

BJP cares for all, treats every section equal: Jugal

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REASI: BJP is the only political party in the country, which, whether in power or not, has always cared for all and treated every section equally, said Jugal Kishore Sharma, the party candidate for the Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency.

He was addressing meetings at Bantalab and Reasi, along with former MLA Devender Singh Rana, Katra MC President Shahi Gupta, and other senior leaders of BJP.

Jugal Kishore Sharma said that it is not merely a slogan but a reality that the BJP cares for all and treats every section equally, and the same is clear from the ten years of the Modi government, which launched numerous welfare schemes aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of every section of the society. He said that it is the Modi govern-



Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP candidate for the Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency during public meeting at Reasi.

ment, which started Kissan Samman Nidhi for the farmers, schemes like Ujwala, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Jan Dhan, Ladli Beti and Lakhpati Didi Yojna exclusively for the women, PM Awas Yojna for the poor and needy and added that benefits of these schemes have reached to the last person standing in the queue. He said that Jammu and

Kashmir is the only place, where every citizen has been covered under the Ayush Bharat Gold Health Card scheme.

Jugal further said that the Modi government believes in Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Paryas and works tirelessly for the progress and prosperity of every section of society.

"Whatever has been done in the last ten years is the result of strong willpower of the leadership at the helm of affairs" Jugal said and added that people have developed a strong faith in the programmes and policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and cannot be misled by Congress or any other party.

Jugal Kishore Sharma appealed to the people to shower their blessings on him by voting overwhelmingly in his favour in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. He assured to keep working for the welfare of every section of society by bringing more projects of infrastructure development and social welfare for the parliamentary constituency.

Arun Manmotra, Sanjeev, Shakti Dutt, Rakka Sharma and others were also present.

Sangarsh pays tributes to martyrs on Rajouri Day

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RAJOURI: Sangarsh A civic movement for Justice, Equality, Peace, Prosperity and Brotherhood in connection with its conventional Rajouri Day Celebrations activities held a tribute program at Sabeedi/Gujjar Mandi Chowk, Rajouri. The program started with lightning of diyas, two minutes silence was observed, sweets were distributed and Rajouri Day special news letter was circulated.

Theater personality and activist Vishal Pahari expressed that Rajouri Day is the pride for all as on this very day Rajouri officially became the part of Indian Sovereignty in the year 1948.

Kanav Badyal Central Executive Member Sangarsh maintained that Sangarsh has tried its level best to make Rajouri Day Celebrations as a mega civil activity for last 10 years in which students, youth, members from civil society and other stakeholders participat-



Locals along with Sangarsh members during the programme at Rajouri.

ed and expressed their love and gratitude towards martyrs who managed Rajouri as the integral part of the Nation.

Vikrant Sharma Chief Resource Person of the movement opined that such Initiatives has the sole aim to maintain peace and harmony in the region, Vikrant stressed upon the holistic harmony above all prejudices for the welfare of humanity and opined that the supreme sacrifice of all those martyrs who laid sacrifices for the freedom

of Rajouri can never be forgotten and hence Rajouri Day is of great importance for all the natives of Rajouri.

Rajouri Day Newsletter also distributed during the occasion that has the important information regarding Rajouri Day, vision document, facts about District Rajouri Aims/Objectives and brief history of last 17 years activities of Sangarsh movement. Those prominent members of Sangarsh Movement who were present includes

Vikrant Sharma, Vishal Pahari, Kanav Badyal, Shiv Dutta, Rohit Gupta, Soonam Sharma, Madhu Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Nazia Manhas, Saleem Talib, Sonika, Shabaz Choudhary, Shakeel Ahmed, Tanveer Iqbal, Deepak Sharma, Divesh Barghav, Nishant Vasudev, Deepak Kumar, Romil Jasyal, Mani Sharma, Shivani Kumari, Geeta Sharma, Aarzo Khan, Sunil Singh, Altaf Raza, Shakoor Ahmed and many more.

Mega voter awareness activities held at Basohli

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KATHUA: In an effort to bolster voter turnout and foster democratic values, a unique mega voter awareness activity took place at picturesque Purthu in Basohli, alongside the famous Ranjit Sagar Lake.

