

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses two-day Amrit Kaal Lecture Series 2024 at Jammu University

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Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajesh Rai Bhatnagar today underscored the importance of drawing inspiration from India's rich legacy as a knowledge hub and global leader, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach in finding solutions.

Advisor Bhatnagar was speaking during the Amrit Kaal Lecture Series 2024 under the theme 'Dissolving Boundaries: Evolving Education' at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

The Advisor hoped that the lecture series would inspire forward-thinking and urged everyone to step out of their comfort zones.

Recognizing the pivotal role of teachers in shaping students' futures, he encouraged continued efforts towards positive change within oneself and the broader ecosystem.

Underlining the shift towards knowledge- and technology-based society, Advisor Bhatnagar urged the audience to acknowledge India's abundant talent and heritage rather than constantly looking to the West.



Vice-Chancellor of University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, in his address emphasized the importance of adopting a multidisciplinary approach in academia. By encouraging students to explore diverse fields of study, he advocated for breaking down traditional boundaries that confine learning within rigid disciplinary lines.

A highlight of the event was the felicitation of Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman of the Higher Education Council, J&K, and former Vice-Chancellor of Council, Government of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory who captivated the audience with his enlightening discourse titled "From the Indus Valley Civilization to Srinivas Ramanaujan; The Fascinating History of Indian Mathematics," shedding light on the rich heritage of Indian mathematics.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Sudhish Pachauri, formerly Pro Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University, delivered an insightful address that enriched the gathering. Reflecting on the theme of

the lecture series, he praised its uniqueness, emphasizing the multitude of boundaries present in India, ranging from religious and ego-driven boundaries to those in subjects and knowledge.

He discussed the similarities among different literatures such as Urdu, Hindi, English, and Sanskrit, suggesting that they share common elements. Prof. Pachauri specifically addressed how language segmentation can create barriers between people and emphasized the need to break down these boundaries through a collective spirit of unity across various fields of study.

Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, DU, Prof. Sudhish Pachauri, Director ISTRAC, B. N. Ramakrishna, Director MMTTC, University of Jammu, Prof. S. K. Pandita, Co-chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sarika Manhas among other also addressed the event on their respective topics.

A cultural evening was also organized which showcased the Kathak Performance by Shikha Shukla, "Learn", a devised performance based on William Shakespeare's "King Lear".

DGP Swain Visits Family Of Slain Village Defence Guard, Promises 'Strong Action' Against Terrorists

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UDHAMPUR, MAY 6



Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain on Monday visited the Basantgarh area of Udhampur District and met the family of the slain Village Defence Guard (VDG) member Mohammad Sharif. He expressed condolences to the bereaved family and assured them that his sacrifice would not go in vain.

DGP Swain was accompanied by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Anand Jain, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Udhampur Reasi range and other senior police officers.

DGP Swain said, "The sacrifice of the brave jawan, who was killed, will not be in vain if we do not come together to eradicate this terrorism. You people have helped to keep it away and you will still help."

He further said, "The police are yours, the VDG members are also from your area. We all have to fight together against this terrorism." Promising strong action against the terrorists, DGP Swain said, "It is very important to identify them. It is said that the infiltrators have not run away yet and we cannot disclose these operation details to anyone." He further said, "Identify those who are helping them. We will rectify any shortcomings on our part, if any."

The incident took place on Sunday morning when terrorists opened fire on a patrol party in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district. VDG member Mohammad Sharif was martyred in the attack.

Abdullahs, Congress act like Pakistan spokespersons : Chugh

Create fear in J&K to please their ISI masters: Chugh

GY CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, MAY 6

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh who is also the party incharge for J&K, today said that both Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah stand exposed for being votaries of Pakistan.

Chugh said that by questioning Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's statement of PoK being part of India the Abdullah family has reaffirmed its anti-national credentials. "The heart and mind of the Abdullahs lies in Pakistan and all that they do in J&K is to please their masters in the ISI," Chugh said.

Reacting strongly to the statement of Farooq Abdullah that Pakistan was a nuclear power, Chugh said instead of being proud of India's military power Abdullahs have been playing in the hands of the Pakistan ISI that is why there has been no development in J&K



during their rule. The Abdullahs get their agenda to work in J&K from Pakistan and they do whatever their masters in Pakistan desire them to do. "That is why they would never condemn disruptive and violent activities of Pakistan-sponsored terrorists who not only target common people but also use their ammunition against the security forces", Chugh said, asking people of J&K to teach them a lesson during the Lok Sabha elections. Chugh also fired senior Congress SS Channi for insulting the security forces for their action on Pakistan terrorists after the Pulwama incidents. He said the Congress was as much hand in glove with Pakistan forces as the Abdullahs are.

