

# NC, PDP, Congress disappointed people on the name of region, religion: Raina

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DODA: Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir addressing the massive public rallies at Khellani, Marmat in Doda West, saluted the resilience, liveliness, and nationalism of the local residents.

Ravinder Raina accompanied by Shakti Raj Parihar, Vice-President, J&K BJP & former Minister, Vijay Mohan Thakur, District President, Rakesh, Ishtiaq Wani, and other local leaders were greeted with the slogans of "Fir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar".

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the public, said that for 70 years, Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban areas were deprived of due development despite of supporting the successive governments led by NC, Congress, and PDP.

He said that the parties like NC, PDP, and Congress



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina during public rally at Doda.

disappointed the people on the name of region and religion for decades together but never thought of developing the region.

He insisted that the major development works, which included functional roads speak of the volumes of development that has been ensured by the Modi government and the endeavours of local MLA Shakti Raj Parihar.

"Now, the NC, PDP and

Congress leaders have to perform their roadshows on the roads and bridges built by Shakti Raj Parihar. These leaders remained elusive all these years and now running from pillar to post to do roadshows during election times. The local people will now show them the door with massive voting in favour of BJP's MP candidate Dr Jitendra Singh on 19th April", said Ravinder Raina.

Raina recounted the major public welfare schemes like Ayushman Golden Health Card for the benefit of the poor and the needy. He said that the Modi government has been ensuring free ration to the needy, which has been further extended for 5 more years. He, on the occasion, spoke of the vast respect that is now being given to every Indian due to the increased status of India worldwide under the leadership of Narendra Modi.

He also congratulated the people for the highest bridge on the Chenab. He said that the development agenda initiated by the Modi government includes all the Indians from all sections. He further said that in the previous 10 years, PM Modi has only presented the overview of the mega development process that will take place in the coming years.

# Bharat Rattan Baba Saheb's birthday celebrated

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KHOUR: Mission Ambedkar Society Khour along with different sabha's of Scheduled caste communities celebrated 134th birthday of Bharat Rattan Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar in the premises of Gurudwara Shri Guru Ravi Dass ji Maharaj khour. People from all walk of life participated in the function and paid tributes to Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar.

The students who delivered speeches on life and mission of Bharat Rattan Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar included Sumaira Basson, Aradhya Basson, Samaha Bangotra, Ujjwal Basson, Angel Radha, Madhavi Lamba, Komal Balgotra, Nidhi Balgotra, and Khushi Balgotra and they were honoured with Preamble of constitution beautifully framed.

Those spoke and were honoured on this occasion



Members of Mission Ambedkar Society Khour and others paying tributes to Baba Saheb.

were Sham Lal basson ex corporator, Darshan Lal Financial joint director, Bodh raj, Rashpal Singh, Harnam Dass, Kasturi Lal, Ramesh Lal, Tarsem Lal, Rattan Lal, Ashwani choudhary.

Some books namely Har Ghar samvidhan and Har Ghar Ambedkar were distributed.

Ram Nath president Satguru Kabir Sabha khour, Retd Master Harnam Dass and Madan Lal president Shri Guru Ravi Dass sabha khour

were honoured with Constitution of India. Ram Piare conducted stage and delivered lecture on life and mission of baba sahib. Copy of Constitution was also presented to Darshan Lal JKAS by Sham Lal basson. To spread the mission of baba sahib 200 portraits of baba sahib were distributed amongst participants free of cost. One hundred portraits by Sham Lal basson and one hundred by Darshan Lal JKAS.

While speaking on this

occasion Sham Lal basson said that there is a great contribution of Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar towards women. Equal rights have been given to women. Baba Saheb has done a great service towards upliftment of labour class by reducing working hours from 14 hours to 08 hours and so many acts are there for welfare labour.

Darshan Lal JKAS delivered lecture on life and mission of Bharat Rattan Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar. He said that we should read baba sahib rather to worship him. He desired that our daughters must provisions of contribution

Those who pain tributes and spoke on this occasion included Ram Nath President Satguru Kabir Sabha, D L Radha, Kasturi Lal Retd Principal, Vikram Singh, Sarpanchs and other prominent personalities.

# Kathua Election Cell ignites electoral spirit with special Nukkad Natak

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: The SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Cell of the District Election Centre, Kathua, orchestrated a vibrant electoral awareness drive through a special Nukkad Natak performance at Phinter, Billawar.

The event aimed to ignite the spirit of voting and encourage the active participation of all eligible citizens as responsible members of society.

In Billawar, the Natrang group captivated the attention of passers by with their engaging performances. The group aptly depicted voting as a mammoth democratic festival, underscoring its importance as a cornerstone of Indian democracy.

The SVEEP Cell's initia-

tive exemplifies the effort to foster a culture of electoral awareness and civic responsibility among citizens. By leveraging the power of art and storytelling, the drive aims to empower individuals to make informed choices and actively participate in the democratic process.

