

BJP will win Lok Sabha Elections with thumping majority: Ravinder Raina

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BILLAWAR: Ravinder Raina, President Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu Kashmir addressed a huge gathering in a public meeting held a Basohli. Addressing the Rally at Basohli BJP President Ravinder Raina said BJP will win the Lok Sabha elections with thumping majority.

Series of Rallies, road Shows and meetings with Party Workers at Basohli, Mahanpur, Finter, Mandli and Billawar were conducted by BJP President Ravinder Raina, which witnessed Large Participation of public.

BJP District President Darshan Singh Thakkar, DDC Chairman Kathua Col. (Retd) Mahan Singh, DDC Vikram Singh, DDC Neeru



President BJP J&K Ravinder Raina at a public meeting in Basohli.

Rajput, DDC Naryan Dutt Tripathi, Sushma Kakryal, BDC Sushma Jamwal, Rajat Sapolia, Shammi Sapolia, Shiv Padha, Parvez and Mahila Moreha President Surekha Devi and senior leaders of the party accompanied the BJP President.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the people, said that the Modi government's priority is to ensure the ben-

efit of schemes to the last person standing in the queue. He exhorted the people to support the BJP once again in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and said that BJP will win the Lok Sabha elections with thumping majority.

Raina praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, stating that the government focuses on both

development and the welfare of the poor, ensuring prosperity along with security, livelihood and respect for faith.

"In the previous governments, only a few benefited from the schemes that too their kith and kin, while the majority of the public kept watching helplessly", said Ravinder Raina and emphasized that under the Modi government, everyone is

benefiting from the schemes without any discrimination.

He further mentioned that Bani and Basohli, which remained underdeveloped for a long time during the rule of previous govts, is now progressing rapidly under the Modi government as new projects of development of road and Highway connectivity have been started here.

Seeking support for the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is the candidate from Kathua Doda Udhampur Constituency in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Raina said that every party worker will go door to door and seek votes for Dr Jitendra Singh to strengthen the hands of PM Modi to boost the development in the region.

SSP Kishtwar holds introductory meeting with senior citizens



SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom along with locals after the meeting.

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KISHTWAR: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom- convened a significant meeting with the esteemed senior citizens of District Kishtwar at the District Police Headquarters (DPO) Kishtwar.

The meeting served as a platform for the venerable citizens of Kishtwar to voice their concerns and articulate their suggestions for the betterment of the community.

During the meeting, President of the senior citizens council, Sh. Roshan Lal, highlighted prevalent issues such as sanitation, the eradication of drug abuse, reckless bike stunts, road safety measures, and alleviating traffic congestion. Additionally, the senior citizens underscored the importance of addressing the specific needs of the elderly population.

SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom, attentively listened to the suggestions and grievances put forth by the senior citizens, assuring them that their voices would not only be heard but also translated

into actionable measures on the ground. He further appealed to the esteemed citizens to collaborate closely with the Kishtwar Police Department in its mission to foster community development and combat substance abuse. Moreover, SSP Kishtwar encouraged the senior citizens to actively contribute their insights and recommendations for the successful implementation of the Nasha Mukth Bharat Abhiyan, an initiative aimed at curbing drug abuse within the district.

Udas Marg Sanstha to organise Annual Satsang from March 30



Sanstha members briefing media.

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JAMMU: Udas Marg Sanstha, RS Pura (Jammu) is celebrating Annual Satsang Sammelan on 30 March to 4 April. Udas Marg Sanstha, RS Pura (Jammu) is celebrating Annual Satsang Sammelan RS Pura bhawan 30 March, 1 April Simbal Morh Bhawan, 2 April darsapur and 4 April Hazuribagh Bohri Jammu. The celebrations will be started in the premises of Udas Marg Sanstha, RS Pura with 'Havan' and 'Yagya' from 10 am to 11.30 am followed by 'Satsang' from 12 noon to 2 pm. The celebrations will conclude with 'Guru ka Langer' that will start at 2 pm and last till 4 pm. All devotees have been invited to attend the celebrations and take blessings of Baba Bhagwan Das Ji Maharaj (23rd Guru), who will also grace the occasion and give sermons.

