

Vikram Randhawa vows to work diligently for welfare & development of Raipur-Satwari

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JAMMU: Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu Constituency, addressed a mega public meeting in Raipur Satwari area on Sunday, where he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the residents for their overwhelming support during the Assembly elections. The event saw a massive turnout, highlighting the continued trust and confidence of the people in his leadership.

In his address, Randhawa thanked the people of Raipur Satwari for their unwavering support, which played a pivotal role in his electoral victory. He assured them of his commitment to addressing



MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa addressing public meeting in Raipur Satwari.

their concerns and promised to work diligently for the welfare and development of the constituency.

"I am deeply humbled by the faith you have shown in me. Your support has been my

strength, and I assure you that I will leave no stone unturned in resolving your issues and ensuring the progress of Raipur Satwari," Randhawa stated. During the event,

Randhawa also took the opportunity to praise Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership, which has transformed the nation and brought prosperity to Jammu and Kashmir. He acknowledged the various welfare schemes and development projects initiated by the Modi government, which have greatly benefited the people of the region.

"Under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi, India has seen unprecedented growth and development in general and Jammu and Kashmir particular. The vision and initiatives of the Central Government have ensured that even the remotest areas receive the benefits of progress. I am committed to bringing the same level of development to Bahu Constituency," he added.

The MLA also interacted with the local residents, listening to their grievances and suggestions. He emphasized that development projects across the constituency will be executed on a priority basis, with a focus on infrastructure, healthcare, and education. He assured the people that their voices will be heard, and every effort will be made to uplift the area.

IAS 2023 qualifier Harnit Sudan conducts seminar at SRCC

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JAMMU: Harnit Singh Sudan, a recent qualifier of the IAS 2023 examination, delivered an inspiring seminar today at SR College of Competitions (SRCC). The session focused on effective civil services preparation, sharing insights from his own journey through the rigorous examination process.

During the seminar, Harnit elaborated on the comprehensive syllabus for civil services, including General Studies, CSAT, and optional subjects. He provided attendees with an overview of the topics covered in each area and emphasized the importance of understanding the syllabus thoroughly.

He also discussed valuable online resources available for candidates, recommending various platforms and materials that can aid in their preparation. His insights on effective study strategies, time management, and resource selection were particularly well-received.

In addition to his presentation, Harnit engaged with attendees in a lively doubt-clearing session, addressing specific queries and offering personalized advice. His interactive discussions aimed to demystify the preparation process and provide attendees with practical tools to enhance their study efforts. Students



IAS 2023 qualifier Harnit Sudan conducting seminar at SRCC.

expressed gratitude for his guidance, finding his experiences relatable and motivating as they navigate their own paths toward civil services. The event concluded with a networking session, allowing aspiring candidates to connect and share their ambitions.

The seminar was part of SR College's ongoing commitment to support students in their competitive exam preparations, fostering a community of informed and motivated individuals ready to take on the challenges of civil services.

BTSM protests against China in Jammu



BTSM members raising slogans during a protest at Jammu on Sunday.

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JAMMU: The Bharat-Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) held a protest on Sunday, raising slogans against China. The demonstration, led by JKUT President Dr. Vivek Sharma, demanded the complete dismissal of Kailash Mansarovar and Tibet from Chinese control. Dr. Sharma stated, "As civilians, we may not be able to fight at the border, but we can respond effectively by boycotting all Chinese products and encouraging others to do the same." He urged all members of society to support the boycott of Chinese goods and choose local products instead.

"Along with seeking the complete freedom of Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar; another objective of this protest is to encourage a boycott of

Chinese goods in the market. While every citizen may not be able to go to war at the borders, it is our moral responsibility to embrace Swadeshi goods and demonstrate our patriotism. The India-China war took place in October, 1962, and what we learned from it was the importance of strengthening our country. China's policies have always been based on extremism. Additionally, the sale of Chinese goods tends to increase significantly during festivals such as Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, and Holi. Therefore, it is crucial that we completely boycott Chinese products," Dr. Sharma emphasized during the protest rally. The protest aimed not only to promote the use of Swadeshi products but also to

advocate for the boycott of Chinese goods.

