

# BJP poised to win 400 plus seats in Lok Sabha polls: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa said that Saffron party is all set to show its supremacy in more than 400 constituencies in the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls with chances of scores of opposition leaders forfeiting their security deposits.

Randhawa was addressing the people during his tour of different areas of Jammu-South-RS Pura Assembly segment for the upcoming parliamentary elections. He toured areas like Khandwal, Nandwal, Lalyal, Saradara Chak and adjoining areas of Panchayat Khandwal thereby covering both numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

He made the bold prediction while asking the party cadre to remain focused till the last vote is cast in the polls as BJP is set to break many records in this political contest with the most significant of winning maximum number of seats.

Former Legislator said that starting from abrogation of Article 370, restoration of peace and colossal development in J&K and above all construction of Ram Temple all are the unbelievable feats of BJP leadership, which had ascertained the landslide victory of the party in all political contests in



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa with people during interaction programme.

near future with resounding one in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls. Expressing confidence in the BJP's track record and its ability to secure a landslide victory in the upcoming polls, Randhawa asked the party activists to make sure that policies and plans of the party are on tips of the common masses as the same is a pre-requisite for winning Lok Sabha polls.

He also cited PM Narendra Modi-led government's successful governance including its initiatives on economic development, national security, and social welfare, as key factors that would propel it to a sweep-ing win in 2024.

He said that BJP's growing popularity and organizational strength across the country shall also add to the final tally as one can gauge well the dwindling morale of the opposition parties including Congress, as many significant leaders of

these parties have left the sinking ships, and joined BJP to further strengthen the saffron party, which always stand for the country and its people.

He also divulged that the party has constituted a committee for micro-level management of Bahu Constituency considering the need on account of upcoming Lok Sabha polls. He asked the party workers to keep up the momentum of canvassing for BJP as the time is less and the targets gigantic.

He stressed that the mood of country is in favour of BJP. He said that the 10 years report card of Modi Government is full of achievements and it will help BJP to win 400 seats. He said that policies and programmes of Modi government has brought vast changes in the lives of poor and needy as 4 crore people have got houses under PM Awas yojana, 80 crore people are getting free

ration, 14 crore people have got tap water connections after independence, 11 crore have got free gas connections under Ujwala yojana, 12 crore toilets have been constructed for poor, 60 crore people have got medical cover under Ayushman Bharat scheme and there is 100 percent medical cover in Jammu and Kashmir and abrogation of 370 and 35A has brought peace, prosperity and progress in Jammu and Kashmir. Former Legislator further said that zero tolerance towards terrorism and the will to take bold decisions are appreciated by the people at large, which will give the BJP a decisive victory in the upcoming parliamentary elections to pave the way for the BJP to form the government for a third consecutive term under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the BJP is committed towards the

security of the country and works for its unity and integrity. Stressing that the "Yagya of Democracy will not be complete without the complete participation by the youth", Former Legislator asked the party leaders and workers to encourage the youth of J&K to vote for the nation by voting in heavy numbers for the Modi government in the Parliament elections 2024. On the occasion, Former Legislator while paying tributes to the martyrs said that trio of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru have made the supreme sacrifice in the revered feet of Bharat Mata. "Their sacrifice inspired millions of people and fueled the freedom struggle against the British rule", Randhawa said, adding that the people must respect their sacrifices and never forget that they laid down their lives for our freedom.

Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa was accompanied by Geetu Aulakh, DDC Member, Sonamdeep Singh Aulakh, Ex Sarpanch, Vijay Sharma, Ex-Sarpanch and Mandal President, Pushkar Sharma, Gurdalay Singh, Madan Choudhary, Saudagar Mal, Chain Singh, Sukhdev Choudhary, Ashok Kumar, Surinder Singh, Rampal Choudhary, Pawan Kumar and many others.

