

NC Launches Campaign for Nagrota Bye-Elections, Vows to Uphold Legacy of Good Governance

Sadhotra, Gupta, Shamim Begum seek mandate from Nagrota based on party's track record of good governance, inclusive development



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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference today formally launched its campaign for the upcoming Nagrota bye-elections, vowing to seek a fresh mandate based on its proven track record of good governance, development, and inclusive politics.

The campaign kick-off took place at Panj Garain, where key Provincial leaders of the Jammu region rallied party workers and supporters, urging them to reach out to the people with a clear message of hope, progress, and stability under NC's leadership.

Addressing the gathering, Additional General Secretary Ajay Sadhotra highlighted the inclusive and hands-on approach of the Omar Abdullah-led government, particularly in responding to the needs of the people of Jammu during times of crisis like the recent calamity. "Omar Sahib's personal outreach and responsiveness during the floods

reflected the party's deep-rooted commitment to every region and every community," he said.

Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta, emphasized the importance of the restoration of the Darbar Move, calling it a significant economic lifeline for Jammu. He said, "National Conference stands for secularism, regional balance, and pro-people governance. It was our party that brought the first people-centric budget, and we continue to champion the cause of the common man."

The party's candidate for the Nagrota seat, Shamim Begum, outlined her vision for the constituency. She recalled the transformative development witnessed in Nagrota under previous NC governments—upgraded road connectivity, improved healthcare infrastructure, and significant investment in the education sector. "We will build on that legacy and ensure that Nagrota

continues on the path of development and empowerment," she said.

The National Conference reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive growth, secular values, and transparent governance, calling on the people of Nagrota to give a resounding mandate in favour of progress and stability.

Among others Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries Jammu, Bimla Luthra former MLA, S. Tejinder Pal Singh Aman Provincial President Jammu YNC, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Joginder Singh Kaku DDC Nagrota, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Raghu Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Dilshad Malik Vice President Central Zone, Rajni Devi Working Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Ch. Rahmat Ali Former BDC Chairman, Master Aslam Secretary Central Zone, Thoru Ram Block President Nagrota, Siraj Din Nagrota, Balwant Singh, Singh Block President Mathwar, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, Joginder Kour District President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Randhir Singh Chib, Ashanand, Som Raj Taroch, Ashok Singh, Rakesh Sharma District President Jammu Rural A YNC, Arun Pal Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, Zamir Quershi, Mudit Sethi, Majid Iqbal Naik, M.K. Dawarka Nath and others.

Bharat Sevashram Sangha distributes shawls, usable items among Sadhus on Diwali

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : In a touching display of compassion and service during the festival of lights, the Jammu and Kashmir branch of Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) distributed shawls and other useable items among the Sadhus at its Panjgrain Ashram in Nagrota on the occasion of Diwali.

The event, led by Swami Satyamitrana, Secretary of the Jammu branch of BSS, embodied the spirit of selfless giving and the true essence of Diwali - spreading warmth, light, and hope among those in need.

The ceremony was graced by former Jammu Municipal Corporation Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, who attended as the chief guest, along with several revered Swamis and dignitaries from across India.

The celebration commenced with a traditional Diwali Puja performed inside the temple of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere.

Following the ritual, shawls and other usable items were distributed among Sadhus to help them face the approaching winter with comfort and dignity.

The event witnessed participation from several prominent spiritual leaders, including

Swami Mrinmayanandaji Maharaj of the Jammu branch,



Swami Sarvanandaji Maharaj from Peerkho, Swami Parasarananda of the Patna Branch, Subhas Maharaj from Haridwar, and Santosh Maharaj from Kurukshetra, along with many local saints and Mahatmas.

Speaking at the event, Swami Satyamitrana Maharaj emphasized the Sangha's deep-rooted commitment to humanitarian work, guided by the noble ideals of its revered founder Swami Pramanandaji Maharaj.

He highlighted that Bharat Sevashram Sangha has always been at the forefront of service-oriented initiatives, striving to uplift the poor and spread moral and spiritual awareness in society.

