

Literary Event enlightens students at GCW Gandhinagar



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JAMMU, MAY 06

J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL), in collaboration with Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R S Pura, on Monday organized a literary event- Punjabi Kavi Darbar here in the Seminar Hall of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

Prof. Dr. S P Saraswat, Prof. Dr. M K Mussa, S. Popinder Singh Paras, Editor Sheeraza Punjabi, JKAACL, S. Harjit Singh

Uppal, President, Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R S Pura and Dr. Anuradha Sharma, HoD, Punjabi, GCW, Gandhinagar shared the dais. The programme was attended by intellectuals, poets, Dr. Bindu Chib, HoD Hindi, select staff and students of the College. Welcoming the guests and the poets, Dr. Prof. S P Saraswat said that it's an appreciable step by JKAACL to organize such a literary event at Government College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu. He said that Punjabi culture is vast and inherent with great values appreciated across the globe.

A number of prominent, well known and young poets presented

their poetry in different genres of literary art. The poets who presented their creations in the form of poetry included Harjit Singh Uppal, Ajit Singh Mastana, Jang S. Verman, Dr. Baljit Singh Raina, Davinder Singh Vishavagnrik, Bhupinder Singh Bhargav, Suraj Singh Suraj, Harbhajan Singh Upashak, Bachan Bharti, Balkar Singh, Balwinder Singh Jammu, Suraj Prakash, Manjit Singh Kaamra, Saran star, Balwinder Singh Deep, Shamsher Singh Chohalvi, J P Singh Azad and Dr. Rajvir Singh.

In his introductory discourse, S. Popinder Singh said that the Academy is organizing literary events of all the languages of the Union

Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and accessing the youth through different modes of liking. He said that the Academy is also providing all facilities for the promotion of Punjabi language in the far flung areas of the valley and Jammu region.

In his presidential address, S. Ajeet Singh Mastana appreciated the Cultural Academy and other organisers for hosting such events to promote regional languages including Punjabi. He emphasized on the need to preserve and promote the art, culture and languages of different societies of the region.

In his address, Dr. Monojit appreciated the poetry presented by the participating poets. He complimented the organizers for organizing this literary programme at GCW, Gandhinagar. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anuradha Sharma and the vote of thanks was presented by S. Harjit Singh Pal, President, PSS, R S Pura.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

General Observer Baramulla PC reviews election preparedness meeting at B'la



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BARAMULLA, MAY 06

Observing for 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency (PC), Deependra Singh Kushwah today chaired a comprehensive meeting of officers to review the preparations for the seamless conduct of Lok Sabha Elections 2024 to be held in 1-Baramulla PC on 20th of May. The meeting was attended by the Expenditure Observer, 1-Baramulla PC, Sita Ram Meena; Police Officer, 1-Baramulla PC, Ravi Shankar Chhabri; Returning Officer 1-Baramulla PC, Minga Sherpa; District Election Officer Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan; SSP Kupwara, SSP Bandipora, Security Officer and Nodal Officers from individual districts.

During the meeting, the General Observer was comprehensively briefed by the representatives of

the individual districts encompassing 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency regarding the various arrangements implemented by the administration to facilitate the smooth conduct of the electoral process.

The RO, 1-Baramulla PC, gave a detailed presentation about the implementation of Model Code of Conduct in the district Baramulla, AMFs at designated Polling Stations, Specialized Training for the Polling Personnel, Material Management Plan, Secured Strong Rooms and Dispatch Centers, Route Plans and Vulnerability Mapping, installed FSTS, VST and MCMCs and other aspects for the conduct of Lok Sabha Elections 2024. Similarly, the DEO Kupwara, in her presentation, provided detailed insights into the preparations done and measures taken at the district level to ensure smooth conduct of the elections.

Furthermore, Nodal Officers from Bandipora and Budgam districts briefed the meeting on the measures undertaken by the administration for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. The SSPs from all the districts of 1-Baramulla PC also provided presentations, apprising the chair about the comprehensive security arrangements put in place by the police department for the peaceful conduct of the elections.

While taking first hand appraisal, General Observer expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made by both civil and police administrations for the elections and urged them to continue this coordinated approach throughout the election period to ensure flawless and efficient conduct of Lok Sabha Elections 2024. The Expenditure Observer, Sita Ram Meena, instructed the concerned nodal officers of Expenditure Monitoring teams to maintain accurate expenditure record of the candidates and collaborate effectively to ensure a level playing field for the contesting candidates. The Police Observer, Ravi Shankar emphasized the critical need for strict security measures during the MCC period, instructing police officials to maintain constant vigilance throughout the election period to ensure free, fair and peaceful Lok Sabha elections.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

Poll staff imparted Election Training in all ACs of Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, MAY 06

As part of the training schedule to familiarize Polling Staff with necessary skills to carry out Election duties efficiently, the District Election Office Srinagar today organised a training session for the Polling Staff at Amar Singh College, here.

