

Lok Sabha Polls: Kavinder asks BJP cadre to accomplish goals diligently

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Thursday asked the party cadre to accomplish targets with diligence and exuberance claiming that political proficiency of activists at ground level can act as game changer leading to unprecedented victory in electoral battles.

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing a seminar organized by BJP's Urban & Local Bodies' Cell of Jammu North Convenor and ex-MLA Shiv Dev Singh in context with upcoming Lok Sabha Elections at Roop Nagar, here.

In his address, the senior BJP functionary asked the party workers to remain connected with the masses by providing necessary succor to the common man.

He directed the party activists to toil hard to accomplish the assignments given to them by the higher ups in the party and also



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta speaking at a programme on Thursday.

work with coordination and dedication to strengthen booths as this was imperative for winning the polls.

Kavinder emphasized the importance of disseminating information regarding the significant achievements of the BJP government under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past decade.

He asserted that no other administration in the history of the country has come close to achieving what the current BJP regime has accom-

plished. He underscored the need to highlight these accomplishments to the public, showcasing the transformative initiatives and progress made under the BJP's governance.

This emphasis reflects the party's commitment to transparency and accountability, aiming to ensure that the electorate is well-informed about the government's achievements and contributions to the nation's development, he added.

The former deputy Chief

Minister said that record of BJP government in fulfilling the promises is also unmatched and it is now the responsibility of each and every worker and leader of the party to permeate this message among masses so that victory of BJP in every Lok Sabha seat in J&K creates history by breaking all previous records of vote margins.

Senior BJP leaders Omi Khajuria, Pawan Singh and Shiv Dev Singh also spoke in the seminar while Rajesh

Sharma conducted the proceedings.

Shiv Dev Singh encouraged party leaders and members to educate the public about various welfare schemes and assist them in accessing benefits from social security programs initiated by the Union Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Others present during the seminar include Co-Convenor Pawan Singh, Zila Pradhan Omi Khajuria, ex-Corporators namely Surinder Sharma (Ward 38), Sunita Gupta (Ward 37), Mohinder Bhagat (Ward 61), Kuldeep Singh Chib (Ward 63), Rakha Manhas (Ward 62), Ashok Singh (Ward 59), Yashpal Sharma (Ward 35), Tripta Devi (Ward 66), Subash Sharma (Ward 36) besides Dharamvir Singh Jamwal, Rupesh Mengi (Janipur Mandal president) and Suresh Khajuria (Paloura Muthi Mandal President) were present on the occasion.

Khatana meets Union Home Minister Amit Shah

'Vested interests are misguiding people of Rajouri-Poonch'

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NEW DELHI: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana on Thursday met Union Home Minister, Amit Shah at national capital New Delhi.

Khatana briefed the Home Minister Amit Shah about the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir and updated him regarding ongoing campaigns for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The Rajya Sabha MP informed the Union Home Minister about his back to back meetings with tribal youth and others and said that there is a good feedback in favour of BJP in upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

"BJP will win all the five Lok Sabha seats from J&K and the one seat from Ladakh Union Territory," he said and thanked the HM for restoring peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Khatana said that incidents of terrorism in J&K



Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana meeting with Union Home Minister, Amit Shah.

have come down after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A.

"This year Kashmir witnessed record number of tourists as peace prevails in the valley under the leadership of PM Modi," the Rajya Sabha member told Amit Shah.

He said that some vested interests are misguiding the people of Rajouri-Poonch area to disturb the peace.

"I appeal to the people of Rajouri-Poonch area to maintain peace and brotherhood as the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has

announced on the floor of the Parliament that reservation to tribal Gujjars and Bakerwals will in no way be affected due to the reservation to Paharis," Khatana maintained adding, "Rajouri-Poonch area has seen record developments under the leadership of PM Modi."

He said that tunnel between Chowki Chora and Bhamla and another tunnel in Nowshera area are being constructed to facilitate the people of Rajouri-Poonch areas and these tunnels will reduce the travel time from Jammu to Rajouri.

