

BJP will form next government in J&K: Rana

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» ‘Jammu province will be equitably empowered’

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JAMMU: Exuding confidence that the BJP will form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir, senior leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana on Saturday said all regions, irrespective of religion or caste shall get a fair deal in development and jobs with no region having hegemony over the other.

"With a sense of confidence, I am telling you that the BJP will form the government in J&K on its own", Rana told reporters at the sidelines of the inaugural function of the trade fair in Gole Market Gandhi Nagar here.

When asked about the apprehensions being expressed by the Congress on fairness of elections and chances of rigging, Rana quipped, "they are used to crying foul when any party other than the Congress wins. Such so-called apprehensions also speak about their shaking legs due to the irrelevance of the Congress".

The BJP leader declined to react over the recent utterances of the National Conference, saying he will not comment on Dr Farooq Abdullah for the reason that he has worked with him for over two decades. However, he said that the people should not get peeved when any voice comes from Jammu. He said every segment of the society and all the regions have a right to get politically empowered. Governance in Jammu and Kashmir is not entitlement of anyone. In democracy, it is the people who exercise their right to choose those who they want to be governed by. He expressed surprise over irritation among some when Jammu raises its legitimate voice. Without naming any party, he said they keep raising the issues of their region on a daily basis as a matter of right but get perturbed when anyone speaks for Jammu. By referring to Jammu, he said, he means the entire province, the abode of Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs, who



Former legislator Devender Singh Rana inaugurating trade fair at Jammu.

all have equal right to govern and shape their political destination and if a voice emerges from pluralistic Jammu region for an inclusive J&K why should it rattle people.

Rana said that the Jammu region will not be discriminated against anymore. He said every region and sub-region will get equal share in development and progress. Nobody should nurture the sense of deprivation and denial, he added.

To a question about inappropriate emojis in social media over the tragic demise of CDS General Bipin Rawat, the BJP leader said that all this is unacceptable. Those living in the country cannot disgrace the national icons and anybody wishing to do so has no place in India. They should be identified and tackled sternly as per law, he added.

Describing General Rawat as an able soldier, world renowned Military strategist and India's pride, Rana said the entire nation is in pall of gloom over the martyrdom of 13 brave hearts. And, nobody has to belittle their martyrdom. He said freedom of speech does not mean indulging in anti-national activities. Nation comes first and it is supreme. Nobody should dare to disrespect the national heroes or celebrate the adversaries.

On a question about the legacy

of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, the BJP leader said the people will tread the path chartered by him. He said Jammu has great contributions in expansion of the Jammu and Kashmir state and referred to the heroic contribution of General Zorawar Singh, Brigadier Khuda Baksh and the other warriors. He said Jammu and Kashmir was, is and remains a beautiful vase of different flowers. Hindu, Muslim, Sikhs and Buddhists reflect the great ethos of this part of the country, he added.

Earlier, while inaugurating Lifestyle Trade Fair at Gole Market Gandhi Nagar here, Devender Rana said that trade fairs open up new avenues and vistas of opportunities to entrepreneurs to show-case their produce and to build a bonding with prospective customers, BJP leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana today observed that such a proposition attains added significance in the present era of start-ups.

"With the online business gaining momentum, the holding of trade fairs ensures better understanding and connect between the producers and the customers, which eventually helps in fine tuning the production as per market trends", he added.