He further mentioned that the current drive is part of a broader winter relief campaign aimed at providing warm clothing and essential aid to the disadvantaged across the region.

"Service to humanity is the true worship of God," Swami Satyamitrana

stated, underlining that BSS's work reflects the timeless Indian tradition of compassion and community service.

He encouraged everyone present to extend their helping hand to Sadhus, especially during the festival season, when kindness and empathy should illuminate every heart.

Former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, in his address, lauded the Sangha's initiative and praised its unwavering commitment to social service. He noted that organizations like Bharat Sevashram Sangha play a crucial role in preserving the moral fabric of society by promoting values of selflessness, compassion, and unity.

"Acts of kindness like these reflect the ethical and spiritual strength of our culture," he said.

"The Bharat Sevashram Sangha has set a noble example by serving the Sadhus, reminding us that Diwali is not only about lighting lamps in our homes but also about lighting the lives of others," he said.

Gupta further urged people from all walks of life to come forward and support such humanitarian efforts. He stressed that true progress is achieved not merely through material development but through collective compassion and service toward the less fortunate.

The distribution ceremony concluded with the offering of prasad and heartfelt Diwali greetings among the attendees. The ashram echoed with chants and devotional hymns, radiating peace and joy.

The Bharat Sevashram Sangha, founded in 1917 by Swami Pramanandaji Maharaj, has long been recognized for its tireless efforts in the fields of education, health care, disaster relief, and social welfare across India. The Jammu branch continues to uphold this noble legacy by organizing regular charitable programs aimed at helping the needy and promoting spiritual growth in the community.

The Diwali distribution initiative served as a beautiful reminder of the festival's true message - that light is meant to be shared.

By extending warmth to those who need it most, the Bharat Sevashram Sangha not only celebrated Diwali in its purest form but also demonstrated how compassion and service remain the brightest lamps of humanity.

Renovated Shrine & Prayer Hall to be inaugurated at Ramakrishna Mission Jammu on Oct 24

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : The Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, will host the inauguration ceremony of its Renovated Shrine and Prayer Hall at the Mission premises, Ramakrishna Vihar, Udheywala, on Friday, 24th October 2025, marking a significant milestone as the institution completes 25 years of dedicated service in the region.

The day-long spiritual programme will begin early in the morning with Mangal Arati, Adhivas, and Stotra Path from 5:30 to 6:30 AM, setting a devotional tone for the auspicious day. This will be followed by a Procession (Prabhat Feri) around the temple premises from 6:30 to 7:15 AM.

A Special Puja will be performed from 7:15 to 9:15 AM, invoking blessings for peace and spiritual growth, followed by a Hawan from 9:15 to 10:15 AM.

At 10:15 AM, Rev. Swami Vimalatmanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, will deliver Benediction and present Mementos to commemorate the occasion. Subsequently, from 11:15 am to 12 noon, the newly installed Lift and the renovated Physiotherapy Clinic at the Mission's Medical Centre will also be inaugurated, symbolizing the Mission's continued commitment to spiritual, educational, and healthcare service to humanity.

The programme will conclude with Aarti and Prasad distribution from 12 Noon to 12:15 PM, bringing the day's events to a devotional close.

Srinagar to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with great enthusiasm: Ashok Koul

Holds booth level meetings to strategize election campaign



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SRINAGAR, OCT. 22 : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, organized a preparatory meeting at S1 Church Lane, Srinagar, to discuss and finalize the programmes to be held in connection with the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India and the architect of national unity.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), BJP J&K, chaired the meeting and outlined the series of activities planned by the party to commemorate the occasion. He said that various programmes including Unity Marches (Ekta Yatras), seminars, debates, and nukkad natakas will be organized

across the Union Territory to spread the message of unity, nationalism, and integrity championed by Sardar Patel.

"Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision and courage laid the foundation of a united India by integrating over 560 princely states. The India we live in today stands on his dream of oneness and national integration. It is our duty to continue his mission and strengthen the spirit of unity," said Ashok Koul.