"It would be our biggest mistake of life if even under such circumstances, we continue using Chinese products. Use of Chinese goods is equal to helping China become economically stronger," said Rajinder Sadotra, General Secretary BTSM.

Other prominent leaders who were present and addressed the gathering included Dr. Vikrant Singh and Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Vice President of BTSM; Vishal Sharma, President of District Jammu; Alok Mahajan, General Secretary of Jammu District; Mukesh Sharma, Secretary of JKUT; Dr. Nitin, President of the Jammu University UNIT and others.

Balbir attends Ravidass Mahapeeth's grand Diwali Milan, felicitation programme at Delhi

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NEW DELHI: Shri Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth, a registered social organization, organized a grand Diwali Milan and felicitation programme at Constitution Club, New Delhi.

Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth National General Secretary, Balbir Ram Rattan, along with national office bearers, executive members and representatives of the Mahapeeth from different states attended this Diwali Milan and felicitation programme.

Representatives from 7 states /UTs also felicitated the Working National President of the mahapeeth, Dr. Anita Arya, the former MP.

Mahapeeth national President, Ravidass Acharya, Suresh Rathore and Organization General Secretary Suraj Bhan Kataria conveyed their best



Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth National General Secretary, Balbir Ram Rattan with others members at a Diwali Milan programme in New Delhi.

wishes in this Diwali Milan programme and also congratulated Dr. Anita Arya.

Ravidass Acharya, Suresh Rathore, while speaking on the occasion, said that each one from amongst us should further accelerate activities for social strength and follow the path shown by Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidass and Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

Dr. Anita Arya, in her address, assured to work with dedication in the interest of the mahapeeth and the society and reach the masses

with the teachings of Guru Ravidass throughout the country.

Suraj Bhan Kataria, conducted the proceedings and expressed hope that participants would continue to spread the teachings of Guru Ravidass.

Mahapeeth National vice president, Vijay Premi, in his address, said that all those associated with the mahapeeth should take it a mission to spread the teachings of Guru Ravidass ji.

Balbir Ram Rattan shared his activities being undertaken

by him in Jammu and Kashmir to educate the people about the life and teachings of Guru Ravidass ji.

Former MLA from Delhi Chaudhary Chand Ram, former MLA from Rajasthan Mrs. Pramila Kandara, National General Secretary Ravi Shankar Meghwal, former Vice Chancellor Dr. RS Kuril, senior writer and former Deputy Secretary, Government of India, Basant Kumar also addressed and congratulated Dr. Anita Arya.

Ashok Kumar, a prominent

social activist, was also felicitated on becoming the National Principal General Secretary of Railway Employees Union. He also spoke on the life of Guru Ravidass ji.

In this programme, President of Bharatiya Namu Sangh Manoj Mannu Tomar, Shyam Lal Jatav from Delhi, Dr. Kewal Krishna, Ashok Hudko, Dikki's North India in-charge Laxmi Narayan, Amarjit Singh from Chandigarh, Haryana State President Hitendra Chaudhary, Nattu Bhai Parmar from Gujarat, Praveen Parmar, IT in-charge Sunny Ahirwar from Madhya Pradesh, former Health Officer Dr. Bhagwan Singh from Punjab, Sardar Shamsher Singh, Rohit Ravi and Vimala Jatav from Uttar Pradesh along with National Treasurer Ashok Kumar Advocate were also present.

BJP membership drive strengthening party roots in J&K: Dr Narinder

Membership drive is ideological, emotional movement: Rekha

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Jammu South, Mandal Gadigarh held a workshop on its primary membership drive (Sangathan Parv) here at Puran Resorts in Gadigarh Mandal of RS Pura Constituency.