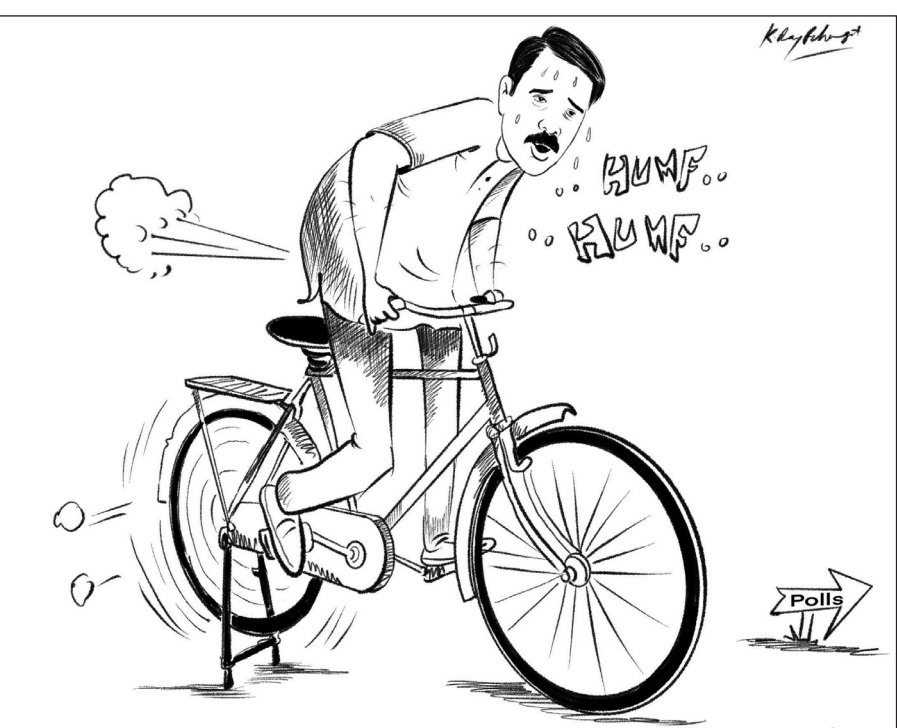
Rana described the holding of such events better for business

avocations due to the element of healthy competition between manufacturers and marketing players. Such a competition has potential to give a boost to productivity and percolating down the benefits to clientele at large. Such fairs also benefit the manufacturer to know about the requirements of consumers, he added.

He lauded the efforts of the organisers and participants in making the trade fair a big event, catching the imagination of the larger clientele of the Temple City. He hoped this will serve as an inspiration for the budding entrepreneurs, especially those who have opted for utilising their talent as start ups in the wake of incentives tailored by the government.

Rana noted with satisfaction the strides being made by young entrepreneurs of Jammu and Kashmir in becoming job providers rather than ending up as job seekers after attaining academic and professional qualifications. This trend needs to be encouraged to give impetus to productivity and employability, he maintained.

The trade fair has been organised by Messers Sharma Brothers and the brain behind the event is Arun Sharma. Rana went through the fair and was apprised by the organisers that vendors from different parts of country have displayed their goods, which include iron and wooden furniture, ready-made garments and hosiery like jackets, ladies suits, handloom items, kitchenware, footwear and various unique products. Food stalls were also set up, which attracted consumers in a big way. Complimented the organisers and wished them huge success in their endeavours of promoting trade and business in this part of the country. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Dharamveer Singh Janwal, Junaid Choudhary, Khalid Malik, Ajay Sharma and others.



HC sets aside order of trial court; directs framing charges of dowry death, cruelty

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court set-aside the order of Trial Court and directed Trial Court to frame charges against Husband and Others. The present petition has been filed by petitioner, who is mother of deceased for quashing order dated 03.10.2019 passed by 2nd Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu by virtue of which, the trial court has charged the respondent Sanjay Kumar, husband of deceased Krishna Devi, Pawan Kumar, father-in-law of deceased and Sunita Devi, mother-in-law of deceased for commission of offences under sections 306 and 498-A/34 of RPC and discharged them for commission of offence under section 304-B of RPC. It is submitted that order

impugned is bad in law as the trial court without perusing the statement of petitioner herein has altered the charge from 304-B of RPC to 306 and 498-A/34 of RPC despite fact that there was abundant evidence on record for framing of charge under section 304-B of RPC against the respondents 2 to 4.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing Adv Ajay Bakshi for petitioner whereas AAG Aseem Sawhney appearing for UT observed that the trial court has in fact conducted the mini trial and has appreciated the evidence that was not permissible at this stage. Thus this finding of the trial court that there was no evidence of

cruelty 'soon before death' is also not sustainable in view of the statement of the abovementioned witnesses. With these observations, the Court observed that present petition succeeds and the order dated October 3, 2019 passed by 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu is set aside and the trial court is directed to frame charges for commission of offences under section 304-B, 498-A/34 of RPC against respondent. Court further directed that the respondents 2 to 4 were granted bail by the trial court and as they have remained on bail for more than 2 years, as such, they shall continue to remain on bail during course of trial.

HC rejects bail plea in POCSO case

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court rejected bail application of one Sandeep Singh involved in rape case of a minor.

