

BJP delivered justice to border People giving 4pc reservations in jobs, education: Jugal

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JAMMU: The BJP candidate from Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma today accused the successive Congress governments and its allies of pushing the youth living close to the International Border (IB) to wall by pursuing communal politics that blocked all employment and educational opportunities for them.

Sharma, who addressed a series of public meetings in border Panchayats, including Garkhal, Gurah Manahsan, Sajwal, Pindi, Pragwal Lower and Upper, Bhalwal Mulloo, Sungal Lower A & Sungal Lower B, Sungal Lower C, Sungal Upper, Bandal Khurd, Pangari and Rajachak, Mawa Brahmana, Jamotian, Kaink Jagir, Dhok Jagir, Bhalwal Brahmana, Bhiri Tarai, Jadh Panjgrain, Dhok Khalsa, Chak Bhagwana, Jourian, Bandawal, Maira, Devipur, CK Pur, Bomal, Kotgarhi and Gurha Brahmana East and West, got overwhelming reception in these areas where the border residents joined the BJP leaders in large numbers and raised slogans, "Abki Baar 400 Paar". "Congress and its allies in Jammu and



BJP candidate from Jammu-Reasi LS Constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma with others at public meeting.

Kashmir subjected the border youths to gross discrimination on religious and communal lines.

While a four percent reservation in government jobs and admission to higher education institutions was granted to the people living along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri and Poonch districts, the same privilege was denied to those residing along the International Border. This discriminatory approach was followed to fulfill communal objectives," Sharma said.

"The denial of reservation to youth living close to the International Border closed off significant avenues of employment and educational opportunities for them as they were denied the benefits enjoyed by their counter-

parts along the LoC due to political motivations," he said. The BJP candidate further said, "What added salt to the injury was the Congress government's decision to revoke the Dogra certificate which further disadvantaged the young individuals belonging to the Dogra community in this region, inhibiting their prospects of joining the security forces". Sharma said the border residents have been delivered justice by the Modi government which not only embarked on raising massive infrastructure in border areas but also ensured four percent reservation for border youths living close to the International Border.

"By extending reservation benefits to youths residing near the International

Border, the Modi government has unequivocally conveyed that there is no room for discrimination against border youths based on religious lines, a practice perpetuated by successive Congress regimes for the sake of vote bank politics," he said. Sharma said that the infrastructure development in border areas has remained top priority of the BJP government. "The Government of India under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a significant emphasis on bolstering the border infrastructure. Among the various initiatives undertaken, the construction of bunkers along with high-quality border roads stands out as a crucial measure aimed at enhancing national

security and ensuring the safety of citizens residing in border areas," he said.

BJP Star campaigner and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta in his address, said the prevailing ceasefire on borders is due to a strong government at the Centre and has yielded good dividends. "The residents living along the border used to experience migrations caused by cross-border shelling. It is due to the decisive policies of the Modi Government that the incidents of cross-border firing have not only ceased, but also previously uncultivable land on the Zero Line is now being cultivated without any fear," he said.

Prominent leaders who accompanied Jugal Kishore Sharma included District President BJP and Former MLA Rajeev Sharma, VC DDC Suraj Singh, DDC Sharda Bhau, Former MLA Dr Krishan Lal, Jagdish Bhagat, Daljeet Singh, Narinder Singh Bhau, Bharat Bhushan, Capt Soba Raam, Jai Singh, Ranjeet Singh, Sahil Sharma, Mandal President Bhupinder Singh, Manga Raam, Dalbeer Pawar, Balvinder, Ram Saroop, Yash Pal and others also present at the occasion.

Director Agriculture Jammu inspects SM Farm Chakrohi



Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen interacting with officials during inspection of the Seed Multiplication Farm Chakrohi.

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JAMMU: The Director of Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, undertook a comprehensive inspection of the Seed Multiplication Farm Chakrohi, focusing on ongoing projects, infrastructure development and the demonstration of modern farming techniques, including the operation of a combine harvester.