GDC Kathua organises expert talk on motivation through goal setting

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KATHUA: NSS Units and Department of Commerce, Government Degree College (Boys) Kathua organised an Expert Talk on 'Motivation through Goal Setting' under the patronage of worthy principal Prof. Seema Mir.

The program started with the formal welcome address by Dr. Kulbir Singh, NSS Program Officer of the college. The keynote speaker for the session was Rizwan Uddin, a renowned financial expert and Regional Fund Commissioner.

He shared the elements of success and emphasized on the real meaning of life. He encouraged the students with his valuable insights and motivating the students to achieve their goals effectively. A large number of students participated in the event.

Prof. Seema Mir, principal of the college lauded the efforts of organizing team for providing such opportunities to the students for their career advancement. Overall, the 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 future endeavours. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Dr. Pinky NSS Program Officer while formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Charandeep Handa Head Department of commerce.

Awareness programme to join Army held

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KATRA: Army, with an aim to educate the youth about various entry schemes in Army both as Agniveer and Officer, successfully conducted 'Join Indian Army Awareness Program' in the Didi Morh region of Jammu & Kashmir.

The program was conducted by Indian Army in which Lectures and interactive sessions were organised to educate the youth on how to join Indian Army, qualifications required and different types of entry schemes in the Indian Army. Aspects like how to 'Join Indian Army as Agniveer, Join Indian Army as Officer, Admission Procedure for Sainik Schools, RIMC, RMS and Admission Procedure for



An army officer delivering lecture.

Professional Institute's.

Approx 100 people attended the camp. They were also made aware about various benefits of joining the Army. The youth were highly motivated as they raised numerous queries relating to joining the Army. All the queries were very well addressed by the representatives of the Indian Army. With this initiative, Indian Army reaffirmed its commitment to serve the well-being of the community and promoting awareness.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Nukkad Natak under SVEEP campaign organised

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KISHTWAR: In view of the upcoming Lok Elections 2024, a spirited Nukkad Natak performance took center stage today at DC Office Complex here.

Organized under the ongoing Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) awareness campaign in the district, the event unfolded under the guidance of District Election Officer (DEO), Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The initiative operated seamlessly under the close supervision of District Nodal Officer SVEEP, Idrees Lone.

The event was a testament to collaborative efforts, spearheaded by the diligent team from District Information Office, led by District Information Officer, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar.

Through the captivating medium of street theatre, the artists skilfully illuminated audiences, comprising both visitors and officials of the DC Office Complex, about the essence of ethical voting.

Amidst the vibrant setting, the performers adeptly conveyed crucial messages encapsulating the principles of ethical voting. Emphasizing the fundamental rights of voters and the significance of Universal



of the District Administration Kishtwar to ensure inclusive governance and participatory democracy. By leveraging innovative approaches to civic education and community engagement, such endeavours aim to empower citizens with knowledge, thereby fostering a culture of responsible citizenship and democratic stewardship.

He added that as the countdown to the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 gains momentum, initiatives like the Nukkad Natak performance stand as beacon of inspiration, rallying communities towards informed and ethical electoral practices.

The District Administration Kishtwar remains steadfast in its resolve to uphold the integrity of the electoral process and nurture a culture of active citizenship.

Annual Cultural and Literary Fest RESURGENCE 2024 inaugurated at SMVDU

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KATRA: The inaugural function of SMVDU's cultural and literary fest Resurgence 2024 was a grand celebration of talent, culture, and academia, marked by esteemed guests and captivating performances. Dr. Kamni Pathania, Vice President of the Board of Cultural Activities, in her welcome address, extended a cordial welcome to all attendees, emphasizing the importance of cultural exchange and artistic expression in academic life. Professor Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU graced the occasion with his presence, delivering an insightful address. Prof. Kumar emphasized the integral role of cultural activities in holistic education and the university's commitment to fostering creativity and innovation among its students.



The Chief Guest, Squadron Leader, Anil Sehgal, delivered an inspiring address, highlighting the role of cultural activities in shaping well-rounded individuals and fostering unity in diversity. Eminent Singer, Seema Sehgal, honored as the Guest of Honor, shared her insights on the power of music as a universal language that transcends boundaries. Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer, JAKAACL graced the occasion as a Special Guest, emphasizing the significance of promoting cultural heritage in academic institutions.

