

BJP will sweep Jammu & Udhampur Parliamentary seats: Ravinder Raina

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NOWSHERA: BJP will sweep Jammu and Udhampur Parliamentary seats in upcoming Parliamentary elections, stated Ravinder Raina, President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, while he was addressing party workers in Nowshera.

Former Minister Abdul Ghani Kohli, District President Neena Sharma, Thakur Randhir Singh, Capt. Ramesh Chander, DDC Sanjita Sharma, DDC Rajinder Sharma, BDC Balkrishan, Sukhdev Choudhary, Pritam Sharma, and Rakesh Raina, also accompanied Ravinder Raina on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the party workers, said that Bharat is strengthening with every passing day and is getting its identity in the international arena because of the strong leadership and will of taking bold decisions by the Modi govern-



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina addressing gathering.

ment. He said that India has become the 5th largest economy in the world by leaving behind Germany and Britain. He asked the party workers to reach every nook and corner to tell the people of all the achievements of the Modi government and that the Modi government is absolutely necessary to take the Bharat to number 1 spot in the world.

"After the abrogation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir is moving towards its long-sought goal of progress and prosperity. No other political party has ever

caared to empower the people in the erstwhile J&K state, but now the BJP under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with our dedicated force of party cadre has ensured the welfare of every neglected and every deprived individual and section. Due to this unprecedented public-oriented work at the ground level, BJP will sweep both the seats of Jammu as well as Udhampur Parliamentary Constituencies", said Ravinder Raina.

"The parties like NC, Congress and PDP have

sensed their big defeats and the public has seen their struggle to find even the suitable candidates. The BJP will defeat the opposition with a never before margin in the upcoming parliamentary elections", said Raina and asked the party workers to work to make this victory margin even greater with their sheer hard work.

Abdul Ghani Kohli attacked the opposition parties and said that these parties are fighting for their political survival by misleading the people. He said that people have understood nefarious design of these parties, who tried to misguide the innocent public in the name of religion and region.

Neena Sharma said that the BJP workers are going to every nook and corner to approach people, tell them of the development and progress by the Modi government in J&K, and seek their vote in Parliament election.

KVK Reasi organises awareness programme on natural farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised awareness programme on natural farming under "Up scaling of Natural Farming" project on Wednesday at Akhali Bhutan village in Reasi distt. of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by a number of rural women of the area. The objective of the programme was to aware the women farmers on natural farming and guide them on the various practices required for natural farming. The programme was organized under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrishi Vaid of SKUAST-J. Sr.Scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal warmly welcomed the participants and briefed the significance of natural



KVK,Reasi scientists distributing inputs for natural farming at Akhali Bhutan village.

farming in present era. He said that natural farming is the need of the era and informed that it is beneficial for the maintenance soil health and environment. He explained the principles of natural farming. He further said that natural farming is a promising means of reducing the dependence of farmers on external inputs, reducing the cost of cultivation and increasing the income of the farmers. He also guided the participants on the preparation of Jeevamrit and Beejamrit and also highlighted the practices of mulching, Aechadana and various other biocontrol agents required for the natu-

ral farming. He also guided the participants on the preparation of Brahmastra, Panchgavya, Dasharpani etc.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Agriculture Extension Officer, Department of Agriculture, Reasi said that Reasi district of J&K has huge potential in natural farming and the farmers can generate more income and employment by producing the safe and healthy food through natural farming. He discussed on Atam Nirbar Krishi and urged participants on the adoption of natural farming for more returns. He also elaborated the various agricultural schemes for the benefit of the farmers.

Dr.Lalit Upadhyay said that natural farming is agro-ecology based farming which integrates crops, trees, livestock and functional biodiversity. He discussed on the importance of farm fields as a source of organic matter and spoke on the usage of indigenous seed and bioinoculants as the catalyst required for natural farming. Dr.Arvinde Kumar said that for a healthy society, quality and healthy food is required and natural farming can play a significant role for the production of safe and healthy food. He also discussed on the four pillars of natural farming.

Jyoti Devi an awardee woman farmer of the area was also present during the event. During the programme, inputs required for natural farming formulations were also distributed among the participants. The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded by Dr. Arvinde Kumar with the formal vote of thanks.

GDC Ramnagar organises signature camp



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

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RAMNAGAR: NSS unit of GDC Ramnagar organises Signature camp as a part of 7-Days Special Winter camp of NSS unit on Wednesday in the college. The chief guest was Prof. (Dr) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, the Principal of the college. The theme of the campaign was 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan'. Around 45 NSS volunteers were actively participated. The event started with NSS anthem and later on NSS volunteers along with other students and teachers of the college duly sign with special messages related 'Drug Abuse'. The activity was held under the

guidance of Prof Ritika Mahajan, NSS Program Officer of the college.

Principal GDC Ramnagar Dr Bhavnaish Chand Anthal in his address emphasized the vital role that NSS plays in nation and social development. He opined that NSS helps in developing a sense of social and civic responsibility and urges the volunteers to develop competence for group living, democratic attitudes and leadership qualities.