Accompanied by a team of agricultural experts and officials, Director Agriculture Jammu meticulously assessed the progress of various projects underway at the Seed Multiplication Farm. The inspection aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing initiatives, identify potential areas for improvement, and ensure optimal utilization of resources.

A notable highlight of the visit was the demonstration of a combine harvester, showcas-

ing the latest advancements in agricultural machinery. DAJ actively participated in the operation of the harvester, underscoring the department's commitment to familiarizing farmers with modern farming equipment and techniques to enhance efficiency and productivity.

During the inspection, Director Agriculture engaged in fruitful discussions with farm manager Vinod Kumar and workers to gain insights into their experiences and challenges encountered during project implementation. Interacting with the Farm officers and Staff Reen said that all efforts should be made to increase the seed production at the departmental farms to ensure the supply of seed produced in the local conditions with required quality

parameters.

Speaking on the occasion, Arvinder Singh Reen emphasized the transformative potential of modern agricultural machinery in revolutionizing farming practices and increasing agricultural output.

He highlighted the significance of leveraging technology and innovation to address the evolving challenges faced by the agricultural sector.

The Director of Agriculture Jammu commended the dedication and hard work demonstrated by the staff at the Seed Multiplication Farm in Chakrohi. He assured them of the department's continued support in their endeavors to promote agricultural excellence and empower farmers with the necessary tools and knowledge.

Navratras celebration begins at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir



Former Minister, G.S Charak and others and Navratras celebration.

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JAMMU: Navratras is amalgamation of two words i.e Nav + Ratri, which basically means Nine Nights. The festival of Navratras holds a great significance in Hinduism as it makes triumphs of good over evil.

Four times Navratras fall in a year i.e two Gupta Navratras and two are celebrated.

Continuing the tradition the nine days Navratras festival commences with Beeza-Ropan ceremony wherein besides

President Th. Gulchaim Singh Charak (Former Minister) alongwith office bearers S. C. Rekhi, General Secretary, member Trustees, Special Invitees and large number of Devotees participated in this special occasion with the lighting of Akhand Jyoti reciting religious Mantras and Bhajans.

Every year Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu celebrates the Navratras with different, traditional and reli-

gious programmes.

Charak in his address highlighted the importance of Navratras in our Hinduism and their religious significance. The gathering including member Trustees, Special Invitees and devotees appreciated the address. In the evening a Bhajan Sandhya programme was arranged in collaboration with Bhartiya Sangeet Samsthan, Jammu. Artists from Radio Station enthralled the gathering with Bhajans. Prominent among others who expressed their views on the occasion and participated in Maha Arti at Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar include S.C. Rekhi Gen.Secretary, Prem Sharma, Jagjit Singh Jamwal, Kapil Sathia, KB Magotra, Parshant Sharma, Kiran Rajput, Kulbir Singh Chib, Sandeep Singh, Pritam Singh and Indu Bhushan Sharma.

Dharmarth Trust inaugurates modernized kitchen at Shri Raghunathji Temple



Ranjvijay Singh and Martand Singh, Trustees JKDT unveiling modernized kitchen at Shri Raghunathji Temple.

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JAMMU: Ranvijay Singh and Martand Singh, Trustees of the J&K Dharmarth Trust, on Wednesday unveiled the modernized kitchen at the iconic Shri Raghunathji Temple, Jammu. This inauguration signals a commitment to enhance the preparation of Bhog offerings for the deities within the temple complex.

The ceremony, graced by esteemed dignitaries including Brig R.S Langeh (Retd), President of the Trust, Ashok Kumar Sharma (SSP Retd), Secretary, Varinder Singh Jamwal, Additional Secretary, as well as Pujaries and staff members of Dharmarth Trust. The Trustees said that the upgraded kitchen at Shri Raghunathji Temple

stands as a testament to the dedication of the J&K Dharmarth Trust in preserving and enhancing the sacred traditions of this revered institution.