According to police, on February 11, 2021, complainant lodged a written report at Police Post, Talab Tillo, Jammu that on February 10, 2021, her minor daughter, named withheld, a student of 11th standard at Government Higher Secondary School, Nowabad, Talab Tillo, Jammu had gone to school but did not return back. Later, it came to her knowledge that her minor daughter had been kidnapped by petitioner using his Scooty. On basis of the information, FIR bearing No. 26/2021 was registered under Section 363 IPC. The girl was recovered from possession of petitioner from Pathankot and who was also arrested. During further investigation, the medical test of victim was got conducted from Government Hospital Sarwal and her statement was recorded under Section 164 of CrPC and after conclusion of the investigation, the charge-sheet for commission of offences under Sections 363, 376 of IPC, 84 of Juvenile Justice Act and 3/4 of POCSO Act was filed against petitioner.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing Adv Ragbir Singh for applicant whereas AAG Aseem Sawhney for UT and Adv Sanjeev Padha for victim observed that it is evident that there are very serious charges against petitioner regarding abducting/kidnapping of a minor girl besides raping her and the matter is pending before trial Court and the statements of the witnesses are yet to be recorded. With these observations, the Court dismissed the bail plea.

Over 100 Congress activists leave for Jaipur to attend 'Mahangai Hatao Rally'

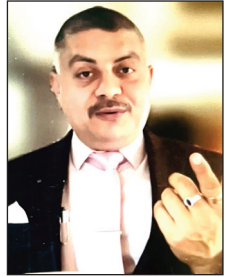
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JAMMU: Several prominent leaders and workers including office bearers of PCC, DCC, Frontal Wings like Mahila Congress, Youth Congress NSUI, Seva Dal and various cells and departments of the party, left for Jaipur to attend "Mahangai Hatao Rally" to be held on December 12, 2021, as part of Jan Jagran Abhiyan from where Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Former Congress President Shri Rahul Gandhi will address the nation. This was disclosed by Chief Spokesperson JKPC Ravinder Sharma. He said that the party will keep raising the voice of the people and keep fighting their battles against this insensitive, arrogant and crony driven Government till it does not take corrective measures and provide the much-needed relief from inflation.

Amit shares eGov perspectives with Conventees

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JAMMU: Amit Sharma, towards bringing transparency, swiftness and delivery while provisioning Government services to the public in the present era wherein subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Drone Technology, M P L S Connectivity, etc hold a great future.



This guest lecture was organised by the administration of Presentation Convent School to create awareness about important subject of e-Governance amongst the higher classes students wherein CEO, JaKeGA Amit Sharma shared various successful contemporary models like Passport Seva Kendra (PSK), Domicile Certificate, e-Office implementation in J&K, automated services of ticketing, Covid App, DBT, Aadhaar Enablement of citizens and similar other e-Governance initiatives as on date.

Guest Speaker Amit Sharma also shared ideas while motivating students to develop careers in this domain as e-Governance experts wherein they can contribute immensely

Amrit also mentioned that the basic premise of all Smart City projects being implemented across the length and breadth of the nation including Jammu and Srinagar Smart City Projects have inherent tools of e-Governance and even Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has been running various courses and trainings to develop specialists in e-Governance domain through various IIMs, NISG, etc like the one which CEO JaKeGA had undergone at IIM Indore almost a decade ago.

At the conclusion, Amit wished bright ignited students of Convent School a great future ahead as awakened citizens who should contribute as proponents of e-Governance for the betterment of society as a whole.

Fraudsters booked for duping complainant on pretext of arranging job in Kenya

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JAMMU: Crime Branch Jammu has registered a criminal case under relevant sections of law against one Amrit Pal Singh, son of Sher Singh, resident of Nehianwala District Bathinda (Punjab) & others for hatching a criminal conspiracy and duping complainant of his hard earned money on pretext of providing him a job abroad.

As per an official spokesperson, the complainant namely - Darshan Kumar, son of Mool Raj resident of Tehsil Thathri, District Doda (J&K) was lured through a fake overseas

job consultancy namely 'Expert World Overseas'. After realizing the reality, a written complaint was lodged by complainant with Crime Branch Jammu, alleging therein that he has been duped of his money by accused Amrit Pal Singh of Expert World Overseas, Consultancy- Street No. 2, Near Katra Sweets, Shah Satnam Ji Chowk, Begu Road, Sirsa-125055 (Haryana). He further told that he came into contact with the company through mobile numbers and believed them to be genuine and trustworthy for helping youth to seek employment

abroad. The aforesaid company itself arranged air tickets and fulfilled other formalities of complainant for his job in Kenya without charging any amount initially but when they gave him employment letter, he was made to transfer money in Axis Bank account of suspects towards air tickets and other formalities required for visit. Later, the complainant was surprised to note that the aforesaid company cancelled the air tickets and duped him."