# AM Tata Jammu unveils India's #1 selling SUV brand - the Nexon



AM Group Chairman, Jatinder Gupta and others at unveiling ceremony.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: AM Tata Jammu, on Saturday unveiled India's No 1 selling SUV brand-the Nexon in the iconic #DARK avatar for both its ICE and EV offerings. Adding to this successful range, the Company also launched their premium SUVs- The new Safari and the new Harrier in their #DARK versions. Available at a starting price of Rs 11.45 Lakh for the new Nexon, the #DARK range has been a trend setter in the industry, exuding opulence and luxury since its launch. The unveiling was done in presence of AM Group Chairman, Jatinder Gupta, MD Sanjay Mahajan, Directors Ankur Mahajan, Akshay Mahajan and Tarun Malhotra. Also

present was Akhilesh Singh (TSM Tata). Commenting on the launch, Vivek Srivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd, said, "The #DARK edition has truly captured the imagination of the new generation, reflecting their evolving tastes and preferences. Flaunting a captivating exterior design and a feature rich interior, the new #DARK family comprising of the Nexon.ev, Nexon, Harrier and the Safari are back and are better than ever. We are also excited to bring to you our newest campaign, especially conceptualised for this range which is sure to evoke a sense of exhilaration and empowerment, inviting individuals to explore the

unparalleled capabilities of the new #DARK range, synonymous with luxury and superior craftsmanship." "Introduced with the Harrier in 2019 and extended across the portfolio in 2021, Tata Motors set a new benchmark in the industry with the #DARK. The #DARK has since elevated the style and premium appeal of the Tata passenger and electric vehicles portfolio, making it a compelling and unique proposition for customers to choose from. The #DARK range brings with it a host of exciting enhancements to India's most loved SUVs with its signature #DARK mascot and dark exterior treatment, exclusive to this range," he added.

# Meteorological Deptt Jammu celebrates World Meteorological Day 2024



Meteorological Department Jammu officers with students and faculty of KCPS.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Meteorological Department Jammu celebrated World Meteorological Day 2024 with great pomp in its office. On this occasion, local in-charge officer, S.C. Sharma, made students of KC Public School, Jammu aware

about climate and climate change.

The students obtained information about weather instruments and their working with great eagerness. The officer in charge gave detailed information about the role and contribution of the Meteorological

Department for climate protection. He said that the accuracy of weather forecast has increased significantly in the last years. The Meteorological Department will remain committed to serving the nation in future also.

# JU organizes interactive session on "Leveraging Water for Peace"

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu (JU) organized an 'Interactive Session' on the theme 'Leveraging Water for Peace' to mark the celebrations of World Water Day 2024.

Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu formally welcomed the experts and briefly introduced the theme of World Water Day.

He highlighted the importance of water conservation in our daily lives and stressed on the need for responsible water usage to ensure the sustainability of various water resources.

The first technical session started with an expert lecture



Dr. C.M Seth (IFS), Former Chief Wildlife Warden posing with faculty and students of JU.

by Dr. C.M Seth (IFS), Former Chief Wildlife Warden and former Chairman J&K Pollution Control Board wherein he discussed about the pivotal role played by water resources in water conservation with particular reference to wetlands of Jammu region.

"Socio-economic disparities lead to inequitable distribution of water, disproportionately

affecting marginalized communities and aggravating social tensions. Thus, embracing innovation and adopting sustainable practices in agriculture, industry, and urban development can mitigate water stress and enhance water efficiency", he said, while discussing the importance of the theme of World Water Day 2024.

In another technical Session, Prof. A.K. Raina,

Former Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu spoke at length about the critical role of water in sustaining life and various challenges being faced in ensuring its quality, accessibility, and equitable distribution.

The technical presentations were followed by an interactive session coordinated by Dr. Deepika Slathia. Participants actively participated

in the session, posing several questions to the experts on a wide array of topics such as regional water issues and traditional conservation measures, community-based conservation initiatives, and policy recommendations for water resources.