Expressing profound satisfaction, Ranvijay Singh, a Trustee, emphasized, "As custodians of this sacred heritage, it is our duty to ensure that the Shri Raghunathji Temple continues to serve as a beacon of spiritual solace and cultural enrichment for devotees." Martand Singh, a Trustee, highlighted the significance of the upgraded kitchen, stating, "The inauguration of the upgraded kitchen represents a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to enhance the infrastructure of the Shri Raghunathji Temple. We remain steadfast in our commitment to upholding the sacred legacy of this revered institution."

Brig R.S Langeh (Retd), President of the Trust, underscored the sanctity of the kitchen in the temple complex, revealing that a total of 31 Bhog Thalies are prepared every noon on a daily basis. He emphasized the meticulous adherence to Satvik food preparation practices by the cooks and the necessity of modernizing the vintage kitchen. The refurbished kitchen now boasts modern gadgets, a state-of-the-art modular setup, deep-freezers, and added storage facilities.

Need to strengthen secular fabric of J&K: Rattan Lal

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JAMMU: Provincial President of J&K National Conference, Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta, while extending Eid greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, laid stress on strengthening the secular fabric of the Union Territory.

The senior NC leader exchanged pleasantries with Muslim brethren during the Eid celebrations here at Eidgah Road on Tuesday. He anticipated that the auspicious occasion of Eid will usher Jammu and Kashmir in a new era of peace, prosperity and harmony.

"Pray for such festivals to be an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to strengthen the bonds of inclusiveness, share our joys with others and serve humanity", the Provincial President said.



Provincial President of JKNC Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta extending Eid greetings to people.

Gupta was accompanied by several NC leaders including Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Vijay Lochan Chairman JKNC SC Cell and Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Jammu Central Zone.

Extending Eid greetings, Gupta said "I am confident that the festival of "goodness and humanity" will help in

bringing peace, prosperity, understanding, brotherhood and happiness in Jammu and Kashmir and pave the way for a new dawn where in people irrespective of caste, colour and creed will live together peacefully and participate in each other's festivals.

Describing Jammu as a symbol of communal harmon-

ny and secularism, he said all efforts must be made to strengthen the secular fabric of the region, which is pluralistic in nature. "Jammu has all along fought the forces which have been trying to create communal disharmony or promote divisiveness", he asserted. He appealed to one and all to uphold the traditional values of brotherhood and coexistence and together identify, isolate and defeat those, who are hell-bent upon disturbing peace and harmony in Jammu.

Why to hide identity of oppressors of Kashmiri Pandits: BJP asks Mehbooba

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JAMMU: Denouncing the uncalled for outburst of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti about pain of Kashmiri Pandits, former MLC & JK UT spokesperson of BJP Girdhari Lal Raina has asked her to stop protecting the identity of tormentors of minority Hindu community of Kashmir.

It is clear that Mehbooba Mufti and all other Kashmir centric political parties do not want real culprits and assassins of minority community to be identified, prosecuted and punished, he added.

GL Raina asked peace loving people of Jammu Kashmir to ponder over the why, when and where of this statement of the former Chief Minister of J&K. She visibly had visited a bereaved family to condole the death of a person. It was



Former MLC & JK UT spokesperson of BJP Girdhari Lal Raina addressing a press conference.

a sombre occasion and not anytime to play politics, said Raina. Yet she chose to use the occasion to play politics reflecting moral and political expiration.

People understand that Mehbooba must have been disturbed by the news of a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits meeting Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and hence this uncalled for and unfortunate statement, GL Raina

explained. Similarly talking about the why of the statement, GL Raina stressed that the fear of identification of tormentors, oppressors and assassins of minority community that ultimately led to their extirpation from Kashmir is haunting these political leaders and parties alike. They are scared that the investigations started post 2019 and recommendation of Truth commission by

Justice (retd.)Sanjay Kishan Koul of Supreme Court may reach at their door steps, hence fear mongering, former MLC added further.

