

Vote on basis of performance, track record: Saroori

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KATHUA: Vice Chairman and Democratic Party (DPAP) candidate for the Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seat, G.M. Saroori, was accorded a hearty welcome during his visits to Rannagar, Udhampur, and Kathua. During his visit, Saroori engaged in interactive sessions with party workers and office bearers, emphasizing the importance of unity and concerted efforts in securing success at the polls. He expressed gratitude for the warm reception and reaffirmed his dedication to addressing the aspirations and concerns of the constituents in the Udhampur-Doda region. He reiterated his commitment to inclusive development, social justice, and responsive governance, promising to be a strong voice for the people at the national level. Saroori reiterated the significance of fostering religious unity and communal amity. In his speech, Saroori also highlighted the importance



Vice Chairman DPAP and candidate for Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seat, G.M. Saroori addressing gathering at Kathua.

of basing electoral choices on development agendas and performance records. He urged workers to evaluate candidates based on their commitment to progress, inclusive growth, and tangible results in addressing key issues faced by the region. Saroori firmly stated, "I believe in raising public issues and serving the people without any bias towards religion or caste. During my tenure as MLA and Minister, my focus has always been on developmental work that benefits all sections of society." He

emphasized his track record of prioritizing development projects and welfare programs based on merit and public need, rather than engaging in divisive religious or caste-based politics. He highlighted his commitment to continue this approach if elected to represent the Udhampur-Doda constituency in the Lok Sabha. He further said, "I draw inspiration from Ghulam Nabi Azad's exemplary dedication to serving the people and amplifying their voices in Parliament. Like him, I will also priori-

tize the concerns of the downtrodden and work tirelessly for their upliftment." Among others who were present on the occasion were R.S.Chib Gen Secretary, Jugal Kishore Provincial President, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Subash Gupta VP province, Davinder Singh Bindu Sr leader DPAP, Brijeshwar Singh Indu Distt President Kathua, Ashwani Khajuria Distt President Udhampur, Brij Mohan, Sanjeev Dubey, Om Raj, Preeti Khajuria, Pritam Kotwal, and others.

Modi govt liberated J&K from terrorism, dynastic politics: Vibodh

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JAMMU: In a public gathering organized at Manjakote, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta confidently proclaimed that like Gupkar alliance, the INDI alliance is also destined to fail as they are driven solely by self-interest. He reiterated BJP's popularity, predicting a comfortable victory with over 400 seats in the upcoming parliamentary elections. Vibodh emphasized that "Abki Baar 400 Paar (This time, 400-plus seats)" is not merely a slogan but a resolve that will be scripted into reality with the help of dedicated BJP workers and the support of the people. He praised the Modi government's initiatives, including women empowerment (33 per cent reservation for women in state assemblies and Parliament), opportunities for youth through programs like



BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressing gathering.

Skill India and Startup India, and the bold decision to revoke Article 370, which he believes has paved the way for Jammu and Kashmir's development. Vibodh stressed that the Modi government prioritizes the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir's people, citing significant progress since 2014, especially after the historic abrogation of Article 370. He highlighted advancements in grassroots democracy, socio-political rights for tribal communities, opportunities for

youth, opening up of national institutions such as IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, IIMC. Moreover, he credited the Modi government with ushering in a new era of peace and development, liberating the UT from terrorism, militancy, underdevelopment, and dynastic politics. Speaking on the occasion, BJP District President Dinesh Sharma also underscored various achievements of the Modi government and expressed optimism for the party's future endeavors. He maintained that BJP is

committed to nation's prosperity, their visionary leadership embodies the values of integrity, innovation, and service, resonating with citizens across the country. Others Senior leaders who spoke on the occasion were Atam Parkash Gupta, Koushal Gupta, Asif Choudhary, Rakesh Raina, Yogesh Kumar Sharma, Shamshad begum, Karamit Malik, Talib Mir, Samreen Khan, Azaz Khan, Sanjay Sharma, Shahbaz Khan, Sakinder Khan, Javid Mirza, Puneet Sharma, Vinod Sharma.

