

Cong, PAGD in unholy wedlock for lust of power: Rana

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Jan 28: Lashing out at the Congress for ducking response over abrogation of Article 370 as usual due to its inherent contradictions and taking escape route from the chron-

Sharma here this afternoon, Rana said the Congress is caught between the deep sea and devil over the historic repeal of Article 370 binding Jammu and Kashmir emotionally and psychologically with rest of the country besides ending the era

said, adding that such an eventuality is bound to entail the wrath of the party's new found allies in the communal, divisive, anti-national and pro-Pakistan PAGD who Congress is trying to please and appease.

Rana recalled his earlier statement of the Congress creating alibis to avoid hoisting of the tricolor at the historic Lal Chowk in view of the PAGD's strong hate for the national flag. He said Rahul Gandhi has conveniently obliged the hate mongers and anti-national political actors, who had warned of not getting flag bearers for the tricolor in the Valley if Article 370 was tinkered with. Bypassing Lal Chowk thus amounts to compromising national honour and dignity. It is different that the Tiranga is being unfurled for youth of Kashmir day in and day out with pride, he said and referred to the response they got as recently as on the Republic Day when shops in the famous market-place remained open, ending over three-decade culture of hartals and bandhs. He said this has unnerved the Congress and its masters in the PAGD, who are in the unholy wedlock for their lust for power.

The books of Dr. Varchaskam Sharma, an Assistant Professor in Sanskrit in GMC, Kathua will be distributed free of cost. Dr Sharma has earlier also authored three books on Karm-kand.

Prament among others those present on the occasion included Pt. Tilak Raj Shastri, Principal, Ranjeet Singh.



VC Cluster University presenting a memento to Jitendra Udhampuri at inaugural of three-day Intl Conference on Saturday.

Intl conference on Language, Literature & Folklore begins at Cluster University

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JAMMU, Jan 28: Department of Linguistics & Literature, School of Humanities and Liberal Arts, Cluster University of Jammu, in collaboration with CIIL Mysuru, is organizing a three-day International Conference on Language, Literature and Folklore from today.

Padma Shree Jitendra Udhampuri was the chief guest of the inaugural event. He spoke about rich cultural heritage of the Dogras and their language.

The Vice Chancellor Prof Bechan Lal, in his address, spoke about the importance of language literature and folklore in the present age and also emphasized the need of organizing such programmes to increase the knowledge about the culture and heritage amongst the students scholars and the society at large.

The event commenced with an introductory address of professor Geetanjali Rana Dean Humanities & Liberal Arts



Rohit Kapoor alongwith guest speakers & ICAI office bearers during seminar on Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code at Jammu on Saturday.

ICAI hosts seminar on Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code

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JAMMU, Jan 28: Member (J), National Company Law Tribunal, Rohit Kapoor delivered inaugural address in the seminar on 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code', organized by Committee on Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), in association with Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals (IIIP) of ICAI.

Rohit Kapoor was chief guest in the seminar, which was hosted by Jammu and Kashmir Branch of NIRC, ICAI. CA Subodh Kumar Agrawal, past President, ICAI & Insolvency Professional and CA Sumit Bansal, Insolvency Professional were the guest speakers on the occasion.

In the first Technical Session, CA Subodh Kumar Agrawal discussed the basics of IBC, CIRP process. He also highlighted its impact on Financial Statements.

In the Second Technical Session, CA Sumit Bansal discussed on Liquidation- Security Interest and Waterfall Distribution- Priority payment like PF, ESIC, Gratuity, etc. He also discussed important judgments under Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Both the guest speakers addressed the queries raised by the members during the seminar. CA Vikas Purdhani, Vice-Chairman of the branch, deliberated on certain issues of professional importance. CA Vineet Kohli, Secretary of the Branch, conducted the proceedings.

CA Sourav Pargal, Executive Member, presented the formal vote of thanks and CA Ayush Sawhney, Treasurer, along with a large number of Chartered Accountants, Company Secretary, Advocates and Bank Officials were present on the occasion.

Contractual teachers during a protest in Srinagar on Saturday.