The event, which saw synchronization of para motor sailing with a pool of water boats, immersed the iconic location in the fervor of upcoming elections.

Asha and Anganwadi workers, adorned with placards and specially made election invitation cards issued by District Election Cell, highlighted the district administration's resolve to motivate all to participate in upcoming elections scheduled for April 19.

Participants were equipped with wristbands by the District Election Cell, turning them into ambassadors for voter

awareness, ensuring the message reaches a broader audience ahead of elections on April 19. They were provided informative pamphlets exhibiting step-wise voting procedure to spread message in their respective locations Speaking on the occasion, ADC Basohli, Anil Thakur emphasized the pivotal role of such events in reminding people to elect their representatives, devoid of societal biases, and without fail.

CEO, BBDA, Ajeet Singh, highlighted the lasting impact of event at iconic Purthu on electorate's memory, encouraging them to exercise their right to franchise on April 19.

Nodal Officer for SVEEP Kathua, Neeraj Bhargav underscored the continued commitment of District Election Cell under the guidance of DEO Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas to voter education.

INDI Alliance will sweep ensuing Lok Sabha J&K: Sadhotra, Rattan Lal

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DODA: INDI Alliance will sweep the upcoming Parliamentary elections in Jammu and Kashmir by winning all the Lok Sabha seats as the present dispensation has miserably failed to stand on the expectations of general public.

This was stated by Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary and former Minister while addressing a party meeting in Assar area of Doda District. In the meeting, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu, Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo, senior NC leader and former Legislator and several senior leaders of the Party were present.

The meeting of party functionaries of JKNC Doda and Batote in Ramban Constituency was organized by Dr Chaman Lal Bhagat, Zonal Secretary Chenab Valley and former Legislator and the meeting of Batote was organized by Arif Mir



Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary NC and others during poll campaign.

District Secretary Ramban. Both the senior functionaries apprised the senior leaders of the Party about the hardships being faced by people of rural and remotes areas of Doda district. They emphasized that the grievances of the people have been ignored, leaving them without proper basic amenities.

While addressing party workers meetings, Ajay Sadhotra lamented the state of affairs under the LG Administration in Jammu

and Kashmir, stating that this era would be remembered for its rampant corruption and misgovernance. He emphasized that the people are fed-up with the present government for its alleged corruption, loot, and misgovernance.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President in his address, asserted that the Government at the Centre had promised moon to the people of Jammu and Kashmir but delivered a big

zero on ground. Moreover it arrogantly and arbitrarily continues to follow the anti people policies with the result that it has met the same fate as that in Valley with people of Jammu region having totally discarded this party. The worst part of the things is that BJP betrayed the trust reposed by the people of the Jammu region and they are now feeling cheated by the saffron party, he added.

The Provincial President

asserted that the people of Chenab Valley have high hopes from the INDI Alliance as well as from the National Conference and promised that the party will provide better amenities than the present dispensation. He urged the party cadre to ensure maximum participation of people in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, confident that the INDI Alliance will emerge victorious.

Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo expressed his disappointment with the local administration, accusing it of being non-supportive. He emphasized that the National Conference is the only party capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

Kitchloo urged the public to rally behind INDI Alliance candidates in order to bring about positive change and progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

Later, the senior NC leaders also took stock of the

upcoming tour of Party's Vice President Omar Abdullah and directed the party cadre to ensure maximum participation of people of the area. Among those who were present include: Abid Magrey District Vice President Ramban, Akhter Hussain Zonal Vice President, Mohd Ayoub Khan District Vice President, Mangtulla Lohar District President OBC Cell, Bashir Ahmed Block President Bagwa, Advocate Bagirath District President Legal Cell, Mokund Lal Block President Dessa, Rieyaz ahmad Block President Bagwa YNC, Gh. Hussain ex Block President, Aslam Parrey, Azhar Sheikh, Gh. Mohi Ud Din, Saleem Jaffer, Saddam Butt, Asif Nawaz, Nafice Mir, Babber Malik, Arshad Mir, Rajneesh Pargal, Sheikh Usman, S. Harnet Singh, Rashid Malik, Hafiz Qadoos, Abdul Majid, Om Parkash, Haji Sadiq and others.