76 Bn CRPF, Health Dept organise free medical camp



Police officer inaugurating medical camp.

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JAMMU: Continuing its endeavour towards wellness of civilians, 76 Battalion CRPF, in collaboration with J&K Health Department, organized a free medical camp under Civic Action Programme here on Thursday.

The camp was held in the Prem Bhawan Banquet Hall Residency Road, under the guidance of Sandeep Khirwar, IG

Jammu Sector and Ramesh Kumar, DIG Jammu Range. A number of needy people of the area availed the free health care and learnt about prevention and symptoms of different diseases.

Medical Officers, Dr. S. Sowmya, 76 Battalion, CRPF and Dr. Sanjay Bhasin conducted free medical check-up of around 290 civilians and provided free medicines.

Earlier, T.H. Khan, Commandant-76 Bn inaugurated the Civic Action programme and appealed to the people of the area to stay fit by doing physical exercises regularly. He sensitized them about healthy lifestyle and hygiene. Besides, he also elaborated the role of the CRPF in maintaining cordial relationship between locals and force.

Mahendra Singh 2IC, Rajesh Kumar Yadav 2IC, Giritish Chandra Singh Sontiyal, Deputy Commandant, Priyanka Singh Parihar, Assistant Commandant and Praveen Kumar Assistant Commandant of 76 Bn CRPF also participated in the camp.

The initiative drew positive response and was received well by the locals with the urge that the CRPF organize such camps in future too.

After end of Maharaja's era in 1947, political leaders enforced their own autocracy in J&K: Bukhari

"Apni Party is the only party that does not belong to any political family"

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Thursday, said that traditional political parties and their leaders established their own autocracy in Jammu and Kashmir following the end of the Maharaja's rule in 1947.

He made this remark while addressing an event at the party headquarters in Srinagar on Thursday. Bukhari, accompanied by other party leaders, extended a warm welcome to the new entrants.

While welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, Bukhari said that Apni Party is exceptional for not being affiliated with any political dynasty.

He said, "Ours is the only party that does not belong to any political family. This is the party of the masses. I



JKAP President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari welcoming newly joined members.

urge the youngsters to join hands with us in shaping the future of Jammu and Kashmir. Together, we can change the political and economic scenario in Jammu and Kashmir for the better."

Bukhari reiterated his demand, urging the centre to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and hold due Assembly, Panchayat, and ULB polls here without any further delay.

Taking a dig at the traditional political parties and their leaders, Apni Party President said, "Our older generation fought against the autocracy of the Dogra regime pre-1947.

Unfortunately, the leaders they trusted began their own autocracy and family rule here post-47. Furthermore, to establish their grip on power over the past seventy years, these parties and their leaders even misled

people with fake slogans like 'Raishumari,' 'Autonomy,' 'Self-rule,' and so on. They kept innocent people occupied with these slogans for their own political advantage."

He went on to say, "Even these leaders lied to people about the so-called special status of Jammu and Kashmir. In reality, no such special status had ever existed in J&K over the past seven decades. They made

us believe that Article 370 could not be revoked and claimed that the accession with India would automatically end if Article 370 was removed. Now, a clearer picture has emerged. Today, it is evident that all these slogans were hollow."

"It is truly astounding that even after the abrogation of Article 370, these political parties and their leaders shamelessly come to the people, claiming that they will restore this article. They are saying this to allure voters and regain power yet again," he added.

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari assured the new entrants that Apni Party's leadership will not disappoint them and will always be on the side of the people, protecting their rights and striving for the political and economic empowerment of the masses.

Shiv Barat on March 7

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JAMMU: Mahant of Shri Ranbireswar Ji Temple Shri Shri 108 Mahant Rishi Ban on Thursday informed all people of Jammu that a grand Shobha Yatra (Shiv Barat) will be taken out on the holy occasion of Mahashivratri in old Jammu city on March 8, 2024.