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SRINAGAR, Jan 28: The contractual teachers who were appointed 4 years ago and later disengaged today staged a protest, seeking re-engagement and regularization of services as per the analogy of 2006.

Scores of teachers appeared at Pratap Park, Press Enclave and were seen holding placards, urging the authorities to pay heed to come to their rescue by paying heed to their demands.

"We were appointed in 2018 as per a cabinet order, but then, we were disengaged in 2019 without any notice given to us," said one of the teachers, Irshad Ahmad from Gurez.

He said that they have been protesting for a long time, however, he said, their demands were falling on deaf ears. "No one is listening to us; we are 1200 in total with M.Phil and PhD; we are highly qualified," he said.

Another teacher, Nadeem Ahmad from Budgam said that as per the contract they had to work for 2 months, but this did not happen. "Instead, we worked for 2 years and then we were fired without any notice," he said.

The teachers said that they are living in a social dilemma and that they are suffering from depression. "We are facing immense issues and it has trickled down to the existential crisis; the Government must address our issues," they said.

Over 80 arrested, road blocked for 3 hrs

PHE workers stage protest; demand regularization, wages

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JAMMU, Jan 28: Scores of PHE daily wagers' were arrested by police after they held strong protest demonstration at Dogra Chowk near main Tawi bridge and blocked road for about three hours in support of their long pending demands here today.

They were demanding release of their pending wages of about 70 months and regularization of their services. Their strike and protest dharna continued on the 220th consecutive day today as the J&K UT

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authorities have failed to address their issue despite several assurances. A long traffic jam was created for long on the road as hundreds of protesting workers sat on dharna on the busy road near MA Stadium. The police failed to restore traffic for long. Jal Shakti workers are on strike since June 22, 2022. They

9 injured as bus rams into parapet

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UDHAMPUR, Jan 28: Nine persons sustained injuries when a passenger bus, rrammed into parapet along Jammu- Srinagar National Highway at Sail Sallan, here today.

The accident took place when



Passenger bus after meeting with an accident at Udhampur on Saturday.

the bus, bearing registration number JK02B-5477 was on its way from Doda to Jammu. It met with

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the accident due to tyre burst following which it went out of control and rrammed into parapet of bridge at Sail Sallan

Locals and Police rushed to the spot and took the injured persons to District Hospital



PHE workers staging protest dharna on the road near Dogra Chowk in Jammu on Saturday.

Press Club Jammu at around 12 noon and then moved towards Dogra Chowk, under Flyover. They sat on dharna on the road and blocked the road. They were raising loud slogans in support of their demands and also against the UT Administration, LG and the Chief Secretary.

They have launched their protest under the banner of PHE United Front at BC Road Complex. They were also shouting slogans LG and BJP and other higher authorities in the J&K UT. Later, a strong contingent of police reached there and used force to clear the road. They pulled many workers dragged them into the vehicles and detained them for several hours at DPL Gandhinagar. During physical clash with the cops, a few workers received minor injuries. The road was cleared at around 3 pm.

The employees representatives including, Ravi Hans, Hoshair Singh, Rajinder Singh, Rakesh Kumar and others said that they have decided not to call off strike until an order is issued by the Government. They appealed to the Divisional Commissioner Jammu to honor his commitment made on October 17 meeting. They claimed that about half a dozen workers were injured during clash with police and more than 80 were detained by police during protest. They were, however, released in the evening.

These workers are demanding regularization, enhancement of Minimum Wages as per Central norms in J&K UT and release of pending wages of 70 months of PHE workers.

The injured persons were identified as Krish Sharma (7), son of Ajay Sharma of Samba, Kuljeet Singh (20) son of Ram Lal of Prem Nager, Santosh Devi (36) wife of Romesh Kumar of Kangara Himachal, Rekha (32) wife of Raman of Jammu, Reetu Devi (37) wife of Varinder of Kangra Himachal, Mohd Farid (25) son of Sher Mohd of Doda, Pinkey (31) wife of Rajinder Kumar of Himachal and Kerla Devi (35) wife of Ajay Sharma of Samba.

Meanwhile, another accident took place near Dak Banglow Udhampur when a speeding car (JK14F-0923), hit two people standing on the roadside.

