by floral tributes by Satish Sharma, other dignitaries, Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and members of the public. A two-minute silence was observed to honour the supreme sacrifice of the martyr.

The ceremony was also graced by Balk Yogeshwar Ji, along with senior members of KEWA, Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and a large number of citizens from Sunderbani and adjoining areas, reflecting deep respect and admiration for the braveheart.

Recalling the extraordinary valour of Subedar Parveen Singh, it was highlighted that on 22 September 1948, in the Ladakh Sector opposite Nimu Hill, he led a daring fighting patrol against a heavily fortified enemy position. Displaying exceptional courage and leadership, he launched a bold attack on an enemy post far superior in strength and successfully led his men to capture the position.

GCOE Srinagar hosts Divisional-Level Road Safety Awareness Programme

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Government College of Education (GCOE) (IASE), Srinagar, organised a divisional-level Road Safety Awareness Program under the Road Safety Annual Action Plan (2024-25) on the theme "Sadak Suraksha - Jeevan Raksha."

Sponsored by the State Road Safety Council, J&K, the event saw enthusiastic participation from students across colleges in the Kashmir Division.

The valedictory session was graced by the Director of Colleges, Higher Education Department, J&K, Prof. (Dr.) Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, who, in his address, emphasised strict adherence to traffic regulations and the adoption of essential safety measures such as wearing helmets and seatbelts. He urged students to act as ambassadors of road safety awareness and contribute towards building a more responsible and vigilant society.

The Principal of the host college, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, in her address, underscored the pressing need to address the alarming rise in road accidents attributed to negligence, overspeeding, and distracted driving.

Emphasising that road safety is a collective societal obligation, she called upon the youth to emerge as responsible stakeholders and catalysts of change.

Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Dar, Convener, Road Safety Club, highlighted the sig-



nificance of sustained awareness and responsible conduct in fostering a culture of road discipline. He reiterated that meaningful transformation in road safety can only be achieved through collective effort and informed participation.

The programme featured a series of inter-college competitions, including Elocution, Poster Making, and Slogan Writing, designed to engage students in creative and intellectual discourse on road safety.

Participants demonstrated commendable insight, originality, and social consciousness through their performances and presentations.

In the Elocution Competition, Malik Mohd. Masnoon (GDC Shopian) secured first position, followed by Malik Haziq Mohiuddin and Majid Hassan Khan (GDC Ajas). In the Poster Making Competition, Najma Khatoon (GCW M.A. Road, Srinagar) secured first position, while Kaiser Rehman (GDC

Handwara) and Safia Sajad (GDC Baramulla) secured second and third positions, respectively. In the Slogan Writing Competition, Uzma Yousuf (GDC D.H. Pora, Kulgam) secured first position, followed by Fakhr-Un-Nisa (GDC Baramulla) and Heeba Masood (Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar).

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates, trophies, and cash prizes among the winners and participants.