Indo-Pak confrontation to have serious consequences for JK: Farooq Abdullah on Rajnath's PoK remark

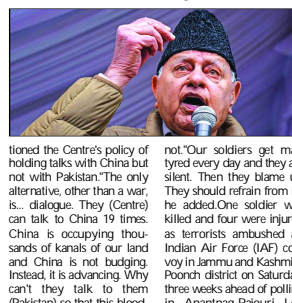
PM Modi didn't read Congress manifesto says Farooq Abdullah

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SRINAGAR, MAY 6

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has said dialogue is the only way to resolve issues between India and Pakistan as any confrontation will have serious consequences for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Reacting to a recent statement of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on taking back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Abdullah said on Sunday that no one was going to stop him. "Let the defence minister do it. Who is going to stop him? In any case, they won't ask us. But let them remember this also that they (Pakistan) are not wearing bangles, they also have an atom bomb. The unfortunate part is that the atom bomb will fall on us," the former chief minister said here.

Singh said India will never give up its claim on PoK but it won't have to capture it with force because its people on their own, would want to be part of India after seeing the development in Kashmir. Abdullah questioned the Centre's policy of holding talks with China but not with Pakistan. "The only alternative, other than a war, is... dialogue. They (Centre) can talk to China 19 times. China is occupying thousands of canals of our land and China is not budging. Instead, it is advancing. Why can't they talk to them (Pakistan) so that this blood-letting stops and we can live in peace?" he asked.

On the Poonch attack, Abdullah said Union Home Minister Amit Shah should answer for it. "I think it is a very sad incident. Our soldier has been martyred. They have been repeatedly saying that Article 370 is responsible. Now Article 370 is also not there but you should ask the home minister whether terrorism is still there or



not. "Our soldiers get martyred every day and they are silent. Then they blame us. They should refrain from it," he added. One soldier was killed and four were injured as terrorists ambushed an Indian Air Force (IAF) convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Saturday, three weeks ahead of polling in Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha constituency.

The terror attack took place around 6:15 pm when the troops were returning to the air force station from Jaranwal.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not read the Congress' manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls as there is nothing in the poll document of the opposition party that

the BJP leaders are claiming. Attacking the Congress, Modi had said that its manifesto carried an imprint of the Muslim League. The prime minister has also repeatedly slammed the opposition party over Congress leader Sam Pitroda's 'inheritance tax' comments amid the row on the issue of 'wealth redistribution'.

"I do not think he (PM Modi) has read the manifesto. It never says anything that the prime minister and his party are claiming. Please, for God's sake, I beg of them, read the manifesto. Then you will know what exactly is there," Farooq Abdullah told reporters in Pulumaha after an election meeting. Asked about Pakistani leader Chaudhry Fawad Hussain's criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and praise of Rahul Gandhi, the NC president said Indians are a free people and make their own decisions.

"Pakistan does not hold India in its pocket. India is a free country and Indians are a free people. They do not go by what others say, whether

it is America, Russia or Pakistan. We decide on our own," he added. In response to another question, Farooq Abdullah said, "The Sangh Parivar has never been part of the freedom struggle. This is not as if I am saying it today."

This has been said in Parliament. They sided with the British when people were fighting for Independence. It is on record, not Farooq Abdullah saying on his own."

Abdullah admitted that the INDIA bloc was facing problems in the Lok Sabha seat but made it clear that the National Conference would support the official candidate of the opposition alliance. "We are facing a problem in Ladakh. The people of Kargil are saying their criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and praise of Rahul Gandhi, the NC president said Indians are a free people and make their own decisions. "Pakistan does not hold India in its pocket. India is a free country and Indians are a free people. They do not go by what others say, whether

BJP-Led NDA Won't Even Get 150 Seats in Lok Sabha Polls: Rahul Gandhi

ALIRAJPUR (MP), MAY 6

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday claimed the BJP-led NDA will not even get 150 seats in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls and that these elections were aimed at saving the Constitution which the saffron party and RSS want to change. Addressing an election rally at Jabot town in Alirajpur district under the Raftam-Jhabua Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh, Gandhi also said the Congress Government will ensure the 50 per cent cap on reservation is removed in the interest of the people. The former Congress president again battled for a caste census, saying it will reveal everything about the status of people and change the direction of politics in the country. "BJP leaders have clearly said that they will change the book (Constitution). They have given the slogan of 'abki



baar, 400 paar'. Leave aside 400, they won't even get 150 seats," Gandhi claimed. "These Lok Sabha elections are for saving the Constitution which the BJP and RSS want to scrap, change and throw away," he further claimed. The Congress and the opposition INDIA alliance were protecting the Constitution, he said.