The injured persons were identified as Sandeep Sharma (31) son of Raghunath of near Dak Banglow and Romesh Kuanr (28) son of Bansil Lal of Latti.



BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and others releasing a book in Jammu on Saturday.

ic political issues it created in Kashmir over the decades, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said the statement of Jairam Ramesh is on expected lines keeping in view the flip-flop policies of his party on issues concerning upholding of Nation's sovereignty and integrity.

Speaking to reporters on the side-lines of releasing of book 'Trikaalsandhya and Vaishnav Vratodyaapan Pradeep on Karm-kand' by Dr. Varchaskam

of deprivation of women and marginalized segments like Valmikis, PoK refugees, Gorkhas, Gujjar Bakerwals west PAK refugees and the other weaker sections.

"Talking about the political issues would certainly expose the Congress, which is solely responsible for all the ills afflicting the body psyche of the nation in general and the Valley in particular because of greed, lust and lack of vision of its so-called towering leaders", Rana



JU VC and others releasing poster of ANTARNAAD on Saturday.

VC JU releases poster of ANTARNAAD

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 28: Jammu University Vice Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai today released the poster of ANTARNAAD -36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival, starting from 31st January to 4th February, 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rai said that such events provide students a unique window into the cultural diversity of India. He further said that such events are indispensable for holistic education.

ANTARNAAD-2023 is being organized by the University of Jammu in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities. In order to make ANTARNAAD- 2023 a vibrant festival, various cultural activities viz- music, dance, drama, theatre and fine arts have been planned to be organized

during the five day event. It is the third North Zone Festival being hosted by the University. The last festival UDGHOSH was organised in 2015. Students from across North Indian Universities are participating in the event.

Those present on the occasion of poster release, included Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar; Prof Parkash C Antahal, DSW; Prof Rajeev Rattan, Director, CDC; Prof Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus; Prof Monika Sethi, Prof Vishav Raksha, Chairperson CCC, Dr Anil Gupta, Associate Dean, Dr Garima Gupta and Dr Pritam Singh, Assistant Deans, Dr Hema Gandotra, Coordinator NSS, Ranjeet Kalra, teaching faculty, HRDC, Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer, Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, Ifra Kak, Cultural officer and Arif Paul.

Uri's Bindass cop awarded Shaurya Chakra

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SRINAGAR, Jan 28: Constable Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh, also known as "Bindaas Bhaijan," who was killed in a fight with militants in the Najibhat area of North Kashmir's Baramulla in May last

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year, was posthumously awarded the Shaurya Chakra on the eve of the 74th Republic Day.

Mudasir's family claimed to have received a call from New Delhi on the evening of January 25 regarding the award. They said that despite their joy at receiving the award, the absence of their child made them sad.

"I am glad he received recognition for his bravery. He had a good heart and was courageous. I am glad he received the prize, but I am also sad that he is not among us. He made his community and country proud," Shameema Begum, mother of Mudasir, said.

Mudasir's brother Basit said that while they are happy to have won the award, they are also sad about losing him. "If the department finds it difficult to forget him, just imagine how the family members must feel. The feelings we had

in relation to our sibling have resurfaced now. There is never a time we forget him," he said.

On May 25, 2023, while taking part in an operation with the 52 RR in the Kreeeri neighborhood of Baramulla, Mudasir made the ultimate sacrifice after killing three Jaish e Muhammad militants.

An official said that joint special checkpoints of police and the army were set up at several locations, including near the Shrakwara-Najibhat Crossing in the Kreeeri district of Baramulla, after receiving intelligence about the movement of militants in the area (52RR).

"A chance encounter occurred when a group of militants in a silver Santro car noticed the joint party and began firing indiscriminately at it. The joint party successfully returned fire, ending the threat," he said.

"The scene of the encounter yielded incriminating materials, a sizable cache of weapons, and explosive devices, including three AK-47 rifles, fifteen AK-47 magazines, 344 AK bullets, five Chinese grenades, and three IEDs".

Pertinently, the Home Minister Amit Shah paid a visit to the brave Cops' home during his first trip to the Valley.



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