District Election Officer Kathua Dr Rakesh Minhas has stressed to hold events and activities in every corner of the district to aware voters about the precious duty they owe in upcoming elections.

While throwing light on the initiatives carried out by District SVEEP cell, Nodal Officer Neeraj Bhargav said the activities under SVEEP to be further intensified in coming days with the intent to achieve best turnout futures in the district.

# Balwant Thakur's acclaimed play 'Jaal' staged at Mansar Lake

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MANSAR: The picturesque Mansar lake witnessed Balwant Thakur's hard hitting Hindi play 'JAAL' here today under the direction of Neeraj Kant. The play was presented under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. At the very outset while addressing the large crowds gathered at the lake for a holiday, Natrang Director, Balwant Thakur said that Natrang travelled all way to this tourist destination to showcase the biggest challenge of the humanity in the contemporary times. The menace of drugs amongst youth is all set to take its toll. Before it becomes 'Udta Jammu', it becomes the responsibility of every one to come forward and fight out this growing



Artists performing during the play at Mansar.

menace before it catch hold every home. Natrang being a responsible cultural institution has volunteered by taking this message to every nook and corner of the region through the effective use of theatre. In a very effective manner this powerful play 'Jaal' innovatively showcases as how the Drug-menace is

ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the developing nations like India. The youth of the country, the largest energetic and most productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into this dangerous trap of drug menace.

The play unfolds a series of

incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of the growing drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drugs menace. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this constituency day by day.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Palshin Dutta, Vishal Sharma, Vansh Pandotra, Sanket Bhagat, Kushal Bhat and Chaitanya Shekhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

# Arun elected President, Ashok as Gen Secy of Parshuram Dham Management Committee

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SAMBA: A meeting of Bhagwan Shree Parshuram Dham Mandir Management Committee Gurah Mundian, Tehsil Hiranagar was held under the Presidency of Dhani Ram Jangotra, a retired Accounts Officer and a senior most member of the Management Committee. Earlier Madan Lal Toofan President of the Mandir Management Committee had resigned on 12th of March 2024 after remaining President for five years on account of his health problems. He submitted his resignation to Har Datt Sharma, Chairman of Committee with request to bring honest, energetic and religious bent of mind young people of all the communities residing in the village/ Panchayat of Gurah Mundian in the Mandir Management committee.

Eleven office-bearers and eleven executive members from all communities were elected unanimously with consensus and consultation of all present in the meeting. Arun Moonda was elected as President and Ashok Kumar Jangotra as General Secretary. Des Raj Sharma, Madan Lal Toofan, Surinder Sharma, Dhani Ram Jangotra, Mohiner Master, Radhey Shyam, Ashok Sharma and Roop Lal Lecturer, all office-bearers and Senior members of previous committee were present in the meeting. All of them conveyed their good wishes to newly elected committee members and assured full help as and when desired. They advised new committee office-bearers and executive members to run the management after seeking guidance from old committee members on important matters.

# Modi revolutionized development in J&K: Ashok Koul



Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP chairing a meeting at Hiranagar.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
HIRANAGAR: Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP addressed a meeting of senior leaders from Kathua and reviewed the ongoing election-related arrangements at the ground level.

District President Gopal Mahajan, former MLA Kuldeep Raj, Sudesh, Abhinandan, and other senior leaders of party accompa-

nied Ashok Koul in the meeting.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, said that the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi revolutionized the development in Jammu & Kashmir that was kept in sealed fate by the previous governments led by NC, Congress, and PDP. He said that the Modi government took one historic and bold

decision after the other, which ensured full integration of the state with the rest of the country by removing separate symbols of the constitution and flag, paved the way for treating all citizens equally in all matters and at all levels. He said that it would not be wrong to claim that the Modi government has wiped the tears of different sections of the society here, which were agitating for many years to get justice but there was no one to care for them.

Ashok Koul asked the senior party leaders to apprise the general public of all these developments time and again and appeal to them to vote in favour of the BJP MP candidate from Kathua-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency Dr. Jitendra Singh to be a part of the development and peace agenda of Jammu and Kashmir under PM Modi.

# LS Polls 2024; Security tighten in Bhadarwah, adjoining areas



Security check in Bhadarwah.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH: In view of upcoming Lok Sabha General Elections 2024, Security has been tightened across Bhadarwah and it's adjoining areas as the polling is scheduled for Udhampur-Doda parliamentary constituency on April 19 under first phase LS Elections 2024. Special Nakas are laid by Army's Rashtriya Rifles and Jammu Kashmir Police in different parts of Bhadarwah to make sure that upcoming festival of democracy will be conducted smoothly and in fearless

manners.