Dr Pankaj Sharma, Dr Jeevan Kumar, Prof Parminder Kumar and Prof Jatinder Lal also graced the event with their presence.

GDC Udhampur opens CUET Facilitation cum Counseling Cell for UG students

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UDHAMPUR: In a bid to provide hassle free experience of the forthcoming centralized admission for the NEP session 2024-25, the College under the leadership of Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, has opened a Facilitation cum Counseling Cell for all undergraduate students, who are desirous to seek admission to the Programs (FYUGP) offered by the University of Jammu at its affiliated Colleges for the Academic Session 2024-25, which shall be done purely on the basis of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) In this regard a special orientation program was organized today in the college. The whole program was convened under the guidance of Principal, Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta. The program commenced with the formal welcome



Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta and others during the event.

address presented by Prof Sanjeev Kumar, Head Department of Urdu, who also apprised all about the importance and objectives of the Cell.

Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta in his address said that the cell will provide support and assistance to students, helping them to choose their subjects according to their interests as it will lead to improve academic achievement, personal development and overall

well-being. He further said that the cell will offer emotional and psychological support to the students that would help them in resolving their difficulty to choose the subjects of their interest. He also added that the cell will help in tailoring counselling sessions to tackle issues such as academic stress and career choices. It will also help in directing individuals to appropriate resources or professionals for further assistance if needed. The

cell will promote mental wellbeing by educating individuals about coping mechanisms and stress management techniques. He instructed all the members involved in the facilitation cum counseling cell to gear up and prepare aptly for a totally hassle-free

It is pertinent to mention that the Counselling and facilitation committee has been constituted with several faculty members including Prof Verinder Singh, Dr Bandana Mazal, Prof Bhanu Priya, Prof Sanjeev Kumar, Prof Anoksha Sharma, Dr Jasmeet Kour and Prof Rajesh Singh Manhas.

The orientation program concluded with Dr Jasmeet Kour delivering concluding remarks, and Prof Rajesh Singh Manhas, tendered the formal vote of thanks. The event's proceedings were ably conducted by Dr Bandana Mazal.

NYK Rajouri organises sports & voter awareness programme



Dignitaries during the programme at Sunderbani.

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SUNDERBANI: Nehru Yuva Kendra Rajouri organised Block Level Sports Events and Intensive Voter Awareness Registration Drive Campaign at New Model High School Marchola at Block Siot.

Capt. Ranjeet Singh was the Chief Guest while Krishan Lal Sharma Retd Social welfare Teh Officer was present as a Special guest in the programme. About 200 youth were participated in this programme. Many Sports games were

played by youth like Volleyball , Tug of war , Badminton, and Kabaddi. The winner of these games were given trophies. BLOs Mohd. Alyas and Dedar Singh imparted awareness about voting right.

Amarjeet Sharma President of NGO, Akshay Sharma, NYC Samriti Sharma NYC Of Block Sunderbani, Kamal Kishor Sharma MD NM High School Marchola, Social activist Devi Raj Sharma were also present on the occasion.

GDC R S Pura holds awareness programme on prevention of drug abuse

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R S PURA: Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Committee of Government Degree College R.S.Pura in collaboration with Munsiff Court R. S. Pura organized an awareness program on the prevention of drug abuse at Government Degree College R. S. Pura which was attended by student and faculty members of the college. The welcome speech was presented by Prof. Neelam Kumari, convener Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Cell. In her introductory speech, she highlighted about the various drugs and its negative impact. Advocate Chandani Sudan and PLV Parminder Kour were the



Faculty members and students during the event.

resource persons of today's event.

While attracting the students Adv. Chandani emphasized on the various problems that drug addicts suffer throughout their life. She highlighted the various features and sign of addiction and appealed the students not to get indulged in any kind

of drugs whether it may be smoking, alcohol or other dangerous forms of drugs. Further PLV, Parminder Kour said that drug trafficking and trading is a big challenge and most important people should be made aware about the menace.

He together people could make a big difference in

controlling and preventing drug addiction. The whole event was organized under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Bhagat(Principal of the College). While addressing the students she said that such programs play a vital role in educating students about the dangers of substance abuse, fostering a supportive environment, and empowering them to make informed decisions.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Neelam Kumari and the faculty members who were present in the event were Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, Dr. Rekha Rani and Sunny Kumar.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr Sunil Kumar Mangoch.

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KATHUA: Department of Commerce, Government Degree College(Boys) Kathua organised an Interactive Career Counselling and Student Development Program under the patronage of principal Prof. Seema Mir on Wednesday. The session was conducted in collaboration with Get Online College (GoC), College Career 360 and Shoolini University.

The program started with the formal welcome address by Prof. Charandeep Handa, Head,Department of Commerce. The main speaker for the session was Divay Mahajan, regional head, Shoolini University, an expert in the field of online education and career counselling. The session primarily delved



College faculty members and students during the event.

into exploring the myriad career opportunities available in higher education, with a specific emphasis on the domain of online education. A large number of students participated in the event.