SSP Reasi takes stock of preparedness of police units in view of upcoming Parliamentary Elections

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REASI: SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma along with Dy:SP Hqrs. Reasi Neeraj Padyar and SHO Reasi Chaman Gorka visited Police Post Talwara/Dera Baba and Gurudwara Dera Baba Banda Bahadur & took stock of preparedness of Police units in view of upcoming Parliamentary Elections and Baisakhi festival.

SSP Reasi took stock of the work & function of various units, where she interacted with the Officers & Jawans and asked them to work with dedication, zeal & zest. She further asked the officers to remain available round the clock for assistance of the pilgrimage & general public. SSP Reasi also checked all the Nakas enroute and on spot directions issued for following proper SOP during checking.

A threadbare discussion



SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma inspecting a police unit.

was held with officers on all the aspects and preparedness related to upcoming General Parliamentary Elections-2024, besides review on crime and other allied things as well. Officers were directed to personally visit each Polling Station of their area of responsibility to conduct physical inspection to maintain surveillance/area domination as per vulnerability and critically mapping of the

Polling Stations. The officers were emphasized upon to remain fully geared and brief the manpower at their command and activate their sources for efficient surveillance on ground.

SSP Reasi also paid obeisance at the historic Gurudwara Baba Banda Singh Ji Bahadur and prayed for peace, progress, prosperity and well-being of people.

Special Awareness campaign under SVEEP held in Chamliyal, Abtal villages of Samba

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SAMBA: In a significant step towards promoting electoral participation and strengthening democracy, special awareness campaign under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) was conducted in village Chamliyal and Abtal.

This pivotal initiative was orchestrated under dynamic supervision of District Election Officer (DEO, Samba, Abhishek Sharma). The program aimed at enlightening inhabitants of these villages about crucial importance of their vote in democratic process.

The event was further enriched by valuable participation of members from civil society, who eloquently spoke on the occasion, casting light on the vote's vital role in strengthening of democratic foundations.

Apart from general public,

the officers also interacted with BSF jawans and briefed them regarding Service Voter Portal which is a web-based application developed by Election Commission of India (ECI) to help service voters register to vote and manage their voter registration details.

The Nodal officer highlighted the direct impact of voting on the quality of governance and everyday lives of citizens, underlining the fact that every single vote counts towards shaping the future of the nation.

In addition to disseminating key information about voting process, the campaign also provided practical guidance on how eligible voters can register themselves in the electoral rolls.

ADDC Samba, Nodal Officer SVEEP, CEO, DIO and other district/ sectoral officers were also present on the occasion.

Baisakhi celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety at Poonch

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POONCH: Baisakhi, which marks the beginning of new Bikrami year, birth anniversary of Khalsa Panth and harvesting season was celebrated with traditional fervour and gaiety across the Poonch District.

The main function in district Poonch was held in Dera Sant Pura Nangali Sahib, Gurdwara Poonch on Saturday. Dera Nangali Sahib is the centre of Sikhism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and was established in 1803 by fourth Mahant of Dera, Thakur Bhai Mela Singh Ji.

Thousands of devotees from all walks of life including men, women and children from various parts of the State, Punjab, Himachal, Haryana, Delhi, UP and other provinces participated in the celebration of Baisakhi festival at Nangali Sahib. Raagi Jathas from Amritsar recited Gurbani Kirtans besides the local Jathas.



Devotees paying obeisance at Gurdwara in Poonch.

Guru Ka langar was also served to the Sangat. The whole function was organised under the aegis of Shriman Mahant Manjeet Singh ji of Dera Nagali sahib Poonch. Officers of civil administration and police administration and other prominent people of Poonch were also present in the celebration. DGPC. President Prof. Narinder Singh; Sect. Harcharan Singh; Ragi Jatha, Jasgir Singh Patiala, Ranjeet

Singh Digiana Ashram, Harcharan Singh Gurudwara Singh Sabha Poonch, Sartaj Singh, Inderjeet Singh DGPC Jammu, Bhupinder Singh Nangali Sahib Poonch Pareharak; Narinder Singh; Prof. Harcharan Singh Jammu, Amit Singh Jammu, Rajesh Raina BJP Distt. President Poonch, Jugal Kishore BJP senior leader Poonch and SSP Yougul Manhas were also present.