During the interactions, experts emphasized the importance of innovations, start-ups, and collaborative efforts involving policymakers, scientists, local communities, and environmental organizations to address the multifaceted challenges confronting water resources conservation in the Jammu region.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Deepika Slathia. The programme was attended by Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Rozi, research scholars, and students of the department.

# DGP visits CBS Bhalra, Doda; interacts with probationary DSPs, SIs

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Addressing nearly a thousand freshly recruited police officers of the rank of Sub-Inspectors including about 60 probationary DSPs of the prestigious Jammu Kashmir Police Service at Corps Battle School of the Indian Army at Bhalra in Bhaderwah, DGP J&K R.R Swain said, very few get the opportunity to wear the uniform and serve the country and the community. He added, it should be an occasion of immense pride and privilege to have been selected from among tens of thousands of aspirants.

No sermonizing but a few sincere thoughts from long experience is what I place before you - to be happy and successful, besides counting on the blessings of the almighty, one has to be a lifelong learner, said DGP Swain. A few years from now, many will find themselves surging ahead of other colleagues only because of their eagerness and striving to learn continuously, more because we live in a



DGP J&K R.R Swain interacting with army officials.

truly dynamic world characterized by rapid societal changes affecting the way we live our family lives, interact with neighbourhood, earn and spend, participate in politics and governance - mostly triggered by dramatic and incessant changes in technology, said DGP Swain. DGP Swain highlighted that all of us are mostly evaluated on three counts: niyat, mehnat and qabliyat. While the first two can be in our control, the last one is partly God-given. However, even this can be changed by a drive and strive to learn and this training school, thanks to the Indian

Army, has afforded an opportunity which should be availed to the hilt, said DGP Swain. Thanking the Commandant of the Corps Battle School Col. Praveen Kumar and his highly committed and experienced instructors, who took around the DGP and gave him snapshots of the training content and state of the art facility and methodology, DGP Swain hoped that this would also be an additional opportunity to raise the synergy among the security and law enforcement arms of 'mother India' to a new level. He also appreciated the efforts of officers responsible for coordi-

nating and undertaking police training including Director SKPA Udhampur Garib Dass, DIG Training Sarah Rizvi, Principal of CTC Lethpora Tanveer Jeelani, Deputy Director SKPA Rajesh Bali for their remarkable proactive effort in supplementing the efforts of the Army by additional logistics and instructors in curating and designing a tailored training programme, first of its kind, that ambitiously aims at transforming the trainees, fresh from colleges, in a short span of six weeks to police officers who can take pride in themselves and in whom the community can pose faith as defenders of the citizens against law breakers and enemies of national security.

DGP Swain who was accompanied by ADGP Jammu Anand Jain was received and seen off by Range DIG Shridhar Patil, district SSP Javid Mir, CO IRP 5 Bn Gh Jeelani Wani and other local police officers.

# BJP pays floral tributes to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir, commemorated the Martyr Day of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru and paid floral tributes to them in a programme held at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Former Dy. Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta accompanied by BJP NEM Priya Sethi and other senior party leaders remembered the struggle of the youth icons in the fight to achieve the freedom of Bharat Mata.

Tilak Raj Gupta, Rajiv Charak, Rajni Sethi, Balbir Ram Rattan, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Naresh Singh, Jeet Angral, Hansraj Loria, Yashpal Shivgotra, Prerna Nanda, Krishan Kumar



BJP leaders paying tributes to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru at Jammu on Saturday.

Digra, Sanjay Bakshi, Ramesh Katoch, and other leaders also paid tributes to the great revolutionaries on the occasion.

Kavinder Gupta, while paying tributes to the martyrs, said that the trio of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru have made the supreme sacrifice in

the revered feet of Bharat Mata.