He further added that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has revived and celebrated the legacy of Sardar Patel, exemplified by the construction of the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity, a tribute to

the great statesman's unmatched contribution to nation-building.

J&K BJP Secretaries Mudasir Wani and Arif Raja, Programme Incharge Bhat Imtiyaz, State Co-Media Incharge Sajid Yousuf Shah, Co-Incharge of All Cells Bilal Parray, District Presidents, and other senior functionaries were present during the meeting.

Mudasir Wani emphasized that these programmes will encourage youth participation and foster a sense of collective responsibility towards the nation's integrity.

Arif Raja said that the life and legacy of Sardar Patel continue to inspire millions, and BJP's commitment to his ideals is reflected in every initiative aimed at strengthening unity and nationalism.

Later, Ashok Koul also addressed booth-level meetings as part of the ongoing election campaign for the Budgam Assembly constituency by-election. Addressing party workers at Booth No. 164 Thokerpora, he lauded their enthusiasm and dedication, stating that the campaign is progressing effectively and the party is moving steadily towards victory.

Vishwakarma Day celebrated with religious fervour at Vishwakarma Sabha

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : Vishwakarma Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious devotion at the Vishwakarma Sabha Temple Complex, Vishwakarma Chowk, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu. The celebrations began with a traditional Hawan, invoking the blessings of Lord Vishwakarma - the divine architect and creator of the universe.

The day-long event witnessed participation from members of the Vishwakarma community as well as individuals from various sections of society, who came together to pay their respects and seek blessings from Lord Vishwakarma Ji.

The program was organized by the Vishwakarma Sabha and graced by several distinguished guests, including Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, MLA Jammu West Arvind Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma (CA), former Vice Chairman (OBC) Kuldeep Raj Verma, Ex-Corporators Gourav Chopra (Ward 28), Surinder Singh Choudhary and Th. Manmohan Singh (Ward 29), and Shashi Verma, President Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha. Also present was Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Chairman of Team Jammu, along with



other dignitaries who extended warm greetings to the Vishwakarma community on this auspicious occasion.

The guests highlighted the life and legacy of Lord Vishwakarma, lauding his contributions as the master craftsman and divine engineer. They also commended the efforts of the Sabha in organizing such a spiritually uplifting event and reiterated their commitment to supporting the Vishwakarma community in their just and rightful causes.

Speaking on the occasion, Rakesh Chahotra, President of Vishwakarma Sabha, and Jagdish Kargotra, General Secretary, shed light on the significance of Lord

Vishwakarma's teachings. They expressed heartfelt gratitude to the guests and the large gathering for making the celebration a grand success.

Prominent attendees included Kuljeet Rai (Chairman, Vishwakarma Sabha), Vijay Kumar (Vice Chairman), Rattan Lal Chahotra, Ashok Kumar, Om Parkash, Sanjay Kumar, Ajay Chahotra, Romesh Lal, Pawan Salgotra, Vinod Jara, Naresh Kumar, Neelam Mahotra, Sanjay Sagar, Tarsem Lal, and others who contributed to the smooth conduct of the event.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of prasad and a collective prayer for peace, prosperity, and unity among all.

World Statistics Day Week Concludes with Enthusiasm at G.G.M. Science College, Jammu



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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : The Department of Statistics, G.G.M. Science College, Jammu, successfully concluded its week-long celebration of World Statistics Day 2025, held under the global theme "Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone."

The Valedictory Function was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College and a distinguished statistician, who served as the Chief Guest. Dr. Gupta, who played a pivotal role in establishing the Department of Statistics in 2025, delivered

an insightful lecture on "Statistics for Sustainable Development", highlighting the importance of reliable data in addressing global challenges and promoting informed decision-making.

The event commenced with a warm Welcome Address by Dr. Pankaj Gupta, who emphasized the growing relevance of statistics in modern research, planning, and sustainable growth. Throughout the week, the department organized a series of engaging activities including a Poster Making Competition, Extension Lecture, and

Student Seminar, all aimed at promoting statistical literacy and creativity among students.