Street Theatre "Mera Vote, Mera Adhikar" staged by Sangam Theatre Group

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KISHTWAR: Series of the show Sangam Theatre Group Reasi staged a Street Theatre "Mera Vote, Mera Adhikar" commenced at main Bus Stand Kishtwar, here today with Jum pack audience. The Group also performed various places of the District Kishtwar included GDC Kishtwar, Main Bazar Shatroo, Historical Chowgan Ground Kishtwar, Drab and other places

Organized by the district administration Kishtwar and supported by Chief Electoral Office J&K,

On the occasion Devanash Yadav (IAS) was the Chief Guest, Dr. Kuldeep JKAS, DIO Kishtwar, Add. SP Pawan Kumar, Dy SP H.Q. Ishan Gupta, SHO Kishtwar Firdous Ahmed and other officers of the District Administration, Younger's, Locals, Senior Citizens and general public present and witnessed the show.

Artist stressed on new voters in the age of 18 years enrolled in the electoral, more and more participation of younger's registered themselves to cast the vote properly in fair and ethical manners. The play depicts rights of the voter and how to elect the right candidate. Through this play all the sections of society are prompted not to run away from their ultimate responsibility of voting for the stronger democracy of

India.

The Artist who performed the play were Varun Khajuria, Nia Chouhan, Raja Aamir Khan, Aasim Nadeem, Anamika Devi, Anabia Khan, Priya Kumari, Anu Radha, Anam Khan, Nedhi Singh Thakur and Akram Khan. The play was written & directed by M. Akram Khan.

The characters of the play narrate the general mass "Vote Keran ge hum, Vote Keran ge sab....Vote daalna hak he sabka our hemari shan he" This awareness of Election promotion achieved on one side through the active dissemination of information among the general public with a special focus on the knowledge about voters more participation.

Chief Guest appreciated the efforts made by the artists of Sangam Theatre Group Reasi for presenting such type of play for the awareness of young voters

This highly motivating electrifying theatre performance educated the masses in a highly effective manner about the importance of voting the basic aims to stage the play is creating a strong movement ensuring maximum participation of voters in the electoral process.

General Observer 4-Udhampur PC takes cognizance of obstructing traffic movement, FIR registered

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KATHUA: On the directions of the General Observer 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency (PC), Dheeraj Kumar, FIR was lodged in Police Station Rajbagh, Kathua against unknown persons for obstructing traffic movement on Juthana to Sofain road being constructed under PMGSY.

The matter came to light when the General Observer was touring the Polling Station located in far flung areas of district Kathua. Few kilometres before the Polling Station, Sofain, a big hole was found dug on road obstructing the movement of traffic.

The General Observer passed the directions on the spot to accompanying officer (ARO 66-Jasrota AC) for lodging FIR against the persons involved.

The matter was reported to SHO Police Station Rajbagh and an FIR u/s 341 and 431 of the IPC was lodged in this regard.

3-Days Historic Devika Baisakhi mela commences at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The historic three-day Devika Baisakhi Mela commenced with great zeal and enthusiasm on the banks of holy Devika rivulet in Udhampur district under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai.



Witnessed by Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrota, PO Poshan Subash Dogra who is also the Mela Officer, SDM Duhu Dr. Manmeet Kumar, SDM Chenani Gurdev Kumar, District Information Officer

tion, medical facilities, a control room and security measures to ensure the smooth celebration of the mela.

While addressing the gathering, ADC extended warm wishes on this auspicious Baisakhi day, highlighting the significance of the historic Mela at the sacred Devika Ghat, attracting people from all walks of life to partake in rituals and take holy baths in the Devika rivulet. ADC also urged citizens to cast their votes in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, emphasizing their role in nation-building and the importance of each vote in forming a robust government.

Under the SVEEP initiative, a theme-based mega Cultural Programme was organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations DIC, Udhampur, presenting scintillating cultural performances depicting local traditions, which captivated the audience.

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