The Training session was held under the supervision of District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also the Returning Officer (RO), 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency. Addressing the participants, the DEO briefed the Officers thoroughly about the responsibilities during the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024 and highlighted the importance of election training to the polling staff.

The DEO said that training is pivotal to familiarize the staff with EVM & VVPAT operations and get acquainted with the necessary knowledge and skills for effectively carrying out their duties during the electoral process. He said training enables polling officials to understand the election system and learn handling and operation of EVMs to ensure an error-free election process.

He also educated participants about their roles and responsibilities in the fair and free conduct of



elections. On the occasion, the DEO also reviewed the welfare measures for the Polling Staff and directed the concerned to ensure all required measures are taken well in advance. During the training, collection of polling material, collection and installation of EVMs, setting up of polling stations and commencement of polls were thoroughly discussed with the trainees. The process of sealing, installation and functioning of the EVMs was also demonstrated by the master trainers. Deputy District Election Officer, Mir Imtiaz ul Aziz; Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), Chanpora, Mudsar Ahmad Phamda, other Officers/Official and Master Trainers were present

on the occasion. Similar training sessions were also held at other designated places for other Assembly segments of the District under the supervision of respective Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) during which the Master Trainers imparted hands-on training to the participants and acquainted them with the necessary knowledge of EVM handling and operation.

The Polling Staff were acquainted with essential skills and knowledge to ensure the smooth conduct of the electoral process. Participants actively engaged in interactive sessions and practical demonstrations to enhance their understanding and proficiency in handling diverse scenarios.

Youth most important link to fulfil resolve of developed India: Prez Murmu

DHARAMSHALA, MAY 6

President Droupadi

Murmu on Monday underlined the need to strengthen curiosity among the youth to enable them to keep pace with the rapid changes taking place in the fourth industrial revolution. Speaking at the seventh convocation of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh here, the President underlined the youth have immense potential for growth and are the most important link to fulfill the resolve of a developed India. "We have to strengthen the curiosity and the desire to learn in the students to prepare them for facing the challenges of the 21st century as today we are in the fourth industrial revolution and new areas like artificial intelligence

and machine learning are emerging rapidly.

"The speed and magnitude of change are very high and consequently, the technology and required skills are changing very quickly," Murmu said. At the beginning of the 21st century, no one knew what kind of skills people would need in the next 20-25 years and similarly, many current skills will no longer be useful in the future, she said. The focus, she said, should be on what to learn as well as how to learn. When students learn independently, without any stress, their creativity and imagination take flight and they innovate, find solutions to problems and learn with curiosity, she added.

"The youth have immense potential for growth and are the most

important link to fulfil the resolve of a developed India," the President said, calling on the youth to dedicate themselves to the country. Murmu also had a message for teachers. Education should be such that it makes students self-reliant and builds their character and personality. The aim of education is also to create awareness among the students about their culture, tradition and civilisation and the role of teachers is very important in this regard, she said.

"The scope of work of teachers is not limited to teaching only and they have the responsibility of building the future of the nation," she said. Congratulating the students, the President said, "I have been told that girls have surpassed

boys in getting gold medals, which is very appreciable as they have made a mark with their own efforts." On the occasion, Murmu also conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree on Himachal Pradesh Governor Shri Pratap Shukla. Later, Murmu paid obeisance at the Chamunda Devi temple near Dharamshala. The President is on a five-day visit to Himachal Pradesh from May 4 to 8. She is staying at Rashtrapati Niwas near Mashobra, about 14 km from Shimla. On Tuesday, she would offer prayers at Sankat Mochan and Tara Devi temples, take a stroll on Mall Road, enjoy a cultural evening at Galety Theatre and join a dinner in her honour at Raj Bhawan.

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CEO flags off mega bicycle SVEEP rally at Budgam Highlights importance of voting at Degree College, Budgam



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BUDGAM, MAY 06

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Pandurang K Pole today flagged off a mega bicycle rally under SVEEP at Sports Stadium Budgam.

District Election Officer (DEO), Budgam, Akshay Labroo and SSP Budgam, Nikhil Borkar were also present on the occasion. The rally participated by hundreds of

school going children raised awareness on right to exercise franchise.