In the Seminar, Ambika Devi secured the first prize, while Radha Sharma and Rohini Thakur bagged the second and third positions respectively. Sarthak Sharma received a consolation award. The Poster Competition entries, judged by Prof. Balkrishnan, Dr. Neha Mahajan, and Dr. Arun Sharma, creatively depicted the role of data in daily life.

Delivering the Vote of Thanks, Dr. Neha Gupta expressed gratitude to the Principal, judges, faculty, and students for their enthusiastic support. The event concluded with the National Anthem and a group photograph, marking the successful culmination of the World Statistics Day Celebrations - a reflection of G.G.M. Science College's continued commitment to fostering excellence in statistical education and research.

Dalit Valmiki Dharma protectors should have the first right to India's resources: Chandel

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JAMMU, OCT. 22 : Speaking to reporters today, Valmiki Ratna Mahant Guruji Raju Chandel said that even after so many years of independence, Dalit Valmiki are still treated with disrespect in rural areas of our country and are prevented from visiting temples. This is a social evil that needs to be eradicated. Dalit Valmiki are a Kshatriya community. According to the dark truth of the past, due to the atrocities of the Mughals, Kshatriya Dalit Valmiki accepted to clean up garbage at fairs but did not abandon their religion, which is why they are still hated and socially resented throughout India.

Mahant Chandel said that the Dalit Valmiki who fought against the Mughals were the greatest warriors, who defeated them and never faced any threat. The Dalit Valmiki, who never bowed down to the Mughals, protected all the Sanatani Hindus of the country. Today, these very protectors of the Dharma

are hated and despised by the upper class, from villages to cities, whereas they should be grateful to the Dalit Valmiki.

Mahant Chandel said that since independence from the Mughals and the British, atrocities against the Dalit Valmiki have been ongoing, and no government has stopped them. However, since the government of the proud Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, has come to power, Dalits have begun to receive respect in every field. However, today, the proud Prime Minister of the country, Mr. Narendra Modi, should issue a government order that the Dalit Valmiki, who suffered atrocities at the hands of the Mughals and the British, should be given first rights to all the resources of the country. Only then will the Dalit Valmiki, who protect the Sanatani Hindus and are the most oppressed, receive justice. Dalit Valmiki are Kshatriyas and belong to the Sanatani Dharma.

Dimple urges NC Govt to bring bill on statehood restoration

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AKHNOOR, OCT. 22 : Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood led a strong protest rally at Rehari Chungi, BC Road and demands the alliance govt leader NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah and CM Omar Abdullah to bring the bills in the legislative assembly for the restoration of J&K state and Article 370 and debate the restoration of J&K statehood.

Addressing the protestors Sunil Dimple demanded NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and CM Omar Abdullah to bring the bills in the legislative assembly session and debate in assembly the restoration of statehood, Article 370, implement instrument accession conditions, standstill agreement signed by Maharaja Hari Singh ji during accession with India.

Dimple demanded Supreme Court Chief Justice of India to give timeline notice to BJP Central Govt on 10



November hearing to immediately restore the Jammu Kashmir state. He requested chief justice SC & CJI to give time frame direction to the BJP for the restoration of J&K State on 10 November hearing. Along with special status, instrument of accession conditions and unification of Jammu Ladakh Kashmir, POK, Gilgit, Baltistan. He demanded the chief minister to start the state subject system and bring a bill in the assembly for the unification of Ladakh, Pok, Gilgit, Baltistan in Jammu Kashmir Dogra state. He reminded Dr Farooq Abdullah that the mission statehood fully supported the national conference on the issues of statehood, article

370, to start state subject system and to implement the instrument of accession conditions signed by Maharaja Harisingh ji on 26 October 1947 with India. He announced our struggle for the restoration of J&K state and Article 370.

Dimple announced the grand celebrations on 26 October accession day of Jammu Kashmir, Ladakh, Pok, Gilgit, Baltistan with India. He alleged BJP has decided to oppose the restoration of Jammu Kashmir Dogra state bill in assembly. He also demanded to stop pre-paid recharge metering, provide 200 units free; electricity, 12 gas cylinders and double ration to the people.