The event showcased the rich cultural tapestry of the region with a mesmerizing performance of the Geetru

folk dance by Ram Ditta and party, sponsored by JAKAACL, captivating the audience with its rhythmic movements and vibrant costumes. Additionally, students from various departments enthralled the audience with their diverse cultural performances, showcasing their talents in music, dance, and theatre. Resurgence 2024 also witnessed the Inter College Events which was an energetic celebration of culture traditions and talent. GCW Udhampur, GDC Kathua, and SMVDU students had a great competition in the folk dance competition, and then the amazing battle of bands! An inter-college Hindi Debate Competition was also organized for students under "Does Social Media Strengthen or Weaken Democracy". RJ

Chaitanya from Radio Mirchi, Dr. Ruchi Shah, and Dr. Satish Tiwari judged the inter-college competition.

Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, President of the Board of Cultural Activities, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the guests, performers, organizers, and sponsors for the event such as JAKAACL and Radio Mirchi for making the event a resounding success. He emphasized the university's commitment to nurturing artistic talents and promoting cultural exchange among students. The inaugural function concluded on a high note, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present and setting the stage for a year filled with cultural vibrancy and artistic excellence at SMVDU.

MSCB Trust's week-long National Art Workshop begins

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PATNITOP: To encourage the young and budding artists to explore their hidden artistic talent, Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust has come up with another week-long National Art Workshop 'Karam Bhoomi' at Patnitop.

The workshop which commenced today is being organised in collaboration with Petronet LNG.

The renowned artists leading the national art workshop shall be reflecting different themes and aspects of art making the endeavour a world class experience for the budding artists and the lovers of art. A total of 10 artists in which Ashok Kumar, Bannu Baidh, Gouri Vemula, JD Maryan, Jitendra Baidh, Triveni Baidh, Sonal Gupta, Rahul J Mhetra, Nilisha J Phad



Organisers along with artists during the workshop.

and Monica Ghule from different parts of the country are taking part in the workshop.

Addressing the artists, Anuradha Rishi, Trustee of Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust said that the workshop is aimed at giving impetus to the genre of art and to encourage the young artists to explore their hidden talent. She said that the artifacts produced today will inspire the budding artists of Patnitop and its adjoining areas to try hand and produce more alluring artifacts in the coming time.

Anuradha Rishi said that Jammu region is famous for its art and culture and the time has come to again

involve the young generation into this career which is not only satiating but also capable for bringing good fortune as it used bring in the past, when people from far off places used to come to the erstwhile state to appreciate its art and culture. She said that the Trust is dedicated to promote art at various levels and in Jammu region its achievements are numerous because in the last several years many workshops and art camps have been organised under the ambit of this Trust and there are many working artists, who took the path of arts after coming in contact with Baru Trust.

Anuradha asserted that the sole aim of her Trust to spread awareness and provide platform to art and artists.

LS Elections: Zonal, Sectoral magistrates imparted training



District Election Officer, Yasin M. Choudhary chairing the meeting at Poonch.

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POONCH: In preparation for the Lok Sabha Elections-2024, a comprehensive one-day training session was conducted here on Wednesday to empower Zonal/Sectoral Magistrates with essential knowledge and skills required to carry out their duties effectively.

The training, held in the meeting hall of the DC office here, was supervised by the District Election Officer, Yasin M. Choudhary.

The training session witnessed presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch,

Tahir Mustafa Malik, and Deputy District Election Officer, Mohammad Saleem, alongside all zonal and sectoral officers.

The aim of the training was to ensure that the officials are well-equipped to perform their responsibilities during the electoral process, maintaining the highest standards of efficiency, impartiality, and transparency.

During the session, the Deputy Commissioner issued series of instructions to Zonal/Sectoral Magistrates, covering a wide array of topics like election laws, procedures,

and protocols that must be adhered to during polling. The magistrates were briefed on their roles and responsibilities, with strong emphasis on significance of upholding law and order, overseeing polling stations, and ensuring safety and security of voters.

The interactive training allowed the magistrates to raise various queries pertaining to their duties. One of the focal points of discussion was detailed training on usage, operation, counting of votes using Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and various other issues.

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