The participants carried fly cards pasted on their backs, and loud speakers mounted vehicles generated awareness on importance of voting.

The rally passed through main road Budgam and culminated a Mirgund Chowk. Later, CEO also chaired a SVEEP pro-

gramme at Sheikh-Ul-Alam Degree College Budgam. Speaking on the occasion, Pandurang K Pole highlighted the importance of voting and said that every vote matters and it is a finger on the EVM which decides the future. The CEO urged young voters to ensure their participation in elections for strengthening of democracy and exercise their right to

franchise during the ensuing elections. Pandurang K Pole called for encouragement of other eligible voters and ensure every voter casts his/ her vote during elections.

Earlier, CEO also launched a plantation drive under SVEEP at the college, DEO Budgam, while speaking on the occasion, said that youth participation in election is important for democratic strengthening. Various students and renowned artists performed during the SVEEP programme for awareness generation on importance of voting.

SSP Budgam, Nikhil Borkar, CEO, Principal SAM GDC were also present on the occasion.

Afraid of offending vote banks, Cong and TMC silent when terror struck during UPA rule: Shah

DURGAPUR, MAY 6

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday accused the Congress and the TMC of maintaining stoic silence during terror attacks in the country in the UPA regime as they "were afraid of offending their vote banks". While the 10 years of BJP-led NDA government is characterized by a "tough stance" on terror and no compromise on the issue of national security, the Congress-headed UPA regime of which TMC was also an ally was soft on terror, he claimed. He was addressing a rally at Durgapur in Bardhaman-Durgapur constituency.

"The Congress and TMC because of their vote bank politics didn't utter a word when terror strikes took place in the country during the Congress regime (UPA regime from 2004-2014). The TMC was then part of the Congress government. They were afraid that their vote bank would take offence if they took a tough stance on terror," Shah said. Speaking about the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, Shah said, "The Communists, TMC and Congress kept Article 370 'preserved' for 70 years." "It made terrorism from Kashmir seep into the entire country. But after Modi ji came to power, 5 August 2019 saw the historic abrogation of Article 370. Opposition has called it a threat to people's safety and the country's security," he said. Hitting out at the opposition bloc INDIA on the issue of corruption,

Shah said, "The opposition has a track record of corruption, whereas Modi Ji doesn't have even a single such blot throughout his political career." The TMC is synonymous with corruption and cut money culture in West Bengal, he claimed. While accusing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of allowing infiltration in the bordering state, Shah said the TMC can never stop infiltration in the state. "Mamata Banerjee and TMC should be ashamed of themselves for allowing infiltration in the bordering state to secure their vote bank," he said.

Referring to alleged politics of appeasement by the TMC in Bengal, Shah said invitations for the consecration ceremony were sent to both Mamata Didi and her nephew (Abhishek Banerjee), but they chose not to attend it, "as they are afraid that infiltrators, who are TMC's vote bank, might get offended." "Invitations for the consecration ceremony were sent to both Mamata didi and her nephew (Abhishek Banerjee), but they did not attend it, as she was afraid that infiltrators, who are her party's vote bank, might get offended," he said. The Union Home Minister said, "Mamata Banerjee should be ashamed of herself for allowing infiltration in the bordering state for the sake of vote bank politics."

He said, "Infiltrators form the vote bank of TMC and that is why they are afraid of these infiltrators. Will

Durgapur choose those who boycotted Lord Ram just for the sake of its vote bank?" On the incidents in Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district, where allegations of sexual abuse against TMC leaders have emerged, Shah said it is a matter of shame that "Mamata Banerjee, despite being a woman chief minister, tried to protect the culprits." "In Sandeshkhali, TMC leaders tortured hundreds of our sisters based on religion. Mamata Didi was not ready to arrest the criminals of Sandeshkhali, he said.

Even after the high court's order, the investigation was not done, so the high court handed over the investigation to the CBI, Shah said. "Whoever has committed atrocities in Sandeshkhali, even if he hides in the underworld, we will find him and put him behind prison bars," he asserted. On a recent video clip on Sandeshkhali, Shah told Bengali news channel ABP Ananda during a roadshow in Krishanagar that Mamata Banerjee could first clarify "whether arrested TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh was involved in the crimes or was innocent." "A video on social media went viral on Saturday, in which a man, who claimed to be a BJP mandal president in Sandeshkhali, was heard saying that the leader of the opposition in the West Bengal assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, was behind the "whole conspiracy".