The BJP Sadayasta Abhiyaan was held in the presence of BJP National Secretary and MLA RS Pura Constituency Dr Narinder Singh, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Seh Parbhari Jammu South Adv Dev Raj Sharma, Senior leader Ashok Khajuria, District Jammu South Convenor for 'Sangathan Parv' Rohiin

Chandan. Workshop was organised under the Presidentship of Mandal President Gadigarh Vijay Sharma.

While addressing the karyekartas, Dr. Narinder Singh stated that the BJP is not an election machine but a medium for fulfilling the aspirations of the people, and the party's membership drive is not a mere number game but an ideological and emotional movement.

He said 61 percent of those who joined the party so far during the ongoing membership drive are below 35 years of age throughout India. Dr. Narinder Singh educates youth are joining the BJP



MLA RS Pura, Dr Narinder Singh, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan and others at a programme.

in large numbers after the prime minister's call. He also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted professionals to enter politics with new thinking, adding such a move will give new direction to the nation.

He asked party cadres to work effectively for the party's 2024 membership drive 'Sangathan Parva, Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024' by renewing his membership and urged party workers to make special efforts to connect with the youth.

Rekha Mahajan said this very membership drive isn't just a ritual. It's an expansion of our family. It isn't a game of numbers. It doesn't matter what numbers we achieve. This membership drive is an ideological and emotional movement," she added.

Rekha Mahajan said from the days of Bharatiya Jana Sangh till now, "we have made all possible efforts to bring a new political culture in the country. She said the BJP is the only political party that is following the democratic process properly. She said the BJP is also expanding its work and strives to improve to live up to the expectations of the people.

She spoke on the success of BJP membership drives in 2014 and 2019 and BJP attaining the number one spot in the world in terms of primary membership.

Adv Dev Raj Sharma thoroughly explained the online procedure of membership in the BJP in front of party workers. He said that it is primarily through dialing the mobile number 8800002024. He said that membership can also be attained by logging in, scanning the QR code, and through offline mode in areas with low connectivity. He shared 8860147147 as the helpline number regarding any difficulty in the membership drive on the national level.

Dr. Ritesh honoured with National Award for Excellence in Clinical Dentistry

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JAMMU: Dr. Ritesh Gupta, (MDS Orthodontics) Dental surgeon, Department of Health and Family welfare Jammu, has been honoured with the prestigious Indian Dental Association, National Award for Excellence in Clinical Dentistry held at Jio World Centre, Mumbai on 26th October. The award was presented by General of Belarus Aliaksandr Matsukou chief guest for the event in the presence of Dr. Ashok Dhole Hon. secretary General, IDA, Dr Ravendranath M., President IDA and Atul Modi, chairman Prevest Denpro. The Charaka Awards are presented by the Indian Dental Association (IDA) and PrevestDenPro to recognize dentists who excel in



clinical innovation, research, patient care, and community involvement. The awards are considered the biggest and best award ceremony for clinical excellence in dentistry.

"It is a privilege to receive this award. I am grateful for the opportunity. This recognition motivates me to continue striving for excellence," said Dr. Ritesh Gupta.

JSS Jammu lights up Eco Diwali Mela 4.0



Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu students during an Eco Diwali Mela.

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JAMMU: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu celebrated the Eco Diwali Mela 4.0, a unique fusion of festive spirit and environmental consciousness, drawing a vibrant crowd of students, parents, and community members.

The event was honored by the presence of Chief Guest Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, and Guest of Honour, Anuradha Jangid.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with the traditional lamp lighting, followed by a myriad of cultural events that left the spectators spellbound.

This year's Mela featured a plethora of eco-friendly stalls, showcasing traditional handicrafts, organic goods, and delicious festive treats, all designed to promote sustainable practices during the Diwali celebrations. Attendees were thrilled

to participate in engaging activities and games, with chances to win exciting prizes, including an E-scooter.