GCW Kathua organizes plantation drive



Students taking part in cleanliness drive.

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KATHUA: Department of Environmental Sciences and Hariyali Eco Club has organized a plantation Drive under "Donate a plant and save your future Campaign" in continuation to its efforts of developing green campus. The prime objective of this campaign is to motivate the students to bring one plant sapling and plant it in the college campus. In the campaign 70 students donated plant saplings. The Hariyali Eco Club volunteers and students of 6th sem of Environmental sciences planted sapplings of Flowering, ornamental and medicinal plants in the college campus. The plantation campaign was organized under the supervision of Dr.Savi Behl, Principal GDCW Kathua. She inaugu-

rated the event by planting a sapling in the college campus and briefed the students about the role in combating climate change which is threatening the existence of mankind on the planet Earth. She also encouraged the students for planting more and more trees and adopting them for Sustainable future. Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, HOD Environmental sciences and Convener Hariyali Eco Club coordinated the whole event and mobilized the Eco Club volunteers for plantation drive. The event was conducted with full cooperation of Eco club members and distinguished faculty members Dr. Babita, Dr. Romika, Dr. Ambica, Dr. Renu, Prof. Surbhi, Prof. Surekha and Prof. Ushakiran.

Workshop on Sanger Sequencer held at SMVDU

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KATRA: Two -Day workshop on Sanger Sequencer-jointly organized by coordinators of Higher Education project funded by HET's Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir and MMTTC on 20th March -21th March 2024 held at SMVDU, Katra. The Inaugural Session was attended by participants from various educational institutions of JK, Research scholars, and Faculty of SMVDU. Prof. Manoj K Dhar, Director, ACSIR and Ex Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and keynote speaker for the occasion. The presence of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, lent weight to the event, emphasizing the institution's dedication to fostering a culture of scientific exploration. Prof. Kumar's welcome address resonated with attendees, instilling a sense of purpose and direction. The Inaugural Ceremony of the Workshop was held at Matrika Auditorium, SMVDU. Dr. Sharada Potukuchi, Coordinator of the workshop welcomed all the guests and participants and made delegates aware about the mandate of the capacity building project



Faculty members along with students after the workshop.

under which the Workshop was conducted, wherein introduction of MMTTC by Prof. Suparn Kumar Sharma underscored the importance of collaborative initiatives in driving innovation in biotechnology. Among the audience were Dr. Sunil Wanchoo, Dean Faculty of Sciences, as special invitee. Prof. Uma Bhamadipati, Prof. Balbir Singh, Dr. VV Tyagi, Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Dr. Sunanda, Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Dr. Parvaz, Dr. Preeti Sharma, Prof. Baba Potukuchi and Dr. Raju were among the august gathering. The workshop featured a series of captivating lectures, starting with Prof. Manoj K Dhar, ACSIR, Director, Delhi who deliberated on the "Role of Capacity Building in Biochemical Science". Prof. Dhar's insights provided a solid foundation for under-

standing the fundamental principles driving biochemical research, inspiring participants to think critically about their work. Technical Experts, Dr. Anil Kumar and Dr. Vibha Pandey from Thermofisher delivered the Lecture on the nuances of Sanger Sequencing and introduced the features and applications of the recently acquired Sanger Sequencer-SeqStudio. Dr. Shweta from Shiva Scientific life sciences discussed the specialized domain of Deyvser Fragment Application, offering valuable insights into this cutting-edge field. The interactive session provided a platform for participants to engage directly with speakers and experts, fostering lively discussions and the exchange of ideas. The Co-coordinator of the workshop, Dr. Rakesh Thusoo presented the vote of

thanks and informed all present that such workshops in the school will be held regularly to train and educate the Faculty, Staff and other medical professionals from UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Furthermore, Hands-on training sessions were conducted by Dr. Anil Kumar, Application Scientist from Thermofisher, who provided participants with practical experience in Sanger sequencing techniques. The training sessions, held at the Central Facility Mass Array Lab, School of Biotechnology, equipped attendees with valuable skills and insights. Dr. Rakesh, organizing secretary acknowledge the support of Coordinators and staff of RP-127, RP-128 along with Rajeshwar, Bhawani, Tanvi, and Minerva for smooth conduct of the workshop.