The official further said that on receipt of this complaint, a preliminary verification was got conducted and it has been prima facie established that the accused one

Amrit Pal Singh, in connivance with some other persons, have hatched a criminal conspiracy by opening a fake company under name and style 'Expert World Overseas' and cheated the complainant of his hard earned money on the pretext of providing him job in Kenya. "The omissions and commissions on the part of the accused and others prima facie constitute offences punishable under sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of RPC," he said, adding that a formal case has been registered for in depth investigation by Crime Branch, Jammu.

JKP develops JK eCOP Mobile App

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police has developed JK eCOP an android based Citizen Centric Mobile Application to bring Jammu and Kashmir Police one step closer to the people.

The App has been designed keeping in mind the needs of the public as well as the smooth functioning of the Police department.

This App is user friendly and easy to adopt. The App caters to the most of police related service interface to the general public on a single platform/touch.

This app will help the Police Department to improve the relationship with general public.

The App was launched by Lt. Governor J&K during an event held at Raj Bhawan Srinagar on 20th October 2021.

The salient features of the App are: all police related service interfaced to the general public on a single touch; provides Geo Location and contact numbers of all Police Stations and Police Control Rooms to the public; provides all important Emergency helpline numbers; public can share pictures of traffic accidents, traffic violations with their latitude and longitude to Police; locate

Police Stations on Map; one Touch Panic Alert generation; lodge complaints; inform Police and Report Crime; view and pay Challan online; report use and sale of drugs and narcotics; citizen service like Tenant/Employee Verification, Character Certificates; view / download copy of FIR; vehicle theft and Recovery Information; and view highway status.

Security grid being further tightened for establishing peace in Valley

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Despite tight security arrangements, the increase in terrorist attacks in Kashmir Valley during last few months created a huge concern for security agencies. After many civilian target killings, the terrorists recently fired upon a traffic cop at Rajouri Kadal in heart of Srinagar city and after that, terrorists attacked railway policeman at Awantipora Pulwama but he escaped unhurt. Two days prior, on December 10, two policemen were martyred when terrorists fired on a Police party in District Bandipora.

To curb terrorism and ease the tensions, authorities have erected several barricades in downtown area of Srinagar city, especially in Khanyaar near Gousia Hospital, near

Islamia College Hawal, Sheri Bhat Chowk Zaidial Police Station Alamgar Bazar, Bhishambar Nagar and Munwarabaad. In addition, authorities also started stop-and-frisk operations across the city.

In order to further strengthen the security grid, high-resolution cameras with facial recognition technology (FRT) are likely to be installed in the summer capital soon. A proposal in this regard has been moved while the need for this technology has been felt after recent spate of terrorism-related incidents in the city and currently about 300 cameras have been installed across the city to monitor the movement. "There is a proposal of installing FRT in the city and after installation in the city FRTs are likely to be installed in

other district headquarters," an official said. "A facial recognition system uses biometrics to map facial features from a photograph or video," the official said.

This technology can help in preempting and preventing attacks in the future. "In case a known over-ground worker steps out, the police personnel in control will be alerted once the name of the suspect emerges from the database," the official said, adding the movement of the person under surveillance will be tracked and recorded. States like Telangana, Delhi etc are already utilizing facial recognition systems for surveillance and authentication of identity. Officials of the security grid told, "Technology can help in preventing attacks in the future. For instance, if a

known over-ground worker steps out, the police personnel in control will be alerted once the name of the suspect emerges from the database. His movement will be tracked and recorded." Presently, besides human intelligence, CCTV cameras and drones are being used as security measures. The mobile bunkers of different security agencies operating in Srinagar are fitted with high-resolution cameras. These bunkers remain stationed at different locations in the city for the entire day. Security bunkers manned by the central armed paramilitary forces (CAPF) have been set up in many areas of Srinagar where these were removed between 2011 and 2014 following improvement in the security situation across Kashmir.