He said that Shobha Yatra will be organized under the banner of Shri Ranbireswar Ji Temple, Indira Chowk, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazaar Chowk, Raghunath Bazar, City Chowk, Old Hospital Road, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazaar, Pacea Danga, Moti Bazaar, Parade Chowk and will finally culminate at Shri Ranbireswar Ji Temple. He made an appeal to people of Jammu to participate in large number in this Shobha Yatra and also made an appeal to trader organizations of old Jammu city to decorate their markets on the occasion of Shobha Yatra and Mahashivratri festival.



Rishi Ban also informed that the route of Shobha

Shailendra emphasizes role of agri, allied sectors in realizing PM's vision

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CHAKROI (R S PURA): Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar, emphasised the pivotal role of agriculture and allied sectors in realizing the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, during a mega farmers interaction program held at the frontier village of Chakroi, Ranbir Singh Pura here on Thursday.

While addressing the gathering at Fruit Plant Nursery of Department of Horticulture Jammu, the Principal Secretary stressed the importance of reaching the agricultural community in far-flung areas of Jammu region. He expressed his commitment towards addressing the diverse needs and challenges faced by farmers, highlighting the necessity for robust communication channels between stakeholders.



Prpl Secy APD Shailendra Kumar visiting stall.

The event witnessed participation of District Development Council member, Taranjit Singh Tony, Director Horticulture/ Agriculture Jammu, Ram Sevak; Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir; Director Agriculture Kashmir; Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal; Joint Director Horticulture and other concerned from Horticulture and Agriculture departments. During the inter-

active session, farmers from various districts of Jammu region voiced their concerns, ranging from farming practices to broader agricultural issues.

The Principal Secretary assured prompt resolution of issues raised during the programme and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers in this regard.

Shailendra Kumar said that in a bid to bolster agricultural resilience and foster growth, a

plan for 29 projects has been sanctioned by the Apex Committee for Holistic Development of Agriculture and allied sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Sevak, highlighted ongoing developmental works at the nursery spanning 805 kanal. Shailendra Kumar displayed keen interest in understanding the nuances of advanced agricultural technologies, signaling a commitment towards innovation-driven growth.

Also, he evaluated the progress of infrastructure development for laboratories, including Tissue Culture, Virus Indexing and Bio-control Laboratories, highlighting government's investment in research and development.

Earlier, Shailendra Kumar planted a sapling of Guava at the Fruit Plant Nursery.

SAKRS continues to empower J&K students with scholarships

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JAMMU: Shree Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha (SAKRS), Jammu and Kashmir, a prominent organization, continues to demonstrate its dedication to the welfare of the Rajput Community.

In the month of February 2024, it has provided educational scholarships to the tune of Rs 2,08,000 to 104 meritorious Rajput students belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Under the visionary leadership of President Pavitar Singh, a retired judge, the Sabha has so far disbursed a total of Rs 10,62,000 in educational scholarships, benefiting numerous deserving students.

This generous financial support, made possible through the contributions of 485 members of the Rajput

community, aims to empower and uplift students to pursue their academic aspirations.

Ashish Katoch, Organising Secretary of the Sabha, J&K, stated, "The Sabha's dedication to the welfare of the Rajput community extends beyond education. To date, a remarkable financial assistance of Rs 20,42,000 has been disbursed under various welfare funds, including education/sports scholarships, marriage assistance, widow pension, family pension, and old age pension."

Under the guidance of Pavitar Singh, the Sabha remains actively involved in educational, social, and cultural initiatives to strengthen the community bonds and foster progress within the Rajput community and is achieving significant milestones in its pursuit.

All J&K 1947 PoJK SIF seeks Pahari status for PoJK displaced persons

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JAMMU: All J&K 1947 PoJK Sharnarhi Intellectual Forum convened a meeting of its Core Committee members under the Presidentship of Adv. Amrik Singh and joined by Surjit Singh Secretary of the Forum.

At the outset, the Forum welcomed the Bill of Pahari status ethnic people which paves the way to 10% reservations seats in Assembly, Municipalities, Panchayats along with other benefits.

Meanwhile, the Forum strongly condemned the exclusion of POJK displaced persons from this bill which is the great injustice to the people who virtually belongs to the Pahari Tribal areas.