Training session on handling of EVMs, VVPATs held at Ramban

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RAMBAN: To strengthen the electoral process and enhance proficiency in handling Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) devices, a comprehensive training sessions was also organized today at conference hall, DC office complex under the guidance of District Election Officer, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary. The training, facilitated by Master Trainers, aimed to equip government employees of the district with necessary knowledge and skills

to ensure familiarity and ease of operation with EVMs and VVPATs. During the session, detailed information was provided on the roles and responsibilities of Presiding and Polling Officers and hands-on training was also conducted to demonstrate the functioning and operational procedures of EVMs/VVPATs. Attendees, including employees from various government departments, actively participated in the training to enhance their understanding and proficiency



Training being imparted to election staff.

required for upcoming Lok Sabha election. The session, presided over by Deputy District Election Officer, Abdul Jabar, emphasized the importance of attending training sessions

with the process of elections. Similar training program was conducted in Banihal, focusing on the demonstration of VVPATs and control units.

CRPF organises free medical camp in highest village of Bhadarwah

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BHADARWAH: With an aim to provide medicare facilities at the door steps of people residing in far-off villages of Bhaderwah, 33 Battalion of CRPF based at Bhaderwah in collaboration with Health Department organised a Free Medical Camp in highest village Kansar of Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah on Thursday. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jayasree Singh Sarder, CMO (SG) (Command) along with BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchey and Harish Mehra, Second-In-Command. During the camp, NCDs, Multi screening Lab Facility,



CRPF men distributing medicines among locals.

Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, HB and general check ups were conducted by the team of doctors. Dr. Jayashri Singh Sarder, CMO 33 Bn, along with team of doctors and Medical Staff of Sub District Hospital Bhaderwah examined the

patients including female, male and children, who came in large numbers. Dr. Jayashri said that the main aim of the programme is to reach out to the people residing in far-off villages to provide medicare facilities at their door steps especially to

females, who can't reach to the hospital. She also said beside routine medical check up, we are performing several tests of patients here. More than 350 villagers mainly women belonging to poor families of Kansar and it's adjoining villages availed medical benefits at the camp. Villagers expressed their sincere thanks to 33 Bn CRPF for organizing such programme in a befitting manner and to give free medical checkup and medicine to needy people. They further said that this programme of CRPF will obviously help in developing better police public relation.

Farmers of District Rajouri sensitises on Agromet Advisory Services

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RAJOURI: In the wake of climate change, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Rajouri of SKUAST - Jammu organized one day farmer awareness programme at Block Khawas of District Rajouri under Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) scheme rendered by India Meteorological Department (IMD). The programme was conducted under the aegis of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor SKUAST - Jammu, Dr. B. N. Tripathi and guidance of Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST - Jammu. The main objective of the programme was to help our farmers to manage weather related uncertainties in day to day agricultural activities. The proceeding of the programme was started by

Dr. Rohit Sharma (Technical Officer, GKMS). On his key note address, he emphasized on climate change, weather and its variability, strategic planning and better management of weather and climate risk in Agriculture using Agromet Advisory Services (AAS). He stressed upon the farmers to make more and more utilization of GKMS services and motivated the farmers to take maximum benefit from this programme. Farmers are also imparted about 'Meghdoot' a mobile app launched by MoES, New Delhi that will provide location and crop and livestock-specific weather based agro advisories to farmers in local languages. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Chief Scientist & In charge, RARS, Rajouri sensitized the

farmers about the Agromet Advisory Services. He highlighted the importance of organizing this programme in context with the changing climate, impact on agricultural crops cultivation, adoption of climate resilient crops and economically beneficial crops for farmers. He focused on use of natural resources for better management of crops in the area. Dr. Suraj Parkash, Sr Scientist, KVK -Rajouri interacted with the farmers and provided the information regarding scientific research and new knowledge in agricultural practices. He emphasized upon the farming community to adopt improved/modern technologies like agro advisory services and mechanized/customized farming systems, etc. to improve the liveli-