Their sacrifice, he said, inspired millions of people and fueled the freedom struggle against the British rule. He said that, today, we are able to breathe and roam in free environment, as thousands of these laid down their lives, were butchered mercilessly and innocents including children suffered

the inhumane tortures but didn't buckle up before the atrocities of foreign invaders. We must respect their sacrifices and never forget that they laid down their lives for our freedom, he added.

Priya Sethi, on the occasion, said that our every second of life is indebted to the supreme sacrifices made by these great martyrs. She said that it is our duty to recognize and then fight with any force that even thinks to do any harm to the sovereignty and integrity of our nation.

Other speakers on the occasion spoke on the life events of martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, stressing that India will never forget the supreme sacrifices. Speakers added that Nation is the responsibility of the citizens and these great men proved this by sacrificing their lives for the Nation.

# CUJ faculty presented paper in International Conference TAGC 2024

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dr. Narendra K Bairwa, Associate Professor of the Centre for Molecular Biology, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) who is a member of the Genetic Society of America (GSA), presented a paper titled "A Simple Assay for the Detection of Late-Stage Apoptosis Features in Saccharomyces cerevisiae" in the recently concluded international conference "The Allied Genetics Conference (TAGC)" in the session of the "Novel Methods, Tools and Technology." The TAGC was held at Metro Washington DC, organized by the Genetic Society of America. In the paper Dr. Bairwa and his associates reported about the developed method to the wider international scientific community and described a simple process for the detection of



apoptosis upon chemical treatment using simple, single-cell organisms (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) in the settings of labs that are equipped with fluorescence microscopy facility. The described method can be used for the toxicity assessment of the chemical compounds and as a teaching tool to students for concepts of apoptosis, a programmed cell death that is crucial for the development of the organism. The method has already been published in the prestigious Journal "Current Protocols".

The Director of the Centre for Molecular Biology, Dr. Swarkar Sharma and the Vice-chancellor of the CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated Dr. NK Bairwa.

# Commerce College hosts "Fresher's Cum Farewell" event

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Army and Naval Wings of SPMR College of Commerce came together to host a mesmerizing 'Fresher's cum Farewell (Visarjan 2K24)' event, showcasing the talents and achievements of its cadets.

The event was a celebration of excellence and camaraderie within the college's NCC units.

The event kicked off with a welcome address by Dr. Rajinder Singh, Principal of SPMR College of Commerce, setting the stage for an evening filled with inspiration and entertainment.

Dr. Singh highlighted the significance of the event in fostering a spirit of unity and achievement among the cadets.

One of the highlights of the event was a comprehensive rundown of the NCC Achievements in 2023 by cadets from both the Army and Naval Wings. Their dedication



Army officials with students and faculty of Commerce College at an event.

and hard work were evident as they shared their accomplishments, inspiring their peers to strive for greatness.

The cultural performances presented by the cadets were nothing short of spectacular, showcasing a diverse range of talents and skills.

From mesmerizing dance routines to soulful musical performances, the audience was treated to an unforgettable experience. In recognition of

their outstanding performances, prizes were awarded to cadets who excelled in various competitions such as TSC, RDC, and other CoCs at the national level.

Their achievements served as a testament to the rigorous training and dedication instilled by the college's NCC units. The event also witnessed the rank ceremony for the fresh appointments. This momentous occasion marked

the beginning of a new chapter in their journey within the NCC.

Colonel RS Jasrotia, delivered a motivational talk, inspiring the cadets to continue striving for excellence in all their endeavours.

The 'Fresher's cum Farewell (Visarjan 2K24)' event was a resounding success, embodying the spirit of unity, excellence, and camaraderie that defines SPMR College of Commerce.

# Niranjan is Mini-Bus Union Chairman

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Mini Bus Workers and Owners Union Jammu here on Saturday elected unopposed Niranjan Singh

as its Chairman. A handout stated that Vijay Singh Chib has been elected as Union President for consecutive third term.



Mini Bus Workers and Owners Union Chairman Niranjan Singh and President Vijay Singh Chib talking to reporters.