"As part of security measures for the LS elections, three tier security cover had been deployed in all entry and exit points of Additional District Bhadarwah," said SP Bhadarwah Vinod Sharma. "Special Nakas are established at Nalthi, Domail, Thanalla, Bhalra, Near GDC Bhaderwah and Bhalla areas of Additional District Bhaderwah to keep check on any suspicious movement to ensure fool-proof security cover and secure atmosphere for participating in the electoral process," SP added.

# Sorrow of birth, death is very great: Madhuparamhans

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AKHNOOR: Sadguru Madhuparamhans Maharaj of Sahib Bandagi, while delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his sermons in Akhnoor, Jammu, said that the sorrow of birth and death is very great. That's why people want liberation. But one thing is clear that only when the inner intellect is pure, man will understand this. How will it be missed?

Effigies of the five elements were made. The king in the form of mind is present in it. The mind rules. Atmadev is not able to know his form. He is understanding that I am the body. So the traffic started. This is where the bond lies. The mind is the cause and effect of bondage. The mind itself has expanded sin and virtue. This whole world is mind. No one can see the

mind. Whatever you see is all mind. Man works according to the resolution of his mind. The mind is the originator of every action. The man says I

wish. You have no desire. You are the soul. The lust of the mind gives rise to anger. These waves raise the mind. These are not yours. But man thinks that they are my waves. These things are not in the soul.

Our skin feels cold and hot. Surati can experience the mind. Meditation is the soul. Seasonal change is having an impact. The man is getting depressed. When

the spring season comes, you remain in full bloom. Due to global warming all seasons are changing. If a person has even a little trouble, he becomes depressed. All these things are of the mind. The whole world is under the influence of mind and illusion. A terrible betrayal of the soul is taking place. Every pore of the body is obedient to the mind. As if everything seems true in a dream. No matter how intelligent one is, when one gets burnt in the dream, it will seem true. In this way, no matter how intelligent one is, this world will seem real. Just as water bubbles, so is the creation of the world. The soul is very badly bound by the mind. Apart from the name, whatever feelings are arising in you, all is the mind. Without Sadhguru, no one can get rid of it by his own strength.

# Adv Bhavishya visits border areas, distributes Rahul Gandhi's guarantee cards among people



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SUNDERBANI: Advocate Bhavishya Sudan visit at Indo Pak border villages and distributed Rahul Gandhi's

Guarantee cards to people.

Adv. Bhavishya Sudan Senior Congress Leader, on his two day tour of his Nowshera constituency. Advocate visited different border village of Nowshera sector like Dabbar, Potha, Chowki Handan, Breri, Changi Kangrial, Kangri and distribute the congress guarantee cards. He also aware to the general public particularly regarding the five guarantees of congress party and other local issues in general.

Meanwhile adv. Gourav Parashar, Suresh Kumar, Anil kumar also accompanied him.

# LS Polls 2024: First ever polling from home facility starts in Bhadarwah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH: Voting for the first phase of Lok Sabha General Elections 2024 started today with first ever 'Polling from Home' initiative of Election commission of India (ECI) for senior citizens and differently abled people to elect their next Member of Parliament (MP).



through Postal Ballot across AC-51 Bhaderwah to ensure inclusive voting in a smooth and secure way.

It is notable that for the first time, Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to extend the home voting facilities to senior citizens and differently abled people. The people aged over 85 and persons with disabilities are eligible for the facility.

Meanwhile people appreciated the initiative to facili-

tate senior citizens and persons with disabilities to cast their vote from home for the development of their areas.

ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar said that polling parties has been sent to visit all voters falling under 'Polling from Home' initiative so that they can cast their vote from their respective residences without any inconvenience and ensure everyone's participation in this festival of democracy.

"Total 10 polling parties

has been sent, who will cover a total 29 voters under this category across Bhaderwah Assembly AC-51 falling under Doda-Udhampur parliamentary constituency," ADC added.

Meanwhile, senior citizen Aziz Sheikh of Rounda area of Bhaderwah casted first vote of Bhaderwah Assembly Constituency AC-51 from his Home availing postal ballot facility for the Lok Sabha General Elections 2024.

# Devika Baisakhi Mela draws thousands on its second day

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The historic Devika Baisakhi Mela continued to captivate crowds on its second day as the Department of Information and Public Relations, District Information Centre, Udhampur, presented a mesmerizing cultural extravaganza on the banks of the holy Devika rivulet in Udhampur town.

Local artists from Udhampur District showcased the vibrant tapestry of Dogri folk music under SVEEP, earning thunderous applause from the diverse audience comprising people from all walks of life. The cultural bonanza left everyone spellbound, fostering a deeper appreciation for the region's rich cultural heritage.

The allure of the mela extended beyond cultural performances, as thousands of visitors and devotees from within and outside the district flocked to the Baisakhi Mela to partake in the festivities and take a sacred dip in the Devika Ghat.

Additionally, the second day saw a bustling crowd at temporary stalls offering sweets, toys, and accessories, adding to the festive fervor of the Devika Baisakhi Mela.

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