hood of the people of the area. Rajan Sharma, SADO - Kotranka, Suresh Kumar, AEA- Khawas and Sunit Sharma, AEA-Khawas also interacted with the farmers and stressed them to make more and more utilization of Gramin Krishi Mausam Services. Also the farmers must be aware of the weather update by using different applications for necessary planning of agricultural practices. As a part of the programme, a farmers-scientist interaction session was held where issues and problems faced by farmers were raised and the experts suggested relevant solutions for these problems as well. Lokesh Sharma, Agromet Observer presented the vote of thanks to the farmers.

International Day of Forest celebrated across Ramban; DC launches plantation drive

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RAMBAN: In observance of the International Day of Forests, Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary led a significant initiative 'Plantation Drive' by planting a Chinar tree sapling within the premises of the District Administrative Complex (DAC) in Ramban. The event brought together various dignitaries, including Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak, DFO Ramban, Abhinav Ramyotra and several other senior officers. Meanwhile, all the dignitaries also participated in the Sanitation drive held in the premises of DAC. Highlighting the significance of World Forestry Day, Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary emphasized the crucial role of forests in maintaining the

delicate balance of life on Earth. He stressed the need for collective efforts from public representatives, community organizations, and citizens to address pressing issues such as deforestation and denudation, which threaten our invaluable green wealth. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Chaudhary urged everyone to recognize the vital role that forests play in protecting and sustaining life. He encouraged the public to engage in various activities, including tree planting campaigns and awareness campaigns, to foster a deeper understanding of forest conservation.

Similar plantation drives were also conducted by the Forest Division, Ramban under the supervision of DFO, Hitender Singh Chandel, across the Division. The events witnessed the planting of saplings belonging to different species including Sliver Oak, Moru, Thevetia, Glauca and Deodar, underscoring the diverse ecological richness of the region. Additionally, participants also planted saplings as part of the initiative to promote environmental stewardship and community engagement to safeguarding our forests for the well-being of current and future generations.

Honor at the occasion, respectively. Prof. Pragati Kumar recalled some motivational stories of stalwarts in the field of Mathematics and nicely explained utilization of concepts of Mathematic in Engineering. Prof. S. D. Sharma highlighted the fundamental concepts in Mathematics and their real-life implications. Dr. Sunil Kumar Wanchoo, Dean, Faculty of Sciences encouraged the organizers to broaden the horizon of the conference. Participants across the nation turned up for the conference to showcase their research work. Prof.

5th National Conference on Recent Trends in Mathematical Sciences inaugurated at SMVDU

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KATRA: A Two-Day National Conference on "Recent Trends in Mathematical Sciences" inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra on Thursday. The conference was organized by the School of Mathematics in Association with MMTTC-SMVDU. Prof.(Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and Prof. S.D. Sharma, Former Head, Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu were the Chief Guest and Guest of

the conference proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. A. K. Das, Coordinator of the conference, Dr. Sandeep Bhogal and Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Organizing Secretaries smoothly handled all the activities of the inaugural session. Dr. Vineet Tyagi, Dean, Research and Development, Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Associate Dean, Research and Development, Dr. Roop Lal Sharma, Head, School of Economics, Dr. Kamini Patania, Senior Faculty, School of Physics were the eminent faculty colleagues from SMVDU.

Rakesh Kumar, Punjabi University, Patiala, Prof. Sartaj U Hassan, IIT, Jammu, Prof. Ajay K. Sharma, Head, Department of Mathematics, Central University of Jammu, Dr. Varun Jain, Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala, Dr. Navneet Lal Sharma, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara, Gujarat attended the inaugural session. Dr. Kuldip Raj, Head, School of Mathematics and Convener of the Conference introduced the theme of the conference and welcomed the delegates. Dr. Surender Singh, Coordinator of

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