"It is due to it (Constitution) that the tribals, Dalits and OBCs are getting benefits. The tribals have the right over water, land and jungles due to the Constitution," Gandhi said.

as per their need. "We call you adivasi, the first owner of the land and jungle. The Forest Rights Act, PESA have been implemented to protect your rights. They want to reverse the benefit we have extended to you all," Gandhi claimed. The INDIA alliance, if voted to power, would go ahead with a caste-based census and "economic census for the uplift of the tribal, Dalits, OBC and the poor from general castes."

"This is revolutionary work which we are going to do," he said. "Most only cares for 22 billionaire businessmen and has waived their loans of lakhs of crores," Gandhi claimed. opposition alliance thinks about the uplift of tribals, Dalits, OBCs and the poor from general castes, he said. Gandhi alleged that PM Modi lied about his Government giving employment to two crore (youth annually).

He further said the Congress wants to turn crores of people into 'lakhpatis' in the country. Under the Mahatma Yojana, a poor woman will be given Rs 1 lakh (annually) until her family is pulled out of poverty, Gandhi said. "As part of the scheme, a woman will get Rs 8,500 per month," he said. Gandhi also said the opposition alliance, once voted to power, will enact a law to ensure the minimum support price (MSP) to farmers for their produce. "As soon as our Government is formed, we will waive the loans of farmers," he said. Gandhi claimed that current unemployment in the country was the highest in the last 45 years. The Congress leader also announced an increase in wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) from Rs 250 to Rs 400 per day.

Trouble for 'INDIA' Block candidate in Ladakh, NC leaders resigned en masse, declare support to Independent candidate

KARGIL, MAY 6

National Conference leaders and workers in Kargil have resigned en masse after National Conference High Command decided to support the 'INDIA' Block Congress candidate from Leh Tsering Namgyal. Senior National Conference leader from Kargil, Qamar Ali Akhoun confirmed to the news agency Kashmir News Trust that they have resigned en-masse and sent copies of resignations to party patron D. Farooq Abdullah. Akhoun said that they were under tremendous pressure from the National Conference High Command to support 'INDIA' Block candidate from Congress who is from Leh.

"The National Conference leadership in Kargil decided to support Congress candidate Tsering Namgyal. Instead, we have supported our united Independent candidate in the Kargil division. Qamar Ali Akhoun, the former Food Minister told KNT over the phone that earlier both Congress and NC proposed Haji Hansefa Jan as a joint candidate from Ladakh

Jan to the Parliament. Ladakh is going to vote on 20 May. There was a direct contest between the BJP candidate Tashi Gyalsen and Congress candidate Tsering Namgyal. Both the candidates are from the Leh region much to the disappointment of the people of Kargil. All the political, social, and religious bodies of Kargil including Abile-Sunmat, Islamia School, and others have appealed to the people of Kargil to support the united Independent candidate Haji Muhammad Hansefa Jan. The call for support has added to the woes of both Congress and BJP candidates. A political observer said that votes in Leh Division will divide between the BJP and the Congress and it will benefit Independent candidate Hansefa Jan. "Almost all the votes will go into the kitty of united Independent candidate in the Kargil division. Qamar Ali Akhoun, the former Food Minister told KNT over the phone that earlier both Congress and NC proposed Haji Hansefa Jan as a joint candidate from Ladakh

Lok Sabha seat. "People of Kargil were happy that Hansefa Jan - the district President of the National Conference will face BJP's Tashi Namgyal and we all will support him. But things changed overnight and we were shocked when Tsering Namgyal was fielded as an INDIA Block candidate," he said. In response to a question, Qamar Ali Akhoun said that National Conference leaders and workers have resigned from the party in the larger interest of the Kargil region. "Region comes first, and party second. We have resigned and sent letters to the party patron. Now the ball is in the court of NC High Command," he said and hoped that their Independent candidate from Kargil would make it up to the Parliament. "Almost all the votes will go into the kitty of united Independent candidate from Kargil Sajjad Kargali and Kacho Muhammad Feroz withdrew their nomination papers in support of the Ladakh Democratic Alliance candidate Haji Muhammad Hansefa Jan.