In his address, Ramesh Kumar remarked, "The Eco Diwali Mela is a wonderful initiative that not only celebrates our rich cultural heritage but also reinforces the importance of sustainability in our daily lives. By promoting eco-friendly practices, we can ensure a brighter future for generations to come."

Rohini Aima, Principal Cum Vice-Chairperson of Jammu Sanskriti School, emphasized the importance of the event, stating, "The Eco Diwali Mela embodies our vision of fostering environmental awareness among our students and the wider community. We believe that celebrating responsibly can inspire a more sustainable future."

The success of Eco Diwali

Mela 4.0 underscored the community's commitment to embracing cultural traditions while advocating for environmental sustainability. The enthusiastic participation highlighted a shared dedication to a greener future for all.

Dal Lake hosts first-ever Traditional Women's Boat Race

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SRINAGAR: In a celebration of strength and heritage, Dal Lake in Kashmir on Sunday hosted a historic event, the first-ever traditional boat race for women, organized by JKARS. The race drew over 150 enthusiastic women, breaking barriers and marking a step forward in empowerment and inclusivity in the Valley.

Joining hands with JKARS, celebrated sportswoman Bilquis Mir, who served as India's first woman jury mem-

ber at the recent Paris Olympics for water sports, volunteered as the chief organizer.

Bilquis Mir, along with her team from the J&K Watersports and Kayaking/Canoeing Association, managed the event, ensuring it was both memorable and inspiring.

It is worth mentioning that the event was initiated by Suresh B. Kapadia from Nashik, Maharashtra, who has been instrumental in transforming the lives of many in the region. The competition also

JU organizes outreach programme "Ek Pyari Mulakat Baachon Ke Saath"



JU students and inmates at outreach programme, "Ek Pyari Mulakat Baachon Ke Saath," at Ved Mandir Bal Niketan.

Management, University of Jammu alongside faculty members Dr. Suvidha Khanna, Dr. Poonam Sharma, Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Dr. Nikita Dogra, Dr. Honeyka Mahajan, and Tapas Tandon, all of whom expressed their enthusiasm and support for the programme. Their presence underscored the School's

dedication to fostering social responsibility through education. The event saw the active participation of Ved Mandir children in a series of interactive games designed to inspire creativity and foster joy, facilitated by the MBA (TTM) 3rd semester students. These engaging activities infused the

day with vibrant energy, as young participants showcased their talents. Reflecting on the event, Prof. Anil Gupta remarked, "This programme exemplifies our commitment to holistic education, encouraging our students to engage empathetically with the community and to make a positive impact

on young lives."

The president, vice president, and secretary of Ved Mandir Bal Niketan expressed heartfelt appreciation for SHTM's thoughtful efforts, acknowledging the meaningful impact it made on the lives of the children. Coordinated by Dr. Sruvidha Khanna and her team, with the dedicated support of Department staff and students, the event concluded with a session of heartfelt reflections. Both children and students expressed gratitude for the memorable experience, parting with smiles and a deeper understanding of the value of community service.



Special Secretary of Tourism Mathura Masoom with winners and other dignitaries.

Known for his efforts in promoting tourism in Gurez, Kapadia's contributions have been instrumental in transforming the lives of many in the region. The competition also

highlighted the diverse talents of Kashmiri women, as many participants were artisans crafting world-class bags for Caprese, proving that these artisans' hands are as skilled in

the water as they are with embroidery. Each participant received a certificate and attractive cash prizes, with special awards for the top three finishers. The event concluded

with a vote of thanks from Dr. Burhan, President of JKARS, and a felicitation of Bilquis Mir by VC LCMA, Younis Malik, for her contributions to the sport and her efforts in bringing honor to the Valley.

The event was graced by notable personalities, including Special Secretary of Tourism Mathura Masoom, Dr. Masrat Parveen, Principal of BHSS Nowpora, Holistic Minds & Soul founder Dr. Souliha Rasool, and celebrated broadcaster Tabraiz Nik Madani.