The Forum reiterated that people are residing in urban areas which never built their houses in Pahari areas are benefitted by virtue of this

bill as the people who are original residents of Tribal mountains are deliberately ignored and kept out from this bill.

The Forum further expressed that the displaced persons of 1947 does not displaced of their own but they were uprooted by the external aggression by the Pak army and all their moveable and immovable property is still lying in POJK then how could we be rejected from the Pahari Status.

The Forum resented that there are some black-sheeps in bureaucracy and political levels who give false report data to union level.

The Forum urged upon the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to rethink and

Constitute a Commission of retd. Judicial members who visit the J&K and get verify the ground situation of the

pahari speaking people areas. The Forum also with strong voice warned that if justice will not be given to the PoJK Displaced persons then there is every possibility to knock out the doors of courts because in every sectors the displaced persons are being kept out of every benefits.

The members who spoke and participated include Ex-corporators Paramjit Singh, Sucha Singh, Tirath Kaur, Kuldeep Singh, Sr.Vice president S.Paramjit Singh Shingari Kuldip Singh Kuku, Harbhajan Singh, Avtar Singh Member DGPC Jammu, Nasib Singh, Prof. K.D Singh, Khazan Singh, Pt Sudesh Chand, Suresh Chander, Parshotam Lal, Pavneet Kaur, Mela Ram, Manjit Singh, Daljit Singh, Raj Singh, Jagjit Singh and others.

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JAMMU: A two-day workshop on IoT and its Industrial Applications, started on Thursday, in the Department of Computer Science & IT, University of Jammu (JU) in collaboration with Advance Tech India Pvt. Ltd.

The objective of the workshop is to provide hands on practical training to the students, scholars and faculty members in the domain of Internet of Things (IoT).

Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, Distance and online Education and former Dean Students Welfare, JU was the chief guest of the occasion. While addressing the participants, Prof. Srivastava appreciated the efforts of the department in providing exposure to the students and faculty in the latest fields of computer science.

Prof. Srivastava emphasized that IoT is the technology of

Workshop on IoT in collaboration with Industry commences in Computer Science & IT Deptt, JU



Faculty and participants of workshop in University of Jammu on Thursday.

future and hoped that the interested students shall be provided opportunity by the industry for projects and placements.

Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, Head, Department of Computer Science & IT, while welcoming the dignitaries said that Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU, has been very keen to establish academia industry interactions and this workshop is organized under his dynamic leadership and vision. Prof. Abrol also shared that an MoU has been signed between the University of Jammu and M/s.

AdvanceTech India Pvt. Ltd., recently.

Prof. Abrol elaborated the achievements of the department in the last few years including organization of Faculty Development Programme (FDPs), MOOCs and LMS, Techsaksham, workshops on e-Yantra in collaboration with IIT Bombay, expert talks on different advanced areas like finger printing, biometric, and human authentication, mind matters, besides, interactions of the students with Director, NIC, J&K.

Prof. Abrol further apprised the participants about the availability of the latest infrastructure, hardwares, softwares, networking and other digital resources available in the department for the benefit of the students.

Ashish Verma, Head, Operation Manager and Execution, M/s. AdvanceTech India Pvt. Ltd., expressed his gratitude to department for inviting and organizing technical workshop on IoT.

He said that the participants shall be working on the latest IoT kits which have been

specifically arranged in sizeable number by the industry and have been installed in the labs of the department for the workshop purpose.

He further added that Ankur Rawat and Gopal will conduct the technical sessions of two day workshop.

Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma, Co-Convenor of the workshop discussed about the significance of design and development of sensor based systems and application of IoT in different fields. Dr. Shubhmandan Singh Jamwal, Organizing Secretary, presented the formal vote of thanks.

Prof. Vinod Sharma, Sh. Jasbir Singh, Dr. Suresh Rao, Namrata Karlapia, Dr. Rajneet Kaur, Dr. Hanee Kaur, Ayushi Gupta, Anil Tikoo, Sanjay Manhas, Er. Guralp, besides the faculty members, scholars, and the staff were present on the occasion.