The session commenced by addressing the significance of opting for online education in today's fast-paced world. Mahajan highlighted the flexibility, accessibility, and convenience

offered by online learning platforms. Participants were enlightened about the numerous benefits associated with online education, such as self-paced learning, cost-effectiveness, and the opportunity to acquire new skills. He also addressed the doubts and queries of the students pertaining to the validation and credibility of online degrees. Additionally, the session shed light on the diverse admission

processes, various examination modes prevalent in online education, guiding the students on how to navigate through these procedures effectively. Prof. Seema Mir, principal of the college lauded the efforts of the department for providing such opportunities to the students for their career advancement.

Overall, the career counselling session proved to be an enlightening and informative experience for all students, equipping them with valuable knowledge and insights to make well-informed decisions regarding their educational and career pursuits. The proceedings of the program were conducted by CA (Dr.) Rahul Gupta while formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Pinkey of commerce department.

Students of SMVDU visit Air Force Station Udhampur

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KATRA: Students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) embarked on an enlightening journey to the Air Force Station, Udhampur, where they were treated to a first-hand glimpse into the operations of the Indian Air Force. Organised by Mr. B. K. Bhatia, Training & Placement Officer, SMVDU and Dr. Varun Dutta, Assistant Professor at SMVDU, the visit provided

students with an unparalleled opportunity to interact with Air Force personnel and witness the marvels of aviation up close.Students were also engaged in insightful interactions with Air Force personnel, delving into discussions about the roles and responsibilities of those serving in the Air Force. From learning about the intricacies of flight operations to understanding the rigorous training undergone by Air Force pilots, students gained invaluable insights into the life and work of these dedicated individuals.In addition to this, they had the privilege of interacting with the Garud Commandos, the specialized force of the Indian Air Force trained for special operations. As they engaged in discussions with these highly skilled personnel, students gained a deeper understanding of the rig-

orous training and unparalleled dedication required to serve in such a specialized unit.Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the organizing team in orchestrating such a memorable visit. Recognizing the significance of experiential learning opportunities, Prof. Kumar emphasized the importance of initiatives that broaden students' horizons beyond traditional classroom settings. The visit to the Air Force Station,Udhampur served not only as a source of inspiration but also as a testament to SMVDU's commitment to providing holistic education. By fostering interactions between academia and real-world practitioners, SMVDU continues to equip its students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in their future endeavors.

Hajj orientation cum training programmne held



Training being imparted to Hajj pilgrims.

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RAMBAN: The Hajj Orientation cum Training program was organised in Banihal area of Ramban for the Hajj Pilgrims of the district for Hajj 2024.

The event was held at Jamia Masjid Banihal led by Master Trainer Pervaiz Ahmed. Like every year, the training was organized by Hajj Committee of India, in which a trainer from Srinagar, deputed by Executive Officer Hajj from Hajj House Bemina Srinagar, conducted Hajj orientation cum training session for Hajj pilgrims of Banihal. Tehsildar Banihal Imtiaz Ahmed informed that

in Banihal, a total 14 Hajj pilgrims-2024 including 5 females and 9 males participated in the training camp.

He also informed that we are providing training to hajj pilgrims of Banihal to aware them about do and dont's for a smooth pilgrimage.

"It was first session of training and we will do 2-3 more sessions in coming days," he added.

It is notable that every year Hajj Committee of India organizes such training camps for Hajj pilgrims and this year also this training program is being organized at different locations of Ramban district and UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

NSS Winter Camp commences at GDC Dharmari

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DHARMARI: Principal of Government Degree College, Dharmari, Dr. Preetpal Kour inaugurated seven days NSS Winter Camp 2023-24 in the presence of staff members, students and the NSS volunteers and urged the students to value the importance of their vote during elections as they are the makers of Indian Democracy. The Camp will be organized from 20th March to 30th March, 2024 except holidays. On day first of the Camp, the volunteers participated in an Awareness Program organized by the NSS Unit of the College in collaboration with district administration where the volunteers and students were informed about the extended timelines for registering their names in the Electoral Rolls through their respective Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Mushtaq Ahmed, BLO of Polling station 127-HSS Dharmari briefed the students about the importance of vote



Students along with faculty members during the event.

and detailed procedure for getting registered in the Electoral Roll. The NSS Program Officer of the college, Prof. Ajay Kumar also made the volunteers aware about the role of new voters in the greatest festival of Indian democracy i.e. Elections. After the Awareness Program, the NSS Volunteers visited the adjoining water bodies and deaned their premises to spread awareness about the importance of natural water resources in our life and the need for their conservation. Various other activities like Plantation, Cleanliness Drives, Medical Camp,

Awareness and Cultural Programs will be organized in the coming days of the Camp. The Camp is being organized under the guidelines of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and the Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir with the guidance of College Principal, Dr. Preetpal Kour and the supervision of NSS Program Officer, Prof. Ajay Kumar. Others present during the function includes Prof. Balbir Kumar, Prof. Mohinder Singh, Prof. Vinod Kumar and Prof. Balvinder.

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