He added that a smoke screen was created to hide the truth. These people wanted nobody to know about the background and reasons behind forced displacement of the minority Hindu community of Kashmir. These people desired to let victims die a death of ignominy and wished for the extinction of a civilisation. But that cannot be allowed. Even invading barbarians of the medieval period desired so. But truth has a habit of resurfacing prevailing even under unfavourable circumstances.

GL Raina cautioned people of Bharat against such opportunistic political organisations.

Fortis Mohali offers DBS, specialised diet based therapies for Parkinson disease patients

To hold free awareness talk for Parkinson's Patients on Friday

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MOHALI: Parkinson's disease is a neurological disorder, which causes tremors, falls and slow movements.

To recognise the warning signs of Parkinson's, and to highlight the importance of diet and timing of medicine to manage the disease effectively, the Department of Neurology at Fortis Hospital Mohali will organise an awareness talk at the Fortis Auditorium 3rd floor on April 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 am (Free for Parkinson Patients).

Experts from Fortis Mohali including Dr Sudesh Prabhakar director neurology, Dr Nishit Sawal consultant neurology and Dr Shivani Juneja consultant, Clinical pharmacology will be emphasising early detection which can help improve the quality of life for patients. The treatment options include medications, diet, based therapies, and Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS).

Millets are small seeded, nutritional grains such as jowar, Bajra, Ragi, kangani, Kuttu, etc. Millet based diets improve absorption of medicines used for Parkinson's leading to Metro control of dis-

ease for this Fortis Hospital Mohali is currently the only institute offering millet-based diet therapy.

Dr Nishit Sawal explained that the absorption of L-dopa, the main drug for Parkinson's increases many fold if given via LCAS formulation (Liquid Carbidopa Ascorbic Acid solution (LCAS)). This is useful, especially in advanced disease when the effect of tablets decreases and stay for a lesser time.

Deep-brain stimulation involves implanting electrodes inside the brain to produce electrical impulses. The surgery helps improve motor complications in patients with Parkinson's disease which are not responding to medicines.

Fortis Hospital Mohali is the first private hospital in Northern India to Pioneer DBS for PD and is the only hospital in North India having a team of Neurologist, Neurosurgeon, Neuro radiologist and Neuro anaesthesia for DBS procedure. Fortis Hospital, Mohali has done the maximum number of DBS procedures in North India.

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JAMMU: On the directions of Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Rahul Yadav, a joint team of JMC and doctors deputed by Sheep Husbandry Department (SHD) conducted surprise meat inspection drives on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr in different areas of Jammu city to ensure the sale of wholesome, good quality meat and meat by products to the consumers.

The surprise drives were conducted in Talab Tillo, Bohri, Muthi, Bantalab,



JMC and SHD team conducting inspection of chicken shops.

Paloura, Janipur, Narwal, Gandhi Nagar, Ambphalla, CPO Chowk, Gangyal, Satwari, Talab

Khatikan and Shahidi Chowk etc.

During the drive, various meat shops, chicken shops and fish mongers were inspected and about 25 kg of substandard meat was seized and later on disposed off scientifically. A fine to the tune of Rs. 10,000 was also imposed upon the meat sellers for selling unstamped, unhygienic and substandard meat.

Meat and chicken shop vendors were instructed to keep separate bins to collect the daily waste generated on account of refused/inedible

meat and chicken parts for proper disposal through JMC vehicles.

MVO, JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma sensitized the shopkeepers and vendors dealing with meat/chicken products to maintain hygienic environment in and around their shops and adhere to various provisions of Food Safety Act, 2006, Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 and other directions and guidelines issued by the JMC from time to time so that good quality hygienic meat is available to the consumers.